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From the Editor

I have tough shoes to fill as Lis Murphy has stepped down as co-editor of Region 4 Newsletter. As I take on the role on my own, I truly appreciate the effort Lis and prior editors put in to gather the info for this Newsletter. Thank you, Lis, for the generous contribution of your time and talent to Region 4. Much appreciated!

As we near the beginning of winter, I hope you'll be able to cozy up near a warm fire and enjoy reading this issue while you dream of the warm days of summer.
Happy Holidays!

Marlene Harmon , Region 4 Newsletter Editor

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Send high resolution photographs, reports on Region 4 club news and events, articles on daylilies, garden writeups and/or non-commercial profiles on Region 4 hybridizers.

Submit material via email. Please send text as a file attachment in Word. Send photographs as separate attachments. Obtain the copyright/consent form from the editor, sign and return. If you have inquiries regarding submissions, articles, photos or corrections, please email the Region 4 Newsletter Editor: marleneharmon@gmail.com

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All donations are tax deductible. In December 1979, IRS issued a determination letter that recognized the American Daylily Society as exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ADS Region 4 Director's Message

It was a joy to attend the recent ADS National Convention in Asheville, North Carolina and see all the beautiful daylily gardens. A few items which may be of general interest from the national meeting include:

- a. Daylily commercial gardens generally report record breaking daylily sales over the past two years of the pandemic, but unfortunately most social organizations (like local daylily clubs) have struggled to maintain their membership during the pandemic period. The hope is that clubs will be reinvigorating their efforts during the coming year to capitalize on the growing interest in daylilies!
- b. The national convention had 526 persons registered and 12 buses were needed to transport attendees to the various display gardens.
- c. At the Board Meeting it was announced that the slight declines in ADS members during the last two years appears to have been reversed with gains in membership now being reported on a national level.
- d. The ADS is seeking to hire a part time webmaster so watch for the job description in the next Daylily Journal. Separately, the ADS technology chair will be reviewing all our ADS website related needs and will be developing a proposal for updating the design and performance of the website.



Photo by Russ Allen: Visitors at Blue Ridge Daylilies during the bus tour display garden visit at the ADS National Convention in July 2022

- e. The Munson Award language was clarified to confirm that broken pattern daylilies are included within the definition of patterned daylilies.
- f. The ADS now has a Local Club Facilitation Chair (Laura Ross) who is available to help anyone wishing to start up a new daylily club with guidance and assistance.
- g. Next year's national convention will be in Nashville, Tenn. on June 15-17, and if you want to attend, be sure to register by the end of August as it's sure to be sold out early.
- h. Scott Elliott has expressed interest in visiting some locations in Region 4 during next summer, and we are looking forward to his visit to our region.
- i. The number of registered cultivars has now reached about 96,000!
- j. The new online Garden Judges III Workshop can now be scheduled whenever needed without the necessity to hold a class in a garden. The Garden Judge II workshop will still be required for NEW garden judges, however, for renewing garden judges the online GJW3 will be a great option.
- k. A free digital file of the "Discovering Daylilies" poster is available on the ADS website (media section) for any local club to download and print out locally to encourage membership in the ADS.
- l. We're finalizing the announcement of the availability of the AmazonSmile Program to enable charitable contributions to the ADS at no cost to the member every time one shops on the Smile.amazon.com website.
- m. Be sure to review the list of new and non-renewing ADS members in Region 4 which is now available at Chris Petersen in order to identify daylily lovers who should be contacted about renewing their ADS memberships or daylily related activities in their areas.
- n. Last but not least, kudos to our regional president Chris Petersen who won the prestigious Region 4 Regional Service Award in recognition of her extensive contributions to the success of our Region over the years since she has been with the ADS!

Finally, a heartfelt congratulations to all the participating FieLDS gardens and attendees at the July 23rd Regional Meeting in the Rochester, NY area. The gardens and hospitality were great and made it a most enjoyable event for all!

Respectfully,

Russ Allen

ADS Region 4 Director



Photo by Russ Allen: H. 'Sunny Side of the Street' by Selman 2018

ADS Region 4 President's Message

Hello daylily friends!

I just heard the exciting news that Ellen Laprise won the 2022 AHS Stout Medal for her cultivar 'Isabelle Rose' (Laprise, 2009). What a wonderful accomplishment! And, another Region 4 hybridizer, Bob Schwarz won an Award of Merit for his daylily 'Wigglesworth' (Schwarz-B., 2005). It's such an honor to have our region's hybridizers recognized by garden judges from all over! Congratulations Ellen and Bob!

Sadly, I have to announce that this issue of *Daylilies in the Great Northeast* will be the last for our co-editor Lis Murphy. We are thankful to Lis for the many hours she has devoted to helping create an interesting and informative publication over the past few years. We are grateful that Marlene Harmon will continue as newsletter editor going forward.



I had hopes that my spring and summer gardens were going to be much better than in previous years. Using a deer deterrent program seemed to be working great and I was seeing so much more bloom! In July I sprayed heavily before I left Long Island for the Region 4 Summer Meeting hosted by the Finger Lakes Daylily Society in Rochester, New York. The few days that I spent touring gardens were so much fun! Each of the gardens was unique and had beautiful landscapes, incredible sculpture, wonderful collections of daylilies and gracious garden hosts. I don't think it could have been more enjoyable! While there however, I got a text message from my husband saying "I'm sorry". It seems that during an overnight rainstorm, a herd of deer visited my garden and ate 90% of my blooms! Of course, I was having a tour in a matter of days, but incredibly my guests never complained.

Take note that in this issue of *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*, you will see the results of the Regional Hybridizers Award, the Popularity Poll as well as the photography contest winners! Congratulations to all!

Time to dream of our spring gardens!

Chris Petersen

ADS Region 4 President

Youth Liaison volunteer needed

Are you interested in serving as a Region 4 officer in the position of Youth Liaison? Some responsibilities of the Youth Liaison are to plan activities for youth at regional meetings, be a garden mentor, encourage participation in daylily events and report on youth in the Region 4 newsletter. Please let me know and I will send you additional information. Thanks so much!

Please email me at Chrispn@optonline.net

ADS Region 4 Publicity Director's Message

Another season has come to a close and weary gardeners can finally take a break. I hope that you grew or at least managed to see some exciting new cultivars and seedlings in your garden or those of friends. We are slowly taking baby steps emerging from pandemic induced isolation and that continued to impact a number of group events this past summer. While progress has been made it is expected that it will still be a while before things return to "normal".

Congratulations to Ellen Laprise for winning the 2022 Stout Silver Medal for her fabulous Isabelle Rose! I remember seeing a gorgeous clump of it in Paul Owen's garden on the AHS National Tour in Asheville and everybody immediately fell in love with it. No doubt that exposure stayed in the minds of many garden judges as well! Also, congratulations to Bob Schwarz on receiving an Award of Merit for his cultivar Wigglesworth. It is an impressive cultivar and always draws attention when seen in the garden.

Many thanks to the Finger Lakes Daylily Society for hosting the Region 4 garden tour this past summer. I was unable to attend this year but heard that it was well done and enjoyed by attendees. I look forward to seeing and reading more about it in this issue.

Looking forward to next year, the AHS National Convention will be hosted by the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society in Nashville, June 15 – 17, 2023. The theme will be Grand Ole Daylilies (naturally!) and 5 gardens will be on tour. If you have a hankering for country music and daylilies, then Nashville is the place to be! Registration details are available on the AHS website under the Events Calendar. Within the Region we are planning to hold a hybrid Can Am Classic on June 10th, 2023. It will be a live event for those willing to attend, same location as always and will be a registered Zoom event for those who wish to join in but are not ready for large groups events. Further details will be shared as they become available.

In the meantime, stay warm, cozy up to a computer screen and get your fill (and orders in!) as hybridizers roll out their 2023 intros!

Dave Mussar
Regional Publicity Director (RPD)



Save the date

June 10, 2023

Hybrid Can Am Classic

Live in Toronto

Also via Zoom

Details in next Newsletter



ADS Region 4 Secretary's Report



Minutes ADS Region 4 Annual Business Meeting 7.23.22

Chris Petersen, Region 4 President opened the meeting at 6:35 pm with a warm welcome to everyone gathered at the Webster Arboretum, Curry Building, Webster, New York. The Arboretum was the central hub for the 2022 Region 4 Summer meeting - *Daylilies in the Finger Lakes*.

Chris gave special thanks to the Finger Lakes Daylily Society (FieLDS), Charlie Zettek, Regional Event Committee Chair and members of the committee for hosting this year's Region 4 Summer meeting which included a self-driven tour of five tour gardens, garden judges workshop, hybridizers forum, business meeting, dinner and an auction. Those attending this year's meeting were also invited to visit twelve additional gardens in the area on Friday, July 22 and Sunday, July 24 as they arrived in or left the Finger Lakes area and western New York.

Chris introduced Charlie Zettek who acknowledged and thanked members of his planning committee for all their help and work on pulling together this year's event, especially Ginny Byers, who served as Registrar and organized the donations for gift and auction plants, and Jane Ryan, who organized the Stanley Saxton Seedling Award garden and coordinated the events held at the Arboretum. He also acknowledged the hosts of the five tour and twelve open gardens, and the many FieLDS club member volunteers who assisted at gardens or the Arboretum. Charlie went on to list the many generous donors of gift plants, auction plants, gift certificates, and raffle items from FieLDS, other Region 4 clubs and hybridizers from Region 4 and beyond.

Chris recognized members in attendance from the Finger Lakes Daylily Society (FieLDS), Buffalo Area Daylily Society (BADs), Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society (HADs), Long Island Daylily Society (LIDS), North East Daylily Society (NEDs), Patriot Daylily Society and Ontario Daylily Society (ODS).

Chris introduced ADS and Region 4 Officers present:

Chris Petersen, Region 4 President
Russ Allen: Regional Director, ADS Chair of Marketing
Judy Zettek: Region 4 Secretary
Elisabeth Murphy: Region 4 Newsletter Co-Editor
Luanne Madden: Region 4 Garden Judge Liaison

Adele Keohan the editor of *The Daylily Journal* was unable to attend.

Chris acknowledged the ADS Region 4 Officers, Committee Chairs and Liaisons unable to attend:

Dave Mussar: Regional Publicity Director
Dan Pessoni: Regional Treasurer
Marlene Harmon: Region 4 Newsletter Co-Editor
Kelly Noel: Region 4 Webmaster
Elliot Turkiew: Region 4 Exhibition Judge Liaison, Youth Liaison
Sue Bergeron: Region 4 Scientific Liaison
Chris thanked all for their continued service.

Secretary Report – Judy Zettek

The minutes from the 2021 Regional Business Meeting in Windsor Locks, CT were published in Region 4 Newsletter "Daylilies in the Great Northeast", Spring 2022. A copy was available for viewing.

Corrections were solicited. There being none, a motion was made by Pam Milliken and seconded that the minutes be approved as published. The 2022 minutes will be published in the 2022 Fall edition of the Newsletter.

Treasurer Report – reported by Chris Petersen

The Treasurer's report was published in the Region 4 Newsletter "Daylilies in the Great Northeast", Spring 2022. A copy was available for viewing. Funds available on January 1, 2022 were \$28,421.79.

Questions were solicited from the floor. Being none, the treasurer's report was filed as published.

Publicity Report - reported by Chris Petersen

The ADS has discontinued the popularity poll at the national level.

Regions may decide whether to continue popularity poll for their region.

The list can be found in the Spring 2022 Newsletter which is on the Region 4 website.

Procedure for voting still to be determined. September 1st is the deadline for voting.

Garden Judges Liaison – Luanne Madden

Luanne reported that as Garden Judges Liaison for Region 4, her responsibilities include assisting with the organizing of the Garden Judges Workshops and to submit the paperwork for approval to the Garden Judges Expeditor, Gary Jones.

Luanne shared information about Garden Judge Workshop 2 and 3, the Refresher Workshops.

Scott Elliot, ADS President mentioned it briefly in the latest ADS Journal.

Currently, Workshop 2 is the Refresher Workshop and is presented in a garden at a National or Regional Convention or locally at a club level. ADS has recently developed a Workshop 3. Workshop 3 is a Power Point in which you can participate in a classroom setting or take online on a prescheduled date.

There is no need for a garden or blooming daylilies.

If you need recertification, you can attend Workshop 2 but only for the next two years. After two years, only Workshop 3 will be available for recertification. Workshop 3 is available now through the ADS Members portal. The online dates for the Workshop 3 have not been announced yet.

Region 4 Newsletter – Elisabeth Murphy

Elisabeth encouraged everyone to submit photos and written material directly to co-editors, Elisabeth Murphy murphyis1549@gmail.com and Marlene Harmon, marleneharmon@gmail.com.

Deadline for the 2022 Fall Newsletter is October 1.

She also encouraged attendees to post their photos on Region 4 Facebook page.

Region 4 Director Report – Russ Allen:

526 attended this year's ADS Convention in Asheville, NC from July 6 – 9, 2022

Scott Elliot, ADS President visited 11 states this year

ADS has a current search for ADS webmaster and secretary

New position at ADS of a Local Club Facilitator

Trends – over last two years included high sales of daylilies, decline in social events

ADS membership has started to increase. Russ reminded all to renew their memberships

Marketing – free download on ADS website that encourages membership at national level

There were 96,241 daylily cultivars registered as of July 6.

Next year's ADS convention in Nashville, TN June 15-17, 2023

Region 4 winners announced at the ADS Convention:

- Honorable Mention Award: Augie Krupien for Ruffled Vintage Burgundy
- Awards of Merit: Rich Howard for Explosion in the Paint Factory and Yankee Pinstripes
- R.W. Munson Jr. Award: Rich Howard for Yankee Pinstripes

- Florida Sunshine Cup winner: Rick Simpson for Faulkner's Pinky Swear with Rick (Simpson-R., 2022) - Best small or miniature flowered clump observed by attendees of the National Convention tour gardens
- 2022 Award: Best Article about Cultivars - Russ Allen "Judging Your Best Garden Performers" Region 4 Newsletter, Daylilies in the Great Northeast, Fall 2021
- 2022 Regional Service Award: Chris Petersen (Presented by Luanne Madden at tonight's meeting)

Region 4 Awards:

- 2021 Service Award at the Club Level- Dave Mussar
- 2021 Region 4 Hybridizer Award- Claudia Conway, NH for 'Zollo Omega'

Chris reminded everyone to check rules and voting deadlines for Popularity Poll, Garden Judges Ballot, Region 4 Hybridizer Award, Region 4 Service Award at Club level and Region 4 Photo Contest. Refer to Region 4 website, Region 4 Newsletter and ADS Members Portal

Looking ahead: Chris Petersen

Announced members of nominating committee:

Gene Moglia, Debi Chowdhury and Marlene Harmon

Motion made by Carol Volungus and seconded. Approved

2023 Region 4 Summer Business Meeting will be a picnic hosted by Marlene and Carl Harmon on July 29, 2023 at

Harmon Hill Farm, Hudson, NH (**Editor's note: the date has since been changed to Sunday, July 23rd, 2023.**

See next page)

Looking for a club to host the 2024 summer meeting – see Chris Petersen, as soon as possible.

Announcement of Elizabeth Nesmith Clump and Stanley Saxton Seedling Award Winners – Jane Ryan

Elizabeth Nesmith Clump Award

Third Place – Keuka Wine Trail (Rood-T., 2011) at Webster Arboretum

Second Place – Mad Dogs and Englishmen (Carlson-A., 2013) at Webster Arboretum

First Place – Cobbs Hill Jester (Zettek-C., 2012) at Webster Arboretum

Stanley Saxton Seedling Award

Third Place - Karla Krogstad

Second Place - Anna Carlson

First Place - Anna Carlson

The raffle drawings were followed by Chris's closing comments of gratitude for being able to meet in person in 2022, for the Finger Lakes Daylily Club hosting of the 2022 Summer Region 4 meeting and for all who gathered here.

The business meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm and followed by a daylily auction.

Submitted by

Judy Zettek, ADS Region 4 Secretary

Host for 2024 Summer Regional Meeting Needed

Please consider if your club or garden is willing to host the 2024 Summer Regional Meeting. The bylaws state we need to hold an annual meeting to discuss topics related to the Region so maybe your club is willing to provide a place for the meeting? The event can be a simple one — held in conjunction with your summer picnic or a more elaborate event with tour gardens and a banquet.

Please email me at Chrispn@optonline.net if you are interested

NEDS Daylily Exhibition (Saturday, July 22, 2023)
at New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill
in Boylston, MA and
ADS Region 4 Summer Picnic, Business Meeting and Auction
(Sunday, July 23, 2023) at Harmon Hill Farm, Hudson, NH

*In 2023, the plans for a summer regional meeting will be low key. Region 4 members are invited to attend an **ADS judged Daylily Exhibition on Saturday, July 22, 2023**, sponsored by NEDS at [New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) in Boylston, MA, and the **Region 4 business meeting, picnic and auction on Sunday, July 23, 2023**, at Harmon Hill Farm, 49 Ledge Rd., Hudson, NH.*

Open Gardens

We invite any Region 4 members who are home daylily gardeners and hybridizers in the New England area to open their gardens on Friday, July 21 and/or Monday, July 24, to attendees of the Region 4 meeting the day before the exhibition or the day after the picnic. If you would like to be included on the open garden list, please email Marlene Harmon at harmonhill25@comcast.net by February 15, 2023. The list of open gardens will be posted on the Region 4 website by the end of February/early March. Attendees will travel to the open gardens in their own vehicles at their own pace.

Exhibition—Saturday, July 22, 2023

Members of Region 4 are invited to attend the ADS judged Daylily Exhibition at New England Botanic Garden of Tower Hill. Before or after the exhibition, you can tour the grounds to enjoy the variety of distinct garden spaces including public woodlands, naturalistic gardens, formal gardens, and conservatories.

Picnic, Business Meeting and Auction—Sunday, July 23, 2023

The picnic will be catered and the cost has yet to be determined. The Region 4 business meeting and auction will be held at the picnic at Harmon Hill Farm. There will not be a central hotel for meals and meetings, but we will arrange for a hotel in Nashua, NH, where you might consider staying overnight so you can visit an open garden or explore southern NH, Portsmouth, NH, and the seacoast (1 hour away), the Lakes Region and White Mountains in NH (1-2 hours north), Boston, MA, (1 hour south) or one of the neighboring New England states after the meeting.

We will post info about the Region 4 events, the gardens, lodging options, maps and things to see and do in the region on the Region 4 website <https://www.ahsregion4.org/> in the spring. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carl or Marlene Harmon at harmonhill25@comcast.net.

We look forward to seeing you next summer!

ADS Region 4 Cultivar Award Winners 2022

Congratulations to Region 4 member **Ellen Laprise** from Dudley, MA, on winning the 2022 AHS Stout Silver Medal Award, the top award in daylilies for her fabulous 'Isabelle Rose' introduced in 2009! This is truly a stand out daylily and we should all grow it in our gardens.

height 59 inches (150 cm), bloom 7 inches (18 cm), season E, Dormant, Diploid, Fragrant, 43 buds, 3 branches, Unusual Form Cascade, Pale yellow diamond dusted with little ruffled above extended green throat. (*Starsearch* × *Heavenly Curls*) **Awards: AM 2020; HM 2017**

Also from Region 4, congratulations to **Bob Schwarz** for winning an Award of Merit for 'WigglesWorth' introduced in 2005.

height 36 inches (91 cm), bloom 7 inches (18 cm), season M, Dormant, Tetraploid, 20 buds, 4 branches, Unusual Form Crispate, Lavender self above green throat. (*Captain Nemo* × *Twisted Sister*) **Awards: AM 2022; HM 2016**



'Isabelle Rose' —(above) photo by Chris Petersen,
(below) photo by Marlene Harmon

CONGRATULATIONS to Ellen and Bob! The entire list of the award winners is posted on the ADS website: <https://americandaylilyociety.imagerelay.com/share/2022CultivarAwards>



'Wigglesworth'—photo by Melodye Campbell



ADS Region 4 Popularity Poll Results

First, I would like to thank all the Region 4 members who took the time to vote for the best performing daylilies in their gardens. We were one of only 3 regions who utilized the AHS website to conduct our popularity poll and I suspect that all the other regions discontinued their annual polls. Despite some miscommunication and technical issues, we had 99 members cast their ballots this year which while fewer than last year its not far off our historical average number of votes.

In total, 294 cultivars received votes, 189 (64%) had only a single vote while 84 (29%) received more than 2 votes. This year, Neon Flamingo (Gossard, 2006) topped our poll with 21 votes! It is always a very striking and noticeable bloom in the garden, and I have grown it for many years. Some of the other top vote getters are listed below.

Neon Flamingo will now enter our Region 4 Hall of Fame for previous Popularity Poll winners which include: All American Chief, Custard Candy, Explosion in the Paint Factory, Fooled Me, Heavenly United We Stand, Primal Scream, Rose F. Kennedy, Ruby Spider, Strawberry Candy, Sun Panda, Webster’s Pink Wonder and White Eyes Pink Dragon. When I look at this list, I have grown all but 2 of these cultivars and most have stood the test of time and are still in my garden. In a nutshell, that is one of the

purposes of the popularity poll, to identify superior and beautiful performers in our gardens and to serve as a starting list for those new to daylilies in our Region as to which cultivars they should seek out for their gardens.

If the AHS continues to allow the popularity poll voting mechanism to be available, then we will try to do it again in 2023. It’s always fun to see the poll results. Old favorites continue to be popular and over time newer cultivars get added to the base ballot. The 84 cultivars that received 3 or more votes, excluding previous winners will form the base of the ballot and any award-winning cultivars hybridized within the Region, if not already on the ballot also get added. Those cultivars that receive 3 or more write in votes automatically become part of the base ballot for the following year, keeping our ballot fresh and current.

Many thanks for your participation again this year!

Dave Mussar

Rank	Cultivar	count
1	'Neon Flamingo'	21
2	'Red Volunteer'	19
3	'Elsie Stelter'	16
3	'Isabelle Rose'	16
3	'Peggy Jeffcoat'	16
6	'Beautiful Edgings'	15
6	'Entwined in the Vine'	15
6	'Orchid Corsage'	15
6	'Yankee Pinstripes'	15
10	'Barbara Mitchell'	14
10	'Mabou'	14
12	'Cobbs Hill Jester'	13
12	'Joan Derifield'	13
12	'Laura Harwood'	13
12	'Swallow Tail Kite'	13
16	'Bass Gibson'	12
16	'Carnival in Mexico'	12
16	'Dublin Elaine'	12
16	'Sandra Elizabeth'	12
16	'South Seas'	12
21	'King George'	11
22	'Autumn Minaret'	10
22	'Creature of the Night'	10
22	'Green Icon'	10
22	'Gryphon Hankow Legacy'	10
22	'Jerry Hyatt'	10
22	'Moonlit Masquerade'	10



Neon Flamingo (Gossard, 2006)

Photo: Marlene Harmon

ADS Region 4 Service Award @ Regional Level

ADS Recognizes Individuals Who Provide Outstanding Service to the Daylily Community

"A limited number of Regional Service Awards may be given annually by the [ADS] Board of Directors to [ADS] members who have performed outstanding service at the regional level." [This award is not to be confused with the Region 4 Service Award (Club Level) which is voted on annually by a committee of officers of Region 4 for 'outstanding service at the club or local level.']

Description of award: [Condensed from the AHS Web Site]

In 1974, the AHS Board established this award for outstanding service to AHS at the regional level. Currently serving board members are not eligible. Only one AHS Regional Service Award may be awarded per region per year. A dual award for two members of the same family counts as one award. Nominations may come from any member of the nominee's region. Nominations must be sent to the AHS Awards & Honors Chairman by September 1st by mail or email, and must contain a summary of the nominee's worthiness for this award. The AHS Board votes by secret ballot at the annual fall board meeting, and the award is presented at the following AHS National Convention.

This year, the following nomination letter was received by the Awards and Honors committee for Region 4 and **Chris Petersen** of the Long Island Daylily Society was named the winner for Region 4 for 2022!

Christine Petersen has been a member of the AHS and the Long Island Daylily Society (LIDS) for nearly 20 years. Over these years, she has held most positions on the LIDS executive board, including president and vice-president. In addition, she has co-chaired the annual LIDS flower show, helped maintain the LIDS Display Garden at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, hosted garden tours and club events at her home and presents programs at club meetings. LIDS hosted the 2006 National Convention and Chris served many roles, including being an open garden. 2006 was the 50th anniversary of the Long Island Daylily Society and the club produced an historical booklet celebrating the people and events of the last 50 years. Chris contributed many photographs to the booklet and also designed the cover. Several years ago, Chris took on the challenge of updating the LIDS club website and designed an attractive, user friendly and up-to-date website. She has also co-chaired the 2013 and the 2019 Region 4 summer meetings hosted by LIDS. Using her new webmaster skills, she created a website for those 2013 and 2019 Region 4 meetings. For the 2013 Regional,



Chris co-chaired the Live Auction committee. She is an excellent proofreader and for many years has assisted the Region 4 newsletter editors. Chris is the Nominating Committee's nominee for Regional President for a term beginning January 1, 2022. Chris has a keen interest in photography and writing and has contributed photographs and articles to several AHS books, the Region 4's newsletter and the Daylily Journal. Her expert photographs have been awarded the Mildred Schlumpf Single bloom and Landscape award numerous times. She is a Senior Exhibition Judge and Instructor as well as a Garden Judge and Garden Judge Instructor. She has given instruction at the club, regional and national level. For many years, Chris has maintained an AHS Display Garden called Hidden Harbor. Located in the quaint seaside town of Asharoken, her garden is home to over 650 daylilies, Lilium, hosta, countless perennials, flowering trees and shrubs. At the National level, Chris has served on the Awards and Honors Committee for over a decade. Her knowledge of historic daylilies has been invaluable in helping to recommend "overlooked" cultivars to the Honorable Mention ballot. Recently Chris volunteered to design the Registration PDF for the 2022 National Convention. For her many years of service to Region 4, we are honored to nominate Christine Petersen for the Region 4 Service Award.

Congratulation, Chris!

ADS Region 4 Hybridizer Award Nomination

The nominating process for this award is controlled by the hybridizer, much like the ADS Honorable Mention award. Every eligible hybridizer in Region 4 may enter ONE of his/her registrations.

Official guidelines:

Each hybridizer residing in Region 4 may nominate one of his/her cultivars in a given year.**

Eligible cultivars must have been hybridized in Region 4, registered with the ADS within the last ten years (including the year in which nominated) and been introduced by a hybridizer still residing, or deceased while residing, in Region 4.

A cultivar may be nominated for up to three consecutive years and then becomes ineligible.

A winning cultivar may not be re-entered.

**The hybridizer who wins is not eligible to enter this contest again in the next three calendar years.

How to enter:

Each entry must be submitted by February 15th to marleneharmon@gmail.com

Send an email with your name and address and the cultivar name. Attach a high-resolution photo of the cultivar.

Voting procedure:

The photos will also be published on the Region 4 website with an electronic ballot. A photograph of both the cultivar and hybridizer will appear in the next issue of Daylilies in the Great Northeast.

This will make our members aware of what cultivars they should be looking for as they visit gardens during the upcoming bloom season to help them make their voting decision.

Only Region 4 ADS members are eligible to vote and they may vote once for a single cultivar on the ballot.

All votes must be cast by October 1st.

Announcement of the winning cultivar will be made on the Region 4 website. The award shall be presented at the following Regional summer meeting and shall consist of an engraved plate or plaque containing the name of the cultivar, its registration date and the name of its hybridizer.

Past Recipients

2021 Claudia Conway H. 'Zollo Omega'

2020 David Mussar H. 'Rosemary Mussar'

2019 Tie: Bryan Culver for H. 'Sun Panda' & Darlyn Wilkinson for H. 'Greywoods Mockingjay'

2018 Gil Stelter - H. 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy'

2017 Rich Howard - H. 'Explosion in the Paint Factory'

2013 Pam Hoffman- H. 'Mystic Avalon'

2012 Lori Jones- H. 'Big Honking Flaming Floozy'

2010 Ellen Laprise- H. 'Isabelle Rose'

2009 Bryan Culver- H. 'Spirit Zone'

2022 Region 4 Hybridizer Award Winner

Congratulations to **John Burgener**,
President of ODS, for winning this year's
Hybridizer Award for the cultivar **Rebecca's Rhapsody**
(36'' (91 cm), 6'' (15 cm), M, Sev TET, 25 buds, 4 branches,
Unusual Form Cascade)



John and Rebecca Burgener
photo from ODS website



2022 ADS Region 4 Summer Regional



During the weekend of July 22-24, 2022, the members of the Finger Lakes Daylily Society in the Rochester, NY, area opened their gardens to the members of ADS Region 4. We owe a special thank you to the garden owners, members of the committee, and Regional Event Committee Chair Charlie Zettek for their hospitality and all the hard work they did to prepare for the visit. Your efforts were greatly appreciated and a great time was had by all! On the next pages, you'll find write-ups about the tour gardens.

The FiELDS Display Garden at the Webster Arboretum

By *Charlie Zettek*

July 23, the day of the Regional in Rochester, dawned sunny and warm – a perfect mid-summer day. FiELDS members arrived at the Webster Arboretum at 7 a.m. to finish preparing the FiELDS Display Garden and setting up the registration table inside the Curry Building. Region 4 visitors started showing up at 8 a.m. to receive their registration packets and gift plants, and off they went, to visit the five Tour Gardens. The FiELDS Display Garden was one of the Tour Gardens, and a key garden because it was the location of the Stanley Saxton Seedling Award bed. FiELDS members had been giving the sixteen Saxton entries all the TLC they could starting in the fall of 2020, and the effort was well rewarded. Many visitors remarked how well kept and lovely the entire garden looked, as well as the Saxton bed. In addition to voting on the Saxton award, several mature daylilies in the main garden were marked to be voted on for the Elizabeth Nesmith Award for the best clump. The garden was also the site of the Garden Judges workshop, with instructors Chris Petersen and Mary Collier Fisher. Participants were treated to a wonderful display of well-manicured daylilies resplendent in the afternoon sun. FiELDS was rewarded for the work put into the garden when it was announced that the first, second and third place winners for the Nesmith Award were all growing in the FiELDS Display Garden. Well done!



Photos by Chris Petersen. **Top row** (L to R): Jane Ryan and George Riehle Prepping FiELDS Display Garden the Day Before the Regional **Bottom row:** (L to R) Cobbs Hill Jester, Mad Dogs and Englishment (Carlson A 2013), Saxton Seedling #4

“Sunshine in the Garden Daylilies”

The Garden of Chrissy and Bob Quataert, Hilton, NY

By Chris Petersen

On Saturday, July 28th, as part of the AHS Region 4 Summer Meeting, I had the pleasure of visiting “Sunshine in the Garden Daylilies”, the home of Chrissy and Bob Quataert in Hilton, NY. Interestingly, the garden is named for Chrissy who Bob lovingly calls “Sunshine”. They built their house in 1990 on a 1/3 acre lot in a suburban development. When their two sons were small, they put in the traditional deck and above ground pool for family and friends.

But, in 2004, when the boys had graduated high school and were now in college, the couple removed the deck and pool leaving them with a blank slate. With the help of a landscape architect who created a master plan, they started reworking the space. Bob built bluestone pathways, a raised brick paver patio and eventually had a 2,500 gallon pond put in with a charming bridge and waterfall. The pond is Bob’s baby. It’s planted with aquatic plants such as arrowhead, swamp loosestrife and waterlilies that he divides every year. Frogs and more than a dozen fish overwinter in the 3’ deep pond including beautiful butterfly koi.

Trees and specimen shrubs were planted such as a towering *Chamaecyparis nootkatensis* 'Pendula' (Weeping Nootka Cypress) that is commonly called “Alaskan Evergreen Cedar”. A flowering *Stewartia pseudocamellia* boasts white camelia-like flowers in summer and *Betula nigra* (River Birch) has exfoliating bark which provides more seasonal interest. A red leaved Japanese maple punctuates one daylily bed, while

deciduous *Ilex* 'Sparkleberry' (Winterberry), tree peonies, butterfly bushes, hydrangeas, hardy hibiscus and lilacs also provide color.

Master gardener Chrissy designed the plantings in their undulating borders. Daylilies, companion perennials and annuals round out this sublime landscape. In spring, tulips, daffodils, crocus and hyacinths emerge giving a needed break from the bleak winter. Variegated iris, Sweet Williams, Geranium 'Rozanne' (Cranesbill Geranium), heuchera (Coral Bells), gaillardia and roses are scattered in the garden beds. Annuals such as dahlias, purple verbena, white bedding begonias and mums add more texture and color.

The garden was once a peach orchard and has hard clay soil that had to be amended with top soil and compost. In the spring, the couple add 10/10/10 fertilizer and a thick layer of triple ground hardwood mulch which suppresses most weeds. They water by hand and move sprinklers around as needed.

There are about 400 daylily cultivars placed in themed garden beds such as Stout Medal Winners, Candy, Broadway and Siloam Collections; and of course, a “Sunshine” bed in the front yard. Chrissy purchases daylilies directly from the hybridizers and on online auctions. Some of the daylilies were seedlings purchased from hybridizer John Kulpa in Michigan that were named and registered for the Quataert’s four grandchildren and one for Chrissy’s mother in memoriam. Before the regional, Chrissy shared with her Facebook friends that her garden was going to be on tour this summer and boxes of daylilies





began arriving on her doorstep! Chrissy live-heads every night and when the daylily season is over, she cuts down the scapes and foliage.

On the patio and scattered around the garden are potted herbs and flowering annuals. Chrissy shared a secret; she buys ten ready to plant “pot fillers” at one of the big box stores and transplants them directly into her containers! She uses the same combination for uniformity. What a time saving idea!

Finally, Chrissy commented that her neighbors and guests have been amazed when they walk through the arched entryway gate into the back yard for the first time! I felt the same way! Every plant was grown to perfection. There was not a blade of grass out of place! Thank you Bob and Chrissy for sharing your amazing garden!

Photos by Chris Petersen

The Fox Gardens—Gardens of Jed Fox

By Lis Murphy

The second garden garden my husband and I visited as part of the Region 4 meeting was the garden of Jed Fox, which is also an ADS National Display Garden. It is located in a quiet neighborhood in Pittsford, NY, outside of Rochester. At the entrance to the garden was a large daylily flower bed with a Smoke Bush at the end. Further back toward the house under a Japanese maple tree Hostas and daylilies were growing. The daylilies Dogs Cats and Pompadour Hats (GEORGES-M., 2019) and Sufferin Succotash (GEORGES-M., 2016) caught my eye. A waterfall was running down a long hill planted with shade plants like Ligularia japonica and tree peonies. In a big pond at the bottom of the waterfall, beautiful Elephant ears, Cannas and water lilies in different colors were blooming. In a second pond, which is also fed by a waterfall, huge Lotus flowers were in full bloom. Jed told me that he was happy that they were open as they just opened last night. The flowers measured at least 5 inches. Jed told me that the lotus flower stays in the pond even during the winter. The running water will keep the water from freezing. A Zen garden under the shades of tall trees invited for relaxation and meditation. Adjunct to the Zen garden were the wonderful clumps for the Crimson Pirate (SASS 1951), Fancy Buttons (JOINER-J. 2000), Madame Ruby (BELL 1994) Perfect Storm (ROSS-B 2011) Pirate's Gold (ROSS-B. 2007as well as other daylilies.

It was a great pleasure to visit this unusual garden. Thank you, Jed for sharing your garden with us.



Photo top left by Lis Murphy. Remaining photos this page by Chris Petersen



'Dogs Cats and Pompadour Hats'
(Georges-M., 2019)



This photo by Chris Petersen; Remaining photos
on this page by Lis Murphy



'Sufferin Succotash'
(Georges-M., 2016)



Left: 'Pirate's Gold' (Ross-B. 2007); Right: Lotus Flower



North by Southwest—Garden of Leslie Arduser-Brogan

(Article and photos by Lis Murphy unless otherwise noted)

By Lis Murphy

I was looking forward to my first visit to the Rochester NY area and I was not disappointed. The first tour garden of the Region 4 meeting my husband and I visited was Leslie Arduser-Brogan's garden. Located on the outskirts of Rochester in a quiet neighborhood, Leslie's flower garden features several garden sections. One section is planted along the sidewalk with many daylilies and a water feature.



I especially liked 'Micro Chip' (Trimmer-J 2005) and 'Storm Shadows' (Mitchell-K 2004) (above).



Big fronds of Russian Sage were swaying in the wind, giving this part of the garden an airiness and lightness.



A collection of cacti is growing at one end of the flowerbed. Cacti are Leslie's other favorite plants.



(Above) Beautiful daylilies – 'Amethyst Prism' (Pierce-G 2013), 'Buddy's Kirsten' (Hall-J 2011), 'Mercedes' (Wild 1980) and 'Dragon King' (Kirchhoff-D 1992) - greeted us in the flower bed along the driveway.



One of my personal favorites was the garden behind two iron gates. (this photo by Chris Petersen). Two sides of concrete wall flank the sides making it a protected terrace right at the entrance to the house. A small coffee table and chairs invite

you to rest and enjoy this area. The terrace is filled with Hosta, miniature trees, and of course cacti. Leslie's husband enjoys his cup of coffee here while reading the morning newspaper. It was her husband who got Leslie to grow daylilies as he asked her to plant something that blooms in different colors.



In the back of the house a beautiful shade garden with many unusual hard scape decorations, among the plantings of Hostas and Daylilies. A group of paper birches dominate this shade garden.



In the sunnier part of this garden the daylilies were blooming, proving they can also live with a little less sunshine.



Two beautiful weeping trees a 'Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar' and a 'Weeping Bald Cypress' grace the other side of the house.



An oakleaf metal bench and table and a bar table with four Chinese porcelain drums invite you to take another rest.



With a big piece of the Russian Sage in hand that Leslie dug up for me I headed to the next garden. The sage is doing well now in my Massachusetts garden.



Thank you, Leslie for sharing your garden with us. (Photo by Chris Petersen)



QB Daylily Gardens - Denny and Mary Quackenbush

By *Debbie Lawrence*

It was the best of gardening surprises! Hosts Denny and Mary Quackenbush maintain both an ADS National Display Garden and a thriving commercial daylily operation. Upon pulling into the driveway along Sand Hill Road in Caledonia, NY, what awaited every visitor behind their unassuming, quaint country home was a vast amount of color coming from over 2,500 daylilies as well as copious plantings of different flowers, trees and shrubs. Once visitors passed through the parking area, they entered into a world of graceful solitude in the display garden. Following the twisting and turning paths, each direction offering a delightful new view of shapes and colors. In addition to the hundreds of daylilies featured throughout the garden, colorful echinacea, butterfly bushes, and great sunflowers bursting in saturated yellows stood out against the blue midday sky. One footpath led visitors to the sights and sounds of trickling water cascading into a koi pond set in a natural habitat, while another led to an out-of-the-way, hidden enclosure for two, complete with table and chairs for a tête-à-tête or a thirst-quenching glass of cold lemonade. Further down and past a crop of pine trees, the path opened to reveal the Sales Garden, which seemed to go on forever with row upon row of daylilies for purchase. One could have easily spent a few hours here exploring the tremendous variety of daylilies in this not-to-be missed garden.

Editor's note: Visit <https://www.facebook.com/1317052077/videos/370273988605024/> to see a drone video of the garden.



Daylily Therapy

by Tina White

My article is how I use my daylilies not only for profit, but for good causes.

Tina's Daylilies is a small daylily business in mid-coast Maine. We have been in business for ten years, but have only been an Official Display Garden for a few years. Eight years ago I started doing a "Garden Party" in July, when many of the daylilies were blooming and donated 10% of the proceeds sold that day to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. After a few years I changed that to "Garden Party Fundraiser" because people thought they had to be invited to the "Garden Party" and weren't really sure what it was all about. Several years ago we upped the proceeds to the NMSS to 20% since 10% didn't really seem to add up to much. We also put out a donation can on that day so that those who wanted to support the cause but didn't have room or energy for daylilies could still come and enjoy the beautiful daylilies, sign up for door prizes, have refreshments and just enjoy their time here.

Now you may be asking yourself, "why a dedication to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society"? Well, on December 30, 2011 my husband and I left our jobs with the State of Maine and took our retirement with us so that they couldn't take any more away from us after the new Governor changed our retirement rules. One of the things we kept because of leaving when we did was our health insurance. Even though we both lost almost 25% of our pension because of our age, it proved to be a blessing in disguise. Ten days later, on January 9, 2012 I was diagnosed with MS at the age of 49. It was a devastating blow to have two major life changes in ten days and I'd like to say I handled it with ease, but that wasn't really the case. For months every morning when I woke up I was afraid to move for several minutes because I was afraid I wouldn't be able to move my legs. I didn't know anything about MS and I didn't know anyone who had MS. Being an extrovert and used to having people around all the time and then having this happen and being alone all day



because my husband had another full time job before we even left our jobs really took its toll on me. I did as much reading as I could about MS and I asked lots of questions every month when I went to my appointment with the neurologist. I eventually got a little comfortable with it and decided I was going to do what I could, while I could. And that brings me back to why I started my daylily business. Many years ago my friend Peggy got me interested in daylilies and I would go to Barth Daylilies in Alna, Maine which is two towns over from me and make a few purchases a year. When I would tell my husband “I need to split up some of those daylilies, where am I going to start another garden?” he would say “why don’t you put them in a field and sell them like Nick Barth does!” Since I wasn’t working, I thought well why not. So, in the summer of 2012 I started building some gardens and putting the daylilies in rows and preparing to start a new business. I opened that business in June 2013 and so it began. Two years later the fundraising started and here we are in 2022. This year so far we have raised \$1414 for the NMSS, and although it is a lot of work for a one woman show, I have a whole team of volunteers who come every year to help and I feel it has really been successful and I love meeting new people and hearing what their connection to MS is or just about how much they love daylilies.

But that’s not all the fundraising and donating we do. In 2013 we adopted a 7 year old Maine Coon Mix from the Penobscot Valley Humane Society in Lincoln, Maine after losing our 22 year old cat months before. Miss Fluffy is very sweet and, well, a little spoiled now, but that’s ok. We tell people we don’t have kids; we have cats and cats are still cheaper! We normally have a collection can out for them but this year it didn’t get put out with all the

busyness happening but we did do the rest of our annual donation to them in that, \$1 from the sale of any daylily with the name “Penobscot”, “Valley”, “Lincoln” or “Maine” in the name is also donated to them. Yesterday I brought a check to them for \$70 along with our returnable bottles as we always do when we are up there.

So, it goes to show that even a small business such as this can still make a difference in the world and I get to see the beauty of the daylilies every day to boot!



I was a Middle-Aged Flower Show Entrant

By Marc Whinston

When I first started buying daylilies, I figured that I'd never be the kind of person who uses markers in his garden.¹ Eventually, though, I started using marker stakes and labels.² But I figured I wasn't the type of guy who got involved with the flower shows – until I started clerking. Still, I figured I would never actually enter a flower show. And that wall fell this summer.

Having signed up as a clerk, I was pretty confident that I had an excuse not to enter flowers in the show. But I was reminded that clerks can enter – it's the judges that can't – and was urged to do so. So, with reservations, I got up early in the morning, hoping that, despite the rain last night, I would find sufficient good-looking blooms to enter. At that point I had no interest in winning ribbons; I was primarily interested in helping the club with entries.

I know lots of people cut scapes the night before, guessing which ones look likely to bloom. Maybe that approach makes sense. But for me, I decided to cut in the morning. And cut I did, until we were running out of time and had to go. I had cut 14 scapes in all, though the flower broke off one of them before I could do anything, so I brought 13 with me for the show. I would lose another one—'Spider Man' (Durio, 1982)—while grooming it, so in the end I had 12 entries.

I had started out with no interest in how well my entries would eventually do, but my competitive juices started flowing when I got there and saw others grooming their scapes for the show. Suddenly I

was struck by the idea that maybe I could win something. Someone had to win Best in Show, so why not me? And there would be all those Best in Category winners. I could have a shot. But what got me most was the fear of coming away empty-handed.

So I started grooming. I've never groomed scapes before, so I made mistakes. I lost 'Spider Man' in the process; I was trimming the site of an old bud and got too close to the base of the bloom. It snapped off. And I know -- yeah, I can't prove it, but I just *know* -- that that 'Spider Man' would have won Best in Show if only it hadn't broken off. But that wasn't my only mistake. I scraped some brown spots too much. And I missed others. None of my entries were perfect, but I felt they were good enough. They would be pleasing to the eyes of the general public, even if they provoked disdain from the judges.





Clerking was largely the same experience as it was before—except for when the judging panel I was working for was now judging **my** entries. It took all my willpower to maintain control as they evaluated the first one—'Mynelle's Starfish' (Hayward-M., 1982)—and commented on how it could have been groomed better. But I heard that and similar comments a lot as they evaluated the various entries from others, so I was not the only insufficient groomer. That first one won a red ribbon, so I felt a bit of pride. I wouldn't go home ribbon-less. Then I noticed that the other judge's panel had awarded one of my entries—'Harem Scarem' (Millikan-B., 1992)—a blue ribbon. Hey, this was getting cool! And so, we went along. I struggled to keep my yap shut, watching as flowers were judged, keeping in mind how long before the next time they'd get to one of mine. The names of the entrants were hidden, but I could tell from the handwriting which ones were mine.



In the end, all 12 of my entries won ribbons. I scored two purple ribbons, four blue and six red. So, I guess, yay for me. Sadly, neither of my purple ribbon winners won Best in Category, so I didn't win Best in Show. Maybe next year.

¹Technically, not true. When I first bought daylilies I had no idea that labels and marker stakes were actually a thing. But humor me and play along.

²And that has generally gone well – except for the time a couple years ago when a herd of feral backhoes got loose and ran wild in my yard.

The Angelic Passion Story

By Dr. Robert O. Stanton

In 2021, I registered the daylilies 'Alpha Angelic Passion' and 'Beta Angelic Passion'. This is the story of the origin of these cultivars and their names.



'Alpha Angelic Passion' and 'Beta Angelic Passion' (Stanton, 2021)

I garden on a property that, including a house and garage, is less than one fifth of an acre, so my program is small. When I started, I made a commitment to be very selective. If I have to ask the question, "Should I register this plant", the answer is "No." With those restraints, a reasonable lifetime goal was to have a half dozen registrations. Well, the cultivars mentioned in the first paragraph are numbers five and six, and I haven't stopped. When you reach your goal, go beyond it.

More than ten years ago, Pat Sayers gave a superb presentation to the Long Island Daylily Society which highlighted the use of her introduction 'Passion's Promise' in her hybridizing program. At the end, she asked if there were any questions. I raised my hand and said "I don't have a question. I just want to say that I will have to make more use of 'Passion's Promise' in my program".

One look at 'Passion's Promise' is enough to recognize its' many excellent attributes. The flower remains distinctive even though it was registered more than twenty years ago.

It has healthy green foliage and strong scapes. It has never reached the registered 32 buds in my garden, but it does very well. Moreover, it tends to pass desirable properties to its offspring. A search of the Daylily Database found fourteen out of the eighteen offspring have bud count of 20 or more.

'Truly Angelic' was hybridized by John Rice. Like 'Passion's Promise', it is an excellent plant that has a beautiful flower which stands the test of time. It also has a track record of passing desirable properties to its offspring. I have used it as a parent in hybridizing every year since 2006, which is probably when I obtained it. After I heard Pat's talk, the cross 'Truly Angelic' x

'Passion's Promise' seemed natural, and I made it in the summer of 2013.

The cross was very fruitful, yielding more than sixty seeds. At the time, I started seeds indoors under lights in December to give the seedlings a head start. I was confident that beneficial nematodes were the solution to the fungus gnat problem I had in the past. In January 2013, I had purchased and applied this control to my seedlings. The nematodes devoured the fungus gnat larva and for the most part my seedlings prospered.

I ordered a new batch of nematodes in January 2014, expecting similar results however, the fungus



'Passion's Promise' (Sayers,



'Truly Angelic' (Rice-J, 1998)

gnats thrived, and my seedlings were decimated. I suspect that being shipped across the country in frigid weather killed the nematodes. Of the hundreds of seeds that I planted, only eighteen survived to be planted outside. Several of the survivors suffered considerable damage. I planted then anyway, hoping for the best.

Fast forward to July 17, 2016. One of the survivors from the cross mentioned above bloomed for the first time. I took one look at the flower, and immediately went back inside to write hybridizing tag #085 and get my camera and hybridizing clipboard. I took a picture, attached the tag to the plant, and wrote the description on my list, ending with the word "Incredible". There were only 13 buds, but I hoped that when the plant was moved out of a crowded seeding bed into its own space, it would improve. This has indeed been the case; in subsequent years bud count has been consistently twenty or above.

Right next to this daylily was another seedling from this cross. Even without a bloom the plant was exceptional. The foliage was a beautiful dark green, and I could count 27 buds, the first of which appeared as if it would bloom the next day. It did bloom the next day, and I was happy to see that the flower was very different from its sibling that bloomed the previous day. But it was stunning and I knew from day one that it was a future registration. Hybridizing tag #086, camera, clipboard; just like the day before.

Stanley Saxton of up-state New York was an iconic early influence on Region 4 hybridizing so the award named after him was a definite "bucket list" goal for me. In spring 2017, when it was announced that the competition would be a part of the Region 4 Meeting on Long Island in 2019, hybridizers were limited to two entries apiece. I wanted to



'Margaret Stanton Memorial'
(Stanton 19)

select the best entries possible. One choice was obvious #085; a yellow polychrome with a ruffled edge, good branching and bud count, and superb substance.

Seedling #086 showed considerable increase that first winter, and this was my choice for my second entry. This had a lot of risk. I had only seen it bloom during its first season; would it repeat its performance? Also, its' first bloom in 2016 was very close to the anticipated date of the judging in 2019. Would it bloom in time for the voters to see the flower?

July 20, 2019, the day of the bus tour during the 2019 regional meeting, was sunny and hot, reaching 95 degrees. The arboretum containing the seedling bed was last on tour, and the voting was done around 2PM. The seedling bed was in full sun the entire day. Most of the entries suffered from the heat, some had almost completely wilted. But the substance of my ruffled yellow seeding came through; it was nearly as fresh as when it first bloomed. When the votes were counted, it won the award. That fall, it was registered as 'Margaret Stanton Memorial' in honor of my mother.

What about seedling #086? As I feared, it was a couple of days away from the first bloom. But it was putting on a beautiful display, a nice clump of deep green foliage, with a well formed scape displaying



Robert Stanton
Best Seedling 2022

numerous unopened buds. In the days after the show, I received email messages from four attendees who said that they voted for the plant, despite the lack of a flower in bloom.

By the end of the 2021 daylily season, I had observed seedlings #085 and #086 for six years, and it was time to register them which meant I had to select names. One of my



Bleeds Pink (Stanton 2014)

hobbies is astronomy, and I am very familiar with the constellation Gemini, known as “The Twins”. My seedlings had the same parents and were “born” a day apart; close enough to being twins. Gemini's two brightest stars are Castor and Pollux. I had my names, or so I thought. I looked up Castor in the Daylily Database. Alas, it is already in use as the name of an existing cultivar. My next thought was to use the Bayer nomenclature (a Greek letter followed by the genitive form of the constellation name) for the stars. Alpha Geminorum and Beta Geminorum? No, that wouldn't be suitable for daylilies.

But that put me on the right track. What if I made up my own “constellation name”, combining the names of both parents? The name “Angelic Passion” was the perfect blend of the parent names. The Alpha “star” was #085, the first one to bloom, while #086 was designated Beta. These two plants are so good that I was motivated to repeat the

cross. As I write this, there are six ripening pods on a scape of 'Truly Angelic' with 'Passion's Promise' as the pod parent. If any of these seeds grow into a plant that is worth introducing, there are twenty-two letters remaining in the Greek alphabet to distinguish them.

That is not the end of the story. The Long Island Daylily Society held an accredited AHS flower show on July 17, 2022. In the days preceding the show, I searched my garden for scapes that could be brought to the show. Of particular interest were several seedlings in a single cross, that exhibited exceptional branching and bud count. ('Truly Angelic' was a grandparent of this group of seedlings.) As they opened for the very first time, they displayed flowers that could generously be described as “ordinary”. Early on the morning of the show, it was dark with light drizzle, making it hard to see the flowers. But as the rain stopped and the sky brightened, a flower slowly opened, blooming for the first time ever. I mistakenly believed this plant to be from that cross. Unlike the others, the flower showed promise as it revealed itself. Branching and bud count (more than forty) were astounding. The flower was a light pink bitone with a deep pink eye. There was a watermark matching the base color and the eye bled out to the tip. I cut the scape, and entered it into the show. When I returned after the judging, I saw it on the head table: Best Seedling! A few days later, I had time to carefully check on the cross. To my surprise, the plant was in the row adjacent to the cross I originally believed. The correct cross was 'Beta Angelic Passion' x 'Bleeds Pink'! This is still a very young plant, but I expect it to be a future introduction. It was nice to see two of my introductions combine to create a stunning seedling.

An excellent piece of hybridizing advice is to “work with the latest and greatest”. But 'Passion's Promise' and 'Truly Angelic' are both over twenty years old, and they are quite capable of producing wonderful offspring that are more than just a pretty face. There is no single path to success.

Daylily Scavenger Hunt – or Tips on Hosting Home School Children at Your Daylily Garden

By Russ Allen, Region 4 Director

When thinking back on the highlight of the past summer's daylily season, the visit to my garden by a group of home school children was clearly the highlight! This article is my attempt to share what made this such a marvelous memory and to share tips on how you might enjoy a similar experience in your daylily garden next summer.



Background: My daylily garden in southern Connecticut has been an American Daylily Society Display Garden for several years now - with about 350 registered cultivars. Through my participation in a local chapter of the Catholic Home School Network, I extended an invitation to all participating families to visit my three daylily gardens on a Friday during peak season in July. About 20 children ages 6-12 years old (plus parents and some toddlers) were able to participate in this Field Trip. For those not familiar with home school groups, many programs heavily focus on learning through family field trips to widely different venues in addition to “book learning”. Exposing children at an early age to the joy of gardening I think is quite important because, from a daylily “promotional standpoint”, how can you expect folks to fall in love with daylilies as adults if they never planted a flower or toured a flower garden when they were kids?

Pre-Meeting Activities: Before addressing the program of activities for these enthusiastic young visitors, I should mention a few logistical items. Once I learned of the anticipated size of the group, I obtained some more folding chairs so that most visitors could have a place to sit in the shade during the “presentation” elements of the visit. We also had to obtain about half as many folding TV tables which could be shared and would enable the kids to have a place to put flowers. We have regular tick control on our property so there was no concern in that area, and I arranged for a teenager to help me deadhead my garden so I could focus on other details. Oh yes, and it’s a good idea to have a case of small water bottles on hand. The visit was scheduled for 9:30 AM – noon as most families would wish to go home for lunch.

Goals for the Daylily Garden Visit:

There were several important objectives for the activities during the visit. It had to be a fun time for the children. They needed to learn about daylilies and have a memorable “hands-on” experience in the garden and not just listen to talks. The sit-down segments needed to be kept to about 15 minutes in length to maintain attention spans and the garden visits needed to be conducted safely.

Agenda of Activities: The visit was structured in the following way to optimize the scheduled visit:

- I. **Garden Welcome and Rules:** Once families arrived, we assembled and had an opening prayer and a volunteer adult led the standing children in a joyful song with hand motions. Then we asked folks to sit and we explained our garden visit rules:
 - Stay on the grass or specially marked one-way pathways through each garden
 - No running, as the ground is very uneven and we don’t want anyone to trip and get hurt
 - Look where you are walking before looking at any flowers

We split the children into two groups so that one group would be seated and learn about daylilies while the other was visiting the gardens, and then reverse the roles.



Scavenger Hunt in Progress

Daylily Overview Presentation: The initial talk about daylilies used flip charts with a simple outline of topics to briefly discuss:

- the Greek name *hemerocallis* meaning “beauty for a day”
- how to spell daylily
- what is a perennial
- where did daylilies originate
- the earliest daylilies were only yellow and orange
- 90,000+ registered daylilies
- what is the American Daylily Society
- what is needed to grow daylilies (sun, soil, water, pest control)
- buds are edible and appealing to deer (which led to having a deer fence)
- peak bloom season
- how to pick a daylily bloom (demonstration by volunteers)

The best audience reaction was when I pointed out that every single flower blooming today in the garden today would close up after dinner, and tomorrow a new set would open just as beautiful as today’s flowers. Typical exclamations included “Really?” “Wow!” “Incredible!” “Amazing!” “Every flower?” Other comments included: “Can we visit

the gardens now?”, and “Does it hurt the plant to pick a flower?” and “God sure created so many beautiful flowers!”

II. **First Garden Visit:** Children were asked to walk carefully through all three gardens following the arrows on the ground so they would know how to navigate their next garden visit. They were also asked to identify their **favorite** daylily in the whole garden and pick one flower to bring back to their seat which had a paper plate for them to use. I particularly enjoyed blowing on a high pitched whistle to call teams back from their garden visit to swap places with those sitting for the opening presentation on daylilies. The whistle worked like a charm!



"Brightest Red Daylily" (H.Heavenly United We Stand)

III. **Daylily Hybridizing Presentation:** Upon returning from their garden visit, a brief talk was given about how daylilies make seeds. Next, each child was asked to pick one stamen from their selected flower and touch pollen to the stigma of the flower. I then explained that fertilized flowers will usually develop seeds which can be planted and after a cold period will create a new seedling which may vary widely from the original parents. The parts of the daylily were briefly pointed out on a dug-up fan (e.g., roots, crown, leaves, scape, flower, petals, buds, etc.) along with a demonstration of how to plant a bare root cultivar in the ground. Then it was time to

announce the **Daylily Scavenger Hunt** with each group split into teams of five children.

IV. **Scavenger Hunt:** We had printed out scavenger hunt challenges and cut them into small pieces of paper each with a separate challenge – and handed five challenges to each team. The challenges were simple but very exciting to the kids especially given the three gardens they would need to visit during their search. Once they found the flower which best met their search objective, they were asked to pick one flower to show to the group. Sample scavenger hunt challenges included: largest daylily, smallest daylily, lightest color, darkest color, most ruffled, most petals, most unusual, brightest red, cutest pink, most lavender, assorted other specific colors, boldest colored eye zone (throat), prettiest double daylily, etc. ...you get the idea! When the kids returned with their chosen blooms, they would hold them delicately with two fingers and had facial expressions as if they were holding an enchanted mushroom from a Disney fairy tale!

V. **Concluding Session:** The final session involved each team having a member hold up a bloom of the daylily which best met their search challenge for everyone to see and “Ooh!” and “Ahhh!” about. After thanking everyone for their visit, a free bare root daylily was given to each child to plant at home. This generated quite a buzz of excitement as they made plans on where to plant their fans when they got home.

Keys to the Successful Visit: Looking back on the day’s visit, some of the things which made everyone have such a wonderful time included:

- Having a shady place for visitors to sit when discussing daylilies was very helpful particularly for the young children.
- Young kids thought it was fun find their way through the garden by following the one-way silver tape arrows on the ground
- Asking any visitor to look for their *favorite* flower made a sudden impact as now they realized that they would be challenged to think about what characteristics appealed to them *the most* and to *compare* between flowers in order

to select their favorite.

- Tying in daylily discussion to classroom learning goals (like new vocabulary, correct spelling of words, team decision-making, public speaking, etc.) fit well with the goals of the home school program.
- Having each child select their favorite flower, pick it, and then share it with their family resulted in each child needing to carefully focus their attention on this task.
- Providing a paper plate on which to bring home their picked blooms so they could watch them close up after dinner (without water!) was also a great idea – as many kids said they wanted to “watch their flowers close” that evening
- Using the scavenger hunt format was a fun way to have everyone appreciate the differences between daylilies, while also learning to work as a team and verbally share their findings with the group
- Having each child do the hybridizing exercise on a flower appealed to them a lot as they each got to personally touch the delicate flowers and concentrate to try to get the pollen where it belonged.
- Giving visitors a bare root daylily to plant at home proved very popular as it gave them a way to translate their learning from the day into something tangible that would be a surprise when it finally bloomed at home.

As a display garden owner I must confess that I’ve never had so much fun as watching these wonderful children learn and share insights and express gleeful remarks about daylilies – which made it the highlight of my summer’s open garden experiences. As families departed we received many words of appreciation for sharing our garden with them, along with frequent comments like “Our kids had so much fun, can we come again next year?” Our answer, of course, was an emphatic “Yes!”

Final Word of Advice to Daylily Garden Owners: No matter what the size of your daylily garden, please consider inviting local families with kids or a local home school group to visit your garden next summer! You won’t regret it!

2022 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest

Single/Multiple Bloom—26 entries



1st Place

'Greywoods Lofty Lizzy'

(Wilkinson, 2000)

photo by Marlene Harmon



3rd Place

'Dale's Oh My' (Zettek, 2012)

photo by Chris Petersen



2nd Place

'Tina's Siren Song' (Hanson-C., 2012)

photo by Greg Haggett

Thank you to all photographers who contributed photos and all who voted this year in the photo contest. The full presentations including photographer and cultivar names will be available soon on the R4 website: <https://www.ahsregion4.org/>

2022 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest

Artistic—15 Entries

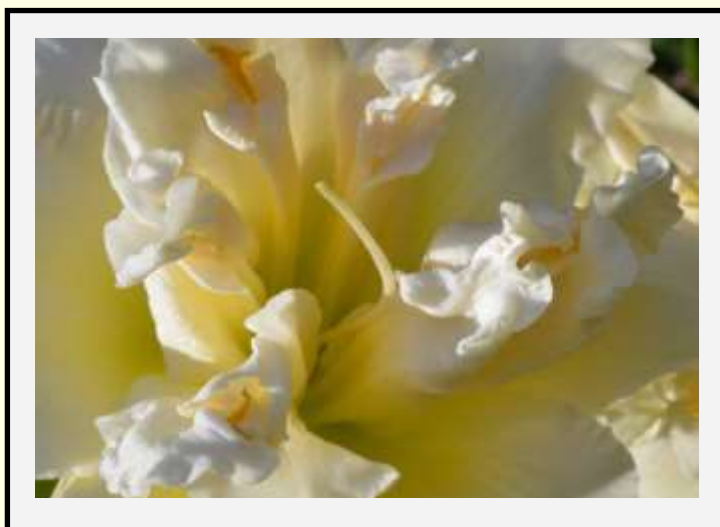


1st Place

'Sheza Heartbreaker'

(Harry, 2008)

photo by Greg Haggett



2nd Place

'Whispering White Tutu'

(Sayers, 2014)

photo by Pat Sayers

3rd Place

'Drops Of Jupiter'

(Polston, 2005)

photo by Marlene Harmon



2022 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest

Artistic—15 Entries



1st Place (left)
'Blue Ridge Daylilies
Asheville, NC'
photo by Marlene Harmon



2nd Place (tie) (Above left) **'Lasting Dreams Daylilies - Carol & Anthony Haj'** photo by Carol Ann Haj

2nd Place (tie) (Above right) **'Sunshine in the Garden Daylilies'** photo by Elisabeth Murphy

3rd Place (Left) **'Susan's Garden '**
photo by Susan Murphy

2023 ADS National Convention

“Grand Ole Daylilies”



2023 ADS National Convention

“Grand Ole Daylilies”

June 15-17, 2023 Nashville, Tennessee

Hosted by the Middle Tennessee Daylily Society

Registration includes two days of garden bus tours, 2 breakfasts and box lunches, three dinners (including Thursday), and brand new 2023 gift plants!

View all the details on the Convention Website.- <https://ahs2023national.com/>

Online registrations are encouraged, and you can complete that process [here](#).
If you will be registering via mail, you can download the registration form [here](#).

Final Deadline is May 27, 2023! (Registration is limited to 500 people!)

HOTEL INFORMATION Sonesta Nashville Airport Hotel 600 Marriott Dr, Nashville, TN (615-889-9300) Room Rate - \$164 (2 Queen or 1 King Bed) Rooms available after July15, 2022 To get block rate, mention, “American Daylily Society-2023 Convention” before 5/22/23.

REGISTRATION INFO: Registration Fee @ \$319 postmarked by 4/22/23, Late registration fee @ \$354 post-marked 4/23-5/21/23

Visit our website for important details on Auction Donations, Vendors, and Volunteers and the latest Convention updates!

Club Reports—Connecticut Daylily Society (CDS)

In light of the coronavirus pandemic and our concerns for the health and safety of everyone involved, as well as state and local restrictions on group gatherings, we cancelled a few of our normal activities, including our educational exhibit at the CT Flower and Garden Show in February 2022 and the March 2022 meeting at our normal meeting place, the Avon Senior Center. However, we were able to hold a Zoom meeting in March, conduct our annual plant sale in May, continue our open garden program this summer, hold our annual picnic and business meeting in July, and get back into the Avon Senior Center in September. Our Zoom meetings over the past two years have gone well (some with more than 50 participants) and have actually had the added benefit of eliminating the onerous travel burdens and expenses for our guest presenters. Many thanks to Gary Jones for arranging them and to Russ Allen for being our Zoom host.

On March 26, we hosted (via Zoom) Chris Petersen's presentation on her spectacular garden. Chris is currently the President of Region 4 and has been very active in both the ADS and LIDS, including being president and vice president of LIDS, an exhibition and garden judge and instructor and helping to maintain LIDS's display garden at the Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, NY. She has her own ADS Display Garden (called Hidden Harbor) where she lives in Asharoken, NY (on the north shore of Long Island). She has over 650 daylilies and many other companion plants and it was a real treat seeing them altogether and hearing how her garden has evolved over the years.

On May 21, CDS held its annual daylily sale on the grounds of the Avon Senior Center. Daylily lovers come from far and wide to this event, our major fundraiser, every year to refresh their gardens with a wide selection of well-priced daylilies (the vast majority of the cultivars sell for less than \$10 for 2 or more fans) and companion perennials.

Sales were somewhat disappointing this year in light of the ongoing pandemic – hopefully things will get better next year. Many thanks to our leader, Cheryl Fox, and the many contributors and volunteers as well as to those who purchased plants and supported our club.



CDS Plant Sale

As noted, we were able to continue our open garden program this summer. Since these activities were outside, and allowed for proper social distancing, a number of CDS members held open gardens during peak bloom season, inviting other members, their families and friends, local garden clubs and others to view their daylily and mixed perennial gardens at their best. During one of Russ's several open gardens, he was visited by a group of 20 young teenagers. To get them started on their daylily journeys he gave them a short flip-chart presentation, followed by a garden tour and a scavenger hunt (which was great fun for all, including Russ). For more info on this, please see Russ's article entitled "Daylily Scavenger Hunt – or Tips on Hosting Home School Children at Your Daylily Garden" elsewhere in this Newsletter. A few of us also had the pleasure of visiting Helene Ferrari and her beautiful gardens. It was nice to see her continuing to do her favorite things: tending to her animals and gardens.



Gary in Greg Haggett's open garden



Robin in her garden.



Linda, Cheryl, Helene, and Greg in Helene's garden

On July 17, CDS held its annual picnic and business meeting at the home and garden of Robin Lensi, in Burlington, CT. It was well attended and it was a real treat to see Robin's amazing garden in all its glory. Many thanks to Robin and her husband for hosting this event and to the other volunteers, in particular Joe & Janice Siebert, who made it possible. By the way, Robin has a well-viewed, plant-themed YouTube channel entitled "Let's Talk Gardening with Robin" that you may want to check

out. Her wide-ranging series of videos includes a segment on daylilies entitled "The Amazing Versatile Daylily" that was produced the weekend of our picnic and co-stars our own Rebecca Nisley.

I'm sorry to report that one of our faithful members, Lauren Nordvall, passed away on August 21. He and his wife, Helen, created a beautiful daylily garden in Trumbull and held many open gardens there. Lauren was a fine gentleman and willingly volunteered his support for many club activities. He will be missed by all of us and we hope for the best for Helen and her family.

On September 24, we hosted Ellen Laprise and her daughter Sharon Mayotte at the Avon Senior Center. They run Partridge Hill Gardens (with thousands of daylilies) in Dudley, MA. Ellen has introduced 11 daylilies to date and has several more in the works. Her most notable introductions include: 'Isabelle Rose', 'Flaming Flamingo' and 'Bob Marley'. 'Isabelle Rose' is on the ballot for the Stout Silver Medal and 'Flaming Flamingo' is on the ballot for the Award of Merit this year. It was nice to see Ellen show the origins of these cultivars as well as her future introductions. Sharon gave a presentation on her ongoing efforts to develop an online marketplace for daylilies. It should be very helpful to daylily buyers (and sellers), particularly for those daylilies that are less well known. For more infor-

mation on Partridge Hill Gardens and the online marketplace please go to their website: <https://leafimarket.com>.



Ellen and Sharon at the Avon Senior Center.

On November 12, we look forward to a presentation by Charmaine Rich at the Avon Senior Center. Charmaine runs the Holdn' Heaven Daylily Garden in East Thetford, VT (in the Connecticut River Valley). Her ADS Display Garden features a large collection of pleated, relief and cristate sculpted form daylilies. They are grown organically in compost amended clay soil, watered and mulched by Mother Nature, allowing her to evaluate and select the best performing seedlings without artificially enhancing their performance. Charmaine also moderates (as Char) several daylily forums on <https://garden.org>, the National Garden Association website. To see more information about Charmaine's garden and hybridizing program please visit <https://holdnheavendaylilies.plantfans.com>.

On January 14, we look forward to a presentation by Rich Howard at the Avon Senior Center. Rich runs CT Daylily Garden, an ADS Display Garden, in Wallingford, CT. He is widely known as the world's leading hybridizer of broken color daylilies. As defined by the ADS, a broken color daylily is "marked with patches or spots of different colors;

having streaks or patches of a different color or colors". They started with a vengeance with 'Explosion in the Paint Factory' (Howard-R., 2013) and have become all the rage in the daylily world. EitPF won the HM in 2018; ESF in 2018; RWM in 2019; L/W in 2020; AM in 2021; and I believe it is likely to win the Stout Silver Medal (the highest award a cultivar can receive) as soon as it is eligible to do so. One of Rich's latest introductions, 'Starman' (Howard-R., 2022), has been setting records on the Lily Auction. He plans to update us on where he's been and where he's headed in this and other segments of the daylily world. For more information on his daylily business please go to his website: <https://ctdaylily.squarespace.com>.

In February, CDS typically hosts an educational exhibit at the CT Flower and Garden Show at the CT Convention Center in Hartford, CT. This show attracts more than 40,000 gardeners and affords us the opportunity to engage in many discussions about daylilies. We generally sign up a large number of interested gardeners for future emails and blog postings about CDS and its activities. The Show, with the theme "Gateway to Spring", will be held February 23-26, 2023.

Our March 25th meeting will be a Zoom meeting from 1:00 - 2:30PM featuring our guest presenter David Kirchhoff. We're hoping to get attendees from some other Region 4 clubs for this meeting. In May, we plan to hold our annual daylily plant sale again on the grounds of the Avon Senior Center.

The Connecticut Daylily Society welcomes gardeners of all experience levels to our free meetings at the Avon Senior Center, 635 West Avon Road (Route 167) at the junction of Sycamore Hills and Scoville Roads in Avon, CT (or via Zoom, if necessary). Please visit our website at <https://ctdaylilyclub.com> for our event schedule and up-to-date club info, and friend us on Facebook to stay connected at www.facebook.com/ct.daylilysociety. With great flowers and friends, our gatherings are worth the trip from anywhere!

Greg Haggatt

CDS President

Club Reports—Long Island Daylily Society (LIDS)

The Long Island Daylily Society continues living with the new “normal.” It was good to finally see familiar faces in 2022 after a long hiatus of hibernation.

April brought us our second guest speaker, Charlie Zettek of Cobbs Hill Garden in Rochester. His topic was “Daylilies as I See Them” with the view of evaluating daylilies as more than just the flower, but as a mainstay of a perennial garden. Cobbs Hill is a third of an acre in zones 6A-6B and functions as a display garden and a hybridizing garden for seedlings to be evaluated. His is not a large scale program, as he does about 100-150 seedlings annually. The program focuses on smaller early blooms and big lates. Charlie evaluates the entire plant, as the flower counts for only 40% in garden judging. The goal is to introduce northern hardy plants suitable for smaller urban gardens, giving high garden value. Charlie also showed what he desires in an attractive plant, such as foliage that can be upright or cascading or a shallow arch in some types. He also discussed different forms of a clump, as well as scape density as he aims for a high number of scapes with more frequent rebloom. Charlie followed his presentation with an auction of some of his introductions. We highly recommend Charlie as a speaker for a club to give a thorough discussion of what makes a great garden daylily.



Standing: Luanne Madden, Sitting (L-R) Judy & Charlie Zettek, Pam Milliken

Our auction in May saw some spirited bidding and some good bargains. Normally, the May auction is not intended to be a profitable venture, as the goal is to get good plants into member gardens, however we were able to come out ahead. Due to various circumstances we decided to forego the public sale at Farmingdale University as they were not accommodating outside vendors, but we did have an Arbor Day sale at Planting Fields Arboretum.



The June meeting was devoted to a garden clean-up, a members’ plant sale and flower show preparation, covering everything from scape selection, grooming and entering.

July is always a busy month for LIDS, as this is peak season. Several members traveled to the ADS National Convention in Asheville, NC, July 6-9. You can read about it in the Daylily Journal. July 16, most of us went to Planting Fields, our venue for meetings, to set-up for the Flower Show, which was held the next day. An account of our Show is included in this issue. The next weekend saw a group of LIDS members travel north to Rochester for the Region 4 Summer Meeting. The only downside was there was a veritable plethora of open gardens before the meeting and one couldn't visit them all. Kudos to FieLDS for putting on a great Regional Meeting!

LIDS 2023 Calendar



Our latest meeting was our annual picnic held at Steve Widom and Chris Petersen's garden in Asharoken, situated between the Long Island Sound and Huntington Bay. The weather was perfect for an outdoor event and Chris works hard to keep her garden in top shape.



We look forward to our October meeting where our speaker will be Rich Howard of CT Daylily. As mentioned in the last Region 4 newsletter, Rich has garnered several awards lately from AHS and he has always been generous to LIDS and other Region 4 clubs.



Pam Milliken & Rich Howard

See our website for more information:
www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com

Submitted by *Gene Moglia*

January 21: Speaker: Chris Petersen, LIDS President, Asharoken, NY, "Welcome to My Garden" and fun "Snowflake Raffle"- 1PM (G)

February: No Meeting

March 18: Speaker: Carl Harmon, Harmon Hill Farm, Hudson, NH, "Daylilies, Lillium, and Irises Everyone Should Grow"- 1PM (G)

April: Garden Clean-up- TBA10AM (LIDS Display Garden),

April 22: Spring Luncheon- Speaker: Bill Barash, Horticulturist, Planting Fields Arboretum, NY, Topic TBA- 12PM (St. Georges Golf and Country Club, Setauket, NY)

April 29: Arbor Day Festival (PF)

May 20: Garden Clean-up- 10AM (LIDS Display Garden), LIDS Member Auction- 1PM (G)

June 10: Garden clean-up-10AM (LIDS Display Garden); 50/50 Member Plant Sale- 12PM; Speaker: TBA- 1PM (G)

June 10: Canadian American Daylily Meeting (Ontario, Canada)

June 15 - 17: AHS National Convention, Nashville, TN

July: Garden Clean-up- 10AM (**LIDS Display Garden**)

July 9: LIDS Members Garden Tours

July 22: NEDS Flower Show (New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, Boylston, MA)

July 23: AHS Region 4 Summer Business Meeting, Harmon Hill Farm, Hudson, NH

August: Garden Clean-up-10AM (**LIDS Display Garden**)

September 9: Barbecue- 12PM (**Asharoken, NY**)

October 21: Speaker: Sandy Holmes, Riverbed Daylily Garden, Bellbend, OH- 1PM (**G**)

November 18: Potluck Luncheon- 12PM; Business Meeting -1PM (**G**)

Meetings are held in the Main Greenhouse (**G**) or the Horticultural Center (**HC**) at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, NY. Please check the LIDS website or Facebook page for updated information as it becomes available: www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com;
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LIDS 2022 Flower Show

The Long Island Daylily Society held an accredited flower show entitled “A Summer Interlude” on July 17, 2022 at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, New York. The dynamic duo of Joan Lundin as chairperson and Joan Turano as co-chair executed a flawless show!

Our judges were Luanne Madden, Judges Chair, Pam Milliken, Gene Moglia, Chris Petersen and Joan Turano. Also, Elisabeth Murphy traveled from Princeton, MA, to help us judge the 175 entries in the show. In addition, over 40 blooms were brought in for display only by members who could not enter the show since they were helping with the judging. One hundred and one blue ribbons were awarded to the on-scape entries with 27 purple ribbons! The quality of the entries was outstanding!

All the committee chairpersons and their helpers worked tirelessly to contribute to the success of the show! Best-In-Show was won by the Turkiew Family with ‘Garden Fairy’. The AHS Sweepstakes Rosette for the most blue ribbon entries was won by Dr. John Price with 18 blue ribbons.

The 2022 show winners were:

- **Best in Show:** ‘Garden Fairy’ (Reed, 2018) - the Turkiews
- **Best Extra Large:** ‘Wedding Cantata’ (Clement, 2007)- Dr John Price
- **Best Large:** ‘Eyes of Faith’ (Bell T., 2001)- Dr. John Price



(Above) Daylilies for display only; Judges judging; (Below) Best Spider- Marc & Carolyn Bossert; Best Unusual Form & Best in Show—Rachel Turkiew & ; Joan Lundin Chair & Joan Turano Co-Chair—photos by Paul Rouan



- **Best Small:** 'Strawberry Candy' (Stamile 1989)- Carolyn and Marc Bossert
- **Best Miniature:** 'Siloam Jerome Pillow' (Henry P 1988)- Joan Lundin
- **Best Double, Multiform Double or Polymerous:** 'Double Bourbon' (Mc Ewen 1968)- Dr. John Price
Best Spider: 'Wilson Spider' (Wilson-Oakes 1987)- Carolyn and Marc Bossert

- **Best Unusual Form:** 'Garden Fairy' (Reed 2018)- the Turkiews
- **Best Seedling:** Dr. Robert Stanton
- **AHS Sweepstakes Rosette:** Dr. John Price

LIDS would like to express our appreciation to our members who put their best efforts into creating a fantastic show!



(left) Best Large & Sweepstakes winner John Price with Chris Petersen and Joan Lundin; (middle) Show room; (right) Best Seedling Bob Stanton with Chris Petersen and Joan Lunin—photos by Paul Rouan

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Club Reports—Finger Lakes Daylily Society (FieLDS)

The 2022 FieLDS Annual Banquet—The Finger Lakes Daylily Society (FieLDS) 2022 Annual Banquet was held at Nolan’s in Canandaigua, New York, to celebrate the many club events held over the past year and elect new officers for next year. Twenty-eight members enjoyed a wonderful dinner, an educational program and other presentations and business activities.

The guest speaker was Charmaine Rich of Holdn Heaven Daylily Garden, East Thetford, Vermont. Her presentation was titled “Sculpted in Vermont”. Charmaine delighted the members with her stories and pictures about sculpted daylilies and her progress in hybridizing for sculpted forms and patterned daylilies.

Then, outgoing Chair Tom Rood reviewed the year, with a focus on the very successful Region 4 Summer Meeting hosted by FieLDS. Tom gave special thanks to the core Regional Committee members, especially recognizing Jane Ryan, Ginny Byers and Charlie Zettek. He was very proud that FieLDS members took first prize for both the Stanley Saxton Seedling Award (Anna Carlson – winner), and the Elizabeth Nesmith Award for the best clump (Charlie Zettek – winner, for a clump shown in the FieLDS Display Garden at the Webster Arboretum). Tom presented a plaque to Anna from Region 4 and FieLDS in recognition of her winning the Saxton Award.

To round out the evening, the newly elected officers for the next year were recognized: Chair – Darryl Byers; Vice Chair – Joan Adler; Secretary – Debbie Lawrence; Treasurer – Beverly Sabernick; and Board Members-At Large- Anna Carlson, Leslie Friedman and Jane Ryan. Table gifts were handed out, and everyone went home knowing the club had finished a very successful year. Now the work begins for 2023, with the first planning meeting open to all club members scheduled for Sunday November 13.

Submitted by *Charlie Zettek*



(At Left): Jane Ryan and Tom Rood with Plaque for Anna; Anna Carlson receiving the Saxton Award Placque from Tom Rood

(Below): Darryl Byers and Denny Quackenbush; Mary Quackenbush and Ginny Byers; Tom Rood with George Kramer, Anna Carlson and Dan Dow



Club Reports—New England Daylily Society (NEDS)

Change in Leadership—Thank you to Susan Stowe, Denise Pavlovich and Grace Hopkins for serving as NEDS President during the last few years. Covid made it difficult to keep organizations together but with your help, we're still here. Your effort was much appreciated! Our new President is Sharon Mayotte and we look forward to see where we go in the next few years under your leadership.

Annual Photo Contest Results—March 12, 2022— Below you see the 1st place winners of the NEDS annual photo contest we held in a Zoom meeting.



(Left) Single Flower, Registered '**Green Icon**' - photo by Nancy Stern;
(Middle) People, Pets & Wildlife '**Possible Side Effects**' with Grasshopper - photo by Marlene Harmon; (Right) Seedlings (Single flower, multiple flowers or clump) - not registered—'**Sdlg 18-59**' - photo by Darlyn Wilkinson



(Left) Landscapes and Garden Art featuring Daylilies - **ISOSCELES & DOUG'S RED MERCEDES** - photo by **Marlene Harmon** (Right) Clumps & Clusters, Registered - **Dancing Summer Bird** - photo by Marlene Harmon

Daylily Exhibition—July 16, 2022 - Special thanks to our Exhibition Chair Nancy Stern for organizing the 2022 Daylily Exhibition at the Botanic Garden at Tower Hill. Many NEDS members brought in scapes and flowers for display and volunteered their time to set up for the show. We had a daylily presentation in the auditorium and about 150 scapes on display for the visitors to the Botanic Garden.



(Left) Adele Keohan greeted visitors to the Exhibition and encouraged a few people to join the American Daylily Society. (right) Daylilies from NEDS hybridizers on display.



Saturday, July 30, 2022 – NEDS Picnic and Auction

Big thank you to new NEDS member Zoia Bologovsky for volunteering to hold our annual NEDS Members Picnic and Auction in her garden this year. You offered to host the event at your very first NEDS meeting and we were impressed with your vast collection of daylilies and how you've arranged them on your city lot.



(Left) Our Auctioneer, George Viamari; (Middle) Ruth and Steve Greene; (right) Bob Sobek



(Top right) Our garden hostess Zoia Bologovsky. (left) photos of NEDS members enjoying the picnic; (below) Party Every Day (Davisson 2017)



November 12, 2022—NEDS Meeting—Our speaker Stout Medal winner Ellen Laprise of Partridge Hill Garden spoke about her intros and breeding program. In the afternoon, Sharon Mayotte showed us her ongoing effort to develop an online marketplace for buyers and sellers of daylilies <https://leafimarket.com>. If you want a way to sell some of your daylilies, you should check it out!

2023 Upcoming Events

- January 14, 2023—**NEDS Meeting**—Photo Contest and Business Meeting
- March 11, 2023—**NEDS Meeting**—Speaker TBD
- April 8, 2023—**NEDS Meeting**—Speaker TBD
- May 2023 —**Public Daylily Sale**—date and location TBD
- June 14-17, 2023—**ADS National Convention** in Nashville, TN
- July 22, 2023—**ADS judged Daylily Exhibition**—New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill, Boylston, MA
- July 23, 2023 (Sunday) - **ADS Region 4 Picnic, Business Meeting and NEDS auction** at Harmon Hill Farm, Hudson, NH

Our website www.nedaylily.org will be updated with details about the meetings when they become available. “Like us” on Facebook - [New England Daylily Society – NEDS](#) to stay informed of upcoming events.

Marlene Harmon, NEDS Webmaster
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Congratulations to NEDS Member Ellen Laprise for winning the 2022 Stout Medal for Isabelle Rose!!