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**'Itsy Bitsy Spider'
(Bishop-H., 1990)**



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- Reports on Region 4 club news and events
- Articles on daylilies
- Garden write ups
- 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 copyright/ consent form from editor, sign and return.

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On the cover:

Award of Merit winner

Hemerocallis

'Itsy Bitsy Spider' (Bishop-H., 1990)

Photo: Chris Petersen



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as well as those who offered advice and support!

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Russ Allen
Melodye Campbell
Carl Harmon
Kelly Noel

Thank you!

Photo Contest Judges: Carol Brashear, Ed Cunningham, Linda Keohan

2017 AHS Region 4 Award Winners

Award of Merit
H. 'Itsy Bitsy Spider'
(Bishop-H., 1990)
photo: Chris Petersen



Honorable Mention
H. 'Flaming Flamingo'
(Laprise, E. 2007)
photo: Adele Keohan



Honorable Mention
H. 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy'
(Stelter, G. 2012)
photo: Gil Stelter



2017 AHS Region 4 Award Winners

Honorable Mention

H. 'Isabelle Rose'

(Laprise, E. 2009)

photo: Adele Keohan



**Honorable Mention
and
Don Fischer Memorial
Award Best Miniature**

'Toy Trumpets'

(Sobek, B. 1984)

photos: Melodye Campbell

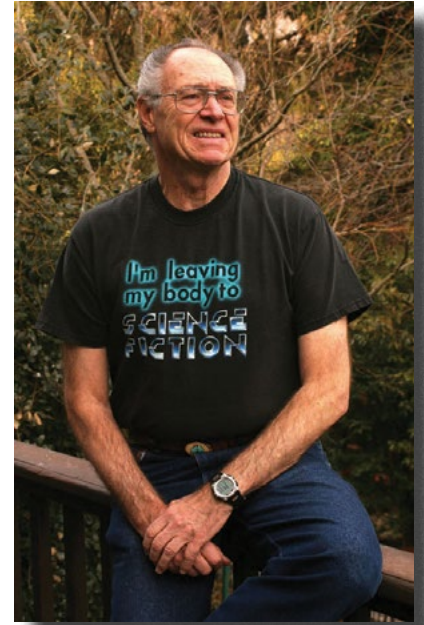


Newsletter Award winners from Region 4

Best Article About Photographing Daylilies: John Stahl, Baldwin, NY

“Bokeh: When Blurriness is next to Godliness”, Spring 2016

John’s interest in daylilies began about 20 years ago, buying plants at LIDS sales. He did not buy any particular forms or colors at first, but over the years his interest in unusual forms and doubles became his main focus. He and his wife Muriel changed their small suburban plot from mostly trees and shade plants into a daylily haven of over 550 varieties. Because of his focus on unusual forms and doubles, plants from hybridizers such as Margo Reed, Jim Murphy, Bob Schwarz, Jamie Gossard, Bret Clement, Tim Herrington and Brian Mahieu make up the majority of the plantings. John has one of the largest collections of Mahieu introductions, numbering around 80 at present. Betty Harwood’s beautiful plants make up a mini collection of 23 plants. As to color, their garden has the full spectrum, but his favorites are purples, black purples, dark pinks and bitones. John has been an amateur photographer for many years, moving into the digital world about nine years ago. His work includes birds, and of course, daylilies. Much of his effort now involves macro photography, the world of the small and tiny critters in nature. Bees and flies are favorite subjects, along with butterflies and dragonflies. He has written a number of articles, both for the Region Four Newsletter and the AHS Journal. To keep busy and stay out of trouble, he weight trains and competes internationally on the Concept 2 rowing ergometer.



Best Article About Hybridizing: Jean-Sébastien Poulin, Lévis, QC “Journey of a Generalist in the Daylily Hybridizer’s World”, Spring 2016

Jean-Sébastien est actif dans le monde de l’hybridation d’hémérocalles depuis 2012. Il a son propre petit programme de diploïdes. Avec son groupe Facebook “Le projet hémérocalles”, il tente de faire la promotion de l’hybridation en démocratisant le partage des techniques et les échanges d’informations utiles. Prochain objectif : promouvoir le travail des hybrideurs Québécois.

Jean-Sébastien has been active in the world of daylilies hybridization since 2012. He has his own small diploid program. With his Facebook group “The daylily project”, he tries to promote hybridization by democratizing the sharing of techniques and the exchange of useful information. His next objective : to promote the work of Quebec hybridizers.



Newsletter Award winners from Region 4

Best Article About Cultivars

Melodye Campbell, Fairport, NY

"It's September. . . what's blooming in your garden?",

Winter 2016

I garden in upstate NY and am one of the founding members of the Finger Lakes Daylily Society. I became interested in late blooming daylilies because July is just too darn short!



Best Article Demonstrating a Specific Aspect of Garden Design:

David Jewell, Lindsay, ON

"The Garden Despite the Daylilies",

Winter 2016

David Jewell is from Region 4 and lives about 1.5 hours northeast of Toronto in Lindsay, Ontario. He has been hybridizing for over 10 years now with goals of tet stable patterns with color breaking eyes as his key focus. He is currently in his 5th year of introductions which can be found from the east coast of Canada to the upper United States. When presenting his daylily program he enjoys embedding humor along with his methods and knowledge of daylily hybridizing to keep the audience on their toes and awake. David's 2014 introduction 'Spring Heather' and his 'Man's Best Friend' are the lynch pins to his patterned hybridizing program.



Editorial Special Award:

Adele Keohan, Wakefield, MA

"Mission Possible: A Terrifically Successful Daylily Sale", Winter 2016

Adele is the editor of the Region 4 Newsletter, *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*. Her role as editor began with the Fall 2012 issue. Adele joined the AHS in 2006, and since then has become a Garden Judge Instructor and Regional Newsletter Editor. Adele lives and gardens in Wakefield, Massachusetts. She holds a Masters degree in Elementary Education and is currently working to earn a second Masters in Special Education.



AHS Region 4 Officer Reports

Director's Report - Melodye Campbell

News from the AHS Boardroom
...

Happy Fall!

What a daylily season we had in the Great Northeast. After last summer's miserable drought, the daylilies really thrived with this summer's rain. And, as of October 1st, there was still bloom in my garden on Betty Harwood's 'Autumn Oddity,' Bob Sobek's 'Fulvous Brush Man,' 'Seventh Inning Stretch,' 'Back to School,' and 'Pumpkin Time,' and Margo Reed's 'After Awhile Crocodile' and 'Woodhenge Fire Opal.'

There are lots of things to report from the Board Meeting at the Tidewater National Convention.

- Our incoming Region 4 director, Russ Allen, attended the Board meeting and he is eager to hit the ground running on January 1, 2018. Russ will be serving as Marketing Chair.

- As of June 21, AHS membership is at 5576, down slightly from September of 2016. Region 4 membership is at 755 as of June 1, 2017, down 80 from September 1, 2016.

- There are lots of ongoing technology projects. The online database is better than ever. Now when hybridizers register their daylilies, photos can easily be uploaded with the registration information. A new AHS website is in the works.

- AHS has a new Publica-

tions Services Manager, Ron Azzanni, from Florissant, MO. If your club is interested in placing a discounted, bulk order of AHS publications, please contact Ron, azzanni@charter.net, or order here: <http://www.daylilynetwork.org/?page=Books>. In addition, all of AHS's recent publications are available via Amazon: Illustrated Guide to Daylilies, The Open Form Daylily, Double Daylilies – Twice the Fun, and Landscaping with Daylilies. These books will make great winter reading and awesome holiday gifts!

- The new Daylily Ambassador Program will be ramping up in 2018. The program recognizes clubs, organizations, communities or groups of individuals that successfully achieve outreach to the general public by extraordinary effort in promoting the daylily. There are also plans to renovate and reinvigorate the AHS Daylily City program in 2018. Look for more on the Daylily Ambassador and Daylily City programs next year!

- If you haven't already, consider subscribing to the Daylily Enews, a great place for getting information about growing daylilies and AHS activities. Go to <http://daylilies.org/ENews.html> to learn more and to subscribe.

- Last year the AHS held a very successful Facebook Auction. Thanks to the generosity of many AHS members, the auction made about \$16K for the AHS General Fund. Some of the

items and experiences that were auctioned included:

Photoshop workshop with Tim Fehr

Weekend with Heidi and Charles Douglas at Browns Ferry Gardens

Naming rights for a Bob Selman daylily from Blue Ridge Daylilies

Metal daylily sculptures

Daylily pottery and jewelry

A day in the garden with Karol Emmerich

Another Facebook Auction will be held in 2018. Think about experiences, items etc. that could be donated by your club or YOU! If you want to get in on the fun, contact Nikki Schmith, schmiths71@gmail.com.

- New edition of the Exhibition Judges handbook has been released. A new edition of the Garden Judges Handbook is in the works for 2018.

- Popularity Poll has been retooled and you will hear more about it from Dave Mussar, our RPD.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as Region 4 director for the last 6 years. Region 4 is in very capable hands with Russ and with our incoming Regional President, Luanne Madden. Region 4 ROCKS!

Love you all and see you next summer!

Mel



AHS Region 4 Officer Reports

Regional President's Message - Pat Wessling-Briggs

Dear colleagues, friends and acquaintances and lovely people of the daylily world,

I wanted to thank you all for your kindness and patience with me during my short tour as president. It was a great education for me. I learned a great deal and I appreciate that truly I do.

I appreciate all the hard work done on the local levels. This amazes me the most. If not for the local small clubs taking on responsibilities such as Regional Meetings there would be no regional education going on whatsoever. Thanks so much to the brave people taking on the regional in Canada this year! I am sure it will be a great success! Who can resist Nova Scotia!

Here is wishing you all the success and happiness you can find in the daylily world. I am off to enjoy my retirement. Thanks again,

Pat

Editor's Message - Adele Keohan

It has been a most wonderful year for me and I hope that all of you have enjoyed a wonderful daylily season. I had the honor of presenting a program regarding Region 4 Clubs to the daylily society in Quebec, AAHQ-Association des Amateurs d'Hémérocailles du Québec. At the end of my program, AAHQ President, Roland Tremblay, [below] presented me with a certificate of thanks for my role in promoting their activities. When I became Region 4 Newsletter Editor several years ago, it seemed only right to me that articles submitted by AAHQ members should be published in both French and in English. Although clubs in our region are spread out and we must cross over the Canadian border to visit a few of them, we are fortunate to have so many states and provinces represented. We are truly a rich and diverse region! I wish a happy and healthy New Year to you all.

--Adele

Greetings from Incoming President - Luanne Madden

Greetings from Luanne Madden, Regional President Elect. I would like to thank Mel Campbell, Regional Director and Pat Wessling, Regional President for their service to Region 4.

Russ Allen, Regional Director Elect and I are committed to increasing communication from AHS to the local clubs and members. I will send out emails with updates and concerns to the club Presidents for them to share with their members. I will include any information in the Regional Newsletter. Any questions, concerns, comments can be sent to me (lmaddenreg4@gmail.com) and/or Russ (russallen2@aol.com).

I would like to thank Greg Sutcliffe and the Nova Scotia Daylily Society club members for hosting our next Regional Meeting in July. They have put together a wonderful weekend of garden tours, side trips, speakers and garden workshops. Please show your support by attending this Region 4 event.

I wish you all Happy and Healthy Holidays. I hope to meet many of you at Regional and National events. Warmest regards,
Luanne



Roland Tremblay and Adele Keohan
photo: JS Poulin

The 2017 Region 4 Hybridizer Award goes to...
RICH HOWARD'S 'EXPLOSION IN THE PAINT FACTORY'
(Howard, Rich 2014)!



(Flying Trapeze X Webster's Aggie)
7"/38"--La,Dor, Tet, 20 buds,4 branches



Observations from Attending My First AHS Board Meeting

By Russ Allen, Region 4 Director-elect

What's it like to attend an AHS Board meeting? That's a question that was posed to me upon my return from the recent AHS Board Meeting in Madison, Wisconsin which I attended as the Region 4 Director-elect. I'll be following in Melodye Campbell's excellent footsteps in this role, and while I don't officially even take office until Jan. 1st, 2018, new Directors are asked to attend the Fall Board Meeting so we can get a better idea of what the heck we're supposed to be doing in the New Year.



The day prior to the Board meeting there were several AHS Committee meetings which I was invited to attend. In the Publications Committee meeting I learned about all the transition activity required to get the AHS daylily hardcover books set up with Amazon.com so that the AHS is no longer in the business of printing, storing, and shipping out these marvelous books. Now anyone in the world can go to Amazon.com and order The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies, Landscaping with Daylilies, Double Daylilies, or The Open Form Daylily, and have a variety of timely shipping options. Fortunately, the AHS still earns a profit on all sales and the availability of these books on Amazon.com should enable more general gardeners to find and order these great books. Other news included the fact that Double Daylilies is the first daylily book to be made available as a digital file for Kindle, and I can verify that the color photos are definitely delightful even on an I-pad.

The next Committee Meeting focused on Long Range Planning and Marcia Zech (Long Range Planning Committee Chair) led a discussion of work-in-progress on updating the AHS Mission Statement. Once this document is finalized, I'm sure we'll be sharing details with everyone. There was general agreement, however, that there needs to be a greater focus on helping the local daylily clubs be successful

as the best long term way to build the membership of the AHS and to build the love for daylilies among more gardeners. In my future role as Chair of the AHS Marketing Committee I expect to get involved in various initiatives addressing this area.

On Saturday I got to attend the Board Meeting which consisted of a total of 23 folks around a large "U" of tables and including the AHS Officers, Staff, Committee Chairs and Directors from most of the 15 regions. AHS Outgoing President Nikki Schmith expeditiously ran through the reports received and circulated in advance by the attendees on activities in their respective areas of responsibility and focused discussion on selected areas of particular interest. It's quite impressive to me how many volunteers give generously of their time and talents in support of the AHS's diverse range of activities, and remain surprised how the organization can manage to run with only a handful of paid staff members.

It struck me that when compared to managing most business enterprises, the management of the AHS's activities is significantly more diverse. Just think about it. What organization have you ever heard of that is responsible for publishing a magazine (The Daylily Journal); holding a national convention; creating hard back publications and educational materials; training and certifying Garden and Exhibition judges; being the international registration body for a flower; managing a complex website including a data base with 85,000 cultivars; running a system of annual awards for cultivars, hybridizers, newsletters and volunteers; supporting scientific research; and supporting the valiant efforts to build the love for daylilies amongst 15 Regions and their roughly 170 local daylily clubs? To undertake such a diverse set of tasks with paid staff might be plausible, but to do this with almost all volunteers is truly remarkable!

The final event was a dinner generously hosted by the Wisconsin Daylily Society at a local pub restaurant (with lots of Wisconsin cheese and locally brewed beers) at which members of the local club got to meet all the AHS visitors. This dinner is apparently a tradition in that the AHS likes to hold the Fall Board meeting at the hotel where the local daylily club plans to host the AHS National Convention 18 months later. This fosters communication between the local host club members and AHS folks who may be able to

assist them with mounting a successful convention. It also gives folks a chance to see the facilities at the Convention Hotel for the upcoming meeting.

The Wisconsin Daylily Society showed their very upbeat video inviting all daylily lovers to attend their National Convention in 2019, and the photos of the marvelous display gardens were enlivened by marching band music from the University of Wisconsin. This dinner was particularly helpful because communication between the local hosts and various AHS folks in different areas of expertise is so very important since the current local club members may never have experienced hosting such a major event before. Meeting their AHS counterparts facilitates contacts who can provide tips for how to make things run easier and better and provides a better chance for folks to ask for timely advice and assistance when needed.

I was shocked to learn that one AHS National Convention was successfully hosted by a local daylily club which had only eight members! So when large daylily clubs complain about not wanting to host a convention, it puts everything into a very different perspective for me! Of course, a key to success for a small

club to host a large convention is to obtain help from their friends – including both other nearby daylily clubs to share the load and AHS folks with valuable experience and a willingness to help out.

These are my key observations about my Wisconsin trip at which I learned a lot and got to know a lot of wonderful dedicated folks who love daylilies and the people who grow them. For details about AHS activities and news including the latest cultivar awards, etc., I'll leave that for our incoming Regional President Luanne Madden and others to share.

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Region 4 Members in the News

Marlene and Carl Harmon
of Harmon Hill Farm, Hudson, New Hampshire



Region 4 Members and AHS Regional Service Award winners Marlene and Carl Harmon were featured in an article that appeared in a recent issue of New Hampshire Home Magazine! To read the article, visit the link below:
<http://www.nhhomemagazine.com/July-August-2017/Daylily-Devotion/>

Visit the Harmon Hill Farm website at <http://harmonhillfarm.com/>

Region 4 - 2017 Popularity Poll

submitted by Dave Mussar



Hemerocallis 'Sun Panda'
(Culver, B. 2009)
photo: Bryan Culver

The top 10 most popular cultivars in Region 4 based on their beauty and performance in our gardens are as follows:

Rank	Cultivar	Votes
1	Sun Panda	24
2	Rose F. Kennedy	23
3	Elsie Stelter	18
4	All American Chief	17
5	Ruby Spider	17
6	Webster's Pink Wonder	17
7	White Eyes Pink Dragon	17
8	Neon Flamingo	16
9	Primal Scream	16
10	Barbara White	14



Hemerocallis 'Rose F. Kennedy'
(Doorakian, G. 2007)
photo: Julie Covington



2017 Daylily Exhibition Reports

NEDS Daylily Exhibition submitted by Denise Pavlovich

On Saturday July 15th, 2017, the New England Daylily Society's Accredited Daylily Exhibition was held at Tower Hill Botanical Garden, in Boylston Massachusetts. This was the first time for me to have the privilege of being the Exhibition Chair for this event. This year there were 107 entries, which was down from the 159 entries in the 2015 NEDS Exhibition. Thanks to all who took the time to submit their scapes. As in years past the attendance has steadily increased. Crowds were lining up to buy daylilies, the auditorium was filled with people listening to Deb Carpenters presentation and demonstration and then lining up anxiously awaiting opening the doors to the Exhibition Display.

The success of the Exhibition, is due to the efforts of the many volunteers. Thank you to all who helped make this a fun and successful day. A special thanks to Dan Pessoni, for all his help answering the many questions I had and to coordinate obtaining the judges and clerks needed for the Exhibition. Thanks to the following:

Mike Sczerzen, for setup and breakdown of the show. Deb Carpenter, who took over my prior role as, Exhibition Program Chair. Deborah Myrick and Adele Keohan Classification and Tabulation, Richard Blanchard for Placement, Donna Carkin for Placement and producing the Award Certificates, Carol Canning and Roberta Lavalley for selling the plants at the NEDS table. Elaine and Carl Wickstrom for donating several lovely potted daylilies that were given to people that became AHS members that day. Nancy Stern for heading up the membership table, and signed up 7 new members, well done. Jean Doherty and Janet McOsker for putting together the Exhibition Work-



ers luncheon, delicious as always.

Congratulations to Michael Sczerzen for winning Best in Show for his Unusual Form, PAWS AND STRIPES.

AHS Rosette Winners

Congratulations to Steve Greene for winning the Sweepstake Rosette (most blue ribbons -14). Well done.

Michael Sczerzen
Best in Show
PAWS AND STRIPES

Steve Greene
Large
MOLOKAI

Steve Greene
Small
ARTERIAL BLOOD

Steve Greene
Miniature
TOY TRUMPETS

Cameron Stern
Double, Multiform and
Polymerous Flowers
PEGGY JEFFCOAT

Michael Sczerzen
Spider
RED RIBBONS

Michael Sczerzen
Unusual Form
PAWS AND STRIPES

Lori-Ann Jones
Seedling
13-241



Exhibition Reports

2017 NEDS Exhibition- Ribbon Winners:

Name	Purple	Blue	Red	Yellow	No Award	Judged	Total Entries
Steve Greene	4	14	13	1		1	29
Lori-Ann Jones	4	11	6	1	2		20
Michael S. Sczerzen	3	8	4				12
Cameron Stern	5	8	1	1			10
Susan Stowe	1	5	3		1		9
Anna Wilken	1	4	1				5
Yvette Rameau		2	3	1			6
Christine Kann	1	2					2
Jean Doherty		1	4		1		6
Valerie Price		1	1				2
unk (Baby Moon Café)		1					1
Janet McOsker			4	1			5
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In Memoriam



Karin Cooke 1952-2017

Karin Cooke, of New Braintree, MA and a longtime resident of Exeter, NH, died on Sunday September 10, 2017 in Mary Lane Hospital after a brief battle with lung cancer.

Karin was born on November 9, 1952 the daughter of Frank and Marjorie Cooke of North Brookfield, MA.

She attended the University of New Hampshire studying her passion, Horticulture. After graduation, she opened

her own business, "From Here to There", specializing in shipping antiques around the world. Karin loved all animals, especially birds, and nature and had an ability to dive into whatever she was passionate about, from Orchids and Day Lillies to music and cooking. Most recently, Karin combined her passions for nature, plants and the arts to embrace the craft of pressing flowers, becoming a Petal Sister within the community. Most of all, Karin loved her family and friends, creating special and unique gifts for them.

Karin is survived by her husband, Rick Forshay; siblings Suzi Slater and Bill Cooke & his wife Sarah Moon; a son Christian Cooke, and step-children Abigail and Ben Forshay. She is the aunt of Lori Farmer, Matthew Slater, Jessica Clayburgh and Janna Clayburgh. She is predeceased by her beloved sister Diane Tuppeny.

[Obit courtesy of: Pillsbury Funeral Home. <http://www.pillsburyfuneralhome.com/book-of-memories/3154930/cooke-karin/obituary.php>

The Challenge of Judging the Best Daylily Garden Performers

By Russ Allen

As an AHS Garden Judge, I've always been interested in trying to identify the best cultivars based on their home garden performance in Zone 6 gardens... but the challenge I always faced was how exactly to do this!

Historical Approaches: Initially I simply tried to make mental note of the most spectacular clumps blooming in my garden on any particular day. When asked what my best performers were I found that my memory tended to be rather short term with a skew towards always loving the cultivars that looked best in the last day or two. Know what I mean?

Of course I tried to gain insights from also visiting Regional and National Meeting display gardens and other Home Open Gardens in Region 4, but I found that I'm more interested in trying to view the beautiful gardens than in taking copious notes on the best performers. Plus, the beautifully manicured, watered, and dead headed display gardens did not always appear to be the best way to judge how a cultivar will look in a typical home garden like mine.

I religiously scrutinized the annual popularity poll to help direct my selection of new cultivars to be added to my garden, but often the results tended to vary widely with some cultivars not being all that "popular" in my garden.

Of course I readily acknowledge that judging daylily cultivars varies widely based on one's personal preferences, and what I may judge to be the best garden performers inherently will be impacted by my preferences for form, flower color and size, height, bloom timing, rate of multiplying, etc. And since our challenge is to evaluate cultivars over time and not simply on their best day, this makes it a lot trickier.

Added challenges to evaluating garden performance arise from the fact that after cultivars have a great blooming year, sometimes this is followed by a mediocre one – whether due to weather patterns or just the plant's ornery nature. As a Garden Judge for some years, I was always surprised by how my leading candidates for various AHS awards based on their outstanding performance one year ended up changing dramatically based on surprisingly poor performance the next year.

In any case, the question remained how to best

identify the best garden performers in my garden in a more disciplined manner.

New Approach Taken: What I thought I'd try to get a better handle on this question was to do the following:

a) **Rate the Best Daylily Clumps:** Each day when I visit my daylily gardens with about 350 cultivars, I'd take along a pad and write the date and then list the most spectacular clumps in my garden. The rule was that I could only list between 1 and 6 cultivars on any given day which forced me to carefully scrutinize and prioritize the very best garden performing clumps on any given day. The criteria of course were not so much the number of flowers in bloom on clumps that were at least 4 years old, but rather a much greater emphasis on a clump's garden impact and appeal including flowers and foliage etc. Accordingly, the best rated clumps don't always have the prettiest flowers viewed up close.

b) **Rate Individual Blooms:** Each day I would also note the 1-6 best individual daylily blooms – the kind that make you stop in your tracks and say "wow" or "spectacular"! While these could be part of a floribundant clump, they much more often were fabulous blooms that were not part of an impressive clump. After picking the winners for the day, I'd naturally pluck off these flowers and bring them into my kitchen on a white paper plate to admire each day. As an aside, after doing this I quickly noted that some marvelous blooms outside looked lackluster in my kitchen and ultimately had to replace all our kitchen lighting (which had too yellow a light spectrum), and replace it with daylight spectrum LED bulbs which made a tremendous difference! Well worth the effort!

c) **Summer Routine:** I did this for every day I visited my garden which consisted of about 25 days of the 50 days from July 4th through Aug. 23rd. Days when it was pouring rain or I was traveling out of town or on vacation with my family were skipped of course, but it was a pretty good sampling. Also missed were those several dozen daylilies in the back garden which despite being sprayed were regrettably eaten by deer when I was on vacation - - the bums!

The Results: Based on this year's monitoring efforts,



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the results are summarized below and I should note that the results often surprised me when I reviewed the entire summer's performance! Please note that while a total of over 70 different cultivars had one or more days when their clumps make the "spectacular" list, and over 40 different individual cultivar blooms made the list, the results provided below show only the 7 to 12 top performers in these categories (based on the number of days they each made the list) in order to highlight the very best performers for the year.

2017 Most Outstanding Clumps:

1. Fox Point - Culver '02



2. Great Mercies – Bell '07



3. Vitamin C – Owen '11



4. Janet's Glory – Limmer '08



5. Thin Man – Trimmer '02



6. Winyah Dark Edge – Roycroft '99



7. I'll Have Another – Culver '13



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8. Asheville Mountaineer – Selman '14



11. Longlesson Mango Glow – Mason '00



9. Neon Flamingo – Gossard '06



12. Yellow Pinwheel – Stevens '78



10. All American Chief – Sellers '94



Cultivars with the Most Outstanding Individual Blooms:

1. Neon Flamingo – Gossard '06



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2. Peach Magnolia – Joiner '86



6. Jane Trimmer – Trimmer '02



3. Colonel Jim Scheurich – Carpenter '10



7. Moonlight Rhapsody – Salter '00



4. Megatron – Gossard '06



5. Cameroon Night – Trimmer '96



Possible Implications: I would encourage all daylily lovers to consider keeping a simple record of your own design of your best performing daylily cultivars so you can share this information with your gardening friends in our area.

As for myself, now if anyone asks me what my best performing daylilies were last year, I have a list in my sports coat pocket which answers this question in a more helpful fashion. Should any daylily lovers wish to expand their gardens with cultivars that did extremely well in my Southern Connecticut garden, then I'd heartily encourage them to check out these cultivars! But be warned, when I do the same routine in 2018, I'm quite sure that the list will differ from this year's! Oh well, that's part of the excitement of growing daylilies – you don't always know what you're going to get! But oftentimes you get more than you ever imagined!

Photos: Russ Allen

2017 Region 4 Photo Contest

All original photo entry images, separated by category, were sent to each of the three photo contest judges. Each photo was identified only with a number. Each of the judges was asked to select a first, second and third place pick for each category. First, second and third place picks were awarded three, two and one points, respectively. My thanks to all AHS Region 4 members who took the time to submit photos to this contest. On these three pages are the winning photos, runners up and comments from the judges.

Single/Multiple Bloom Category: First place

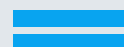


#25- Seedling 14-09a-4 unregistered, photo by Jerry Gantar

“Very striking; very dramatic. The lighting color & angle make an important contribution; it would be interesting to play with variations in the lighting.” --Ed Cunningham

“The beauty of this photo is in the sharp contrast between the nearly black background and the clear bright color of the 2 blooms. The movement of the shot also focuses your attention first in the lower left then carries your eye upward to the right and the details there. This is a really striking shot.” --Carol Brashear

“Beautiful contrast and composition.” --Linda Keohan



**Right, Single/Multiple Bloom
Category, second place:
#32- 'Sugar Plum Jam'
(Brooks, 2004)
photo by John Stahl**

“An absolutely gorgeous “candid” shot
of a woodland daylily.”
--Ed Cunningham

“I especially liked the way the photog-
rapher filled this shot. Of course the
daylily is the center of attention but
then there is delight in every corner
that your eye takes in. What a hap-
py place this was, captured in time.”
--Carol Brashear

“Great color and detail.”
--Linda Keohan



**Below right, Single/Multiple
Bloom Category-third place:
#24- 'Olallie Orchid' (Darrow
1983)
photo by David L. Brown**

“Very nice & sharp; a dainty little
bloom.” --Ed Cunningham

“This photo proves that even on a
rainy day, a beautiful daylily can
catch your eye.” --Carol Brashear

“Lovely detail and composition.”
--Linda Keohan



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Winner, Artistic Close-up Category:

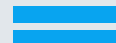
C-7A - 'Maya Blue' (Townsend-Conway, 2012), photo by Greg Haggett



“Gorgeous! Makes me think of “Space Ship” anthers blasting out of a nebula!” --Ed Cunningham

“In a category filled with exceptional entries, this was the most artistic, taking the viewer up close and personal to examine the inner workings of the daylily. Well done.” --Carol Brashear

‘Incredible closeup and use of color.’ --Linda Keohan



**Artistic Close-up
Category, second place:
C-9A - Seedling 14-12a-
4, unregistered (Gan-
tar),
photo by Jerry Gantar**

“Beautiful close-up.”
-- Ed Cunningham

“Again the sharp contrast
between the background and
the fresh, dewy color of this
perfect bloom captivate the
viewer. This photo captured
one of Mother Nature’s finest
works of art.”
--Carol Brashear

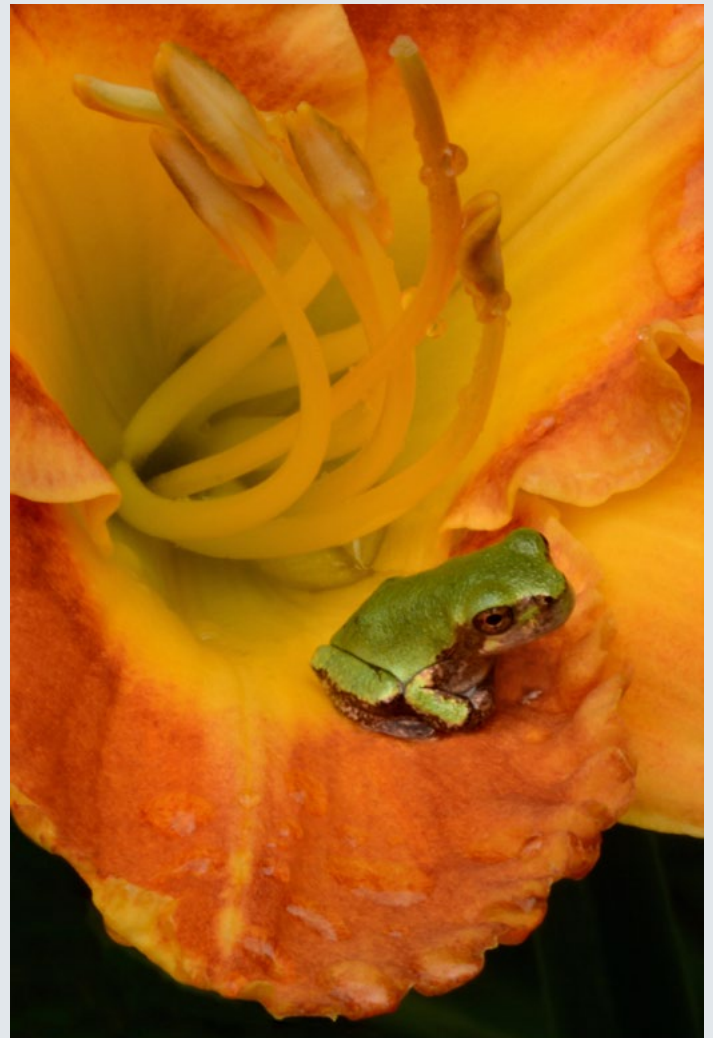
“Striking composition and
contrast.” --Linda Keohan

**Below, Artistic Close-up Category, third
place: C-6A - ‘Margaret Seawright’ with
tiny frog (Stevens-Seawright 1985),
photo by Jerry Gantar**

“Beautiful close-up; how could anyone
vote against that cute little frog?”
--Ed Cunningham

“This tiny visitor seems to be posing for
this shot! Perfect place, perfect time.”
--Carol Brashear

“Great close up and nature detail.”
--Linda Keohan



2017 Region 4 Photo Contest

Winner, Landscape Category:

L-2 “Helene Ferrari Garden”, photo by Greg Haggett



“Very, very nice photo; good composition. The gray of the bridge & stone wall, and the water with reflections and lily pads help to break up what would have been a massive green picture. Too bad there were no daylilies in the bottom front right.” --Ed Cunningham

“Unlike a few of the sharp contrast winners, this photo captured all of the soft colors on a hazy summer day. Framed perfectly with the soft gray of the footbridge just slightly off center. Very Monet.” --Carol Brashear

“Amazing scene and detail in water reflection. Brings me back to Monet’s garden in France!” --Linda Keohan





Landscape Category, second place:

**L- 5 - “Lasting Dreams Daylilies”, Anthony and Carol Haj
photo by Carol Haj**

“Very well framed. good depth of field; very sharp. Often, such a large garden shot consists of multitudinous tiny dots of color, & so risk losing interest. But, the framing here starts with nearby lilies, to provide interest & context, and then eases off gradually into the distance maintaining a continuity of identity.”

--Ed Cunningham

“I love the way the photographer included the branches and daylilies in the foreground to offer a peek into this lovely landscape. It draws you right in.” --Carol Brashear

“Lovely landscape view.” --Linda Keohan

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**Landscape Category, third place:
L- 3- “Janice Kennedy’s garden 06-21-17”
photo by Marlene Harmon**

“Flower bed very nice; very sharp. Like watching a fireworks display.” --Ed Cunningham

“The crisp, clear colors in this landscape are a bouquet for the eyes. Very pretty photo.” --Carol Brashear

“Vibrant use of color.” --Linda Keohan



2017 Region 4 Photo Contest Judges and Prizes

Thank you to all who entered the photo contest. A special thanks to the photo contest judges:

Ed Cunningham, Pawtucket, RI

Ed Cunningham has been a life-long gardener. He began as a toddler, growing tomatoes with his mother. In his teens, he started growing sweet corn, and other vegetables. In his early 20's, he got his first SLR, and has primarily shot nature/landscape photos since, along with some candid. Ed moved on to Indian corn and Hybrid wine grapes in his 30's and early 40's. Later on in his 40's, Ed and his wife became rose enthusiasts, at one time growing over 250 varieties. They joined the American Rose Society, became Consulting Rosarians, and later Exhibition judges. Subsequently, Ed participated as a judge in the annual ARS Photography contest for 3 years.

Around 10 years or so ago, Ed's wife began operating in the world of roses as an "Agent Provocateur" for the notorious Hemerocallis Cartel, which led to the hemerocallis addiction of numerous unsuspecting rosarians, and to Ed's participation as a judge this year.



Carol Brashear

I am the Northeast Region Director of the American Hosta Society and know many of the daylily members we have in common. I am an avid photographer of hostas and have been enjoying gardens through the lens of a camera for nearly 25 years. Many of my photos in the early years were used to start the hosta photo library on the internet in the late 90's. Since then I have contributed my photos to hosta publications, websites, catalogs and even for plant labels. I continue to share photos on the hostalibrary.org and I tell friends I garden so that I can take photographs. [Photo, right: a luna moth on Hosta 'Luna Moth' (Meyer)].

It was again my pleasure to be a part of your Region's photo contest. It was a splendid collection of fine photography! Congratulations to all.



Linda Keohan

Linda is an artist and art teacher with a BA in painting from the Massachusetts College of Arts and a Masters in Art Education from Notre Dame College, NH. Her paintings are available through www.etsy.com. [Right: "Flower", acrylic painting on birch]



Québec hybridizer, Renée Thibeault, will donate three of her registered introductions for photo contest prize plants! *Merci beaucoup, Renée!* View her introductions at <http://www.jardindeladoucefolie.com/>



Renée Thibeault



Beaucoup Aimée
(Thibault, 2017)
Tet, Ev, Mid-season
H: 34" F: 5.5"
(Sherry Candy X Patterns
in Time)



Too Many Teeth
(Thibault, 2016)
Tet, Dor, Mid-late season
H: 28" F: 7"
(Aliquippa X Heavenly
Velociraptor)



Gouvernail
(Thibault-Lippé, 2017)
Tet, Per, Mi-saison
H: 38".F: 5,5" .Br.:3 .Bo:12
(Precious Candy X Lady
Gillian)

Tips For Hosting an Open Garden

by Russ Allen, Connecticut

Why Host an Open Garden? It's fun to share the joy of daylilies with others! Watching visitors' faces light up when they see daylily cultivar blooms that resonate—generating smiles and expressions of wonder—is gratifying not only for them, but also for the garden host! In short, hosting an Open Garden can be very enjoyable and rewarding for everyone!

Ten tips to consider when hosting an open home daylily garden next summer:

Tip #1: Keep it Simple! Folks can enjoy visiting your garden just the way it is. You don't need to have name tags for all your daylilies. You don't need to deadhead your flowers like at an AHS display garden during their amazing conventions. You don't have to pull all the weeds. You don't need to provide refreshments. It's not meant to be a party – it's simply an open home garden...so relax and enjoy it! Or more appropriately, relax and let others enjoy it!

Tip #2: Pick the date(s) and time(s) during your bloom season when your garden will bring the most joy to visitors. It could be early, peak bloom time, or late. It could be on a weekday or weekend. It should be a time convenient for you. Ideally, pick dates or times when you can be present, but you can let folks wander in unattended as well. If you know another nearby club member will have an open garden, consider hosting one on the same day so people can make multiple stops in the area.

Tip #3: Make a Simple Sign to Invite Passers By! This is critical. My suggestion is to buy a white poster board and print with a magic marker in large thick BLACK letters the following words: CT Daylily Society, OPEN GARDEN TODAY (see photo). The key is to print these words on BOTH SIDES of the poster board and then to attach it to two approximately 4 foot wood stakes. Place the poster board next to the road by pounding it into the ground with a hammer (or in my case with my rocky New England soil, use a crow bar to make two holes for the stakes to fit into). The key is the poster must be readable for people driving by your garden at 10 miles per hour over the speed limit! The time most folks will stop is the second time they pass. The first time they're thinking



to themselves – “Golly, I wonder if I should stop and see those gorgeous flowers sometime!” The second or third time they walk, jog, dog-walk, or drive past, they will be tempted to stop by.

Tip #4: When your garden is open, find a place to sit in the shade with a cold drink and a book looking very relaxed. If you're hard at work in the garden weeding, for example, folks won't want to disturb you – but if you're vegging out they figure you need some company. When folks stop by, you do need to be clear as to where they can safely walk when visiting your garden, and you should avoid having them walk in any areas where they might trip or fall.

Tip #5: Don't expect a crowd! During CDS Open Garden days I typically get 90% of my visitors from neighbors, dog-walkers, joggers, or passers-by who have never heard of the CDS. If you get a half dozen folks to stop by, that should be regarded as a wonderful success! Try to have your garden open during peak traffic, jogging, and dog walking hours. Sorry, but often this is early morning, noon, or after 5PM, so be creative about your preferred open times.

Memorable story: One day I had someone driving from Hartford to New Haven decide to take a back-road for a change and happened down my street. I saw a car pass, heard the screeching of brakes, saw it back up to my yard, and a nice lady hopped out. She asked, “What kind of flowers are those?” I explained



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they were daylilies and we struck up a wonderful conversation. She left convinced she would add some daylilies to her garden that summer. Moral of the story: you never know who's going to drop by.

Tip #6: What to talk about? That's an easy one for me. The basic list of topics would include: a) do you grow any daylilies? b) after walking around the garden, let me know which flowers appeal to you the most, c) why are these your favorites?, d) what made me fall in love with daylilies was.....(tell your story), e) why daylilies are the most rewarding perennial to grow, f) mention how daylilies have changed over the last 20 years, g) show the different forms in your garden (e.g., spiders, UFO's, miniatures, doubles, single round, colors, ruffles, eye zones, etc.), h) mention that there are now over 60,000 registered daylily cultivars and that hybridizing is very easy to do, but requires a little patience to see the results.

Tip #7: Ask them to pick their favorite 2 or 3 flowers in bloom! They will go back around and force themselves to make a selection – which encourages them to look closer at the blooms rather than simply wandering around the garden. This sometimes takes a while as folks have to debate which cultivars they like best – and everyone is different! Some academic once said that certain colors elicit strong favorable psychic responses in certain individuals based on their unmet psychic needs, so don't be surprised if someone likes a flower that isn't your favorite!

Memorable Story: One day a distant neighbor I had never met stopped by my open garden when out jogging, and after considerable thought selected her favorite two daylilies in my garden that day. I indicated that when it came time to divide my clumps of these I'd be happy to give her a couple fans if she'd leave me her email address. She was delighted to do so and later that Fall I sent her an email indicating I had divided the cultivars she had liked and had a bag with them on my front porch to pick up anytime at her convenience. She did so and has been waving to me on her jogs ever since. Try it!

Tip #8: Ask them if they know how to bring daylily blooms into the house? The answer is always "no". Go to one or two of their favorite flowers they have selected and pick off a bloom and hand it to them (and

watch their infectious smile grow). Explain that each morning they can go out and pick a selection of their favorite blooms, and place them on a white paper plate, and put it in their kitchen or on their desk – **WITHOUT ANY WATER!** Explain that they will automatically close up at the end of the day with or without water (since they are DAY lilies), and then you can go out and pick a set of different flowers the next day. The general expression I've seen following this explanation is surprise and amazement! I give them the paper plate with their favorite blooms on it and they look like they just received a precious gift!

Memorable story: While hosting a drop-in visitor to my garden one day, a police car pulled up with its lights on with a lady police officer. She got out and explained that cars could only be parked facing the direction of traffic on each side of the road and was about to write a ticket. I struck up a conversation about daylilies, invited her to walk around my garden, asked for her favorite flower of the day, and picked it and gave it to her on a paper plate which elicited a great big smile (I mean, how often do police officers receive flowers?). Needless to say, no ticket was written and the police officer felt very much appreciated that day!

Tip #9: Mention your local daylily club. Invite visitors to attend a meeting, come to our annual plant sale, or stop by our booth at the Hartford Flower Show. Giving them a card with the Club website is even better since ten times more folks visit our website than are able to attend a meeting.

Tip #10: Just Do It! You'll never regret it! Our Club's mission is to promote daylilies via education, and talking to people in person and letting them experience daylily blooms up close and personal is what it's all about!



The Science and Aesthetics of Photographing Under Sunny or Overcast Skies

by John Stahl

You look out the window on a summer day. The sun is shining, the sky is a brilliant blue with scattered puffy white clouds. You grab your trusty camera and move into the garden. The colors are dazzling...reds, oranges, yellows, pinks, purples, blues....truly a phantasmagoric sight! You begin to photograph individual blooms, not really noticing that some are taken in full sun, while others are taken when clouds cover the sun. Upon returning to the house you upload your images to the computer and discover that those photos which were taken in full sunlight, and which you thought would be magnificent are disasters! Good golly, Miss Molly, what in the world is going on? You thought, as do many people, that bright, sunny days are the best for outdoor photography.

Let's back up a moment. What time of day did you take those pictures? Was it early or late in the day when the light is low and soft, or was it midday when it is exceedingly loud and harsh? What about those photos you took when clouds are covering the sun? Aren't they really much more pleasant and true to the colors you saw? It would seem then, that there are several things to consider when attempting to record nature's colors, whether it be on film or a digital sensor. It is easy to see that the eye and the camera do not perceive scenes in the same way.

The major difference is with Dynamic Range (DR). Dynamic Range (DR) represents the amount of contrast a given capture device can record. Film and digital sensors are able to record a fixed range of contrast. Most digital SLRs use a 10-14 bit A/D (analog to digital) converter, which translates into a DR of 10 to 14 stops. Sensors are much better than film when it comes to DR. However, this pales in comparison to the human eye which is able to see details in a scene containing a contrast range of nearly 24 stops. The eye is also able to instantly change its contrast perception ability in order to see, alternatively, details in highlights and in shadow areas without the conscious awareness that it is doing so. The eye-brain apparatus, therefore, is not limited to a fixed DR, but can adapt to whatever the light situation calls for. In short, humans do not see the world like cameras see it when it

comes to contrast.

Photo #1 [below] was taken in early morning on a sunny day, before direct sun struck the flower. Photo #2 is the same flower on the same day, photographed under direct sun. It is easy to see that Photo #1 has all the elements one should seek; proper color(s), as well as details in both shadow and highlight areas.



Photo #2 [below] shows very high contrast with the details blown out by the harsh sunlight. This basic-



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ly explains why bright, sunny, cloudless skies are the least desirable conditions for photographing flowers. Of course it becomes evident that one doesn't always have complete control over lighting conditions. One instance would be when you visit a garden other than your own. A possible solution would be to use a translucent white umbrella to provide artificial shade. These are light and easy to handle. Photo #3 [right] demonstrates once again the harsh results of shooting in full sun. In photo #4 [below, right] the same flower, taken at the same time, but under a white umbrella, displays very good color and details. While colors may be slightly skewed under the umbrella, they should be true enough to satisfy you. For those of you who are photographing your daylilies, here are a few hints:

1. The best lighting conditions are under overcast skies or under clear skies early in the morning before sunlight strikes the plants. You can also shoot late in the day, after the sun drops. However, blooms will not be in their best condition at that time. Use the cloudy setting if your camera allows that.
2. If you must shoot in full sun, try using a translucent white umbrella to shade the flowers you are photographing.
3. If your camera allows, shoot at 6000-6500K on the Color Temperature scale (under the conditions stated in #1 above.) This range has proven to me to be the best for recording accurate color. It is particularly good for recording lavenders, violets, purples and blues.
4. Use a tripod or monopod, if convenient.

NOTE- The flower in Photos 1 and 2 is COOL ISLAND BREEZE (E. Shooter 2003). The flower in photos 3 and 4 is NORTH WIND BILLET DOUX (Schaben 2005)

For those who would like to delve even further into more detailed discussions about Dynamic Range, White Balance and Color Temperature, I refer you to CAMBRIDGE IN COLOR~ A Learning Community for Photographers. They can be found at www.cambridgeincolor.com



TOP 10 REASONS..... BY RUSS ALLEN

Ten Reasons Why Daylilies are the Most Rewarding Perennial to Grow:

1. **Beauty:** The advances in the beauty of daylilies being introduced over the past couple of decades is truly amazing, and recent cultivars have little resemblance to the traditional orange wild “ditch” lilies.
2. **Diversity of Flowers:** Daylilies come in thousands of different varieties offering gardeners a tremendous range of colors, forms, heights, and bloom times to choose from.
3. **Geography:** Daylilies can be successfully grown across almost all regions of the US and beyond, from mid-Florida to Canada.
4. **Cultivation:** They can thrive in most ordinary top soils and without any required fertilizing or insect control measures.
5. **Resilience:** Daylilies tolerate both drought and rainy weather.
6. **Propagation:** Daylily cultivars will generally multiply each year forming a robust clump of fans rather than dying out over time. Additionally, modern varieties do not encroach upon other plants and spread into unwanted areas—they’re perfectly behaved perennials!
7. **Hybridizing Ease:** Daylilies lend themselves to easy hybridizing by ordinary home gardeners, leading to the creation of a growing number of unique new cultivars which can be registered with the American Hemerocallis Society, our national daylily association.
8. **Innovation:** There are hundreds of gorgeous new varieties being introduced every year by commercial growers who continue to pioneer exciting fresh styles, types, edges, eyes, patterns, and colors. Today’s hybridizers are creating blooms daylily enthusiasts never imagined just twenty years ago!
9. **Daily Picked Flowers:** Individual flowers can easily be picked each morning and placed on a plate, without any water, to admire each day at home until they automatically close up in the evening.
10. **Edible:** Most daylily buds are quite edible! During the summer, buds can be tossed into salads or soup for a unique flavor and culinary display.



Region 4 Club News

AAHQ Association des Amateurs d'Hémérocalles du Québec



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Programmation des activités 2017 de l'AAHQ

Journée de l'hémérocalles (29 juillet 2017)

Par une journée sous un soleil d'intensité modérée, l'événement s'est déroulé aux Jardins Merlebleu de Portneuf (Lucie Turcotte et Roland R. Tremblay) dans une ambiance agréable. L'horaire de la journée a été respecté tant pour l'arrivée des membres avec leurs fleurs (concours « fleurs en coupes ») et leurs cultivars (encan) que pour le début des activités à la suite du lunch de midi.

Peu de photos ont été soumises pour les différents concours, mais elles étaient de belle qualité et les personnes gagnantes se sont distinguées par leur originalité et leur savoir-faire. Avec les années, on réalise que les membres produisent de magnifiques hybrides qui pourraient entrer en compétition avec d'autres hybrideurs de la région 4.

En cours d'après-midi, l'encan de cultivars reçus des membres ainsi que les plants cadeaux de notre fournisseur des États-Unis d'Amérique a été un succès grâce à l'animation de messieurs Serge Goulet et Antonio Morin. La somme rapportée figurera au rapport financier de l'assemblée générale d'automne.

La journée a pris fin à la suite d'une dégustation de plats variés assortis de vins de circonstance.

Portes ouvertes au Domaine Joly-De Lotbinière (6 août 2017)

Le ciel était gris en ce 6 août et le

principe de précaution a voulu que l'activité se déroule sous un immense chapiteau qui avait servi, la veille, pour une autre activité du Domaine Joly. La direction nous a accueillis généreusement et nous avons procédé dès 9h à la mise en place de tables pour y déposer les cultivars à vendre et les fleurs en coupes. Une douzaine de membres ont participé à l'événement festif alors que l'attention de plusieurs visiteurs a été soutenue vis-à-vis la table montrant des fleurs en coupes, une gracieuseté de deux de nos membres possédant le jardin de la Douce Folie, jardin à proximité du Domaine. Notre Association n'ayant aucune expérience en « marketing », la vente de cultivars, à petit prix ou à prix intermédiaire, s'est avérée bien modeste.

En cours de journée, madame Adele Keohan, représentante de la région 4 de l'American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) nous a fait l'honneur de sa présence. Je vous souligne à nouveau que madame Keohan sera avec nous le 12 novembre prochain à l'occasion de l'assemblée générale de l'Association.

Pour clore la journée, quelques membres ont accompagné l'équipe de direction du Domaine Joly au site où nous avons mis en terre sept hybrides en 2016 dans le but de permettre la sélection d'un de ces hybrides, après floraison, en l'honneur de dame Agnès de Lotbinière par madame Hélène Leclerc, directrice générale. L'hybride de madame Denise Simard a été sélectionné et sera ainsi enregistré auprès de l'AHS.

...En Anglais/In English:

AAHQ CONTEST « COUP DE CŒUR » : This contest

THE HEMEROBRUNCH (april 9,2017)

This is the first official activity of our association when the roads of the Quebec area are almost free of snow! A generous buffet is offered to the members followed by a lecture. It was presented this year by the president (R.R.Tremblay) and was dealing with the defense mechanisms from abiotic stress in plants and more specifically in daylilies.

During the meeting, members who deserve certificates of merit are revealed because of their participation to different

contests. Worth of mention was a certificate awarded to Jocelyn Blouin as voluntary worker for the association and he received too the most recent book of Oliver Billingslea, The Open Form of Daylilies.

Please consult the Internet site for the dates and places of the activities WWW.AAHQ.INFO

BADS

Buffalo Area Daylily Society

Submitted by Kathy Guest Shadrack

2016-2017 Report

As another BADS year comes to a close, we like to take time to look at ourselves—where we are, where we have been and where we are going. The Annual Meeting has been our opportunity to do that.

We began 2017 with renewed energy. Because we still had no official Board at the conclusion of the 2016 BADS year, we decided to continue along under the guidance of a Planning Committee. This is a group of people - some of whom served on the Board, some of whom were just willing to roll up their sleeves and help until we get back on the rails. We published our planned meeting schedule and invited anyone who would like to help us move forward to join the meeting. We see new faces, and we have had some great new ideas. We try to meet every six weeks. It's not perfect, but it's working for now and we hope more members will consider sitting in on a meeting.

It's not rocket science and we all have different skill sets that we bring to the table. The common thread is a love of daylilies and a willingness to keep this train chugging along. Some leaders have emerged and we've had some great new ideas we are trying out.

An organization is only as good as its members and we have been blessed in that way.... In 2017 we gained over 20 new members! We also made a decision to come away from the dues per household notion and have moved to a dues per person plan. This is more equitable when things like BADS Bux are factored in. We are still a fabulous

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bargain at \$10 to join and \$5 to renew.

Furthermore, we have been fortunate in that many of our newer members have already been active—not an easy thing to do when you join a new club.

One objective that we have going forward is to make sure that our newest members feel welcome and that BADS is for them whatever they hoped it would be when they joined. That's everyone's job ... and one of the reasons we try to always have nametags at meetings and keep the membership list updated and available. And we try to keep communication open on Facebook and with BADS Blasts. Also, we try to have a basic educational "B-Movie" at every meeting.

The Buffalo Area Daylily Society is an educational organization with a mission to promote daylilies and to educate the public and its members about them. To that end, this is how our year looked ~

MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES

December 2016-October 2017

December—we held our very popular annual Christmas cookie exchange meeting at the East Aurora Senior Center. This meeting is generally SRO and last December's was no exception. And, in addition - to get BADS back in the swing and moving forward, we had a VERY special speaker; Melanie Mason of Longlesson Farm – North Country Daylilies. Melanie is not only a grower, but also a hybridizer and former RVP of our Region. Her talk "Sneezles" talked about trends and fads in daylilies.

In late February, when some of us are fighting off the winter blues, we went back to our popular SOUPER BOWL meeting. Volunteers brought in some hearty soups, chowders and chilis and we had a nice hot meal, accompanied by a talk by local columnist and Master Gardener, Lyn Chimera on her topic "Soil is Key". After all, if your soil is crap, why put your fabulous daylily into it and expect miracles!

In May we held our popular PLANTALOOZA meeting. This year's plants were purchased from our speaker for the Fall luncheon; Curt Hanson. This is a VERY popular meeting ... because what do we want? We want PLANTS!!!. The beginners' program was Carol Haj

who did a little "Daylily 101" - including how to plant a bareroot daylily. And, as if that wasn't enough—we enjoyed our annual plant lottery grab. Each attendee received a strip of raffle tickets... we put them in the bags associated with the daylilies we hoped to bring home—and if our ticket was drawn, it was ours to buy - at a very reasonable price. It's a way to level the playing field, to get great plants into the hands of our members and to have a little "retail therapy".

We also began to participate once again in the OPEN GARDEN PROJECT managed by the hosta folk. What's the point in having a great garden that nobody sees?

In June we were part of the Plant Society Avenue at the Garden Art Sale on the grounds of the Botanical Gardens. Two days to meet and greet the public and outreach. It's always good when we have an opportunity to "schmooze"

In July we organized a directed DAYLILY GARDEN TOUR. This is where we plan out a few gardens to visit on a particular day. This is a great idea that needs tweaking. We may go back to DAYLILY DAY where we target one daylily garden. Give us your thoughts!

August was the annual members only Picnic Meeting—another very popular event for our members. We held it once again at Chestnut Ridge Park at a lovely shelter with grills and plenty of seating. We ask members to bring a dish to pass and we arranged for a nice array of daylilies - both purchased and donated. This year we added games, thanks to Diane Nichols and Steve Cipolla.

The picnic meeting is when a magical thing happens...the BADS Bux you have been collecting all year turn into real money. So the most active of the members are able to buy daylilies for \$0 and the rest of us can use the federal reserve kind as well. It's a very good time!

August was also our PUBLIC SALE, held once again at the Botanical Gardens. This year we purchased plants from our December speaker, Melanie Mason, who was downsizing. Diane Nichols and Carolyn Cybulski drove all the way to Buskirk (near Vermont) to collect them. We had many willing hands to label and divide prior to the sale. And the sale.... It

was fabulous! We had a line waiting for us to open and people descended upon the tables.... Leaving us with only scraps by the end of the day. Carol Haj brought blooms.... Everyone brought photos and sunny smiles and the plants flew off the table. Also, since this is the only other opportunity to use BADS BUX, many members walked out with armloads of plants for almost no \$\$.

And twenty one people became shiny new members of BADS!

And that brings us full circle to our annual meeting - a relaxing lunch. This is where we just reflect on the year gone by, maybe offer a few ideas going forward and appreciate the gift of each others company. We also invited a good and long-time friend of BADS to be our speaker; Curt Hanson. Curt spoke on shapes and trends in daylilies and about the giants who mentored him and whose legacy he appreciates. He talked about the importance of the whole plant and the importance of treating the soil with respect. It was a very fitting end to a very full year – and our attendees went home with many new plants to remember the day.

CDS

Connecticut Daylily Society

Submitted by Greg Haggett

The Connecticut Daylily Society began the gardening season February 23-26 with our award-winning educational booth at the CT Flower & Garden Show at the Convention Center in Hartford, CT. We won the First Place – Flower Show Award as well as the Judges Special Award. Special thanks to Kim Krodell, Rebecca Nisley, and others for creating, setting up, and hosting the booth. We signed up a number of new members and also gave out coupons for free daylilies at our annual sale in May. Next year's show will be February 22-25.

On March 18, David Jewell of Ontario, Canada gave his presentation on "The Secret Life of a Daylily Superhero" to the club. Daylilies from his zone 4 garden were of great interest to club members and the auction of his recent introductions sold out quickly. For more



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information on David's daylilies check out his website at www.onrussell.com.

On May 13, we held our ever-popular annual daylily sale at the Avon Senior Center. Daylily lovers from far and wide come to this event every year to refresh their gardens. Many thanks to Cheryl Fox and her team for organizing and conducting the successful sale – our major fundraising event. The daylilies typically sell for \$10 or less, but this year we had more high-valued daylilies, including some brand-new introductions from Gary Jones. We also gave out bonus plants with every purchase. It was a little cold and damp this year so next year we plan to hold the sale a week later, on May 19th, to improve the odds of having better weather – hope to see you there.

On July 16, we held our annual meeting and summer picnic at Mountain Meadow, a retail daylily garden run by Don and Nancy Smith in Somers, CT. Since a number of officers and board members had completed their full terms in office, we elected a new leadership team. We wish to thank Phillip Douville, Treasurer; Cheryl Fox, Secretary; Gary Jones, VP & Program Chair; and Russ Allen, President (pictured left to right) for



their exemplary service over the years. Gary continues as VP & Program Chair and Cheryl is the new Treasurer. Greg Haggett is the new President and Stacey Whitney the new Secretary. Rebecca Nisley and Helen Nordvall are new members on the Executive Board. Also, we are proud that Russ will become the new Regional Director of AHS Region 4.

We held a number of open gardens throughout the summer. Of particular interest was a brand-new garden created by Robin Lensi in Burlington, CT - it looked like it had been there forever.

On September 30, Charlie Zetek from Cobbs Hill Daylily Garden in Rochester, NY gave CDS his presentation on "Daylilies as

Garden Plants – A Different Perspective". Charlie has been growing daylilies 30+ years, hybridizing them 20+ years and, since 2004, has introduced 16 daylilies. He is particularly interested in creating little early and big late daylilies, with high bud counts and excellent foliage and form. He won the Stanley Saxton Award for best seedling at the Region 4 Summer Meeting hosted by CDS in 2015.

On November 4, we plan to have Dan Bachman from Valley of the Daylilies in Lebanon, Ohio give a presentation to the club. And, on January 20, fellow CDS member Nick Chase from Worcester, MA will give his presentation to the club. Our final Spring meeting will be on March 18th.

Recently, Kim Krodel has started a Scout Initiative in which Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts seeking to earn a gardening-related badge can learn about hybridizing daylilies. She kicked off this Initiative with a visit from Wallingford, CT Troop 60204 to her garden. The girls had fun learning about the parts of the daylily and how to pollinate them. They each selected plants and made their own crosses, which Kim sent to the girls when the seeds ripened. Kim also dug a large clump of 'Ming Porcelain' to demonstrate daylily division, and each family got a double fan to take home and plant in their own gardens. It was a fun morning for everyone involved and CDS looks forward to promoting and enhancing this new Initiative. For more information on this program please see our website/blog.

Kim, as our website/blog mistress, has also continued to update and upgrade our website/blog. Recently, she added a Links section that connects to other daylily organizations, local sources for daylilies, and other sites of interest to daylily lovers. Please check it out at www.ctdaylilyclub.com.

Finally, we're very proud to report that another CDS member's garden will be featured in Charlotte Chamitoff's excellent International Garden of the Week series. Terrace Hill Farm, the garden of Cheryl Fox and Phillip Douville in Bloomfield, CT was featured in her 11th Winter Series in 2016-2017. To see our next garden, please keep your eye out for Charlotte's upcoming 12th Winter Series in 2017-2018, as well as other daylily info, at www.daylilydiary.com.

The Connecticut Daylily Society

welcomes gardeners of all experience levels to our free meetings at the Avon Senior Center/Sycamore Hills Recreation Center, 635 West Avon Road (Rt. 167) at the junction of Sycamore and Scoville Roads. Visit www.ctdaylilyclub.com for our event calendar and up-to-date club info, and friend us on Facebook to stay connected at www.facebook.com/ct.daylilysociety. With flowers, friends, and fantastic food, our gatherings are worth the trip from anywhere!

Fields Finger Lakes Daylily Society

Submitted by Jane Ryan, former chairperson

Year End Report

We had a really great year in the club this year – speakers, plants, food, friends and quite a few new members. Our Spring and Summer tended to be a bit rainy. Some people might complain about that but, unlike last year, our gardens were lush and beautiful for the entire season. Here's a quick recap of the year.

Souper – Saturday, February 25

As usual, we started the season with our Souper meeting and a special speaker. We love this meeting – a nice variety of soups, salads, bread and desserts. Our speakers were Tom and Sue Palomaki, owners of Lucas Greenhouses in Fairport, NY. Sue and Tom showed a beautiful presentation and talked to us about "What's New in the Garden for 2017" – new and different annuals and perennials at their greenhouse. What a way to get excited about the upcoming season, especially since they gave us all a discount coupon!

Featured Speaker – Saturday, March 25

Mike Georges, owner of Quintessential Daylilies in Guelph, Ontario, Canada joined us to talk about his hybridizing program. Mike got really serious about hybridizing when he retired from teaching at the University of Toronto. Now he gets to work harder than ever before! Mike and his wife joined us for lunch before heading back to Canada.

Silent Auction and Babysitter Plants – Saturday, May 20

Our silent auction this year, organized

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by Denny and Mary Quackenbush, featured plants from Curt Hanson, Crintonic Gardens, as well as contributions from our members and a few returned babysitter plants.

The babysitter plants for 2017 were purchased from Karol Emmerich, Springwood Gardens in Minneapolis. We concluded the meeting with a perennial exchange. Bring in a few of your favorites and take home some new favorites.

Proud Market – Saturday, May 27

For the second year, Debbie Lawrence spearheaded participation in the outdoor plant sale at Warner Castle in Rochester. Our primary goal, other than generating money for the club, was to broaden awareness of FieLDS.

Members' Auction and Picnic – Saturday, August 12

This year we headed out to Anna Carlson's RavenCroft Cottage in Jordan, NY. We had a great turnout on a perfect August day. Anna's garden and property were amazing!

Some of the plants for the auction were purchased from Mike Georges and were augmented by very generous contributions from our members. As usual, George Riehle was our auctioneer extraordinaire.

You know we love to eat in this club. Members brought a dish to pass and Leslie Friedman, the event organizer, prepared slow cooked pulled pork – delicious!

Annual Banquet– Sunday, September 24

We were at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Pittsford, NY. Our featured speaker was our good friend and the always-entertaining Curt Hanson. With Curt, we not only got a look into his amazing hybridizing program, but we also got to enjoy a photographic tour of his off season travels. And as always, we ended the evening with a door prize exchange.

During the brief business meeting, we approved the selection of a new slate of club officers for 2018:

Chairperson: David Schlossnagle

Vice-Chairperson: Debbie Lawrence

Secretary: Brent Ross

Treasurer: Jane Ryan

Members at Large: Shirley Cappiello, Ross Kenyon & Joan Thompson

A few final words

One of the hardest decisions that we made this year was to (temporarily?) suspend our public plant sale. Preparation for this sale involved a tremendous amount of work and revenues have been on a steep negative trajectory for quite a few years. We will continue to look for new revenue opportunities for the club – any suggestions would be appreciated.

We will also keep looking for new ways to keep our club invigorated. We celebrate the arrival of our new members and recognize that our local hybridizers/sales gardens are often our best recruiters. We are looking forward to another great year in 2018!

HADS Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society

Submitted by past chair Debi Chowdhury

We have had a wonderful gardening year in 2017. We started the year with our alternative site at the Colonie Public Library, on preparing a garden. In February, many of us attended the winter lecture at the Berkshire Botanical Garden. Our February, Winter Doldrums, hosted with Iris and Daylily and Hosta society was given by Kathy Purdy on "Combat Cabin Fever With Your Garden". In March, we visited Philadelphia Flower Show, NYBG's Orchid Show, and our meeting was held at the Capital District Flower Show. We offered a lecture on the Chelsea Flower Show given by yours truly. In April we attended the orchid show @ Longwood. Our lecture at our meeting was on getting our garden ready. In May we had our own members auction. I came home with loads of cuttings for a decent price.

In May some attended CAN-AM in Toronto, Canada. We had our own member sale, and it was a fantastic sale open only to our members. I made out like a bandit. We were able to get some fantastic hybridizer plants for a fantastic price. In June, it was time to receive our babysitter plants. This was also the month for our national convention in "Norfolk, VA and we had 5 members attend. In July was our daylily picnic, we shared our picnic with the Hosta Society. The picnic was in our daylily garden at the Cooperative Extension and a great turnout. Some of the members

got together to take a bus trip to the regional gathering along with visiting a few nurseries. Can never have enough daylilies. In August was our public sales at Faddegon's. HADS did very well and 25% of our sales go to our region. This is also the month, when members visit other members gardens. This writer got a chance to go visit gardens in Helsinki. The botanical garden there has a huge palm house and their daylilies were in bloom. This year being the challenging weather year it was unusually warm helping all the summer blooms. In September we were in our display garden getting this bedded down for winter. In October we will be planning our next year schedule. We did a trip with the Iris society to a botanical garden. November we will be back in the library to talk about getting our beds ready for next year. And in December we will be having our annual holiday party, sharing with the Hosta Society in their location.

LIDS Long Island Daylily Society

Submitted by
Gene Moglia
Photos by Chris
Petersen



LIDS enjoyed another successful year in 2017. Our annual luncheon was held in March and our speaker was Rich Howard of Connecticut Daylilies, ctdaylily.com. His garden was on tour when the Connecticut Daylily Society held the Region Four Annual Meeting a few years ago. He has a large garden with many recent introductions grown in pots and he also produces a lot of seeds for sale on the Daylily auction website, concentrating on crosses of many of the most recently desired cultivars. Rich also has an extensive hybridizing program and concentrates on plants that will do well in Region 4. We also had a spirited auction of some of his own introductions and I was able to nab H. 'Yankee Pinstripes.' Alas, the plant was more successful than its namesake.

April and June were garden cleanups



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and refurbishment of the LIDS Display Garden at Planting Fields Arboretum. We try to rotate newer plants in and use the older cultivars for our various plant sales. This year we participated in several sales; the Arbor Day Festival at Planting Fields, a general garden society plant sale, also at Planting Fields and an early spring plant sale at Farmingdale State University, were many choice plants are sold, as Farmingdale originally had been an agricultural school and still maintains a large display garden. This sale is frequented by serious gardeners and landscapers who snap up plants with abandon. We have a low-key display there but were able to introduce many to the virtues of daylilies. Sandwiched between these sales was our annual auction in May, where members have a chance to buy newer introductions

at reasonable prices, as well as having a sales table where we can share the increase from our own gardens.

In late June, a good number of LIDS members attended the AHS Convention in Tidewater, Virginia, where several stellar gardens were on tour. If you haven't attended a national or regional convention yet, you're missing a great treat. Many of us are looking forward to visiting Nova Scotia for the next Region 4 meeting in 2018. July was our garden tours spread over two days, as we had foregone our Daylily Show this year. Gardens were visited in Nassau and Suffolk. In August we were at Chris Petersen's garden for our 'bag and tag' event where our members donate plants for our traditional August daylily sale at Farmingdale. Like many of our other daylily societies, we find fewer

people interested in buying bare-root plants when the Big Box stores offer instant gratification by selling blooming



Left: LIDS Crew

Below, left: Bob Kahn at LIDS Display garden Clean-up

Below: Blair Whinston using a tablecloth as a make-shift raincoat after the June meeting. (photo by Bob Kahn)



Above, top to bottom: John Stahl is presented his photo and Best article awards from 2017 by Chris Petersen; Picnic at Chris Petersen's garden; LIDS Business and Potluck luncheon is held in November. We always have a wonderful variety of goodies! Kudos to Laura and Frank Chaloupecky, our hospitality chairs, who go above and beyond to make our meetings super fun!

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posts, even if they are older cultivars blooming out of season. We returned to Chris' garden in September, where about 50 members enjoyed hamburgers, frankfurters and a tempting assemblage of desserts. Chris and Steve Petersen's garden is in Asharoken, overlooking Northport Bay and will be on tour when LIDS hosts the Region 4 meeting in July 2019.



[Above, at the LIDS Picnic: Gene Moglia and Paul Limmer; below, Olivia Mertz and Joan Lundin.]



In October, Jan Joiner [Below, at right, with Pam Milliken, Luanne Madden and Gene Moglia] of Joiner Daylily Gardens, Pembroke, Georgia, was our speaker. Jan is an accomplished hybridizer known especially for doubles and unusual form



daylilies, but has introductions in all forms, both diploids and tetraploids. She has many award winning daylilies and in 2009 was awarded the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for outstanding results in daylily hybridizing. She spoke of the major influence on her goals, her father-in-law E. R. Joiner. The original Joiner garden was on tour at the AHS National held in Savannah Georgia in 1989 and Jan's garden will be on tour at the AHS Convention to be held in 2020. Jan concluded the meeting with a small auction of her own recent introductions, as well as a few of her husband Royce.

You can keep abreast of the meetings and events for LIDS at our website, www.lidaylily.org.

The calendar is available on our website at www.lidaylily.org

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 for more information: www.lidaylily.org

NEDS New England Daylily Society (www.nedaylily.org)

Submitted by Marlene Harmon, NEDS Webmaster
<http://www.nedaylily.org>

AHS Daylily Exhibition – July 15, 2017

NEDS hosted an AHS Accredited Daylily Exhibition at Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston, MA, on Saturday, July 15, 2017.



Crowds lined up anxiously awaiting the doors to open to see the 107 entries, to hear the presentation by Deb Carpenter and to buy daylilies at one of our vendor tables. Thanks to Shirley Ann Robbins and Carol Canning (below) for manning the NEDS sale table.



Congratulations to Michael Szczeren [Above] for winning Best in Show for his Unusual Form, PAWS AND STRIPES and to Steve Greene for winning the Sweepstake Rosette for the most blue ribbons with 14. Thanks to everyone who contributed their time and efforts to make 2017 another successful Exhibition year.

NEDS Picnic – July 22, 2017

This year instead of the May Sale and August Auction, on Saturday, July 22nd we had a peak bloom visit to NEDS member



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Susan Stowe's Hill Hollow Daylily Farm in Topsfield, MA [Below], and a Potluck Picnic and Summer Auction at nearby Greywood Farm, the home of Darlyn Wilkinson.



Thanks to Susan and Darlyn for working so hard to prepare for our visit. Susan has introduced 26 lovely cultivars, many of which start with the name "Hill Hollow".

Susan is passionate about hybridizing and we enjoyed her garden and her sharing her love of daylilies with us all.

After visiting Hill Hollow, we took a short ride to Darlyn's garden, also in Topsfield, to visit Greywood Farm [Below]. Darlyn's garden has large, established clumps of daylilies and well-planned gardens with



daylilies mixed with other perennials - a delight to see. It was easy to take a good photograph!

After a great potluck luncheon and tour of the garden, we had our Summer Auction

so we could make sure everyone had a chance to go home with a daylily they just "had to have"!

Thanks to Susan and Darlyn for inviting us to enjoy your gardens for the day. We had such a great day, we'd like to plan a similar event for next year!

NEDS Meeting - November 11, 2017

On November 11, we were lucky enough to have two delightful presenters at our meeting – Dan Pessoni and Claudia Conway [Below].



Dan Pessoni is a Past President of NEDS, Treasurer of AHS Region 4, Senior Daylily Exhibition Judge, Treasurer of American Rhododendron Society, Cape Cod Chapter, Trustee of New England Hosta Society, member of Cape Cod Hydrangea Society and member of Wellfleet Gardeners. Dan's presentation walked us through his Driftwood Garden including his 800 daylilies, 350 hostas and over 100 hydrangeas. Every year Dan has many visitors to his garden and from the photos in his presentation, it was easy to see why. NEDS member Claudia Conway has introduced over 100 beautiful cultivars that prove to be hardy in our cold New England climate and include daylilies that will bloom over a long period each summer, early, mid and late bloomers, short, medium and tall daylilies. Claudia has various interests in daylilies and focuses on beautiful opening characteristics, wide color range, uniqueness of patterned eyes and various edgings. Several people were lucky enough to win bids for Claudia's intros at the auction and look forward to putting them in their own garden.

2018 Events

Saturday, January 13, 2018

The morning will be devoted to the NEDS members' annual photo contest to be followed by a Potluck Luncheon. (Deadline for photo contest entry is December 17th. See NEDS website for categories and rules).

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After lunch we will hold our Annual Business Meeting to include election of Officers and Board Members and will be treated to a presentation by award winning hybridizer and NEDS member, Bob Sobek.

Save the date for future meetings on Saturday, March 10 and Saturday, April 14, 2018. Please visit our website www.nedaylily.org for further details and schedule of upcoming events. Like us on facebook - New England Daylily Society – NEDS to stay informed of upcoming events.

Meeting Place - Tower Hill Botanic Garden
11 French Drive
Boylston, Ma 01505
www.TowerHillBG.org

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Nova Scotia Daylily Society

submitted by Gregory Sutcliffe,
president

Fall 2017

www.novascotiadaylilysociety.ca

Greetings from Nova Scotia, Canada! Home of the lighthouse, the ocean, great people and the 2018 AHS Region 4 Convention! That's right, I said it. Mark your calendar for July 27 - 29th when we hope to have a meet and greet with you here!. More to follow.

I now have a year under my belt as President of the Nova Scotia Daylily Society, not sure where the time went but it sure went fast. We have had an extremely busy summer and past twelve months actually.

Our Executive undertook a number of housekeeping items. We updated our web site, initiated a new Facebook page and took the challenge of being able to better communicate with our members. As well, we looked at the paperwork portion of our group and registered with the Province as a not for profit society. Secondary to that was putting to paper a working "policy" of what we do, how we do it, and why. The Executive all participated in the policy book offering up what they knew about our club or at least what they thought they knew. Then we did some research and finalized those areas. The policy book is not yet finished, but when it is, it will be a great working guide and living document for the future of our club and its membership.

Seasonal events this year included a guest speaker in April. Mike Georges, all the way from the Guelph area of Ontario, provided a very entertaining powerpoint presentation detailing his efforts in the hybridizing world. Mike and his dry humour had most of us laughing at various points throughout the presentation and the night ended with an auction of a handful of Mike's introductions.

The May meeting was the annual member \$5.00 plant sale where new members are given first crack at increasing the numbers of plants they might want for their own gardens. Members with "established gardens and plants" are encouraged to donate plants for the occasion. I recollect Brenda and my first year and this sale in particular and for \$100 where else could I go to get 20 plants to start the craziness we now call our passion? Once the newbies had had their chance at first pickings, the rest of us had the opportunity to add to our collection, trying of course not to pick something we might already have.

June finds us in Babysitting Plant mode. This year the event was moved to a Saturday which seemed to work well. It was also split into two parts, the first was that of the plant auction with the second being the distribution of the 2017 plant offerings to the qualifying members. All in all, in my view the day was a huge success largely in part because of the extreme effort put in by the committee members. I know that the babysitting program is a much anticipated event each year and this year our membership seemed very pleased with the all of the plants involved.

The end of June found us having our annual Daylily Daze. This years format for this event also changed in order to accommodate a larger number of vendors. We had an increase in our attendee's. It was a full day with entry level daylilies (the five dollar table) as well as newer introductions from local hybridizers with many price points in between. A number of vendors also offered some non daylily items which added to interest of the day.

August was our annual summer event, this year chaired by Diane MacMillan and I don't think anyone could argue that all the preparations made by Diane went unnoticed. We visited a number of

stunning gardens, had a fabulous meal, enjoyed a wonderful guest speaker in Rich Howard. Rich visited us all the way from Connecticut and offered up an insight into his world of daylilies. A great talk and auction. Of course one thing that Diane could not control, nor any of us for that matter, was the weather of the day. Yep, it rained. Oh well, I am confident that each and everyone of us in attendance enjoyed the day to its fullest.

All in all, a great summer and in reflection our club would be nothing without our keen members and our enthusiast Executive and committee members. Collectively we make it what it is, there clearly is no I in this team.

Lastly, as mentioned at the outset, we are so pleased, honoured and excited to be hosting the 2018 AHS Region 4 Convention. Although I cannot provide all the details today, I can tell you that the weekend has been picked. July 27 - 29, 2018. The accommodation and facility has been picked - Atlantica Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia. We have a committee in place being co-ordinated by Michelle Mercier and David Trott. We have a website, NSDSRegion4.com and an email address of NSDSRegion4@gmail.com. We have a featured guest speaker in place. We have many items in place but many more to go. Definitely we will be updating Region 4 memberships very soon with all the details. Come by one of two ferries from the USA, come by plane, come by the highway - but just make sure you come! You will not be disappointed. Looking forward to seeing you in person, next summer!

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submitted by Don Blakely, president

<http://www.ontariodaylily.on.ca/>

Our members experienced an atypical but very good daylily season. Spring came early with an abundance of rain into July. August however was very cool at times then September arrived with the hottest temperatures all summer. Rebloom was much more prevalent than usual with reports of many blooms still coming as I

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write this.

Since the last ODS report there has been several activities of note:

May 5-6 – The 21st Can-Am Classic, was again successful with informative speakers and an excellent offering of sale plants on the sale table and through the auction.

June 3 – The Babysitting Program featured plants from Richard Norris. The returning plants from previous years were also popular with the sale table buyers.

July 29 – Forty-six members attended the Annual Picnic held at the garden of Dave and Kim Mussar of Puslinch, ON.

September 23 – The Fall and Annual Meeting was held at the Puslinch Community Centre in Aberfoyle with a good crowd in attendance. An auction of plants was reintroduced this year. All plants in the auction and on the sale table were consigned by members. During the Annual Meeting Garry Bewcyk became the new member of the ODS Executive.

ODS Popularity Poll 2017 – This year's winner was Rose F. Kennedy. Sun Panda (Culver, 2009) placed second after five years of winning the award.

Mark Your Calendar – 22nd Can-Am Classic – May 4 and 5, 2018 at the Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga. Plan now to attend!

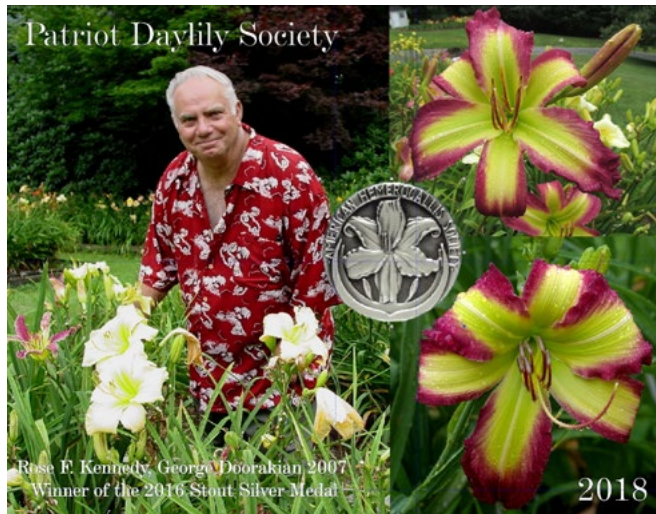
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Patriot Daylily Society

Submitted by Kate Reed, president
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Because Region 4 did not hold a summer regional, Patriot stepped up, with the blessing of Pat Wessling, our outgoing regional president. We advertised a regional picnic at Noel's Nursery in Orange, Massachusetts. Orange is on the New Hampshire, Vermont border in the

western part of the state. Curtis has daylilies from many hybridizers: Cameron Stern, George Doorakian, Curtis Noel, and Zachary Hickey among others. He, also, has a collection of historic daylilies courtesy



of Martha Pike and her late husband John, from Brookfield New Hampshire.

The hardest part was sending messages to all club presidents or vice presidents if the email did not work. The event itself was easy. Bring your own chair, lunch, and camera. Water provided. No fees but a shared, supreme enjoyment of daylilies and the people who love them.

We were able to not only view daylilies at the nursery but at his invitation at Curtis's home garden, nearby. We offered classes for garden and exhibition but we had no takers, unfortunately.

However, we had representatives from five states: Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and New York! Thanks especially to members of Hudson Adirondack who stopped in on their way to visit Lori Jones, who is located on Hampton Pond near Westfield.

I would recommend this activity as a no fee way to get together. (Money should be saved to purchase daylilies!)

Most importantly, I cannot give my appreciation enough to Curtis and to his family for providing the venue and opening on Sunday, just for us, and the time attention both he and his son in law, Zachary, gave us.

October 7, 2017

I just returned from taking Dan Bachman to the airport, after his exciting lecture at our

Patriot October meeting about the Valley of the Daylilies. He uses mostly his own cultivars in crosses and reverse crosses in various combinations, occasionally spicing it up with the lines of Margo Reed and Jim Murphy, with a goal of tall northern hardy daylilies. In the question and answer period, he explained, that he may plant seeds directly in ground after only three weeks in

the refrigerator, a technique he learned from Steve Moldovan.

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Southern Maine Daylily and Hosta Society Club Report

Submitted by
Cheri Ellenberger, president

Southern Maine Daylily Hosta Society had a great year in 2017.

Our Lobstah Classic was our biggest ever, loads of fun, and very successful.

Our other meetings have always attracted the same group, but due to declining monthly attendance,

we are going to try to reduce the number of regular meetings this year, and stick to the FUN things our members like to attend.

We also plan to join some activities into a single meeting, hoping to get better attendance.

Free to join.

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To view photographs and keep up with our list of events, please visit our website, www.smdhs.info, or find us on Facebook under SMDHS.

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Bird on unidentified daylily cultivar Photo by Carol Haj

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Maya Blue (Townsend-Conway, 2012), photo Greg Haggett

