

(Cheryl has kindly agreed to have this article that she wrote on the AHS Robin part of the newsletter.)

9th Annual Can-Am Classic

Hello all,

Mel, Dave, and Bob have already talked about the Can-Am Classic but I thought I would add some thoughts.

If people are going to come all that way, it should be fun. It was. Laughter is the best medicine so I was sorry that Ned missed his dose. All the speakers injected humour into their presentations to varying degrees. If I were to award a prize for humour it would go to Bob Schwartz. Bob used to write for TV sitcoms so his sense of humour might be more developed than the common man.

Second prize would go to Mark Carpenter. Every time he did an impersonation of his Uncle Jack, I pictured Jeff Foxworthy.

Brian Culver was next. Love to support our own club hybridizers. Brian and I were raised a few miles and a few years apart. Someone noticed the shade cloth in the distance on one of the slides and mentioned it. Brian proceeded to give a brief explanation on the growing of ginseng. Our area has been growing it for over 50 years. Locally, everyone pronounces it "gin sin". Others have a different way of saying it. (You say toMAYto and I say toMawto).

One of the things I appreciate in a presentation, besides humour, is the sharing of the speaker of himself and his life. I do not want 'slide 1, daylily A, slide 2, daylily B etc...'. It is the anecdotes that spice things up. IMHO. Bob showed slides of their house in the beginning before the magic began. Mark told stories about his uncle. Brian told us stories about the start of the menagerie at the farm. Jamie Gossard mentioned his children and showed them in their martial arts attire.

Last but not least I want to tell you about this robin's Jamie Vande (pronounce VAN duh). He was an injection of adrenalin. For the past 8 years I have been immersed in daylily culture as it is practiced in North America. Guess what? They do things differently elsewhere and I am happy to be exposed to different points of view. Jamie is totally approachable. Maybe it is because of this robin that I felt no qualms in going up to him and introducing myself. Jamie has an open face which seems to in Ontario Daylily Society Newsletter

vite approach. We will be leaving for mecca Saturday so will hear him again there. I liked it so much the first time that I would not mind sitting through the same one again but he said he is going to change his presentation a bit for the mecca 12 meeting.

I am going to describe Jamie to you so that you can look out for him and do your part to make his visit to this side of the pond a great one. He is approx. 5'8", very blond, slim, incredible blue eyes, very white smile, maybe '30s or 40s. Just a hint of an accent (of course we all have an accent to someone else).

On a different note, I received my 2 copies of Vermont Magazine in time to take them to the meeting to get the autographs of Leila and Harold Cross. The Back o' de Bus daylily wine has now been aged for 4 years and I am happy to report that the bouquet has improved greatly.

I can bet that a second after I hit the send button, I will think of something else. I should have said. Oh well.

Cheryl Taylor Toronto, ON Region 4
Cdn zone 6b US zone 5

(Dave has also let us use his email to the robin)
9th Annual Can-Am Classic.

Turns out it was the perfect weekend for the 9th Annual Can-Am Classic hosted by the Ontario Daylily Society. So cold, wet and rainy that nobody in their right mind would have wanted to be in their garden this weekend. That being said, this afternoon after the inch of snow we received overnight melted I got out to do some fertilizing and seeding the bare spots in the lawn. However I was able to resist the urge to weed in the mud.

The rain started Friday evening as I was on the way to the Mandarin Restaurant where a large group of us gathered for dinner before the evening event kicked off. Nothing like an all-you-can-eat Chinese buffet to start the weekend! That was followed by the hybridizer's slide show where over 500 images were expertly put together by Tom Rood in a powerpoint format to showcase the work being done by many well-known and lesser known hybridizers mainly from the north. Now you would think that many images would put the well-satiated crowd to sleep but the seedlings were riveting and with

powerpoint it was done in about an hour.

Saturday brought more rain and the main part of the Can-Am program for the over 120 attendees. Visitors came from New York, Michigan, MA as well as all over Ontario, Quebec, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. Buyers started early searching through the plant sales table and lunch everything was gone. Melanie Mason gave a short address to the group as our Region 4 Director. She is also part of the registration committee and gave us some insight into the challenges that can occur when names sound too similar to ones already registered. Apparently some names that sound pretty distinctive to a "northerner", lose some of that distinction when pronounced by a "southerner". Guess you have to be bilingual to do that type of job.

Bob Schwarz gave a humorous presentation on what makes a daylily an Unusual Form and in the process showed how he has developed his breeding lines and the remarkable variation in colour and form that can come from a cross. We saw a seedling he wanted to name "Ruffled Dud" but apparently that name was too close to one another Dude had used.

Byran Culver stepped in to pinch-hit for one of the speakers who missed his flight with travel documentation problems. He showed his breeding beds at his Oakville home and the planting fields where the seedlings are grown out at the farm. We saw many of his introductions and probably futures in addition to the many animals at the farm including his Haflinger horses, miniature goats, peacocks, chickens, ducks and dogs. Melanie Mason is taking a car load of Bryan's plants back with her to ship to the perceptive growers who had ordered them in advance. I grow many of his cultivars and I'm sure they will be exceptional performers wherever they go.

Mark Carpenter came all the way from Texas to present his uncle Jack's program. We were lucky Mark was able to make it as he also almost had document problems but was able to get it sorted out and caught a later flight. Jack Carpenter is producing some gorgeous and huge flowers, both dip and tet, including quite a few dormants. Many of Jack's cultivars were in the auction and they were highly sought after with most going for well over the list price. Mark is an entertaining presenter and has some real funny stories to tell about his uncle. I can't repeat them here in case Jack is reading the robin!

I do wonder however if maybe Mark flunked geography in high school. Now I understand that it was 80 F in San Antonio when he left, but you have to know that it is not recommended that you come to Canada in April with only a T shirt and no jacket! While even us Canucks don't expect snow this late in April, it still can be frosty at night. Guess it could have been worse - he could have gone to Michigan and gotten snowed in. Heard they received a foot or more in some places today.

After lunch we had the presentation of the Lycett Award recognizing the top overall seedling as voted on by the membership last fall. This year's winner was Barry Matthie for a gorgeous pin unusual form. Congratulations Barry. well done!

It was a real treat to have Jamie Gossard present at the Can-Am this year. Jamie's program is cutting edge and he is making great advances in so many

areas including spiders, UF's, blue eyes, complex patterned eyes, tall scapes, large flowers, teeth, teeth and more teeth! He is even doing some doubles these days. Something that I thought was interesting were the images that he put into PhotoShop to produce some gaudy and strange coloured images. While the images were shocking what was neat was that you could see much more complexity to the patterning of the flower than was visible when just looking at the normal image. It was almost like seeing an x-ray of the flower in that it enabled you to see beyond what your eyes could see. In this way you could see some of the hidden patterns in the flower that might cause you to use it differently in your breeding program. Jamie's plants also generated spirited bidding in the auction that closed the day.

The final presenter was this robin's own Jamie Vande all the way from Germany and heading to Florida for next weekend. It was a terrific opportunity to not only meet Jamie but to see what is happening on the daylily front in Europe. Jamie presents as well as he writes and we were treated to a personal tour of his personal garden, room by room. He has a real eye for colour and design and he showed in detail how many of the visual effects were accomplished. Jamie has many daylilies but there was so much else to see in his garden. We even got to meet "the kids" as he refers to his koi which push a real gold duck around the pond. The people in Florida are in for a treat next weekend!

As usual the live auction was hotly contested and much damage was done to our credit cards. I was fortunate to get one of Jamie Gossard's 2005 intros - Venus Fire a tall, dormant, orange UF with a watermark. It was near the end of the auction and I think Betty's arm was getting tired by that time.

This morning there was an informal meeting for the spider and UF fans. I elected not to drive in again and instead took some pics of my blooming daffodils bent over with snow. Potted up my new acquisitions from Melanie Mason and my sole auction win. There are now about 35 pots with new plants on the driveway along with over 700 seedlings that have been out for a couple of weeks. It is starting to snow again as I type so it looks like I won't have to water them for a while. This is what I call hardening them off, the Canadian way.

All the best.
Dave Mussar
Puslinch, Ontario
AHS Region 4, Zone 5

CHANGES TO THE DOUGLAS LYCETT AWARD

Submitted by Chris Austen

As I mentioned at the Can-Am and our May, 2005 meeting, we have decided to make some changes regarding submissions for the Lycett Award.

Starting this year, each contributor will be asked to submit two pictures per entry. One picture is to be of the actual daylily bloom and the second picture is to be one of the whole plant with the flower blooming. That way, in addition to judging the pretty face, our members will be able to judge the plant overall.

Although there will be two pictures of your chosen plant, we will call it one submission. As usual there will be five categories and you can make one submission per category. The categories are Small Flower, Large Flower, Double Flower, Spider* and Unusual Form*.

All submissions must be forwarded to my either in digital form or slide no later than September 9, 2005. Submissions received after that date will not be included in the contest. There is a link to my e-mail address on the Ontario Daylily Society website at <http://www.ontariodaylily.on.ca/> and my mailing address is 32 Hildegard Drive, Hamilton, Ontario L8K 5R9.

I would like to congratulate the winners of the 2004 Lycett Award contest:

Small Flower Category - Gil Stelter
Larger Flower Category - Mike Georges
Double Flower Category - Barry Matthie
Spider/Spider Variant - Gary Carlson, Barry Matthie
Unusual Form - Barry Matthie

The overall winner of the 2004 Lycett Contest

was Barry Matthie for his Spider/Spider Variant Entry
Congratulations Barry!



the AHS has made some changes to flower classification:

- the AHS has eliminated the term "spider variant"
- the AHS has determined the spider to have a length to width ratio of 4:1 measured with the segment fully extended; the width measurement taken at the widest point, as the flower grows naturally
- the AHS has determined Unusual Form daylilies to be:
 - Crispate-pinched, twisted or quilled floral segments
 - Cascading-narrow curling or cascading segments
 - Spatula-segments markedly wider at the end like a kitchen spatula

For more information on these important changes, check out the AHS website, Judging, at www.daylilies.org/HandbookUpdates2005.pdf

Attention members of the Ontario Daylily Society.

We have just created a new Yahoo Group for members of the ODS.

The ODS Robin is a closed group for members of the ODS (Ontario Daylily Society). ODS members are a mix of Daylily enthusiasts, gardeners, hybridizers and growers. Members are from all across the province of Ontario from Windsor to Ottawa and north to Sudbury and Marathon.

This group will act as a Forum to link up members across Ontario. The ODS Robin will allow interchange of messages between ODS members, Files area will have posted, club events, newsletters as well as a "Daylily Trade."

Photos will have club photos, Links will have sections for Canadian Daylily Growers, Daylily

Groups in Canada, etc

Chat - will be an area for club board members to meet .

To join the ODS Robin you must have an active membership in the Ontario Daylily Society. Simply click the Join this Group button on this Page and send a short email asking to join giving your name. If you do not have a Yahoo profile you will be prompted to do so. When creating your profile make sure to enter your primary email address so individual email are sent to your email account.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/odsrobin/>

Please join using the "Join Group" button, this will give you access to the Yahoo Group features.

John Reist
Kitchener, ON

REGIONAL 4/05—GENEVA, NEW YORK

If anyone is thinking of going to the Regional 4 in Geneva, New York all the information pertaining to it is on the ODS Website under Region 4 AHS.

It certainly is a wonderful way to meet people and have a great time and also support our Region.

ODS PICNIC—AUGUST 6TH AT MARV & BETTY FRETZ'S 6728 18th S.R. Moorefield Phone no. 519-638-3937

If you plan on attending the picnic, please email Betty to let her know. Betty's email address is:
betty@fretz.ca



Please bring something for the lunch table. (hopefully, not a lot of desserts). Also, it's a great idea to bring your own chairs.

Attached near the back of the newsletter is a map on how to get to Betty and Marv's.

Hope to see you there!

Minutes...Ontario Daylily Society, February 12, 2005, Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton

Call to Order....10:15 AM - Members Present....45

Present for the Board: Sue Adie, Faye Collins, Kathy Conway, Dave Mussar, Barbara White
Regrets: Chris Austen, Gary Carlson, Julie Wilson

Welcome to New Members: Michael Falconer, Clinton and Pat and Claude Sang, Tottenham

Adoption of the Minutes, November 20, 2004 at the RBG...Moved Kathy Conway, seconded Diane Crawford

Correspondence.... Niagara College Open House, March 19 & 20. Offered us a table.

Geneva Lake FieLDS society thanking us for our \$500 contribution for the 2005 regional. Notice from Terra Greenhouses that they will no longer be donating to Ontario horticultural societies.

Memo from the RBG regarding changes in fees for parking and Meeting rooms.

Ontario Gardener offer of free issues and mutual support

Treasurer's Report: Gary Carlson not present

Business Arising

1. Website... Julie Wilson has taken responsibility for posting information on our website and keeping it up to date. Our site really needs refreshing: it's looking a bit tired.

2. CAN-AM 2005, April 22-24...Jamie Gossard has confirmed and will be bringing plants for the auction as will as Brian Mahieu, Mark Carpenter and Bob Schwarz. Ned Roberts is ill and will probably not be able to attend, but his plants will be available for auction.

3. RBG Fees... The fee for the meeting room here is now \$165 (up from the \$99 that was never collected). It is still the best deal despite the introduction of parking fees. ODS members beware. Due to increasing costs we are no longer providing lunch from Subway and encourage people coming to the meetings to bring food to share. We will continue to provide coffee, tea and juice.

4. ODS Brochure...Sue Adie has designed a new brochure with feedback from membership chairs, Frances Baker and Allison Parker. Members present liked the new design and felt with a few minor tweaks we could begin using it.

5. Canada Blooms...Jump on Spring and The Niagara Garden Show are not happening this year and we have already made the decision not to have a booth at Canada

Blooms this year. However, membership recruitment is a concern and we need to explore perhaps sharing with another society next year. We do need to be visible as a society. In the meantime, Barry Matthie and his partner Maggie Goode, volunteered to give out the ODS brochure at the Peterborough Garden Show which takes place the weekend before our CAN-AM. Faye Collins will get the brochures to them.

6. Region 4 Issues...Gary Jones, Regional Vice President thought that ODS had to forward all the proceeds from last summer's regional to him. We have already sent a cheque for half and believe that fulfills our obligation. This issue needs to be discussed and dealt with at the 2005 Regional .

7. The Fall Meeting...Our AGM and Fall meeting is on September 17 this year at the Burlington Holiday Inn. The lineup so far includes John Rice, Lexington, Kentucky, Kevin Walek, on hostas and hemerocallis and Curt Hanson who needs no introduction. Any other ideas?

New Business

1. Cleveland Symposium...It's happening the last weekend in February and our very own Gil Stelter will be presenting. This event always has a great lineup of speakers and events and is a great way to beat the winter blahs. The National is in Cincinnati this year and AHS President, Jerry Pate Williams says it's filling up fast.

2. Recognizing Maureen...It was moved that we take some money from our funds for the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund to honor Maureen Strong's role in making ODS a viable and thriving society. Moved Bob Brown, second, Bryan Culver.

3. AHS Poll...It was suggested that we find out how many of our members are also members of AHS.

4. Ontario Gardener...It was recommended we take out a subscription to Ontario Gardener for the ODS Library. Moved by Betty Fretz, seconded, Diane Crawford.

5. Fact Sheets...Thanks to John Moons for bringing Daylily Rust fact Sheets from Guelph University to handout at the meeting.

6. ODS Robin... John Reist asked if we were interested in setting up an ODS robin and bulletin board. Members present felt it was worth exploring.

Move to Adjourn...followed by guest speaker Barry Matthie. Moved Marilyn Dolyniuk, second Norm Crone.

A special ODS thank-you to our guest speaker Barry Matthie and his partner Maggie Goode, who traveled from Prince Edward County to brighten up our winter morning with an inspir-

ing talk on Barry's hybridizing program and their daylily operation in Bloomfield. The presentation was appropriately titled "Just Do Everything" – rounds, ruffles, spiders, doubles and began with a look at the heritage farm on Matthe Road that was just a cow path on Barry's Grandpa's farm in 1881. Right now it is buried under a foot of snow, the "best mulch there is" and necessary because the temperature can really get down there. Barry noted that they also raise 400 different hosta varieties and Teddy the dog guards it all.

Without going into too much detail, some highlights were the miniature spiders, DANCING CRAB, a gorgeous red and some pretty exciting and as yet unnamed daylilies including one rolled back so far it was virtually all eye. Barry starts 30,000 seedlings a year and aims for a 50-60 bud count, substance and colour clarity and strong scapes. He says you can do more with tets but he personally has had more success with dips. One in particular I know I'm looking forward to is MR JUGGLES, an interesting spider intro out of RED RIBBONS and MIGHTY HIGHTY TIGHTY. And we can all look Forward to some very exciting Canadian hardy daylilies in the years to come!

Report and Minutes Taken...Faye Collins

Minutes...Ontario Daylily Society, May 21, 2005 - Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton

Call to Order: 10:15AM— Members Present... 35

Present for the Board: Sue Adie, Chris Austen, Faye Collins, Kathy Conway, Dave Mussar, Barbara White.

Regrets: Gary Carlson, Julie Wilson

Welcome to New Members: Kathy Figueroa, Bancroft, Michaela Fotheringham, Dundas, Joe Hawkins, Oakville, Sheila Kenny, Pembroke, Carlene Oakley, Toronto and Jean Tremblay, St. Hilarian Quebec City.

Correspondence: There were several e-mails from CAN-AM speakers thanking us for hosting such a great meeting.

Adoption of the Minutes of February 12, 2005: Moved to accept as printed, Kathy Conway, Seconded, Diane Crawford.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Adie presented a Balance Sheet & Profits and Losses through March 31, 2005 prepared by treasurer Gary Carlson. She pointed out they do not reflect CAN-AM expenses still owing and that we really do need to pull back on expenses: increasing costs continue to be a problem even

though we did well on plant sales and the auction. As well, thanks to Maureen Strong for bringing plants for today's sale.

Business Arising...

1. Website...Many members were disappointed that the auction plants were not on our website so that they could preview them prior to the CAN-AM. ODS needs an up and running website and Julie Wilson is not able to carry on at this point. We are exploring a couple possibilities and will hopefully have someone by our June meeting. John Reist also brought up the idea of a club robin and bulletin board again and everyone present said go for it.

2. Membership Recruitment...There is a new brochure designed by Sue ready for printing. We need to get copies made in time for this summer's open gardens, local garden centers, Botanical Gardens and OHA Clubs. Again it was expressed that Canada Blooms is not an option- too expensive and attendance was down this year even though the show is still well worth going to.

3. Region4/05 Meeting, September 23& 24...FieLDS [Finger Lakes Society} is hosting this year's regional in Geneva New York. There has been little interest in booking a bus here for the trip down. There is a great lineup of speakers...Dan Trimmer, Steve Moldovan, the Salters, Roy Woodhall, so if you are interested in going, car pooling is an option and remember to book your room soon to ensure a good rate and room availability.

4. ODS Fall Meeting...Plans are well underway for our annual fall meeting and elections. Again it takes place Saturday, September 17 at the Burlington Holiday Inn. As usual there is a great group of speakers from south of the border followed by the election of our new directors. Volunteers are always needed so if you can help out, let Sue Adie know.

5. CAN-AM 2005 Report...Registration was down at this years event {130 attended and it seems to be a trend across all AHS regions ,but there was amazing support and we did well on the auction. Jamie Vande, our international guest speaker from Germany, offered thanks for "a heck of a good time". There will be more details in the next news letter.

6. AHS Members Poll...At our previous meeting it was suggested that we determine how many of our members are AHS members as well. We encourage members who have not joined AHS to do so; the membership fee is worthwhile for the quarterly delivery of the AHS Journal alone.

New Business

1. The Douglas Lycett Award...Chris Austen presented the new format for entering the competition. It now includes two photos, a close up of the bloom and one of both the flower and the foliage. She also said it is much easier to deal

with entries that are digital- the slide scanner is worn out.

2. Volunteers Needed... As noted above in Business Arising, volunteers are always needed and not just for the big meetings, but ongoing. We need members who can help with data entry, auction lists, plant acquisitions, plant sales tables, sorting, pricing and helping with the auction, membership recruitment, food and so on. If you are that person, let us know.

3. Q&A...A question and answer or a forum for discussing our favorite plant is going to be a regular part of our small meetings. It was pointed out that it does not have to be just day-lilies as most of our members are not monocultural gardeners and we have a wealth of information that can be shared. Questions could even be emailed in for inclusion on the next agenda and responses would then be published in the newsletter. Today we discussed are uncooperative weather and the freeze thaw cycle playing havoc with our plants. Diane Crawford's response regarding daylilies was radical: if it can't survive Canadian winters, good riddance!

4. Alfalfa Pellets. John Clarke came to the meeting with 10 large bags of alfalfa pellets that he was selling as part of his local garden club's fundraising efforts. A lively discussion ensued as to the benefits of alfalfa pellets to daylilies and how to use them. The pellets are slow release and really green up a plant. Dave Mussar digs in a handful with his seedlings as a growth promoter.

Motion to Adjourn followed by Brian Mahieu's Introductions, Babysitting Distribution and plant sale. 11PM Moved Dave Mussar....Seconded... Barbara White

Sue Adie presented the power point presentation we missed at the CAN-AM. Brian's 2005 intros are spectacular and many were in the auction. And what an exciting program it is: Mahieu uses a paint palette theme and says his purpose is to have 'life imitate art'. There were some wonderful UFO'S, with great names like PIT OF DESPAIR and tall with huge blooms and rich colours. You can see for yourself by visiting his website.

Cultivar Acquisition Program (otherwise known as Babysitting plants)...Karin Jonasson issued an all call for the return of babysitting in member's gardens for redistribution and sale. As well there were some great new plants from John Rice who will be a guest speaker at our Fall Conference. I personally am the proud new caretaker of his READ MY LIPS. There were enough plants for each member present to take home two and they were distributed by lottery. Each person filled out two ballots which were also contracts for their return. Members out there should try and make this annual meeting: it really is a lot of fun.

Minutes taken and Report... Faye Collins

Minutes...Ontario Daylily Society, June 25, 2005
Royal Botanical Gardens, Hamilton

Call to order...10:15 - Members Present...22

Present for the Board: Faye Collins, Dave Mussar, Barbara White

Regrets: Sue Adie, Chris Austen, Gary Carlson, Kathy Conway, Julie Wilson

Welcome to New Member: Jenny-Lyn Gasperek, Brooklin, Ontario

Adoption of Minutes, May 21, 2005...Moved Dave Mussar, second, Nick White

Correspondence: Karin Jonasson sent an email regarding the Babysitting plants. She has forwarded a record of the plant returns and the new plants and where they are residing. She has also forwarded money from the plant sales to Gary Carlson. Karin reported that the exchanges went well and so far there are no complaints.

Business Arising

1. ODS Robin and Website...John Reist has set up the new ODS Robin and Bulletin Board through Yahoo. He reported that it was up and running last weekend and already 18 ODS members have joined. He says it really allows our far flung membership who cannot get to the small meetings to communicate and it's across Canada not just in Ontario. Club events will be posted, the latest daylily news, daylily trades can be facilitated, club photos posted, links with other groups can happen and Chat will be an area for members to meet. John has also agreed to become our official webmaster so we can again look forward to up to date information such as auction lists on line.

2. Fall Meeting/AGM/Elections...The Fall Meeting as reported in our last set of minutes, takes place on Saturday, September 17, 2005. There is a great line up of speakers and there will be elections for three Directors and the Director at Large. What we did not know at the time is that Sue Adie, due to an exciting turn of events in her life is stepping down and cannot continue as president. It was suggested that the Board set up a nomination committee tout suite and also meet to make decisions around succession planning.

3. Nominations for the Board...If you are interested yourself in running for the Board or if you wish to nominate someone for any of the above positions, please forward your nomination (s) to Faye Collins, ODS Secretary by e-mail... madgardener23@hotmail.com, regular post or even phone.

New Business

1. Q&A...Dave Mussar reported things are already blooming in his garden: the heat has really brought things along. Everyone else agreed they were thrilled with the early bloom but

our weather would not necessarily continue to cooperate.

2. Another Open Garden... David Engel has quote finally got the weeds under control and has issued an invitation to ODS members to come visit his garden on Skelding Road just north of Orono, west of Highway 115. When you are visiting The Hayfield it's a short drive north and well-worth a look.

David's been busy hybridizing over the years with truly great results. People at the meeting were given maps. You can call David for directions at 905-983-5521 or perhaps look on the ODS Bulletin Board for maps and details.

Move to Adjourn 10:50AM followed by Guest Speaker Faye Collins and Plant Swap...Moved... Jack Myers....second, David Engel.

Next ODS Event...The Picnic, August 6, 2005 Betty and Marv Fretz, Moorefield

Thanks to Barbara White for taking the minutes while I chaired the meeting. I have of course elaborated, not being a woman of few words and apologize in advance for any errors or omissions. At this point I usually thank the speaker, difficult in this case as it's me. Due to some mixed messages and technical difficulties, my power point presentation, The Mad Gardener's Collection 2004 could not be viewed (you may be able to see it on the ODS Bulletin Board without the text and it really is just a taste. but I improvised and showed "A Day in the Garden" 35 slides that were taken last August. Some turned out well; some not so well but members present at least had something to look at and there was a definite buzz happening when they saw WHITE TIE AFFAIR, a very beautiful Peck almost white. At this point I am issuing an invitation to visit my garden-I am on the way to or back from the Hayfield and David Engel's garden as photos really do not do it justice. And if it's a very hot day, bring your swim suit (or not); the spring fed pond is mighty tempting.

Report and Minutes-Faye Collins

Winter Garden Losses (By Sue Adie)

At the May ODS meeting we discussed winter losses we had suffered in our gardens. Many had theories about the losses, both of daylilies and other plants and shrubs, this is a synopsis of what we learned from members.

Late warm spells

Many of you remember the unseasonably warm spells we had in October and into November last year. Many shrubs, perennials and daylilies had new flushes of growth during those times, only to be blasted by the frosts and wet snows of December, before they had time to go dormant. My heucheras were decimated by these

ice storms and heavy snows and never fully recoverd. Many daylilies became "confused" by the warm spells and new flushes of growth followed by freezing weather seemed to slow re-emergence in spring for many members in their gardens. Most daylilies did come back, albeit weeks later than usual.

Medium for planting.

Many potted specimens come in a soilless mix. In an effort to prevent root hair loss which is the number one cause of stress in plants, most people keep much of the medium intact. As this medium is primarily peat and often dries out very quickly, it can be very difficult to re-wet once buried. On the flip side, I witnessed three snakebark maples drown in their over-wet peat-based pots when sunk into wet soil, followed by weeks of rain. If you have clay soil that retains water, the peat acts like a sponge. You may not see the cause of the death of the plant until you dig it up the next year. When I dug up plants to move, divide or give away this year I did notice the roots on many perennials and nearly EVERY shrub were still quite localized to the shape of the original pot they came out of, and the peat medium was intact, often dried out as I am in sandy soil. A remedy is to remove most of the pot medium when planting, allow the initial shock to stress the plant, rather than try and reduce stress now, only to lose the plant later.

Climate changes as stressors

A few members theorize, that the late planting of (for lack of a better word) "southern" daylilies also stresses the plants, much like our warm fall did last year. Many shippers from Florida will not recommend shipping and planting to northern regions as their plants are in a different stage in growth, and will be far more stressed when planted in the north. To this end, we will try and have only more northern hybridizers present at our fall meetings from now on to ensure any plants acquired at those meetings have a better chance of survival.

COLD COLD COLD

We had a few years...ten if my garden journal is accurate of very mild winters, rarely going below minus 10 in the Toronto/southern Ontario areas. I noticed many garden centres bringing in zone 6 plants for sale, and they survived quite well for a number of years. These past few years with our colder, snowier winters many of these shrubs have succumbed. The colder winters, regardless of snow cover are much more dessicating to leaves and new shoots, and may explain the sudden losses of old standards such as purple leaved sandcherries and dogwoods.

Any other theories? Why not post them on the ODS robin? The address is <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/odsrobin/>



Jim Dalziel & family - Burlington
 Michaela Fotheringham - Dundas
 Olive Glendinning - Aurora
 Joe Hawkins - Oakville
 Sheila Kenny - Pembroke
 Joan McGrattan - Kirkfield
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From the Membership Team

A reminder - your membership expiry date is the first line on the address label of your ODS newsletter. We send a renewal notice 30 to 60 days prior to your expiry date. If you have e-mail and have not renewed by your expiry date we will send a gentle reminder, but truly it is up to you as a member to renew your membership on a timely basis. If your membership is not renewed within 60 days of your expiry date your name is removed from our Membership Roster.

ODS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual Single	-	\$15.00
Annual Family	-	\$20.00
3 Year Single	-	\$40.00
3 Year Family	-	\$50.00
Annual Youth	-	\$ 8.00
3 Year Youth	-	\$20.00

New members please send cheques payable to O.D.S. to Ontario Daylily Society c/o Frances Baker and Alison Parker, P.O. Box 111, Clarksburg, ON N0H 1J0

Ontario Daylily Society Web Page
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 Daylily Rust Info Page
<http://www.ncf.ca/~ah748/rust.html>

AHS Membership Information

Individual (1 year)	-	\$18.00 US
Individual (3 years)	-	\$50.00 US
Family (1 year)	-	\$22.00 US
Family (3 years)	-	\$60.00 US
Youth-		\$ 8.00 US

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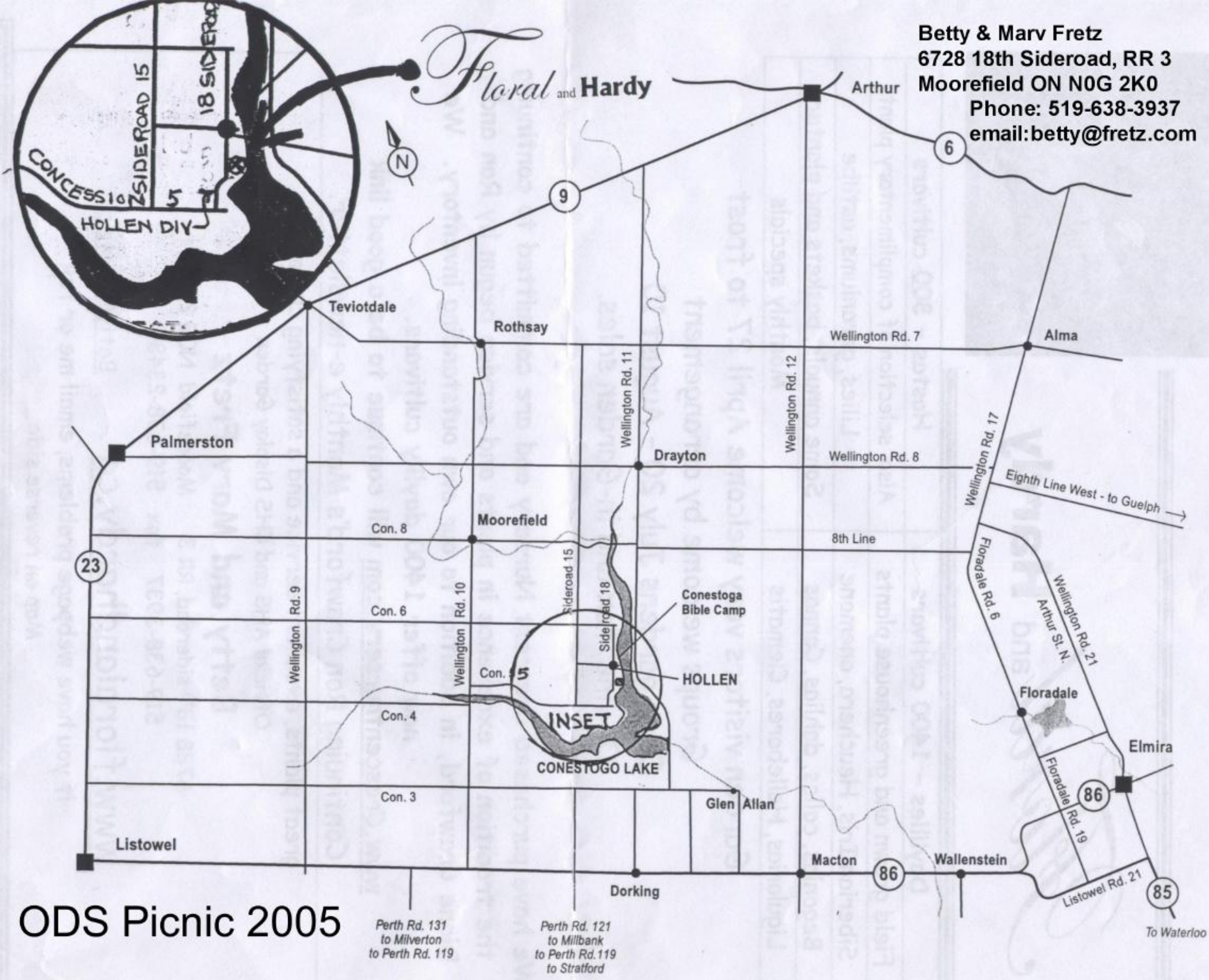
THE WONDERFUL DAYLILY CREATIONS OF CURT HANSON

Curt Hanson has been wonderfully supportive of the Ontario Daylily Society. In the following puzzle are named just a few of his fabulous daylily introductions.

ABSOLUTION, ALLISON'S WEDDING, ANDY WARHOL'S HAIR, BELA LUGOSI, BEYOND THUNDERDOME, BORG TECHNOLOGY, CATCH THE WIND, COBRASKIN NECKTIE, COLLECTIVE IMMORTALITY, CONCRETE BLONDE, DEAR PRUDENCE, DIAMOND SUTRA, DON'T TOUCH ME THERE, EROGENOUS ZONE, FREUDIAN SLIP, FROM MY LPS, GHOST OF THUNDER ROAD, GORT, INCA APOTHECARY, JOAN DERIFIELD, JUDICIOUS CHOICES, LIFE ON BAJORE, LONG LEGGED LAP DANCER, MONUMENT VALLEY, NOTIFY GROUND CREW, OUT OF PLUMB, POMPOUS ARISTOCRACY, PRIMAL SCREAM, ROCK LOBSTER, SAUCERFUL OF SECRETS, SELF DETERMINATION, SINS OF OMISSION, SPOCKS EARS, SUPERFICIAL SIGHS, THE OWL, TWO SUES, UNFOLDING PARADOX, VOICES IN FOG, WICKED INSOUCIANCE

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9th Annual Fall Meeting

September 17th, 2005

Proudly presented by the Ontario Daylily Society

The Holiday Inn, 3063 South Service Road, Burlington, ON L7N 3E9

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Saturday 8:00 a.m. - Registration and Continental Breakfast
9 a.m. - Full day's program of speakers, including lunch plus
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Optional Saturday night dinner with the club
Registration - \$60 Can
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Registrar: Barbara White, 6798 9th Line, Beeton, Ontario L0G 1A0
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Lunch is included in your registration fees.

Optional dinner after the meeting will be held at the Mandarin restaurant in Burlington
A ten-minute drive from the hotel. Car-pooling is available.

Please indicate if you will be joining us for dinner after the meeting: Yes: _____ No: _____