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June 2nd 2009 – contributions to Betty Fretz for Newsletter

July 17 – 18, 2009 – Region 4 Meeting and Garden Tour – hosted by the Buffalo Area Daylily Society – BUS TRIP!!!! YEAHHHHH – WAHOOO!!

August 8, 2009 ODS Picnic @ We're In the Hayfield Now – Henry Lorrain's Garden, Orono

September 19th 2009 - ODS Fall Meeting – Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga.

October 2nd 2009 – contributions to Betty Fretz for Newsletter

October 17, 2009 @ 10am ODS meeting - Royal Botanical Gardens, Rooms 1 & 2 upstairs, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker Gary Carlson; Bring seeds for Maureen

November 21, 2009 @ 10am ODS meeting - Royal Botanical Gardens, Rooms 1 & 2 upstairs, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker Brian and Diane Jones; Bring Christmas exchange gift, and seeds for Maureen

The Guelph Daylily Garden tour will be Saturday July 25th. I'll post further details on the robin when they have been worked out. Also we need to know how many will be taking the Garden Judge 2 workshop at the club picnic at the Hayfields. Dave

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN HYBRIDIZE? Here's the challenge: choose two of your favourite daylilies that are both in bloom on the same day then make a few crosses. When little round seed pods form, it means that your crosses have taken. Congratulations, your plants are happy. Some weeks later when the pods ripen and are almost ready to split open, pick them and admire the glossy black seeds inside. Remove the seeds and put them in a safe place to air dry for a day or so. Write the names of both pod and pollen parents on 2 separate plastic Ziploc bags. Put one of the Ziplocs into your fridge for safekeeping over the winter and start dreaming about how perfect your future seedlings will be. You're happy! Mail the other Ziploc bag to me for the AHS International Seed Bank. Your name and address will be printed on a label and fastened onto the Ziploc. The names of your cross will be entered into an Excel spreadsheet and will include the hybridizer and year of registration of the two plants that you used. I'm very happy! Once your cross is chosen for adoption, it will be mailed out to the recipient who lives in some far-off land around the world. Now you've made someone else extremely happy! You're a star hybridizer for taking up this challenge, being successful in having seeds to harvest and then sharing them with others! Please mail your seed contribution to: AHS International Seed Bank, c/o Maureen Strong, 48 Lakeshore Drive, Stoney Creek, ON L8E 5C7 - Maureen Strong, AHS Intn'l Membership Chair.

Daylily Availability Guide

Most of you know that I took over the production of the Daylily Availability guide from Gary Carlson who had started and produced it for ten years. My intent was to increase the number of suppliers in the guide and also increase the distribution so that it became the major source listing for daylilies in Canada.

Recently I have made a life changing decision to move to British Columbia and hope to do so over the summer. My living arrangements will also be changing and I will no longer have a garden to grow daylilies or any other plants. Therefore I will no longer produce the guide so if there is anyone willing to take this on I would be happy to pass everything over to you. The guide does take quite a number of hours to produce and the remuneration is primarily the satisfaction of producing the guide and being the first to see the listing. You can contact me at ron@rcc-cga.com



I hope to get around and see a few daylily gardens before my move. Although I will remain a member

of ODS I won't be able to attend any meetings. I will miss all the friends and acquaintances that I have made over the years but may show up in your garden one day when I come back for a visit. Know that I will always reflect back on the good times enjoyed with friends in various daylily gardens and meetings. Ron Crawford

Ed comment Mr and Mrs Ron and Shelley Crawford, married June 20, 2009. We wish you all the very best, always.

DAYLILY POPULARITY POLLS - DUE DATE to vote IS September 1, 2009!!!

A popularity poll is the best way to share the names of our favourites with anyone who is interested in gardening with daylilies. We need to help our newer members choose quality daylilies that are both popular and will thrive in our region. New this year for the ODS Popularity Poll - each member may vote for up to **15** registered cultivars, previously 10. Please send your list to me at 48 Lakeshore Drive, Stoney Creek, ON L8E 5C7, or e-mail to mstrong@cogeco.ca .

This year the AHS pop poll format has changed to make voting easier for everyone and to make the end product more useful to members and the public alike. Results from previous years are published on the AHS website at <http://www.daylilies.org>. Earlier this year, AHS members received their Spring issue of "Daylilies in the Great Northeast" Region 4 Newsletter in which Coral Kincaid kindly included the new ballot. This ballot lists the 115 most popular cultivars from last year plus spaces to write in up to five of your personal favourites if your choices are not already on the ballot. Ballots may be completed and mailed to me, or your vote can be entered online at <http://www.daylilies.org/PopPoll>

Though AHS members already know this, I'm including this information for the benefit of our ODS members who may be interested in learning more about the American Hemerocallis Society and receiving the exciting newly revamped Daylily Journal. – Maureen Strong, AHS R4 Publicity Director.