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Newsletter of the Ontario Daylily Society

President Dave's message

Many of you may think that this is the off-season when it comes to daylilies, however for me it is a busy as ever. It's a different sort of busy, not quite as back-breaking or knee bruising as the labour during the spring, summer and fall but busy none-the-less. For this is the season of plans and dreams. New catalogues arrive and websites are updated and need to be visited. The Daylily Auction is perused in my spare time in case I have any drool left. Gotta have lists are revised again and again with each new release.

Seeds from last year's hybridizing are sorted and hard decisions had to be made to determine which will be the select few that I will have space to grow. Do I keep seeds from some of my own seedlings (nothing more than bridge plants at best) or crosses from some of the new acquisitions from last year? Is there any space left where I could build a new bed? Where will the new plants go? Planning, planning.....

There are hundreds of photos from last summer to organize and label and my own website to update. Pictures of some of the seedlings that looked so impressive during the summer are now looking a little more ordinary. Am I being too critical or is the novelty wearing off? Maybe it was just a poor photo and it was one of those plants you just have to see in person. Your On-

tario Daylily Society is making plans as well. Plans for our 11th Annual Can-Am Classic are well underway. While you already know all the speakers who have been invited, there are plant auctions and sales table plants to organize and a myriad of other details. Volunteers are certainly needed! There are babysitting plants to order and some in our gardens that will be ready to return. We are making plans to host our first ever public flower show - not an AHS sanctioned event to start but maybe in a few years. Some of us are already planning to attend the AHS National Convention in Minnesota or the Region 4 Garden Tour this summer. There are gardens to visit, picnics to attend, calendars to book and travel arrangements to be made. Believe it or not we are already thinking about our Fall 2007 meeting! Where does the year go?

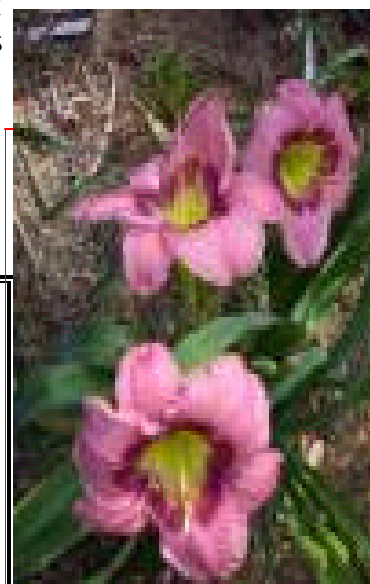
My seedlings are now up 6 - 8" under the lights and dreams of breakthrough daylilies are dancing in my head. The new season is about to begin and I can hardly wait! For many of us the Can-Am Classic is the official start to the daylily season. Get your registrations in soon, it promises to be a great time. Hope to see you all there!

All the best. Dave

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Do We Have Your Email Address? If you do not receive meeting announcements or other ODS news items from our President, then we are missing or have an old email address for you. Please contact Barbara White with your current email address. We do try to keep announcements to a minimum but do want you to be well-informed about ODS activities.

"Gardening Life" magazine is running an article on Daylilies in the May edition, available in late April. The person who called me was just checking data, and so I do not know the author of the article or any other information—but a good thing to look for. When it comes out, please, someone post on the ODS Robin.



From our ODS Treasurer : Gary Carlson

Ontario Daylily Society

Profit & Loss : January through December 2006

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Babysitting Plant Sales	2,186.00
Fall Meeting 50150 draw	110.00
Fall Meeting Chinese Auction	491.00
Fall Meeting registrations	4075.65
CanAm Plant Sales	24,049.02
CanAm Registrations	4,887.00
Fall Meeting Plant Sales	10,083.80
Fall Meeting Registration	1,705.00
Membership Dues	5,358.00
Merchandise Sales	40.00

Total Income **52,984.50**

Expense

Advertising	440.60
AHS Convention Subsidy	1,000.00
AHS Memorial	580.00
Babysitting Plants	1,282.64
Bank Service Charges	777.11
Can Am Expenses	15,638.57
CanAm Plant Purchases	8,280.00
CanAm Speakers	3,375.94
Depreciation Expense	460.00
Dues and Subscriptions	20.00
Fall Meeting Expense	8,177.20
Fall Meeting Plant Purchases	4,710.00
Fall Meeting Speakers	232.00
Garden Shows	1,490.98
Membership Expenses	459.42
Monthly Meeting Expense	2,285.78
Newsletter	1,002.92
Office Supplies	61.97
Picnic Supplies	262.27
Purchases for resale	1,075.59
Regional Donation	1,160.00
US. Exchange	-125.10
Website Hosting	222.88
Total Expense	52,871.07
Net Ordinary Income	113.43

Net Income **113.43**

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Balance Sheet

As Of December 31, 2006

ASSETS

Current Assets

Chequing/Savings

Canada Trust American	750.91
Canada Trust Canadian	11,134.92
Canada Trust US Exchange	-62.18
Royal Bank US Exchange	276.59
Total Chequing/Savings	12,100.24

Other Current Assets

Petty Cash	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	200.00
Total Current Assets	12,300.24

Fixed Assets

Projector	2,343.85
Projector Amortization	-920.00
Total Fixed Assets	1423.85

TOTAL ASSETS **13724.09**

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Equity

Doug Lycett Memorial Fund	1,133.20
Retained Earnings	12,477.46
Net Income	113.43
Total Equity	<u>13,724.09</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY **13,724.09**

New Membership Chair

Many thanks to Barbara White for stepping forward and accepting the role of Membership Chair. Barbara and her husband Nick have an AHS Display Garden in Beeton Ontario and have long been great ambassadors for the ODS. The Membership Chair is often the first point of contact for new members joining the club and I'm sure that Barbara's enthusiasm for daylilies will be contagious! Many thanks also to our out-going Membership Chairs Frances Baker and Alison Parker who have efficiently and effectively served the ODS in this role for the past 4 years! *President Dave M.*

AHS Membership Free Draw

Congratulations to Ross Detweiller of Breslau Ontario, who won the draw for a free one year membership to the American Hemerocallis Society at the January 20th ODS meeting. This draw was open to all ODS members who had never previously belonged to the AHS whether they were present or not. Several members who were unable to be present responded to the email message and asked that their names be included in the draw. We will be drawing for another AHS membership at the Can-Am Classic. While we prefer that you attend the Can-Am Classic, we will again make this draw open to remote members who are unable to be there in person. Please contact the President if you cannot attend but would like our name entered into the draw. This draw is open only to members who have not previously belonged to the AHS.

AHS Membership Has Its Privileges

The American Hemerocallis Society has introduced a program to encourage new first-time memberships. Effective October 1st, 2006, new AHS members will receive a \$25 gift certificate valid at selected daylily nurseries. As well current one year members who move to a 3 year membership or Life membership will also be eligible for the gift certificates. While most of the nurseries currently listed are in the USA, I'm pleased to be able to say that Strong's Nursery in Ontario will be honouring these certificates as well. Not only do you get the fine quarterly AHS Journal and the semi-annual Regional newsletter, you will also receive a gift certificate that is valid for most of the cost of the membership. Membership does indeed have its privileges. Consider joining the AHS today. See the link on the ODS website to the AHS website to join.

Eureka Daylily 2008 Reference Guide : Order early

360 pages of descriptions, sources and photographs for thousands of daylilies, listed with the prices. Also in the works, a DVD of the reference book. Searchable I hear. :) The DVD is still under study. It will not be the same as the CD set which supplements the printed Guide. The DVD will be the entire Daylily Guide in an electronic form. It will also include all of the info that is on the CD Supplement (over 1,000 additional pages of information). The Guide has from 11,000 to 13,000 cultivars featured each year by the listing nurseries. To accommodate the additional photographs as well as larger print, fewer nurseries were chosen. The CD now has all of the AHS registered cultivars, almost 60,000, in a single file with the cultivar name, hybridizer, date of registration, Ploidy, and form. The DVD will have this as well as the entire Guide. It's in .PDF format, Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is searchable. I'll make an email announcement when the DVD is available and the price, closer to spring 2007.

For several years, I have had disappointed people when the Daylily Eureka ordering deadline is long past when they think of asking for one. It is my intention to continue to create a group buy for the Daylily Eureka. If you want either a Eureka book, the accompanying 2-CD set or both, please order them early so that you will receive it in November 2007. We will accept orders for these valuable references until November 1st, 2007. order by email at Betty@floralandhardy.ca, fax 519-638-2348, phone 519-638-3937 or mail to Floral and Hardy gardens, 6728 18th sideroad, RR 3, Moorefield ON N0G 2K0.

Amber Wine Bottle Request

In preparation for our daylily exhibit in the summer, we are looking for amber wine bottles. If you could donate some please let Kathy Conway, Karin Jonasson, John Clarke or Jenny Gasperek know. We are looking the 26 ounce size and we are looking for **amber** not green as Dave Bowman suggested. Please contact one of the above and let us know. (ed. If original contents are in place, give us a few days...)

HYBRIDIZERS' POWERPOINT PRESENTATION

As all of you are aware, the 2007 Can-Am Classic will take place from April 20, 2007 to April 22, 2007. It's a great event, so please make sure you join us. You can find the registration form on the Ontario Daylily Society web site. On the Friday night of the Can-Am Classic, April 20, 2007, we will be holding a hybridizers' PowerPoint presentation and this is why I am writing to all of you.

We are inviting all hybridizers to submit

up to 5 (five) digital images of their daylily creations. The images will be inserted into a PowerPoint presentation to be shown that night. I have volunteered to put together the presentation. I will accept submissions up to and including April 15, 2007.

Please send your submissions to Photos@ontariodaylily.on.ca and make sure you indicate in the Re line of the e-mail message that your submis-

sions are for the **Can-Am Classic Hybridizers' PowerPoint Presentation**.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the above e-mail address or my home e-mail address which is mcadba@mountaincable.net – I look forward to receiving your submissions.

Chris Austen
Ontario Daylily Society

DOUGLAS LYCETT AWARD

The voting for the 2006 Douglas Lycett Award took place at the fall meeting and I will be announcing the winner at the Can-Am event in April, 2007. I would like to thank all of you who made submissions and everyone who attended the meeting for voting for their favourites.

I am writing to you today to remind you that, although the weather is currently freezing cold, it won't continue and we will have summer. Many of you hybridizers will be seeing your hybridized creations bloom for the first time and that will be a very exciting time for you. This message is address to all of our hybridizers - be sure to take two digital pictures of

each of your favourite blooms and daylily plants so you can decide which ones you want to submit, prior to the fall meeting, to the Douglas Lycett Award contest. At the 2007 fall meeting the members will view the submissions and vote for their favourites.

Again, each submission must consist of two entries – a digital photo of the bloom and another one of the whole plant with the flower itself in bloom.

I will provide more details regarding the categories in the next newsletter.

Happy gardening! Chris Austen



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Chicken Curry Spread

Into a blender or preferably a food processor:

place

1/2 cup mayonnaise, regular or light

1 tsp curry powder

1/3 to 1/2 tsp. salt or to taste

1/2 cup toasted almonds *

1 thin slice of onion

1 cup cooked chicken **

Cover and mix until blended. Chill and serve on crackers.

** To cook the chicken, place in a pan and simmer in water until cooked, approximately 15 minutes. Cool and chop.

* To toast almonds, heat in a frying pan with a little butter, stirring until pale brown.

I like to use the food processor just on and off because I like it less combined (i.e. A bit less mushy)

It is easy and can be kept in the fridge until needed.

Joan Meyers

Educational Grant

Last year the ODS provided an educational grant of \$100 Cdn. to members who attended the National convention in Long Island. This does not even cover the registration costs to a convention like this not to mention travel and hotel costs. This year the National is in Minnesota and about 2 weeks earlier our Region 4 daylily tour will be held in Connecticut. We voted to provide the same grant to ODS members who attend either the National or the Region 4 meeting again this year. Seeing other gardens and networking with other AHS members is a great way to provide prominence to our club and to expose our members to other ideas to bring back and share with the club.

Can Am Door Prizes

As you may be aware we have a table of door prizes at the Can Am. We are always looking for more to add to the table. If you have a donation- it could be a present (you could re-gift) that is in mint condition or something you have purchased to donate yourself. I am also looking for volunteers that would be willing to approach a business in their area for a door prize. (That is how the majority of the donations are obtained) I have an official letter that I would be happy to give you if would do this on ODS's behalf.

Kathy Conway andkat@cogeco.ca

Daylily show

We had a nice presentation by Dave Bowman of Foxhaven Farm in Kentucky on the ins and outs of holding a public daylily show. It is an amazing opportunity to get our favourite flower in front of the public and is the single biggest way that new members join their club. They also hold a public plant sale at the same time which is very popular and a big fund raiser. Karin Jonasson is leading a committee that is looking at how we might be able to hold our first show.

I just wanted to follow up on the nice post that Cheryl Taylor made the other day about how Dave Bowman of Foxhaven Farms in Kentucky, bravely came to the great white north to share his experience with daylily shows.

Our club has never hosted a daylily flower show and I think most of the nearby clubs in the northern states do not have one either. As a result, there are very few exhibition judges up this way, in fact I believe there may only be one judge trainee in Canada to my knowledge but could be mistaken on that. We do hear about shows on the robin and in the Journal but most of our members have never attended one so we don't know what we are missing. I guess that sounds pretty strange to most of you south of us. I know

Dave was surprised and actually wondered what we do as a club if we didn't have a show!

What Dave Bowman showed us is how much fun we are missing and what a great opportunity to show the public that there is more to daylilies than Stella and H. fulva. It is also clear that part of the fun is in the competition to see who gets all the big awards! The thought of cutting a scape at peak bloom makes me shudder but it is good to know that many of the winners are not the newest cultivars but many of the old standbys, grown to perfection. Off scape displays are also an opportunity to get some of the latest in front of the public and club members as well.

We as a club have received several messages of support with suggestions and encouragement from Cheryl's post to this robin. Thanks so much! We have formed a committee to develop plans for our first show. One of our challenges will be to find a central location or mall to hold the show and to get in front of the public. The Ontario Daylily Society is spread over a very wide area, equivalent to at least a state in size so members would have to travel a fair distance to get their scapes to the show.

I do think however that Dave Bowman instilled some excitement and enthusiasm to host our first show. There were many shots of show activities, volunteers, the public plant sale and award winners. He had many helpful tips and we could hold a whole clinic on grooming (the scapes and not the members!).

We also saw shots of Foxhaven gardens and all the critters. Dave has a llama collection as well as a fine garden with great trees, shrubs and daylilies. His hybridizing program is really coming along as well. Foxhaven Enigma and Sister of the Moon are very striking large open flowers. The scape on his deep purple Intense Silence is amazing. I hope my plant grows that well once it settles in!

Dave unfortunately managed to come to Canada on the coldest weekend of the year so far (actually next weekend is forecasted to be even colder!). The man is brave and was a good sport. I do have to say to Sue, what were you thinking sending your hubby to Canada in January without any gloves?!!! How soon they forget!

REGISTRATION FORM

An AHS Region 4 Event

11th ANNUAL CAN-AM DAYLILY CLASSIC

Please make your cheque payable to Ontario Daylily Society and mail it along with this form to:

Barbara and Nick White

6798-9th Line, Beeton, Ontario L0G 1A0

Name _____

Street _____ City _____

Prov./State _____ Postal Code/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Additional registrants and their addresses: _____

Early Bird registration (before April 1/07) _____ x [\$75 Cdn] [\$65 US] = \$ _____
(# of people) (Please circle appropriate funds)

Registration (postmarked after April 1/07) _____ x [\$85 Cdn] [\$75 US] = \$ _____
(# of people) (Please circle appropriate funds)

Youth registration _____ x [\$40 Cdn] [\$32 US] = \$ _____
(# Of people) (Please circle appropriate funds)

Saturday Evening Banquet – (at Hotel) - - - - _____ x [\$35 Cdn] [\$30 US] = \$ _____
(# of people) (Please circle appropriate funds)

Saturday Banquet entrée choice - - - - Chicken () Beef () Fish ()

CHEQUE TOTAL \$ _____

Please check here to register for Garden Judges' Workshop I _____

Please check here if you would like your contact information (address, phone number and email address) to show on the meeting roster list. _____

Why is soil pH important and exactly what is pH?

Soil pH indicates the acidity or alkalinity of a soil and is important because it affects availability of the nutrients plants need. Some plants grow over quite a wide range of soil pHs, but others are more fussy and need the pH to remain within a more limited range so that they can get appropriate nutrition. You can even get cultivar variations in pH tolerance, one cultivar developing symptoms of nutrient deficiency in a soil where a different one has no problem.

As an example of what can happen when the pH is unsuitable, consider a plant that prefers acidic soils. If it is grown in soil where the pH is higher than it likes, it may develop iron and/or manganese deficiency. In that case, the leaves become paler between the veins but the veins don't lose their colour. In a plant like a daylily, with long narrow leaves and parallel veins, you'll get a striped effect, pale or lime-green stripes alternate with darker green stripes because the veins are still a normal colour. Nutrient imbalances aren't just aesthetic issues, they can limit the plant's ability to grow well, and increase susceptibility to pests and diseases.

People often ask about a preferred soil pH range for daylilies but I'm not aware of any research to determine this. Ranges are often given in daylily articles but I suspect these have been extrapolated from recommendations for plants in general. If the plants seem fine, then the pH is likely fine for them and there's no need to be concerned about adjusting it. If the plants don't seem to be performing well, or have some mysterious symptoms that can't be blamed on a pest, then it would be worth getting a soil test done.

Never apply lime to soil unless a soil test indicates it is necessary because you can end up creating nutrient deficiencies where there were none previously. Soils and their pH's can vary locally so even if a neighbour up the street adds lime don't follow suit without ensuring it is also needed in your garden and for your type of plants. Also, the pH range within which nutrient availability is at the optimum differs between mineral garden soils and soilless mixes such as are used in containers. The nutrients in a soilless mix are optimally available within a lower pH range than in garden soil.

If a soil test indicates you need to adjust the pH, the amount of material that you need to apply will depend on your soil. This is because some soils are better able to resist a change in soil pH than others (referred to as the soil's "buffering capacity"). Because the buffering capacity of clay and organic matter is higher than that of sandy soil, it will take less lime to raise the pH of an unamended sandy soil in comparison. Of course the amount required also varies depending on how much the pH needs to be changed. Recommendations should be given with the soil test results.

More technically, the pH ("potential Hydrogen") scale indicates the relative concentration of hydrogen vs. hydroxyl ions in the soil solution. When hydrogen ions are more numerous than hydroxyl ions, the soil is acidic. When the reverse applies, the soil is alkaline. When the hydrogen and hydroxyl ions are equal in concentration, then the pH is said to be neutral (7 on the pH scale). Each number on the pH scale represents a difference of ten times. Thus a pH of 6 is ten times more acidic than a pH of 7, and 100 times more acidic than a pH of 8.

On the pH scale, 5 or below is strongly acidic, 5 to 6 is moderately acidic, 6 to 7 is slightly acidic, and 7 is neutral as mentioned above. On the alkaline side, 7 to 8 is slightly alkaline, 8 to 9 is moderately alkaline, and 9 to 10 is strongly alkaline. At the extreme ends of the scale, below 4 would be very strongly acidic and above 10 would be very strongly alkaline.

Daylilies have apparently done well at pHs as low as 5.5 however the upper limit seems harder to define. Some people report no problems with neutral pH or above for daylilies, others start to see micronutrient issues such as manganese deficiency at below neutral in some cultivars, indicating that those daylilies would prefer a more acidic soil (this may also depend in part on other factors such as a high amount of organic amendment which can affect the availability of certain nutrients such as manganese).

The bottom line, as mentioned above, is observed how the plants are doing. If they seem fine, don't try and fix something that ain't broke! Sue Bergeron

What can I do about thrips and aphids?

Aphids and thrips are both rather difficult to control because they often feed in areas hidden from sprays such as between the leaf bases in the case of aphids, and also within the flower buds in the case of thrips. Be careful not to over-fertilize because high nitrogen can increase such pests, and try to avoid drought stress. Natural predators/parasites may take care of a small infestation.

If they don't, control options range from a blast of water with a watering hose (strong enough to dislodge any critters hit by it but not so strong that the plant is damaged) to more toxic systemic insecticides that make the plant juices poisonous to the insects. These kill pests that feed on the plant juices even when hidden from a contact spray. A contact insecticide has, as the name suggests, to actually coming in contact with the pest in order to work. Insecticidal soaps are commonly used contact sprays for aphids, preferably those formulated and sold specifically for plants rather than home-made "dish soap" concoctions which are more likely to damage plants. You can get insecticidal soap very easily from hardware stores; garden centres etc. as ready-to-use sprays for a small number of plants, or as concentrate for larger applications. Application would need to be repeated at intervals as it won't contact them all. There are other contact pesticides available, some more toxic than others. Always check the labels to see if the target pest and plant or plant type is listed. And avoid routine use of Sevin (carbaryl) as it can encourage an increase in spider mites.

In Canada we are more limited in the pesticides we can obtain than are our gardening friends in the USA. And some municipal by-laws may further limit options. Obtaining systemic insecticides in Ontario is usually more difficult than walking into the local hardware store. For some more restricted pesticides, the store must be licensed to sell them. For others the applicator too must be licensed/certified. For available yet harder-to-get products and volumes, try such places as your local agricultural co-op, "Country Depot", or Plant Products in Brampton (www.plantprod.com).

In a greenhouse, biological controls are an alternative option, in other words introducing parasites and predators of the pests. For these try the above sources or local nurseries. I notice from their catalogue that Lee Valley Tools have a new product called a "Bug Blaster"! It's a 360 degree high pressure water spray nozzle for removal of soft-bodied insects. Not having tried it, I can't vouch for how well, or not, it might work on daylilies. Sue Bergeron

Maureen Strong named to AHS Board

Kevin Walek, President of the American Hemerocallis Society announced that our own Maureen Strong has been named to the Board of the AHS as the International Membership Chair replacing Gisela Meckstroth who has been in that position for a number of years.

Canadian AHS members are integrated into the closest geographic region within North America so Ontario members are in Region 4 with the northeast states. International members I believe belong to Region 20 which is basically the rest of the world outside of North America. The AHS does have members in Europe, Australia, Africa and the Far East so it is quite a challenge. Maureen will have to break out the old high school French books and maybe a few other languages as well! With Canada being so multi-cultural she may need to call on a few of us who can speak other languages to facilitate translation on occasion.

CONGRATULATIONS, Maureen!!! You do us Proud!

THE BEAUTIFUL DAYLILY CREATIONS OF MELANIE MASON With many thanks to our own, very busy Chris Austen for the puzzle.

Melanie Mason has been a wonderful resource and supporter for our club. The following are beautiful daylilies created by Melanie Mason.

ABOVE THE SALT, ADIRONDACK TRUST, ALBERTA CLIPPER, ASTRAL VOYAGER, BEST BEHAVIOR, BOB'S BABY, BORDELLO QUEEN, BORDERLINE CRAZY, BUTTERCUP DAYS, CAJUN CONCERT, CANDLELIGHT AND CABERNET, CHEAP FRILLS, CIRCULAR THINKING, EQUAL JUSTICE, ERIN KELSEY, EVA JAN INE, FASHION SENSE, FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, GLIMMER GLASS, GUAVA JELLY, G. WILLIERS, GYPSY ROSE, HARRIET MORRADIAN, JENNIE COME LATELY, LACY AMETHYST, LONGLESSON AMBER WAVES, LONGLESSON AVALON, LONGLESSON BALLAD, LONGLESSON CAPE HART, LONGLESSON COCONUT CREAM, LONGLESSON COUNTERPOINT, LONGLESSON FLATTERY, LONGLESSON LIBERTY BELLE, LONGLESSON MANGO GLOW, LONGLESSON ORCHID THIEF, LONGLESSON PETIT FOUR, LONGLESSON SHOWOFF, LONGLESSON SUMMER GIFT, LOVE IN THE LIBRARY, LYRICAL BALLAD, MABOU, MAID OF MEADOWS, MARIE GALLANT, MARY RUFFIN, MRS. LONDON'S APRICOT TART, NIGHT SKY, OLD FIELD CHARITY, OLD FIELD CORAL BISQUE, OLD FIELD LADY IN WAITING, OLD FIELD WISHFUL THINKING, ONE TWO KANGAROO, PARADOX, PAULA HEISEN, PINCE NEZ, PINEAPPLE DAIQUIRI, PINKLE PURR, PLUM LOCO, PORTRAIT IN RED, RED RIGHT RETURNING, RESCUE ME, RHYTHM OF THE SAINTS, ROGUE, SCREEN SAVER, SONG OF AFRICA, SUGAR PLUM TAFFY, SUMMER RERUN, SUN DANCE KID, SUNNY DISPOSITION, TALIA JORDAN, THE FULL MONTY, TIGER ON STILTS, TIME WARP, WOLF WHISTLE

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Losing Hardiness and Northern Beauty

Several months ago in a daylily discussion forum, I responded to a post where the writer was concerned that northern hybridizers were losing hardiness in their lines by continually crossing to southern plants in an effort to get some of those "southern faces" into their lines. I went off on a bit of a rant in defense of "northern beauty" and re-defining our concept of beauty. This message was directed to a mixed audience but largely growers in the northern USA regions. You may not agree with me and that is fine. I offer the following as food for thought.

In speaking with a Florida hybridizer recently he commented that 80-90% of what the Florida guys sell goes to southern customers. I found that pretty eye-opening and simply points to the fact that northerners are really just small potatoes to them. If we buy from Florida, then that is gravy to them but they certainly don't need our business to survive or thrive. It simply indicates that we are not a priority for them and to be quite honest, from a business perspective, they are creating plants that the majority of their customers can grow. Of course they are unable to create plants in that environment that would do well for us in the north for the most part.

However, these businesses have the marketing muscle to produce the flashy catalogs, grow huge quantities of their new introductions for release (200 - 300 plants!) and be commercially successful. It is no wonder that many daylily growers, regardless of where they are located, will be seduced by these images and programs. These are the biggest names and everybody knows it! When you are organizing a symposium, inviting speakers to your clubs, who do your members want to see? It is always the big names and frankly big names become big because they know how to, and make the effort to market their programs. To the majority of their customers, southern plants will grow fairly well, just not well for most of us in the north. You don't hear complaints about southern hybridizers coming from the south!

I suspect that northern US growers may be affected by being too close to Canada. We Canucks typically tend to be a bit more modest (if I can say so) and are not given to self promotion. Add to that the fact that we cannot get the rate of increase, generally have smaller programs, fewer introductions, etc., and frankly a smaller audience to market our plants to. Is it any wonder that northern programs find it difficult to compete with the "big boys"? We need to stop being so nice and be more aggressive in promoting our own local (northern) breeders and programs.

While northern growers for the most part value hardy daylilies I find it bit schizophrenic that we long for "northern" plants with "southern" faces. I think we need to define daylily beauty in our own terms, northern terms. Why long for southern characteristics that can only be produced with exceptional heat or long growing seasons? We need to redefine beauty in northern terms!

Interesting if you look at Curt Hanson's program. He has always marched to a different drummer. You don't find much there that would be characteristic of a Florida program. Yes, he does wild and wonderful, the funky and the unusual, not the sort of things you find in Florida generally speaking. He is defining beauty in his own terms. I laugh when he speaks about some of his things like Glass Bead Game, a burgundy with a good gold edge. He really hates it but people do want gold edges (typical southern characteristic) so he bites his lip and introduces a couple. Frankly if the market didn't demand it, I don't think he would bother, but he needs to stay in business too.

It is a bit of a lonely and daunting task to create a market for a "northern-looking" daylily and that is why we all need to work together on this. You are really fighting all the Florida muscle and money and who has the resources to do that? IMHO what we need to do is educate northern growers, get them to see beauty from a whole other perspective, from a northern perspective. Of course part of that beauty is plant performance. A plant that has a pretty flower but only 8 - 10 buds that hide down in the foliage is not attractive! I don't care who hybridized it or how expensive it was, it has to do well in my garden!

We need to promote northern performers to northern daylily growers. We need to get more of the northern hybridizers in front of our clubs and presenting at our conferences. As northern hybridizers, we need to promote "northern" beauties, to get growers to see the beauty in terms that we can produce in our own gardens. And northern hybridizers need to get out there and do a little self promotion. Who is willing to present their programs to other northern clubs? There are a lot of program chair-people looking to fill club meeting dates (I still have almost all of 2007 open -> help!!!). Who gives a good program and you would recommend to other northern clubs?

It may be my own perception, but does it seem to you that much of the UF breeding is coming from the north? I'm thinking Schwarz, Fitzpatrick, Gossard, Bachman, Clement, Hanson, to name a few. These people don't do many bagels, gold edges, ruffles, angel wings, etc. They have created new looks, an entirely new class, and are developing quite a following. This is not to say that a northern plant has to be a new class like a UF, but it is an example of something different that for the most part is not competing with the mainstream of Florida hybridizing. What about trumpet forms or bringing species vigour and performance into our lines? We are only limited by our ability to dream.

President Dave

Ontario Daylily Society Calendar 2007

Subject to change without notice

February 17, 2007 Come out and enjoy "Get The Jump On Spring" it is an annual festival celebrating all things horticultural, gardening and environmental issues and a perfect way to escape the winter doldrums. ODS is just one of many horticultural societies, garden clubs, environmental organizations, nurseries and garden stores from across Ontario you will find on site. Instead of holding our February meeting at The RBG, we're encouraging you to join us at this mid-winter event. Admission is free, there is lots to see hear and do.

February 23 — 25, 2007— *AHS Region 2 Winter Symposium — Cleveland, Ohio*

March, 7—11, 2007 — *Canada Blooms Metro Toronto Convention Centre* The Ontario Daylily Society will again be hosting an outreach booth at Canada Blooms from Wednesday, March 7 until Sunday, March 10. You will find us in Booth # F816

April 20, 21 & 22, 2007 *11th Annual CAN-AM Classic — Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga. Featured Speakers – Melanie Mason, Roy Woodhall, Dan Hansen, Chris Rogers, Curt Hanson, Don Herr and Mike Huben BE THERE!*

May 26, 2007 @ IOam ODS meeting - Rooms 3, 4 & 5, downstairs at the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre, Plains Road, Burlington. Club Plant Sale and Babysitting Program

June 23, 2007 ~ IOam ODS meeting - Royal Botanical Gardens — Room TBD, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker .TBD

July 13 — 15, 2007-- Region 4 Meeting and Garden Tour — hosted by the Connecticut Daylily Society

July 25 — 28, 2007 - APIS National Convention — hosted by the Hemerocallis Society of Minnesota

August 18, 2007 ODS Picnic ~ Maureen and Bob Strong's Garden in Stoney Creek, Consider taking the judging course the following day.

September 15, 2007 ODS Fall Meeting Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga.

October 20, 2007, IOam ODS meeting - Rooms 3 & 4, downstairs at the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker TBD

November 24, 2007 ~ 10 am ODS meeting - Rooms 3 & 4, downstairs at the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker TBD

REGISTERING YOUR DAYLILY – by Maureen Strong

Evaluation

After watching a particular bloom in your seedling patch for a few seasons, you've come to love it and want to share it with the rest of the daylily world? You're starting a very exciting process! To be a good daylily, your seedling needs to be the whole package. There's a lot more to a good daylily than being just another pretty blossom. It should also be distinctive (and there are many ways for a plant to be distinctive) and score high points in other aspects of evaluation. Evaluation of your seedling needs to be completed before any thoughts of registration occur. Now starts the serious critiquing and the gathering of statistics required for registration. If things like foliage habit, colour, scape height, bloom size or form aren't consistent from one year to the next, the seedling needs another growing season or two for further evaluation. Statistics for first-year seedlings often aren't very meaningful. Don't forget to take pictures of it each bloom season. The topic of seedling evaluation is a huge subject of its own. (Others more involved should weigh in with their recommendations and experience for the next newsletter!)

Choosing a Name

Let's get back to the topic of registration. Aside from the species, there are two types of daylilies - registered or unregistered. An unregistered plant is considered to be a seedling. So you've got a dynamite seedling that you feel is worthy of introduction! Now you need to choose a name for your seedling plus an alternate in case your original choice isn't acceptable. AHS now has a comprehensive online "Cultivar Database" which is the place to check to make sure that the name you've chosen hasn't already been used, reserved or grand-fathered by pre-registration. (See end for website url.) There is no charge to access this database, so even non-AHS members can complete their application properly. The actual printed Check Lists and their annual supplements are the Bibles and are available at very reasonable prices through AHS.

Why was the Name Rejected?

This bit of background is boring but will explain why some names are not acceptable. The AHS is the "keeper of names" under the International Cultivar Register Authority (ICRA) for all daylilies in the world and is subject to the rules of the International Code of the group called Nomenclature for Cultivated Plants (I.C.N.C.P.). AHS's Registrar, Gretchen Baxter, looks after all the registration and documentation; and for the approval of names she asks a committee to approve or deny, subject of course, to the somewhat changing rules of the ICNCP. This committee sees only a list of requested names, no seedling numbers or descriptions or other information is given, just a note of the year if this name has already been used or reserved. Other notes she might include would be any similar names that could cause confusion or be in contravention to the ICNCP rules. This too is a whole other subject, but the basic rules and examples are outlined in the section about "Registering a Daylily".

Years ago, one could "pre-register" or "reserve" a name, but pre-registration was eliminated on October 31, 2002. The process of "Name Reservation" has been retained at a cost of \$6.00 per name and the reserve time has been reduced to 2 years. Just because the name you chose didn't show up on the list of registered daylilies, you'll need to check the list of reserved names too. If the name was reserved, it may become available if the hybridizer doesn't register a plant by that name by the deadline indicated.

Mechanics of Registration

So you have your gorgeous potential intro, 2 photographs of it and a great name chosen. Now comes the actual registration. This will cost \$15 US, which needs to accompany your fully-completed registration form. As well as using the mail, registration and payment can be done on-line with a credit card or Pay Pal. All the information you'll need is on the AHS website under "Registering a Daylily". It is also printed in the Annual Check Lists of Cultivar Registrations which are available from Jimmy Jordan, Publication Sales for \$10 US each. Once you receive word from Gretchen that everything is in order, your daylily has been successfully registered with its very own name.

Introduction

Until a few years ago, an introduction date was part of the process and entailed the advertising of the newly registered cultivar in either a printed listing or in the Daylily Journal. Now, a daylily can be registered without being introduced, but should never be introduced without being registered. Unregistered daylilies are not eligible for Awards and Honours, or entry into Flower Shows, except in seedling classes where they are unnamed.

Something to remember, even though you've paid your money and filled out your registration form, it only becomes valid AFTER you receive notification of approval by the Registrar. So don't start printing your pricelist showcasing your "new" intro until you learn that your chosen name has been accepted.

AHS Home Page – <http://www.daylilies.org>

Registering a Daylily – <http://www.daylilies.org/AHSregister.html> Cultivar Database Online – <http://www.daylilydatabase.org>

To all Region 4 Hybridizers

We have all taken some pictures of our drop dead, beautiful seedlings this year and CDS has asked me to compile seedling pictures to be run at the 2007 Regional on a continuous loop for every ones pleasure.

In order for me to do this on a timely basis, the deadline for sending in your seedling pictures to me will be May 31, 2007. I do hope you have pity on my soul and send your seedling pictures during the cold months, and not when it is time to go out and play in the garden.

Of course there are rules and here we go:

The photo has to be a seedling and not a registered daylily.

1. The dimensional size of the photo should be no larger than 3456 x 2304.
2. Do not send e-mail size photos.
3. Send one (1) photo at a time to **knollcottage@yahoo.com**

It is imperative that the subject line in the e-mail read:

SEEDLING PICS FOR 2007 REGIONAL CONVENTION

6. If you want credit for your seedling, your name should appear somewhere on the photo, and if you have a garden name or a number for your seedling, please put that on the photo also if you so choose.

You may send me a disc if you prefer. My address is:

Lori-Ann Jones
216 Belanger Road
Southampton, MA 01073-9399
USA

8. My phone number is: **413-533-5622**
9. Please write somewhere on the envelope that this is for the **2007 Regional Convention**.

Please include you're your phone number so that I my call you if I encounter any difficulty, and your e-mail address if you send a disc, so that I can notify you that your disc has arrived safely.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. I am looking forward to seeing all those wonderful seedlings.

Lori-Ann Jones

The 2007 Daylily Availability Guide

To order it, just send me an E-Mail to 1200Daylilies@interhop.net with your name and address.

Note Gary will be away until March

The price is \$10.00 which includes postage and don't bother sending the money until after you have the Guide.

Gary Carlson

The 2007 Region #4 Regional - July 13-15, 2007

Welcome to Connecticut!

The 2007 Region #4 Regional will be held July 13-15, 2007, hosted by the Connecticut Daylily Society. The dates fall two weekends before the AHS Minnesota National leaving a peak-season week-end between. The Regional will be headquartered at The Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, CT, and the weekend will feature garden judge workshops, an exhibition judges clinic, guest speakers, a daylily auction featuring daylily "futures" of the late Ron Valente, five tour gardens full of daylilies, and a Saturday evening banquet recognizing Region 4's newest AHS display gardens, garden judges, exhibition judges, Regional Newsletter contributors, club presidents, regional officers and chairpersons.

The fun starts Friday afternoon with a Garden Judge Workshop I or an exhibition judge clinic. CDS is endeavoring to determine which clinic would be most beneficial to members. A listing of open gardens in Connecticut is being prepared. A light supper buffet will be provided, followed by a presentation of guest speakers Rod Kroemer and his partner Jim Wuersch of 5-Acre Daylilies, Tolono, Illinois, who have taken over the hybridizing of the late Ron Valente. It is likely the Region 4 business meeting will conclude the evening due to restraints on when the meeting rooms are available. Those electing to skip this meeting may retire to the adjacent taproom and lounge.

The Saturday garden tours will feature three daylily gardens and the opportunity to walk to a fourth. One bus will head for Marion Miller's Blue Flag Farm in North Stonington, CT. Marion's garden features lovely grouping of daylily plantings among rock outcrops, stone walls, and weather-beaten outbuildings. The other bus will head first to CT Daylily, the home of Richard Howard and fiancée Darleen Mastrianni in Wallingford, CT. Here visitors will visit Richard's extensive collection of the latest daylilies from well-known hybridizers. Many are grown in large pots that will make your back ache if you stop to think of how he moves them around, which he has to make their viewing easier for attendees. About the house are his more formal display beds. Both gardens may have daylilies discreetly prepared for sale to help partially defray costs of hosting. Each bus will reach the other garden in the afternoon.

All attendees will meet at Sheltera, the Garden of Helene Ferrari in Chester, CT mid-day. Helene and husband Frank have a long and narrow property with a river running along the length, and much of Helene's sizable collection is planted on the riverbank. There is also a formal grouping of the more recent cultivars about the house and side yard. Extra time will be provided to include time for lunch, so the more energetic may dart "next door" to the home of daughter Cheri and her husband Rick Jacobs. Helene plans to have a modest grouping of daylily art and craft items for sale to help, in part, to defray hosting expenses, but also because she enjoys brushwork and sharing.

The Saturday evening banquet will be followed by the annual auction which will feature most of Ron Valente's daylilies including some which Ron himself had selected as "futures" (H. "Cynthia Valente," "Circle of Women," and not-yet released 'Long Sands.')

Ellen Laprise has kindly donated a fan of both the first and second place winners at the LIDS National Stanley Saxton Seedling Competition. Additionally, a fan of the late Steve Moldovan's H. 'Piece of Sky' will be auctioned.

On Sunday morning attendees may drive themselves to Holly Farms, the AHS display garden of Kathryn Whitty and the late Bob Whitty. A garden judge workshop II will be held, and others may visit the numerous display and sales beds. Attendees traveling to Connecticut by air are encouraged to advise Chairman Gary Jones to help CDS determine your shuttle transportation needs. CDS has arranged for the issuing of phytos for Canadian attendees.

Additional information and a registration form are available in the Fall 2006/Winter 2007 Region 4 Regional Newsletters, pages 19 & 20, and on the Region 4 web site www.ahsregion4.org. Please plan to come and join the fun! The Hawthorne Inn is accepting reservations and Registrar Cheri Ferrari is receiving registrations. The HADS group is bringing a bus, and attendees from west of the Hudson might contact Jim Healey of HADS regarding vacancies on the bus from Albany. See you in July when mid-Connecticut will be the place to be!



2007 AHS National Convention

American Hemerocallis Society 61st Annual National Convention July 25-28, 2007

We invite you to the great daylily get-together in Minnesota! Begin with the optional tour of the marvellous Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on Thursday morning. After a busy afternoon of meetings, classes, or seeing the sights, join us for the Thursday evening Welcome Reception with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, soda, coffee, and tea. A lively auction will round out the day. Bright and early the next two mornings, you will board buses and be on your way to visit our fabulous feature gardens, including stops for a tasty lunch. Raffles, silent auctions, a bountiful boutique, and two evening banquets will add to the fun.

Convention Headquarters

Sheraton Bloomington Hotel
7800 Normandale Blvd
Bloomington, MN 55439-3147
952-835-7800 (direct to hotel)

For room reservations, call 1-800-325-3535. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Local calls 952-835-7800. Room rate: \$105.00 plus tax per night. Rate will be honoured 3 days prior to and after the

Gardens on Tour

The six tour gardens will feature thousands of daylilies for your viewing pleasure, including an array of the most recent varieties, hundreds of guest plants, new introductions and seedlings of Region 1 hybridizers, and a display of historic daylilies from the North Dakota State University Historic Daylily Garden. gary Schaben's Honorable Mention winners 'North Wind Dancer' and 'Minnesota Morning' and Karol Emmerich's 'Heartbeat of Heaven' and 'Born to Reign' are just a few examples of the outstanding daylilies emerging from this hotbed of hybridizing.

Featured Tour Gardens

Kyle and Gene Billadeau [Turtle Rock Gardens-Chaska](#)

Karol and Dick Emmerich Garden [Edina](#)

Karol and Dick Emmerich [Springwood Gardens](#)-Jordan

[Steve Horan Garden](#) Woodbury

Kathy and Mike Lamb [Loon Song Gardens](#)-Champlin

gary and Rita Schaben [Gardens with a Northern Exposure](#)-Monticello



We **welcome** the following new members:
 Howard Hansford – Thamesford
 Janet – Sudbury
 Penny & Robert Manning – Little Britain
 Ann Handels –Niagara on the Lake

From the Membership Chairperson

A reminder - your membership expiry date is the first line on the address label of your ODS newsletter. I will send a renewal notice 30 to 60 days prior to your expiry date. If you have e-mail and have not re-newed 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
Annual Family	\$20
3 Year Single	\$40
3Year Family	\$50
Annual Youth	\$8
3 Year Youth	\$20

Members please send cheques payable to O.D.S. to
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AHS Membership Information (US\$)

Individual (1 year)	\$18
Individual (3 years)-	\$50
Family (1 year)	\$22
Family (3 years)	\$60
Youth	\$8

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Submissions always gratefully accepted. Remember—not everyone is on the ODS Robin.



we're on the web

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I don't recall it being this calm when the plants went out.

From the ODS Webpage webmaster—

The [Canadian Daylily Growers List](#) found on the [Ontario Daylily Society](#) website, provides a source directory of individuals and companies where you can buy daylilies either buy mail-order or by garden sales.

While many of you may be preparing your orders from growers in the Southern United States, I would just like to remind you that there are many good providers of Daylilies here in Canada.

When you buy a Daylily from Florida you take the risk of whether it will grow in your garden in a Canadian climate, when you buy from a Canadian grower you know that it has been grown and tested in their garden and will stand up to Canadian winters. When buying from Canada you do not need a Phytosanitary Certificate and the Daylily should be free of Rust.

Although you may not find newer introductions from Stemile, Kirchoff or Hanson , you will find NEW Introduction from Canadian Daylily Hybridizers like Brian Culver, Anne Martin, Jean Tremblay, Michel Lèvesque, Claude Gauthier, Jack Kent and Henry Lorrain.

NOTE—see page 14 for the 2007 Carlson AVAILABILITY GUIDE

Library Corner

Borrow a book, borrow a video or more borrow a journal. Check out ODS website for a selection of resources to borrow. Snuggle up in from on a fire this winter and enjoy daylily resource. The Jones' will be happy to mail to you any resource and it can be returned at the CAN AM.

Thanks

Brian and Diane Jones
diane.brian@gmail.com

The Ontario Daylily Society was formed in the Spring of 1997 and is recognized by the [American Hemerocallis Society](#) . Thank a founding member at the ODS meeting in April!
How many will you spot?

