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Congratulations to the Region 4 winners of 2023 ADS Cultivar Awards announced at the October ADS Board Meeting

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Cover photos taken by Chris Petersen

## From the Editor

Hopefully you got some of the rain that came through our area this summer. I think New Hampshire might have gotten someone else's share of rain since we experienced one of the wettest summers I can ever remember! We did enjoy the extended series of warm days and got to see some re-bloom.

I hope you enjoy this issue!

*Marlene Harmon* , Region 4 Newsletter Editor

### Editorial Policy

The editorial focus of this publication centers on the genus *Hemerocallis*, ADS and Region 4 events, Region 4 members and hybridizers. Submissions are encouraged. The editor reserves the right to edit for space, grammar, clarity and content.

#### Submission Guidelines:

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

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

### Submission deadline for the Spring 2024 issue is February 15, 2024

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## American Daylily Society Membership

Is it time for you to renew your membership? Please check the outer jacket of The Daylily Journal for the expiration date of your membership. Use the form to mail in your renewal or gift membership or see the link below to pay online. **There will be a slight increase in the Membership rates effective January 2024 so if you are due to renew, you can save a little \$\$\$ by renewing before December 31, 2023.**

### Membership Rates until December 31, 2023:

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Visit the website for: information and links to all R4 Daylily Clubs, Garden and Exhibition Judges, ADS Official Display Gardens, Daylily Sellers, Hybridizers, National and Regional Awards, and much more!

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## ADS Region 4 Memorials & Gifts

### In Honor Of

In Honor of Kelly Noel, ON, Canada  
**Luanne Madden, NY**

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**Linda Burnett, MA**  
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**Chris Petersen, NY**  
**Luanne Madden, NY**  
**Mary Collier Fisher, MA**  
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### "I'm In" Fund

**Gene Moglia, NY**  
**Adele Turet, MA**  
**Ellen Laprise, MA**

If you'd like to make an online contribution in memory or in honor of a member of ADS or to one of the funds held by the American Daylily Society, please visit <https://daylilies.org/get-involved/get-involved-donations/>. To mail your donation, checks should be made payable to American Hemerocallis Society and be sent to American Hemerocallis Society c/o Greg Crane, 5392 Savannah Ave, Tusaloosa, AL 35406. For memorial donations, please include the name and address of the survivor who is to receive an acknowledgment letter.

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

# ADS Region 4 Director's Message

It was a pleasure attending the Fall American Daylily Society Board Meeting held in Oklahoma City on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, with our incoming Director Brian Derrah. It provided me the opportunity to introduce Brian to all the Board related activities and help him transition into his new position. Some items of possible general interest from the discussions at the Board meeting included:



- 1) The Daylily Digest is back with almost 6,000 subscribers, about half of whom are not currently ADS members. All Regions are encouraged to send Allen Bonner announcements for regional meeting events for inclusion in this digital publication.
- 2) It is anticipated that the milestone of 100,000 daylily registrations will be reached around the end of this year, and it is hoped that some favorable PR can be generated from this milestone.
- 3) The simplified Garden Judge training with much activity now on-line has contributed to 38 new garden judges being registered this year nationally. A hearty round of applause was held for the many years of dedicated service to the Garden Judge program by Gary Jones, who is retiring from his position as Garden Judges Expediter this year.
- 4) The Society now has a Social Media Chair, Leslie Platt, to help optimize issues related to social media.
- 5) Upcoming ADS Conventions include Oklahoma City (2024), Seattle (2025), and newly approved Valdosta Georgia (2026). We are still seeking a host for the 2027 national meeting – and folks at the national level would be happy to assist in any ways desired. For reference, the last ADS National Convention was sufficiently profitable that the local Nashville Club contributed \$10,000 to the ADS following the meeting.
- 6) While ADS annual dues haven't increased since 2011, a modest increase in membership fees was approved to begin in January, 2024.
- 7) The live Facebook stream for ADS awards was held and we were delighted to learn of various awards won by Region 4 individuals.
- 8) Region 4 continues to be the second largest region in the Society with 609 members as of August, 2023 out of the 5,133 members nationally. Unfortunately, our Region lost over 100 members from the prior year which accounted for most of the 133 members lost on a national basis over this period. Ideas for increasing ADS membership in our region should continue to be shared with our Regional officers.
- 9) There will be a greater focus on long term strategic planning by the Board, and some time will be set aside at future board meetings to discuss this area. We are most fortunate to have our Region 4 Director Brian Derrah heading the Long Range Planning Committee and look forward to learning about initiatives which may emerge from these discussions.
- 10) It was noted that many persons excited about growing daylilies are NOT in any local daylily club due to location or family time constraints, etc. Accordingly, having a two-part strategy to both build local club membership while also seeking to reach daylily enthusiasts on-line who are not in local clubs will become increasingly important in the years to come. The new Marketing Committee Chair, Bill Walker, will be initiating a new ADS Webinar series which can be used on a national basis to aid gardeners in learning about daylilies utilizing outstanding speakers. Ideally, such webinars could also be used nicely in local meetings.

- 11) Anyone interested in forming a new daylily club can obtain outstanding assistance from our club facilitation volunteer Laura Ross. If anyone reviewing regional daylily club membership lists spots a location with a nice cluster of members where there is no local club, an effort should be made to encourage the start-up of a new club in that area with Laura's assistance.
- 12) Our incoming ADS president, Rhonda Veroeven, has been handed the gavel by Scott Elliott who is retiring from this position. Nevertheless, both Rhonda and Scott are interested in planning visits to at least three regions this coming summer and one of their highest priority regions to visit is Region 4! There is an interest in spending several days visiting daylily gardens and events in Canada (where the peak bloom season is a bit later than further south), and Brian Derrah will be contacting folks in Canada to try to propose a possible program for a visiting the area for their consideration. The objective would be for Rhonda and Scott to meet as many local daylily lovers as possible in connection with their visit.

Finally, it has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your Director for the past six years, and I look forward to assisting Brian Derrah in assuming Director responsibilities the end of this year.

*Russ Allen*

ADS Region 4 Director

### **ADS Dues increase for 2024!**

If your membership is coming up for renewal, you can save money by renewing before January 1st! A membership dues increase was approved by the Board at the fall meeting. Membership Chair, Steve Amy (Director Region 11) reported:

The Board of Directors approved a small increase in the cost of membership beginning January 1, 2024. The membership fees had not been adjusted in 12 years. In that time, postal costs have increased. Publishing costs have increased as well. The fees for each membership category are listed below.

Individual one year from \$25 up to \$30

Dual one year from \$30 up to \$36

Individual 3-year from \$70 up to \$84;

Dual from 3-year From \$83 up to \$99

Youth membership from \$10 to \$12

Individual Life membership and Dual Life Membership will most likely be adjusted but details were not determined at the meeting.

**See the info about how to renew on [page 3](#) of this newsletter.**

### **Articles wanted for Spring Issue**

Is your garden an ADS Display garden or do you have a good story to tell about hybridizing or any other topic which might be of interest to others in Region 4? We welcome your submissions!

We would like to feature some of the display gardens in our Region in our Spring issue of *The Daylilies in the Great Northeast*. Or, maybe you have a good story to tell about something related to daylilies? If you'd like your garden or story to be included, please send photos and a description of your garden or your story to [marleneharmon@gmail.com](mailto:marleneharmon@gmail.com) by February 15, 2024.

# ADS Region 4 President's Message

Dear Daylily Friends,

It's hard to believe we are preparing our gardens for a winter's rest! Some of you may be as glad as I am to see an end to the heat and endless weeding.

Although I will be continuing for a second term as your Region 4 President, Russ Allen's six-year term as our current AHS Director will come to an end this year. Russ has represented our region competently at all AHS board meetings as well as serving as the chair for the Marketing Committee. He also has advised Luanne Madden, our former president, and me on matters concerning the AHS and the region. In addition, he has contributed many articles to this newsletter and has won a few national awards for his contributions! Fortunately, Russ continues to be an active member in the Connecticut Daylily Society.



Chris Petersen—Region 4 President

Consequently, I am honored to announce that Brian Derrah of New Brunswick, Canada is our newly-elected AHS Region 4 Director. I am confident that Brian will do a great job for our region. Read Brian's bio on [page 14](#) of this newsletter.

I would like to congratulate the Region 4 members who received national recognition at the AHS Convention in Nashville, Tennessee in June. Be sure to see pages 15—17 for write-ups about the award winners. Also, hats off to Long Island Daylily Society for winning the \$500.00 Prize for having 100% AHS membership!!!

In July, more than 70 members of the region gathered at Harmon Hill Farm in Hudson, NH, for a tour, Garden Judge's Workshop, barbecue, Regional Business Meeting and NEDS auction - all made possible by the generosity of Carl and Marlene Harmon! In addition, there was the opportunity to attend a daylily exhibition put on by NEDS at New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill in Boylston, MA and numerous NEDS members graciously opened their gardens for visitors before and after the meeting. It was good to see so many daylily friends there! Thank you to everyone who participated! I had a fabulous time!

At the regional I was proud to announce that the winner of the **2023 Service Award at the Club Level** was Jane Ryan from FIELDS. Please think about a club member who is deserving of a nomination for this award. Nominations should be sent to me by December 31<sup>st</sup>. See the website for more information.

On October 14<sup>th</sup>, AHS announced the Individual Awards voted on by the AHS garden judges in 2023. Congratulations go to Scott Elliott for winning the **Stout Silver Medal** for 'Tim Herrington' (Elliott-S., 2014). Congratulations also to Region 4 members for winning the following awards:

**2023 Lenington All-American Award:** 'Itsy Bitsy Spider' (Bishop-H., 1990), Harry Bishop, Huntington, MA

**2023 Award of Merit:** 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy' (Stelter, 2012), Gil Stelter, Guelph, Ontario

**2023 Honorable Mention:** 'Bob Marley' (Laprise, 2007), Ellen Laprise, Dudley, MA

Photos of the above winners are featured on the [cover](#) of this issue. Also included in this issue are the winners of the Region 4 Photography Contest and the winner of the Region 4 Hybridizer contest. Congratulations to all!

On a business note, I know club presidents, emails and websites may be changing in the next few months. Please email any changes to me ASAP. Time to light a fire and enjoy the upcoming season!

In friendship,

*Chris Petersen*

ADS Region 4 President



# ADS Region 4 Secretary's Report



Judy Zettek—Region 4 Secretary

## Minutes ADS Region 4 Annual Business Meeting 7.23.23

Chris Petersen, Region 4 President opened the meeting shortly after 1 pm with a warm welcome to everyone gathered at Harmon Hill Farm, 49 Ledge Rd, Hudson, NH on Saturday, July 23, 2023. Harmon Hill Farm was the location for Region 4's business meeting, picnic and auction, in addition to being an Open Garden. Chris gave special thanks to Carl and Marlene Harmon for hosting this year's meeting, and made special note of their generosity in organizing the BBQ picnic luncheon and auction.

Other 2023 ADS Region 4 Summer Regional Events included the NEDS Daylily Exhibition and Open Gardens in central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire between July 21-25. Chris thanked the Harmons and everyone who contributed to the many details of these events.

Marlene thanked Kim Maio and Patty Leies for all their assistance in prepping the garden. Carl acknowledged Cameron Stern's many years of work at Harmon Hill Farm and shared that Cameron had recently left for Australia and will be missed. Chris acknowledged and thanked the hosts of the eight Open Gardens.

Chris recognized members in attendance from the New England Daylily Society (NEDS), Finger Lakes Daylily Society (FieLDS), Hudson Adirondack Daylily Society (HADS), Long Island Daylily Society (LIDS), Ontario Daylily Society (ODS), Connecticut Daylily Society (CDS), Southern Maine Daylily and Hosta Society (SMDHS), and Patriot Daylily Society (PDS).

### Chris introduced ADS Region 4 Officers Present:

Chris Petersen, Region 4 President  
Dave Mussar, Regional Publicity Director  
Dan Pessoni, Region 4 Treasurer  
Judy Zettek, Region 4 Secretary  
Marlene Harmon, Region 4 Newsletter Editor  
Luanne Madden, Region 4 Garden Judge Liaison

Unable to attend: Kelly Noel, Region 4 Webmaster, Frank Chaloupecky, Region 4 Exhibition Judge Liaison and Sue Bergeron, Region 4 Scientific Liaison. Chris thanked all the officers for their continued service.

### Chris introduced ADS Committee Chair Present:

Russ Allen, Regional Director, ADS Chair of Marketing  
Adele Turet, Editor, The Daylily Journal

Unable to Attend: Gary Jones, Garden Judges Expediter

### Secretary Report - Judy Zettek

The minutes from the 2022 Regional Business Meeting in Rochester, NY were published in the Region 4 Newsletter *Daylilies in the Great Northeast, Fall 2022*. A copy is available for viewing. Corrections were solicited. There being none, a motion was made by Pam Milliken and seconded that the minutes be approved as published. This year's minutes will be printed in the 2023 Fall edition of the Newsletter.

### **Treasurer Report - Dan Pessoni**

The Treasurer's report was published in the Region 4 Newsletter *Daylilies in the Great Northeast, Spring 2023*. Copy available for viewing. Funds available on January 1, 2023, were \$28,568.54. Comments and corrections were solicited from the floor. There being none, the treasurer's report was filed as published. Dan has requested that there be a back up person for the treasurer. Marc Whinston, from LIDS agreed to work with Dan.

### **Publicity - Dave Mussar**

Dave suggested others take a look at the Region 4 Facebook page and encouraged members to post.

### **Webmaster – Chris Petersen reported for Kelly Noel**

Kelly Noel asks that clubs and members send her any updates for the website.

### **Newsletter - Marlene Harmon**

Marlene encouraged members to take photos this summer of daylilies and landscapes featuring daylilies and enter them in the 2023 Region 4 Photo Contest.

All entries must be emailed to the editor by September 15, 2023.

Voting takes place between October 1 and October 15.

Newsletter deadline for articles October 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Region 4 Garden Judges Liaison - Luanne Madden**

Luanne thanked instructors Mary Collier Fisher, Ellen Laprise and Andrew Reilly for today's Garden Judge's workshop 2.

Luanne reviewed changes re Garden Judge training. Garden Judge Workshop 3 (GJW3) the Refresher Course can be done online now.

Refer to the ADS website for additional details re when courses are offered.

If anyone is interested in becoming a garden judge instructor contact Luanne.

### **Region 4 Director - Russ Allen**

Before Russ started his report, Chris mentioned that Russ is completing six years of service as Region 4 Director and thanked him for his service.

- Regional membership: 578
- Russ reports membership at the national level is down 20%. The new ADS President starting in 2024 is Rhonda Veroeven from Windsor, WI.

Future National ADS conventions:

Oklahoma City, OK, June 12-15, 2024, and Seattle, WA, July 11-13, 2025

### **Chris reported Region 4 winners announced at ADS Convention**

2022 ADS Cultivar Awards

Stout Silver Medal Award – 'Isabelle Rose' (2009) **Ellen Laprise**, Dudley, MA

Award of Merit - 'Wigglesworth' (2005) **Bob Schwarz**, East Hampton, NY

### 2023 Newsletter Award

Best Article about Youth by Russ Allen, "Daylily Scavenger Hunt- Or Tips on Hosting Home School Children at your Daylily Garden", Region 4 Newsletter *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*, Fall 2022

### 2023 ADS Regional Service Award

For outstanding service to AHS at the regional level  
Kelly Noel, Region 4 Webmaster, Ontario, Canada

### 2023 Mabel Matthews Scholarship

Cameron Stern from Hollis, NH, is working on his PhD in biology in Perth, Australia

### Chris reported Region 4 Awards

2023 Service Award at the Club Level – outstanding service at the club level - Jane Ryan, FieLDS  
Winner 2022 R4 Hybridizer Award - John Burgener, ON, for 'Rebecca's Rhapsody'

### New Business

#### **Election of Regional Director and Regional President:**

Nominating Committee - Gene Moglia (chair), Marlene Harmon, Debi Chowdhury  
Gene Moglia introduced the candidates.

Recommended write-in for Regional Director - Brian Derrah, New Brunswick, Canada for a three-year term

Nominated for Regional President - Chris Petersen, New York, continuing for a two-year term

Collect and tabulate ballots: 70 ballots were cast and the above slate elected.

### **Club News**

All clubs within Region 4 are encouraged to share their club activities and news with Marlene Harmon, newsletter editor, for the Fall 2023 Region 4 Newsletter

### **Reminders re Voting Deadlines**

Garden Judges Ballot: deadline is September 1st - Available on the ADS Members Portal

2023 Region 4 Hybridizer Award: See rules on the Region 4 website.

Votes must be cast by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Region 4 Service Award at a Club Level:

Nominations to the Region 4 President, Chris Petersen, by December 1<sup>st</sup>. (*editor's note: the date has been extended to December 31st*)

Region 4 Photo Contest: Rules on the website and in the Spring 2023 Newsletter.

All entries must be emailed to the editor by September 15, 2023.

Submission deadline for the Fall Region 4 Newsletter issue is October 15, 2023.

**Future Planning** - Chris made an urgent request for a club to host the 2024, 2025 summer/fall meetings.

**Closing** - Chris once again thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Harmons for hosting the meeting. The business meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm and was followed by a daylily auction.

Submitted by

*Judy Zettek*

Region 4 Secretary

## Region 4 Notices



### **Save the date for the 26th CanAm Classic May 3-4, 2024**

The event will be held at The Doubletree  
by Hilton near the Toronto airport

The annual Region 4 Business Meeting will be held at CanAm. The CanAm has been held annually for over 20 years and features several well-known hybridizers and speakers in the daylily world. Details about this event will be included in the Spring issue of this newsletter and will be published on the Region 4 website:

[www.ahsregion4.org](http://www.ahsregion4.org).

Please consider attending this event.

### **Nominations for Service Award @ Club Level due by Dec. 31**

Please send your nominations for deserving candidates to [chrispn@optonline.net](mailto:chrispn@optonline.net) by December 31, 2023. Please see <https://www.ahsregion4.org/pages/r4service.html> for more details.

### **Regional Meeting Hosts for 2025 and 2026 needed**

Please consider if your club or personal garden would be able to host a Summer or Fall Regional Meeting. The bylaws state we need to hold an annual meeting to discuss topics related to the Region, but we need a place for the meeting. The event can be a simple one - held in conjunction with a summer picnic or a more elaborate event with tour gardens and a banquet. It can also be a late summer or fall meeting with a speaker. Please email me at [chrispn@optonline.net](mailto:chrispn@optonline.net) if you would be willing to host a meeting. There is help available from myself and others in the region.

### **Youth Liaison volunteer needed**

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

Please email me at [Chrispn@optonline.net](mailto:Chrispn@optonline.net)



# A Tribute to Our Outgoing Director: Russ Allen

*By Gary Jones*

Garden Judge Expediter, Woodstock, CT

Russ Allen accepted the nomination to serve as the AHS Region 4 Director effective 1/1/18, possibly as an inevitable culmination of both career achievements and the contagious hobby of growing, and ultimately, hybridizing, daylilies. Credentialed with a Harvard MBA degree, Russ worked in corporate marketing, business strategy implementation, strategic planning, and non-profit management organization.

Russ served as the AHS Marketing Director and developed planning for cross membership with other plant societies, among other marketing foci with the goal of increasing AHS membership. He has also focused on action strategy that local daylily clubs might introduce to build both interest and club participation. He has authored several articles for both the AHS Journal and the Region 4 Newsletter. He has been the recipient of AHS Regional Newsletter Awards for several of these articles. He kept us informed on his AHS work in his regular Region 4 Director columns in the Newsletter.

Russ also spent four of his six years as a member of the Executive Committee on the AHS Board.

In his hometown of Guilford, CT, Russ continues to serve as Chair of the Guilford Job Network which he co-founded. As Covid-19 entered our lives Russ was in need of keeping the work of this committee moving forward. The solution was Zoom technology, and Russ became proficient in Zoom coordination. His Zoom skills would allow the Connecticut Daylily Society to 'meet' throughout the pandemic. Russ worked with the club Program Chair enabling the CT Daylily Society to conduct nine Zoom meetings with speakers joining us from their homes around the country. Zoom participation attendee allowance was sufficient that the CT club was able to invite members of other New England, and eastern New York, clubs to join in. Although serving as the Region 4 Director, Russ has continued serving on the CDS Board of Directors. Ever the optimist, he continually provides encouragement for keeping the club moving forward as it re-builds.



Russ Allen—"A man outstanding in his field"

## Brian Derrah - ADS Region 4 Director Starting in 2024



At our summer regional business meeting in July, voting was completed and Brian Derrah was confirmed as our next Director for Region 4. Below is the letter from the nominating committee.

Brian Derrah, a former elementary school teacher and retired lawyer from the Canadian Parliament, has consented to be nominated as American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) Region 4 Director. He has many years of experience working in the government sector. Brian's interest in international law has taken him all over the world for study and as Canada's representative at conferences on such topics as national security and defense. He continues to have an interest in local and national politics and is on the Board of Directors of a number of groups.

Brian has gardened for many years. He grew up on a farm in New Brunswick, Canada where potatoes were the main crop and beef cattle were raised. After some years working in Ontario, he is now retired and back living on the family farm, where he enjoys working in his garden with his constant companion, Bailey, a golden doodle.

His love of daylilies has led him to hybridizing for the perfect red daylily (sometimes with a pattern). So far, he has one introduction to his name, 'Mabinogion' (Nicholds-Derrah, 2023), but he plans on introducing others.

He has been a member of AHS and Ontario Daylily Society for over twenty years. In addition, he has attended local, regional and national conventions for over fifteen years and is a Garden Judge. He is also a member of the Ontario hybridizers group.

Besides caring for his daylilies, Brian also likes to travel. In May he was in London for the King's Coronation. He visited the beautiful royal gardens in London and at Hampton Court Palace; however there were no daylilies!

His info: Brian Derrah, 821 Route 570, Mt. Pleasant,  
New Brunswick, Canada E7L 2Y7  
613 501-0325 [bderrah@gmail.com](mailto:bderrah@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,  
Gene Moglia, Debi Chowdhury, Marlene Harmon  
Nominating Committee



'Mabinogion' (Nicholds-Derrah, 2023)



# Kelly Noel - Winner of the ADS Region 4 Service Award



The 2023 ADS Service Award winners were announced at the ADS National Convention in the June 2023 in Nashville, TN. The winner for Region 4 was Kelly Noel from Ontario, Canada. Below is the nomination letter:

In the Internet era, it's critical for an organization to have a vital online presence. Thanks to Kelly Noel, Region 4 has a vibrant website that is easy to navigate and has up to date and historic information about Region 4 clubs and activities. Kelly has been a member of the Ontario Daylily Society (ODS) and ADS since 2008. She stepped up in 2010 and became the ODS webmaster, <https://www.ontariodaylily.ca>.

In 2012, the Region 4 RP asked her to be the Region 4 webmaster, and she continues to hold the position. Kelly does an exceptional job keeping the website up to date with club information and awards on <https://www.ahsregion4.org/>. Former Region 4 RP, Gary Jones, noted that Kelly was very quick to post information about the Connecticut Daylily Society Summer Regional meetings in 2015 and 2021. During her four years (2018 - 2021) as Region 4 President, Luanne Madden stated that Kelly was helpful, supportive and cooperative. She was prompt to update the Region 4 Website, make content suggestions, and implement any changes that would make the website easier to navigate. Currently, Kelly works closely with Region 4 President Chris Petersen, newsletter editors, and other board and committee members to make sure the region's members are kept up to date with regional activities.

Additionally, Kelly is an excellent proofreader. In 2015, former Region 4 Newsletter Editor, Adele Turet, enlisted Kelly to help with proofreading the Region 4 newsletter *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*. Kelly has continued this job with the next newsletter editors and now with the current newsletter editor, Marlene Harmon. When Adele Turet became editor of the *Daylily Journal*, she asked Kelly to continue her job as proofreader. She is currently copy editor and proofreader of the *Daylily Journal*.

Kelly has been a Garden Judge since 2011. In her local club, ODS, she is currently the Membership Chair. From 2011 through 2015, she served the club as Member at Large on the Executive Board. She has also served ODS as Director on the Executive Board from 2016 through 2019.

In her gardening life outside of the ADS, Kelly took horticulture courses at the University of Guelph in Ontario and has been a member of the Master Gardeners of Ottawa-Carleton for 20 years. She speaks about her passion for daylilies at various garden clubs in the Ottawa area.

The members of Region 4 are so fortunate to have Kelly to keep us all connected with our informative and well-designed website. For her many years of service to Region 4, we are honored to nominate Kelly Noel for the 2023 Region 4 Service Award.

**Congratulations, Kelly!**

## Cameron Stern - Winner of 2023 ADS Mabel Matthews Scholarship

At the ADS National Convention in June 2023 in Nashville, TN, Region 4 and NEDS member, **Cameron Stern** of Hollis, NH was announced as the 2023 winner of the Mabel Matthews Scholarship.

Cameron is in Perth, Australia, at Edith Cowan University studying for his PhD. He is doing research on kangaroo paw which is a native Australian plant. They have discovered a blue kangaroo paw so his research will involve mapping the genome of the blue kangaroo paw so they can understand the genes that contribute to the blue color. He's hoping that someday he can use what he learns to breed a blue daylily. Here's a link to an article describing the project:

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-10-03/unlocking-the-secrets-of-the-kangaroo-paw/12721962?fbclid=IwAR2RePcT8DWdcIW-eO5-paFrBhb2Y02T5veHeu9UnL3KIsJgl0oGRVrbYRU>



Other awards handed out at the ADS National Convention in Nashville, TN, in June 2023 include the following:

**2022 AHS Stout Silver Medal**, 'Isabelle Rose' (**Ellen Laprise**, 2009)

**2022 Award of Merit**: 'Wigglesworth' (**Bob Schwarz**, 2005)

These cultivars were featured on page 14 of the Fall 2022 issue of *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*. See the photos:

<https://www.ahsregion4.org/documents/Newsletters/2022R4FallNewsletter.pdf>



*Congratulations Region 4 members!*



## Russ Allen - Best Newsletter Article About Youth

Award winning article in the Region 4 Newsletter

'Daylilies in the Great Northeast' Fall 2022

Follow this link to see the article:



["Daylily Scavenger Hunt- Or Tips on Hosting Home School Children at your Daylily Garden"](#)

(right) Russ Allen receives award certificate from ADS President Scott Elliott in Nashville, TN



## Jane Ryan - 2023 Region 4 Service Award on the Club Level



**Jane Ryan** was announced as the winner of the 2023 ADS Region 4 Service Award on the Club Level at our 2023 Summer Regional. Below is the nomination letter written by the Founder of FieLDS and past chairperson, Tom Rood.

Jane has been instrumental in the day-to-day operation of FieLDS (Finger Lakes Daylily Society) for a number of years. She volunteers frequently wherever there is a need. That covers watching over club finances, expenses, as well as money-raising projects such as the

annual members' only auction. She is instrumental in helping organize and carry out projects involving the club's daylily display garden at the beautiful Webster Arboretum. Weeding isn't everyone's passion, but Jane encourages members to help there often by organizing weeding parties.

I was elected as Chairperson in 2019 and in 2020 my wife suddenly passed away. For all practical purposes, my world stopped. But there was Jane. On the phone bugging me about this and that making sure everything with FieLDS moved forward. She was a prime mover for sure. She wasn't entirely alone in working with FieLDS but I am sure all members know how important she was in keeping things going. She works with the gardening community as well through the CCE Master Gardener program.

In July 2022, Jane was a key player in the Region 4 Summer peak bloom annual meeting this year in Webster, NY.

I and the club owe Jane Ryan a huge debt of gratitude for her seemingly tireless efforts at making sure FieLDS continues as one of the most financially sound clubs in Region 4 with a membership approaching 100 daylily lovers. There is no doubt in my mind, being the founder of this club almost 25 years ago, that it is where it is today principally due to Jane Ryan's efforts, love and concern for all FieLDS endeavors.

Therefore, I have high hopes that Jane Ryan will receive this award. She has earned it.

## Winner of 2023 Region 4 Hybridizer Award

Congratulations to Darlyn Wilkinson  
from Greywood Farm in Topsfield, MA, for  
winning this year's  
Hybridizer Award for the Cultivar

### **‘Greywoods Peek A Blue’ (2022)**

Tet. Sev. 32”h. M-LM. 6.5” bloom. Lavender  
coral with a large lavender blue veined eye,  
rimmed in raspberry



# How to Nominate a Cultivar for the 2024 ADS Region 4 Hybridizer Award

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

## Official guidelines:

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

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

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

A winning cultivar may not be re-entered.

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

## How to enter:

Each entry must be submitted by **February 15, 2024** to [marleneharmon@gmail.com](mailto:marleneharmon@gmail.com)

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

## Voting procedure:

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

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

Only Region 4 ADS members are eligible to vote and they may vote once for a single cultivar on the ballot. All votes must be cast by October 1st.

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

## Past Recipients:

2022 John Bergener H. 'Rebecca's Rhapsody'

2021 Claudia Conway H. 'Zollo Omega'

2020 David Mussar H. 'Rosemary Mussar'

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

2018 Gil Stelter - H. 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy'

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

2013 Pam Hoffman- H. 'Mystic Avalon'

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

2010 Ellen Laprise- H. 'Isabelle Rose'

2009 Bryan Culver- H. 'Spirit Zone'



# A Whirlwind of Region 4 Summer Events - July 2023

The next pages contain photos from the summer regional events held this year in central Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. About 80 people took part in some or all of the events that were planned for the weekend in late July 2023:

- Daylily Exhibition at [New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) in Boylston, MA
- Open gardens in the area
- Picnic, auction and Region 4 business meeting at Harmon Hill Farm in Hudson, NH

Thanks to NEDS for extending the invitation to the Exhibition and to the garden owners who opened their gardens for visitors from Region 4:

- Steve & Ruth Greene, Sudbury, MA
- Zoia Bologovsky, Stoneham, MA
- Bobbie Brooks, Gloucester, MA
- Sallyann King, Bolton, MA
- Elisabeth & Michael Murphy, Princeton, MA
- Nancy, Lou & Cameron Stern, Hollis, NH
- Cheryl Isaak, Londonderry, NH
- Carl & Marlene Harmon, Hudson, NH

Photos contributed by: Nancy Stern, Blair Cohen, Marc Whinston, Chris Petersen, Lis Murphy, and Marlene Harmon



Laurie Longo greeting new members; Steve Greene giving dividing demo; Susan Stowe explaining hybridizing



Zoia Bologovsky explaining the daylily displays; some daylilies on display; Lis Murphy selling plants





(left) Display at the Exhibition; (right) Visitors in the Exhibition



(left) Sallyann King, Janet McOsker, and Denise Pavlovich; (center) Daylilies on display; (right) Lis Murphy



(left) Mike Patterson, Marc Whinston, Blair Cohen, Luanne Madden, Pam Milliken, Chris Petersen, Mary Collier Fisher, Brian Derrah at Exhibition at Tower Hill (right) Harmon Hill Farm



(left & center) Mary Collier Fisher, Marc Whinston, Ellen Laprise, Manny Baghdahan, Sharon Mayotte, Linda Porter, Andrew Reilly in Garden Judge Workshop (right) Carl Harmon trimming a plant





(left and center) Lis and Michael Murphy's garden—Princeton, MA  
and (right) the Long Island crew—Luanne Madden, Gene Moglia, Pam Milliken, and Chris Petersen



(left) Cheryl Isaak's Garden—Londonderry, NH; (right) Cheryl and Blair Cohen



In Nancy, Lou & Cameron Stern's garden—Hollis, NH - (left) Stern Garden;  
(center) Dave Mussar & Mike Patterson, (right) Cy Weller, Nancy Stern



(left & center) Nancy, Lou & Cameron Stern's garden; (right) visitors in Nancy's garden





(left) Dave Mussar in Stern Garden; (right) Stern garden



(left) Harmon Hill Farm live-heading in progress; (right) The end result



(left) Pizza after the live-heading; (center) Mike Patterson & Brian Derrah; (right) Mary & Cy Weller





(left) Harmon Hill Farm on the day of the picnic (center) Kim Maio & Carl Harmon  
(right) Getting Lunch - Judy Zettek, Chris Petersen, Kim Maio & Carl Harmon



(left) Our President, Chris Petersen, running the business meeting; (center); Gene Moglia introducing our new Director, Brian Derrah; (right) Luanne Madden giving the Garden Judges Report



(left) Pam and Grace (last name not known); (center) Patty Leies and Mary Holt-Wilson; (right) Kathy Viamari, Mike Patterson & Sharon Mayotte



(left) How to take notes in a garden when you don't have paper; (right) Dave Mussar & Carl Harmon





(left) Robyn LeBuff with her daughter and friend; (center) Nancy Stern; (right) Dan Pessoni



(left) Ellen Laprise with photo showing when she received the Stout Medal; (right) Marlene & Carl Harmon



(left) Dave Mussar (center) Charlie & Judy Zettek; (right) Lots of food



(left) Mary Collier Fisher; (center) Pam Milliken & Gene Moglia; (right) Russ Allen





(left) George Viamari & Carl Harmon preparing for the auction; (right) attendees sitting in the shade



(left) George & Carl—our auctioneers; (right) Some of our guests



(left) Janet McOsker, Denise Pavlovich & Jean Doherty; (right) The Georges, Mary Holt-Wilson, The Longos



(left) Grace Hopkins, Mike Patterson, Blair Cohen, Brian Derrah, Luanne Madden; (right) Auction



# 2023 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest

## Single/Multiple Bloom—28 entries



### 1st Place

(left) 'Sheeza Heartbreaker' (Harry, 2008)  
photo by **Greg Haggett**

### 2nd Place

(left center) 'Real Wind' (Wild, 1977)  
photo by **Susan Skelly**

### 3rd Place (tie)

(below left) 'Colonial Dame' (Milliken, 1948) photo by **Susan L Murphy**

### 3rd Place (tie)

(below right) 'Mr. and Mrs. Bubbs'  
(Douglas H, 2018)  
photo by **Chris Petersen**



# 2023 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest

## Artistic—15 Entries



### 1st Place

(left) 'Kyoto Swan'

(Moldovan, 2001)

photo by **Greg Haggett**

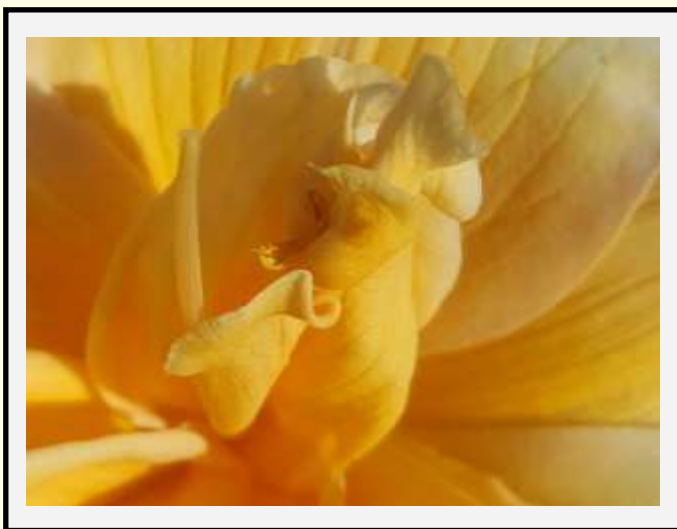


### 2nd Place

(left) 'Sonic Tempo'

(Pierce-G., 2021)

photo by **Greg Haggett**



### 3rd Place

(right) 'Savannah Debutante'

(Joiner, 1986)

photo by **Alistair Skinner**



# 2023 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest

## Landscape —7 Entries



1st Place (top left) - “Laurel Ridge Gardens”, Elisabeth & Michael Murphy  
photo by **Chris Petersen**



2nd Place—(3 way tie)  
(left photos) both photos are titled “Susan’s Garden” photos by **Susan Murphy**; (below) ‘Red Flat Fred’ & Harmon Hill Gazebo photo by **Marlene Harmon**



# 2023 ADS Region 4 Photo Contest

## Landscape—7 Entries (cont'd)



3rd Place - (left) “Laurel Ridge Garden”,  
Elisabeth & Michael Murphy  
photo by **Chris Petersen**

Thank you to all members who voted this year in the photo contest. The full presentations including photographer and cultivar names will be available soon on the R4 website:

<https://www.ahsregion4.org/>

Thank you to the following photographers for their contributions:

Alistair Skinner  
Charlie Zettek  
Chris Petersen  
Greg Haggett  
Jason Malick

Kathe Marion-Gallant  
Marlene Harmon  
Susan Murphy  
Susan Skelly

The rules for next year’s photo contest will be published in the Spring edition of the Newsletter.

**Did you leave this chair behind at the Region 4 Picnic?  
If so, please email [marleneharmon@gmail.com](mailto:marleneharmon@gmail.com) so it  
can be returned.**





# Asian Jumping Worms or Amynthas Worms: The Next Nightmare

*By Don Church,*  
Blue Hill Country Garden, Blue Hill, ME

Asian Jumping worms are our latest soil threat here in Maine. I would rather be writing about daylilies. According to our state plant and forestry department head, Gary Fish, these newly found worms are in 13 out of 16 counties in Maine. Gary also stated "Our wet season had perfect conditions for the worms to multiply. <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/horticulture/jumpingworms.shtml>

These worms are illegal to use in any composting business and illegal to use as bait in the state of Maine. Amynthas worms are a type of earthworm native to East Asia. They are smaller than European night crawlers, reproduce rapidly, are much more active, and have a more voracious appetite. This rapid life cycle and ability to reproduce asexually gives them a competitive edge over native organisms, and even over night crawlers. When disturbed, Amynthas worms jump and thrash about, behaving like a threatened snake wiggling and dropping their tails when picked up.

The Asian worms were brought to my attention by a local customer whose daylily bed was over-run with these worms. I read up on them and these worms have been in my county (Hancock) since 2018. I checked my compost pile and I have them there. I'm finding them every day now while planting my day-

lily seedlings out in the field and I also found them in another field while digging potatoes. These worms eat all the humus and leave black gravel. They are surface feeders and are in the top six inches of the soil.

Wisconsin was where an internet search took my inquiry about these invasive worms which look very much like our own night crawlers except for the white band/collar which goes completely around on the Asian worms and only partially on our native worms. I first wrote to the daylily round robin about the Asian worms asking if any one else on the robin had been plagued by these worm monsters? Ginny Pearce replied back, writing "I was warned about them at a Wisconsin regional daylily meeting. Following the gathering, daylily clumps I purchased were removed from the grower's display bed, packed into heavy plastic, and transported home where I then tore the clumps apart and washed them thoroughly in large containers to make absolutely sure none of the little (actually not little at all) monsters were going into my soil. It worked. So far

they have not found their way into my gardens." Mel Campbell replied that she found an article about the jumping worms at a Cornell cooperative extension service. <https://warren.cce.cornell.edu/gardening-landscape/warren-county/master-gardener-articles/invasive-asian-jumping-earthworms>. Cornell University wrote this about the worms and with good news about them for garden-



Amynthas Worms

ers in the north. "Asian jumping worms are an annual species; the adults die after the first freeze. But the cocoons, which are about the size of a mustard seed, will survive the winter and hatch when temperatures reach 50°F for a consistent period. One worm can produce many cocoons without mating. Because they are more aggressive and their populations can grow faster than the common European species, they may out-compete existing worm populations. Cocoons are very small and dirt-colored, so they are nearly impossible to spot with your own eyes. Cocoons can be spread easily in potted plants, on landscaping equipment, mulch, tire treads, and even hiking boots." Monique Warnke of Windsor, WI, replied that "The University of Wisconsin has done some testing. Tea seed meal works. Apply in the spring and fall." As reported by Wisconsin agriculture dept: "In the sugar maple and hard wood groves the Asian worms pose a real threat, eating all the leaf matter leaving a gravel-like soil that erodes



and is useless nutritionally to the trees causing their imminent death. Erosion of the soil lends to the trees becoming uprooted and falling over."

I found a few other methods of reducing populations of them in your gardens at the Cornell uni-

versity web site. Check your property for jumping earthworms using a mustard pour (it won't harm your plants!). Mix a gallon of water with 1/3 cup of ground yellow mustard seed and pour slowly into the soil. This will drive any worms to the surface where you can easily remove them. Cocoons are sensitive to heat and can be destroyed with clear plastic solarization; in late spring or summer, Cover moistened soil with a sheet of transparent polyethylene for two - three weeks or until the soil temper-

ature exceeds 104°F for at least three days. I found 18 Asian worms while planting (10) rows of daylilies (8) plants to a row and when digging a 20 foot row of potatoes yesterday. I tossed them into a five gallon pail and disposed of them in my outdoor wood furnace. If the worms are left in the pail over night, they can escape by climbing out of the pail. Yes, they can climb straight out of a slick plastic walled pail at least two foot high. They extrude a sticky fluid which enables them to climb out of the pail. You can drown them by putting an inch of water in the bottom of the pail which also dilutes the sticky fluid so they can not climb out. The state of Wisconsin recommends putting them in a plastic bag and then into the trash.

Due to our history of glaciation, there are no native earthworms in Maine. Non-native earthworms from Europe (such as night crawlers) have become well established here through early colonial trading. Though they are beneficial to our gardens, earthworms can have destructive effects on our forests. Amyntas worms are known and sold for bait and composting under a variety of names including snake worms, Alabama jumper, jumping worms, Asian Amyntas worm. They are in the genus Amyntas, and distinguishing between the several species in the genus can be difficult. All species in this genus are considered invasive in Maine. It is illegal to import them into Maine (or to propagate or possess them) without a wildlife importation permit from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (MDIFW). Amyntas worms are native to Korea and Japan, and are now found in the United States from Maine to South Carolina and west to Wisconsin. Amyntas worms were first collected from a Maine greenhouse in 1899, though an established population of this active and damaging pest was not discovered here until about 2014 when two populations were discovered in Augusta (one at the Viles Arboretum) and two populations were found in Portland. They have also been found in a rhododendron display at the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay. <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/horticulture/jumpingworms.shtml>



# The Life of a Hybridizing Addict

*By John Price,*  
Roslyn Heights, NY

Help! I'm a hybridizing addict! I started making crosses in July. It's now the end of August and I can't stop! Today I crossed 'Malachite Prism' with 'Mascara Snake'. I have no idea what I will do with the thousands of seeds I will get, but I keep on making crosses.

As many of you know, I have been hybridizing for August blooming daylilies for years, with some success. On August 15th I counted 150 daylilies still blooming.

Twenty years ago I joined our Society and fell in love with daylilies. Paul Limmer and George Rasmussen gave me a whole bunch of plants to get started. Then I started buying them at our auctions and on the internet, mainly through The Hybridizers Corner. After a couple of years when I was nearly broke, I asked myself "Why am I spending all this money on daylilies when I could hybridize and get all my new flowers for free?" I was off to the races.

Next, where to plant the seeds? I had no room at home. Anyone know a farmer with an extra acre he might lend me? No. Luckily, I found a friend who let me use her backyard. But after several years her husband died, she sold her house, and moved to Manhattan! Some nerve! Where now? My tennis club had some lawn way in the back which they let me use. Then they sold the club! What luck! So now I'm settled in at Clark Garden in Albertson where I rent beds in their community garden.

For those of you who haven't tried it, hybridizing is very simple. You do what bees and butterflies do. You carry pollen from one flower to another, but with purpose. You select the two flowers you'd like to cross. You break off a stamen of one flower and rub its pollen on the tip of the pistil of the other, and vice versa. Cells in the pollen then extend themselves down to the base of the flower and fertilize eggs. If this succeeds you get seeds. Then wait six weeks for the seed pods to ripen.

When I make a cross, I clip a small plastic label to the base of each flower, and write the number of the cross on the label. That number is in a notebook naming the two daylilies being crossed. When I harvest the seedpods, I put the seeds in 1x2 inch baggies and label them with the number of the cross. Then I put them in a big baggie and toss it in the refrigerator for the winter, for cold stratification. In the Spring I plant them outdoors. The farther apart, the better they do. The closer together, the more seeds I get planted. Take your pick. They bloom the following year. This year I plan to put the seeds on paper towels overnight to dry them. When they are moist when I put them in the baggies, they tend to get fungus.



As the years go by, I lose track of the parents of seedlings. “Many a slip between cup and lip.” Losing plastic labels, rain washing the number off the labels (pencil may be best), mistakes in numbering, and misadventures of the numbered plastic markers in the seed beds all contribute.

I have 52 hybrids I’ve named and registered with American Daylily Society. If you would like to see them, google American Daylily Society, click on daylilies, click on database search, then type “Price-J.” in the hybridizer box. My daylilies will come up. If you would like to see a LOT of daylilies, go to The Hybridizers Corner website:

<http://daylilydiary.com/gardenHybridC.htm>.

Here are some of the crosses I made this summer:

'Venus Flytrap' (Gossard, 2007) x 'Heavenly Ooh La La' (Gossard, 2010)  
'Princess Diana' (Smith-FR, 2006) x 'Cranberry Kid' (unknown)  
'Primal Scream' (Hanson-C., 1994) x 'Waimea Cliffs' (Carpenter-Glidden, 1983)  
'Double Bourbon' (McEwen, 1968) x 'Honey Crunch Cupcake' (Herrington-T., 1999)  
'Malachite Prism' (Doorakian, 1999) x 'Eight Miles High' (Lambertson, 2003)  
'Jerry Nettles' (Kinnebrew-J., 2002) x 'Alexa Kathryn' (Kinnebrew-J., 2003)  
'Blue Beetle' (Gossard, 2010) x 'Eyes of Faith' (Bell-T., 2001)  
'Autumn Minaret' (Stout, 1951) x 'Dances with Giraffes' (Reed, 2005)  
'Karen Newman' (Couturier-G., 2006) x 'Lake Norman Sunset' (Carpenter-K., 1979)  
'Grey Witch' (Reed, 1999) x 'Birdwing Butterfly' (Burkey, 2000)  
'Flaming Wildfire' (Rasmussen, 1996) x 'Orange Clown' (Goldner-Webster, 2007)  
'Mascara Snake' (Bachman, 2002) x 'Lizard's Dashing Spider' (Baucom, 2003)  
'Sandra Elizabeth' (Stevens-D., 1983) x 'Crossfire' (Stadler, 2004)

That’s all folks! So, find a plot and make a few crosses. You’ll like the results. But don’t fall in love with it, or you’ll end up a hybridizing junkie like me!



(Left) John Price at LIDS Flower Show; (right) John Price Seedling

# Dealing With Clay Soil

By Cyril Weller,  
Vestal, NY

One of the questions I get most often is about soil. It seems that most gardeners focus on the plant. I know I did for many years but where my focus should've been was on the soil. When I changed that emphasis, my garden turned around.

I have volunteered in a number of AHS Gardens as well as creating my own AHS Display Garden in Vestal NY, land of clay. In my experience, there are at least 2 types of clay soil. For gray clay, use Rich Rosen's plan - remove it. For red clay, it depends how much labor and money you want to put into it.



Cyril & Mary Weller—Vestal, NY

In Vestal NY, I have red clay and rock. After stripping sod, I broke up clay with a pick, and removed stones. A rototiller is essential to mix the clay with organic material. You must till at least 12" deep because daylilies send roots even deeper than that. If the organic matter is only put on top of the clay or tilled into the top few inches, the daylily will be unlikely to reach its true potential. Some will simply die.

I use shredded leaves because manure (even aged) can contain weed seeds. I discovered the power of shredded leaves when I got my first house. I stripped sod for a large vegetable garden and spaded in a lot of peat moss by hand. Hard work! The next year the soil was still just clay. Through dumb luck (my saving grace), the *Pennysaver* had an ad for a guy who rototills gardens. It was fall when he came and told me to pick up all the bags of leaves on my street. I did that while he tilled the clay. Next, we spread leaves on top of the garden bed; then he rototilled it again. After that, we spread more leaves over the top of the

garden bed. Next spring, he returned and tilled the rotted leaves into the soil. We spread more leaves on top of the garden. The impact on soil quality was dramatic. Moreover, that area remained excellent for decades. Getting it right is far easier before daylilies are planted.

This is the part where you say "Whoa!! That's a lot of work." Yes, but it fixes the problem and eliminates fighting with clay for 20 years or more. The letters in the AHS Email Robin seem to say that there is clay (too hard) or sandy loam (too soft). As we learned from Goldilocks, there is something in the middle. That is what we seek in the garden. The soil must be rich enough that minerals and oxygen can get to the roots, AND it must have enough clay that it doesn't dry out too quickly.

If a property is on a well, this balance is especially important. I have city water in Vestal NY. Even with the drought this May (driest ever in my area), I was still OK.

My grandmother used to say, "Faint heart never won fair maiden." A half-hearted approach to amending garden soil may well mean that the garden does not have a "Happily Ever After."



Weller Garden in 2022

*Editor's note: With the appearance of the jumping worm, you may want to consider only adding leaves from your own property.*



# Biennial Kaleidoscopic Flower Hop of 2023 (AKA LIDS Daylily Garden Tour July 15, 2023)

*By Naomi Strubel,*  
Jamaica, NY



Ellen Golub - Plainview, NY



The first stop, Ellen Golub's beautiful home in Plainview, NY, bursts with life and color, from the joyful bunches of daylilies at the corner of the front yard to the beautiful plantings of azaleas along the home's entrance. Progressing through the lush green paths at the sides of the house, you enter her oasis: the tranquil and secluded backyard garden and deck. Here, more daylilies share space with many other artistically combined perennials, annuals and specimen shrubs and trees. Her genius tricks include tucking her collection of dozens of potted caladiums and begonias among the ground dwellers, easily bringing them inside to overwinter. Although she claims that her delightful retreat now practically maintains itself, her meticulously designed garden clearly has been the loving work of decades to establish and maintain.

Next up was Paul Limmer in East Northport, NY. Still the host with the most, Paul rallied after a recent bout of Covid to welcome us with his fabulous smile and signature Hawaiian shirt! His rows and rows of hundreds of daylilies, a number of which he introduced, bloomed in huge clumps of all types, colors, and sizes. He also grows beautiful liliu, fruit trees, hardy bananas, and vegetables. The dramatically draping branches of what he believes is the largest Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar on private property in the area (photo on next page), creates another eye-catching focal point. Paul shared stories of his daylily triumphs, such as his forced propagation of scarce, pricey, new introductions for quite a profit! His son, almost as charming as he is, also regaled us with



Paul Limmer in his garden



stories of his movie-star (or at least documentary subject) father's adventures in athletics. They also kindly provided copious chilled water to guests on this hot, HOT! summer's day.



Weeping Blue Atlas Cedar and Paul Limmer's Garden in East Northport, NY



(left) Naomi Strubel and Blair Cohen in Limmer's Garden; (center) Bossert Garden; (right) Carolyn and Marc Bossert

The stories continued at the home of Marc (son of Irene) and Carolyn Bossert during the brown-bag lunch stop at their 19<sup>th</sup> century farmhouse in Northport, NY. Marc regaled us with tales of "the old days" when his parents were young members of LIDS and dragged him along to meetings and events. Surrounded by daylily people from a young age, he couldn't help absorbing their love of flowers. Although his brother's appreciation of daylilies is at the level of "mom, I want a red one and a yellow one," the gardening bug took in Marc. In addition to perennials including hostas on their beautiful acres of sun and shade, he maintains multiple dedicated and organized daylily beds. When the time comes, Marc is happy to share divisions from any clumps that need to be split. Sadly his pesky neighbors, the deer, have become a little too comfortable lately, requiring some new protective fencing. His four children may not appreciate the work that he puts into his gardens, but I think his romping dogs love them! We very much also appreciated the dessert tower, fruit, drinks, and snacks Carolyn graciously provided.





Cat exploring back deck and coleus in pots  
at Petersen's Garden in Asharoken, NY

Finally, after a drive through a torrential downpour from a cloud that seemingly tracked only our car, we arrived at the familiar, serene, and always amazing garden of Chris Petersen. Although unfortunately the deer had gone to town on her tasty daylilies, a sad but common theme with frequent showers washing away deer repellent this year, there was plenty of beautiful plant-life to enjoy (and beach cacti to escape) on the scenic shores of the Long Island Sound in Asharoken, NY. From the meandering, verdant beds to the robust plants in clustered pots on the decks (including the new deck recently built by her talented carpenter husband), there is always something in bloom in Chris's garden. Ever generous, Chris shared cuttings of her many (many!) varieties of my (second) favorite plant, coleus, as well as several other plants. I am grateful we made this final stop, as sadly our annual LIDS BBQ here was relocated due to rain.

Many thanks to all the generous hosts for sharing your beautiful gardens and ample hospitality with the club!

## Have you ever visited these sites?

There are two wonderful website created by Region 4 member Charlotte Chamitoff:

"Charlotte's Daylily Diary" contains a variety of info about daylilies, features the "Garden Of The Week", and so much more!

[www.daylilydiary.com](http://www.daylilydiary.com)

"The Hybridizer's Corner" contains links to hybridizer websites.

<http://daylilydiary.com/gardenHybridC.htm>

Charlotte updates the site regularly and sends an email to the Daylily Robin when the site has been updated.

Thank you, Charlotte!





# My Best Garden Performers -- An Update

*By Russ Allen,*  
Guilford, CT

Last year you may recall seeing my article on how one might go about judging your best garden performers. Given all that happened weather-wise this year, I thought an update might be appropriate. My ADS daylily display garden is located in Guilford, CT, and has around 350 registered daylily cultivars.

## Surprise Weather Pattern Impacts on My Garden

Given the overall mild winter in my zone 6 location, I had been anticipating a banner year for my daylily gardens! Unfortunately, the weather actually had very dichotomous impacts on my daylilies. It turns out that the several dramatic freeze/thaw cycles with no snow cover early in 2023 had a very deleterious effect on many cultivars. To be specific, about 10% of my daylily cultivars – some with clumps thriving over the past 15 years – **disappeared** entirely. When you see the name tag for one of your longtime favorite cultivars with not a single fan coming up in the Spring, it does send a shiver down one's spine! It's almost as bad a feeling as having a deer sneak under the deer fence and feast on the buds of your favorite cultivars!

It would appear that the cultivars with "southern genetics" were most dramatically hurt by the freeze/thaw cycle. In addition, probably another 10% of cultivars survived, but had fewer fans and buds than I ever recall seeing before. A contributing factor could also have been the alternating drought and rainy conditions which shockingly actually led some pachysandra to die back.

However, the surprise was that while a significant portion of my daylily cultivars were quite negatively affected by the weather, another 10-20% of my cultivars actually had their best year ever! Who could have thunk? Apparently the cultivars with "northern genetics" can sometimes thrive even better with this unusual weather pattern.

## Noting the Best Daylily Clumps

The approach taken to judge my best performers was to bring along a pad when visiting my gardens each day and list the most spectacular daylily clumps in my gardens that morning. I try to list no more than a dozen cultivars on any given day, which forces a careful scrutiny and prioritization of the very best garden performing clumps on that day. The selection criteria are not so much the number and attractiveness of the blooms on clumps, but rather a much greater emphasis on a clump's overall garden impact and appeal. This includes appealing flowers (which should be virtually perfect), foliage, and scapes. Accordingly, the best rated clumps didn't always have the prettiest flowers when viewed up close, but this screening process certainly helped to identify my garden's best performers.

## My New "Best Performers" this Year

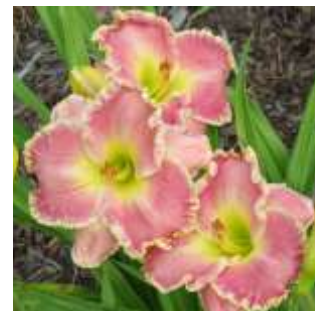
I've noticed in the past that sometimes after having a really great blooming year, a cultivar sometimes has an off year for no apparent reason but I've never experienced such a dramatic decline or disappearance of so many well-performing cultivars. I thought I'd highlight the 20 cultivars which were NOT on my list of best performing clumps last year, but which had a **banner year** this year. The reasons could be varied including that there were more fans this year (due to multiplication), or that for some reason the unusual weather pattern suited them just fine! In any case, here is a list of my most outstanding garden performing clumps this year which were NOT on last year's list.

### **Top 10 Performing Clumps:**

(Note: These cultivars generally made the outstanding clumps list ten+ times during the season)



'Fooled Me' (Reilly-Hein, 1990) and  
'Sun Panda' (Culver-B, 2009)



'Different By Design' (Carpenter-J, 2009) and  
'Shores of Time' (Stamile, 2002)

**Next 9 Top Performing Clumps:** (Note: These cultivars were listed as outstanding clumps five+ times during the season)



'Longlesson Mango Glow' (Mason-M, 2000) and  
'Give Me Eight' (Reinke, 1993)



'Hazel's Gift' (Valente, 1992) and  
'Yellow Pinwheel' (Stevens-D, 1978)



'White Eyes Pink Dragon' (Gossard, 2006) and  
'Megatron' (Gossard, 2006)



'Priscilla's Dream' (Shooter, 1993) and  
'America's Most Wanted' (Carr, 1997)



'Hudson Valley' (Peck, 1971) and  
'Beautiful Edgings' (Copenhaver, 1989)



'Yuletide Magic' (Carpenter-J, 2009) and  
'Bordello Queen' (Mason-M, 1998)





'Suzy Cream Cheese' (Bachman, 2001) and  
'Lady Barbara' (Culver-B, 2015)



'Sandra Elizabeth' (Stevens-D, 1983)



'Fox Point' (Culver-B, 2002)  
'Heavenly United We Stand' (Gossard, 2009)  
'All American Chief' (Sellers, 1994)  
'Winyah Dark Edge' (Roycroft, 1999)  
'Echo the Sun' (Sobek, 1990)  
'El Desperado' (Stamile, 1991)  
'Work It Girl' (Owen-P, 2009)  
'Ashwood Dark Side' (Norris, 2005)  
'Scarlet Pimpernel' (Ripley, 2006)  
'Janet's Glory' (Limmer, 2008)  
'Neon Embers' (Scott-E, 2002)  
'Ruby Spider' (Stamile, 1991)  
'Dixieland Five' (Herrington-H, 1991)  
'To Nancy with Love' (Owen-P, 2012)  
'Cardinal Explosion' (Culver-B, 2007)  
'Red Volunteer' (Oakes, 1984)  
'Laura Harwood' (Harwood, 1997)

The hybridizers with cultivars most often making my outstanding clump list over the past two years included: B. Culver, J. Gossard, P. Owen, M. Mason, J. Carpenter, and P. Stamile.

### **Gold Star Performers**

It should probably also be mentioned that there were a number of cultivars which were top performing clumps BOTH last year and THIS YEAR despite the very **different** weather conditions which speaks to the hardiness and floribundance of these cultivars. The seventeen daylilies with outstanding performance of their clumps both this year and last year included:

### **Implications**

I'd encourage all daylily lovers to consider keeping track of their best performing daylily cultivars so they can share this information with gardening friends. It also would appear that purchasing daylilies from "northern hybridizers" offers a significant advance when unusual weather conditions happen in your area. For anyone living in Zone 6 like me, you might wish to check out these top performing cultivars as you expand your daylily gardens ... and see if they do as well for you as they did for me!

## **Are you new to the daylily world or you just want to know more about daylilies or the American Daylily Society (ADS)?**

Visit <https://daylilies.org/> to read about ADS. If you are not yet a member of ADS, choose the "JOIN/RENEW" icon on the top right of the page or visit <https://daylilies.org/membership/> to join. Once you are a member of ADS, choose the "MEMBERSHIP PORTAL" icon on the top right of the daylilies.org page to access more information. You can request an account to be set up for you to access this portion of the site. To join the Daylily Email Round Robin, email Tim Fehr at [fehrtj@charter.net](mailto:fehrtj@charter.net). Learn more about the Robin:

<https://www.shieldsgardens.com/DLPlace/robin.html>

## Club Reports—Connecticut Daylily Society (CDS)

Greetings from rainy Connecticut! We never had our August dry-out, and it rained sometimes more than once a week. Recently we had 10.5 inches in 24 hours! Lots of flooding and what the weather service calls “puddling” on the roads. So we have had to cope with a lot of soggy plants, mold, and rot. Oh well, climate weirding. Many of us report reblooming on cultivars that have never done so before!

We have been working toward returning to some kind of normal after all the Covid mess. We learned a lot about Zoom meetings....so onward and upward friends. We have new officers and board members for the next 2 years. They are ---

*Rebecca Nisley*, president

*Russ Allen*, vice-president & speaker co-coordinator

*Cheryl Fox*, treasurer & plant sale chair

*Charles Harvell*, secretary

*Gary Jones*, speaker co-coordinator

*Greg Haggett*, photographer

*Regina Landesberg*, greeter

*Kim Krodel*, webmaster

*Chris Dangman*, asst. webmaster (non voting)

*Linda Kozloski*, door prize coordinator

This past year, our program speakers were

*Richard Howard* on “Broken colors” (January 14)

*David Kirchhoff*, Zoom meeting (March 25)

*Adele Keohan Turet* on “Daylily basics”

(September 23);

*Carl & Marlene Harmon* on “Good performers and pretty companions” (November 4)

CDS activities for 2023 included the Hartford Flower Show (February 23-26); annual plant sale @ Avon Senior Center (May 20) rained the whole time; picnic @ Mountain Meadow Farm, Somers (July 15) cancelled due to rain; and board meeting @ Cheryl Fox’s home (August 19).

Locations for meetings for January 20, 2024

(*Cameron Stern* on Zoom) and March 16, 2024 are still being worked on. Curt Hanson will speak at our meeting at the Avon Senior Center on Sunday, April 14, 2024.

Submitted by *Rebecca Nisley*  
CDS President



*CDS Officers: (left to right): Greg Haggett, Gary Jones, Regina Landesberg, Linda Kozloski, Cheryl Fox, Charles Harvell, Russ Allen, Kim Krodel, Rebecca Nisley (not present—Chris Dangman)*



## Club Reports—Finger Lakes Daylily Society (FieLDS)

The Finger Lakes Daylily Society is looking forward to a fruitful year, thanks to the wisdom of long-standing members and new energy. As elsewhere, everyone's lives are busy so we decided to move to a structure of more shared responsibility. Instead of a Chair, we now have 2 Vice Chairs (Ross Kenyon and Joan Adler) and meetings will have officer-rotated leadership.

We have already lined up most of our speakers for the year. Hybridizer Mary Baker from Omaha will present at our March 16th meeting, and also provide plants for our August member auction fundraiser. Our end-of-year banquet speaker will be hybridizer, Dave Mussar, from Guelph, Ontario. We are working on getting a speaker from Cornell Cooperative Extension to present on a non-daylily, horticultural area of interest for our February 10th meeting - where we warm our bones with a medley of members' favorite soups and sides. In May we have a silent auction featuring Margo Reed and Jim Murphy's plants and distribution of babysitter plants. For me, one of the best perks of society membership is the opportunity to continually refresh our daylily collections and sustain our enthusiasm.

Submitted by *Joan Adler*

## Club Reports—Long Island Daylily Society (LIDS)

Our April meeting was our Annual Luncheon. And now for something completely different, as Monty Python's Flying Circus would say, our meeting at the St. George's Golf and Country Club in Setauket featured Bill Barash, a LIDS member. After a fine meal, he spoke on Art in the Garden, which focused on the ways plants have influenced our gardens and the nature of their names.

Bill is an accomplished photographer and has visited many different botanical gardens, arboretums and places of historical and horticultural interest, such as the Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, a National Historical Landmark and Untermyer Gardens Conservancy in Yonkers, which overlooks the Hudson River. Bill has an encyclopedic knowledge of different plant genera, as he was at Planting Fields for decades until his recent retirement. Flowers have always influenced art; witness Van Gogh's Irises and his Sunflowers. Monet is renowned for his Waterlilies and Bill pointed out general landscape artists, such as the Hudson Rivers School also incorporated flora in their works. Flowers, fruits and their colors also influenced other artists, from Roman mosaics to Tiffany and his many lampshades and windows. He also showed examples of Asian art, such as Chinese jade and Japanese prints. It was a fascinating

subject and we finished the day with several lucky members leaving with huge hydrangeas as door prizes.

May was our annual auction, preceded by a training session for volunteers working at Planting Fields, as NY State would like volunteers to have some knowledge of the place and LIDS gets "brownie points" for the number of hours our groups logs.

June's meeting saw long-time members Frank and Laura Chaloupecky do a presentation on vegetable gardening. Frank mentioned several sources of seeds, such as Burpee and Johnny's Seeds and talked about the time to plant, as peas, spinach, beets and turnips being able to be planted when it is still cool out and that some seeds can be closely planted, as he has put twenty Oregon snow peas in a two gallon pot. Longer season vegetables, such as eggplants, peppers and tomatoes are started indoors under lights and planted outside after danger from frosts is over. Frank also spoke of the 3 sisters method, where squash, beans and corn are planted together. The beans grow up the corn stalks and the squash can deter raccoons. He also mentioned companion plants, such as marigolds and sweet alyssum, as some deter insects and others attract them, leav-



Blaire Cohen, Chris Petersen, Frank & Laura Chaloupecky



Robert Soret & Bill Barash at new garden - Photo by Chris Petersen

ing the vegetable plants alone. Frank also spoke on different fertilizers, such as garden tone, gypsum and greensand. Frank and Laura also brought in many different seedlings, such as sunflowers, peppers, etc. for sale at very reasonable prices.

In July we were able to resume garden visiting. See Naomi's article on pages 36-38 of this newsletter about our tour. In August a group of members went to Planting Fields to plant daylilies in our new location, as the large display garden from the AHS convention was terminated by Planting Fields. The new one is three smaller beds and our focus will be on local and region 4 hybridizers primarily, with cultivars from others that do well in our area.

September was to be our annual picnic at Chris Petersen's garden, but it was the beginning of two months of rainy weekends, so we wound up having an "indoor picnic" at Planting Fields.

Our penultimate meeting of 2023 found us at Planting Fields again for a presentation by Sandy Holmes of Riverbend Daylily Garden in Ohio. Sandy started as a back yard hybridizer in 1995. Sandy



had her first introductions in 2005. She credits Steve Moldovan as a significant influence on her hybridizing. Her focus is on large tetraploid unusual forms but doesn't let that prevent her working on other looks. Currently she is focusing on large unusual forms with interesting eyes. Her husband Mike's current interest is striped daylilies, but he was very active in early toothy daylilies.

Sandy became a Garden Judge in 2007 and a Garden Judge Instructor in 2011. She has coordinated the Shirley Farmer Midwest Hybridizer's meeting since 2004 and has served in several volunteer positions with the ADS. Sandy was Region 2 President from 2016 thru 2020 and received the Region 2 Service Award in 2021.

Sandy was honored when her daylily 'Walt Lowry' (named for her father) won the Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form award in 2016 and even more excited when it won an Award of Merit. In 2017, 'Tidewater Elf' won the Presidents Cup followed by the Award of Merit in 2020. Little did she dream that she would have the thrill of a life time when her 'I Lava You' won the Stout Silver Medal in 2020.

Sandy's program began with an overview of her past and current introductions; 'Tidewater Elf' has been used a lot as it passes along good plant habits. She strives for good branching and good bud count for



Sandy Holmes and Mary Collier Fisher—Photo by Chris Petersen

an introduction to have presence in a garden. Sandy also likes big blooms and showed some potential introductions and seedlings with ten to fourteen inch wingspans. She is also working on patterns and big unique Unusual Form daylilies and finds it takes at least eight years from seed to introduction. Sandy also demonstrated the variability of crosses, showing us the parents and the resulting progeny, which often bore little resemblance to the parents. Sandy followed her program with an auction of her recent introductions, including her Stout winner.

Our final meeting of 2023 will be our annual pot-luck luncheon and business meeting.

See our website for more information:  
[www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com](http://www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com)

Submitted by *Gene Moglia*

## Did you know.....

You can find more about a daylily by using the Daylily Database Search site: <https://daylilydatabase.org/>

Enter the cultivar name or Hybridizer name then choose SEARCH

# LIDS 2024 Calendar



**January 20:** Speaker: Marc Bossert, LIDS member,  
“Growing Up in LIDS” - 1PM (G)

**February:** No Meeting

**March 16:** Speaker and auction: Dianna Gossard,  
Heavenly Gardens, Columbus, Ohio - 1PM (G)

**April (TBA):** Garden Clean-up- 10AM (LIDS Display  
Garden),

**April 20:** Spring Luncheon: Speaker: Bill Barash, Horticulturist, Planting Fields Arboretum, NY,  
“Tiffany Glass”- 12PM (Tentative- St. Georges Golf and Country Club, Setauket, NY)

**April (TBA):** Arbor Day Festival (PF)

**May (TBA):** Farmingdale University Plant Sale- 9AM - 5PM (Garden Gates Parking Lot, Farming-  
dale, NY)

**May 3 - 4:** Canadian American Daylily Meeting (Ontario, Canada)

**May 18:** Garden Clean-up- 10AM (LIDS Display Garden); LIDS Member Auction- 1PM (G)

**June 8:** Garden clean-up-10AM (LIDS Display Garden); 50/50 Member Plant Sale- 12PM;  
Speaker: TBA “Preparing for a Flower Show”- 1PM (G)

**June 12 -15:** AHS National Convention, Oklahoma City, OK

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

**July 6:** LIDS Flower Show Set-up- 9:30AM (HC)

**July 7:** LIDS Flower Show “Treasured Gardens”- 1:30PM - 3:30PM (HC)

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

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

**September 14:** Barbecue- 12PM (Petersen/ Widom Garden, Asharoken, NY)

**October 19:** Speaker: Cyril Weller, Vestal, NY,” Garden Construction and Favorite Hybridizers” -  
1PM (G)

**November 16:** Potluck Luncheon- 12PM; Business Meeting -1PM (G)

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

[www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com](http://www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com); [www.facebook.com/groups/1642663299287371](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1642663299287371)

**CHANGES MAY BE MADE TO THIS CALENDAR AS NEEDED**



# Club Reports—New England Daylily Society (NEDS)

## **Saturday, May 13, 2023 - Public Daylily Sale**

With the worst of Covid behind us, after a 3 year break, we were finally able to hold a successful public plant sale at the Farm Stand at Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School in Danvers, MA.

## **July 22, 2023 - Daylily Exhibition**

Members of Region 4 and members of the public were invited to visit the NEDS Daylily Exhibition at the Botanic Garden at Tower Hill in Boylston, MA. Many NEDS members brought in over 150 scapes and flowers for display and volunteered their time to set up for the show. Steve Greene gave a presentation on dividing daylilies and Susan Stowe gave a talk about daylily characteristics, propagation and hybridization. Many thanks to Nancy Stern for organizing this successful event and to all of the volunteers who made the event possible. See photos earlier in this newsletter

## **Sunday, July 23, 2023 – Region 4 and NEDS Picnic and Auction**

As noted in several places in this newsletter, the Region 4 Picnic and Auction were held in conjunction with the annual NEDS event at Harmon Hill Farm. We had almost 80 people in attendance on this hot, sunny day and a good time was had by all.

## **November 11, 2023 - NEDS Meeting**

Our speaker was our own member Carl Harmon from Harmon Hill Farm in Hudson, NH. Carl gave a presentation “Good Growers and Pretty Companions”. Carl highlighted some of his favorite daylilies and showed some of the liliiums and irises he has growing on his farm. After lunch, we had “show and tell” to share what we did over the summer and discussed plans for future meetings. We also discussed whether we will continue to meet at Tower Hill. Grace Hopkins and Marlene Harmon will investigate alternative meeting places and present findings at the January meeting.

**December 31, 2023** - Please note the deadline for entry in the NEDS photo contest. See the website for details on how to enter.

## **2024 Upcoming Events (please check the NEDS website for meeting location since we may change)**

January 13, 2024—**NEDS Meeting**—Photo Contest and Business Meeting

March 9, 2024—**NEDS Meeting**—Speaker TBD

April 13, 2024—**NEDS Meeting**—Curt Hanson

May 2024 —**Public Daylily Sale**—date and location TBD

June 12-15, 2024—**ADS National Convention** in Oklahoma City, OK

July 2024—**Daylily Exhibition**— Details to follow

July 2024—**NEDS Picnic and Auction** - location TBD

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

*Marlene Harmon, NEDS Webmaster*

<http://www.nedaylily.org>

# 2024 ADS National Convention

June 12-15, 2024



<https://www.ads2024convention.org/#/>

## 2024 ADS National Convention

"Daylilies Galore in 2024"

June 12-15, 2024 Oklahoma City, OK

Full Registration includes two days of garden tours with lunches each garden tour day, two evening banquets, access to various speakers and seminars, one 2024 Topguns Daylily Intro, and one 2024 Scott Elliott introduction. Adult registration is \$339/person. You can register online by visiting <https://www.ads2024convention.org/online-registration.html#/> or visit the link below and print and mail your registration to the 2024 ADS Convention Registrar, **Becky Stone, 723 E 10th, Chandler, OK 74834**, visit

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