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- Articles on daylilies
- Garden write ups
- Non-commercial profiles on Region 4 hybridizers

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**“Gantar Daylily Garden  
in Massachusetts”  
photo by Jerry Gantar**

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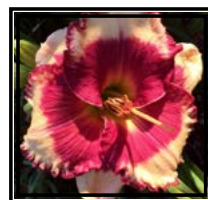
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## Submissions Deadline for Spring Issue: February 15

### AHS/ADS

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**--Russ Allen, Region 4 Director**

**Thanks to all who sent submissions for this issue of *Daylilies In The Great Northeast* as well as those who offered advice and support!**

**A special thanks to the following people for their invaluable help and assistance:  
Russ Allen, Luanne Madden, Kelly Noel**

**Proofreaders: Kelly Noel, Dave Mussar, Carl Harmon, Luanne Madden, Gregory Sutcliffe**

**Photo Contest Judges: Carol Brashear, Ed Cunningham, Linda Keohan. Thank you!**

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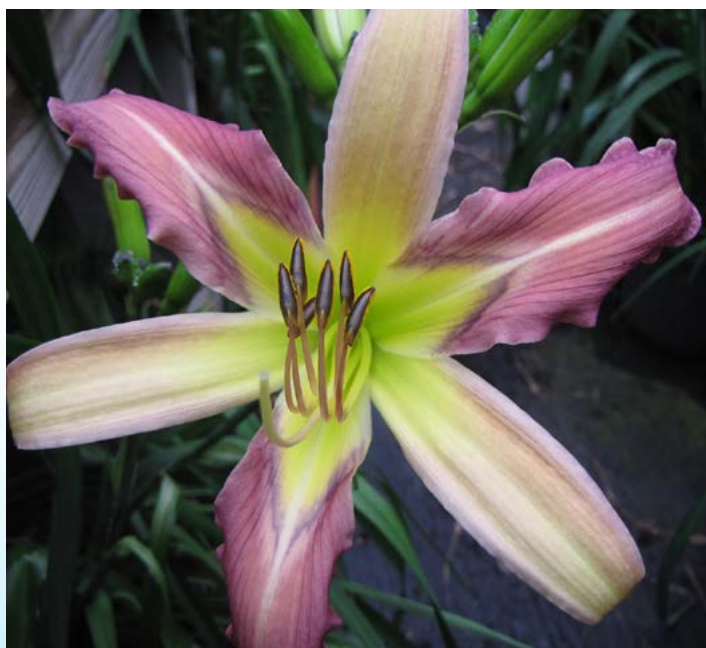


# 2018 AHS Award Winners from Region 4!

## HONORABLE MENTION AWARD



‘Explosion in the Paint Factory’ (Howard, R. 2013)  
also won the Eugene T. Foster Award for a late blooming daylily



‘Pawprints on My Heart’  
(Howard, R. 2011)



‘Yankee Pinstripes’  
(Howard, R. 2013)

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## HONORABLE MENTION AWARD



‘Judy’s Penthouse Double’  
(Schwarz, 2013)

photo Coral Kincaid



‘Big Honking Bahama Richie’  
(Jones, L. 2013)



‘Lord of Autumn’  
(Marvin, D., 2005 )

photo Chris Petersen

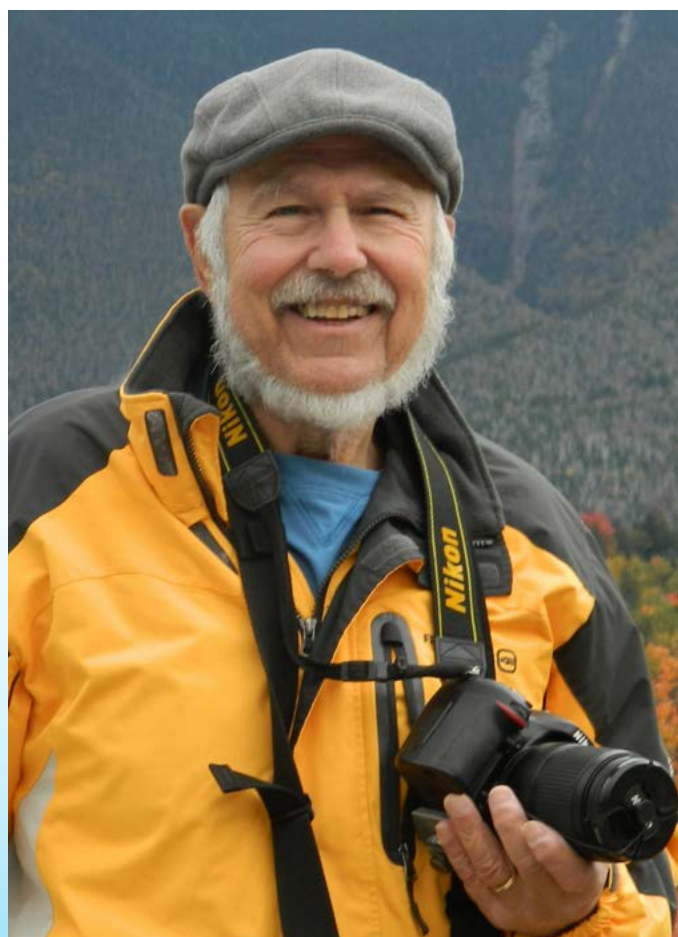
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# 2018 Newsletter Award Winners from Region 4

## Best Scientific Article:

**Cameron Stern, New Hampshire**  
**“Forging Your Program: Experiments with Tetraploid Conversions”, Region 4, *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*, Spring 2017**

Cameron has been growing and breeding daylilies since middle school — with a collection that now includes more than 700 daylily cultivars. His passion for plant sciences and science communication led him to study at Cornell University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science. Soon he will be traveling to the University of Auckland to start a Master’s program studying molecular breeding technologies.



**Best Article about Photographing Daylilies: Jerry Gantar, Massachusetts**  
**“The ‘Art’ of Daylily Photography”, Region 4, *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*, Spring 2017**

Originally from the mid-west, Jerry Gantar moved to Massachusetts in the late 1960s to accept a position with minicomputer maker Digital Equipment Corporation. Looking for an escape from a demanding high-tech job, he started a small flower garden in his backyard and soon became interested in growing daylilies – a hobby he’s enjoyed for more than 40 years.

Photography is another of Jerry’s long-time interests. He started out photographing New England landscapes. Among his favorite locations were the mid-coast of Maine and White Mountains of New Hampshire. Eventually daylilies also became a favorite subject to photograph. He didn’t have far to travel; they were right in his backyard.

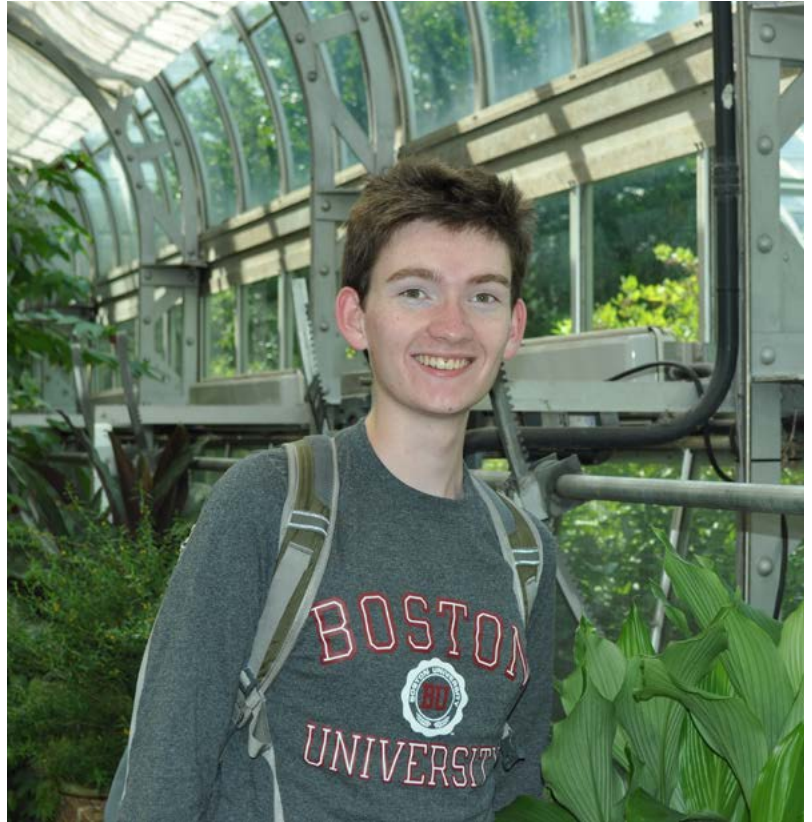
In his article, “The Art of Photographing Daylilies”, which appeared in the spring 2017 issue of the Region 4 Newsletter, *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*, Jerry shared tips and techniques for capturing the elusive beauty of daylilies.



# Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award

## Andrew Reilly, Massachusetts

As the winner of the 2018 Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award, Andrew was awarded a life membership in the AHS. The Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award was initiated in 1996 by Grace and Patrick Stamile to honor the memory of their daughter Christine.



## AHS Youth Photography Award Andrew Cameron, Nova Scotia, Canada



Andrew Cameron won first place in the beginner division of the AHS Youth Photography Awards for his photograph of H. 'Blue Throated Hummingbird' (Gossard, 2015).



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## Region 4 Director - Russ Allen



**National Convention at Myrtle Beach** – This year’s national convention in Myrtle Beach was truly a delight to attend! The early June timing was wonderful since it was ahead of our local bloom season here in the North. The display gardens were quite fabulous and were beautiful locations for photos. You can even get a feel for some of the



*Spectacular Daylily Fountain*



*H. 'Breathing in Snowflakes' (Douglas, H. 2016)*



*Region 4 President Luanne & Region 4 Director Russ*

gardens by checking out Jacob Braun’s videos made of the display gardens using a high tech drone as well as his own on-site footage which are available for view on the ADS website. The business meeting even set a record for running significantly under the allotted time - - which allowed more time for the wonderful daylily auction. Rich Howard’s H. ‘*Explosion in the Paint Factory*’ obtained the highest winning bid for any daylily during the auction at the \$325 level – in addition to winning the Region 4 Hybridizer Award this year. Next year’s National Convention will be in Madison, Wisconsin [July 10-13, 2019] so think about working this into your travel plans next year! [ahs2019national.com](http://ahs2019national.com)

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into the newly updated Daylily Society website as well as being gradually incorporated into marketing, education, and outreach efforts. The AHS name will continue to be used in many materials directed strictly at current members.

**Honorable Mention Award** - The number of votes needed for a cultivar to win an Honorable Mention Award has been reduced from 20 votes by Garden Judges to 15. Votes must be received from at least four regions. This change was made due to a drop in the number of voting Garden judges over the last six years.

**Color-Changer Daylily Terminology** - A new daylily term and definition has been approved. "Color-changer: A daylily flower in which a significant area changes to a completely different color during the day (such as from red to yellow) without visible wilting or loss of substance. The term does not include flowers that merely become a lighter shade of the original color." The change was made to establish unified terminology in this newly developing hybridizing area.

**Daylily Dispatch** - The online *Daylily eNews* has been renamed the *Daylily Dispatch: the eNews from the American Daylily Society*. Please sign-up to receive this free eNews publication. Half of current subscribers are not even ADS members. It's also easy to view on any iPhone.

**Amazon.com Now Sells Daylily Publications** – Purchases of the ADS's leading books on daylilies can now be made on Amazon.com and handled by Amazon Fulfillment in an effort to make these more easily available to the general gardening public. This includes the popular recent books including: *Double Daylilies: Twice the Fun*; *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*; and *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms and Other "Exotics"*.

**American Horticultural Society Collaboration** – Our recent effort to encourage members in our respective societies via co-promotion and advertising offers has been reported to have generated a significant number of new members for the ADS.

**2018 Pop Poll** – The Pop Polls are now being run at the Regional Level – with each Region able to decide the rules for their Pop Poll voting. It's expected that

the number of those voting this year will increase dramatically due to stronger promotion efforts aimed at encouraging voting by all ADS members.

**Region 4 Meeting in Nova Scotia** – The Regional Meeting in Nova Scotia this summer was a marvelous event to attend! The meeting format was simplified to have attendees drive or carpool to visit the display gardens (rather than hire buses) and to use a charming country inn for the regional business meeting rather than a hotel venue – which worked out beautifully! The display gardens of Cecil and Lillian Dunlap, Norm and Heather Patton, Michelle Mercier and partner Alco, and Allan Banks and Shane Doucette were in spectacular bloom and a delight to behold! A particular highlight for me was having Allan Banks point out all the cultivars up for awards on the garden judges ballot to myself and my fellow garden judge Helen Nordvall.

*Below, Allan Banks with Nordvalls*



*Above, 'Sun Panda' (Culver, B. 2009)*



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*'Heavenly Orange Blaze' (Gossard, 2009)*



*'Cliffjumper' (Gossard, 2017)*

**Daylily Plant Sale Ideas** – If you'd like to see an enjoyable video of a daylily club running a very successful huge plant sale, be sure to check out Adele Keohan's video on the Madison, Wisconsin club's plant sale at this link: [www.facebook.com/adele.keohan/videos/1305779746217901/](https://www.facebook.com/adele.keohan/videos/1305779746217901/) You'll get a number of ideas which might help out your own club's daylily plant sale.

**Authors Needed** – We're always in search of authors for articles about daylilies in gardening magazines and other magazines, and YouTube videos, so if you'd like to share your love for daylilies with others, please let me know so we can try to provide any desired assistance!

**Russ**

## Regional President's Message - Luanne Madden

Greetings Region 4 members. Hope everyone enjoyed daylily season. Our garden put on a better than normal show. Now comes not only "not much to look at" in the garden but the not so much fun of clean up! I want to begin by thanking all those members who voted in the Popularity Poll. There has been a push by AHS/ADS for more participation. Thanks to all who voted! The Pop Poll results are included in this newsletter. Please think about a club member who is deserving of a nomination for the Region 4 Service Award at the club level. This year's winners were Linda and Brian Smith from the Nova Scotia Daylily Society. They were recognized at the Region 4 Meeting held in Nova Scotia this past July. Information about the award is on the Region 4 website. Nominations should be sent to me at: [lmaddenreg4@gmail.com](mailto:lmaddenreg4@gmail.com). The deadline is December 1, 2018.

I would like to thank Dave Mussar, Don Blakely and the Ontario Daylily Society for once again hosting a successful Can-Am meeting in May, 2018. Great speakers, good friends, and a lively auction! ODS was able to make a Region 4 donation from the George Doorakian plants they received. Special thank you for the donation. Looking forward to next year's Can-Am in May 2019.

And now a very special thank you to the Nova Scotia Daylily Society for hosting the Annual Regional Meeting this past July. Michelle Mercier deserves many kudos for making the weekend a memorable event! We visited three very special and unique daylily gardens: Pheasant Gardens owned by Cecil and Lillian Dunlap; Sight 4 Sore Eyes Garden owned by Norm and Heather Patton; Harbour Breezes Daylilies owned by Allan Banks and Shane Doucette.

Additionally we were treated to a great BBQ hosted by Michelle and Alco at their woodside garden and retreat. A delightful Saturday night dinner was held at the Salmon River Inn. Two presentations were given by Michael Falconer from Ontario and Allan Banks from Nova Scotia. Good friends, good daylilies, and good food...perfect weekend in Nova Scotia.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to the next Regional Meeting. It will be hosted by LIDS (Long Island Daylily Society) on July 19 & 20, 2019. There is information about the Regional in this newsletter and on the Region 4 website. Think about coming down not



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only to visit some great gardens but to meet up with old friends. Looking forward seeing many of you again!

On a business note, I know club presidents may be changing in the next few months. Please email any changes to myself ([lmaddenreg4@gmail.com](mailto:lmaddenreg4@gmail.com)) and Kelly Noel (Region 4 Webmaster, [khnoel@rogers.com](mailto:khnoel@rogers.com)). As a pdf of the newsletter is sent via email directly to club presidents, we need to know of any changes. Finally, thanks to all who participated in the Region 4 Hybridizer Award. The winner for 2018 is 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy' by Gil Stelter. Gil will be acknowledged at the Regional Meeting next year on Long Island. Congratulations Gil!!

In closing, Happy Holidays to all. Hope to see you at the Can-Am or on Long Island or both!

Warmest regards,

*Luanne*

## Regional Publicity Director -

### Dave Mussar

As I write this we are experiencing the last few days of "Indian Summer" as we used to call it with record setting temperatures for this area in October and yet the first frost is in the forecast in a few days. Leaves are quickly dropping from the trees and soon we will be putting the gardens to rest for another year. But I have so much left to do!

Reflecting on the season past, it has been another exceptional year. I was able to attend both the ADS National in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and the Regional held in Halifax, Nova Scotia where we were treated to some down-east hospitality, saw some great gardens, exceptionally well grown plants and met some fabulous people as well. I was also invited to attend the Region 11 tour in Kansas so it was a big year for daylily travel! Next summer is already looking busy as well with the National being held in Wisconsin and the Regional in Long Island. Once again my garden will suffer but it will be worth it! Please put one or both of these events on your calendars for next summer.

In this newsletter you will see the results of the 2018 Region 4 popularity poll. Congratulations to George Doorakian and his fine cultivar 'Rose F. Kennedy' for winning our pop poll this year. As discussed elsewhere, we implemented some changes to the poll process and had a much higher percentage

of members vote this year than in recent memory. Thanks to all who voted and let's aim for even greater involvement next summer.

Regarding other regional events, please put the 23rd annual Can-Am Classic, May 3rd & 4th, 2019 on your calendars. Same location and format as before. Stay posted for further announcements. If you are a Facebook user please look for the AHS Region 4 group so we can share regional announcements and club activities and news. It would be nice if club presidents or somebody else from the club would post what they are doing to share with others within the region.

Looking forward to a winter's rest and where our daylily paths will cross in the future.

**Dave**

## Editor's Message - Adele Keohan

Even a child who can't yet read words can find meaning in a photo. I'm sure that each one of us, at one point or another, has found something in a photo that made an indelible impression and made us feel a certain way...happy, joyous...or sentimental.

Look at the stunning photo contest winners and honorable mentions in this issue, and I'm sure that some of them will make a lasting impression on you.

Speaking of lasting impressions, I will always remember the great time I had as Region 4 Newsletter Editor. I met so many wonderful people during the last six years, and had the opportunity to learn about each and every club in this region, thanks to your club reports, photos and correspondences.

As of January 1, 2019, I will be the new editor of **The Daylily Journal**. The wonderful Meg McKenzie Ryan is retiring and I have the honor of taking over as editor of our national newsletter.

I'd like to share some national AHS news excerpts from Nikki Schmith's Region 2 Director's Report:

*The registrar completed just over 3,000 new cultivar registrations this year, bringing the total close to 89,000! The Registrar reported response to continual improvements to the registration process continues to be overwhelmingly positive.*

*The cumulative index of all Daylily Journal articles and authors has been completed by the Archives and History Committee. It can be found and used on the portal. Clubs who would like to order BULK PUBLICATIONS for fall and*



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holiday party gift-giving can do so through our new Publications Manager, Kathy Pinkas.

Please contact her at [pubsales@daylilies.org](mailto:pubsales@daylilies.org). Single copies of ALL other publications (including both judges manuals) are only available through Amazon.

The "Daylily Dispatch" formerly known as the Daylily eNews, now has 4400 subscribers. Are you one of them? Text DAYLILIES to 22828 to subscribe.

American Daylily Society Display Garden Applications are now online. Just visit <http://www.daylilies.org/AHSGardens.html> and note the new link in the middle of the page to apply or renew ONLINE! The new AHS website has some neat new features regarding display gardens that you should check out, too! --Nikki Schmith [From her Director's Report published in the Region 2 Summer/Fall 2018 Newsletter]

My sincere thanks to everyone who submitted articles, photos, or news to **Daylilies in the Great Northeast**. Please keep submitting these things to your new editor! My congratulations to all of the AHS Award winners from Region 4. In closing, allow me to share this photo of Gil Stelter, below, with his future AHS Honorable Mention (2017) and Region 4 Hybridizer Award (2018) winner, 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy.'

What does this photo convey to you?

Daylilies = Joy?

I agree.

--Adele



*Gil Stelter in 2004 with the seedling that years later would be introduced as 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy'*



**The 2018 Region 4 Hybridizer Award goes to...**  
**Gil Stelter for H. 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy' (2012)**  
**AHS Honorable Mention Award (2017)**



(Hankow × Ginger Twist)

6.5"/36"--Midseason, Unusual Form Cascade, Dormant, Tetraploid

# *AHS Region 4 Service Award- Club Level*

## **Linda and Brian Smith of Nova Scotia**

Official description of award: The Region 4 Service Award is awarded for service to one's local daylily community. Service should require a variety of activities and should reflect service over a period of time, not just for one or two years.

Club Presidents may nominate an individual (or individual and his/her partner) that he/she deems worthy. The final decision is made by a committee composed of the Director, RP, RPD, and immediate past RP. Committee members are not eligible nor are previous recipients. A one page letter of nomination should be e-mailed or mailed to the RP by December 1 and the award will be presented at the following Region 4 summer meeting.

### **Region 4 Service Award Nomination - Linda and Brian Smith - Nova Scotia Daylily Society ( NSDS )**

The timing of the notification for a Region 4 Service Award could not have been better. Only a month or so prior to receiving the request for a nomination, I had suggested to our Executive that we have a "member of the year award". The Executive turned down the idea and felt that it might create some animosity within our membership. Feelings hurt to someone who felt worthy but didn't win - that sort of thing.

When Mel's email came through, I noted it said "Club Presidents" may nominate. At first I thought I would do so without consultation with my Executive and then thought no, I should include them. At our next Executive meeting I brought forward the request and although I had one name in mind, I put it out for discussion. Only one family name came up. The same one I had had, that of Linda and Brian Smith. They are a team when it comes to serving the needs of the NSDS and were part of the original group that met in Canning, Nova Scotia to organize a daylily club. Linda and Brian's history with NSDS starts with the formation of our group and they are listed as founding members in November 2002.

From 2002 until 2011, Linda sat on our Executive both as secretary and treasurer at different and sometimes the same time. Past President, Allan Banks ( five-year term ) says of Linda: "Linda was secretary all during my reign of terror and was a person I could always turn to when I needed to discuss problems/issues/results from meetings. She was one of my greatest encouragers during my time as president. I couldn't have done it without her." Our initial meeting place was at the Nova Scotia Agriculture building in Kentville, Nova Scotia and was not helping the club grow with members...so...Linda made arrangements with a more central location in the province and has been the person in charge of all scheduling with the Church hall where we now hold our meetings for our monthly meeting and all extra functions requiring the facilities.

Linda has perennially been in charge of the monthly club "kitchen" arrangements. Linda helped organize the kitchen volunteers for any functions that required food, whether snacks or a full meal. Linda also regularly solicited volunteers to bring food for regular meetings, special events and the annual summer meeting.

The early executive meetings were held at the Smith home. NSDS materials were often stored at their property and they

brought those items to special events (tent, kitchen supplies etc).

The Smiths have hosted an afternoon gathering at their property during at least 4 summer guest speaker events.

1. Ted Petit: BBQ and member donated food, Garden Judge 2 workshop held in the yard, program by TP and auction of TP plants held in upper First Baptist Church hall. This was the first edition of the NSDS summer BBQs. I don't remember the year.. 2005?
2. Melanie Mason: BBQ and member donated food, Garden Judge 1 workshop in upper FBC hall, followed by daylily presentation and plant auction of Melanie's plants.
3. Tom & Kathy Rood: gathering at the Smith garden, prior to catered buffet, presentation and auction of plants donated by the Roods.
4. Henry Lorrain from 'We're in the Hayfield Now' - gathering at the Smith garden, prior to catered buffet, presentation and auction of plants donated by Mr. Lorrain.

The Smiths have also arranged to have the hall available to the NSDS for our April spring speakers, which would include Barry Matthie, David Jewell, Dave Mussar, Bryan Culver (twice), Mike Georges (likely there are more).

To our knowledge, Brian was the first commercial grower of daylilies in Nova Scotia, (starting in the the 1970's) and maybe even the first east of Ontario. Brian has donated daylily plants to auctions and functions many times over the years. The Smiths have both helped to promote and encourage other daylily growers in Nova Scotia. Many people got their start in daylilies by visiting Brian's garden and purchasing from him. Brian was responsible for introducing many of the newest daylily cultivars to the general public before other growers and NSDS became involved. One of the first official AHS display gardens in Nova Scotia, if not the first, was at Brian's garden. Brian was always heavily involved in set-up and clean-up for any NSDS meetings.

I have had the privilege of knowing Linda and Brian for a short five years only. During that time, Linda's smile at most every meeting comes from the kitchen. Brian was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and has increasingly difficult mobility issues. Despite those limitations Brian continues to purchase plants from our auctions and is always seen "talking daylilies" with various members. When I contemplate the acknowledging of a person or persons with a service award, simply put, I can think of no better recipients than the Smith family. Without



these two our group may not exist today.

I have included a photo which includes [left to right] : Brian Smith, Linda Smith, Mary Ridgley ( past President ) and Paul Owens at a gathering a couple of years ago at the Smith home and garden.

Respectfully submitted,  
Greg Sutcliffe  
President, Nova Scotia Daylily Society



# “FUN IN THE SUN!”

## 2019 REGION FOUR ANNUAL MEETING

### July 19-20, 2019

Dear Friends,

This summer, the Long Island Daylily Society is hosting a regional meeting on July 19-20, 2019 in Melville, NY. To support this event, LIDS will be holding a live auction and a silent auction. The auctions will feature daylilies hybridized by our talented Region 4 hybridizers and as well as other hybridizers outside of our region.

LIDS would like you to consider **donating** one or more plants to either or both of our auctions. We would love cultivars from Region 4 hybridizers that have been introduced within the last 10 years. However, older favorites and daylilies from outside our region will gladly be accepted, as well as small collections from one hybridizer. The Regional will be publicized on the E-mail robin, the bulletin board, Facebook Daylily Groups, the Regional website, the Regional newsletter and the AHS Website.

The process is as follows:

Notify us if you are willing to donate an introduction and e-mail us an image in jpg format if you have one. We also need to know approximately how many fans you are donating.

We would like to receive the plants bareroot at the regional if you are attending or as close to the event as possible. LIDS will reimburse you for postage, or you can consider it part of your donation. Please let us know your wishes.

On behalf of LIDS and Region 4, we would like to thank you for your support of our event!! Your donation is considered a charitable contribution and is tax deductible.

If you are able to participate, please let us know as soon as possible.

The Summer Regional Website: [longislanddaylily.weebly.com](http://longislanddaylily.weebly.com)

Sincerely,

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# “Fun in the Sun!”

**2019 AHS Region Four Meeting • Melville, New York  
July 19-20, 2019 Hosted by the Long Island Daylily Society**

**Guest Speaker: Gil Stelter of Gryphon Gardens, Guelph, Ontario**

<http://www.gryphongardens.ca/>

The Long Island Daylily Society (LIDS) invites you to join us Friday, July 19 through Saturday, July 20, in Long Island, New York, for the 2019 AHS Region Four Meeting. Our guest speaker is hybridizer Gil Stelter, owner of Gryphon Gardens in Guelph, Ontario. Gryphon Gardens was an AHS Region Four tour garden in 2011. Gil will present his program on Saturday evening following the banquet and business meeting.

The host hotel is the **HILTON LONG ISLAND / HUNTINGTON**

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598 Broad Hollow Road, Melville NY 11747

[Hiltonlongisland.com](http://Hiltonlongisland.com)

Mention “**LIDS**” to get the reservation group rate of \$**165** per night.

Your registration includes the Saturday bus tour and four meals: Friday buffet dinner followed by an auction, Saturday grab and go breakfast on your way to three garden tours, Saturday lunch and tour at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, NY, and Saturday evening sit down banquet, business meeting and program by Gil Stelter.

*Four tour gardens and lovely open gardens await you!*

## **Gardens on Saturday’s Bus Tour:**

**Joan Lundin: Setauket, NY**

An imaginative daylily garden, secluded in nature and complemented by a diverse collection of perennials, interspersed among rocks, the core of Long Island’s north shore, garden art and fairy gardens.

**Pat Sayers: Huntington, NY**

A delightful hybridizer’s garden where you’ll get to see many of Pat’s introductions as well as numerous perennials set in artistic vignettes.

**Chris Petersen: Northport, NY**

A peaceful seaside garden with an eclectic mix of daylilies, shrubs, grasses, annuals, hosta and other perennials arranged in an array of settings.

**Planting Fields Arboretum: Oyster Bay, NY**

An amazing conservatory and arboretum that hosts the LIDS AHS Display Garden and the Saxton Seedling bed. This garden is also our lunch stop.

**Open Gardens on Thursday, Friday and/or Sunday: See our website for details**

The Region Four Daylily Auction will be on Friday evening. Credit cards will be accepted. Shop our Bargain Table, Silent Auction, and Country Auction on Friday and Saturday afternoons.

*Region Four members, please consider donating raffle items, baskets, and daylilies for the auction and or bargain table!*

Judges Clinics and Workshops will be set up if there is enough interest.

Please celebrate daylilies with us on July 19-20. Visit with old friends and make new friends while we all have “Fun in the Sun” on Long Island—you won’t want to miss it! Check our website for details about each tour garden, open gardens, our speaker, fun things to do while you’re on Long Island, and more!

[www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com](http://www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com)

For additional information contact: Chris Petersen at [chrispn@optonline.net](mailto:chrispn@optonline.net)



# Region 4 - 2018 Popularity Poll

submitted by Dave Mussar

This year after much discussion across the ADS the first significant changes to the popularity poll process were implemented. The most significant change was to elevate all previous regional winners to a **Regional Hall of Fame** while removing them from future ballots, thereby ensuring a new popularity poll winner every year. This recognizes the great popularity of the previous winners, opening the door for other cultivars to be recognized and re-invigorating the process. In fact, over the past 20 years only 7 cultivars have won the Region 4 popularity poll, with 2 of them only winning or tying once. The previous winners include: **Strawberry Candy, Custard Candy, Fooled Me, Ruby Spider, Primal Scream, Sun Panda and Webster's Pink Wonder**; all great cultivars and deservedly popular.

In 2018, 124 Region 4 members voted in the poll. This represents 16.2% of our membership, a nice increase from the 9 – 11% level over the past several years. However, the voting percentage was the second lowest amongst the 15 regions so there is still more room for improvement. In total 340 cultivars received at least one vote and 1170 votes were received in total. The top 10 cultivars, including ties, in the 2018 Region 4 Popularity poll are listed at right.



photo Marlene Harmon

**Congratulations to George Doorakian for his 'Rose F. Kennedy' winning the Pop Poll in 2018!** It was the runner up in 2017 and of course won the Stout Silver Medal last year so its popularity is well deserved! It will now enter the Hall of Fame and we will see which cultivar wins next year. Thank you to all who took the time to vote. Please encourage all other AHS members to vote next summer.

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

| Rank | Cultivar                       | Votes |
|------|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1    | Rose F. Kennedy                | 34    |
| 2    | Neon Flamingo                  | 31    |
| 3    | All American Chief             | 29    |
| 4    | Heavenly United We Stand       | 24    |
| 5    | White Eyes Pink Dragon         | 22    |
| 6    | Laura Harwood                  | 21    |
| 7    | Beautiful Edgings              | 20    |
| 8    | Carnival in Mexico             | 19    |
| 8    | Red Volunteer                  | 19    |
| 9    | Bela Lugosi                    | 16    |
| 9    | Creature of the Night          | 16    |
| 9    | Explosion in the Paint Factory | 16    |
| 9    | King George                    | 16    |
| 9    | Mabou                          | 16    |
| 9    | Orchid Corsage                 | 16    |
| 10   | Big George                     | 15    |
| 10   | South Seas                     | 15    |



# 2018 Region 4 Conference in Nova Scotia

**by Greg Sutcliffe**  
**President, Nova Scotia Daylily Society**

In my mind, our club and yours, is all about the people. The people of our club are the membership, the pulse and driving force of like-minded people. We are a garden club. We are here because we share a love for our gardens and gardening; some of us are seemingly just singularly focused on daylilies and the promotion thereof.

"And so, it gives me great pleasure in presenting this 'Region Four Service Award - Club Level' to two members of our very own local, Nova Scotia Daylily Society, drum roll please....and the winners are ..... congratulations - Brian and Linda Smith."



Despite all of the activities of the weekend, the fabulous gardens we toured, the two outstanding presenters and our lively ending auction, the opportunity to present an award recognized by all in Region 4 AHS just may have been the highlight for me of a very successful weekend.

Being able to present this award to two people whom I nominated, and just by good fortune won, and again by good fortune were in attendance at an event hosted by our club which just happened to be a Regional, truly couldn't be better. The recognition is well deserved, not expected and yet, once again a big congratulations and thank you to Linda and Brian Smith for your contributions to the Nova Scotia Daylily Society over many, many years.

Without question, in my view - which may be ever so slightly biased, were a number of noteworthy highlights to the Region 4 Conference held in Halifax, Nova

Scotia at the end of July 2018.

Included in the weekend was the opportunity to tour three amazing gardens, each with its own style and flair, each having started with its own blank canvas. We had two stunning garden visits in the Truro area, those gardens belonging to Heather and Norm Patton - "Sight 4 Sore Eyes" as well as Lillian and Cecil Dunlap - "Pheasant Gardens". The third garden belongs to Allan Banks and Shane Doucette - "Harbour Breezes Daylilies". As mentioned, each site offers its own unique way of showcasing the daylily and the hosts of each were very welcoming and gracious.

Late Saturday afternoon, we settled in at the Salmon River Inn, a short five minute car ride from Harbour Breezes. The room was cozy, the food was great and our two guest speakers offered interesting perspectives on their experiences with growing daylilies. Michael Falconer of Falhaven Farms in Ontario, shared insights into his growing and hybridizing efforts. Allan Banks of Harbour Breezes Daylilies here in Nova Scotia took us on a trip of the various microclimates around the province and shared with us some of his latest introductions. Finally, with Dave Mussar behind the microphone, a lively auction ensued which raised some monies for our club from plants that were one hundred percent donated by Region 4 members - it's all about the people - again.



Can't forget to mention the stunning wooden lighthouse [left] crafted by Nick White which he donated to our club as part of the activities. A big thank you, Nick - see.. still it's all about the people. We had a draw for this very unique item and it was won by local member Joan Cleaveley.

Each attendee was presented with some "Atlantic Sunshine" to take home with them, a recent introduction by local club



member Richard Morash of Ram Gardens.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the two people responsible for this very successful weekend.

The first, is Luanne Madden [below], our Regional President who, quite by chance, was seated at the same table as me at Can Am in 2017. Luanne, innocently enough, was soliciting a host for the 2018 Regional. I think she may have seen me as easy prey and so.....well



let's just say I was convinced, my local club agreed, and yes, we hosted it. Pam Milliken may have had a role in pushing Luanne and I both. Just saying.

The second, is Michelle Mercier of our Nova Scotia Daylilies Society. Michelle [at right] made the mistake of letting us know she could make such an event happen with her eyes closed. I am convinced there were some eye opening moments throughout the planning process; however, the event went off flawlessly, from the time we picked up people from the airport, to those who went with us for a Truro tour on Friday



afternoon, to our tour of Peggy's Cove Lighthouse [bottom], to the barbecue and get together of nearly one hundred percent of our attendees. Behind the scenes, I know that Michelle had the incredible support and help from her family, partner Alco and daughter Lily. Michelle had schedules, maps, prizes, trivia challenges, name that daylily game, and on and on. Saturday's events went off without a hitch and we introduced two new aspects to our auction



that will now become the norm at our regular events. First, that of having all of the names of plants, the names of participants on a spreadsheet. Wow! Did that ever make it easy at the end when it was time to pay.

Names and amounts were right there, including what plant was purchased and tallied, ready for payment. The second was accepting debit and or credit cards for payment. It seemed to make it much easier to purchase auctions plants without the worry of how much



cash one had in their pocket. Bid away, and pay with plastic. Love it!

All in all, there are many names of people who helped in some way. There were many new friendships made, and as I reflect on the event overall, sure, we are here for the daylily but it is clearly the people, their friendship and camaraderie that make it worth-

while. It is the people that made this event work. It is the people who volunteer at the local and regional level that makes our larger group work. It is also the people who form our membership. Without you, there would be no need for us to exist. Thank you to all who partook in our first ever Region 4 Conference.

[Photos by Greg Sutcliffe unless otherwise noted.]



Coral Kincaid and  
Yvonne Chute



Robyn Lynn



Wayne Kincaid

Janice Wood





Gene Moglia, Pam Milliken, Luanne Madden, Brenda Sutcliffe



Sight 4 Sore Eyes Garden



Shane Doucette - Harbour Breezes Daylilies



Ed Kimball



Michael Falconer, Marquita Mercier, Bill Mercier



Dave Mussar, Barbara Devereaux White, Coral Kincaid



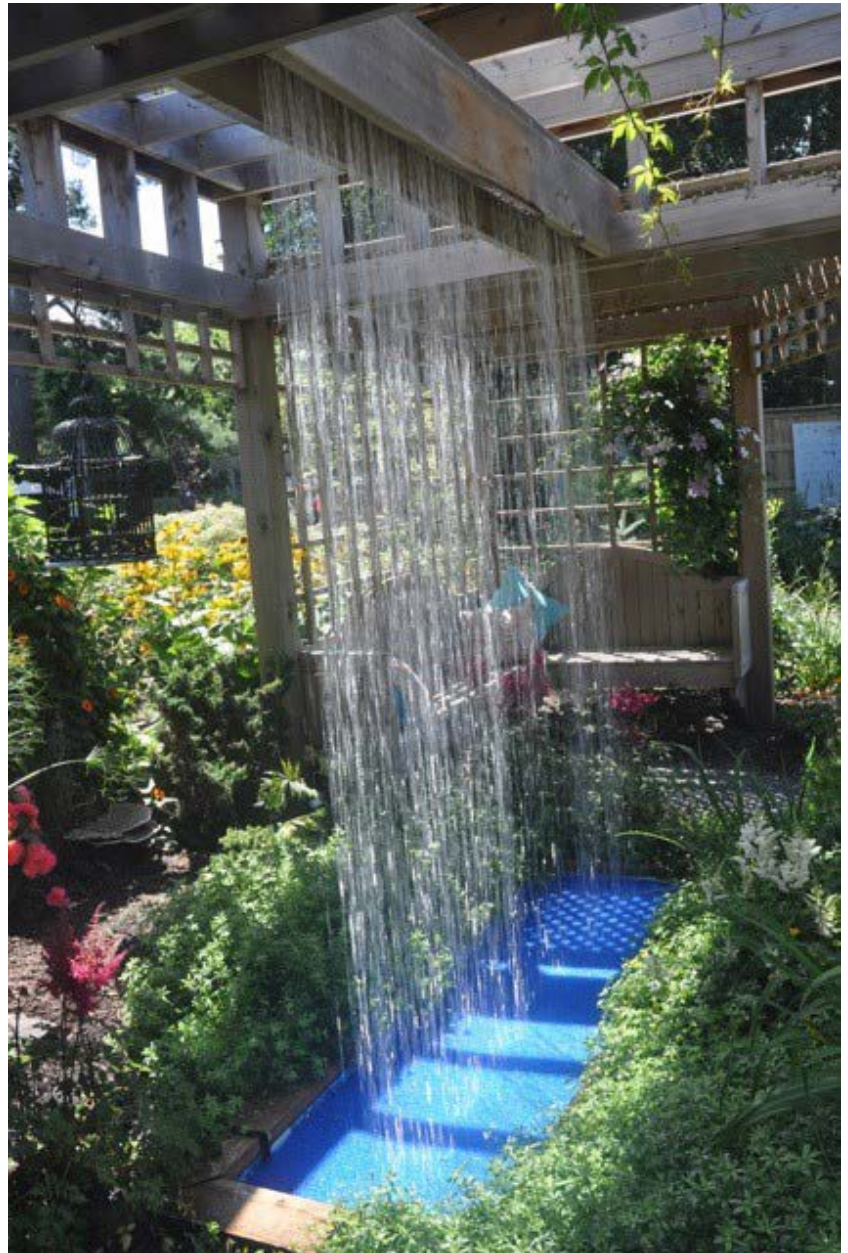
Sight 4 Sore Eyes Garden



“Questionable crew”



Mike Patterson



Above, Sight 4 Sore Eyes Garden Below, Harbour Breezes Daylilies





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At left, the entrance of Sight 4 Sore Eyes Garden

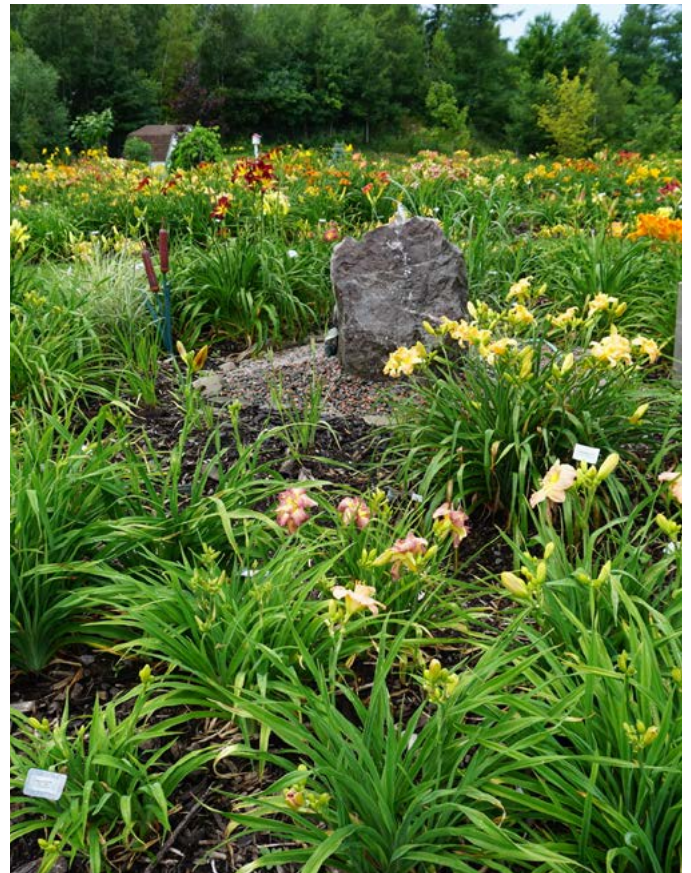
Left center, Pheasant Gardens

Below left, Harbour Breezes Daylilies

Below right, Pheasant Gardens



'Cardinal Explosion' (Culver, 2007)



# Thank you, Nova Scotia!

by Elisabeth Murphy

My husband and I decided to come to the Region 4 Meeting this year, because the location was very tempting to us. We have been to Nova Scotia before, but never made it up to Cape Breton. This time, we wanted to see it. So we flew to Halifax a few days prior to the Region 4 Meeting. We enjoyed this wonderful area, with its constantly changing coast line, very much. We loved the fresh oysters and the best fried clams my husband ever ate.

We joined the visitors of the Region 4 Meeting on Saturday at the Harbour Breezes Daylilies nursery. The Garden was built on a steep south facing slope. In the distance you can see Jeddore Harbour. All flower beds are held up with huge boulders. Beside the many flower beds filled with daylilies and Japanese irises, there is a wonderful pond with fish, a red bridge and nice decorations. We spent a long time in this garden, meeting with friends from the region until it was time to go to the Salmon River Inn.

An entertaining presentation from Michael Falconer of Falhaven Farms in Ontario was followed by a presentation from Allan Banks, who explained the special geographical position of Nova Scotia and the resulting weather with its challenges for daylily growers. After dinner with great German food we enjoyed the silent auction and the daylily auction.

We all went home that night with plants, and for people living in the US it meant that the plants needed to be inspected before they could be brought into the country. Thanks to the foresight of Michelle ... we all had a copy of the famous phytosanitary certificate. Michelle also arranged for inspection on Sunday morning where two officers inspected the plants and gave us the necessary certification after we paid the flat fee of \$12.50 in Canadian currency.

Sunday continued with the visit to two gardens on the north side of Nova Scotia in Truro. "Pheasant Gardens" of Cecil and Lillian Dunlap surprised us with lots of wonderful daylilies along with companion plants and garden decorations. The next garden was located only a few miles away. The "Sight 4 Sore Eyes Garden" of Norm and Heather Patton again surpassed our expectations. The garden was filled with mirrors,

seating places, canopies, a waterfall and of course many beautiful daylilies.

I want to thank the Nova Scotia daylily society for their efforts to make us feel welcome and for having organized such a wonderful event in beautiful Nova Scotia.



Coastline of Cape Breton



View of the bay from Harbour Breezes Daylilies



Harbour Breezes, SallyAnn King and husband Bruce





Above and right: Sight 4 Sore Eyes Garden



Above, Cecil Dunlap and Coral Kincaid at Pheasant Gardens



Red bridge at Harbour Breezes Garden

Harbour Breezes Garden





Sight 4 Sore Eyes Garden



Sight 4 Sore Eyes Garden-Norm Patton with David and Mary Trott



Pheasant Gardens

# 2018 Daylily Exhibition Reports

## Cottage Gardens



### 2018 Long Island Daylily Society Flower Show

by

Joan Lundin and Joan Turano

Chairperson and Co-Chairperson

A cozy cottage surrounded with daylilies presents a restful and relaxing picture to anyone lucky enough to conjure the thought in their mind. The LIDS Flower Show transformed the picture into a reality. During early spring, as we sipped a cup of tea, ate our lunch and shared our thoughts about our seventh year working together on the LIDS Flower Show, we had several ideas for themes. Sometimes a theme comes to us quite readily; it's the titles for the Design Categories that stretch our imaginations. Pat Sayers, our Design Division Chairperson, used her creativity to fashion the titles for us this year. Thought must be given to our fellow members, our friends and colleagues, members of the Long Island Daylily Society, aka "LIDS", who will be working with the categories presented to them. LIDS members presented their *cottage garden* inspirations to us and to the public at our July 8, 2018 Flower Show. "We" are Joan Lundin, Chairperson and Joan Turano, Co-Chairperson, LIDS members responsible for organizing and presenting an accredited ADS Daylily Show as part of the Long Island Daylily Society's goal of educating the public about the beauty and merits of

growing daylilies. Once again, our show was held at Planting Fields Arboretum, a former Gold Coast estate in Oyster Bay, NY. The arboretum is comprised of 409 acres of greenhouses, rolling lawns, formal gardens, woodland paths, and outstanding plant collections. While visiting our flower show, members of the public are invited to stroll through the arboretum's resplendent grounds.

Our theme this year was, *Cottage Gardens*. Titles for the Design Categories were:

*"A Glorious Profusion of Color", "A Pastel Tea in the Garden", "Welcome to My Garden" and "Let's Get Creative".*

Once again our show was a triumphant accomplishment. Our members supported our organization by signing up to work on a variety of committees prior to show time. The flowers this year presented us with exquisite eye candy, in spite of the harsh Long Island winter. Members brought in 191 entries, nicely groomed and ready to be judged. Large and small, on-scape and off, spiders and doubles, all sections were represented.

Luanne Madden, the Judges Chair, recruited three judges from other Region 4 ADS clubs. Mary Collier Fisher came from Massachusetts and Kate Reed came from Rhode Island. Our newest traveler from afar was Wendolyn Nicholds who traveled from Ottawa, Canada. Our local judges from LIDS were: Luanne Madden, Pamela Milliken, Christine Petersen, Dr. Robert Stanton, Douglas Raimondi, Toni Raimondi, Gene Moglia, Joan Turano and Barbara Bruce. We deeply appreciate the time and work of the judges, especially those who traveled a long distance to help us with our endeavor. The twelve Design Division entries were judged by Marion Romeo, Norma Henriksen and Gail Berti, registered Garden Club judges.

We were very grateful for the dedication and perseverance of those LIDS members who worked tirelessly to achieve a stellar performance. LIDS members worked their magic to help us present another show that imparted the graceful theme of *Cottage Gardens* to the public.

As ADS evolves and changes, so must we. "The

# 2018 Daylily Exhibition Reports

two Joans", as we are known at LIDS, have enjoyed the opportunity of presenting seven ADS accredited daylily shows. However, it's time for us to sit inside a cottage garden for a while and let other LIDS members "run the show." We have enjoyed our tenure as Flower Show Chairpersons and are honored by and grateful for the confidence that LIDS members have placed in us. Au revoir.

**The 2018 show winners were:**

## Division I: Horticulture on-scape

### Best in Show:

**'Monkey See Monkey Do'** [right], Hybridizer – Dickerson, 2002, Exhibitor– Turkiew Family (below, left to right: Joan Turano, Joan Lundin, Rachel Turkiew, Elliot Turkiew)



### Best Extra Large Flower:

**'Small Carbon Footprint'**, Hybridizer – Trimmer, 2009 Exhibitor – Turkiew Family

### Best Large Flower:

**'Violet Explosion'**, Hybridizer – Stamile 1991, Exhibitor – Turkiew Family

### Best Small Flower:

**'Monkey See Monkey Do'**, Hybridizer – Dickerson, 2002, Exhibitor – Turkiew Family

### Best Double, Multiform Double, or Polymerous:

**'Child Within'**, Hybridizer – Stamile –G., 2004, Exhibitor – Turkiew Family

### Best Unusual Form:

**'Whispering Winged Wizard'** [right], Hybridizer – Sayers, 2013, Exhibitor– Pat Sayers

### Best Region 4 Popularity Poll:

**'Sun Panda'**, Hybridizer – Culver –B., 2009, Exhibitor – Turkiew Family



## Division II – Horticulture off-scape

**'Child Within'**, Hybridizer – Stamile –G., 2004, Exhibitor – Turkiew Family

**Tri-Color Award:** Class A – Mass Design – A Glorious Profusion of Color [below] –Pat Sayers

**Sweepstakes:** Rachel, David and Elliot Turkiew



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Above, Joan Lundin and Tri-Color Award winner, Pat Sayers



Class C - "Welcome to My Garden" 1st - Joan Turano  
Photo Chris Petersen



"Pastel Tea" 1st - Pat Sayers  
Photo Chris Petersen

# 2018 Daylily Exhibition Reports

## NEDS Daylily Exhibition submitted by Denise Pavlovich photos by Marlene Harmon

Congratulations to Michael Sczerzen for winning  
Best in Show for the second year in a row with the  
same cultivar: PAWS AND STRIPES!

### AHS Rosette Winners

Michael Sczerzen

Best in Show

'Paws and Stripes' (Shooter, E., 2009)



Off-scape division

Phil Wendler

Extra Large

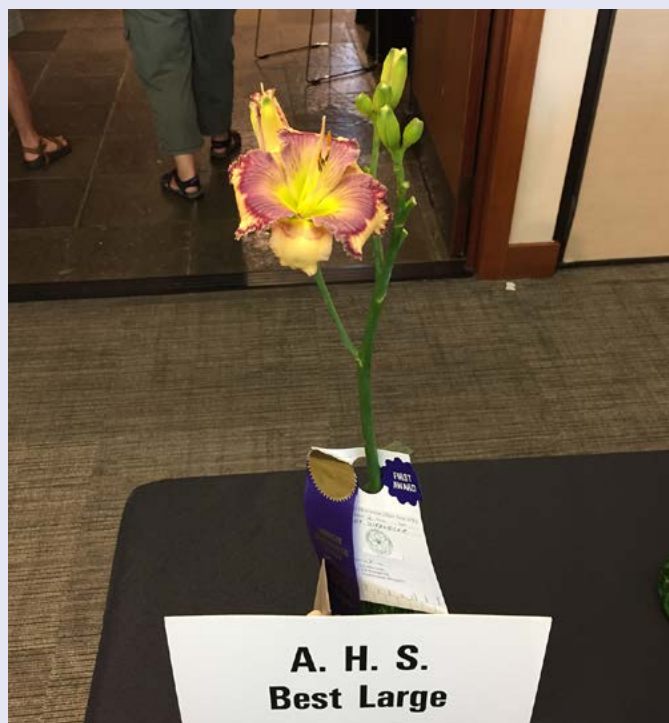
'Royal Trophy' (Lachman, 1993)



Lori-Ann Jones

Large

'Blue Wrangler' (Pierce, G., 2012)



# 2018 Daylily Exhibition Reports

Katherine Reed

Small

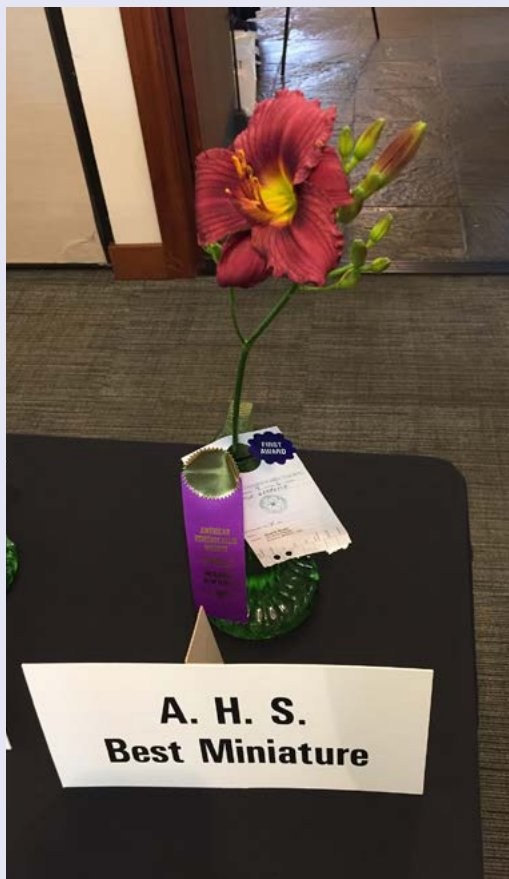
'Sammy Russell' (Russell, 1951)



Elisabeth Murphy

Miniature

'Little Grapette' (Williamson, 1970)



Steven Greene

Double, Multiform and Polymerous Flowers

'Penny Pinsley' (Trimmer, 1999)



Lori-Ann Jones

Spider

'Whip City Walks on Air' (Jones, L., 2017)



# 2018 Daylily Exhibition Reports

Michael Sczerzen

Unusual Form

'Paws and Stripes' (Shooter, E., 2009)



Lori-Ann Jones

Seedling

JD-16-323 (Dulude-Jones)



Nancy Stern

Popularity Poll

'Rose F. Kennedy' (Doorakian, 2007)



# 2018 Daylily Exhibition Reports

| Name                | Best in Show | Best in Class | Purple ribbon | Blue Ribbon (1st) | Red Ribbon (2nd) | Yellow Ribbon (3rd) | judged | Total Entries |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------|---------------|
| Cameron Stern       |              |               | 5             | 13                | 3                |                     |        | 16            |
| Carol Canning       |              |               | 1             | 3                 |                  |                     |        | 3             |
| ChristineKann       |              |               |               | 1                 |                  | 1                   |        | 2             |
| Curtis Turner       |              |               | 1             | 2                 | 2                | 1                   |        | 5             |
| Donna Carkin        |              |               | 2             | 6                 | 5                | 1                   |        | 12            |
| Elisabeth Murphy    |              | 1             | 2             | 8                 | 4                | 2                   |        | 14            |
| Janet McOsker       |              |               |               | 1                 | 2                |                     | 1      | 4             |
| Jean Doherty        |              |               | 1             | 5                 | 6                | 1                   |        | 12            |
| Katherine Reed      |              | 1             | 2             | 5                 | 8                |                     |        | 13            |
| Lori-Ann Jones      |              | 3             | 5             | 11                |                  |                     |        | 11            |
| Michael S. Sczerzen | 1            | 1             | 3             | 5                 |                  | 1                   |        | 6             |
| Nancy Stern         |              | 1             | 3             | 8                 |                  |                     |        | 8             |
| Pam Kann            |              |               |               | 1                 | 1                |                     |        | 2             |
| Phil Wendler        |              | 1             | 2             | 3                 | 1                |                     |        | 4             |
| Roberta LaValley    |              |               |               |                   |                  | 1                   |        | 1             |
| Steve Greene        |              | 1             | 10            | 24                | 5                |                     |        | 29            |
| Susan Stowe         |              |               | 5             | 12                | 2                |                     |        | 14            |
| Totals              | 1            | 9             | 42            | 108               | 39               | 8                   | 1      | 156           |
|                     |              |               |               |                   |                  |                     |        |               |

There was an increase in the total entries to 156 from 107 in 2017.

There was an increase in participants from 11 in 2017 to 17 this year.

There were four first time participants this year: Carol Canning, Donna Carkin, Nancy Stern and Phil Wendler. Phil Wendler won best Extra Large and Nancy Stern got Best Popularity Poll.



# 2019 REGION FOUR ANNUAL MEETING

## Regional Tour Gardens

### Preview

July 19-20, 2019

*photos by Chris Petersen*

**Imagine** Setauket, NY  
Joan and Charlie Lundin

Welcome to Imagine, the garden of Joan and Charlie Lundin. We are the original owners of our home and have lived here since 1971. Our half-acre landscape has changed numerous times over the past 48 years, emerging from a mostly treed area in the back to a thriving daylily garden encompassing the entire yard. Rocks abound at 25 Campus Drive – the glacier certainly slowed its journey here – very indicative of Long Island’s northern shore. Our terrain is quite sloped and consists of three levels in the rear yard.

Daylilies began to play a huge role in our garden in 1997 when my sister, Chris, gifted me with several ditch lilies, AKA *Hemerocallis fulva* ‘Kwanso’. She was making room at her home for “fancy” daylilies that she was purchasing from someone on eastern Long Island. As I was reading the local newspaper, I discovered the Long Island Daylily Society Plant Sale at Old Westbury Gardens. Chris



and I decided to give it a try. We were in for the shock of our lives! There were so many daylily lovers at the sale we had to wait for a parking space. Chris knew she



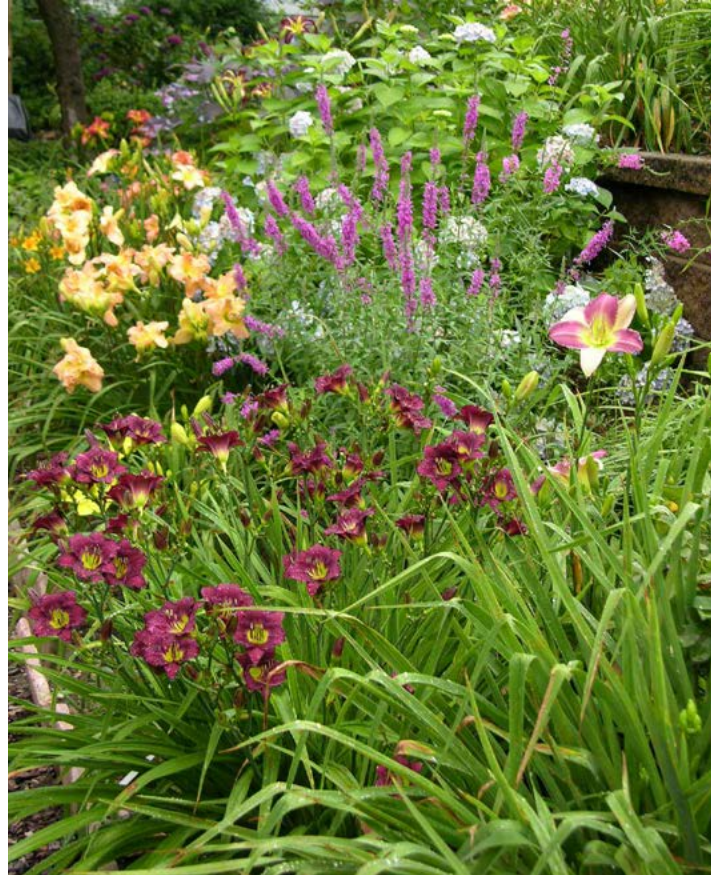
wanted “lates”, whatever they were.. I had no idea, and of course, there were none to be found. It seemed that everyone wanted “lates”. We started looking at all the thousands of green plants in plastic bags with little descriptive tags on them. Neither of us had much money, so we decided to purchase a few and share them when they grew. Chris had used an old fashioned, wheel turning labeler to label



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her plants. I did not have the patience for that gizmo. She assured me we needed to have them labeled so we would remember what we had purchased. My son had just returned home from the Marines and gave me a marker that was supposed to last through any kind of weather. Not at 25 Campus Drive! You guessed it, the following spring none of the tags were legible and I had to tell Chris that I had no idea what was what. That error started a whole new gardening experience for me. Labeling became a priority. I bought a circular wheel label maker – very antiquated and laborious compared to what I use in 2018.

After four years of purchasing daylilies at the Long Island Daylily Society sales, chatting with the extremely knowledgeable and helpful members, and being asked very invitingly, every year by Phyllis, the Membership Chairperson to join LIDS, I finally decided to join. I had promised Phyllis that I would join when I retired because I would have more time. I do not believe in joining a group just for the sake of joining. I need to be an active member of whatever group I join. After four years of asking, Phyllis's persistence paid off. She asked me if I had retired. I had, but I had no money left to join because I had spent it all on daylilies! Phyllis was not about to lose a new member. She said some of



The more daylilies I acquired the more I learned and the more I just had to have. I became tired of the green Pachysandra covered embankment near the pool and decided it could become a new garden filled with daylilies, hydrangeas, hostas and hardy Hibiscus. I now have fifteen mini gardens around the property, including a historic one, each with its own name and site map that I keep in a notebook. I also keep an Excel file of every daylily growing in my garden as well as its bloom date for the past ten years. In addition, I maintain an organic, successive garden as much as feasibly possible. Much to my displeasure, battling deer and voles can lead to the use of non-organic means. As for vegetables, I grow tomatoes in pots!

Each season is a new adventure. In late February, the Witch-hazel sends out its spidery blooms. Near the end of the cold, dreary days of winter, the sight of *Iris reticulata* and Snowdrops popping their heads through the snow is a magical time indicating that spring, the most cherished season, is returning anew. The colorful explosion begins as a wide variety of Daffodils strut their showy splendor as do the Crocus, Alliums and Tulips. The 400+ daylilies, that share beds with perennials, bulbs, Hostas, and a variety of deciduous trees



the many plants I had purchased were gifts because I had bought so many, and used their cost to pay for my membership to LIDS and AHS. I was an official member of LIDS and AHS and was on my way to many new adventures with many new friends.

My huge organic vegetable garden was being overrun with organically grown daylilies and I loved them!



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and shrubs, begin to emerge in late March/early April, depending on the weather. *H. 'Esperanza'* (McEwen, 1967) is always the first to steadfastly bloom May 20-25th, quickly followed by *H. 'Before'* (Murphy - J.P., 2011), in early June. Daylilies abound during the summer with peak bloom time in mid-July. During that time a wide variety of single, double, spider and unusual form daylilies from over 100 hybridizers give the garden its name – Imagine. Some are minis, small, large and extra-large and come in a variety of colors from pastels to oranges to bold reds and deep purples. Some are diamond dusted, while others have eyes, halos, ruffled edges, toothed edges and sculpting. Some are stippled and some are plain but they are all unique and beautiful and none are the same. As the owls hoot during the evening hours and the leaves on the trees change color in the fall, the daylilies begin to settle down and the garden gets ready for its long winter hiatus. In the winter we have “Daylilies in Snow” – as the tops of the daylily tags poke through snow and remind us of the sleeping plants below.

And then there are the seedlings that truly reflect the garden’s name – Imagine! Imagine what could happen if you crossed..... with ..... There are two seedling beds and I wish there was space for more. I started hybridizing a while ago and George Rasmussen warned me about some “ugly kids.” I have given away many promising seedlings to new homes because I could not toss them to the compost. The ugly ones were tossed. I have yet to register anything. I have some beautiful seedlings but I am looking at them through the eyes of a Garden Judge and an Exhibition Judge and am extra critical of my own crosses. One of these days, perhaps this year, I will finally register some of my favorites.

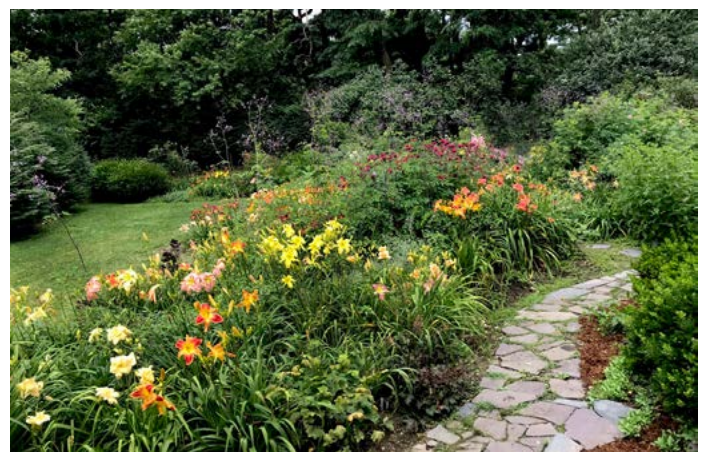
Imagine is on-going and ever-changing, much as life is on-going and ever-changing.



was 9 below zero. Springs are difficult with freeze thaw cycles from March 1 thru May 22, with daytime temperatures up to 90 and nights below freezing. Because of this, my garden blooms a little later than the rest of the Island.

I carved this garden 17 years ago from just over an acre of dense woods, using the existing understory of deutzia, euonymus, native and non-native varieties of viburnum, to create garden rooms of dappled shade. As the years have progressed, hurricanes and super storms have added sunny areas.

My style of gardening is lush and overblown, much like a formal garden gone just a little bit wild. I love the moving, swaying, swirling look that seems to happen when I use tall plants. One constant throughout all of



## Whispering Hills Garden

Huntington, NY

Pat Sayers

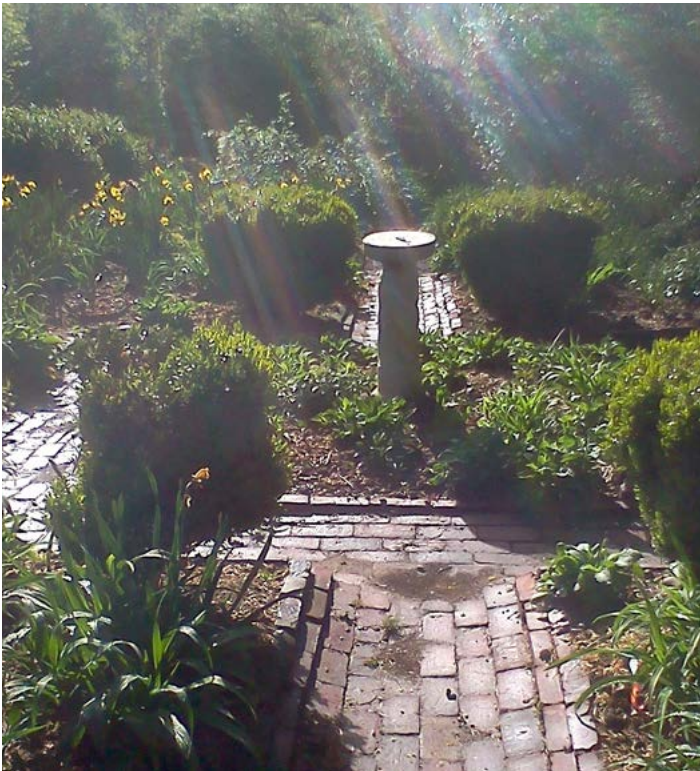
Whispering Hills Garden is located high in the hills of Huntington, on Long Island. Because of the higher elevation, I’m in the LI snow belt, and temperatures here are about 10 degrees cooler than the rest of the Island. We’re usually zone 6 but last year’s low temperature



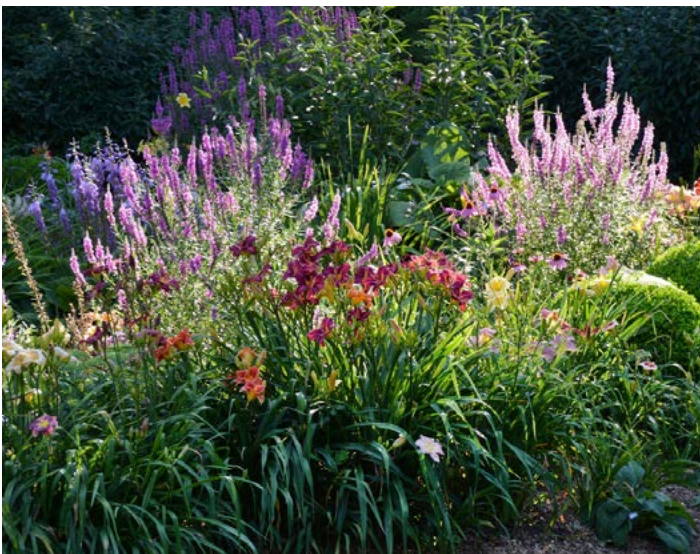
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my garden is clarity of color; no matter what plant I grow, all of my colors are clean, clear and bright.

As I mentioned, my garden is a series of rooms, each different from the other. Some have formal geometric



walkways accented with boxwood, as in the Daylily Walk. Others meander and wander through perennial beds. The Rose Garden is circular, with a brick walkway winding through it. It has a circle of daylilies in the center, where I can sit and enjoy the rest of my garden. There's a Fernery overflowing with giant ostrich ferns, and behind it, the hush of the Fairy Circle, edged with stone benches, where it's shady and quiet. My Friendship Garden [below] is



home to all the lovely gifts from my special friends.

The Daylily Bedroom, a breeding room, is my special place to play, as I've been pollen dabbing since the mid 80's. Here grow many plants, selected from over 50,000 seedlings planted over the years. They were originally lined out in trenches when I first moved here, and every year I choose a few and move them out, to be evaluated for introduction. A new bed has recently been added off the porch to display some of these, and my most recent as well as some future introductions are there. So, I hope you'll all come and sit a spell on my porch, chat a bit, have some tea and scones or something cold, and wander thru my gardens. See you this summer.

## Hidden Harbor Northport, NY Chris Petersen

My husband, Steve, and I are lucky to live in the Village of Asharoken, New York (pop. ~651), which is located on picturesque Northport Harbor. While my husband single-handedly built our home, I started planting our first gardens. That was 35 years ago! Eventually, we bought my parent's house next door, giving my husband office space and me more room to garden! The beachfront is 200' wide, yet the property is over 1500' in depth (a portion of the property is actually under the bay). Along the driveway, native plants such as prickly pear cactus, beach plum, bayberry, black pine, Eastern



red cedar and oaks grow in the sand.

Closer to the house, the cultivated gardens begin. The soil is sandy and needs amending with dehydrated manure (cow and chicken), compost, alpha pellets and



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mulch. I have to admit that I don't add organic matter often enough. Pesticides are avoided, but I use herbicides sporadically to eliminate tenacious weeds! I leave brush piles, provide fresh water, plant host and nectar foods for insects, hang bird feeders and birdhouses, and grow plants with seeds, nuts and berries in order to encourage wildlife.

I've been growing daylilies since the 1970's when I would spend hours reading and highlighting the Wild's catalogs. Those descriptions were tantalizing, but I would end up buying the less expensive collections. In



secretary! Those board meetings got a lot longer as I insisted that everything be explained to me so that I could accurately keep the minutes!

Now, more than 650 varieties of daylilies share beds with a menagerie of perennials, grasses, bulbs, trees, and shrubs. These plants, including collections of way too many named hosta and liliu, are for the most part marked with plant labels. The markers, my camera and my computer are invaluable when my brain fails me!

Many beds have themes such as the "Hot Red Bed" or "The Birdhouse Garden". One of my favorite gardens is a long hedgerow featuring hydrangeas, aucubas, hosta, astilbe, skimmia, epimedium, primroses and ligularias. Elsewhere, there's a small koi pond, a white garden, and a raised Spider/UF bed. Scattered around the garden are containers where I experiment with unusual



2001, I went to my first daylily sale. I joined the club immediately, but I was overwhelmed by so many offerings. So, I sought the help of a LIDS member. I had a budget in mind and asked my helper to choose for me. I still have some of those original daylilies! Curious to learn more, I attended Lilyhemmer where Paul Limmer pulled me aside and volunteered me to be recording



annuals, tropical plants, tomatoes and herbs.

In the past few years, deer have found the garden. Growing daylilies in a heterogeneous setting and



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frequent spraying has allowed me to have a daylily season. My husband built me a 40' x 40' fenced daylily pen. It is adjacent to a mature oak tree and an old apple tree. I'm sure that the fallen apples and acorns are drawing the deer to this area. I can't blame them for visiting my garden when I'm offering deer candy! The hosta are also deer fodder so they get sprayed as well. I'm afraid to jinx myself, but they haven't touched the hydrangeas..yet!

Periodic salt water flooding has also wreaked havoc on the plantings, but after my initial dismay, I am resigned to doing more shopping!

Our garden, which is named "Hidden Harbor," is an AHS Display Garden. I garden, but nature provides the crowning jewel of the landscape with its expansive view of the harbor, blue skies, sailboats, visiting waterfowl, jingle shells, and hopefully a glorious sea breeze! More photos of "Hidden Harbor" can be seen at: [www.chrispnpt.weebly.com](http://www.chrispnpt.weebly.com). I'm looking forward to welcoming you!

## LIDS Display Garden at Planting Fields Arboretum in Oyster Bay, NY

Pam Milliken, LIDS Display Garden Liaison

Gardens are ever evolving and the LIDS' garden is no exception. LIDS originally had two display gardens. The initial garden was the Peter Fass Memorial Garden named for Peter Fass who was a charter member of the American Hemerocallis Society and a nationally known and respected hybridizer. The garden, created in 1973 held a wide range of daylilies, many by Fass and other Long Island hybridizers.



With the new millennium and limited space to add newer plants, including local and AHS/ADS award winning hybrids, a new AHS Display Garden was created at Planting Fields. Located behind the tropical greenhouse, and large dahlia display garden, the garden showcases plants of LIDS' hybridizers, many Stout winners and newer cultivars. It includes daylilies by LIDS' members George Rasmussen [ below, his 'Late Summer Fling'], Bob Schwarz, John Stahl, Paul Limmer, Pat Sayers and Bob Stanton, to name a few. Of course, many other hybridizers are represented as well. A little known fact is that the garden started on the old compost heap!

The garden is ever changing, but plants are selected that will grow well on Long Island. All types of hardy daylilies are featured from large, mini, small, doubles, spiders and unusual forms. Cultivars from all over the country are showcased as long as they are easy to grow, affordable and rapid increasers for us to pass on to the public and our club members.



With a new assistant director on board at Planting Fields we are starting to reshape the garden to gain a little more room to grow plants. We sincerely hope that you join us this year to check our progress. We also would love to see more plants from our Region 4 friends! Feel free to contact us if you'd like to contribute!



# Echo from the North: Profile of a Hybridizer

## Écho du nord, profil d'hybrideur

propos recueillis par Jean-Sébastien Poulin



|                                                                                                                     |                                                                       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name / Nom complet :                                                                                                | Pauline Lavigne                                                       |
| Residence / Lieu de résidence :                                                                                     | Cowansville, Canada                                                   |
| Hybridizing since / Pratique l'hybridation depuis :                                                                 | 1998                                                                  |
| First registration / Premier enregistrement :                                                                       | Étoile de l'Estrie, 2007                                              |
| Number of registrations since Oct. 1, 2018 / Nombre d'enregistrement au 2018-10-01 :                                | 10                                                                    |
| Average number of seedlings in the last three years / Moyenne annuelle d'hybrides dans les trois dernières années : | 200 - 300 per year / par année                                        |
| Garden name / Nom du jardin :                                                                                       | HemEstrie                                                             |
| Favorite cultivar / Cultivar préféré :                                                                              | There are too many to name.../ Il y en a trop pour tous les nommer... |
| Garden judge since / Juge de jardin depuis :                                                                        | Non applicable                                                        |

### Quick Interview:

**Jean-Sébastien Poulin :** In 2012, at the beginning of my daylily madness, you were one of the first Quebecers I met on Facebook. At that time, the virtual community (Americans, French and Canadians), taking shape in more than one Facebook group, already knew your name and your work. How do you explain that? Is this due to a good marketing plan or a passion that has been contagious?

**Pauline Lavigne:** Definitely, it's an all-consuming passion and a curiosity to create a distinctive daylily. The hybridizer is rewarded by sharing experiences and taking advantage of the Facebook groups to learn from the experiences of other hybridizers, especially those hybridizing in similar growing conditions. The importance of information sharing and transparency cannot be understated, e.g. naming the parents of seedlings, remarking on genetic traits that result from certain crosses, etc. can open doors of mutual respect between hybridizers. Those who will not reveal the genetics of their daylilies are doing everyone a disservice

including themselves. To paraphrase a historical expression: "One must know where one has been, to know where one is going."

**JSP: I like the prefix you use for your registration. Tell us about the meaning of "Township's"?**



Above, *H. 'Township's Crème Anglaise'* (Lavigne, 2010)  
photo by Pauline Lavigne

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**PL :** I live in the southeastern region of Quebec near the US border known historically as the Eastern Townships. The Eastern Townships date back to 1796 and were situated south of the seigneurial grants of the St. Lawrence lowlands and north of the U.S. border. The British granted this non-occupied area to Loyalists fleeing the United States after the American Revolution. Place names still reflect this early history. I wanted a recognizable name for my registrations and therefore my registrations are preceded by "Township's" whereas the second part of the cultivar name is in French to reflect the French primacy of my province, Quebec.

**JSP: You mainly hybridize tetraploids, what is your goal with these?**

**PL:** I have always been guided by the ability of a daylily to perform well in northern gardens. The tetraploids presented the best possibilities of meeting my criteria when I began to hybridize about 20 years ago. My first criteria is a well-balanced and vigorous plant, the second criteria is good branching without crowding and a bud count in the 15 and up range. The bloom must have good substance and hold colour well, but unless it is truly exceptional in appearance, the bloom is my last consideration.



*H. 'Township's Coquette' (Lavigne, 2013)*  
photo by Pauline Lavigne

**JSP: How do you proceed in your programs? Do you make several distinct crossings or do you concentrate on repeated crossings of the same parents ("long cross")?**

**PL :** Based on my criteria, I make several distinct crosses each year that I feel will reflect my goals. Now that I have the advantage of 20 years of experience I can make longer crosses using my seedlings and registrations to advance these goals.

**JSP : Outside Quebec, who is the hybridizer whose work interests you most, and why?**

**PL :** Every hybridizer has something unique to offer and in the long winter months, I take the time to review their programs. I greatly admire the work of Karol Emmerich and I especially like her generosity in sharing information about her daylilies. Jamie Gossard is breaking exciting new ground in daylilies. Both of these hybridizers are innovators, plus their daylilies grow well here.

**JSP : Same question, but inside Quebec?**

**PL :** There is some wonderful work being done by Quebec hybridizers, and I look forward to learning more about their programs. Daniel Matton of Granby, Quebec, is already well-known on the international scene and is creating outstanding toothy daylilies that are garnering lots of attention. It's a young field in Quebec and there is still a learning curve but the Quebec hybridizers are passionate and quickly catching up and even surpassing the expectations of northern gardeners. Too numerous to mention everyone, these up and coming Quebec hybridizers have caught my eye with their unique programs: Josette Ratté, Renée Thibault, Huguette Daoust, Fernande Martel, Louise Niquet, Robert Muckle, Yvon Bellemare, Serge Goulet, Antonio Morin, Jocelyn Blouin, Jacques Doré and Jean-Sébastien Poulin. I would humbly suggest to the newer Quebec hybridizers that more attention be paid to proper documentation, as one example, using the parents' names in a cross rather than a garden name. The Quebec hybridizers are making a significant contribution to northern gardens and I'm certain that their work will earn much warranted recognition in the years to come.

**JSP : Thanks for your time Pauline!**



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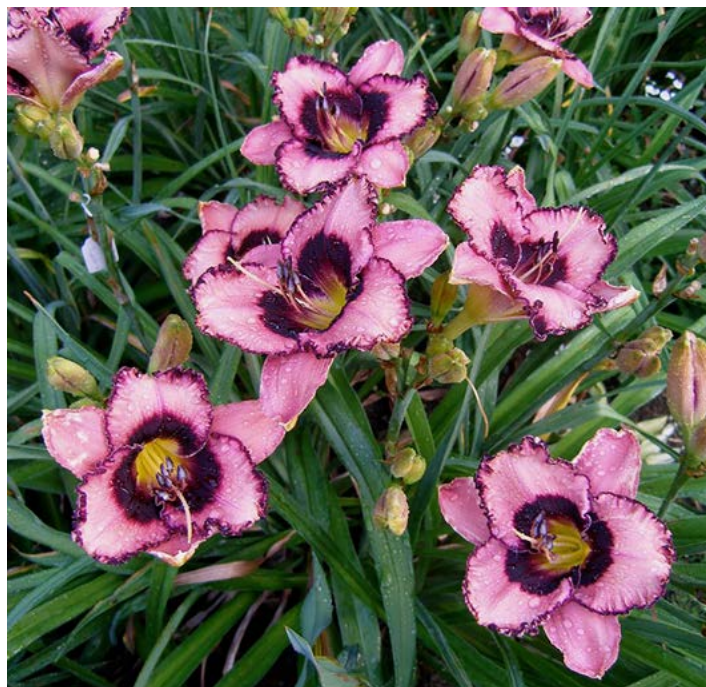
## Interview express :

**Jean-Sébastien Poulin :** *En 2012, au début de mes aventures dans le monde des hémérocailles, vous avez été l'une des premières Québécoises que j'ai rencontrées sur Facebook. À cette époque, la communauté virtuelle (Américains, Français et Canadiens), bien vivante à travers plus d'un groupe Facebook (FB), connaissait déjà votre nom et votre travail. Comment expliquez-vous cela? Un bon plan marketing ou une passion qui a été contagieuse?*

**Pauline Lavigne:** Définitivement, il s'agit d'une passion dévorante pour la création d'une hémérocalle distinctive. L'hybrideur est récompensé lorsqu'il partage ses expériences via FB puisqu'il tire parti des leçons et des expériences des autres hybrideurs, en particulier de ceux qui hybrident dans des conditions de rusticité similaires. L'importance du partage de l'information et de la transparence ne doit pas être sous-estimée : nommer les parents des semis, noter les traits de caractères génétiques résultant de certains croisements, etc. Tous ces comportements ouvrent la porte au respect mutuel entre les hybrideurs. Ceux qui ne dévoilent pas la génétique de leurs hémérocailles ne rendent service à personne, y compris à eux-mêmes. Pour paraphraser une expression historique: «Nous devons connaître où une personne a été afin de pouvoir comprendre où cette personne ira par la suite».

**JSP: J'aime le préfixe que tu utilises pour tes enregistrements. Parle-nous un peu de la signification de "Township's"?**

**PL :** Je vis dans la région du sud-est du Québec, près de la frontière américaine, connue historiquement sous le nom de Cantons-de-l'Est. Les Cantons de l'Est remontent à 1796 et étaient situés au sud des concessions seigneuriales des basses terres du Saint-Laurent et au nord de la frontière américaine. Les Britanniques ont accordé cette zone non occupée aux loyalistes fuyant les États-Unis après la révolution américaine. Les noms de lieux reflètent toujours cette histoire ancienne. Je voulais un nom reconnaissable pour mes enregistrements de cultivars, c'est pourquoi ils sont précédés de «Township's», alors que la deuxième partie du nom est en français, pour refléter la primauté française de ma province, le Québec.



*H. 'Township's Framboises Mûres' (Lavigne, 2013)  
photo by Pauline Lavigne*

**JSP: Tu hybrides principalement avec les tétraploïdes, quel est ton objectif avec ces dernières ?**

**PL :** J'ai toujours été guidé par la capacité d'une hémérocalle à bien performer dans les jardins du nord. Les tétraploïdes ont offert les meilleures perspectives pour répondre à mes critères lorsque j'ai commencé à hybrider il y a environ 20 ans. Mon premier critère est une plante bien équilibrée et vigoureuse. Mon deuxième critère est un bon embranchement, sans encombrement, possédant un nombre de bourgeons supérieur à quinze (15). La fleur quant à elle doit avoir une bonne substance et une couleur qui perdurent au fil de la journée. À moins qu'elle ne soit vraiment exceptionnelle, la fleur est le critère que je considère en dernier.

**JSP: Comment procèdes-tu avec tes programmes d'hybridation, est-ce que tu fais plusieurs croisements distincts ou est-ce que tu te concentres sur les mêmes parents de manière intensive («long cross»)?**

**PL :** En fonction de mes critères, je réalise plusieurs croisements distincts chaque année qui, selon moi, reflète mes objectifs. D'un autre côté, maintenant que j'ai l'avantage de 20 années d'expérience, je peux faire des « long cross » en utilisant mes semis et mes inscriptions pour faire avancer mes objectifs.

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*H. 'Township's Peau de Soie', (Lavigne, 2010)  
photo by Pauline Lavigne*

**JSP : À l'extérieur du Québec, qui est l'hybrideur dont le travail t'intéresse davantage, et pourquoi?**

**PL :** Chaque hybrideur a quelque chose d'unique à offrir et lors des longs mois d'hiver, je prends le temps de parcourir les programmes de plusieurs hybrideurs. J'admire beaucoup le travail de Karol Emmerich et j'aime particulièrement sa générosité dans le partage d'informations sur ses héméocalles. Jamie Gossard fait quant à lui de nombreuses percées dans le monde de l'hybridation. Ces deux hybrideurs sont des innovateurs et leurs héméocalles poussent bien ici.

**JSP : Même question, mais au Québec?**

**PL :** Les hybrideurs du Québec font un travail formidable et j'ai hâte d'en apprendre davantage sur leurs programmes. Daniel Matton, de Granby, au Québec, est déjà bien connu sur la scène internationale et il crée des héméocalles « à dents » exceptionnelles qui

attirent beaucoup l'attention. Il s'agit d'un domaine jeune au Québec et il y a encore une bonne courbe d'apprentissage à franchir. Mais les hybrideurs du Québec sont passionnés et ils apprennent rapidement, dépassant même les attentes des jardiniers du nord. Les hybrideurs Québécois sont trop nombreux pour être tous mentionnés. Toutefois, les hybrideurs Québécois suivants ont attiré mon attention de par le caractère unique de leurs programmes : Josette Ratté, Renée Thibault, Huguette Daoust, Fernande Martel, Louise Niquet, Robert Muckle, Yvon Bellemare, Serge Goulet, Antonio Morin et Jocelyn Blouin, Jacques Doré et Jean-Sébastien Poulin.

Je suggérerais humblement aux nouveaux hybrideurs du Québec d'accorder une plus grande attention à la documentation appropriée, par exemple, en utilisant les noms des parents du croisement plutôt qu'un nom de jardin. Les hybrideurs Québécois apportent une contribution importante aux jardins nordiques et je suis certain que leur travail sera largement reconnu dans les années à venir.

**JSP : Merci pour ton temps Pauline!**



# How to Bring Your Daylilies *Inside!*

By Russ Allen

Whenever I have visitors to my open garden or visitors to our Connecticut Daylily Society booth at the Connecticut Flower Show, I often ask ***“Do you know how to bring daylilies inside your home?”***

After a brief puzzled expression, the answer I invariably receive is “No.”

Then I explain that what I do is to simply go out to the garden each morning and look for the **absolutely most gorgeous daylily flower or several flowers in my entire garden.**

This is sometimes a bit of a challenge, particularly during mid-season – but the challenge of looking for the most fabulous and inspiring flowers in my garden does help me notice things more clearly since I’m definitely **on a mission**. I like to think that after a long, quiet winter, I am offering a selected daylily bloom or two the chance to receive the **highest possible honor** of being recognized as one of the most captivating flowers in the whole garden! Clearly I wish to encourage a lively competition!



*Above, Two Blooms on Paper Plate (H. ‘Linda Bell’ (Bell-T., 2011) and H. ‘Early & Often’ (Huben, 2001)*

*At left, Single Bloom in Short Glass (unregistered seedling)*



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Remember that if your favorite daylily happens to have second rate flowers on a given year, hope always springs eternal. I recall one of my favorite cultivars which just seemed to have mediocre flowers all season – until the last bloom on the last scape was just fabulous and, of course, was selected for that morning’s winning collection of blooms! And cultivars that may not even be your favorites always have a chance to win when your favorites are taking a day off from blooming!

Remember also, that the newer most spectacular daylilies always look better close up than off in the distance in your garden, so it’s worth the effort to bring them “in close” to be able to be fully appreciated! This is especially true with seedlings that you would like to better evaluate.



*“Seedlings du Jour”*

Next, I place the selected bloom or blooms on a paper plate to bring them into the kitchen where I place them in a simple arrangement on a white plate **WITHOUT WATER**. When I mention “without water” this typically triggers some blank stares since everyone knows that flowers need to be in a vase with water. I explain that daylilies will close up after dinner



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regardless of whether they are put in water or not, and that a plate is needed because daylilies will typically “melt” and you don’t want to mess up the location where you place them to be admired.



*Left, Two Blooms on Plate without water  
(Oct. 9, 2016 surprise blooms)*

When I first began this daily routine, I was shocked to find that some of the blooms I selected which melted my heart outside, looked dull and muddy when I brought them inside! If you find your favorite flowers simply don’t look as wonderful in your kitchen,

I suggest you consider checking and changing your room lights to “Daylight Spectrum” bulbs – rather than the “soft white” bulbs which have a strong yellow hue which muddies many colors. Once I did this, my daily selection of daylily blooms suddenly became true to color and more inspiring!



*Left, Photo prior to changing my kitchen lights to daylight spectrum.  
H. ‘Primal Scream’ (Hanson-C., 1994) et al.*

If you wish to get artistic, you can try organizing flowers in interesting ways or try using a short glass or vase in the center to provide some 3-D perspective to the display – but simply a couple of gorgeous daylily blooms on a plate will be sure to brighten your day!

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### *Favorite Blooms of the Day 8/08/18*

Finally, I explain that after appreciating your most inspired blooms for the day, and after they close up, toss them out and pick a **new** set of different award winning blooms the next morning! Repeat daily for on-going inspiration!

So here's wishing all daylily lovers the joy of **bringing your favorite blooms inside each day!**



# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest

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

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## Single/Multiple Bloom Category: First place



S-12, “Seedling 15-32a-3 (unregistered)” photo by Jerry Gantar

“As a photographer, at the end of a day of shooting photos, I generally sit and look at each one hoping one will jump out as perfect. As a judge, I also look at each entry one after another and for sure, this was the one that immediately jumped out as perfect. Perfect framing, perfect lighting, perfect focus...perfect.” --Carol Brashear

“Nice composition & lighting; good depth of field with distracting background blurred & not distracting.”  
--Ed Cunningham

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**Right, Single/Multiple Bloom  
Category, second place:  
S-3, "Greywoods Adiva Aday  
(Wilkinson, 2010)"  
photo by Darlyn Wilkinson**

"Captivating photo of a bold, beautiful bloom." -- Linda Keohan

"Pretty bloom, good color, reasonably sharp focus." --Ed Cunningham



**Below right, Single/Multiple  
Bloom Category-third place:  
S-25, 'Elsie Stelter' (Stelter,  
2010)  
photo by Carol Ann Haj**

"Very beautiful, well composed, good color. Reminds me of a movie star in the spotlight, with a group of fans gathered in the background."  
--Ed Cunningham

"Fun, carefree and joyful capture of both the sharp focus daylily and the cheerful soft focus coneflowers in the background. The color saturation here was also eye-catching. Not a typical portrait shot, it won points for uniqueness." --Carol Brashear



# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest

## Artistic Close-up Category, First place

A-5, "Sdlg14-200 Unreg.-Wilkinson"

photo by Darlyn Wilkinson



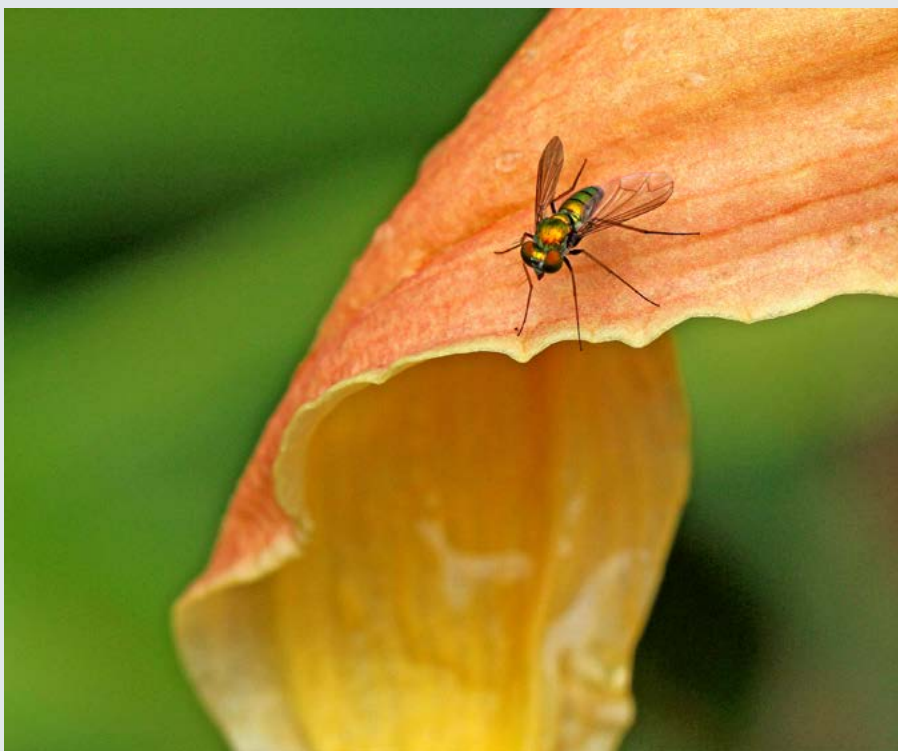
"Great creative use of differential lighting on subject and in background. Lighting can have a profound impact on the overall effect of a photo. Begs the question, "What planet was that taken on?" --Ed Cunningham

"Beautiful contrast and closeup." --Linda Keohan

# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest

**Artistic Close-up  
Category, second place:  
A-2, "03-SzekelyGulyas  
(Stahl 2011)" photo by  
John Stahl**

"Excellent composition and  
detail." --Linda Keohan



**Artistic Close-up Category,  
third place: A-8, "Dragon  
fly resting on daylily bud"  
photo by Jerry Gantar**

"Critters are captivating in  
an artistic category and this  
dragonfly close-up makes the  
viewer feel they could peer into  
the frame and have a chat with  
the subject. Did you catch the  
Mona Lisa smile on this guy?  
Special." --Carol Brashear



# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest

## Landscape Category, First place

L-11, "Harmon Hill Farm and Isabelle Rose - Carl and Marlene Harmon"

photo by Marlene Harmon



"The winning landscape shot conveyed to the viewer how a pale double flower peering up from a sea of green on a somewhat dreary day, can make a simple walk in a garden, serene." --Carol Brashear

# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest



**Landscape Category, second place (3-way tie):  
L- 5, "Gantar Daylily Garden in Massachusetts"  
photo by Jerry Gantar**

"SUNBURST Beautiful !!! Called to mind the moment of Creation ! The flash of creation, with a multitude of things quickened to life. The staggered pairs of leaves on the tall, thin stems of the purple flower spikes (in the rays of the sunburst) create the sense of motion, of a flock of wings taking flight. The groups of daylilies with their angled blossoms impress as other small groups, also starting off in different directions."

--Ed Cunningham

"Amazing shot and composition." --Linda Keohan

# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest



**Landscape Category, second place (3-way tie):  
L- 1, "Slightly Different Nursery (Paul Owen)"  
photo by Carol Ann Haj**

"This seemingly simple distance shot, that tied for second, is a study in proportion and balance. The weathered fence gives the eye a focal point that allows the daylily border to shine. And this shot perfectly illustrates how in nature, the brightest colors and greatest detail are closest to us. And as we look off into the distance the colors begin to fade and detail is all but gone but the background becomes a perfect sweep of muted mountain majesty. Great composition here." --Carol Brashear

# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest



**Landscape Category, second place (3-way tie):**  
**L- 9, "Harmon Hill Farm - Carl and Marlene Harmon"**  
**photo Marlene Harmon**

" Good composition. The colorful daylilies seem to swirl around the gazebo." --Linda Keohan

"Very nice. Makes me think of a bear or gorilla playing in a field of daylilies. Might also have fit in the Artistic category." -- Ed Cunningham

# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest

**Landscape Category,  
third place:**

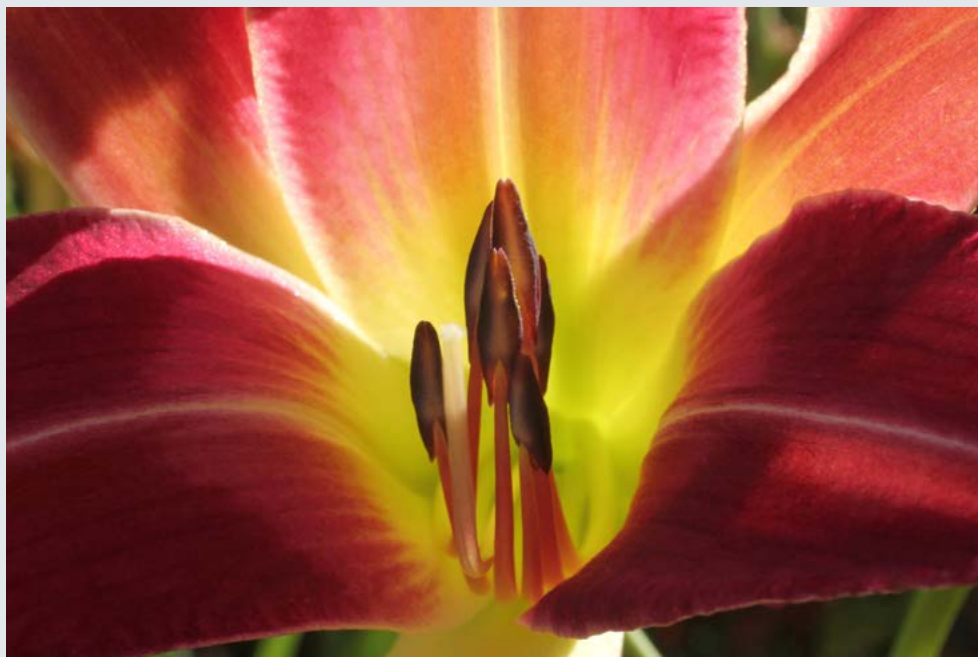
**L- 7- Lasting Dreams  
Daylilies (Anthony &  
Carol Haj)**

**photo by Carol Ann Haj**

“Colors are muted, but overall composition & effect are very nice.” --Ed Cunningham



# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest-Honorable Mentions



**A-4 “Whip City Lisa Diana (Jones-L., 2011)” photo by Greg Haggett**

“This is more than just another nice close-up of a back-lit bloom. The petals are all the same color. But, the upper half in the background are more lit, and appear lighter, ethereal ? This is in contrast to everything in the foreground, which has similar, but darker, richer, earthier color. The stamens are also dark, and in a very early stage (not so frequently photographed, or familiar). This photo strikes me as emblematic of the force of new life, new hope, breaking into the light of day.” --Ed Cunningham

“These are 2 examples of just how great the entries were in this year’s contest. Both excellent photos but with nearly every entry getting a placement vote from the judging panel, some were awarded honorable mentions. For me, **A4** [above] was nearly a religious experience when it came up on my computer at full screen with the light emanating from within. And again as a photographer, I can appreciate the skill it took to achieve perfect focus on a solid, single color flower in **A12** [below]. Excellent work here.” --Carol Brashear



**A-12, “Green is Good (Howard-R., 2015)”  
photo by Marlene Harmon**

# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest-Honorable Mentions



**S- 4- “Sdlg10-217 Unreg.Wilkinson”  
photo by Darlyn Wilkinson**

“Very striking, fresh, polymerous bloom.  
Nice contrast between subject & back-  
ground.” --Ed Cunningham

“Wonderful close-up showcasing bloom’s  
beauty.” --Linda Keohan



**A-6 - “Seedling G461  
(Lasting Dreams Daylilies - Haj)”  
photo by Carol Ann Haj**

“Good color; side view presents forms that are not  
instantaneously catalogued as daylilies.  
Good use of single-sided lighting for a much more  
interesting effect, rather than more general, or flash,  
lighting. The rising stamens on the right-most bloom  
add a nice bit of interest/movement.”  
--Ed Cunningham



**A-11 “Seedling J274  
(Lasting Dreams Daylilies - Haj)”  
photo by Carol Ann Haj**

“Love the light glowing from within the bloom against  
the dark background.” --Linda Keohan  
“Beautiful, almost jewel-like!” --Ed Cunningham

# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest-Honorable Mentions

## Single/Multiple Bloom Category

**S- 7, “Seedling 15-32a-6 (unregistered)”  
photo Jerry Gantar**

“Back-lit peachy bloom;  
Very pretty, but more of an  
“art” photo. Backlighting  
brings out the color nicely;  
good contrast w/back-  
ground”

--Ed Cunningham



“Nice color,  
good blooms,  
front bloom  
well focused,  
a tad mono-  
chromatic  
overall”

--Ed Cun-  
ningham



**S- 8, “Seedling 15-32a-6 (unregistered)”  
photo by Jerry Gantar**



**S- 14, ‘Michelle Meilleur’ (Thibault-Lippe,  
2017) photo by Greg Haggett**

“Very pretty, fresh blooms; could be focused a little  
more sharply; may have been a bit over-cropped..”

--Ed Cunningham

# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest-Honorable Mentions



**Landscape Category**

**L- 8, “Pat Sayers’ Garden” photo by Chris Petersen**

# Photo Contest Judges and Prizes



## Landscape Category

L- 6, "Projet Hemerocalle, Jean-Sebastien Poulin" photo by Jean-Sebastien Poulin

# 2018 Region 4 Photo Contest

*An overall observation for folks who entered a very nice photo,  
and wonder why they did not win anything.*

There is an “old saying,” “I can’t always define “art,” but, I know it when I see it.”

“A hundred people” can stand over a bloom, look down, and take a sharp, representative photo of that beautiful bloom. But, all those “hundred people” do not all win the contest with that same photo.

It is usually the photograph of that same bloom, taken from a different angle, or with different lighting, or with a different background (i.e. horizontal, looking upward, with a sunset, with interesting foliage, rocks, or a honeybee, etc.) that will win a contest. Such “novelty” can make a photo stand out among many other similar photos of equal technical competence. Cropping can also make a difference. Skillful use of blurring of the background (bokeh) may also make the difference.

Photo contests are usually not just looking for a good ID photo. They are also usually a photographic merit contest, “giving points” for the creative, and photographically skillful, capture of the subject. What does this mean? There really can be a difference in how different people capture the same variety on different days, at different times of day, in different places, under different weather conditions. They would all have the same subject, and all be just as recognizable. But, there really are differences: differences in the condition of the bloom, the background, the width of view, the angle or perspective from which the shot is taken, the lighting, color, contrast, shading, the framing, the focus, the depth of field, etc.

It is very important if these differences are enhancing or distracting to the subject of the photo. Think of commercially published calendars with a different (and spectacular) “nature shot” for each month. Thousands of photographers may have gone to the same place, and photographed the same view over many years. But, only a few of all those photos will have the “magic” to rise to being published in a commercially published calendar. It is not that the un-published photos are bad, but, rather, that they are a smidgen less good than the published photos.

It helps when a photo “pops,” or is pleasingly striking.

As a corollary to the “old saying” at the beginning, “Beauty is that which pleases when seen.” Excelsior!

-- Ed Cunningham

# Photo Contest Judges and Prizes

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

## Ed Cunningham, Pawtucket, RI

Ed Cunningham has been a life-long gardener. He began as a toddler, growing tomatoes with his mother. In his teens, he started growing sweet corn, and other vegetables. In his early 20's, he got his first SLR, and has primarily shot nature/landscape photos since, along with some candid. Ed moved on to Indian corn and Hybrid wine grapes in his 30's and early 40's. Later on in his 40's, Ed and his wife became rose enthusiasts, at one time growing over 250 varieties. They joined the American Rose Society, became Consulting Rosarians, and later Exhibition judges. Subsequently, Ed participated as a judge in the annual ARS Photography contest for 3 years. Around 10 years or so ago, Ed's wife began operating in the world of roses as an "Agent Provocateur" for the notorious Hemerocallis Cartel, which led to the hemerocallis addiction of numerous unsuspecting rosarians, and to Ed's participation as a judge this year.



## Carol Brashear

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



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

## Linda Keohan

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



Thanks to Gil Stelter, Rich Howard and Dave Mussar, for donating these super photo contest prize plants!



'Nordic Reflections'  
(Stelter, 2018)  
44" /7.5" ML dor tet UF  
Crispate cascade  
(‘Frog’s Eyes’ X ‘Split  
Infinitive’)



'Runnin' Down a Dream'  
(Howard, 2018)  
6.5"/36" La dor tet



'I Saw Her Standing There'  
(Mussar, 2018)  
33"/8.5" EM dor tet  
(Astral Voyager x Ruffled  
Bouquet Deluxe)

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## AAHQ

### Association des Amateurs d'Hémérocailles du Québec



#### Conseil d'administration:

Jean-Sébastien Poulin, président  
Maurice Paradis, vice-président  
Roland Dufour, trésorier  
Jacques Hallé, secrétaire  
Denise Simard, administrateur  
Michel Goulet, administrateur  
Roland R. Tremblay, président sortant  
AAHQ

#### Programmation des activités 2018 de l'AAHQ

Soumis par Roland R. Tremblay,  
président sortant AAHQ

Deux occasions marquantes de la présente année méritent d'être soulignées. En avril 2018, l'Héméro-brunch des membres s'est tenu dans la salle rénovée du restaurant Le Pacini de Québec. Une belle ambiance régnait dans cet environnement chaleureux et bien adapté pour la conférence du Dr. Charles Goulet, professeur en Phytologie, Université Laval, Québec. Sa conférence portait sur le rôle de la génétique dans la beauté de l'hémérocalle. Un petit bijou de conférence !

Par ailleurs, le 29 juillet les membres se sont réunis au Domaine Joly-de-Lotbinière, à l'ombre des grands chênes, pour une journée spéciale sous le signe « L'hémérocalle, reine d'un jour ». De nombreuses activités étaient au programme tant des membres que des visiteurs du Domaine. La grande particularité de cette journée résidait dans le jumelage et des membres et du public général pour présenter la valeur horticole, artistique (tableaux), gustative (boutons d'hémérocailles) et marchande (encan) de l'hémérocalle. Fait notable, les trois concours de prestige de l'AAHQ furent gagnés par le même membre, madame Sylvie Nadeau.

Les profits de l'encan destiné au Domaine furent remis à la Fondation du Domaine Joly-de-Lotbinière. Au terme de la journée, madame Hélène Leclerc, directrice du Domaine, le CA

de l'Association et leurs invités se sont retrouvés pour célébrer le succès de la journée avec un café et de fines pâtisseries. Notre prochaine activité se déroulera lors de l'assemblée générale le 3 novembre prochain; le Dr. Roland R. Tremblay prononcera une conférence sur l'origine des angiospermes.

#### ...En Anglais/In English:

Two outstanding opportunities of the present year deserve to be highlighted. In April 2018, the members' Hemero-brunch was held in the renovated room of the Le Pacini restaurant in Quebec City. A beautiful atmosphere reigned in this warm and well-adapted environment for the presentation of Dr. Charles Goulet, Phytology professor, Université Laval, Quebec. His lecture focused on the role of genetics in the beauty of the daylily. A little gem of a conference!

On July 29th, the members gathered at Domaine Joly-de-Lotbinière, in the shade of the big oaks, for a special event called, "The Daylily, Queen of a Day". Many activities were on the agenda for both members and visitors of the Estate. The great feature of this day was in the twinning of members and the general public to present the value in terms of horticulture, art (drawing), taste (daylily buds) and sales (auction) of the daylily. Notably, the three prestigious AAHQ competitions were won by the same member, Sylvie Nadeau.

The proceeds of the auction were donated to the estate, care of the Domaine Joly-de-Lotbinière Foundation. At the end of the day, Mrs. Hélène Leclerc, Director of the Estate, the Board of AAHQ and their guests met to celebrate the success of the day with coffee and fine pastries. Our next activity took place during the general meeting on November 3rd; Dr. Roland R. Tremblay delivered a lecture on the origin of angiosperms.

Please consult the Internet site for the dates and places of the activities [WWW.AAHQ.INFO](http://WWW.AAHQ.INFO)

## BADS

### Buffalo Area Daylily Society Submitted by Kathy Guest Shadrack 2018 Report

As another BADS year comes to a close, we like to take time to look at ourselves—where we are, where we have been and where we are going. We prepare a summary of our year as our Annual Report, and we are sharing it as our Society report.

We began 2018 with renewed energy. Because we still had no official Board at the conclusion of the 2017 BADS year, we decided to continue along under the guidance of a Planning Committee. This is a group of people - some of whom served on the Board, some of whom were just willing to roll up their sleeves and help until we get back on the rails. We published our planned meeting schedule and invited anyone who would like to help us move forward to join the meeting. We see new faces, and we have had some great new ideas. We try to meet every 6 weeks. It's not perfect, but it's working for now and we hope some of our newer members will join a meeting with fresh eyes and fresh ideas.

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

An organization is only as good as its members and we have been blessed in that way.... In 2018 we gained over 12 new members! We made a decision last year to come away from the dues per household notion and have moved to a dues per person plan. This is more equitable when things like BADS Bux are factored in. We are still a fabulous bargain at \$10 to join and \$5 to renew.

Furthermore, we have been fortunate in that many of our newer members have already been active—not an easy thing to do when you join a new club. I have to say that it's wonderful to see a new member dive in!

One objective that we have going forward is to make sure that our newest members feel welcome and that BADS is

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for them whatever they hoped it would be when they joined. That's everyone's job ... and one of the reasons we established our new fancy permanent lanyard nametags - they are bright, they're in a font large enough to read and it enables us to get to know names. And we also try to keep communication open on Facebook and with BADS Blasts. Additionally, we try to have a basic educational "B-Movie" at every meeting. We are nothing but a bunch of people who like daylilies and want to grow them better, and we are aware that at any given moment, folks are all over the knowledge spectrum, so we try to keep that in mind.

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

## MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES December 2017-October 2018

**December**—we held our very popular annual Christmas cookie exchange meeting at the East Aurora Senior Center. This meeting is generally SRO [standing room only] and last December's was no exception. We kept it light and did not bring in a speaker, but rather our own Carrie Malaney walked us through the daylily registration process and we also reviewed entries for the photo contest.

In **late February**, a time when some of us are usually fighting off the winter blues, we went back to our popular SOUPER BOWL meeting. Volunteers brought in some hearty soups, chowders and chilis and we had a nice hot meal, accompanied by a talk by local speaker, raconteur and hosta dude, Mike Shadrack, on "A View of Daylilies from the Hosta Side of the Garden". After all, even those on the 'dark side' can fall in love with daylilies. Mike is made to "live head" the garden when we have the garden open, and he's come to appreciate them as he did that task.

In **May** we held our popular PLANT-APALOOZA meeting. This year's plants were purchased from our Annual Luncheon speaker for 2018, Pat Sayers. This is a VERY popular meeting ... because what do we want? We want PLANTS!!!. The beginners' program was **Carol Haj** who did a little "Daylily 101". And, as if that wasn't enough—we enjoyed our annual plant lottery grab. Each attendee



receives a free strip of raffle tickets... we put them in bags associated with the daylilies we hope to bring home—and if our ticket was drawn, it was ours to buy at a very reasonable price! It's a way to level the playing field, to get great plants into the hands of our members and to have a little "retail therapy."

We continued participation in the OPEN GARDEN PROJECT managed by the hosta folk. This is our own program whereby we can arrange to visit member gardens listed in our booklet. What's the point in having a great garden that nobody sees?

We also reinstated the BABYSITTING program. The Chair, Brent Ross, was given a budget to buy late model daylilies from a hybridizer of his choice. These are distributed to members who apply and have been a member for at least a year. You are able to grow a VERY expensive plant for three years, keep a piece and bring the rest back to our picnic. This year we featured the plants of Jamie Gossard (and we will publish the list of where they can be seen next season).

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

In **July** we organized DAYLILY DAY. This is a day of daylily activity in a hybridizer/commercial garden. We went to Lasting Dreams [below] and enjoyed a talk by Carol Haj, a seedling walk, special discounts and lunch. It was a great day and members loved it.



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**August** was the annual members-only Picnic Meeting - another very popular event. We hold it at Chestnut Ridge Park at a lovely shelter with grills and plenty of seating. We ask members to bring a dish to pass and we arrange for a nice array of daylilies - both purchased and donated. We purchased from Lasting Dreams and we once again had games, thanks to Diane Nichols and Steve Cipolla.

The picnic meeting is also when a magical thing happens...the BADS Bux that members have been collecting all



year turn into real money. So the most active of the members are able to buy daylilies for \$0 and the rest of us can use the federal reserve kind as well. It's a very good time!!!

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

And the sale.... It was fabulous!



We had a long line waiting for us to open and people descended upon the tables.... leaving us with only scraps by the end of the day. People brought

blooms.... Everyone brought photos and sunny smiles and the plants flew off the table. Also, since this is the only other opportunity to use BADS BUX, many members walked out with armloads of plants for almost no \$\$.

A dozen people became shiny new members of BADS!

That brings us full circle to our **annual meeting** - a relaxing lunch. This is where we just reflect on the year gone by, maybe offer a few ideas going forward and appreciate the gift of each others company.

We invited a good and long-time friend of BADS to be our speaker, Pat Sayers.

So this is the year just ending. We try to mix up our activities and we try to keep people engaged in between with BADS Blasts (email communication) and newsletters. We have a Facebook presence as well. We'd still like to have a proper Board, but at the moment, we're functioning and growing.

## CDS

### Connecticut Daylily Society

Submitted by Greg Haggett, president

On March 17, Stuart Kendig from Perfect Perennials in York, PA gave his presentation on "Whites, Stripes, and Garden Sights" to CDS. He and his wife, Diane, have a 3-acre AHS display garden with flower beds surrounding a large pond. They have been hybridizing daylilies for 20+ years and have developed a line of high-performing, cold-hardy, red-edged cultivars among their 82 registrations to date. Stuart is also interested in white daylilies and authored a 4-page article on this subject in the Winter 2017 issue of *The Daylily Journal*. More information can be found on their website [www.hardyhems.com](http://www.hardyhems.com).

On May 19, CDS held its ever-popular annual daylily sale at the Avon Senior Center. Daylily lovers come every year from far and wide to this event, our major fundraiser, to refresh their gardens with a wide selection of well-priced daylilies (the vast majority of the cultivars sell for less than \$10 for 2 or more fans). Unfortunately, it was cold and rainy this year, so attendance was down a bit from prior years. Many thanks to the many

contributors and volunteers as well as to those who purchased new cultivars and supported our club.

On June 17, CDS participated in the Elizabeth Park Conservancy's annual Rose Sunday event with an exhibit on daylilies. Elizabeth Park, on the Hartford - West Hartford border, is one of the premier public rose gardens in the country and it was in its full glory. At our exhibit, we discussed daylilies with a number of interested attendees and signed up some of them for future emails and blog postings about CDS and its activities.

On July 15, CDS held its annual Business Meeting and Picnic at Terrace Hill Farm, the garden of Cheryl Fox and Phil Douville, in Bloomfield, CT. Their daylilies were in peak bloom and were enjoyed by all. Daylilies from Stuart Kendig and George Doorakian were auctioned off and door prizes were raffled off as well. Many thanks to Cheryl and Phil for hosting this event and to the other volunteers who made it possible.

During peak bloom season a number of CDS members held open gardens, inviting other members and their families and friends to view their daylily and mixed perennial gardens at their best. Among these was the garden of Bonnie and Chris Szarek in Newington, CT. They are pictured here together with a clump of one of Bonnie's beautiful seedlings.



Also this summer, Kim Krodel added a page to our website that features just one example of each of our hybridizers' registered introductions - there are 21 of them. Some of these have won



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awards at the national level from the AHS and we are proud that Rich Howard won the Region 4 Hybridizer of the Year award in 2017 for his 'Explosion in the Paint Factory' (2013). [Below, left to right, Greg Haggett and Rich Howard. Photo by Lauren Nordvall]



On September 29, Margo Reed and Jim Murphy from Woodhenge Gardens in North Garden, VA gave their presentations to CDS. Margo and Jim are world-class hybridizers with more than 375 registered introductions to their name, including 39 HMs, 4 AMs, and 1 Lenington All-American Award in 2016 for 'Margo Reed Indeed' (Murphy -J.P., 2004). They specialize in spider, unusual form, and exotic daylilies. More information can be found on their website [www.woodhengegardens.com](http://www.woodhengegardens.com). Margo and Jim are pictured here on the right together with me.



On November 3, Anna Carlson from RavenCroft Cottage in Jordan, NY gave her presentation to CDS. Anna is very active in the daylily world and on Facebook and has 35 daylily registrations in her name to date. More information on her garden can be found on her website [www.ravencroftcottage.com](http://www.ravencroftcottage.com).

On January 29, 2019 Marlene Harmon from Harmon Hill Farm in Hudson, NH

will give her presentation on how to take photos of daylilies. Marlene is an accomplished photographer and her photos of daylilies have won many awards over the years. Carl and Marlene are very active in the daylily world and in NEDS, in particular. They won the AHS Regional Service Award in 2017. More information on their garden can be found on their website [www.harmonhillfarm.com](http://www.harmonhillfarm.com).

On February 21-24, CDS plans to host an educational exhibit at the CT Flower and Garden Show at the CT Convention Center in Hartford, CT. This show is well-attended and affords us the opportunity to engage in many discussions about daylilies. We typically sign up a large number of interested gardeners for future emails and blog postings about CDS and its activities.

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

## FieldS Finger Lakes Daylily Society

Submitted by Melodye Campbell

Sure was a hot and sultry summer in upstate NY but that didn't stop FieldS



members from enjoying the bloom season!

July 21: Members toured the club display garden at the Webster Arboretum at Kent Park. Everyone then had a relaxing picnic lunch at the gardens of Anne Johnson and Liza Borton [Below, 'Monkey Business' (Wilkerson, 2008) in Anne Johnson's garden; at bottom, a view of Liza Borton's garden]. These two gals are good friends and live about a mile from each other, near beautiful Lake Ontario. After lunch, members had the option to tour Mel Campbell's garden in Fairport.



August 11: Ross Kenyon hosted the Members Picnic & Plant Auction at his garden in Corfu, NY. Ross has one of the newest Region 4 Display Gardens, Diggers Den Daylilies.



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September 23: The club's annual fall banquet was held at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Pittsford, NY. Gil Stelter of Gryphon Gardens in Guelph, Ontario, Canada, spoke about his hybridizing program. [Above, Gil presenting a program to FieLDS; below, left to right: Sally and Gil Stelter with Melodye Campbell. Photo: Anna Carlson]



Gil hybridizes for tet UF's and spiders. He also has an experimental program of crossing tets with several fulva varieties. Two of his cultivars have won Honorable Mention awards, 'Elsie Stelter' in 2015 and 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy' in 2017.

Election for 2019 officers was held at the banquet.

Tom Rood, Chair  
Mike Fleche, Vice Chair  
Ross Kenyon, Treasurer  
Jean Colby, Secretary  
Shirley Cappiello, Deb Lawrence, Denny Quackenbush, Members at large

Congratulations are in order for club members, Jean Colby and Elaine Berner, the liaisons for the Historic Display Garden at the Ogden Historical Society in Ogden, NY. This garden was just approved as an official AHS Display Garden.

On November 4th, the planning meeting for 2019 FieLDS programs will be

at the Victor Farmington Library, 1:15. This is a great opportunity for members to get involved and give their input on the club's activities for the upcoming year.

## LIDS Long Island Daylily Society

Submitted by  
Chris Petersen

### "LIDS' HAPPENINGS"

LIDS is working feverously on getting everything ready for the Region 4 meeting this coming summer, but we've been having lots of fun along the way! In April we had a display garden clean-up followed by a talk by our good friend Dan Pessoni from Driftwood Gardens in East Orleans, Cape Cod, MA. Dan is an accomplished horticulturist whose expansive gardens feature daylilies, hydrangeas, and hosta, along with many companion perennials.



Currently, Dan has over 800 registered cultivars in his half acre American Hemerocallis Display Garden. In addition, he has a huge shade garden, where over 350 labeled varieties of hosta are interspersed with heuchera and ferns. Dan also grows many varieties of rhododendrons and specimen plants such as *Betula nigra* 'Heritage' (River Birch), *Imperata cylindrica* (Japanese blood grass), and *Heptacodium miconioides*, or "Seven-son-flower" which is a small flowering tree that is in bloom in September. Driftwood Gardens is visited by flocks of bluebirds in the summer and plein air artists enjoy capturing the magic of the landscape, as well.

In April, LIDS participated in an Arbor Day celebration at Planting Fields Arboretum and in May LIDS had a booth at a plant sale held by Farmingdale University's horticultural program. [below, Blair Whinston at the LIDS Plant Sale.]



In June, our own Pat Sayers treated us to a program about designing with daylilies and preparing daylily scapes for a flower show. July was our successful flower show (see separate article) and garden tours. We visited Paul Limmer, Pat Sayers and Chris Petersen's gardens. Of course, we spent more time working in the display garden during the summer as this year there was a bumper crop of weeds on Long Island, but we were rewarded in September by our annual barbecue at Chris Petersen's Northport garden. We had a relaxing afternoon with good food and friends. Members brought



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plants to give away, so no one left empty-handed. [Above, LIDS members at the annual barbecue. Below, Bob Kahn.]



In October, we are looking forward to hosting hybridizer Margo Reed of Woodhedge Gardens in Virginia. Please join us when you're nearby. Our calendar is posted on our webpage: [www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com](http://www.longislanddaylily.weebly.com).

## 2019 LIDS' CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**January 19-** 1:00 Mike Runkel, Assistant Director Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay, NY (G)

**February** – No meeting

**March 23-** 12:00 Luncheon: Janice Kennedy, "The Daylilies of Pat Cochenhour", Clarion Hotel, Ronkonkoma, NY

**April 13-** 10 AM: LIDS Garden Spruce-up, 1 PM (Speaker TBA) (G)

**April 27 & 28-** LIDS Booth at Arbor Day (Planting Fields Arboretum, Oyster Bay)

**May 7 - 9-** Spring Plant Sale (Farmingdale University)



**May 14** (Tuesday night)- 7:00 LIDS Public Auction (G)

**June 15-** 10 AM: LIDS Garden Spruce-up, 12 PM- Member's Plant Sale, 1 PM Summer Regional Meeting (G)

**July 10 - 13** - AHS National Convention, Madison, Wisconsin

**July 19 - 20** Region 4 Summer Meeting Hilton/Huntington, Melville, NY

August - Garden Clean-up Day (Date TBA)

**September 14-** 12:00 Barbecue (Place TBA)

**October 19-**TBA (G)

**November 16-** 12:00- Pot-Luck Luncheon, Annual Business Meeting, Members' Garden Photos (G)

**December** - No Meeting

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

[Below, Joan Lundin and Joan Turano. Photos: Chris Petersen]



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## NEDS

### New England Daylily Society

<http://www.nedaylily.org>

Submitted by Marlene Harmon, NEDS Webmaster

Congratulations, NEDS Member Bob Sobek!

This summer at the AHS National Convention in Myrtle Beach, it was announced that this year's winner for the Donn Fischer Memorial Award was NEDS member Bob Sobek for his intro 'Toy Trumpets' (1984)! The Donn Fisher Memorial Award, originally a cup donated by Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Fischer in honor of their son, is a national award and presently consists of a bronze medal awarded each year to the hybridizer of the most outstanding miniature cultivar. To qualify as miniature, the flower must be less than 3" in diameter. To be eligible, a miniature must have been registered as such and must have been registered for a minimum of five years prior to balloting. In voting for this award, garden judges must vote only for cultivars observed in their own regions or in AHS National Convention tour gardens. The winner is the cultivar receiving the greatest number of votes cast by the garden judges. In 2017, Bob's cultivar won the President's Cup at the AHS National Convention in Louisville, KY. Below is a clump of 'Toy Trumpets' featured last year at the AHS National Convention in David Kirchhoff's garden in Kentucky. Congratulations, Bob!

### AHS Daylily Exhibition – July 14, 2018

Tower Hill Botanical Garden in Boylston, MA, was once again the site of the AHS Accredited Daylily Exhibition hosted by NEDS on Saturday, July 14, 2018. The visiting public enjoyed viewing the many entries brought in by our members, listening to the presentation about daylilies and their companions by Deb Carpenter and browsing the vendor tables for a daylily or two to bring home. [Below, Cameron Stern and Steve Greene] Thanks to Denise Pavlovich for chairing the event, to the Exhibition Judges from Region 4 for making the trip to Tower Hill to perform the judging and to the many



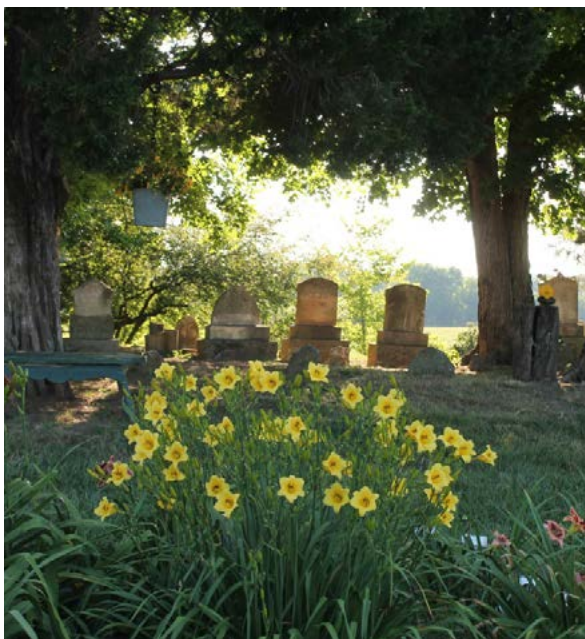
volunteers who helped to make the day a success.

For the second year in a row, Michael Sczerzen took home the awards for Best in Show and Unusual Form for PAWS AND STRIPES [below]. Thanks to all who entered the show.



### NEDS Picnic – July 21, 2018

This year's Potluck Picnic and Summer Auction was held in Steve and Ruth Greene's garden in Sudbury MA [below, and on the following page. Photos: Marlene Harmon]. The extreme heat of the Summer of 2018 let up for a day and it was a pleasure to wander through the garden to see the many daylilies, hosta, dwarf conifers, hydrangeas, several sculptures, antique farm implements



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and g-scale trains in the front side yard Steve has collected through the years.

Thanks to Steve Greene *[below]* for acting as our auctioneer and host for the day! Steve even had time to sit down and enjoy a laugh with our Treasurer Kathy Viamari!



The Greene's garden is a must-see and we are grateful the Greene's allowed us to hold our picnic in their yard! Thanks for all who attended and bought plants at our auction.

## Region 4 Meeting – Halifax, Nova Scotia – July 27-29, 2018

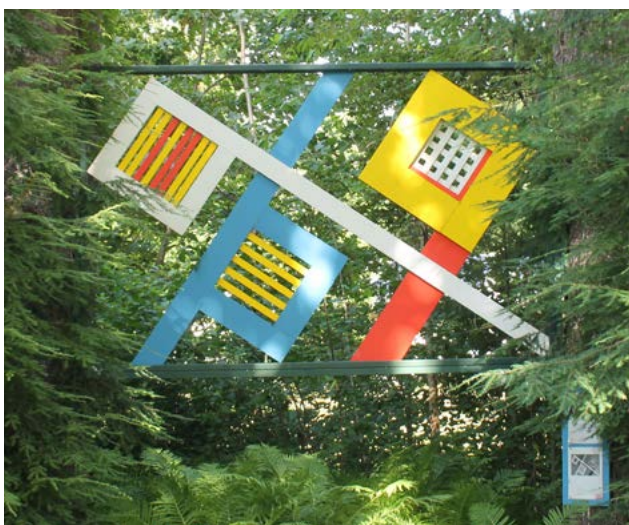
Lis Murphy and her husband traveled to Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the 2018 Region 4 Summer Meeting. Lis reports the gardens were wonderful with lots of daylilies, companion plants and garden decorations. It was great to meet with friends from the region and enjoy the entertaining presentations at night by Michael Falconer

and Allan Banks. Lis was able to bring home some Canadian cultivars for her own garden. Many thanks to the Nova Scotia Daylily Society for their efforts to make them feel welcome and for organizing such a wonderful event in beautiful Nova Scotia.

On November 10, 2018, at Tower Hill, our featured speaker was hybridizer Bryan Culver from Waterford, Ontario, Canada.

Save the date for future meetings on Saturday, January 12, 2019 (Photo Contest – see website for entry details), Saturday, March 9, 2019 and Saturday, April 13, 2019. 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.

Meeting Place - Tower Hill Botanic Garden  
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Boylston, Ma 01505  
[www.TowerHillBG.org](http://www.TowerHillBG.org)



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## NSDS

### Nova Scotia Daylily Society

submitted by Gregory Sutcliffe,  
president

After a few action packed months of daylily love, it's now time for our Summer wrap-up. Despite another summer of variable weather conditions in Nova Scotia, mostly extremely dry once again in the south west region, regrettably the last flower has bloomed ending another successful daylily season and yet, the club is now preparing for next year already.

It seems like just yesterday, I joined the Nova Scotia Daylily Society, then I was contemplating running for a position with the NSDS, then there I was getting elected, and here we are two years later, having my first term as President under my belt. At our Annual General Meeting in September, we held elections and the incoming Executive consists of: Greg Sutcliffe, President; Louise Plourde, Vice President; Diane MacMillan, Treasurer; David Trott, Secretary; Sally Walsh and Heather Casely, Members at Large; Michelle Mercier, Program Chair.

Much needs to be said about the people who behind the scenes become the pulse of the club. These are the individuals who give much of their time and energy to making sure the masses have an activity, enjoy a guest speaker or simply have something to eat and drink. Without these volunteers "stepping up", the club would fail. I am so pleased that we have an enthusiastic group of Executive and volunteers to help make our club a success.

After many years of "stepping up", three of our Executive have decided to hang up their volunteerism efforts at the Executive level and so - big round of applause for: Yvonne Chute who has served most recently as our Secretary during this past two year term, and from 2011 - 2015 served as Treasurer, has been on the babysitting committee, and has offered demonstrations during Daylily Daze. Thank you, Yvonne.

Cecil Dunlap has served as Program Chair this past two year term, and in fact has had that role unofficially since 2015. Cecil also offered some double duty service to our group when he stepped in to help out with the interim role of Treasurer in 2016. Cecil also offered

demonstrations and talks at various meetings. Thank you, Cecil.

Mary Ridgley has served as Past President, President, Committee member, bingo caller, and general go-to person on many occasions. Mary helped guide me into the role of President and I am forever grateful. Thank you, Mary.

Although not an Executive role, our Membership person role is very important and that role was held from 2015 to the fall of 2018 by Arnold Cameron. Thank you Arnold. We are also thrilled that Lily Daw has stepped up to fill this role. Lily is a youth member and very possibly the youngest person in our history to hold a position on any committee. Thank you, Lily.

I want to wish a sincere thank you to each of these four individuals for their YEARS of service to our group. The NSDS exists, in part, because of the dedication that each of you has brought to the club, the sometimes thankless efforts you have made and the countless hours of volunteering of your time and energy to our cause. A big thank you once again.

The 2018 NSDS club activities were many and I think it safe to say that the membership definitely had a full slate of events to participate in. We had guest speakers, auctions, plant sales, as well as regular meetings. The one event we did not have this summer was our annual barbecue which was suspended ( with the memberships' blessing ) for this year due to the hosting of the AHS Region 4 Conference. Not to worry, plans have already begun for 2019 to "bring back the BBQ!"

I have penned a separate summary of our AHS Region 4 Conference but do want to mention that this was the Nova Scotia Daylily Society's first ever hosting and from my perspective everyone in attendance was suitably impressed with our offering. I'm sure in the future we will be asked once again, and hopefully the Executive of the day will "step up".

The key to the success of any manager, business entity or daylily group is for the President to surround him/herself with great people. I believe that I have been lucky enough to have done just that by having had great people on the Executive, great volunteers at many of our events and of course by having a great membership with whom to share our

efforts.

During our AGM, one item that was added to the agenda was the opportunity for the people to speak up and let us, the new executive, hear first hand what they might like to see for next year. In the business world one might refer to it as " strategic planning "; I simply called it our "going forward" idea session. By identifying issues or challenges facing our club and inviting and bringing to the forefront some great items from the floor, the Executive now has the opportunity to discuss and implement these items in some fashion as required. If the group is for the people, it should be focused on what those same people want. Our hope, my hope, is that some of those same people will step up and volunteer for the first time or once again to help the overall effort.

We have had the good fortune over the past two years of having stability. We have had some great people in place, we have had stable events run by seasoned professionals and we have had stability in our bank balance. Stability is a good thing.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing what is next for our club and to ensure that our passion for the daylily remains alive and well within all of us.

The blooms are gone but the enthusiasm is alive and well. Here's to "going forward" in 2019!

[www.novascotiadaylilysociety.ca](http://www.novascotiadaylilysociety.ca)

## ODS Ontario Daylily Society



submitted by Don Blakely, president

It was a challenging year for daylily growers in Ontario. Extreme heat and dry conditions were experienced throughout the Province. One positive coming out of it is a much higher rate of rebloom, giving us some September colour.

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

**May 4-5** – The 22nd Can-Am Classic, was again successful with informative speakers and an excellent offering of sale table and auction plants.

**June 2** – The Babysitting Program featured plants from Jamie Gossard.

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Returning plants from previous years were also popular with the sale table buyers.

**July 21** – Forty-four people attended the Annual Picnic held at the garden of John Burgener, Dynamic Daylilies, Beamsville, ON. As a new endeavor, a competition was held where members brought individual blooms and potted plants from their gardens to be evaluated by those present.

**September 22** – The Fall and Annual Meeting was held at the Brooklin United Church Hall. All plants in the auction and on the sale table were consigned by members, who got 50% of their selling price. During the Annual Meeting John Burgener was named the new President, Jenny-Lynn Garparek, the new Secretary and Nina Maskulka became Member at Large, to fill a vacancy.

**ODS Popularity Poll 2018** – This year's winner was again 'Rose F. Kennedy' (Doorakian, 2007). Second place were 'Elsie Stelter' (Stelter, 2010) and 'White Eyes Pink Dragon' (Gossard, 2006).

**Mark Your Calendar – 23rd Can-Am Classic – May 3 and 4, 2019** at the Doubletree by Hilton Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga. Plan now to attend!

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## PDS

### Patriot Daylily Society

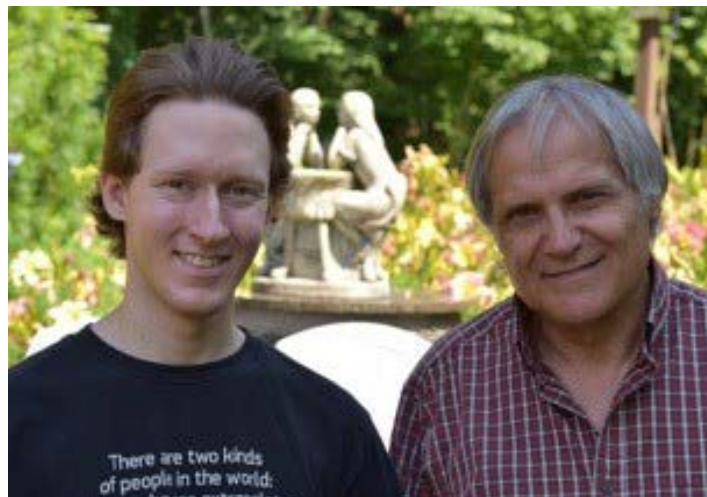
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Photos taken during the summer PDS



picnic held at George and Paula Doorakian's home in Bedford, Massachusetts. Photos from top, clockwise: a Doorakian seedling; George and Paula Doorakian; Cameron Stern and Manny Baghdayan; Doorakian garden; George Doorakian.



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## SMDHS

### Southern Maine Daylily and Hosta Society

submitted by Cheri Ellenberger, vice president

#### SMDHS 2019 Schedule

**April 6-** Speaker, Photo Contest, Pot Luck

**May 19-** Sunday Plant Sale, Bring a Bag Lunch (Please call in Advance to reserve your table)

**June 29-** Members Only Plant Swap, Faux Judges Clinic at Lisa and Paul Bourret's garden. Bring Picnic Lunch.

**July 27-** Garden Tour/ Donna Primovitch, Josh and Sue Labonville. Meet at Second house for bag lunch.

**August 17-** Lobster Classic (Setup on Friday Aug 9)

**Oct 5-** Annual Meeting: Soup Social, Speaker

**Dec 8-** Sunday Holiday Party: Pot Luck, Yankee Swap, Bingo

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## Thank you for your donations to the AHS

Submitted by Kathleen Schloeder, Endowment Chair

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The submission deadline for club reports, articles and photos for publication in the spring issue of the Region 4 Newsletter is  
February 15, 2018.



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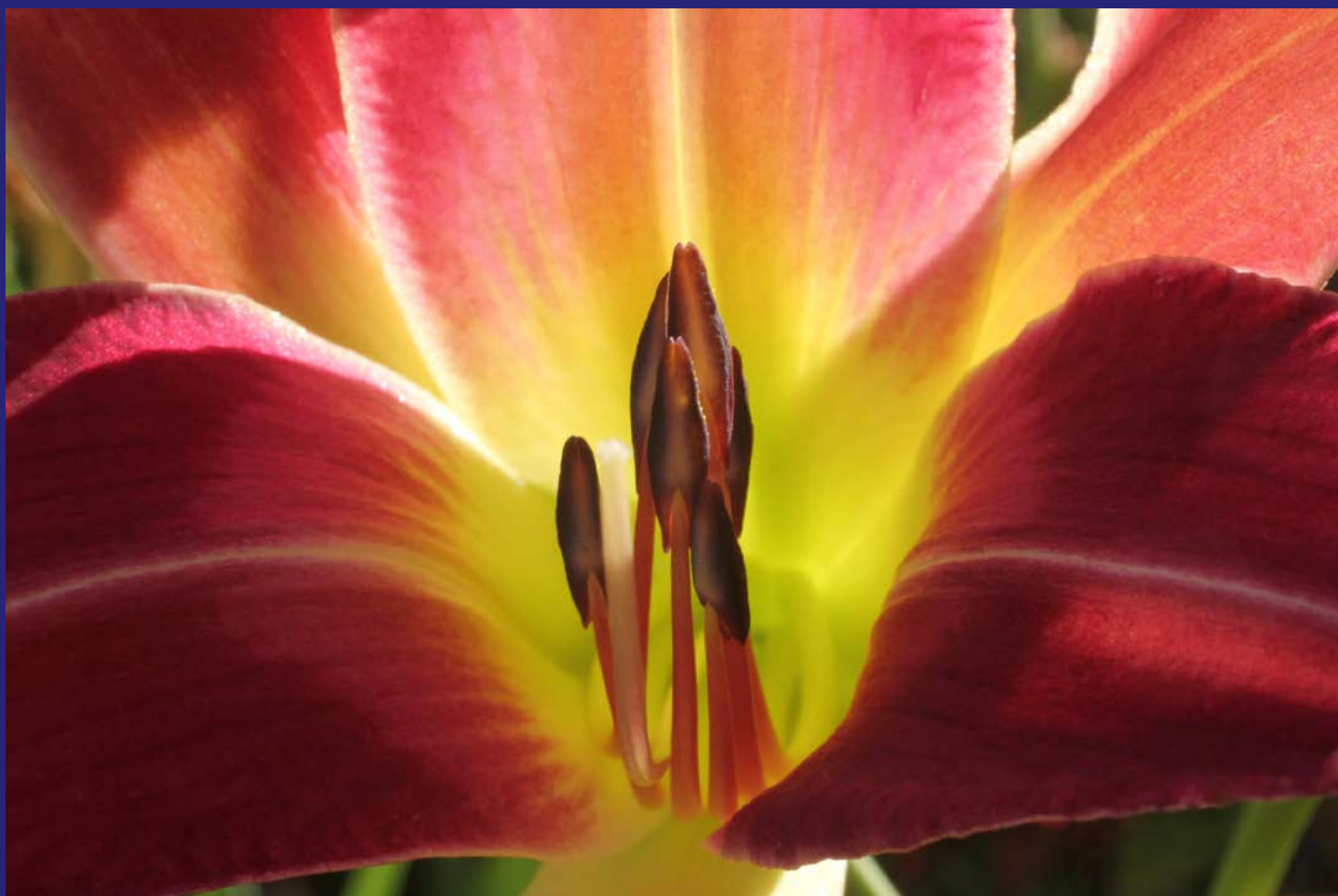
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For: information and links to all Region 4 Daylily Clubs, Garden and Exhibition Judges, Popularity Poll ballots and results, AHS Official Display Gardens, Daylily Sellers, Hybridizers, National and Regional Awards, and much more! Webmaster: Kelly Noel of Ottawa, Ontario

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**‘Whip City Lisa Diana’ (Jones-L., 2011), photo Greg Haggett**

