



# *A Bridge to the Future –* **Regional Agenda**

**July 24–26, 2026**  
**Thousand Islands, New York**  
(Setup Day: Thursday, July 23)

## **Thursday, July 23 – Setup Day**

### **9:00 AM – Event setup begins**

Volunteers, youth helpers, and committee members prepare registration, auction areas, signage, and meeting spaces.

## **Friday, July 24 – Opening Day**

**6:00 AM – Open time to enjoy what the 1000 Islands has to offer.** See our website for attractions and things to do.

### **12:00 PM – Registration Opens**

Check in, pick up badges, programs, and welcome materials.

### **2:00–4:00 PM – Judges Clinics**

Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges classes held onsite, with Zoom access available if needed.

**5:00–6:00 PM – Region 4 Business Meeting**  
Held in Home of the Stars.

### **6:00–7:30 PM – Dinner**

A relaxed opening meal with time to reconnect and welcome new attendees.

### **7:30–8:30 PM – Guest Speaker: Curtis Cerillo**

Innovative hybridizing insights and a look at the future of late diploids.

### **8:30–9:30 PM – Curtis Cerillo Auction & General Auction**

Curtis's introductions followed by the evening's general auction.

## **Saturday, July 25 – Thousand Islands Experience**

### **6:30–8:30 AM – Breakfast**

(Or 7:00–8:30 AM, depending on final hotel schedule.)

### **8:45 AM – Begin Boarding for Boat Tour**

Board at the Uncle Sam Boat Line docks.

### **9:00–11:30 AM – Thousand Islands Narrated Boat Tour**

A scenic cruise through the islands with history, views, and photography opportunities.

### **11:30 AM – Arrival at Boldt Castle**

Attendees may explore the castle and grounds at their own pace. Lunch on your own at Boldt Castle or one of the dining establishments in Alexandria. Shuttles make the 5 minute ride to the mainland every 30 minutes.

### **Time TBA – Boldt Castle Gardens Tour**

A guided walk highlighting the plantings and restoration work.

### **6:00–7:30 PM – Dinner**

Relaxed evening meal before the program.

### **7:30 PM – Guest Speakers: Heidi & Charles Douglas**

A dynamic presentation from two of the most beloved voices in the daylily world.

### **Following Presentation –**

#### **Douglas Auction & General Auction**

Heidi and Charles's introductions, followed by the general auction until all plants are sold.

## **Sunday, July 26 – Closing Day**

### **6:30 or 7:00–8:30 AM – Breakfast**

Final morning meal together.

### **9:00 AM – Guest Speaker: Charlie Gomer**

Fresh perspectives and forward-thinking hybridizing insights followed by Charlie's introductions offered to attendees.

### **10:30 AM – Basket Drawings & Silent Auction Winners**

Winners announced and items distributed.

### **11:30 AM–12:00 PM – Regional Closing**

Final remarks, thank-yous, and farewell until next year.



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