

# New England Daylily Society Newsletter

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY REGION 4  
WWW.AHSREGION4.ORG  
MARLENE HARMON-EDITOR

JANUARY 2015



PURPLE CHEETAH  
GOSSARD 2006  
PHOTO BY MARLENE HARMON

*Next NEDS Meeting - Saturday, January 10, 2015 at Tower Hill  
Botanic Garden, Boylston, MA*



MARGO REED INDEED  
MURPHY-J.P. 2004  
PHOTO BY MARY HUBBELL

Agenda:

9:00 Set- up for hospitality (volunteers needed to help)

9:00 Board meeting

9:30 Social time (Food donations from members, last names A-M) Please label any baked goods containing nuts for those who have nut allergies.

10:00 **NEDS Members Photo Contest**

12:00 Lunch Break

1:00 **Business Meeting &**

**NEDS Hybridizers Presentations**

3:30 Clean-up (volunteers needed to help)



## *President's Ponderings*

Walking around my almost snowless yard the last few days, I noticed a good deal of emerging growth in the daylily beds. Since winter hasn't really started in my area I wonder what the result of this premature growth will be in the spring. To those of you who don't know me, my name is Paul Tarmasewicz (TAR MA SAY WITCH). See, that wasn't hard, now was it? I live in Westminister, MA, 30 seconds drive off Exit 24 on Rt. 2. My house is easy to find as I live on a dead end street with only 3 other houses and mine is the only one with no lawn. It's all flower beds. I have 850 - 900 daylily cultivars, many of the beds separated by walls of rhodys, holly, spirea and other plantings. I also have hosta and other shade plants including a collection of cimicifuga which bloom most of the fall and are extremely fragrant. Feel free to come and visit, during the week, in the summer but call first to make certain I'm there. The phone number is listed at the back of the bulletin. In addition to holding our annual photo contest, we have several issues to discuss at the January meeting. We still have positions that need to be filled, we need to finalize our plan for the new May Sale agenda, discuss the future of our August fund raising event, continue to plan for NEDS hosting of the 2016 Region 4 summer meeting, among other things. Anyone who is at Tower Hill while the board is meeting is welcome to attend the meeting so don't be afraid to sit in. My thanks to all the new fellow officers and board members for stepping up. I look forward to all of us having a successful daylily meeting season and much participation from the entire membership. As I've said in the past, all members are equal owners of this club and its success is totally dependent of each one of us.

See you all on January 10.....

Paul.....



FOUNTAIN OF BLOOD  
HUBEN 2012  
PHOTO BY MIKE HUBEN

All meetings held at Tower Hill Botanic Garden, 11 French Drive, Boylston, MA. See <http://www.towerhillgb.org> for directions. Contact Marlene Harmon at 603-880-6228 or [harmonhill25@comcast.net](mailto:harmonhill25@comcast.net) to receive the NEDS Newsletter by email. There is a \$5.00/year fee each year for members receiving the newsletter by US mail to help defray the cost of printing and postage.

## *NEDS Officers and Board Members for 2015– 2016*

Thank you to all of our retiring officers and members of the board for your service to NEDS. Your service was much appreciated! The new slate of officers was voted on at the December 2014 meeting. Congratulations (and thank you for stepping up!) to the following members:

### **Paul Tarmasewicz (Paul T...) - President**

Paul lives in Westminister, MA, in the shadow of Mount Wachusett, is retired, and raises about 900 daylily cultivars. Present interests are the accumulation of daylilies by northern hybridizers. Other horticultural interests include raising strawberries and thorn-less blackberries, raspberries, rhodys and various other perennials, trying to have a full three seasons of bloom.

### **Kathy Viamari - Secretary, and George Viamari - Program Chair and Board Member**

We are from Longmeadow, MA and have been living here since 1989. Kathy is currently working as a pediatrician but is planning to retire in May 2015 and George is a CPA and currently doing financial consulting work. We have two grown boys. We have been NEDS members since 2010 and have two gardens - one in Massachusetts and the other in Ogunquit, Maine. We grow a mix of TETS and DIPS and have been hybridizing for approximately 4 years. George has been the NEDS Program Director for 2 years and we both enjoy working with daylilies.

### **Tom Riccio - Treasurer**

Being of Italian descent, I have always had a green thumb involving plants and vegetables. I got hooked on daylilies in the past two to three years and am partial to the "reds". A little over three ago I joined NEDS together with my fiancée, Lisa Lipomi and decided to use my accounting background to get more involved with the daylily society by becoming treasurer.

### **Adele Keohan - Board member - Past President**

I am a teacher, singer, member of the Massachusetts Master Gardener Association, past president of NEDS. I joined the AHS and NEDS in 2006 and became an AHS Garden Judge in 2008. I am the editor of the Region 4 Newsletter, Daylilies in the Great Northeast. I grow daylilies and other hardy perennials in my backyard garden. I enjoy hybridizing with daylilies for fun.

(**Editor's note:** Congratulations Adele for being awarded "Best Regional Newsletter Award" for the Region 4 Newsletter from AHS for 2014!!!)

### **Lisa Lipomi - Board member**

I live in Dracut and have been gardening all my life. I am a member of Open Gate Garden Club in Chelmsford, a certified Master Gardener, and do volunteer garden related events in my town. Our new adventure is designing Trilli Farm to hold all our daylilies and other trees, plants and shrubs.

### **Susan Stowe - Board member**

I live in Topsfield, MA with my husband, Ken. We are retired. I was a professional educator teaching Physical Education at all three levels and coaching for 34 years. I have two married children and 5 grandchildren. I design and make quilts with a specialization in reproductions and lecture about antique quilts along with collecting and repairing them. I design sweaters, knit, crochet and do stenciling and painting. I find hybridizing daylilies fascinating with an interest in plant habit and heavy texture. I've been at it for eleven years producing anywhere from 2000-4000 seeds a year and have established Hill Hollow Daylily Farm with about 7000 plants in the gardens. I hope to register some of the seedlings next year.

### **We still need 2 volunteers to fill vacant seats - Vice President and Board Member. Can you help?**

Have you sent in your AHS renewal for 2015 yet?

Membership in NEDS is complementary to membership in the AHS. There are no additional NED's dues and the e-mail bulletin is included. Membership in AHS is by calendar year – Jan-Dec. and includes a year's subscription (four issues) to *The Daylily Journal*. Membership Renewal is due by January 1st each year. Individual dues are \$25 year, or \$70/ 3 years. Family membership (2 persons) is \$30, or \$83 for 3 years. Life membership: \$500. Youth Membership through calendar year of 18th birthday: \$10. Payment can be made to:

American Hemerocallis Society  
c/o Pat Mercer, AHS Executive Secretary  
P.O. Box 10,  
Dexter, GA 31019

### **Congratulations to our December Door Prize winners:**

**Laura Kann - FRED'S RED**

**Linda Sobek - WHIP CITY WOWZIE**

**John Edwards - EYES OF MAINE**

## January Door Prize Plants



### LAKE TEAR OF THE CLOUDS (Mason, 2010)

Tetraploid, Dormant, 28" tall, 5.5" bloom. Blooms early mid-season. 3 way branching, 15 bud count. Medium fuchsia purple with a striking large pale lavender pink watermark going to yellow and then green throat.

(*Evening Enchantment* × *Earth Music*) X *Valuable Asset*)

Value: \$60.



### STARLIGHT SPLASH (Reed, 2012)

Diploid, Dormant, 28" tall, 7" bloom. Blooms early mid-season. 2 way branching, 15 bud count. Cream pink with a rose eyezone, broken by white splash marks, green throat. Pod and pollen fertile.

(*Snooks Harville eyed sdlg* × *Crystalline Entity*)

Value: \$75.



### LIVING WATER (Emmerich 2012)

Tetraploid, Semi-evergreen, fragrant. 28" tall, 4.5" bloom. Blooms late mid-season. 4 way branching, 30 bud count. Deep pink lavender, pale gray lavender watermark, gray lavender plus ivory gold edge above an olive green throat.

(*unknown* × (*Filled to Overflowing* × *Heartbeat of Heaven*))

Value: \$40.



### \$25.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE to purchase daylilies at VALLEY OF THE DAYLILIES

If you use the gift certificate from January 1 thru 31st, you can take advantage of the 35% discount being offered for the month of January on 100 of their best growing Spider/UF Cultivars. Check out their web site store at [www.valleyofthedaylilies.com](http://www.valleyofthedaylilies.com). The winner of the Valley of the Daylilies Certificate must pay the shipping charges.

*NEDS 2015 Calendar of Events*

- Jan. 10 - NEDS Members' Photo Contest & Hybridizer Presentations
- February - No Meeting
- March 14 - Hybridizer presentations and Daylily BINGO
- April 11 - Potluck Luncheon and speaker TBA
- May 2015 - NEDS Spring plant sale (location and date TBD)
- June 10 - 14 - 2015 AHS National Convention, Atlanta, GA Visit <http://www.ahs2015convention.org/> for details
- July 17 - 19 - AHS Region 4 Regional - Holiday Inn Springfield-South/Enfield, 1 Bright Meadow Boulevard, Enfield, CT 06082 <http://cdsregional.weebly.com/>
- July 25 - NEDS Daylily Show and Judged Exhibition at Tower Hill
- August - Public Plant Sale and Auction (location and date TBD)



It's not too early to sign up for the 2015 AHS Region 4 Summer Meeting.....



***CDS...Celebrating 25 Years of Flowers and Friendship***

**Region 4 Summer Meeting July 17 - 19, 2015**—\$120.00 per person, \$100.00 Youth registration. Registration includes bus trips, open gardens, Friday and Saturday evening dinners and Saturday boxed lunch.



The 2015 Region 4 Summer Meeting will be held at  
 Holiday Inn Springfield/Enfield  
 1 Bright Meadow Road, Enfield, CT 06082.



You must make your own hotel reservations before **June 17, 2015** to receive the special nightly rate of \$105.00 (plus applicable CT taxes). This rate includes full hot buffet breakfast each morning. Call the Holiday Inn at -860-741-2211 or reserve online at: <http://bit.ly/1rQbfbO>

Our group name for reservations is **Connecticut Daylily Society**  
 Our group block code is: **LIL**



Guest Speaker and Auctioneer, Paul Owen  
 Slightly Different Nursery, Shelby, NC

For further information about tour gardens, registration form and event updates, visit <http://cdsregional.weebly.com/>

Tour Gardens

- Terrace Hill Farm, Bloomfield, CT  
 Cheryl Fox and Phillip Douville
- CT Daylily Wallingford, CT  
 Rich Howard
- Garden of Peggy and Roland Corbeil, Wilbraham, MA
- Knoll Cottage Daylilies,
- Southampton, MA Lori-Ann Jones



*Are you a member of the AHS e-mail Robin?*

The American Hemerocallis Society has a “place” called the E-mail Robin where you can learn more about daylilies and find some friends who share your infatuation. The original paper versions of a round robin were done with a packet of letters. Each person would add their own letter with comments about the others and send this, along with all the other letters from the others in the robin, to the next person on the list. Then eventually they, like the robins in spring, would return and you'd remove your own previous letter, draft a new one and start the cycle again. That cycle could take anywhere from 3-6 months, depending on how long each member held onto the packet of letters and how many robin members in the group. A dozen members is about the practical limit on a paper robin. In 1994, the internet and e-mail were now available and the AHS email robin got its’ start when seven AHS members thought “the time between flights was agony”. Today there are over 1,300 members on the robin. Obviously, not everyone posts every day or we'd be overwhelmed with mail, but there's a steady enough stream of daylily related mail and any questions asked usually lead to a good discussion.

and following the robin's guidelines. Joining the robin is simple. Send a short autobiographical paragraph or two that includes at least your name, city, state, and something about your gardens and interests in daylilies to the E-mail Robin leader, Tim Fehr, [fehrtj@charter.net](mailto:fehrtj@charter.net). Feel free to include whatever you would want the other robin members to know about you. This will be used as your introduction to the other robin members. The email robin is very much like a large family. New members are warmly welcomed. You'll exchange ideas, stories, occasionally humor, and lots of daylily news. You'll make new friends and find out what other “daylily people” are talking about.

The only requirements for joining the group are being a member of the American Hemerocallis Society (we are an "official" AHS Robin so they ask that of us), having an e-mail account



WILKINSON SEEDLING 09-9B  
PHOTO BY DARLYN WILKINSON

*From the Babysitting Plant Chair*

The Babysitting Plant Drawing will be held at the 14 March 2015 Meeting!

If you are an active member of NEDS, defined as being an AHS member and having attended at least 3 NEDS meetings in 2014, you are eligible to enter for the drawing to be able to receive a babysitting plant. You grow the plant for 3+ years and then return the entire plant for the August NEDS auction. We changed the babysitting program last year and we now solicit newly introduced donations from our NEDS hybridizers. The number of babysitting plants to be awarded will be based upon the number of donations or the number of applicants, whichever is lower. The order upon which the names are drawn will be the order that folks get to pick from the available list. We will publish the available list in the March Newsletter.

If you are currently growing a babysitting plant you are not eligible for this drawing.

So please either email Carl Harmon at [harmonhill25@comcast.net](mailto:harmonhill25@comcast.net) or complete the form below and either give it to me at the January or March meeting or mail to me at 49 Ledge Road, Hudson NH 03051.

-----TEAR/CUT HERE-----

ENTRY FOR BABYSITTING PLANT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

MAILED or EMAILED ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY March 14th, 2015.

SEND TO: Carl Harmon, 49 Ledge Road, Hudson NH 03051 or email [harmonhill25@comcast.net](mailto:harmonhill25@comcast.net) or call 603 880-6228.



**NEDS ORGANIZATION:**

**Officers**

President	Paul Tarmasewicz	paka1968@comcast.net 978-340-4077
Vice President	Open	
Secretary	Kathy Viamari	kviamari@comcast.net
Treasurer	Tom Riccio	neds_treasurer@yahoo.com

**Executive Board**

Board member, Past President	Adele Keohan	akgabriel22@comcast.net
Board member	Lisa Lipomi	damsselfly32@gmail.com
Board member	Susan Stowe	scstowe@comcast.net
Board member	George Viamari	agtec49@gmail.com
Board member	Open	

Program Chair	George Viamari	agtec49@gmail.com
Membership Chair	Paul Bourret	paul.bourret@gmail.com
Exhibition Chair	Dan Pessoni	danthelilyman@aol.com
May Auction Chair	Paul Tarmasewicz	paka1968@comcast.net
August Auction Chair	Harold Cross	vtblume@gmail.com
Babysitting Plant Chair	Carl Harmon	harmonhill25@comcast.net
Door Prize Plant Chair	Lisa Bourret	daylilier@yahoo.com
NEDS Webmaster	Marlene Harmon	harmonhill25@comcast.net

**Display Garden Chairs**

Elm Bank	Barbara Provest	bprovest@rcn.com
Heritage Plantation	Leslie Nolan	leslienolan@hotmail.com

***New England Daylily Society (NEDS)***

*January meeting*

*Saturday, January 10, 2015  
at Tower Hill Botanic Garden  
Boylston, MA*

*No Meeting in February*

*March meeting*

*Saturday, March 14, 2015*



**CHARON THE FERRYMAN  
BACHMAN 2003  
PHOTO BY CHUCK HUBBELL**

---

**NEDS WEB ADDRESS: [WWW.NEDAYLILY.ORG](http://WWW.NEDAYLILY.ORG)**

---

NEDS NEWSLETTER  
C/O MARLENE HARMON  
49 LEDGE ROAD  
HUDSON, NH 03051

