

NEDS News

New England Daylily Society

American Hemerocallis Society, Region 4 October 2014

October 25

**JOINT MEETING at Tower Hill-
HOSTA and DAYLILY Societies!**

Agenda:

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10:00 – 10:30 – Social time

10:30 – Mike Huben– Guest Speaker

**11:45-12:15ish-Review NEHS Bylaws &
Member Meeting**

12:15ish – 1:00 – POT LUCK lunch*

1:00 – 1:30 – RAFFLES

**1:30-2:30 – Rick Goodenough – Best 10
Hostas**

**2:30-3:30 – Roger Smith – Hybridizing
for Red Hosta Traits**

3:30- 4:00 – AUCTION

4:00-Clean up

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enough to feed 20+ people.**

NEDS Annual Business Meeting

**December 13,
2014**

**at Tower Hill Botanic Garden
in Boylston, MA**

Tower Hill Botanic Garden address is 11 French Drive,
Boylston, Mass

See <http://www.towerhillbg.org> for directions.

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3:30- 4:00 – Auction***

4:00-4:15 – Wrap Up and Good day!



***Pot Luck Lunch: members attending and joining us for lunch are asked to bring an entree, side dish or dessert enough to feed 20+ people. NEHS & NEDS will provide hot and cold beverages.**

**** We will be having a joint raffle in which NEDS & NEHS members can buy tickets for a chance to win some great prizes.**



We ask that you bring a garden related/themed item for the raffle tables. All proceeds will be divided up jointly.

***** Auction for both societies will also take place. Please consider donating an unusual and /or hard to find hosta or daylily or companion plant. All proceeds will be divided up jointly.**

[My thanks to NEHS newsletter editor Cheryl Cravino for the bios of our guest speakers.]

October 25 Guest Speakers:

Mike Huben

Gardener, botanist, hybridizer, and all-around plant fanatic. I've named my site "Diploids Resurgent" because I'd like to encourage others to appreciate the diploids too, rather than simply follow the tetraploid fashions. There's a world of daylilies out there besides southern-bred eyed and edged tets, and the most diverse are the diploids. Oh, I've got southern-bred tets in my garden: some are fantastic, and I wouldn't put them down. But here in the north (Arlington, MA) we have different needs that the southerners can't or don't breed for.

Rick Goodenough

Rick lives with his wife, Sheila in Marshfield, Massachusetts. He is a member of the NEHS and long time member of the AHS. Rick became interested in hostas when living in Indianapolis in the early nineties upon visiting the hosta garden/nursery of Marge Soules. He was first amazed at the variety of hosta plants and quickly became interested in the more unusual variegation patterns on plants like 'High Fat Cream', 'Cynthia', 'Joseph', 'Spilt Milk' and 'Iron Gate Supreme'. He collected several beginner hostas before career relocation to the Boston area in 1996. The home he and Sheila acquired in Marshfield had no garden and the back was a steeply sloped and forested hillside. Rick began work on it and has continued to this day in building stone terraces and using cobbles from old Boston streets for paths in the garden. Larger trees were left in place to provide high shade that our favorite shade plant so

appreciates.

After learning that hostas with color variations were essentially only produced by streaked pod parents, Rick knew that hybridizing was something he wanted to try. 'Fascination' was one of his first streakers and he quickly added 'Galaxy', 'Alan Haskell', 'Dorothy Benedict' and 'Outrageous' to his growing stable of breeders.

Rick began hybridizing and has named and introduced over 200 cultivars of his own seedlings and continues to enjoy advancing the species through his hybridizing efforts. He has served in a number of roles in the NEHS, has served the AHS on the Executive Committee and has written numerous articles for the AHS Hosta Journal and other publications and gives presentations and lectures on hostas and other gardening related topics.

Roger Smith

Roger Smith, a retired U.S. Air Force member with twenty-five years of service and now a Department of Defense employee, has always had a garden in his life. From planting oak and pine trees as a kid to growing peppers on the window ledge during an unaccompanied tour in Korea, there's always been time for a garden. When he and his young family moved to Severn, Maryland in mid 80's, a lot of shade came in the form of a giant sycamore and red maples in the yard, thus the hosta bug was started. After about 10 years of believing he had all three hosta types (the green, green-white, and the blue one), he found a local nursery that carried about 50 cultivars to include H. 'Liberty' – that started his desire to find and grow more types. After moving to a larger house with many mature oaks, he decided he now had the room to grow hostas from seeds to "make his own" types. Those growing efforts start with

more than 6,000 seeds each fall that are grown in a sun room under lights. These seedlings are then culled down to about 10% by the following spring which are then grown on for two years to see what they'll do. So far, Roger has registered two hostas of his own. The extras are often donated as auction donations and gift plants to support the First Look event. He, along with some close friends across the states, is currently working on advancing red into the hosta leaf surface.

Additionally, he and a couple other AHS members arranged to move the Arthur Wrede hosta collection of unnamed seedlings to his central Maryland yard. Roger is a member of the Potomac Hosta Club, the American Hosta Society and is the AHS Education Outreach Chair.

Special Request: Looking for a "temp" secretary for the

December meeting. A big thank you to Darlyn Wilkinson for volunteering to take notes at both the board and business meetings on April 24th. She has graciously offered to do the same at the upcoming October meeting. It occurred to me that folks who are not able to commit to the responsibilities of an ongoing club role such as NEDS secretary might be willing to cover this role for a single meeting. If you are willing to help out in this way I would appreciate it.

I need a volunteer to take notes for the December meeting. Please email me at akgabriel22@comcast.net if you are willing to help out in this way. Thanks!
Adele Keohan, NEDS president

Door Prizes: Please note that there will be no door prize plants at this meeting as only American Hemerocallis Society members are eligible to win them. Contact Door Prize Plant chair Lisa Bourret if you have any questions.

Results of the August Sale:

Gross Proceeds-	\$4,281.26
Area plants	\$1,200.00
Babysitting plants	\$1,000.00
Hall rental	\$85.00
Net proceeds	\$1,996.26
25% to Region 4	\$499.00

--Tom Riccio, NEDS Treasurer

Wanted: NEDS Newsletter Editor

With work and graduate studies taking a great deal of my time, I must reduce the number of obligations on my plate, so to speak. I will continue to serve AHS Region 4 in the role of Regional Newsletter Editor, and will continue to serve NEDS as a board member for the next two years.

I must step down as NEDS Bulletin Editor. The December 2014 NEDS Bulletin will be my last issue. In stepping down as NEDS editor, I do not mean to let the club down but the club newsletter is an

ongoing obligation and responsibility that I must relinquish. I am sure that among our members there is someone who will be willing to take on this role. You can make the NEDS Bulletin as simple or creative as you wish!

NEDS BOARD

These wonderful board members, who have served NEDS so well on the board for years, will be stepping down in December:

Kim Walters, NEDS past president and current Region 4 president

Paul Bourret, NEDS past president and current president of SMDHS Southern Maine Daylily and Hosta Society

Lisa Bourret, NEDS Vice president

Michael Maher, who recently stepped down due to other obligations.

Are you interested in being a NEDS board member? It's a great way to get more involved!

NEDS Needs Gardens!

We're still looking for 3 to 4 gardens to be our regional tour gardens in 2016 when we host the

regional meeting. Please let me know if you'd be willing to open your garden to visitors in July, 2016.

Daylily Events at Neighboring Clubs:

CDS- Connecticut Daylily Society

Saturday Nov 1, 2014--Michael Bouman
guest hybridizer

Visit <http://www.ctdaylily.com/CDS.html>

PDS-Patriot Daylily Society

Saturday, November 1, 2014--Nick Chase
will present photos of the Biltmore Estate in North Carolina. Members are invited to show photos of their seedlings.

SMDHS- Southern Maine Daylily & Hosta Society

All meetings are at Southern Maine Community College Horticulture building on Slocum Drive in South Portland. Meetings normally start at 11 AM.

November 2 (Sunday): Garden clean-up 8:30. Fall Soup Social at noon. Annual SMDHS Business Meeting. We will be electing officers for 2015-16. Cheri Ellenberger will present a workshop on Rhododendrons for Northern Gardens.

<http://www.smdhs.info/events>

Visit the AHS Region 4 Website for a wealth of information on Region 4:

<http://www.ahsregion4.org>

NEDS 2014 DAYLILY EXHIBITION

On Saturday, July 26th, 2014, the New England Daylily Society's Accredited Daylily Exhibition was held at Tower Hill Botanical Gardens in Boylston, MA. With perfect weather and a late bloom season, I expected a large number of scapes to be exhibited; however, each year, the numbers are less and less. This year, 173 scapes were exhibited, down from 227 last year. That being said, I'd like to thank all those who contributed and helped make our show successful once again. My sincere thanks to Paul Tarmasewicz, Mike Sczerzen, and their team for setting up the show; to Leslie Nolan and Adele Keohan for Classification and Tabulation; to Kim Walters for her work on Awards; and to the ladies from Pepperell – Denise Pavlovich, Jean Doherty, and Janet McOsker, for coordinating and presenting the Exhibition workers with an exceptional luncheon. Congratulations to Michael Sczerzen for winning Best in Show and Unusual Form for his Big Birds Friend.

AHS Rosette Winners

<u>Name</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>
Mike Sczerzen	Best in Show	Big Birds Friend
Cameron Stern	Extra Large	Green Throated Robin
Susan Stowe	Large	Gypsy Rose
Valerie Price	Small	Brilliant Circle
Steve Green	Miniature	Eenie Allegro
Michael Sczerzen	Unusual Form	Big Birds Friend
Paul Tarmasewicz	Popularity Poll	Websters Pink Wonder
Cameron Stern	Seedling	RPFSK
Lori-Ann Jones	New England (2)	Whip City Slinky Slide, Whip City Hot Hot Hot

Congratulations to Susan Stowe for winning the Sweepstake Rosette (most blue ribbons – 14).

Ribbon Winners

<u>Member</u>	<u>Purple</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>Yellow</u>
Susan Stowe	4	14	5	1
Cameron Stern	4	13	2	1
Paul Tarmasewicz	4	11	1	3
Steve Green	1	11	9	-
Michael Sczerzen	3	10	3	1
Lori-Ann Jones	2	8	5	-
Elizabeth Murphy	-	6	6	2
Adele Keohan	1	5	4	-
Richard Blanchard	1	4	1	-
Valerie Price	1	4	-	-
Anna Wilken	2	3	1	-
Janet McOsker	-	3	2	-
Nikki Dericken	-	1	4	-
Jean Doherty	-	1	1	3

Thanks to all who contributed their time and efforts to make 2014 another successful Exhibition year. Additional information will be available in the upcoming Fall/Winter Region 4 Newsletter. Dan Pessoni, Exhibition Chair

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Joint
meeting
on
October
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