

# NEDS News

## New England Daylily Society

American Hemerocallis Society, Region 4 December 2013

### December 14

at Tower Hill Botanic Garden

9:30 Set- up for hospitality  
(volunteers needed to help)

9:30 Board meeting

9:30 -10:30 am social time  
(Food donations from members  
welcome!)

Please label any baked goods containing  
nuts for those who have nut allergies.

10:30 Members' Hybridizer  
Presentations: Show us your  
seedlings!

12:00 Lunch Break

1:00 NEDS Annual Business  
Meeting

### Upcoming Events

January 11, 2014

NEDS Members' Photo Contest

*February- no meeting*

March 8, 2014

BINGO and speakers Darlyn  
Wilkinson and Curt Turner

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

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

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Hemerocallis 'Arterial Blood' (Huben, 2011)*



## **President's Message**

Thanks to those who attended the October meeting. In the morning, Mike Huben organized three discussion groups. Gary Jones led a discussion on being a Garden Judge and photographing daylilies, too. I dropped in to the group as the discussion turned to photographs in catalogs and how some may be unnecessarily adjusted/tweaked. Lori Jones and Bob Sobek led a discussion about hybridizing which included: the appreciation of different forms; Webster and how long it took for Unusual Forms to be appreciated; the current interest in teeth and pattern.

They discussed what they wanted in a daylily. Susan Stowe wanted vigorous, well branched with a good BC, dormant and would survive Zone 5 weather. The group discussed seed germination, whether to stratify the seeds or not, and tet versus dip seeds. The third group, led by Elaine and Carl Wickstrom discussed owning /running a sales garden. In the afternoon, Barry Matthie was our speaker and he gave a wonderful presentation. See Claudia Conway's report on Barry's presentation.

During the upcoming two NEDS meetings, we hope more of you will sign up to show photos of your seedlings or garden visits. To sign up, please contact George Viamari at [agtec49@gmail.com](mailto:agtec49@gmail.com)

See George's message below.

We have our annual business meeting on December 14th.

Here are some of the topics we'll be voting on:

1. Changing the bylaws so that any one

officer [not just the secretary] must be a Massachusetts resident. Currently the bylaws specify that the secretary must reside in MA.  
2. Dispensing with the plant babysitting program to save the club money.

## **From the Program Chair**

I am trying to plan our next meeting and need to know how many of you would be interested in doing a short hybridizer presentation. This is a great chance for you to show the other members all the wonderful and different things you are doing. Even if you are not hybridizing, I am sure many of you have wonderful and interesting gardens that other members would be interested in hearing about and seeing. Please do not be shy as this is good way for all of us to share with the club.

Waiting to hear from everyone!

---George Viamari

## **Barry Matthie at NEDS**

All week, an internal battle raged. Should I go to NEDS???? Should I stay home and complete my late fall garden chores???? I must have gone back and forth one hundred times... but then I got a hold of myself... and said "GO TO NEDS ON SATURDAY!!" I did, and boy was I glad I did.

It was a crisp late fall day... and the trees had shed most of their leaves. But the road up to the top of Tower Hill in Boylston was still a marvel of nature. I never tire of seeing the varying seasonal changes in the landscape. The view from the top of the hill, of the nearby lake and surrounding Massachusetts countryside... always refreshes the weary soul. Upon entering the building, the open conservatory doors beckoned with the glint of greenery and fragrance of hothouse blooms.

In our meeting room, some members had

already arrived. It was our annual pot luck dinner and hybridizer presentation, a popular meeting with the members. Preparations continued and the room hummed with the gathering crowd.

After a brief meeting and some discussion groups, we were ready to get down to business and EAT. There is always a bounty of provisions brought by club members and everyone found many things to enjoy. After our group enjoyed their meals, we settled in for a wonderful presentation by Barry Matthie of Bloomfield, Ontario, Canada. His wife Maggie and her sister Shirley had accompanied him on this trip. Program chair, George Viamari, and his wife, Kathy, were keeping them duly entertained. I was delighted to find a seat right next to Barry and we exchanged some fun daylily experiences.

As he rolled out his program, we soon found that Barry has his work cut out for him as a hybridizer and daylily grower. The soil condition of his Bloomfield farm was surprising. Only about 6 inches of loam covers rock. Barry said his original bloom season lasted only about 2 weeks due to this factor. Now with the use of wood/bark chips dumped by a generous landscaping neighbor, he has extended his bloom period to 5-6 weeks. This inch deep layer of bark mulch helps conserve moisture which is at a premium. Additionally, Prince Edward County also experiences extensive drought periods. As an aside, Barry said that the island on which Bloomfield is located has become a new hot spot for a myriad of new vineyards as the dry conditions provide the perfect growing conditions for grapes. The crowd responded in surprise over his daylily plant numbers. He estimated that he grows over 100,000 daylilies, including seedlings. This is in addition to other perennials such as hostas and oriental lilies which he grows and sells as well.

Hybridizing takes place in his large greenhouse during the summer. This is dismantled every winter, so that the fierce winds and snow do not damage it. His wife turned to me during our visit and said that Barry farms as well. It is amazing to see the amount of work he has undertaken.

After a brief slide tour of his operation, we were delighted with images of fantastic daylilies of all kinds. We viewed many of his past and newer introductions... with the oohs and aahs arising from the crowd as he went thru the slides. Barry dabbles in tets and dips, and says he does not focus on any one type of daylily. He has had some interesting breaks come his way. Hemerocalis 'Bonibrae THE FREAK' is a diploid UF and a kid of Substantial Evidence. It never displays the same form twice, but is changeable, exhibiting spatulate, recurved, twisted and pinched petals. Barry says "The Freak' has been passing these traits to its kids.

H. 'Bonibrae Witches and Warlocks' is a dark purple toothy specimen that has bigger teeth on the sepals than on the petals! Deep sculpting and extravagant edges adorned 'Bonibrae Heart Breaker'. 'Bonibrae Smoke and Mirrors', a diploid, is very unique.... Adele piped up to say there is nothing else like it in her garden!

Many of Barry's daylilies are dormant.. His zone is between 5a and 4b.

We were very excited to be able to bid on his generous donations of daylilies. The lucky winners will certainly be excited to receive them next spring. I am sure the club was grateful for his beautiful and informative presentation AND for the donations of daylilies to add to our gardens. Thank you Barry, and we hope you had a safe trip home!  
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# WANTED:

## • NEDS Secretary

takes notes at board and business meetings and submits reports to NEDS newsletter editor.

## • NEDS Newsletter Editor

If you have a computer and are familiar with Microsoft Word, you're qualified!

The Newsletter editor publishes the secretary's reports as well reports submitted by NEDS officers and chairs, and keeps NEDS members informed about upcoming meetings and events. You can be as creative as you like with the NEDS newsletter.

*If you are interested and wish to learn more about these NEDS roles, please contact Adele Keohan at [akgabriel22@comcast.net](mailto:akgabriel22@comcast.net)*

## Daylily Events at Neighboring Clubs:

### CDS- Connecticut Daylily Society

Saturday Jan. 18, 2014-Soup's On Meeting with Local Hybridizer Photo Show.- featured speaker Rich Howard of Wallingford, CT.

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

### PDS- Patriot Daylily Society

Saturday, December 7, 2013, noon to 3 PM, Bedford Library

Potluck Holiday Dinner and Party! Snow date: If the weather is bad on December 7 (or predicted to be bad), go to <http://contrariansview.org/onashisite/PDS/snowdate.html>

to verify that the party is still being held and has not been postponed. to January.

Visit <http://patriotdaylilysociety.org>

### SMDHS- Southern Maine Daylily and Hosta Society

December 7: Holiday Party / Pot Luck Luncheon / Yankee Swap.

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

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Region 4 Officers and Clubs

Daylily Sellers•Hybridizers•Display Gardens

AHS National and Regional Awards and Honors Popularity Poll

Garden Judges•Exhibition Judges

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...and more!

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*See you  
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14  
at Tower  
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