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Correction:
This editor identified a cultivar pictured in the Fall 2003-Winter 2004 issue (page 29, lower right) as: EGGPLANT (Munson 1984). Word reached the editor that Steve Moldovan pointed out the fact that Munson never created or registered any cultivars of the EGGPLANT series.
The 12th Annual Region 2 Symposium – Year 2004
The Cleveland Event at its Best

By Phyllis Cantini, West Bloomfield, Michigan

We came to Cleveland from: •Ontario, •Virginia, •Georgia, •Florida, •Connecticut, •Colorado, •Missouri, •Mississippi, •Pennsylvania, •Indiana, •Wisconsin, •Illinois, •Massachusetts, •Maryland, •Michigan, •Minnesota, •Kentucky, •Nebraska, •New Hampshire, •Tennessee, •New Jersey, •New York, •Georgia, just about from all over. We greeted and hugged, happy to meet our friends. And friends we all are—even if we had met on the Robins only last week, last month, or only a year ago. The love of the daylily ties us together.

Some came early to explore the cultural side of Cleveland, while others came to visit awhile and meet new friends before the daylily business got under way. And the daylily happenings got started right on schedule and stayed on schedule from start to finish.

The glib and erudite Curt Hanson did not speak other than to introduce each speaker. We learned what was and what was not an unusual form from Bret Clement as he showed slides of examples, some of which fall into neither the spider nor UF category. Paul Judge gave us a look at what Canadian hybridizers are accomplishing.

Then, what thrills us all, Richard Norris presented the slides of future intros and seedlings. The noisemakers got into full swing, giving their approval on several that were simply out of this world. What fun to jump into hooting and tooting our approval of these new beauties.

David Kirchhoff and Chris Rogers began the first part of the auction Friday night. The future 2005 registration ASHWOOD RINGS OF SATURN, by Richard Norris, brought house down when David pumped for bids: “This is priceless, you can get the increase this fall before he does and be ahead of him when it comes out.” It went for $445 to Dan Hansen, a record for this auction that got Dan plenty of applause. Both nights, the

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Karol Emmerich: And the Dream Continues

By Karen Ciala, Gahanna, Ohio

Karol Emmerich so mesmerized her audience about the anticipated delights of a Minnesota summer camp for hemapholics that many were ready to register by the close of the symposium. In reality, the gentle lampooning of twenty-two hybridizers, identified only by the name of one of their famous introductions, generated hearty laughter and pleasurable memories.

In the fictional Camp Hem, LOUNGE LIZARD (AKA Curt Hanson) offered a class on the “Art of Putting Together a Daylily Catalog.” Advice about secret methods of obtaining cutting edge pollen was suggested by a close-up image of TRULY ANGELIC (John Rice) bending over Karol’s bluer eyed seedlings with a neat grid of orange pollen dots on his back pocket (indicating some “borrowed” pollen that found its way into his pocket?).

Moving on, Karol revisited images from her previous presentation in 2000 of the landscaping and planting projects at her home.

INTELLIGENT DESIGN:
MASK OF ETERNITY X ANCIENT REFLECTIONS
Image: Karol Emmerich’s Web Pages

FILLED TO OVERFLOWING:
(TOMORROW’S GLORY x ABSOLUTE TREASURE) X (FORTUNE’S DEAREST x LIFTING ME HIGHER)
Image: Karol Emmerich’s Web Pages

While Karol spent the spring and early summer in Alabama, Dick organized the construction of a new 42 x 144’ greenhouse made of steel and impact resistant double-paned acrylic panels. Four inches of insulation to four feet underground and two inches to three feet above ground were designed to offset the potentially huge heating bills. Then came the transportation of hundreds of clumps and seedlings in a refrigerated semi truck and their replanting in the new greenhouse and gardens.

The next three years brought a never ending round of problems to solve by automated climate control systems, a new water supply, and a pesticide/fungicide/fertilizer delivery system. Cleanup debris from the grounds and woods alone filled 200 large metal dumpsters.

Herculean efforts continued in renovations of other parts of the property. Dick planted a pine forest, dug a pond, and filled a hillside gravel pit, eventually employing the use of huge highway construction bulldozers and graders. Retaining walls, walkways, and garden art were added and buildings renovated.

The Emmerich family’s dream continues. Karol has been hybridizing full time for the past six years. She grows about 15,000 seedlings outside and 8000 in the greenhouse. Her program goals are to incorporate the best traits of southern flower size, color, pattern, and edging into a tougher plant with the hardness to survive northern winter conditions.

Perhaps Camp Hem will eventually be a reality. If so, plan to hear how Karol’s INTELLIGENT DESIGN (2003) contributes to a WAY OF LIFE (2004) that is FILLED TO OVERFLOWING (2004).

Patrick Stamile: Pushing the Envelope

By Melodye Campbell, Fairport, New York

When you attend a daylily symposium, you can count on learning many new things – even a bit of philosophy! Patrick Stamile assumed the role of philosopher in his presentation titled, Pushing the Envelope. The term “cutting edge” is often times used when you hear the name Patrick Stamile. In fact, in Passion for Daylilies, Sydney Eddison defines Stamile’s hybridizing program as “cutting edge.” Patrick feels that this term is a misnomer; there really isn’t a cutting edge in the world of daylilies. There is no homogeneous movement or achievement level in hybridizing. Instead, many different hybridizers are “pushing the envelope” in many different directions.

He feels that we are in the midst of a Daylily Renaissance, with hybridizers all pursuing different passions and building on each other’s successes to further the development of the modern daylily. Unlike two decades ago, when the round, ruffled daylily was the ideal, today there is no homogeneous movement. There is no one template, and that is the genius of the daylily. Patrick then proceeded to give us examples to illustrate his points: one can increase the petal width, or increase the width of the petal ruffling. At the same time another

in Minnesota and her hybridizing work with Larry Grace in Alabama. At that time she and her husband Dick had just purchased 110 acres of country property as the beginning of their dream to establish Springwood Gardens. The property included an 1862 house full of bats and snakes, a leaky roof, no heat, an aging septic system, and an unreliable water supply, but it offered a challenging project with great possibilities for rehabilitation.
hybridizer can breed for miniature daylilies. We saw a slide of one of his enormous 5” petaled daylilies with Grace Stamile’s LITTLE ROSIE O’GRADY superimposed on it. What a vast difference in size! Polytopal daylilies also continue to evolve. Double daylilies continue to take on so many different forms and colors. It is limitless.

One can pursue intricate and multiple eye patterns with subtle shadings of color and multicolored bands. Some eyes have rings of color or even metallic flecks. Hybridizers are moving ever closer to achieving true blue in the daylily eye. We also have daylilies with enormous eyes that nearly cover the entire flower and have also matching edges to complete the ensemble!

Today, spiders and unusual forms are the darlings of the daylily world, but it wasn’t that long ago that tet hybridizers were discarding their early spiders because they were not the ideal daylily form of the era. Today’s tet spiders have such motion and grace that simply can’t be captured in the more formal daylily. Spiders such as AERIAL DISPLAY have tall strong scapes to hold enormous 9.5 – 10” flowers. Hybridizers are even moving towards double spiders.

The traditional formal daylily continues to evolve, with different colored edges and multiple edges. Some, like CINDY JONES, have super wide ruffled edges. Patrick’s SPECTRAL ELEGANCE is producing kids with yellow and chartreuse edges. Ruffles also continue to evolve. Second generation kids from TAOS are showing super or inlaid ruffling of the edges. GREEN MYSTIQUE also shows this trait. Some daylilies are showing raised up ruffles, a characteristic known as “owl ears,” such as LIGHT MOTIF. Sculptural qualities are also being developed. Daylilies have pleated throats (ANGEL IN DISGUISE), raised edges, and pillowing of the centers of the petals. There are structural edges such as shark’s teeth. And there are edged daylilies without eyes.

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Paul Judge: A Canadian Mapleleaf
By Maureen Strong, Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada

Paul became aware of daylilies back in 1996 and by 1998 had begun a hybridizing program in his family’s Clifford, Ontario, garden (Zone 4). In the next months, Paul looked for particular daylilies that would be appropriate for his breeding program which included bitones, bi-colors, stippled blooms, patterned eyes, and appliqued throats. As a “starving student,” Paul had to plan his plant purchases with much thought, so he carefully researched parentages to find the genes he was looking for at more affordable prices than the newer intros he admired. Some that are still Paul’s favorites have the non-eyed simplicity of SHERRY LANE CARR (Carr 93), BILL NORRIS (Kirchoff 93) and AUDACITY BOUND (Stamile 87). In his garden, cultivars with eyes are certainly a majority while doubles and narrow forms are almost non existent, save for the popular, narrow daylily FIRESTORM by Krekler.

In the beginning, Paul did a lot of work with bitones and bi-colors using Steve Moldovan’s AVANT GARDE and FLYING CARPET but reported slow progress. After adding OLD KING COLE but missing a year of bloom, Paul is keen to see what this year’s crop of seedlings has to show. He also did some work on stippled blooms but lost interest and didn’t do any such crosses last year. If any of this year’s sixty some crosses are promising, he thinks that he may resume this aspect of hybridizing.

The results of Paul’s work using the eyed blooms of Pat Stamile’s HUCKLEBERRY
Jamie Gossard: Hybridizing for the Unusual—or From Hot Rods to Hot Hems

By Lee Underschultz, Little Hocking, Ohio

Once upon a time, Jamie Gossard was into hot rods. A bright yellow Camaro Z28, to be exact. But, somewhere along the line (thankfully for us), his interests turned to our favorite perennial, hemerocallis. His Heavenly Gardens is located in Galloway, Ohio, just outside Columbus. Jamie’s oldest son, Ryan, is now following in his dad’s footsteps but not starting with hot rods. Instead, Ryan has opted to create his own line of daylilies, and it was Ryan who was responsible for putting together Jamie’s flashy and professional Microsoft PowerPoint presentation. Ryan has 3 introductions, and they are large, full-form tetraploid flowers. They are: RED EYED JACK (2003), which has an 8” flower; BUTTERSCOTCH CANDY (2004), which has a 7” flower; and CLAWS OF MOONLIGHT (2004), which has a 6-1/2” flower, 6-7 way branching, has a 35-38 bud count, reblooms and is fragrant. Not bad for an 11 year old! His younger brother Cory is also starting to dab pollen. And dabbing pollen on daylilies that are much taller than he is. It is so good to see two such promising young men taking the hybridizer track.

Jamie’s creations include just about all of the main forms of daylilies, but his main focus is on spiders and unusual forms. His 2004 introductions run the color spectrum including HEAVENLY ANGEL ICE, a very strong rebloomer, near white, UF with ruffled edges, and HEAVENLY DRAGON FIRE, an intense orange that demands your attention from across the garden. His REACH FOR THE SKY is taller than Jamie and has great branching and very sturdy scapes. If you like teeth, then his STARTLING CREATION and JAWS OF LIFE kids will give you lots of teeth. And teeth on narrow forms. He also has northern hardy plants with huge fancy edges. One of his introductions HEAVENLY RED STREAKER has been registered not because of its flower but instead for its “red stocking” foliage. This one could be a great step toward a daylily with red foliaged. Jamie modestly says the flower is “just a yellow,” but in fact it is an 8” spider with 3-4 way branching and 22-25 bud count. Not too shabby!

As you can see, Jamie thinks outside the box. In doing so he has worked extensively with conversions. He has tried many methods and continues to try more (including caffeine). He has converted many of Liz Salter’s creations in order to try to bring her intricate eye patterns into his spider breeding. Jamie displayed images showing a side by side comparison of both converted and non converted plants. He pointed out that sometimes the differences are not readily apparent. Then in another image he would show how great the differences can be. He even showed us the differences between his converted TRAHLYTA and Curt Hanson’s converted TRAHLYTA. Amazing how different they looked while still retaining basic pattern traits. More images illustrated how diverse or how similar siblings can be with a montage of images of related plants of both converted and non-converted daylilies. Some of the new incredible eye patterns he is working to pull out of the parent plants is exciting. He is making great progress already, and to move these into the spiders opens a whole new door in the world of possibilities.

Even though Jamie makes a lot of seed, his setup for starting his seedlings is quite affordable. Jamie shared how he starts his seeds in his basement and explained the equipment he used. He also discussed what to look for in converting a plant. One image showed a tiny little plant with a huge bloom. Jamie made it clear that it was not a good idea to let such a small plant bloom like that. And in fact, in most cases, it would probably kill the plant to do so. But he knew this and was willing to take the risk in order to get some pollen for his use.

In Jamie’s parting image he displayed a group of blossoms that had been color altered through the use of computer programs. And although two of the images seemed somewhat comical, the other two were only

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Phil Korth: Growing Underground — Getting Two Growing Seasons in a Zone 4 Climate

by Joyce Hersh, Columbus, Ohio

Phil painted this vivid Northern “Winter Blues” picture for us listeners: You are living in a Zone 4 Climate. It’s February 14! A blizzard is blowing outside. You sit down to the perfect Valentine’s dinner—your favorite food; your homemade wine; candles glowing; soft music in the background. What’s missing? Flowers – your favorite daylilies aren’t there to greet you. But, they can be if you grow daylilies in your basement like Phil Korth of Suamico, Wisconsin, does. Phil and his wife, Luel, decided to grow daylilies indoors under high intensity lights after they became continuously frustrated with their effort at seed production from hybridizing outdoors in the summer. He takes the scientific approach, while Luella is more interested in the artistic value of the daylilies.

Phil explained all the equipment that is involved in conducting the operation. He included details on the electrical service, ballast, light bulbs, light mover, timer, fans, benches, and even the pots he

Bret Clement:
Unusual Forms and the Cracks In-between

by Charlie Ray, West Plainfield, Illinois

Bret led off the 2004 Region 2 Symposium with his presentation. He began by giving us a little history of his involvement with daylilies and the start of his hybridizing program. Bret started growing hems along the fence at his home to avoid having to mow the area. Now, after hybridizing for 7 years, he is building stock for his first introduction, LADDER FOR JACOB, a pink lavender crispate with 7 to 8 inch blooms from JAUNTY JULIE X WILSON SPIDER. It has a 33-inch scape with ladder like branching. Bret sows the seeds directly in the ground in early spring and generally waits three years for bloom in his Carmel, Indiana, garden. He has planted 15,000 or more seeds for the last several years, and his seedlings show that he is beginning to reap the reward for that massive effort.

Bret dabbles in bagels and spiders, but his focus is on Unusual Forms. He reviewed the differences in requirements for registration of spiders and unusual forms. Foreshadowing the panel discussion later in the evening, Bret noted that it isn’t easy to describe an
picture yourself on a boat on a river with tangerine trees and marmalade skies. You ask her a question she answers quite slowly, the girl with kaleidoscope eyes. Liz is in the sky with diamonds and sapphires, rubies and gold.

When it comes to the world of the daylily, Liz Salter is that girl. All her fantastic confections of small and mini daylily introductions will beguile and will enchant all those who are privileged to gaze in wonder on her creations. She is daylily royalty. She and her partner-in-crime, Jeff, garden on two and a half acres in Eustis, Florida. They have changed hybridizing strategy in the last few years and now do most of their crosses in April, in the controlled environment of a large greenhouse. The cooler weather provides them with better seed set and more opportunity to meet and greet visitors during regular outdoor daylily season in May.

Liz has been working with both diploid and tetraploid daylily breeding for many years. Her tet, small-flower program began in the early eighties and has evolved with exciting results since GUINIVERE’S GIFT. Liz’s intros now include flowers with fancy edges, perfect formal forms, bright colors, stippling, a few doubles, and precisely ruffled edges. She has worked to achieve unusual patterns in the small tets with rapid success in the last three years. Some of the most exciting developments have been in the vivid violet-blue eyes, large edges of color, double edges, gold dripping from all over, and with tentacles and teeth on all colors of blossom. The cultivars PIXIE PAGENTRY, CARPATHIAN MAGIC, CHINESE PATCHWORK, MYTH AND MAGIC and MIDNIGHT BANDIT well represent some of the finest small flower tetraploids on the market.

Her diploids offer some of the most outstanding patterns ever seen on a daylily large or small. The patterns take many shapes and forms and sometimes appear on the sepal as well. HEAVEN’S REST, an E. Salter 2004 (MYSTIC MARINER X NAVY BLUES) X DREAM SPIRAL, CRYSTAL BLUE PERSUASION and GREEN TREAT can keep you occupied for hours studying the rare play of colors within the eye zones. Her large elaborate kaleidoscope eyes cover almost the entire flower in every shade, including blue break-and-converge bands and etching almost too impossible to exist in nature. Fairies, wizards, dragons, and spirits do inhabit her world. If ever a rainbow had shattered and fallen to earth, it has landed on the fields in Eustis.

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Grace Stamile, Jeff Salter, Dan Hansen, Ned Roberts, Liz Salter
Image: Phyllis Cantini

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I am most appreciative of Grace Stamile’s talent for small and miniature daylilies, especially her “popcorn” doubles. Her presentation on Sunday at the Cleveland Symposium was called “It’s A Small World After All” and what we saw were a few of her 2004 introductions and their children. Grace opened with a quick view of “the enchanted forest” of Floyd Cove in Enterprise, Florida, LITTLE MUSIC MAKER (Stamile, G 2004 ) diploid D99-48A (Little Wildflower X Roswitha) 20” ERe. nofr. Sev. 3¼”. 6-way branching. 35 buds. Image: http://www.Floydcove.com
Jim Murphy: Starting a New Garden – Hybridizing Diploid Spiders

By Alan Hersh, Columbus, Ohio

The presentation by Jim Murphy at the Region 2 Symposium might as well have been titled “Man Against Nature in Quest of Beauty.” In 2001, Jim Murphy and his wife Margo Reed purchased a new home site of some nine acres located in the steeply rolling hills of the Piedmont Region of Virginia. Jim, an experienced horticulturist, who is employed by a number of horse farm estates in the area, began the task of creating a three-acre garden more suited to their needs as daylily hybridizers. From a landscape that had consisted of about seven and a half acres of lawn, more than an acre of junipers and a half-acre of phlox, Jim began to implement a plan that would allow for a two-acre display garden and an acre of seedling beds for hybridizing.

In his efforts to achieve the results that he desired, he had a number of obstacles to overcome and many challenges to meet. First among his priorities was the challenge of finding water to sustain the plant materials so important to the finished project. After two unsuccessful attempts at drilling wells, Jim decided to harness the water of the adjacent mountain river. He did so by using a ditch witch to dig and lay pipe to bring water onto the property. However, in one of Mother Nature’s quirks, that season brought 86 inches of rain to the location. In the process of building beds, Jim hauled in 24 truckloads of manure to amend the glacial soil. In designing the display garden, he was careful to use a layout that would allow for heavier equipment to access that part of the garden easily. The challenge of excluding deer from the garden resulted in the installation of an eight-foot high mesh deer fence. After trying to plant a...
John Rice: Blue Is Just Another Color
By: Donna Kowalczyk, Sunbury, Ohio

John Rice’s presentation ranged from a description of his daylily operation to a discussion of digital photography for realistic representation of flower color. An example of his expertise in both fields may be found on the front cover of the 2004 Eureka.

John says: “I saw the light in 2003.” He came to believe that not all daylilies had to be 26 inches tall, round, ruffled, and purple. With the development of unusual forms, and with scapes reaching to the level of his eyes, his focus began to change to breeding for more height and for later bloom.

From an enthusiastic beginning in 1994, when he harvested 50,000 seeds with no land in which to plant them, until the present time at his Thoroughbred Daylilies, 25 miles west of Lexington, Kentucky, John’s farm has continued to produce many beautiful plants. Today, with horses and Belted Galloway cattle as neighbors, he now cultivates 20-30 thousand new seeds each year.

He plants his seeds in rows three feet apart and lets the plants grow there until they bloom. His standard commercial size greenhouse is used for hybridizing and propagating. In the greenhouse on a cloudy day, John says just about everything sets pods when pollinated.

Among the many beautiful slides that John presented were FLOCK OF DOVES, (the much-used in breeding) MEGGIE’S SMILE, RAINBOW ITALIAN ICE, YOU LOOK MARVELOUS, and TRULY ANGELIC, which John believes may be one of his best introductions. Among the 2004 introductions was DON HAROLD named for Mr. Rice’s friend in Georgia, who holds unusual theories on the development of blue daylilies. His friend believes that the first blue will come from either a white seed or a stippled daylily. Like many other hybridizers, John is still trying to achieve that goal.

All images from: http://johnracedaylilies.com

David Kirchhoff: Double Your Pleasure
by Kathy Guest-Shadrack

David Kirchhoff does not give a talk — David Kirchhoff works the room. And so he did at the Region 2 symposium. David enjoys the confidence of a seasoned hybridizer and a born performer, and his programs are never the same twice. This was no exception.

David’s Cleveland program was on his famous doubles line of daylilies. He said that he first came to daylilies in the 50’s, but that—when he left for college—his mother threw his early work away. So, when he returned to hybridizing in 1971, he was starting from the very beginning, and the state of the art was DOUBLE CUTIE. At that time, he hybridized the way most of us do—putting pretty on pretty—until, slowly, his distinctive line of doubles began to show itself. Once focused, he worked and refined until he introduced his first double, BETTY WOODS, in 1981, a full ruffled yellow. Soon after came the famous double peach, CODYTED.

David was having success with dips which flowed easily for him. He was finding the tets less cooperative. He then took us for a stroll through some of his legacy: STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, a black red with a nosegay center; HOLY MACKEREL, a hose-in-hose cherry red; FORTY SECOND STREET, a breakthrough pastel eyed double; and my personal favorite, SCHNICKEL FRITZ, a near white dormant full, double cutie.

KAY DAY, David Kirchhoff’s 2004 registration is named for one of the “first ladies of daylilies,” a former AHS president who has helped David create an unsurpassed daylily-auction spirit during previous Region 2 symposiums in Cleveland.

WAHLE OF A TRUFFLE is also one of David’s 2004 registrations. It is nicknamed “giant” in Daylily World Gardens. It is a full petaloid double with tightly ruffled and serrated edges.

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**Jim Biaglow:**
*Maximum Output with Minimum Effort*

*By Diane Pruden, Milford, Michigan.*

Before Jim’s program, I took a look at the AHS database and found that he had registered 36 plants as of the most recent records. His hybridizing program was described in some detail with examples of important parents, and the number of seeds from various crosses that produced beautiful plants as well as beautiful flowers. Jim’s objective is the development of a unique line of northern daylilies that have:
- Vigorous growth
- good blooming habits (Bud count, branching, and rebloom)
- Fertility both ways.

Jim’s scope is the investigation of various unique combinations of daylilies, including:
- Hardy with hardy
- Hardy with tender
- Newest with older varieties.

His milestones are plants that meet program objectives in:
- First generation of crosses
- Second generation of crosses
- Third generation of crosses

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**Lee Pickles:**
*Potpourri of the Way Things are Done at Chattanooga Daylilies*

*By Cynthia and Ken Blanchard*

Being assigned the time slot just before lunch is not exactly a speaker’s dream. Nevertheless, Lee Pickles managed to inform, inspire, and entertain us for an hour before lunch without losing even one symposium attendee to the aromas wafting from the grill. Quite a feat! Chattanooga Daylilies is the business of Lee and Jean Pickles. It is located in Hixson, Tennessee, an unincorporated area of Chattanooga. Lee and Jean began growing daylilies in the 1980’s, and Lee’s hybridizing program was started in 1986. He credits friends, local hybridizer Denver Scott, and Dr. C.E. Branch of Piper City, Illinois, for encouraging him in this endeavor. They introduced their first cultivars in 1996. The Pickles now evaluate several thousand seedlings annually and introduce 6-8 beautiful new daylilies each year.

In 1993, after moving to a new property with room to accommodate their expanding daylily passion, they erected a greenhouse to use in their hybridizing efforts. All of the hybridizing is now done inside the greenhouse. Lee noted that plants that are difficult pod parents outside readily set seedpods inside. Hybridizing inside in the spring also frees the Pickles during the busy summer months.

This allows them time to pursue other activities such as trout fishing and basic garden maintenance.

Lee gave a detailed explanation of the way in which their greenhouse is used. For those of us shivering in Zone 5 ice and snow, his method presented a reasonable approach to accelerating our northern breeding programs.

The plants they select for hybridizing are cleaned up and moved into the greenhouse in November. After growing inside for several months, the plants begin blooming in late February. Pollen anthers

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Lee Pickles: Potpourri of the Way Things are Done at Chattanooga Daylilies (continued from page 32)

are collected in egg cartons and then transferred to large, sectioned pillboxes for freezing. When pollen from a specific plant is needed for breeding, it is placed into a smaller pillbox and allowed to warm up. Using reverse tweezers to hold the pollen anthers, Lee pollinates the pod plant then meticulously marks the cross he has made. Once pods mature, the seeds are harvested and stored in labeled 2" x 3" zip lock bags and placed in the refrigerator.

The Pickles’ seed starting procedures vary from year to year. Generally the seeds are planted in labeled, 6-compartment trays. Bottom heat is supplied by placing the seed trays on an electric blanket covered with plastic. After germination, it takes approximately six weeks before the small seedlings are ready to transplant. The tops are then trimmed so the plants are about six inches tall and the roots are carefully separated. These seedlings are transplanted into seed trays or tree trays, which have separate cells and room for deep root growth. Lee also recommended treating for fungus gnats at this time and applying a slow release fertilizer with a composition of 15-9-12. He mentioned Osmocote Plus as one fertilizer that he frequently uses. If trout fishing trips do not interfere, the Pickles begin planting the seedlings outside in April. They are planted in 50’ beds, 4” apart, and 5 rows wide. Paths are left between these large sections. The plants will continue to grow in these beds until they are selected or culled. After planting a crop of new seedlings, 90% of these daylilies are expected to bloom the next summer. Lee noted that there are many different procedures that can be used in hybridizing and seed starting. This method has worked well for them but it is not the only effective method. Each hybridizer must find what works best in his/her situation. Lee concluded the program with a tantalizing slide show of new and future introductions. Among the beautiful daylily pictures were several slides of their “yellow” Lab, Sara Lee, who appears to drink copious amounts of Diet Coke throughout the day! A daylily has been found with a tantalizing patterned eyes, etched eyes and edges of all descriptions that itself worthy of introduction, but throws wonderful seedlings. We saw GLORIOUS AUTUMN, another tailored double in muted shades of bronze and gold, evoking the brilliant fall colors of our maple forests.

David, explaining that he forgot to send his seedling slides ahead as requested...capped the program with a taste of things to come: doubles and singles. And amazing things these were! Bright reds to near whites, and intricate patterned singles that David is bringing into his doubles lines to make them “fancier.” He says he notices that using melons seems to advance and refine the flowers more quickly—having said that—he flashed us a spectacular shot of a double red with a toothed white edge that, says he, is not in the second bloom season. From a very modest 10 seeds of the cross CREATIVE EDGE X EMPEROR’S DRAGON, he selected 3 introductions. They are FAIRY TALE KINGDOM, FAIRY TALE DRAGON and one, yet to be named. Jim showed slides of each of the kids, and all were lovely and would make great additions to any garden.

Although I am not a hybridizer, this program provided good, detailed insight into a successful program using relatively few seeds each year. It’s obvious that this method has provided ongoing satisfaction and excitement for Jim.

David Kirchoff: Double Your Pleasure (continued from page 31) From this point on, David showed a kaleidoscope of photos in quick succession. ROOTBEER TRUFFLE is a wonderful rich bitone, chocolaty outer petals and a café au lait center. SANFORD DOUBLE DOOOZIE is a chic “ashes of roses” color with a wine, lipstick-print eye. PASSION FRUIT TRUFFLE is a gorgeous, extremely ruffled rich orange sherbet.

As he progressed, David discussed the difficulty in photographing doubles due to the special depth of field demands they have. And, it was not helping his disposition that the slide projector refused to remain in focus. He then very smoothly mentioned how he had neglected to forward slides of his introductions, and so we moved into a bouquet of ‘04’s… CARROT ROUGE TRUFFLE is a more tailored and refined melony-orange blend. DUTCH YELLOW TRUFFLE is the opposite; it is an incredibly ruffled yet organized lemon yellow. And, then, a very special series of slides showing the various complexities of KAY DAY, a wonderful coral pink double with a narrow gold edge that looks different from every other daylily. Another changing is the cinnamon and toothed WHALE OF A TRUFFLE. And then, in the “futures” selections, we saw GLORIOUS AUTUMN, another tailored double in muted shades of bronze and gold, evoking the brilliant fall colors of our maple forests.

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And so David does doubles … and David did the Region 2 Symposium.

If you haven’t attended a Region 2 Symposium, you should!
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The Cleveland Event at its Best (cont. from page 24)

auctioneers moved swiftly through the donations, and the shout SOLD was heard in a matter of seconds. What really was great was to have the picture of each donation on the screen, courtesy of Heidi Willet’s effort.

The Spider/Unusual Forms forum got off to a rousing debate with everyone throwing in their 2 cents worth. So enthusiastic was the group in debating the form that we were eventually thrown out of the room at midnight, so the hotel could get that room ready for the next day. We never did get through all the questions that had been sent in to the forum leader, Bret Clement.

Kudos also go to the hotel staff as, each day, the meeting room was set up with pitchers of water, mints, paper and pen at each seat. Coffee, tea, and soda were always on hand. The Saturday dinner was one of the best I have ever had at a conference – buffet with salads, pastas, vegetables, salmon, chicken cordon bleu, roast beef, and desserts to die for. Continental breakfast Sunday was included with the registration fee.

Saturday and Sunday’s presentations by Jim Biaglow, John Rice, Jim Murphy, Lee Pickles, Karol Emmerich, David Kirchoff, Pat Stamile, Elizabeth Salter, Phil Korth, Grace Stamile, and Jamie Gossard were enough to make one wish for more land, more money, and more time to grow all their intros. They are all working their magic on the daylily, and spider lover that I am, there was not one I would not love to grow as my own.

There was a very emotional moment when Region 2 RVP Ed Myers took the podium to recognize Curt Hanson for his 2003 AHS Stout Medal Winning cultivar and when Northeast Daylily Society President Doug Bowen presented Curt with a watercolor of his PRIMAL SCREAM. The audience came to its feet to give Curt a very rousing congratulations on his achievement. We are so proud of Heidi Willet’s effort.

Bret Clement: Unusual Forms and the Cracks In-between (cont. from p. 28)

unalus form, but paraphrasing Justice Stewart “I know it when I see one.”

To help us understand what constitutes an unusual form, Bret took us on a visual tour of the unusual forms definition through slides of his seedlings. He began with a few slides from his tet program, noting that he felt SWIRLING SPIDER is a great parent for tet UF’s.

Dips are Bret’s passion and account for 75% of his unusual forms program. Bret mentioned Ned Roberts, the Reinkes, Margo Reed and Region 2’s own Jim Shields as hybridizers of much of his breeding stock. Bret recommended PRAGUE SPRING and WILSON SPIDER as possible building blocks in a new UF program.

As Bret showed us examples of crispates, several of his seedlings from PURPLE CORN DANCER caught my eye, as did a cross of CAPULINA X KACHINA DANCER. When demonstrating quilling, Bret included a seedling from DAMSEL IN DISTRESS X SPIRAL CHARMER that shows this trait on all six tepals. We were also treated to examples of spatulates and cascading forms from his program.

A REGENCY HEIGHTS X PURPLE CORN DANCER seedling was shown on two slides. In one it appeared as a fairly normal bagel-type bloom. In the other it was definitely a quilled UF. Ned Roberts mentioned to me that this was caused by changes in the temperature at bloom time.

Bret finished his presentation by showing examples of blooms that fall in the cracks. They don’t meet the definition of spiders or unusual forms but are certainly well outside the mainstream. A TRUE TO WHIM X PURPLE THUNDERBIRD seedling particularly caught my eye. Bret’s program helped us gain a better understanding of what does and what does not qualify as an unusual form. We also got the first opportunity to see the progress he is making in his program right here in Region 2. A very promising beginning for Bret, and a great opening program for the symposium.

Patrick Stamile: Pushing the Envelope

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Colors are becoming more saturated. Pinks are really pinks and purples are really purples. Near white daylilies are getting closer and closer to pure white. Bright colors are more brilliant. Don’t forget the brilliant screaming color of Curt Hanson’s PRIMAL SCREAM.

In conclusion, Patrick emphasized that we should be open minded to all the possibilities of the modern daylily. Hybridizers are pushing the envelope in every possible direction, creating new boundaries and laying new groundwork for the future. There is no limit.

Jamie Gossard, Becky Hutchins from Carlton, Michigan, and Karin Jonasson from Ontario, Canada. Photo: Gisela Meckstroth

The Region One “Unusual Forms”: Mike Lamb, Kathy Lamb, Amanda Engstrom. Image: Karen Ciula
Grace Stamile: A Small World After All (continued from p.30)

what she has been wanting in her line. From plain flowers, now come the bold eyes and picotee all around the petal in a flower that is under 3 inches. Grace was quick to comment on bringing Pat’s line into hers with PANTHER EYES and AWESOME CANDY. She said, “It sure is nice being married to a hybridizer; we don’t waste our resources!” Also, Pat has converted several of her blue eyed diploids which she’ll use this year in her tetraploid program. We viewed a dozen pictures of seedlings from the above cultivars that were wonderfully colorful, finished blooms with big eyes on little 3 inch single flowers. Even though her program is small, 200 seedlings a year, her success is significant.

Her diploid program is for small singles with blue and patterned eyes and white faces on the same short, compact plants. One which is already registered, GOT THE BLUES, shows eye pattern and a slight light edge. When you see something new and different in a flower, like a light edge, use it! See where it goes for your line. Seedlings shown ranged in colors with blue eyes, veining of color, a charcoal eye, even a dark blue eye, bicolor gems with eyes. Most of the 20+ slides of future diploids got oohs and ahhs galore. The future certainly looks bright here by the audience’s reactions.

The same standards are required in her doubles program, but they must rebloom twice or they are history. LITTLE MUSIC MAKER is used for eyes and to give a good bud count. MAGICIANS APPRENTICE and LITTLE GYPSY GIRL will be used to bring lighter edges to the minis. LITTLE ENCHANTRESS (a 12 inches tall and 2 ½ inches bloom with 30 buds) is used heavily and is one of her favorites. Other new intros such as LITTLE TWO STEP, a little purple (2 ½ inches) may also go into her lighter edge line, LITTLE STARLET (a 2 ½ inch bloom, 15” at clump strength with 40+ bud count), and LITTLE MISS MANNERS (a 2 inch bloom and 13 inches at clump strength and a bud count of 34+) all make wonderful parents. The future looks mighty good for the doubles in the additional 16 slides that were shown. Program goals are being met with each season. Scapes are getting shorter, bud counts are increasing, new color variations, and new forms develop. Grace’s small flowered successes will always be appreciated and desired by the large world of daylily lovers.

Hybridizing for the Unusual—or—From Hot Rods to Hot Heads (continued from page 27)

slightly color altered. In doing so, there were color and pattern traits that showed up that were actually in the plants. So these two were not too far from reality and highlighted more possibilities and how close he actually is to achieving some of his goals. In conclusion, Jamie challenged us to open our minds to break the mold. In appreciation, as did the next slide showing the same seedling in polytepald form. Look for this one in future, Paul has pre-registered the name.

Phil Korth: Growing Underground: Getting Two Growing Seasons in a Zone 4 Climate (continued from page 29)

uses. They put up selected daylilies in late August to mid September and bring the plants inside in mid November. Because of limited space, they can only select about 60 plants. Blooms can begin around January 1 and peak bloom is in February. So, they can enjoy their daylilies in the middle of winter, while the rest of us are pining for summer to see our favorite friends. They quit hybridizing around March 25 and take the plants outside some time in May. This winter program gives them more time to do other things like going fishing or go on vacation in the summer time.

They have found that large flowers are preferred for their garden impact. An important goal in hybridizing is the ability to open well in cool weather. After all, even in the summer, northern Wisconsin can produce cool evenings. Phil and Luel work with plants that are hardy, preferably dormant, have good vigor, high bud count, and are consistently beautiful. As a result of their hybridizing program, they have learned to use a limited number of crosses, use their own seedlings as much as possible, and to narrow their focus as to what types of flowers they work with.

You too can enjoy daylilies when snow is on the ground and there are limited hours of daylight. If you would like more detailed information on this great hybridizing program, you can contact Phil Korth at pkorth@netnet.net.

Jim Murphy: Starting a New Garden – Hybridizing Diploid spiders (continued from page 30)

deer resistant border that failed to keep the deer away, the fence was later elevated to ten feet and reinforced with wire strands. Jim also relocated an entire pond, rock by rock from Margo’s former home, as well as hundreds of pots of plants to the new garden.

The garden is named Woodhenge and, in keeping with the theme, a number of large stone artistic elements have been added to the landscape. Jim’s experience as a horticulturist is evident in his unique use of materials in his companion plantings. His hybridizing program is focusing primarily on the development of later blooming unusual forms and spiders that have taller than usual scapes with good bud counts. His 2004 introductions mostly all range from over three feet to well over four and one half feet in height. One of his introductions, LOTSA DOTS is extremely unique in the overall darker dots displayed throughout the petals. He is continuing his work with diploids, but is also branching out to tet and breeding polytepals with good growth habit and bud count. Jim also showed us some of Margo’s 2004 introductions and future intros to close out his presentation. From his experiences with developing his garden, he is more than willing to share his list of deer resistant plants for others to use. One cannot wait to see what the future will bring to Jim and Margo’s garden at Woodhenge.

Paul Judge: A Canadian Mapleleaf (continued from page 26)

CANDY and WEDDING BAND along with Mort Morss’ WITCH STITCHERY show attractive dark eyes on pastel backgrounds. In looking for blooms with appliqued throats, Paul showed a selection of nice results from a cross of Curt Hanson’s SHELL CARVING by Jeff Salters’ DARING DILEMMA. From a different cross, Paul then showed two slides of a creamy pastel yellow bloom with a reddish-plum band surrounding a dramatic darker yellow starburst-like appliqued throat. This unique image drew murmurs of appreciation, as the next slide showing the same seedling in polytepald form. Look for this one in future, Paul has pre-registered the name as “Internal Combustion!” Thank you Paul for sharing your young hybridizing program with us.
This year we were honored to have Steve Moldovan and Roy Woodhall from Moldovan Gardens in Avon, Ohio, as our guest speakers at our annual January dinner meeting. Steve and Roy took us through 50 years of hybridizing, and we enjoyed seeing slides of what is coming in the future. Members, who contribute time and effort over and above what is required by helping our society to continue our work in spreading our love and passion for hostas and daylilies, were recognized with “Swamp Bucks.” They can use these “Swamp Bucks” in lieu of money to renew their dues, buy plants at the spring sale, daylilies at the annual summer auction, etc.

“Growing Annuals Under Lights” was the topic of Win Sturgeon’s talk at our February meeting. Win explained how he grows hundreds of unusual annuals from seed in the crawl space of his house.

Our club members will participate in the Lucas County library gardening event “Plan It, Plant It” on Saturday, May 1. This will be a day-long event at the main library with six featured speakers covering topics such as the contributions of three great gardening institutions in Toledo, getting your garden ready for spring, organic gardening, and landscaping within your budget. We plan to hold our annual “Perennial Plant Sale” in May at the Farmer Jack’s parking lot. This is our society’s only fund-raiser to support our 21st Century Project at Toledo Botanical Garden, our “577 Foundation project,” and the new Stranahan Arboretum project in 2004. We are continuing our library project this year and will donate new books to the ten participating area libraries, a project which our club began in 2003.

This year, our annual members’ garden tour and picnic will be held on a Sunday at the 577 Foundation. Tours of the 577 Foundation garden will be included in the day’s festivities as well as tours of several of our members’ gardens. In 2002 we began working with 577 by putting in a shade garden, and last year members made a 100 foot long daylily display garden with over 100 named varieties next to the main parking lot. They also planted hostas into a children’s art display area, and installed labels to properly identify all the new plants. We will hold a “Daylily Expo” on Sunday afternoon, July 11 at Toledo Botanical Garden. Daylilies and floral arrangements will be on display, and food tasting and daylily recipes will also be available. A daylily-dividing demonstration, tours of the Daylily Walk, and much more will be offered. This is a great opportunity to come and learn “everything you ever wanted to know about daylilies.”

Our annual bus trip will be in July. Plans are now being finalized, and it is sure to be a great trip!

In August we will participate in the “Arts in the Garden” event sponsored by the Resident Organizations Council of Toledo Botanical Garden on Sunday, August 8. The local artists village will have its houses open. The horticultural groups will have information tables in the Conference Center and provide tours of the gar-

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Northeast Ohio Daylily Society
By Doug Bowen

The night after the winter banquet I found myself pondering. How did I become such a fan of daylilies? How in the world did I end up becoming president of our daylily society? What am I going to write about for the newsletter? Then I remembered something Libby Watson said at the club dinner last night. She mentioned how Laura and Patti (friends of ours) became hooked on daylilies just like Amy (another friend of ours) did a year ago. Going through the phases, planting seeds, and cultivating a deeper interest came flowing to my mind. The result is what follows.

I am a fan of daylilies. Like all fans, there is a line of parents behind them. And I, like everyone else, should blame my parents for where I was. Right? It was May 1998, and my mom was dying of cancer. I was releasing stress by building flower beds. I had no idea why, but I just kept hauling rocks from the creek, forming unique patterns, then ordering truck loads of soil to fill them in. At that time the only thing that mattered was building them not filling them up.

Then it happened. It was mid-July. I was coming home after tying up one of the loose ends after the funeral. Daylilies For Sale, that’s what the sign said. It instantly struck a chord in me: A daylily bed in memory of my mom. That’s when I met the Wilcoxes a few blocks away and came home with a truck bed full of daylilies. Hours later I had an instant garden.

Within weeks I found out that one of my co-workers, Claudine, and her best friend Libby collected daylilies. They invited me to join NODS. A garden club! YUK! Well, the initial 13 daylilies grew to 50 daylilies the next summer. By the following year the numbers reached 150. I’ve lost count since then.

So, I guess you could say that the Wilcoxes, Libby, and Claudine were my cultivars. Impressed with my garden, I became a parent to a seedling called Michelle, a student in my Jazzercise class. Since then, Libby and I became parents for two more seedlings called Marilyn and Amy. In the past month Amy and I branched out further to become parents to Patti and Laura, who by the way took home a large portion of the silent auction and raffle items at the dinner! Then this mourning in class another friend of ours asked if I could join NODS. A major clump has started to form. We are doing some major branching.

So back to my pensiveness. How did I become such a fan of daylilies and the president of NODS? The answer is mom, the best friend I ever had. All my friends called her “mom.” She was part of the gang. I guess things never change even with death. She is still butting in on my life and taking over my friends! They just don’t know it. I’m sure she doesn’t care! What matters is that on July 8, 2004, six years after her death, there will be six yards of daylilies blooming in her name! I’m sure she planned this all along.

NODS WINTER BANQUET

The winter banquet was an event not to be missed. The quaint character of Punderson Manor was unsurpassed. Forty two members enjoyed the inviting fireplace, cheerful decorations and rustic atmosphere. Although the Manor is said to be haunted, no ghost were encountered. The buffet dinner, which included Forest Chicken, roasted pork, a variety of side dishes and deserts was fabulous!

A short business meeting was held after dinner. The modified bylaws were reviewed and approved. Jani Sikon and Kelly Schultz (not present) were presented with awards of appreciation for cultivating the society over the past three years to what it has evolved to today. With Curt Hanson out of town, the presentation of the Primal Scream portrait was postponed until the symposium where he would be among his peers. A brief discussion about the newsletter and the daylily sale was held.

Close to seven hundred dollars was raised at the silent auction and raffle. Thanks to everyone who donated and supported this event. Special thanks to Curt Hanson and Rick and Jill Yost for their generous daylily donations.

Upcoming NODS Events:

May 2, 2004 Spring Event

The Northeast Ohio Daylily Spring Event will start out at 12:30 p.m. at the Cleveland Museum of Art cafeteria where we will have lunch and a short business meeting discussing the July Scape Event and Daylily Sale. The group will proceed down the street to the Cleveland Botanical Garden for a guided tour of the Greenhouse and Gardens.

The Greenhouse has two breathtaking and distinct ecosystems. The first ecosystem is the Spiny Desert of Madagascar which includes a lush oasis, towering cliffs, a massive rock outcropping and trees that appear to be growing upside down.

The second ecosystem is the Cloud Forest of Costa Rica which includes a waterfall, orchids, butterlies and a majestic Strangler Fig tree 75 feet above a rushing river gorge. A tour of the 10 acres of display gardens will include a rose garden, a topiary garden, a Japanese Garden, a water lily garden and much more. It will be an afternoon not to be missed.

All pre-registering members will receive a gift daylily sponsored by NODS and Curt Hanson of Crintonic Gardens. Cost for NODS members is $10. For more information please contact NODS Pres. Doug Bowen at 440-729-7531 or digdug12084@aol.com.

July 17 & 18, 2004 Daylily Scape Event and Sale

The 2004 Daylily Scape Event and Sale will be held at Penitentiary Glen of the Lake County Metroparks, which is located five minutes from I-90 and the SR 306 exit. The Event and Sale hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Last year, there were over 200 varieties of daylily cultivars donated for sale, and this year should be just as spectacular.

Two technical class sessions will be available during this weekend event. The first one will be on Saturday from 1:00 p.m to 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Curt Hanson, and his topic will be, “Hybridizer, from Crintonic Gardens.” Mr. Hanson’s daylily PRIMAL SCREAM is the winner of the prestigious 2003 Stout Award. The title of his session is yet to be announced. Cost for this session is $10.00.

The second technical class session will be on Sunday from 1:00 p.m to 2:00 p.m. The speaker will be Kelly Schultz, and the title of her session will be “Daylilies 101: Incorporating Daylilies Into Your Garden.” Ms. Schultz is currently a garden designer with previous experience at the Holden Arboretum. Admission to this session is free of charge. Contact Penitentiary Glen at 440-256-1404 to register.
Indiana Daylily-Iris Society
By Shirley Toney

Club schedule:
May 5th: .................. Meeting, Speaker - Jo Ellen Myers Sharp: “New Introductions for 2005”
May 15: ........................................ Iris Show
May 16: .................. Shopping at a local nursery and Speaker”
June 1: .................. “Companion Plants for Iris and Daylilies”
July 10: ........................................ Daylily Show
July 25: .................. Meeting, To be announced
August 3: .................. Daylily Sale
August 22: .................. Annual Pitch-in/Plant Exchange
September 12: .................. Annual Awards Banquet
October 9: .................. Annual Awards Banquet

Our dear friend and President, Betty Polanka, passed away unexpectedly on May 4. She will be sadly missed by all of us. Her husband and son remember her this way:

Betty Jean Polanka was born in 1933 on a farm near St. Elmo, Illinois. It was on this farm that she first learned to love all forms of life, plant, animal, and human. After completing her schooling and getting married, Betty and her husband, Joe, purchased their first home in Pekin during 1957. Her own flower collection began at this home on the first soil that Betty and Joe purchased. Although they moved five times in the next twelve years, Betty transplanted her flowers with each and every move.

After Pekin, she and her family relocated to Stillman Valley where Betty became acquainted with Walter Yost, a daylily hybridizer. Walter first influenced Betty’s love and knowledge of daylilies. Some of Walter’s varieties given to Betty in the 1960’s are still a part of her garden today.

In 1969 her husband accepted a position in Columbus, Indiana, where Betty has resided since that time. Soon after relocating, she joined the Columbus Flower Lane Garden Club. Her membership has remained active in this club for over 30 years, and she even participated in the annual plant sale on her last day on earth, delivering two truck loads of plants. She was known as the “walking encyclopedia” in her club. In the 1970’s, her garden club contacts led her to Marge Soules, a member of the Indiana Daylily-Iris Society. It was Marge, Rosie Stam and other daylily and iris growers who spurred Betty’s interest in these flowers and the IDIS. She accepted the position of president for the second time after serving once more than a decade before.

Although Betty’s interest was truly in growing, she did hybridize one daylily, which she called Myne. Although she never introduced it, she shared this flower with several of her daylily friends. Betty loved her flowers, she loved sharing them with others even more.

Black Swamp Hosta and Daylily Society (cont.)

In September we will visit Select Stone in Toledo to learn first hand about using stone and “hardscape” items in our gardens. In October we will have a speaker from North Branch Nursery in Pembroville, and in November we will have our year end potluck.

We have a fun filled and busy year planned for 2004. If you’re in the area, be sure to come to our meetings and events!

Visitors are expected and welcomed.

Central Michigan Daylily Society
By Tom Sevcech

Here is the Calendar of Events:
March 20 .................. Regular meeting at Mt. Pleasant Library
April 17 .................. Regular meeting at Mt. Pleasant Library
May 16 .................. Perennial Sale. Tom and Carol Sevcech.
June 20 .................. Summer Social. Phil and Ginger Lisik.
July .................. Garden Tour in Big Rapids. Jim and Carol Block.
July .................. Cleveland Garden Tour.
July .................. Flower Show at Midland Mall.
August .................. Social. Bruce and Pat Kovach.

Central Illinois Daylily Society
By Shari Goodfield

A visit to John Norris’ garden is planned for Saturday, May 22. His address is 5549 Hogan Road, Auburn, IL. Call him at 217-438-6524 for directions, if necessary. John has a beautiful and large garden. Roy Houser will also have an open garden on that same date. Roy lives just down the street from John Norris, and you can walk between the gardens.

MEMBERS ONLY daylily plant sale is scheduled for Friday, May 14, 2004.

Plans for a bus trip to Hornbacker’s Gardens (north of Peoria, IL) on June 5, 2004, are being finalized. We are first going to Lee’s Gardens in Tremont, Illinois, that morning and then to Hornbacker’s in Princeton, Illinois. Please bring a sack lunch as Hornbacker’s is huge and closes at 5 p.m.

Then we’ll have an early supper at the Oak Room in Princeton. Reservations should be in to Sandy Gabriell at 217-498-7320 no later than May 14. Excess tickets will then be offered to nonmembers. The cost is $10 for members and $20 for nonmembers—if the bus is not full.


Do you have pre-1982 Region 2 newsletters issues or AHS Daylily Journals?

• If you do, please don’t throw them out.
• You could donate them to Region 2.

Please contact your Region 2 Editor

A big Thank You from your Region 2 Newsletter editor. Again, so many of you volunteered to write up the wonderful garden tour description, symposium presentations, and news about your local clubs.

Yours is the special dedication I have found so admirable in daylily lovers.

Gisela
Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society

For information on all SMHS activities and locations, contact Nikki Schmith, club president, at 248-739-9006 (cell phone). Check the club’s website at: http://www.daylilyclub.com for details. Guests are welcome at all listed meetings.

Lee Alden reports this 2004 lineup of officers:
President: Nikki Schmith, Vice President: Gloria Hite
Treasurer: Arnie Oseland, Recorder: Lee Alden
Board Members: Barb DeLisle, Bill Kapustka, LaVere Webster.

May 21 7:00 pm: ................. Videos of Marshkes’ Gardens
June 5: ......................... First Annual Early Season Plant Sale
Saturday, Sunday, July 10–11: :..... Open Gardens Weekend
If you’d like to have your garden on the list, contact Nikki at 248-739-9006
July 17: ......................... Exhibition Show+Sale
(non-SMHS members welcome), Judges Clinic I, Laurel Park Place Mall- Livonia, MI
August 28 or 29: :..... Corn Roast, Garden Judges Workshop
October 22 7:00 pm: .............. General Membership Meeting
and Chili Potluck ! Guests welcome! Slide presentation of members’ favorite daylilies, seedlings or garden shots.

SMHS Holds a Gala Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange

by Lee Alden, Whitewater, Michigan

SMHS held its Gala Holiday Potluck and Gift Exchange yesterday at the splendid home of members Rick, Liza, and Angela York. It is a setting truly for the artist, with a wide arc of windows looking out through the Cedars and having a vista of Whipple Lake. Inside, it was just as wonderful. The walls were decorated with Liza’s very fine water colors—of DAYLILIES! Along with the Christmas tree, surrounded with a ton of presents for the “exchange,” what more could you ask for? Well, how about a table heavily laden with everybody’s favorite home-cooked dish! Baked Ham, supplied by the club, sweet potatoes, Tahitian salad, green bean caserole, potatoes au gratin, Phyllis’s tasty cranberry salad, several tossed salads, about 6 or 7 other salads, 3 rice dishes all of which were a delight, a bowl of special chicken wings baked with a particularly zippy glaze, a splendid sweet potato-pecan bread, and I have to mention LaVere’s very original Bean Soup, and even with this list I have omitted half of the goodies present. There was also a separate table laden with desserts. Lynn Adams brought her deadly, chocolate coated toffee (great!); Lorna, our special Canadian baker, brought a super cherry cheesecake; other pies, puddings, and cookies crowded the table. Whew! I managed to limit myself to a thin slice of cheesecake and a two chunks of toffee, but when I cruised by later, hoping to pick up a little extra, I found the table empty of all but crumbs.

This is, undoubtedly, our club’s favorite festive event, and every year it just keeps getting grander! Greg Schindler, in his alter-persona of Saint Nick, read off the Christmas classic “T” was the Night Before Christmas.” Everyone had drawn a slip of paper holding a phrase from the poem and, as your portion was read, you could come forward and select a present from under the Tannenbaum. Most folks kind of sauntered back and forth before making their selection; not so in my case, I had my eye on a basket I knew came from Lorna Desmarais—it was easy to spot with the Canadian Maple Leaf on it, eh. Filled with homemade jams, jellies and syrups, I knew I had a winner! All were pretty happy with their presents—no boxes of coal this year. Arnie Oseland passed out Eurekas at a special club price. Everyone oooohed and aaaaahed at Marietta Crabtree’s photos pictured in it. Marietta was typically modest, but you could tell that she was rather pleased!

Nikki Schmith presented our consummate hosts, Rick and Liza, with a large platter, handpainted with (what else!) DAYLILIES! This was a modest Thank-You for opening their home to all of us. The rooms were continually abuzz with conversation and folks moved so freely that an accurate count was most difficult. It all ended too soon, but at this northerly latitude darkness arrives pretty early in December. Angela, the very helpful grand-daughter of Pat Salk, who had taken coats on our arrival, had the difficult task of retrieving the proper jackets - she proved to be adept at the task and brave to have spent the entire day with a chattering and gleeeful group of “old codgers.”

It was a very fun event! I have tried to report it all, but I know that I have left out probably half of it.

Judy Davisson (Waterford, Michigan) reports the November 9 death of Al Goldner, one of the pioneers of tetraploid hybridizing. The obituary in the Detroit Free Press reminded the daylily world of some of Al’s accomplishments: Al held a degree in Floriculture and was manager for Regner’s Nursery in Dearborn and served as garden buyer for the J.L. Hudson Company where he was instrumental in the development of the outdoor garden center that was created for the “new” Northland Mall. In 1953, Goldner Walsh Inc. was formed. The retail garden center specialized in residential landscape construction and unusual plant materials, and he introduced the concept of using exotic plant materials, such as Azaleas, Japanese Maples and unusual conifers to landscape. Back then, the traditional plant materials used were spirea, junipers and yews. Al served as president of the Michigan Nurseryman’s Landscape Association (MNLA) in 1962 and was president of the Metro Detroit Landscape Association (MLDA) 1965-1966. He served on numerous committees throughout the industry, including the Beal Botanical Garden at Michigan State University. One of Al’s loves had been the breeding of daylilies for landscapes. Al registered SEARS TOWER in 2000.

Prairieland Daylily Society

By Randall Klipp

President Randall Klipp announces the following Daylily Schedule for 2004:

Regular meetings ................................................. April 16
Silent Auction ....................................................... May 16
Show ................................................................. July 10
Road Trip ............................................................ July 30
Sale ................................................................. Aug 7
Banquet......................................................... September 18 (Speaker Gloria Hite)
Annual Ham & Friends Social .......................... October 17

Graphic by Jill Yost, Pataskala, Ohio.
**RUST**

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**AHS Awards & Honors Earned by Region 2 Hybridized Daylilies**

- **Stout Silver Medal**: PRIMAL SCREAM (Curt Hanson 94) (Please go to Page 33 for more.)
- **Don C. Stevens Award**: BROOKWOOD LEE CAUSEY (Leo Sharp 98)
- **Award of Merit Runners-up**: SOUTH SEAS (Steve Moldovan) FRANCIS OF ASSISI (Steve Moldovan)
- **Honorable Mention**: Albert Grooms for • MOUNT HELENA Curt Hanson for • WOMEN SEEKING MEN • JOAN DERIFIELD • WIND IN THE RIGGING • STEPHANE GRAPPELLI Steve Moldovan for • VATICAN CITY • DRUMS ALONG THE MOHAWK Leo Sharp for • BROOKWOOD ISABELLA • BROOKWOOD VALLIE SHARP Rick Yost for • GEORGE JETS ON

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A special Thank-You to Metropolitan Columbus DS Member Bernie Grebus for donating some precious Region 2 newsletter copies from long-ago years. These will help fill the gaps in the “Editor’s Box,” a collection of Region 2 newsletters.

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**2005 The Greater Cincinnati Hosta and Daylily Society will sponsor the AHS National Convention June 29 to July 3 Greater Cincinnati “In the Heart of it All” 2005**

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**This and That from AHS to Region 2**

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**Region 2 Hybridized PRIMAL SCREAM Earns the 2003 AHS Stout Silver Medal**

**The Stout Silver Medal**

This medal is the highest honor bestowed upon a daylily. The award commemorates more than fifty years of dedication by Arlow Burdette Stout, noted author, botanist, and daylily hybridizer. His efforts and book, *Daylilies*, were largely responsible for the increased interest in the modern daylily. The Stout Medal winner must receive the largest number of all votes cast by Garden Judges. Should the vote result in a tie, all tying contenders shall be awarded the Stout Silver Medal. In voting for this award, Garden Judges must cast their votes only for cultivars observed in their own regions or in the AHS National Convention tour gardens. To be eligible for this award, a cultivar must have received the Award of Merit a minimum of three years previously. It remains eligible for three years. It is given annually.


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**About PRIMAL SCREAM**

*by Sharon Fitzpatrick and Gisela Meckstroth,*

Until Curt Hanson’s PRIMAL SCREAM earned the 2003 Stout Silver Medal, more that 30 years had gone by since the first and only time an Ohio hybridizer earned this highest award AHS bestows. In 1967 AHS Garden Judges cast their winning Stout Medal votes for FULL REWARD, hybridized by Ohio’s Franklin McVicker.

Altogether, 13 cultivars have won Stout Medals for their Region 2 hybridizers; that is a whopping, almost 25 percent of all Stout Medals since the first AHS Stout Medal was awarded in 1950.

Here is Curt’s prophetic description of his beautiful, highest-award-winning cultivar from his 1994 catalog:

> Fall 1994 Introduction: (MAUNA LOA X TANGERINE PARFAIT) M 34 D Certainly not a flower I expected to find among my seedlings, and certainly one that cannot be overlooked, PRIMAL SCREAM is a flower that you either love or hate. The color is a garish shade of orange with hues of tangerine and curry with a subtle green throat. The flowers often exceed eight inches, and the form is very widespread, reflexed and triangular. The gently ruffled petals are pinched, or quilled symmetrically along midribs, only to flatten again near the tips. In accompaniment, the sepals twist and roll, creating a very graceful effect. While certainly not a true spider, it would definitely be considered a variant. Regardless, it’s something that refuses to go away! Worse yet, the tall, erect scapes display wide four to five-way branching along with copious bud count. Very limited $150

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**Previous Region 2 Stout Medal Winners**

1962 BESS ROSS Elmer A. Claar, IL  
1963 MULTNOMAH Dr. Ezra J. Kraus, IL  
1964 FRANCES FAY Orville W. Fay, IL  
1966 CARTWHEELS Orville W. Fay, IL / Hugh M. Russell, TX  
1967 FULL REWARD F. A. McVicker, OH / F. C. Murphey, OH  
1968 SATIN GLASS Orville W. Fay, IL / Julia B. Hardy, AL  
1969 MAY HALL David F. Hall, IL  
1970 AVA MICHELLE Wilmer B. Flory, IN  
1972 HORTENSIA Charles E. (“Doc”) Branch, IL  
1978 MARY TODD Orville W. Fay, IL  
1985 STELLA DE ORO Walter Jablonski, IN  
1989 BROCADED GOWN Bryant K. Millikan, IN

Source: Region 2 Web Pages (Compiled by: Greg McMullen)
The Daylily Enthusiasts of Southern Indiana
by Judy Heath, Boonville, Indiana.

Not quite a year has gone by and the Daylily Enthusiasts of Southern Indiana (DESI) is on the move. These past few months have been crammed full of many exciting meetings and fellowship.

The DESI sale garden is planted, and those daylilies can hardly wait to make an entrance into the new world. DESI will have their second annual sale on May 1. All members dig, wash, and tag the sale plants. They are then sold under a large tent at the Strouse’s Parking Lot in Evansville. Sounds like a lot of work? No, you would be surprised how much fun they have. All money made at the sale is used on community projects (see photo and article), purchasing new plants for the next year’s sale, and plants for the members. In fact, this past summer, Don and Lea Ann Williams, and Norma Jean Greenlee visited many of the Florida hybridizers. You would not believe all the great plants they brought home. DESI members then had a drawing for these plants. I was elated when I won MORT MORSS. The other plants were equally as nice. Sure hope they make the trip again this summer!

DESI has also had the pleasure of having John Rice as a speaker. The members gained a wealth of information and were delighted as they won some of John’s favorite plants. John has some great new introductions. DESI hosted Don Jerabek and Greg McMullen in February, John Shooter in March, and will host Jan Joiner on April 24.

Last, but not least, DESI will introduce a new Youth program in April. As a way to educate the younger people in daylilies, we will present a workshop as part of the Exploring 4-H project in Vanderburgh County. This program is for all Youth between the grades of K-12. The workshop will educate the children in plant care and showmanship. Each Youth will receive a daylily for which they will care and that they will exhibit at the Vanderburg County Fair later this summer. Daylilies will be shown in containers, and the plants that are not blooming, will be judged on foliage, grooming, and care. All Youth will receive ribbons and each entry will be evaluated. DESI will supply the judges.

Be sure to mark your calendar!! Daylily Heaven in 2007
this will be a Region 2 Summer Meeting you won’t want to miss. As I mentioned before, DESI is on the move. What a fun group of great friends to share a common love.

Be sure to check out all upcoming events on our web pages:
http://www.ahsdesi.com

DESI Community Project
In October, DESI members completed a daylily-planting project at the Bethany Christian Church in Evansville, Indiana. Mr. Vernie Beal, a church member, wanted to beautify his family church. Word got around, and DESI came to the rescue. DESI members donated clumps of daylilies with appropriate names, for example CALL TO WORSHIP, SPEAK OF ANGELS, and HEAVEN KNOWS. They amended the soil, planted the daylilies, and put up markers. Mr. Beal watched the planting as a proud shepherd watches over his flock. There are many members eagerly awaiting the blooms this coming summer.

DESI member Rosalie Mosley (center) with Mr. and Mrs. Vernie Beal, eagerly awaiting the summer daylily bloom.
Photo: Judy Heath

Chicagoland Daylily Society
by Rosemary Balazs

On a lighter note, we had our first meeting of 2004 on January 11 and, as usual, the board members treated the members to their own best chili recipes. In addition, there were numerous side dishes and umpteen desserts. The tables were decorated in pastel tablecloths and fresh flowers. The luncheon was followed by a short meeting led by our new president, Greg Finch, and then fellow members showed their new introductions and daylily slides from last summer. A beautiful way to begin the new year and psych us all for spring and summer.

On a sadder note, the Chicago Tribune carried the notice of Diane Sevetson’s passing. Diane was a member of the Chicagoland Daylily Society and the beloved wife of Bill Sevetson. Anyone who has seen or will see the lovely pink BROOKWOOD DIANE SEVETSON, hybridized by Leo Sharp (PINK PUFF X LA VENDER STARDUST) in any daylily garden will remember Diane and will understand Bill’s loss and our Region’s loss. The daylily truly reflects the image of Diane. All of us who have know Bill and Diane know that we will be unable to fill the gap she has left in our lives.

Southwestern Illinois Daylily Club of Granite City
by Kathleen Pinkas

The Club holds its regular meetings on the first Friday of March, May, June and October at 7:00 pm at 1732 Maple, Granite City, Il. We will have our annual plant sale on the first Saturday in May at 3933 St. Rt. 162.

The Club daylily auction will be in late August. Several of our members will be working at the 2004 National and look forward to seeing you all. For additional information please contact Kathy. We are a small club but growing.

We always welcome new members, visitors and youth interested in daylilies.
Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society

The Region 2 editor looks back more than 20 years

This appeared in the Fall 1982 Region 2 Newsletter

“Cincinnati forms New Society. A group of about fifty people from the greater Cincinnati area met on July 10 and formed the Greater Cincinnati Daylily-Hosta Society. While at the Regional Convention in Indianapolis, Mrs. William R. Seaman was elected president. The society plans four meetings a year, and the annual dues will be $5.00. A complete slate of officers has been elected, and a second meeting was held.”

A letter from Martha Seaman to RVP Phillip Brockington, printed in the Spring 1984 Reg 2 Newsletter says: “Dear Phillip, the Greater Cincinnati Daylily-Hosta Society is now beginning its second full year after last year’s very successful season. We have over 50 active members. We are planning our first Daylily Show on July 7th at the Cincinnati Civic Garden Center. I believe we have met all requirements of the American Hemerocallis Society. This first show will be quite simple and not very large — we are all learning! — but, I hope it will develop into a yearly (and growing) event. Sincerely, Martha Seaman.”

Bay Area Daylily Buds

Club contact Gloria Morgan reports this lineup of officers and club events.
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Our Bay Area Daylily Buds (B.A.D. Buds) invite everyone to the AHS Region 2 Summer 2004 Meeting in Green Bay, Wisconsin, from July 23rd - 25th. For preview of tour gardens, detailed agenda, registration, lodging, and speaker information, see pages 21 to 27. You can also check us out on our website at http://www.badbuds.org.

Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society

By Bill Johannes

MCDS enters its 19th year with 256 members, 249 adults and 7 youth. AHS membership stands at 66%. Over 100 members and guests regularly attend club activities, which have included the Fall Meeting when Kevin Vaughn showed slides of his daylily, hosta, and Louisiana iris hybridizing program. In December, the annual Holiday party drew a large crowd of members and their families for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship (see picture below). Dick Norris of Ashwood Gardens and Dan Bachman of Valley of the Daylilies filled a bright but cold February afternoon with slides of many beautiful daylilies resulting from their breeding programs.

Members left believing that many of the daylilies seen will one day be growing in their gardens!

In between scheduled activities, MCDS members used the club’s booth at Inniswood Metro Gardens’ fall festival to promote the daylily and our Society, gaining several new members. And MCDS continues to focus on training more judges. Three members completed Exhibition Clinic I and are eligible to take Clinic II, while several more audited the judging classes and hope to become judges when they are AHS eligible. Five members completed the classes for Garden Judges. And more judges clinics are scheduled for May 2004. Thanks to a very successful public plant sale and members auctions, MCDS made generous donations to AHS Region 2 (for the newsletter), the AHS Monroe Endowment Fund, and Columbus’ Franklin Park Conservatory where we hold our meetings.

We look forward to our upcoming activities and invite anyone in the Central Ohio area to join us for fun and fellowship.

May 2, 9:30 am .......... Exhibition Judges I and Garden Judges I .......... workshop. Franklin Park Conservatory
May 2, 2pm .......... Spring meeting, plant auction and ............... drawing, Franklin Park Conservatory
July 11, 1:30-5 pm .......... Annual MCDS Daylily Show, Franklin ............... Park Conservatory
August 14, 10 am .......... Annual MCDS Plant Sale (open to the ................. public), Franklin Park Conservatory
August 14, 12:15 pm .......... Member plant auction and drawing, ................. Franklin Park Conservatory

Perennial MCDS Santa Claus Jim Rush with VP Jeff Kerr and other members. Ryan and Cory Gossard are the Elf-helpers.

Ohio Daylily Society

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Secretary & Newsletter Editor: Sharon Rastetter 419-774-0173.

All will be held at Kingwood Center, Mansfield, Ohio.

• Spring Meeting: April 25, 2004, 1:30 pm - Exhibit Hall
• Daylily Show and Sale: July 18, 2004 - Sale begins 12:00 noon and Show open to public at 2:00 pm - Meeting Hall
• Fall Auction and Sale: August 22, 2004, 12:00-5:00pm - Exhibit Hall.
• Fall Meeting: November 7, 2004, 1:30 pm - Meeting Hall.
When Charlotte got the nod to host the AHS convention in 2003, Becky and Ralph Adams decided to make a special garden just for the joy of the convention goes. So, what else? They bought six wooded acres, complete with a 2-acre pond. They tore out half the woods and brought in truckloads of topsoil. Becky planted a huge number of daylilies and companion plants. Ralph had piped the flower beds and fountains with water, pretty clever and handy fellow. Becky turned her attention to artistic endeavors. Imagine a wrecked truck in a hillbilly hollow, its radio is still playing, its gas tank is overflowing—oh, that’s water coming from the gas tank, and it is running into a pond. It’s a giant fountain! How about a disastrous bike ride where you run into a tree? Oops, you’re really wrapped around that tree!

Fancy gardens have names and this is no exception. It is called the “Faded Flamingo,” and guess what? Flamingos were at home just about everywhere here. They were standing at the edge of the pond where the truck was wrecked, they standing and sitting in a green painted tire (tastefully done), they were “drinking” from other fountains, and they were strolling the grounds along with a myriad of other sculpted creatures. They even graced the goody table near the 2-acre pond where a feast was spread for the 750-plus guests!

There grew among the azaleas, camellias, and other ornamental shrubs, a blue bottle tree, a multicolored bottle tree, and a coffee pot tree. Asked how she got her ideas, Becky said, “See those bottles (Upside-down wine bottles were used to edge part of a daylily bed)? This, being the south, there was a confederate soldier with GIVE ME EIGHT at his feet.

Left: A confederate soldier with GIVE ME EIGHT at his feet.
Photos: Rosemarie Foltz

Below: An old-style, wringer washing machine blowing light blue bubbled into the breeze, and a lazy hillbilly’s riding mower.
Photos: Rosemarie Foltz and Gisela Meckstroth
plot (DIXIELAND FIVE) put on a nice display in front of a confederate soldier) among many beds.

There was a secret shade garden with all the ornaments. These were so pretty and tasteful—from the blue bottle tree and gazing balls to the blue enameled bedpan sans bowling ball. Actually, there were so many lovely blue ornaments along this pathway, I couldn’t list them in the allotted time. Lawrence Welk would’ve been so proud, there, right smack dab in the middle of everything was a bubble machine. No, wait, that’s an old washing machine with bubbles billowing out of it! To mow the grassy paths there was a bicycle with front wheels, a reel lawn mower—very inventive of Ralph!

Did I mention there were fountains everywhere? There were also many, many attractive birdhouses. They were mostly on posts and painted, but some were decorated with buttons, others had ceramic sink handles for perches. At the “full service” bed, there was a traffic light. There was a huge coleus bed.

There was an attractive “work house: with computer et al. It had a beautiful porch all decorated with different flowers and comfortable seating. But its backyard was most interesting. It was enclosed with a white picket fence surrounded with roses and hydrangea. Inside the fence were chairs—which I don’t know how you could sit on—their seats were so planted with flowers. There was a windmill and a pretty common (if you know what I mean) wash hanging on a clothesline.

Near the pond was a 1950s soda-counter bar with bar stools, jukebox, and flamingos. There were many shelters with tables, place mats, chairs, and swings overlooking the water. Here the feast was served. Here also Becky and Ralph had a huge sign thanking by name and effort all the people who helped them in any way and a photo display of the work in progress.

They plan to dismantle the whole “Faded Flamingos” garden and return the grounds to “the woods” after the national convention visitors have left.
Welcome, New Region 2 Members!

This listing reflects the names of those new AHS members received between January 1 and this mailing:

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- Region 2 Web Site: http://www.ahsregion2.org
- AHS Web Site: http://www.daylilies.org
- Rust Information (Sue Bergeron’s Rust Page): http://www.nccf.ca/~ah758/rust.html
- Spring Sickness Task Force Page: http://www.nccf.ca/~ah758/ssstf.html
- AHS On-line Rust Survey Form: http://www.daylilyrust.org

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Kim and Joe Klamer’s Garden in Seymour, Wisconsin

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