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Ontario Daylily Society Newsletter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi All,

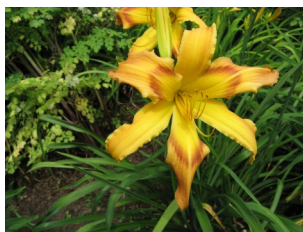
Well, this must be Canada eh? We had marvelous weather for Thanksgiving weekend just past. The sun shone, not a cloud in the sky, warm enough to wear a T shirt and still be comfortable. I was going to take a walk through the bush to revel in the fall colours when I noticed that actually many of the trees had already shed most of their leaves. When the heck did that happen I wondered to myself? I contented myself with getting the last of the potted daylilies, some of which spent the summer on my driveway, others were new additions obtained at the fall meeting, in the ground. As always, a few other perennials needed to give up their space for these new additions. I was actually starting to feel like I was getting ahead of the game, after all there was still a few weeks of nice fall weather to come. This evening however I drove home from work in near blizzard conditions. The grass and gardens were fully covered with a couple of inches of snow and there were still a few dozen seed pods waiting to be collected. Yes, this must be Canada!

As I look back on the past year there is much to be thankful for. We have had many new members join the club to share in the pleasures of our favourite flower. We have had many informative and entertaining programs and enhanced our gardens with a few (and sometimes many!) new acquisitions. We've been able to make new friends, get out to see member's gardens and to share our gardens with others. We are also thankful for having had the opportunity to get to know some of the great daylily people who have passed away over the last few months, Steve Moldovan, Ned Roberts and Beth Crochet.

I would also like to recognize and thank your ODS Board members and all the volunteers that have helped our meetings and programs to run so smoothly. In particular, I'd like to thank Julie Wilson for her contributions and serving as Vice President for the past two years. Also thanks to Karin Jonasson for stepping forward and accepting nomination as ODS secretary. Thanks to Barbara and Nick White for doing the newsletter for the last three years and to Betty Fretz for taking responsibility as newsletter editor going forward. We can always use more volunteers so if there is something you would like to do with the club, please let any of the Board members know.

All the best.

Dave



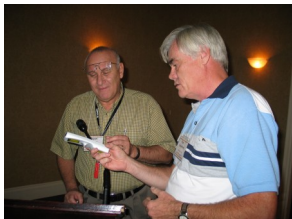
ON SILKEN TREAD (Lambertson 1998)

Reminder: Next Meeting is November 25th at the RBG—10 a.m.
Sandy Carlton of Arcadian Daylilies will present "Stout Silver Medal Daylilies—an evolution since 1950".

ODS Fall Meeting 2006 (by Cheryl Taylor)

It was time for food, fun and friends at the annual fall Ontario Daylily Society meeting held Saturday, September 16, 2006 in Toronto. This is our second largest gathering of the year. Dave Mussar, our current president, and his faithful and hardworking volunteers, put together a most enjoyable day. As I write, it is later on that day and I am relaxing after hours of sensory overload. So much to see and do.

Upon our arrival, we received our registration packages. But these were not ordinary ones because inside was our coupon for a free Bryan Culver introduction. We have been happy to receive gift plants in the past, who wouldn't be? But this was different. Bryan is one of our own and a highly respected member of our club. We know, without a doubt, that anything we get from him will be healthy and hardy and rock solid. A daylily we can be proud to grow in our gardens. Everyone was so excited to be able to choose one out of six possibilities. I had gone on the computer the night before to review his plants in order to make my decision in advance. What a way to start the day.



Bryan Culver

And speaking of starting the day, Bryan was our first presenter. Bryan and I grew up a few years and a few miles apart. We went to the same high school but not at the same time so it wasn't until I joined the ODS that I met Bryan. But I was always aware of the name because Culver is a big farming name in Norfolk County. There is even a Culver Road. In his presentation, Bryan told us that he is the seventh generation, on the same land where he was raised. While on the farm, Bryan bred and raised Holsteins, chickens and bred and judged pigeons. But a twenty-four/seven life lost its appeal and he moved closer to Toronto to get an office job. It was not long before the lure of the land drew him back. He had to do something with his hands in soil. That something was daylilies. Because of his breeding of animals and birds, he naturally decided to try his hand at hybridizing. He contends the principles are exactly the same.

A Culver cultivar (say that fast three times) exemplifies Bryan's goals in hybridizing: hardy, healthy, at least three way branching, minimum 15 buds, longer than a two week bloom season and definitely open early in the morning despite what low temperatures there may have been over night. Additionally, he seeks clarity of colour, first in pinks and later in hot oranges. The plant under the flower has to impress or the pretty face will not save it.

Because Bryan works and lives an hour away from the farm during the week, he has a young family renting the other house on the property who keep their eyes on things. The father suggested his young sons would appreciate some animals in the empty barns. Bryan obliged and now, when you go to the farm to see Bryan's hems in person, you also have the treat of meeting his four-legged family.

The miniature goats are enchanting. His prize winning, beautiful, Haflinger horses (a smaller than usual breed from Austria) are in the pasture. Because Bryan has been a little too successful in breeding them, the animals are also for sale so be careful, you could leave with more than a trunk full of too gorgeous for words hems.

When asked where he gets the names for his intros, he laughingly confessed "from racing forms". Of the thirty-five registrations, two of the names are from movies, one for a lady he knows and the other thirty-two names are, as he said, from the world of thoroughbred horse racing. To see pictures of his hems, horses, goats and dogs, I go to Charlotte's Daylily Diary, click on hybridizers corner and then click on Bryan Culver.

Last year and this, Melanie Mason of North Country Daylilies has been selling Bryan's material stateside. That pleases me. Bryan's hybridizing program has much to offer this world so I am glad it is becoming known beyond our Canadian borders.

Gus Guzinski

How does that expression go? The best laid plans of...? Originally, Gretchen and Bobby Baxter had been invited to speak. Unfortunately, Bobby became ill and was hospitalized. Dave Mussar did not want Gretchen to worry about us so called her to say we would manage, just take care of Bobby. Who to get to replace them? Gus Guzinski of Kalamazoo, Michigan came to our rescue. He made the eight hour drive to meet with us and share his views on quality in daylilies. A nondaylily loving spouse later told me that his was her favourite presentation of the day because she was amused by all the pictures of terrible daylilies that he photographed that had looked better in the catalogue.

Gus is a garden judge instructor and exhibition judge so knows his subject well. His mentor was Nick Balesh whom some of you may have met at the Nationals. Nick hybridized for forty years before he introduced anything. Now that is a strict selection process. Extra early bloom is Gus's hybridizing goal. Because we tend to go to gardens in peak bloom, we will miss seeing any of his by nearly a month. He uses two species that were not catalogued by Stout. One is *H. esculenta*, which blooms early, and the other is *H. coreana*, a dwarf. He would



love to get white throats that would punch up the colours with such contrast. His lavender program is not early enough to suit him, yet.

After talking briefly about his intros, Gus kept us in stitches as he showed us one flaw after another in the work of others. But he is a true gentleman for he never mentioned any person or flower by name. So what are some of his ideas about quality in a daylily? They all make complete sense, really. Firstly, it has to look good and grow well in his garden in Kalamazoo. It does not matter if it did well in a greenhouse somewhere or in another climate. How is it performing for him? "I paid for that"? What use is a high bud count if every flower fails to open properly? Subtract the number of ugly blooms and how many good ones are left? That is the true bud count. Who wants a two thirds beauty? All three petals and all three sepals have to look good. Unless they are unusual forms, they have to be symmetrical.

What does branching mean to that hybridizer? How are the branches arranged? It will be a disaster if all five branches are clustered at the top. Each bloom will be in the way of another. There should be well spaced lateral branching.

Is the scape proportionate to the foliage? A 32" scape may be too short and an 18" scape may be too tall. It all depends on the height of the foliage. Not very many people find flowers lurking in the foliage to be a desirable characteristic.

He complimented Darryl Apps for he believes Dr. Apps grows hems for the general population and not the tiny world of American Hemerocallis Society members. H. Luther is an example of staircase buds (think gladioli), allowing each bloom to open well.

Avoid leaners. Who wants to have to pick up a scape off the ground to appreciate the flowers?

Avoid flowers that need a helping hand to open in the morning. We should not have to use a hair dryer, as one woman did, to encourage blooms to open.

Avoid flowers that melt in the sun.

Avoid flowers that show water damage after a heavy dew.

Avoid flowers that are advertised as "a breakthrough in colour change". What they are really saying is it got bleached from the sun and morphed into some other colour.

How does it look at five p.m. when you get home from work? It does you no good if it looked best at noon when you weren't home to see it.

A cultivar is only fertile if he did the cross. He does not count anything covered with pods courtesy of Mother Nature's jewels, a.k.a. insects, as being fertile.

These are only a few of the points Gus made and it would be better if you saw the accompanying photos that illus-

trated each point so precisely. As Dave said when he thanked him "we will never look at our gardens again the same way and that is not necessarily a bad thing".

Phil Reilly



After lunch, there was more laughter as we listened to Phil Reilly, formerly of Region four (where he says his heart remains) and now residing in Florida. He is famous for two things - H. Fooled Me, the 2006 Stout Silver Medal winner, and the woodchuck story. Although he did not regale us with that story he had, in true Irish tradition, many stories to tell. Phil considers himself a daylily missionary as he has been spreading the word for thirty-five years. He has been a life member of the A.H.S for the last 32 years. Over those 35 years, he has corresponded with many of the greats like Virginia Peck, Bill Munson and the recently late Steve Moldovan. The man is a living, breathing history of our celebrated flower.

Maybe my favourite part was when he answered my question "What got you started in daylilies"? He was married to the Italian girl with whom he had fallen in love at first sight and they had three small children and a mortgage. Not being in the financial position to afford landscaping in those early years, he frequented the gardens of abandoned homes to rescue plants and give them a new place of residence.

One day, he was on his way to work, and he saw a sign that said "Daylilies for Sale". Aha, he thought, here is a way to make some money. I know where I can get lots of free daylilies. He drove in the driveway to talk to the man. He had to drive up and over a hill and as he did so he was astounded to see on the other side a field of many daylilies of colours other than the usual yellow and orange. He was hooked. He lost track of time. Never did make it to work. Spent eight hours talking with the grower who was Bob Seawright of Carlisle, MA. Arrived home late with a young wife demanding to know where he had been. The rest is history.

What is maybe a well-kept secret is that Phil does a lot of conversions. Although he has been doing it for over twenty years, he never sells them because they can be unstable and it may take a couple of years to ascertain if it really has been converted. There are three separate parts of the plant which have to be converted. But he uses his conversions extensively in his hybridizing program. That program no longer includes H. Fooled Me as it is far too dormant for his Florida climate. Any dormant there is treated as an annual and must be received in the spring in order to bloom and harvest the pollen before it dies.

When he gets a new cultivar, he puts the pollen on everything he has. Some people have disagreed with this method but he stands by it. The seedlings indicate the direc-

tion this plant could take him. It also makes crosses that he would never have made if he had planned it.

The pictures of his intros had us sighing with longing. Phil had brought up a number of plants for the auction, including H. Amish Lace, which will not be introduced until next year. H. Apache will be in the Winter Daylily Journal. Good thing he did not bring that one to auction or there might have been injuries as people fought to acquire it.

Dave Mussar



The last speaker was our president, Dave Mussar. I had heard his Brother Charles Reckamp presentation a few years ago but it has grown and evolved as he has gleaned more information from a variety of sources, including those still living individuals who knew Brother Charles. Dave was most pleased with the slides and old catalogues that Steve Moldovan sent him last winter.

Steve had done all the registering, marketing, photographing and selling of Brother Charles cultivars from 1965 until 1976. For those interested, Song Sparrow Nursery and Roy Klehm have handled the job in recent years. Believe it or not, although Brother Charles died in 1996 at age 91, there are still two cultivars yet to be introduced.

Then came plant auction time, I admit I did not stay but I have it on good authority that sales were brisk. Not surprising considering there were plants from Phil Reilly, and fellow club members Bryan Culver, Gil Stelter and David Retallick on which to bid. Despite not staying for the auction, I still left with a plant haul. I successfully won one silent auction plant, one Chinese auction plant and had bought two plants from the sale table. Add on the aforementioned gift plants provided by Bryan Culver and I left a happy hem lover.

There are seven agonizing months of anticipation before we congregate again for the eleventh Can-Am Classic to be held April 20, 21, and 22 here in Toronto. Please consider joining us. We would try our best to make you feel welcome. The current list of speakers include Dan Hansen, Chris Rogers, Curt Hanson, Don Herr and Mike Huben. Thankfully there are a few club meetings in the interim to tide me over until then.

Executive for 2006-2007

Dave Mussar—President
Faye Collins—Vice President
Gary Carlson—Treasurer
Karin Jonasson—Secretary
Barbara White—Director at Large
Kathy Conway—Director
David Engel—Director
John Reist—Director

2006 Lycett Contest

We would like to thank all of you who contributed digital pictures of their daylily seedlings to the Lycett competition for 2006. The winners will be announced at the Can-Am Classic in April, 2007.

Chris Austen

A Note Regarding Family Memberships

We have had some discussion at the Board level regarding defining what constitutes a “family” membership. For the purposes of membership a “family” is a couple plus other relatives that live together at the same address. A family will receive a single copy of the newsletter, emails, etc at the “family” address. We would like to encourage participation of youth members in club activities as they will someday have gardens of their own. Children are welcome at ODS meetings and events. Likewise if you have parents living with you that would like to belong to the ODS they could be included on your family membership. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding family membership.

Dave Mussar

Your Privacy

Privacy legislation has been implemented in the last few years to protect your personal information and how it can be used by government, industry and others. While this legislation does not apply to volunteer organizations like the Ontario Daylily Society, we feel that it would be prudent to adhere to the spirit of the legislation. Where in the past we have published membership or meeting rosters that included addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses (so that members could easily contact each other), the ODS will now only include your personal contact information on these rosters if you have consented to allow your information to be shared. A consent form is included in this newsletter to be completed and returned to the Membership Chairs if you wish to allow your contact information to be shown on the membership roster. You may email your consent to the Membership Chairs or bring the completed form to the monthly meetings as well.

The ODS Board may be approached by daylily suppliers requesting permission to mail to catalogues, special offers, etc to ODS members. If your Board feels that specific requests would be of interest and value to members, and if you have provided consent to share your contact information, the Board may permit such limited mailings.

Dave Mussar

ODS "Bucks"

ODS "Bucks", issued several years ago, in various denominations, were intended for immediate use. These have been accepted when presented over the past 3 or 4 years. Please be advised that ODS "Bucks" will no longer be accepted.

Gary Carlson - Treasurer

EUREKA

If you are interested in purchasing the 2007 Eureka, Betty Fretz is accepting orders until October 31st. A cheque or money order for \$48.00 is required when you order. Delivery should be late November. Betty can be contacted at betty@fretz.ca or you can phone her at 519-638-3937.

CONSENT FORM

I HEREBY GIVE PERMISSION YES () NO () FOR MY PERSONAL INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED ON THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER AS WELL AS THE MEETING ROSTERS.

(This includes address, telephone number and email address.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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E-mail address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

You can email your consent, send it by regular mail or bring it to one of the monthly meetings.

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Ontario Daylily Society Calendar 2007

Subject to change without notice

January 20, 2007 @ 10am ODS meeting - Royal Botanical Gardens – Café Annex - main floor, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker TBD

February 17, 2007 @ 10am ODS meeting - Royal Botanical Gardens – Room TBD, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker TBD

February 23 – 25, 2007 – AHS Region 2 Winter Symposium – Cleveland, Ohio

March, 7 – 11, 2007 – Canada Blooms – Metro Toronto Convention Centre

April 20, 21 & 22, 2007 - 11th Annual CAN-AM Classic – Delta Toronto Airport West Hotel, 5444 Dixie Road, Mississauga. Featured Speakers – Dan Hansen, Chris Rogers, Curt Hanson, Don Herr and Mike Huben

May 26, 2007 @ 10am ODS meeting - Rooms 3, 4 & 5, downstairs at the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre, Plains Road, Burlington. Club Plant Sale and Babysitting Program

June 23, 2007 @ 10am ODS meeting - Royal Botanical Gardens – Room TBD, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker TBD

July 13 – 15, 2007 – Region 4 Meeting and Garden Tour – hosted by the Connecticut Daylily Society

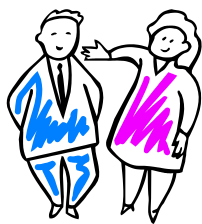
July 25 – 28, 2007 - AHS National Convention – hosted by the Hemerocallis Society of Minnesota

August 18, 2007 ODS Picnic @ Maureen Strong's Garden in Stoney Creek,

September 15, 2007 ODS Fall Meeting

October 20, 2007 @ 10am ODS meeting - Rooms 3 & 4, downstairs at the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker TBD

November 24, 2007 @ 10am ODS meeting - Rooms 3 & 4, downstairs at the Royal Botanical Gardens Centre, Plains Road, Burlington. Speaker TBD



We welcome the following new members

Brian Derrah – Ottawa
Michel Levesque – Carignan, Quebec
Lanny Morry, Mick Morry & Jennifer Paterson - Manotick

From the Membership Team

A reminder - your membership expiry date is the first line on the address label of your ODS newsletter. We send a renewal notice 30 to 60 days prior to your expiry date. If you have e-mail and have not renewed by your expiry date we will send a gentle reminder, but truly it is up to you as a member to renew your membership on a timely basis. If your membership is not renewed within 60 days of your expiry date your name is removed from our Membership Roster.

ODS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual Single	-	\$15.00
Annual Family	-	\$20.00
3 Year Single	-	\$40.00
3 Year Family	-	\$50.00
Annual Youth	-	\$ 8.00
3 Year Youth	-	\$20.00

New members please send cheques payable to O.D.S. to Ontario Daylily Society

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<http://www.ontariodaylily.on.ca>
Daylily Rust Info Page
<http://www.ncf.ca/~ah748/rust.html>

AHS Membership Information

Individual (1 year)	-	\$18.00 US
Individual (3 years)-		\$50.00 US
Family (1 year)	-	\$22.00 US
Family (3 years)	-	\$60.00 US
Youth	-	\$ 8.00 US

Please add \$5.00 per year for postage. Cheques payable in US funds to AHS may be sent to:

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LONG STOCKING (Stamile P., 1997)

STEVE MOLDOVAN, who passed away earlier this year, was a great hybridizer and a wonderful supporter of the Ontario Daylily Society. The following are a sampling of his wonderful day-lily introductions.

Abba, Addis Ababa, Age Of Aquarius, Anchors Aweigh, Avante Garde, Bacchanal, Beaujolais, Bolshoi Ballet, Cameo Glass, Casanova, Chanteuse, Clairvoyant, Cloak and Dagger, Copernicus, Crown Victoria, Cyrano, Dancing Shiva, Diamond Tiara, Drums Along the Mohawk, Evita, Flying Trapeze, Francis of Assisi, Gregorian Chant, Houdini, Jardiniere, Lady Khan, Lallique, Mariska, Mephistopheles, Old King Cole, Perfect Ten, Ron Valente, Sanctuary, Seurat, Shaka Zulu, Strutters Ball, Vera Biaglow, Watership Down, Zodiac

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11th ANNUAL CAN-AM DAYLILY CLASSIC

April 20th, 21st & 22nd, 2007

Featuring:

DAN HANSEN - Geneva, Florida
CHRIS ROGERS - Geneva Florida
CURT HANSON - Gates Mills, Ohio
DON HERR - Lancaster, Pennsylvania
MIKE HUBEN - Arlington, Massachusetts

FRIDAY 7:30 p.m. - Region 4 Business Meeting
 8:00 p.m. - Hybridizers' Best Slide Show
 - Presenter's Forum Q&A

SATURDAY 8:00 a.m. - Registration and continental breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - Full day's program of speakers
 - includes lunch plus Plant Sale, Live Auction,
 Silent Auction, Chinese Auction and lots of fun!

 6:00 p.m. - Evening banquet—dine with the speakers (optional)

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - Garden Judges' Workshop I

Registration - \$75 Cdn (\$65 US) postmarked before April 1st
After April 1st - \$85 Cdn. (\$75 US) Youth \$40 Cdn (\$32 US)

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Delta Toronto Airport West, 5444 Dixie Road, (1 block south of the 401),
Mississauga, Ontario. L4W 2L2
Phone 905-624-1144. Special room rate of \$115 Cdn.
Please book early. A block of rooms has been reserved until April 1st, 2007.

For further details and registration forms please visit:

<http://www.ontariodaylily.on.ca>

REGISTRATION FORM

An AHS Region 4 Event

11th ANNUAL CAN-AM DAYLILY CLASSIC

Please make your cheque payable to Ontario Daylily Society and mail it along with this form to:

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Name _____

Street _____ City _____

Prov./State _____ Postal Code/Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Additional registrants and
their addresses: _____

Early Bird registration (before April 1/07) _____ x [\$75 Cdn] [\$65 US] = \$ _____
(# of people) (please circle appropriate funds)

Registration (postmarked after April 1/07) _____ x [\$85 Cdn] [\$75 US] = \$ _____
(# of people) (please circle appropriate funds)

Youth registration _____ x [\$40 Cdn] [\$32 US] = \$ _____
(# of people) (please circle appropriate funds)

Saturday Evening Banquet –(at Hotel) - - - - _____ x [\$35 Cdn] [\$30 US] = \$ _____
(# of people) (please circle appropriate funds)

Saturday Banquet entrée choice - - - - -Chicken () Beef () Fish ()

CHEQUE TOTAL \$ _____

Please check here to register for Garden Judges' Workshop I _____

Please check here if you would like your contact information (address, phone number and email address) to show on the meeting roster list. _____