



# O.D.S & Ends

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## Hybridizer's Forum—March 24th

The Ontario Daylily Society will be hosting our second 'Hybridizer's Forum' on March 24th. This will be at a new site for ODS. It is in Toronto, Ontario at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, a site well known for its horticultural activities. It is located at 777 Lawrence Avenue Ea. and is convenient to Toronto's main East - West corridor, Highway 401.

Our event will consist of amateur and professional hybridizers who will make a short presentation of their programs. And you do not have to be a hybridizer to attend. We wish to welcome anyone interested in the newest happenings in Daylilies.

We are encouraging Daylily Breeders to come and make presentations of their newest seedlings and to have open dialogue of their methods of pollinating, tagging, labeling, and whatever. And perhaps more importantly, how breeding plants are selected and the criteria for selecting seedlings. In these times, hardness to both winter cold and summer heat are important as well as disease and pest resistance and robust growing character. Length of each presentation may be limited dependent on the number participating.

The meet is scheduled to start at 11:00 am Saturday and will

continue to approximately 4:00 pm. A lunch will be provided at a nominal fee (to be determined). No pre-registration is required but we request that you email to let me know if you are coming. So if you are a Daylily breeder and wish to join us, load up your favourite photos on USB jump drive or CD and email me at the following address: [briary@bell.net](mailto:briary@bell.net) or at 905-382-5591.

Brian Schram



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## Daylily Stamps of Approval

Canada Post has given our favourite flower its stamp of approval. Next in its Canadian flower series and due for release on March 1st are two daylily stamps...one is *H. fulva* 'Europa', the other is the Hayfields 'LOUIS LORRAIN'.

The stamps are shown in Canada Post's Details magazine on page 24 with an image of 'JEFF HOLDEN' in the background. The daylilies were photographed at The Ottawa Experimental Farm. The surprised and delighted hybridizer

Henry Lorrain has just one quibble that fellow hybridizers and daylily aficionados will appreciate...the photographer should have picked a time when the blooms were more fully open. Congratulations Henry...what an honour!



## Around the Garden - te Sligte Gardens (ODS Meeting Nov 26, 2011)

At our annual holiday celebration meeting we were treated to a presentation by ODS members, Henry and Mary te Sligte. Their AHS display garden is located in Thedford Ontario which is in the Sarnia - Grand Bend area not far from the shores of Lake Huron.

Henry being Dutch, it comes as no surprise that gardening is in his blood. Upon retirement they returned to their country roots with the purchase of a 5 acre property of rural farmland in 1997 and immediately began to convert it to a garden paradise. They now have a commercial garden that is ideally located as they are on a road that captures the weekend traffic on its way to cottage country and the lake. From a modest beginning they now offer 200 iris cultivars, over 500 varieties of hosta, 600+ types of daylilies and perennial companion plants.

We saw how their garden was transformed over the years starting with conversion of a cornfield to backyard, the addition of now 35 garden beds, trees, a pond, outbuildings and structures. I was impressed with Henry's ingenuity with the building of a large pergola, a shade house, arbors, a greenhouse and in particular with the articulated, ride-on lawn roller that he built from scratch! Many flowering trees have been added to the property including magnolias, flowering crabs, peach and redbud trees and an amazing Copperking perennial hibiscus. They have a Canadian garden bed featuring daylilies of Canadian hybridizers, naturally. Throughout the garden are many unique and artistic birdhouses of Henry's creation - barns, churches, houses, etc. You may recall that one

of Henry's creations took first place in the birdhouse contest at the 2010 Can-Am Classic. He has set a high standard for the rest of us to shoot for! Like many of us, Henry has been bitten by the hybridizing bug and they have many seedlings under evaluation. One winter they were socked with 36" of snow, the weight of which snapped off all his plastic cross markers. The spring winds blew the marker pieces away resulting in 1200 seedlings of unknown parentage. The school of hard knocks is unkind to say the least!

If you are in the area or on your way to the lake be sure to drop in. For directions and plant listings please visit <http://tesligtegardens.ca>.

Thanks Henry and Mary for sharing your gardens with us!

Dave Mussar

## Tinkers Daylily Database Shuts Down

If you're anything like me you're constantly on the lookout for what a flower looks like in someone's garden, or should I say what does it really look like, not in the hybridizer's garden. I get details on the plant and most importantly what the name really is.

From working on the daylily availability guide (which is now available shameless plug) I have found as growers we sometimes lack the finesse to correctly name the plant, be it a comma, apostrophe or whatever.

My go-to spot for making sure the name is correct and finding it easily was always the database at tinkersgardens.com. Not to say that the AHS database is bad but the ability to just start typing and have that name pop up was incredible and very useful to me. Sadly this is no more.

If you follow the robins you may have heard that Tinkers is shutting their doors or virtual windows due to financial issues.

Their statement on the main webpage is as follows:

Dear Friends

After a great run of more than nine years, TinkersGardens.com has reached a financial impasse requiring some major changes in our business. Having dedicated thousands of hours to making the Daylily Database what it is today, we are not simply going to let it fall by the wayside. We are however seeking alternative hosting solutions since our current hosting situation is costing us more money than we now take in through ad revenue. If successful the Daylily Database should be back up and running by the North American spring bloom season.

The technology used in creating the database is an aging mishmash of differing technologies, hence it may be necessary to completely rewrite the front end using newer techniques.

That may take quite some time. Again, we wish to thank so many of you for your patronage and support over the years. Many of you have become good friends. It is with truly sorrowing hearts that we pull the plug on this project that sprang from a heart full of passion for the flower we all so love.

On January 30, 2012 TinkersGardens Forums will be closing its doors. We wish all of you many blessings in this new year and in the years to come. We hope that the services we have provided over the years have had a positive and lasting impact in your lives as gardeners and fellow tinkerers.

Humbly we remain truly yours,  
Donald and Jason

With a heavy heart and a tear in my eye I bid you adieu sweet website with lovely pictures.

David Jewell

## The President's Message

Winter Greetings Fellow ODS Members...

From my deck window it looks like a winter wonderland, but tomorrow who knows? So far January 2012 has confounded and confused. But no matter, it is still the time for daylily dreaming, plotting, planning and this year especially, add worrying. I don't know how many of you visit Nikki Schmith's daylily blog...

<http://www.agirlandhergarden.com> but I always look forward to her Haiku Thursdays and New Garden Adventure. It really is one of my favourite daylily time wasters. Nikki's daylily musings on issues that interest all hemerocallics are creative, visual, often whimsical, mostly dead on, practical and always relevant. Recently she posed a 'daylily mystery' that we can all relate to given our winter thus far. Briefly, she blogged with a photo as proof, that two clumps of Stamile's 'BELLA SERA'-one coming from Michigan, the other from Illinois, both planted in her garden side by side last August were showing different foliage. One was green, the other brown. They were photographed on a sunny seasonally warm day in January with the bare ground showing. Strange weather indeed and what are the chances for one or both surviving? It's a worry we share here in Southern Ontario...in fact all across Canada where the weather has been quixotic to say the least. Instead of the anticipated deep winter snow cover, we are experiencing a freeze thaw cycle like nothing in recent memory. Enjoyable some days...I've done a lot of brush clearing, wood cutting and outside maintenance... but definitely a concern.

All this weather talk is leading to an issue I would like to address...our

winter meetings - in fact all five monthly meetings and the long distances many members have to travel to get to them. Many of you simply can't make the trek especially in winter, but would like to hear the speakers and be involved. Barbara Webster from Windsor emailed to ask if there was anyway we could video and/or send electronically our speaker presentations as she could not make John Moons' and Joan Campbell's 'Gardening with Gadgets' at our recent January meeting. There is a wealth of gardening experience and expertise, not to mention beautiful gardens and accomplished hybridizers to be shared and we try to do that at our smaller meetings. After a thorough discussion during the business part of the meeting, we concluded that we just don't have the resources to video or Skype the meetings but we can take photos, ask for volunteer reporters and make sure every presentation is reported in our newsletter and posted on line. In this issue you will find an article on the presentation from our November meeting. Thank you to those who volunteered their services and especially to David Jewell, this issue's guest editor (yes we are still looking for a permanent editor) and thank you to outgoing editor Betty Fretz for her hard and often thankless work getting ODS & ENDS to press. The upshot, and the challenge we face as a society, is we are a far-flung group with a membership stretching not only across Ontario, but across Canada and we are run by volunteers. ODS webmaster Kelly Noel is constantly updating and archiving events and activities and has recently taken on The AHS Region 4 website. You'll find everything you need to know including links to other daylily clubs and daylily hybridizers and sell-

ers. Thank you Kelly and congratulations to Dave Mussar new Regional Publicity Director...so many hats but continuing to keep us in the loop. We want ODS to work for you...we encourage your ideas and input, but even more we rely on your participation and enthusiasm.

Coming up soon are two ODS events you do not want to miss...our February meeting and our second Hybridizer's Forum. On February 18, 10AM, Café Annex at The RBG it's the Escaping The Winter Doldrums Meeting. Please try and brave those winter roads as you won't want to miss Dave Mussar talk on "Speckles, Spots & Stripes... Emerging Patterns in Daylilies" a preview of his presentation for The Mid Winter Get Away in Cincinnati later in the month. And on March 24, ODS is hosting our second Hybridizer's Forum. Daylily lovers and breeders, amateurs or pros, all stripes and persuasions are welcome. We are trying a new and slightly more central venue... Studio 3 at The Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Ave East. We can only accommodate 40 or so - you don't have to register, but please let organizer Brian Schram know you are coming. And I'll end by saying don't forget to register for our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual CAN-AM Classic, May 4,5,6...always a great speaker line up, auctions and daylilies, daylilies, daylilies and check out The AHS National Convention in Columbus, Ohio and consider going if you aren't already committed. Enjoy the rest of your down season, start some seeds, visit some garden shows...Stratford is a good one and you will be back digging in the dirt before you know it.

As Always It's Daylilies..

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# REGISTRATION FORM

## An AHS Region 4 Event

### 16th ANNUAL CAN-AM DAYLILY CLASSIC

(Note: ONLINE registration and payment by PayPal can be done at [ontariodaylily.on.ca](http://ontariodaylily.on.ca))

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

Gabriele and Ross Dettweiler

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Breslau, Ontario

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Prov./State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional registrants and

their addresses: \_\_\_\_\_

Early Bird registration (before April 1/12) \_\_\_\_\_ x [\$90 Cdn. or US] = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(# of people)

Registration (postmarked after April 1/12) \_\_\_\_\_ x [\$100 Cdn. or US] = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(# of people)

Youth registration \_\_\_\_\_ x [\$50 Cdn. or US] = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(# of people)

Saturday Evening Banquet - (at Hotel) \_\_\_\_\_ x [\$45 Cdn. or US] = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(# of people)

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. \_\_\_\_\_



## 16th Annual CanAm Classic

Well I sure know that spring is on its way when I see the notice for the CanAm Classic appear on the ODS website.

This year the CanAm will be held May 4th through the 6th at the Delta Toronto Airport West. 5444 Dixie Road in Mississauga. (the same venue as usual.

As always I think the meeting will be a fun opportunity to gather around and meet some old daylily friends and make some new ones and of course, have the opportunity to buy some great plants in the auction on Saturday afternoon.

This year the following speakers have been confirmed:

Dan Bachman from Lebanon, Ohio, John Benz from Cincinnati, Ohio, Mike Georges from Guelph, Ontario, the incredible Jamie Gossard from Columbus, Ohio, Lori Jones from Westfield, Massachusetts our own Ly-cett winning Barry Mattie, and finally Roy Woodhall from Avon, Ohio. I en-



*Come for the Daylilies stay for the food!!!*

courage everyone to check out the speakers websites and see what they are up to in their hybridizing efforts. I think we will have an incredible event this year with the lineup of speakers.

Don't forget to sign up for the dinner on Saturday night and the garden Judges workshop on Sunday.

Dave Jewell

## Dreams of a Stout Medal Squashed—AHS Database Facelift Instead

This morning while working on the newsletter I heard that ever familiar sound of new email arriving. No it's not "You've got Mail!!!" - well I did but that's not the point. Have you ever seen that movie? Oh who was in it, I think she was blond ahhhhmmm.

So anyway, I look at my email and it is titled Permission to Use image for AHS project.

My heart started pounding as I envisioned myself standing on a mountain top with a daylily in my hand and my

Stout medal gleaming around my neck.

Well I guess I shouldn't have opened it. It would appear that the AHS registrar has embarked on a project with a small team searching out pictures of daylilies to fill in the gaps in the database.

As I mentioned in an article I wrote just before the email, the resource for finding these pictures seems to be disappearing. Kevin Walek, the wise man he is obviously recognizes the gap in the whole thing and is plugging the hole but giving the master database a face lift. Of

*...standing on a mountain top with a daylily in my hand and my Stout medal gleaming around my neck.*

course I said yes and I know what picture it is even though I won't get credit

So much for my Stout ....\*sigh\*

David Jewell

## Gotta Getta Guide

The Canadian Daylily Availability Guide is here and hot off the press. This year the guide features some great new introductions on the front cover. Gary Carlson, Gil Stelter, Dave

Mussar and David Jewell's introductions are all featured.

This year, the guide is spiral bound for easier reading and enjoyment for more

information or to order a guide visit the website <http://guide.onrussell.com>.

## Welcome to our Newest Members

We welcome

Mireille Albert & Michel Tardif from Ripon, Quebec

Gail & Allen Morgan from Vernon, BC



## Executive - 2011-12

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Most meetings are at The Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington and begin at 10 AM. Please check the [club website](#) for meeting and event details, including location and room number. These will be posted as they become available.

Meetings confirmed at press time:

Saturday, February 18, Surviving The Winter Doldrums meeting

Saturday, March 24, Hybridizer's Forum, Toronto Botanical Garden

May 4, 5 & 6, 16th Annual CAN-AM Classic, Delta Toronto Airport West

Saturday, June 9, The Baby Sitting Program (Cultivar Acquisition)

Saturday, August 11, at Nottawasaga Daylilies, Tom and Julie Wilson, Creemore

Saturday, September 22, Fall Classic and Annual Meeting and elections

Saturday, October 20, Autumn Get Together - David Retallick: 'Perfect Pruning - The Right Cut'

Saturday, November 24, Holiday Meeting - Ross Dettweiler: 'Daylily Daze with a Touch of Science'