



ODS 2014 PICNIC AT MIKE AND LINDA GEORGES

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## President's Message

by Dave Mussar

I suppose it is a case of what's old is new again, although a cynic might suggest that what's old is now just older! In the absence of anybody willing to step forward to take on the president's role I have offered to fill the role for another term once again. It is good to see some new faces on the club's executive including Don Blakely who has taken on the VP role, Nina Maskulka who will be the secretary going forward and Jane Fish who has filled the director's role vacated by Don as he became the VP. Ross Dettweiler had valiantly agreed to stay on as treasurer. Many thanks and welcome to the new executive members and I look forward to working with them and the existing directors who have another year left on their terms to make YOUR club, the Ontario Daylily Society, a vibrant and fun society!

I would also like to recognize and thank Faye Collins for her leadership and support of the Ontario Daylily Society over the past 4 years, having served 2 consecutive terms as president. Faye's passion extends well beyond daylilies and her own garden. She has worked tirelessly on behalf of the society working at educational outreach programs bringing many new members to the club. The sales tables at the Can-Am Classic and our Fall meetings have largely been organized by her and the teams of helpers she recruited. She has contributed plants and a great deal of her time to support the club. She has always been willing to pitch in and do the little and not so little things that help to keep the club organized and functioning. On behalf of the Ontario Daylily Society, thank you Faye for all you have done!



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As I look out the window, it is raining and the ash trees have already dropped nearly all their leaves. The daylily foliage is going dormant while the last of the seed pods are still ripening. The wet summer made for excellent pod set even on some that have typically been reluctant setters in the past. There is still a mountain of mulch on the driveway where it has sat since the spring as the gardens grew too quickly to easily get it spread. My plan is to somehow find a way to get it spread so I won't have to shovel snow around the pile! Rain is in the forecast for all but two days over the next two weeks so that mulch will not dry out any time soon. While winter is never really welcome it does provide the weary gardener a chance to rest and dream of what may come the following year.

All the best!

Dave 🌻

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*Don't forget to come  
on out to the Fall  
and Winter Meetings.  
Find the details on  
the last page or  
check out the club  
website for current  
details.*

## Do We Have Your Email Address?

We send out meeting reminders and announcements regularly by email. If you have not received an email message from the ODS then we do not have your current email address.

Please contact the Membership Chair at  
[membership@ontariodaylily.on.ca](mailto:membership@ontariodaylily.on.ca)

to let us know how to contact you.

## Chat With ODS Members - Join the ODS Robin!

What is a Robin you say? The ODS Robin is a closed discussion group for members of the Ontario Daylily Society. Members are from all across the province of Ontario from Windsor to Ottawa and north to Sudbury and Marathon. We also have members from coast to coast in Canada. This is a great way to get your questions answered or just get to know other club members. To join the ODS Robin send an email to [odsrobin-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:odsrobin-subscribe@yahoogroups.com), you may receive an email asking your name so we can verify your membership. Visit the Robin website at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/odsrobin/>



## Congratulations

For outstanding service to AHS at the regional level – **Coral Kincaid**, Nova Scotia.

Best Regional Newsletter for 2013 – Daylilies in the Great Northeast, Region 4 – **Adele Keohan**, Editor

Best Article Using Humour – **David Jewell** "Gardening in 3D", Fall 2013

Best Article Demonstrating a Specific Aspect of Garden Design – **Dave Mussar** "Art in the Garden, The AHS National Convention", Spring 2013

## The Annual ODS Picnic August 2, 2014

It was a perfect summer Saturday in August and "a good time was had by all" would be an understatement. As advertised there was great food, fun, friends and lots of blooming daylilies and "blooming" daylily talk. A big ODS thank you to Mike and Linda Georges for your hospitality and the invitation to roam your gardens.

Next year we will be traveling to David Retallick's garden in Millbrook, (just south of Peterborough and for you music buffs out there, Serena Ryder's hometown) at peak bloom on July 25, 2015. 🌻



# My 2014 Garden Visits

by Don Blakely

Each year many of us have big plans to visit as many gardens as possible of our ODS members but our intentions for many reasons get scaled down. I know I always hold back leaving home for fear someone shows up to see my own garden. I like to visit other gardens to see cultivars that are doing well for them and if they are hybridizing how certain crosses are working. It was the third week of July before I realized I better get going if I was going to see any gardens before blooms finished. So over four days I visited the following three gardens.

My first visit was to the garden of Barbara and Nick White of Beeton, which I have not had the opportunity to visit in past years. I was very impressed. Barbara does not hybridize but has an extensive collection of older and new cultivars put together by her keen eye for the good ones. In addition to her daylilies she also has a large collection of hosta, liliun bulbs (she controls those lily bugs!), clematis and phlox. With such a huge garden I now know what Barbara does with her spare time during the summer.

My second garden visit coincided with the ODS picnic hosted by Mike Georges of Aberfoyle. Mike grows only daylilies with no companion flowers. He has developed a small, very select hybridizing program achieving excellent results. Over the past few years he has registered several new cultivars making particular progress with reds. He is certainly proving you do not have to be big to get results. Keep up the good work, Mike!

My third and last garden visit was to Ridley Gardens owned by Reggie Morgan and John Leishman in Toronto. We had an appointment in downtown Toronto so a quick visit was possible due to convenient location just south of 401 off Avenue Road. Most know Reggie and her daylily knowledge from attending ODS meetings but few know John is also very informed of the daylilies in their garden. Ridley Gardens covers every possible growing space on a small city lot expanded into part of the neighbour's backyard. Reggie is well known for her hybridizing program and selling resulting seeds on the Lily Auction. Each year she brings in the newest, popular cultivars to use as pollen parents to keep buyer interest in her seeds. This is the reason I enjoy my visits as I get to view flowers not available at other Ontario gardens. This visit allowed me to view "All Things to All Men", the first two blooms in



*All Things to All Men - Emmerich, 2013*

her garden and all I can say about it is wow! Check out what Karol Emmerich has to say about this cultivar on her web site. I plan to use this one in the future.

Of interest another cultivar Reggie brought in this year is "Rose F Kennedy", popular for its huge green throat, which transmits to its seedlings. Rose is a diploid but the new addition at Ridley is a tetraploid conversion. This means Reggie will have some of the first Rose tetraploid conversion seeds available on the auction, which will attract lots of bidding.

Although Ridley is known for seed production few know



*Rose F Kennedy – Doorakian, 2007*

they have a very small seedling program with two recent cultivars registered and more to come in the next year. Watch for more information on them in the future.

Hard to believe another growing year is winding down, bringing new plans for what we want to do next year. In 2015, I plan to visit more than three ODS member gardens and I hope other ODS members will do the same!

# ODS Fall Meeting and AGM

by Faye Collins

If our CAN-AM Classic is an annual rite of Spring and the beginnings of another daylily gardening season, then the Fall Meeting is a one day celebration of that season's end. The CAN-AM focuses on hybridizers and hybridizing, the latest trends, best garden practices, all aspects of daylily culture, the Fall Meeting on collectors and collecting, successes and renewal, what works, what doesn't...the whole garden. At The CAN-AM we select The Douglas Lycett Award(s) for hybridizing - what's coming. At the Fall Meeting we hear and see the results of the ODS Popularity Poll - our personal top ten (Congratulations to Bryan Culver and his SUN PANDA, #1 for the third year running). Both meetings have plant auctions, plant sales, plant door prizes, and all daylilies that are not available elsewhere. While the club purchases daylilies for the much larger CAN-AM, for the Fall Meeting we rely on donations from our members' gardens and hybridizing programs and again this year are thankful for such ongoing generosity. But the essential difference between the two (and unfortunately not a drawing card) is that the Fall Meeting is where we hold our annual business meeting and elections. We do try and keep it short and sweet...after all it's a stretch to think Dave Mussar and myself switching seats on the Board (no Ford family style hijinks involved in our elections), a couple of mainly housekeeping bylaw changes and a discussion of the 2015 Meetings and Events Calendar has drawing power.

**But we do get it done and in just over 30 minutes!**

Attendance was down this year...an issue we need to address and soon. That said, the caliber of our guest speakers, the people gathered together to share their daylily passion, the fine food and hospitality at The Toronto Airport West Hotel all made the 18th Annual Fall Meeting yet another fine affair. You may have missed it, but I'm hoping as you read this report you'll get just a little taste of what it's all about and perhaps whet your appetite for future events.

Our three guest speakers this year were Dugald Cameron, Bobbie Brooks and Nikki Schmith and in that order. All are noted for their gardening expertise and just plain passion for plants and horticulture. If I had to describe a particular

thread or theme running through all three talks it would be 'find the joy' or 'tame the obsession' or simply 'if you're not having fun, don't do it'. And almost as if it was planned, each presentation flowed seamlessly into the next...bulbs, plants, shrubs to the broader landscape and back to the daylily itself and the daylily enthusiasts that Nikki Schmith calls 'hemerocallis hoarders'. What follows is my attempt to capture that flow and content in a somewhat abbreviated form.

The first speaker of the day was **Dugald Cameron** from Garden Import, owner of Canada's foremost on-line mail order nursery known for its large and eclectic selection of bulbs as well as some rare and unusual perennials including daylilies, peonies, hellebores and small shrubs. Dugald is a skilled 'garden communicator', much in demand not just for his horticultural expertise but also his witty and often pithy observations on the behaviour of we garden obsessives and the plants we love. He did not disappoint. The presentation was titled 'The Delights of Fall Gardening' and it was not just the standard talk on 'putting your garden to bed' but rather on renewal and rejuvenation. **After all a garden and the gardener never sleep.** Dugald's focus is bulbs with Narcissus his particular passion and they along with peonies and many other perennials are best planted in the fall for continuous bloom through the seasons from the earliest snowdrops in spring to the late fall colchicums (yes it's the substance used to convert dips to tets) and a must have as your daylily foliage dies back. He recommended plant combinations -- mix yellow and deep burgundy hyacinths, gave us an inside look at the bulb industry in Holland where he travels every year to walk the fields searching out the newest introductions and ordering old favourites, and passed along lots of plant culture tips including "bunk beds in your garden", a clever description for layering bulbs that you can read about in detail on his website. And who could resist some of the new for 2014 Narcissus intros. Scarlet Tanager, Lions Mane and Pistachio are putting down roots in my garden right now. There's much, much more so do check out his catalogue and website and I'll leave you with this observation... in Dugald's words in winter "you can always tell a gardener cause they're the ones shoveling the snow onto the garden". And did I forget to mention, Dugald has daylilies as well.

An unexpected but perfect segue came after morning break as **Bobbie Brooks**, a well-known hybridizer from Massachusetts and owner of the landscaping company 'Distinctive Garden Designs' took the floor. Her

presentation **'Turn, Turn, Turn,...'** with the audience chiming in 'to everything there is a season' ... continued on with the focus shifting to the garden landscape and all its components as it moves through the four seasons. She made planting recommendations - trees, shrubs, perennials for the garden starting in early spring through summer, fall and winter, using her own garden and slides from some of her favourite or more unusual client gardens. It was not just what to do, but how to as well and with historical content. How many of us knew that Lady's Mantle got its name from its leaf's nine sections and the fact that pregnancy lasts nine months. From spring through fall inter-plant, inter-plant, and inter-plant for continuous interest and bloom. Bobbie's list of recommended plants, trees and shrubs is too long for the purposes of this report. Let's just say we all came away lots of ideas including liberal use of self-seeding perennials. Moving into daylily season she recommends you make sure you have combinations of spiky, mounds and ferny plants to best showcase your collection and although many of us put down Stella she looks great mixed with White Painted Daisy. Other tips include for late summer and fall plant for structure and colour, buy and plant in groups, keep ornamental grass seed heads for winter interest, plant a tapestry garden using all hot colours and do not forget yellow "Buttercream" and "Supreme Empire" are just two of many great daylily cultivars available. There was so much packed into the 45 minute presentation that Bobbie didn't get a chance to talk about her hybridizing program although at break we had a preview of her auction plants including one has yet to be named 2015 intro, a sib of her "What About Me" now residing in a lucky bidder's garden. Sure was a lot packed into one short session!

The final speaker for Fall 2014 was **Nikki Schmith**, A Girl and her Garden, Worden, Illinois giving a talk that was a departure from her usual and often technical talks. Nikki was given carte blanc to explore her "relationship" with daylilies, daylily people, daylily culture (horticultural) and daylily culture (social). And **wow! she did not disappoint.** She likes to describe herself as a daylily ambassador and starts from the premise that "everybody should be obsessed with something and in her case that obsession is gardening with daylilies". Three decades in, Nikki is without a doubt "daylily centric"...a blogger, a photographer, a garden judge, a writer and poet, heavily involved in AHS, President of her local Region...she does it all. Arriving straight from the airport after an early morning flight out of St. Louis, she grabs lunch while we

conduct The ODS Election, makes sure every attendee has a post card with one of her gorgeous daylily photos embossed with a daylily haiku, checks the visuals and hits the podium in full flight so to speak. It's impossible to do justice to such a comprehensive and inspiring presentation here. So let's just say, judging from the buzz in the room after and the positive feedback, there was something in it for everyone from long-time members and club volunteers to hard-core hybridizers and collectors to newly joined daylily enthusiasts. Some highlights included ... find your focus, Nikki's personal top 10 for 2014, step back when it all becomes too much, we can all be described as daylily hoarders and most resonant for me, "if you don't get a 'blip on your heart', stop what you're doing". In short, there were great visuals from a master photographer, plenty of garden and cultivar tips, advice for club volunteers and open gardens and lots of daylily musings and upbeat philosophy. Really the talk had it all ...Nikki Schmith, a born garden communicator.

It was another **perfect** Fall Meeting and my final at the helm. I'm looking forward to enjoying many more ODS meetings and events but I'll be narrowing my focus to my own garden, the 900 plus collection I've amassed, and hybridizing. I'll leave the heavy lifting to our hardworking incoming Board ...they are more than up to the task, but they can always use a hand. 🌸

### Daylily Trading Corner

The following folks are interested in trading daylilies. If interested please connect directly with them. If you are interested in being added to the list, send your name and email to the newsletter editor.

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# Douglas Lycett Award Submissions

So you took all those pictures this summer and have been putting off getting them organized. So now is the time to get to work and get organized so you can submit your best seedlings for the 2014 Douglas Lycett Award. The 2014 Douglas Lycett Award deadline for submission is **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015**. This award formally recognizes a daylily seedling hybridized by an ODS member that has shown itself to be of high quality in both plant and flower attributes. Voting for this award takes place at the 2015 Can-AM Classic.

## Here are the rules:

- All submissions must have been grown in Canada by an ODS member residing within Canada.
- Seedlings submitted must have been grown in regular or amended garden soil and not in a greenhouse, nor in a pot.
- Each submission to the competition must include two pictures of the daylily, one showing a close up of the flower and the second clearly showing the plant branching and bud count with an open flower visible in the picture.
- For each submission please indicate the category the entry is to be entered in and include key statistics such as flower diameter, scape height, bud count and number of branches. For spiders please indicate spider ratio and for unusual forms the UF category. No markings identifying the parents of the seedling should be visible in the picture, nor should there be any markings that might identify the submitter.

For full details on the Lycett Award please visit the ODS website at

[www.ontariodaylily.on.ca/pages/Lycettpages/LycettAwardCRITERIA.html](http://www.ontariodaylily.on.ca/pages/Lycettpages/LycettAwardCRITERIA.html) 🌸



Please mark on your calendars the weekend of **May 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015** for the **19<sup>th</sup> annual Can-Am Classic.**

**As many of you know the former Delta Hotel which has hosted the past eight Can-Am Classics has changed hands. With an uncertain renovation schedule and a change in staff our preferred dates are not available. We are currently negotiating with another location and will let you know when that has been finalized.**

**We have verbal agreements with Bob Selman of Blue Ridge Daylilies (the largest of the featured gardens at the AHS National this year), Michael Miller of small World Daylilies, current Stout Medal winner Jamie Gossard and Bryan Culver as speakers for the upcoming Can-Am Classic. Once we have confirmed with the hotel and other speakers on our short list will be approached and all the details will be finalized and posted on the ODS website.**

**Hope to see many of you there!**

**Dave Mussar**

**When details are finalized, registration forms (mail in or online) will be available at**

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



# 2014 ODS Popularity Poll

by Dave Mussar

Every year ODS members identify the top 10 performing plants in their gardens. The purpose of the poll is share our experience as daylily growers and as daylily “experts” as to which plants we think put on the best show in our gardens. By our votes we are recommending these plants not only to the gardening public but to others within our club as well. The poll is meant to be a fun activity. I don’t know about others but I find that I’m running around so much at bloom season pollen in hand, more in my mouth, camera in the other hand that I need to do something like the poll to sit back to consider what has done well, what surprised me and what did I really like this summer.

The ODS popularity poll is totally open. Members can cast their votes for whatever 10 cultivars they consider to be their best performers. This year 33 ODS members cast ballots for 201 different cultivars, 146 of which received a single vote. Even with this wide spread of cultivars considered, the cream still rises to the top and 13 received more than 4 votes.

For the second year in a row Bryan Culver’s ‘Sun Panda’ has topped our poll with 14 votes. It was also tied for the top in the Region 4 poll as well so its popularity has spread wider than just our club! Here are the top 10 cultivars as voted by ODS members as well the results for the last two years for comparison. This year was the first time that ‘Boundless Beauty’, ‘Gryphon Hankow Legacy’ and ‘Rock Solid’ have made it into the top 10 cultivars.

Thank you to all ODS members who took the time to consider their best performers and to vote in the popularity poll. It is interesting to track our favourites over the years and it is no surprise that locally bred cultivars by club members rank highly. Congratulations to all local hybridizers on the popularity of your cultivars too!



## 2014 Pop Poll Results

Cultivar	Total	Rank
‘Sun Panda’	14	1
‘Spirit Zone’	6	2
‘Mabou’	6	2
‘Boundless Beauty’	6	2
‘Elsie Stelter’	5	5
‘Barbara White’	5	5
‘Bordello Queen’	4	7
‘Dangling Participle’	4	7
‘Gryphon Hankow Legacy’	4	7
‘Potala Tapestry’	4	7
‘Rock Solid’	4	7
‘Webster’s Pink Wonder’	4	7
‘White Eyes Pink Dragon’	4	7

## 2013 Pop Poll Results

Cultivar	Total	Rank
‘Sun Panda’	12	1
‘Barbara White’	10	2
‘Spirit Zone’	6	3
‘Dangling Participle’	5	4
‘Potala Tapestry’	5	4
‘Diane Crawford’	5	4
‘Ruby Spider’	5	4
‘Beautiful Edgings’	4	8
‘Lord Trickster’	4	8
‘Elsie Stelter’	4	8
‘Moonlit Masquerade’	4	8
‘Ruby Spider’	4	8
‘White Eyes Pink Dragon’	4	8

## 2012 Pop Poll Results

Cultivar	Total	Rank
'Sun Panda'	15	1
'Spirit Zone'	14	2
'Barbara White'	10	3
'Beautiful Edgings'	7	4
'Lord Trickster'	7	4
'Dragon So'	6	6
'Potala Tapestry'	6	6
'Diane Crawford'	5	8
'Elsie Stelter'	5	8
'Jade Princess'	5	8
'Primal Scream'	5	8
'Ruby Spider'	5	8
'Spirit Fox'	5	8

## Time For A Change

After three years as your newsletter editor it is time to step down and let someone else from the club have this opportunity. It's been fun and a learning experience putting the newsletter together each time. So if you have an interest in newsletters now is your time to give it a try.

Many thanks for all the support.

Howard

## The 2015 ODS Executive and Committee Chairs

### The Board

President	Dave Mussar
Vice President	Don Blakely
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# 2015 CAN-AM Classic Birdhouse Contest

Get those creative minds and hands working this winter!

The Ontario Daylily Society's first Birdhouse Contest at the 2010 Can-Am CLASSIC was enthusiastically supported by all in attendance and now has become an annual tradition. Now is the time to get organized, design and build that bird house for the judging at the 2015 CAN-AM Classic. There are always great prizes!

We want this to be an entertaining event for Can-Am Classic participants – viewing, voting and the auction - as well as a rewarding experience for those who create and enter a birdhouse.



- 1) Any registered 2015 Can-Am Classic participant is eligible to enter. There is no entry fee.
- 2) One birdhouse entry per registered participant (Thus couples may enter 2 houses.)
- 3) All birdhouses will be in one 'Class' only and judged comparatively against each other.
- 4) All 2015 Can-Am Classic participants and guest presenters are eligible to vote during the Can-Am Classic for their three favourites. Ballots will be provided in your registration packages.
- 5) Popular appeal will decide placements. Winners will be announced during the Can-Am Classic.
- 6) Prizes will be selected by the Can-Am Classic Committee. Details available at the Can-Am.
- 7) All birdhouses entered become the property of the 2015 Can-Am Classic and will be auctioned off to the highest bidders during the event. The auction proceeds go to the Ontario Daylily Society.
- 8) Your birdhouse entry must be able to withstand normal outdoor garden placement and must be built to provide actual use by your selected specie (i.e. appropriate access hole, inside space for a normal nest, etc.) The material used is up to you and the interior should be paint free. Exterior? ..... Use your imagination! .... painted, carved, adorned with jewels and baubles, natural rough sawn wood, attached doorknobs or license plates or antique hinges or mini cupolas .... We've all seen both simple and elaborate birdhouses during our garden visits.
- 9) For practical reasons of displaying and handling the overall exterior dimensions cannot exceed 18" x 18" x 24" or 46 cm x 46 cm x 61 cm. (NB: If your entry will not stand on its own on the contest table display, you may provide a simple stand for support).
- 10) Do not place any permanent identification on your entry.
- 11) Simply create your birdhouse following these guidelines and bring it with you to the 2015 Can-Am Classic. We will register it in the contest for you when you arrive. 🌸



## Quotable Quotes

"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow, it's what sunflowers do."  
~Helen Keller

"Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart."  
~Victor Hugo

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## Upcoming ODS Events

Most meetings are at The Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington and begin at 10 am. It is a great opportunity to meet other folks who are just as excited about daylilies as you are. Please check the club website for the most current meeting and event details.

- ❖ **October 25, 2014– The Autumn Get Together** - Royal Botanical Gardens, Rooms 3&4. "Showcasing True North Daylilies" – Tim Hobbs
- ❖ **November 29, 2014– The Holiday Meeting & Potluck** - Royal Botanical Gardens, Rooms 3&4.
- ❖ **January 17, 2015 – Winter Meeting** - Royal Botanical Gardens, Rooms 3&4. "Chasing The Dream – Some Like it Red" – Brian Schram.



## Dates to Remember - Future AHS National Conventions:

**2015** - The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta and The Cobb County Daylily Society, Atlanta, GA, June 10 - 13, 2015.

**2016** - The Daylily Society of Louisville and the Louisville Area Daylily Society, Louisville, Kentucky. June 29-July 2, 2016. Region 10.

**2017** - The Tidewater Daylily Society (TDS) is hosting the 2017 AHS National Convention from June 21-24 in Norfolk, Virginia.

## Stories and Articles Needed

Hey don't sit around all winter watching the snow get deeper....be creative, put pen to paper or fingers to the keyboard and write something for your ODS & Ends Newsletter.