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Summer Regional in Cleveland, huge success

by Mr. Gary M. Jones, Woodstock, CT; RVP, AHS Region 4; Chairman, CDS 2007 Region 4 Meeting

After arriving home at 1:45 am from attending the Region 2 Summer Regional in Cleveland, hosted by the Northern Ohio Daylily Society, all I can say is - Wow! This was a mini-national! A crew of 11 NODS members organized the event, co-chaired by Doug Bowen and Curt Hanson. A day and a half of garden tours to eight gardens that varied from Curt's immaculate, weed free, dead-headed garden (I am told it isn't always so pristine!) to two gardens in the Ohio Amish country replete with horse-drawn buggies.

Region 2 has a very enthusiastic region-oriented membership that was wonderful to see and savor. Imagine if you will, David Kirchhoff starting the auction off after the Friday evening Hawaiian Luau dressed in a grass skirt and coconut shells. Sorry, it's an image I am already trying to forget!

In regard to the discussion on regional treasury balances we had earlier this year, Region 2 currently has a cash balance of \$77,000. Region 3 has half that, which helps put our balance in proportion. I mentioned at our Region 4 business meeting on LI that, at the suggestion of Region 12 RVP Joe Agosta, the AHS RVP Liaison will

bring to the full AHS Board at the October AHS Board meeting a proposal to eliminate the registration fee for Youth daylily enthusiasts at conventions. Meanwhile, at the Region 2 business meeting this past Saturday, Region 2 voted to put aside \$1500.00 to pay the membership fee for not only Region 2 Youth Members, but ALL AHS Youth members up to a total cost to Region 2 of \$1500.00!

In view of this interest in stimulating Youth AHS membership I regret we did not discuss at our LIDS business meeting continuing our Region 4 Youth Essay Award. I am not sure if our bylaws allow us to enact such a plan in time for the 2007 National, as our next business meeting will not be held until next year. Perhaps going forward we could offer full reimbursement of expenses for one or two annual winner(s) rather than registration only for up to six as we did for 2006.

For your information, our 2006 Essay Contest recipient Elliot Turkiew (who also received the 2006 AHS Christine Stamile Youth Award at the LIDS National) has accepted the role of Region 4 Youth Liaison.

High points of the National Convention by Mike Huben

One of my high points of this year's National Convention was teaching the Garden Judges 2 Workshop, which was run by David Kirchhoff.

One of my favorite tricks to get the students to look at the whole plant is to ask them to pretend that they're going to cut off the scapes and use the plant only as ornamental foliage. The students eyes get big when I suggest that they will never see the flowers.

Would they want that plant in their garden as a foliage plant instead of an ornamental grass? Because that's what you have for the other 11 months of the year.

I've found that when teaching how to judge

daylilies in the garden, the judge trainees have a terrible problem of not wanting to be harshly critical. It's as if they think the hybridizers are standing behind them and listening, and will have their feelings hurt. I explained to them that the hybridizers are not standing there, and that it is OK to say horrible things as long as they are true. So what happened? As we were judging, David Kirchhoff, and Pat and Grace Stamile came and joined us, making a liar of me. Fortunately, the students stood by their guns and were still willing to be critical. As David Kirchhoff explained, it's OK to be critical and harsh as long as you're consistent.

President's Message

from Ellen Laprise

This has been a very busy and exciting month for me, getting caught up with lots of end-of-the-season work in the garden, collecting pods, preparing for garden inspections... and I'm very excited to announce I won the Stanley Saxton Award for my seedling #03-7 (H. *Fooled Me x Primal Scream*). No time to write this month, but I promise I'll have an expanded version of the President's Letter prepared for next month's big Autumn newsletter.

Our first PDS meeting will be in October. We need for all our members to vote for their preferred dates. The purpose is to try not to have meetings on the same day as another local daylily society (the Connecticut Daylily Society meets on the first Saturday of the month and the New England Daylily Society on the second). Tell me please - would you prefer the meetings be held on the first or the fourth Saturday of the month? Please e-mail me, at gentian1@charter.net, promptly with your vote or call me at (508) 943-1885 by September 1st.

– Ellen Laprise, President, PDS

LIDS convention tour

by Bobbie Brooks

I am still hyped from seeing all those beautiful gardens on the Convention Tour. Thank you, participants, for sharing your hard work and your collections. About 450 AHS members attended and all regions were represented. Hawaii was even present.

Convention tour gardens were split into two days of viewing and we had an hour to view each garden. Not nearly enough time to visit, as there was so much to see.

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Submit your vote in the AHS Popularity Poll Ballot

As a service to its members and to the general public, each year the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) conducts a popularity poll among its members to determine the favorite daylilies from each region. It is the hope of the AHS that this Popularity Poll presents a true picture of which daylilies perform well in a given area and which are best liked by the membership. Popularity polls are important to all daylily growers – both AHS members and nonmembers – who make daylily selections for purchase.

How to vote:

* All AHS members are eligible to vote and should participate.

* Vote for up to, but no more than ten (10) cultivars. Note: a valid ballot may consist of only one vote.

* For Dual Memberships, the second member may use second column for votes.

* Price need not be considered.

* Select your favorite registered, well established cultivars (no seedlings) which you have observed in your garden or immediate area.

* Mail or email your choices to: Mel Campbell

21 Ambleside Drive
Fairport, NY 14450
or e-mail meljim@rochester.rr.com

* All AHS members may also use the electronic form on the AHL website <http://www.daylilies.org/PopPoll/> to submit their choices to their regional Pop Poll Tabulator.

* Whichever submission method you choose, please submit your ballot only once.

Your vote makes a difference. Postmark deadline and electronic submission deadline is SEPTEMBER 1st, 2006.

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The Stahl's: What a way to start! Small gardens packed with beds, paths filled with river stone, shaded walkways, dark picket fence closing in an eating area, stone well, bubbling water ball, shallow wide brook at the back and daylilies rising to tall heights.

Peluso garden: What a treat! A collection of wonderful hydrangeas, several as center-pieces of island gardens surrounded with daylilies. Pathways led to close viewing.

Planting Fields Arboretum: Lunch and the LIDS garden. We viewed the Stanley Saxton Bed, created for the Reg 4 seedling award. Ellen Laprise won the Saxton award this year. Congratulations Ellen!

Vassallo garden: What greeted us was 2 '100 ft' perennial borders on either side of

the drive, chock-a-block full of many daylily cultivars surrounded with perennials and set in great combos. A side path led to the back gardens. Cool shade trees on the left, shady back gardens with a tool shed surrounded by hosta, and other perennials with a curved rock wall border.

Limmer's Garden: Neat raised beds behind a picket fence with archways and space for each cultivar to grow. Borders were also on both left and right of the house. And yes, Paul, you did 'Good' with the containers! Daylily clumps looked like they were on steroids with massive clumps and sizes of blooms.

Rasmussen Garden: This was a highlight of the tour for me. Asked how he can grow such great intros in such a small space, his answer was something like - after 45 years,

one does not do crosses unless one has a pretty darn good idea of the turnout and one does not need to bloom 10,000 crosses if one concentrates on distinct goals.

Pat Sayer's Garden: Pat is an interior designer creating a wild, cottagey and welcoming garden. A walk up the long drive and we entered the main gardens through a rose covered trellis. One was almost overwhelmed with 10 ft tall perennial beds. single hollyhocks, thalictrum, oriental lilies made the garden statements.

Carolyn Young Garden: We toured an historic garden with beds on both sides with several old cultivars and a large bed in the back of hot colors. Well thought out.

Again, a huge thanks for all those that hosted the garden tours. We really appreciate all that you prepared for us.