

DIGGIN' THE DAYLILY



H. China Bride

BAY AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

WINTER 2010

And now a word from our President.....

Hey Everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday. I am looking forward to 2010 because we have some great programs and a field trip planned. Just a reminder, if you have not paid your membership for 2010, don't delay. You are not going to want to miss this year in daylilies!

First, let us thank Neal Richmond for offering to edit our new newsletter, *Diggin' the Daylily*. As we grow, we can look forward to more and better information about daylilies, much of which will be distributed via the newsletter.

Saturday, February 13th is our next meeting. Again, it will be pot luck and will begin at 10:30am. I am excited to have Bill Maryott of **Maryott's Daylily Gardens**, https://daylilygarden.net/cgi-bin/Web_store/web_store.cgi, at this meeting as our guest speaker. I will let Neal tell you all about him, but I must say that Dianne Martinelli and I visited his gardens last summer and we were certainly impressed with his hybridizing program. I know that you will enjoy him and be delighted to see what he has to offer. For this meeting, we will have a sale table instead of an auction. There will be many good buys, so come prepared.

In May, we will learn about the shapes, sizes and faces of daylilies. It will be a member participation program. This will be a must for those who want to learn more about daylilies, the perfect perennial. There will be more about that later. We have a field trip planned in June to **Amador Flower Farm** situated in the Gold Country town of Plymouth, <http://www.amadorflowerfarm.com/>. In September we have the premier hybridizers, David Kirchoff and Mort Morss of **Daylily World**, <http://www.daylilyworld.com/>, from Tennessee coming to speak. There will be a barbeque at Neal's house to meet & socialize with David, Mort and each other after the meeting. Keep your eyes peeled for more about what is planned!

There will be volunteer opportunities this spring as we will sell daylilies at **Markham Regional Arboretum**, <http://www.markhamarboretum.org/>. Once their dates are posted we'll be able to give you more information.

Your help is needed for these fund raisers. If you haven't been to Markham, you are in for a treat. They have great plants at reasonable prices, so you can pick up a few hard to find specimens while you help out.

If you are not a member of the **American Hemerocallis Society**, <http://www.daylilies.org/>, you should join. I received my *Daylily Journal* and it was full of pictures of beautiful daylilies that have won prizes awarded to outstanding daylilies as voted on by over 500 garden judges. There are scientific articles as well as information about the 2010 National Convention in Valdosta, GA. You can get info from the AHS website also. <http://www.daylilies.org/>

Finally, please visit the **AHS Region 7** website, <http://ahsregion7.org/index.html>. As part of Region 7, you will find information about our up coming Region 7 meeting on June 4-5, 2010 in So. California. You'll also find the Popularity Poll winners from those AHS members that voted, <http://ahsregion7.org/gallery/2009%20Pop%20Poll/Adobe%20Web%20Gallery/index.html>.

As always, if you have questions, comments or concerns, you can contact me at 925-825-5076 or etandivad@aol.com.

It is hard to preview the coming year without being a bit lengthy. I am so proud of what we have already accomplished and what we have coming up. See you in February!

Nancy

MARYOTT'S DAYLILY GARDENS

Neal Richmond

WOW! Bill Maryott is our scheduled guest for the BADS meeting on February 13. If we are really lucky, his wife Marilyn will be along to help keep him in line.

I have known Bill for about 10 years. His enthusiasm, energy and knowledge for daylilies take a backseat to no one. I have grown many of his introductions and am pleased to report that Bill introduces great garden plants. They are true to description and all have performed well in my Concord gardens. His presentation will have three key elements, **1. How their commercial daylily nursery works. 2. Their breeding program. 3. How to grow daylilies well. The talk will focus on new growers and new enthusiasts.** Sounds like us! There will be plenty of time for questions, which I know you will have. Bill has informed me that this is your chance, there are no dumb questions!

The meeting will be held at the **Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Avenue in Concord.** Details will follow in a separate note.

Satellite & cable TV will be down for the day, it's going to be raining cats and dogs and the ski resorts will be closed on 2/13/2010, so mark your calendars and come on down to welcome Bill to your club.



Greenhouse installed 2002

Photo from Bill & Marilyn's website, https://daylilygarden.net/cgi-bin/Web_store/web_store.cgi

ON THE CALENDAR

2/13/10	BADS meeting, Bill Maryott special guest
3-4-5/10	Plant sales at Markhan Arboretum, dates <u>TBA</u>
5/22/10	BADS meeting, "What the Heck is a Daylily"
6/19/10	Field trip to Amador Flower Farms
9/18/10	BADS meeting, Mort Morss and David Kirchhoff special guests
9/18/10	BADS <i>BBQ</i> to die for!

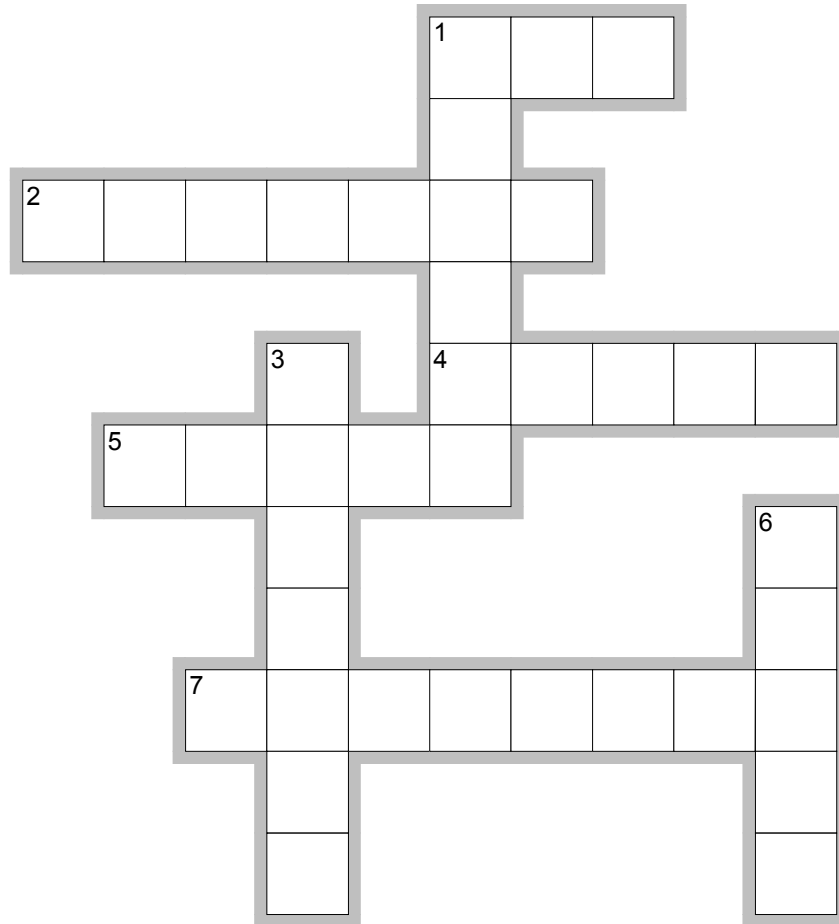
EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the first, suitable for framing, collector's edition of the Bay Area Daylily Society's newsletter. "Diggin' the Daylily". Since it has been far too many years since I've done one of these things, you can expect the format to change from one publication to the next until I feel it is serving its purpose, making your daylily experience the best that it can be. I hope to provide one between each meeting. For those of you counting on your fingers that would be 4 per year..... It will bring you news, pictures and updates about your club.

Your contributions and suggestions are encouraged.

You may reach me, that would be Neal, at 925-672-2624 or dadsplace@astound.net.

JUST FOR FUN!



EclipseCrossword.com

Across

1. What happens after the September meeting?
2. Our guest speaker in February.
4. Who is the BADS President?
5. What are daylily flowers attached to?
7. What is the single most important nutrient for daylilies?

Down

1. A flower with inner and outer segments of different tints of the same basic color.
3. The perfect perennial
6. Old Saint Nick

If you haven't renewed your 2010 BADS dues yet, Dianne says there is no time like the present. Just complete the form below and send it with your check to her at the address on the form so that you will continue to receive meeting information and our new, collector's edition newsletter.

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