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## Join us Saturday, June 24 George Doorakian's Daylily Conversion Clinic

by Ellen Laprise

**JUNE 23, 1:00 pm SATURDAY** is the day for George Doorakian's daylily conversion clinic which will be held at his home in Bedford, Massachusetts.

PDS registration is \$25.00 per daylily treated. Visitors are welcome and non-PDS member registration is \$50.00 per daylily treated. To make a reservation please call George (781) 275-2343 to give him your name and tell him how many plants you are bringing so he may prepare adequate supplies for this exciting challenge.

Participants are asked to bring a diploid daylily that has been established for at least a month, with two or three fans that are attached to the crown. The crown should be 1/4" to 1/2" below the top of the pot. The fan to be treated should be at least one half inch in diameter. Taper the soil away from the crown and water the plant well the night before.

Bobbie Brooks, Ellen Laprise and Manny Baghdayan will be bringing Auction winner's plants from April meeting.

Directions to the Doorakian's home, 4 Bandera Drive, Bedford, MA 01730 (617) 275-2343:

**FROM ROUTE 128 (I-95)** Take Exit 32B (Middlesex Turnpike). Head west (right from exit). Travel 4.8 miles until you reach the "99" Restaurant in Billerica, on the right. Take a left onto Lexington St. and travel 0.8 miles. Traveling over the Route 3 overpass, take the 2nd right onto Bandera Drive. #4 is 2nd house on the left.

**FROM ROUTE 2, AND WEST OF ROUTE 495** – From Route 2 East to Route 495N. Proceed to Route 3 South. Proceed until the Concord Road Exit, turn right at the bottom of the ramp and turn right again at the next light, Middlesex Turnpike. Proceed about 3 miles until you see the "99" Restaurant on your left; turn right onto Lexington St. (which becomes Billerica Road in Bedford) and travel 0.8 mi. After traveling over the Route 3 overpass, take the 2nd right onto Bandera Dr. #4 is the 2nd house on the left.

## Martha Pike hosts member's PDS Garden Tour at Daylilies Forever, showcasing an historic collection dating from 1893

Directions: From I-95 at the New Hampshire/Massachusetts border: Continue north on I-95 to Exit 4, a left exit to the White Mountains via the Spaulding Turnpike. Exit and continue on the Turnpike until it ends after Exit 18. It becomes Route 16. Continue on Route 16 through the first light (at Route 153, approximately 4 miles.) Go approximately 2.4 miles more to Governor's Road, which is the first left turn after the light. Turn left and proceed approximately 1.4 miles to 195 Governor's Road, on the left. The house is a gambrel roof colonial and you will see stone walls and daylilies in the front yard. The number is on a tree by the driveway as well as on the house.

Driving time from the NH/MA border is approximately one hour. It is approximately 38 miles from Exit 4 to the house.

The garden (Daylilies Forever) is a historic collection. It includes approximately 1400 different cultivars in fourteen beds or planting areas. Plants range in date from H. 'Apricot' (1893) to H. 'John R. Pike' (2005.) The garden contains all of the Stout Medal winners except H. 'Playboy', 12 species, and representative plants from most of the well-known hybridizers. Peak bloom is the third week in July, but early daylilies bloom in June and late ones in September.

Martha's phone number is (603) 522-9036.

## President's Message

from Ellen Laprise

This promises to be a fun (and busy) summer for those of us fascinated by gardening and July looks like the peak month for gardening-related events. There's lots of interesting meetings and demonstrations that shouldn't be missed, including our own George Doorakian's daylily conversion clinic on June 23 and the PDS Picnic on July 30. Don't miss any of these exciting events, meetings and tours. Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar:

**JUNE 24 - SATURDAY**  
GEORGE DOORAKIAN'S DAYLILY  
CONVERSION CLINIC

See story at upper left for details.

**JULY 14-16**  
AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION  
AND REGION 4 MEETING  
Held this year in Long Island Sponsored  
by the Long Island Daylily Society

**JULY 22 - SATURDAY**  
PATRIOT DAYLILY SOCIETY  
GARDEN TOUR

10:00 am to noon – hosted by Martha  
Pike at Daylilies Forever. See story at  
lower left for more details.

**JULY 22 - SATURDAY**  
RVS DAYLILIES AND HOSTA  
GARDEN TOUR

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm hosted by Joan  
Dahl. See story on flap for details.

**JULY 23 - PDS ANNUAL PICNIC**  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Hosted by Paula  
and George Doorakian. Rain date is July  
30. See story on flap.

**JULY 29 - SATURDAY**  
EXHIBITION FLOWER SHOW  
See story on flap.

**AUGUST - NO PDS MEETING  
THIS MONTH.**

**SEPTEMBER - PDS MEETING**

– Ellen Laprise, President, PDS

## RVS Daylilies and Hosta Garden tour hosted by Joan Dahl, Saturday, July 22 in Ashburnham, Massachusetts

Joan Dahl invites everyone to join her for a tour of her beautiful RVS Daylilies and Hosta garden in north central Massachusetts, 142 Williams Road, Ashburnham, MA. You are encouraged to bring a bag lunch as Joan has picnic tables and a lovely deck. Joan will be serving cold drinks and dessert. Parking will be available in the main driveway. Joan mentioned that you may not park on the RVS side of the street. Please park on the other side of the street or in her second driveway on the other side of the house. If you need more information, please call Joan at (978) 827-3337.

**DIRECTION FROM ROUTE 2**, exit Depot Road, take a right out of exit and take a right at the next intersection. Go under overpass and take first left. As soon as you cross the Ashburnham town line watch for RVS Daylilies, 142 Williams Road which is 1/10 mile up on the left.

**FROM NH** - Take Route 101 through Ashburnham center. In 4 miles will be a blinking light. Turn left onto Williams Road and continue to 142 Williams Road.

Bring a friend! Daylilies are enjoyed so much more when you can view them with a friend. And PDS will grow when you share 'us' with 'them'!

## Exhibition Flower Show on Saturday, July 29

Open to the public at noon. Here's your opportunity to see hundreds of different daylilies in their most fabulous condition or to compete for recognition in the New England daylily world. AHS members are encouraged to bring scapes and blooms for exhibition and judging to the Waltham Agricultural Field Station. Take on the challenge of figuring out the best way of transporting your delicate scapes to the show and grooming them so they may win "Best in Show". For more information about the event call Dan Pessone (508) 255-9348.

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## Part 2. Pixels for your daylilies – digital camera tips *by Patsy Cunningham*

Photo editing programs of some sort are needed if you intend to edit your photos in the computer. Some of these editing programs also serve the function of cataloguing and sorting that I've just described, but in a far more sophisticated way.

My favorite program that does both is called ThumbsPlus, a shareware (try before you buy) program you can download online. It's probably the only program that both Ed and I both use every day. It makes "thumbnails" or mini pictures of your photo files, much like Windows XP does. But you can choose to have each photo show its date, file size, resolution, dimensions and

comments. The files can be sorted by any of those properties. For those of you who have edited files of any type before, you know that when you save it, today's date and time are attached, which means you lose the original date and time that the photo was actually taken. The ThumbsPlus program (and presumably others like it), has an info box that opens when you click on a photo. It shows the original time and date the photo was taken, the camera model, lens aperture, shutter speed, ISO, and whether a flash was used. Maybe too much information for most of us, it's nice to know its there if you need it.

## Patriot Daylily Society's Annual Picnic July 23 at George and Paula Doorakian's

Don't miss this annual celebration! Join us at George and Paula's home at 4 Bandera Drive, Bedford, MA at 11:00 am - 3:00 pm (rain date July 30). We will be getting together with the members of the New England Rose Society, which should be great fun! It's a relaxing opportunity to visit and talk plants with your fellow PDS members and the Rosarian Society. Please bring food that you would like to share with others.