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Join us for the May 6 Patriot Daylily Society meeting

May PDS Welcome to New Members and Interactive Meeting

By Program Chair Bobbie Brooks

We had a wonderful turnout for our 'Fling Into Spring' on April 1. Thank you for your participation and we welcome our newest members. We hope to host at least two special events a year.

Originally, May plans had included a PDS plant sale but many attending the last meeting requested another regular meeting. We will have an "Interactive Meeting" May 6 at our usual Bedford Library meeting place.

Here's the agenda - we hope you can come:
PANEL PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: "Basics of Hybridizing and Starting Seeds" – Ellen Laprise; "How to Divide Daylilies" – Bobbie Brooks and Ellen Laprise; a "Daylily Presentation" – George Doorakian. Each presentation will be 10 minutes with plenty of time for questions, suggestions and answers. Also included is a Slide Presentation on "Hardy Daylilies in the North" by Ellen Laprise. Ellen buys and evaluates daylilies with attention to vigor and beauty and she will offer idea on what will do well for our local gardens.

PLANT SALE: You are invited to bring daylilies and other perennials for sale, potted or bareroot plants labeled and tagged with YOUR name. Proceeds will be 50/50 for you

and your PDS donation (tax deductible). This will be fun if everyone brings plants to share. You may also bring gardening books or related horticultural materials to sell. You must keep track of your sales and PDS donations. With notice, tables will be supplied. If you can advertise in your local papers, this offers incentive for new local members and sales. Let us know your thoughts.

GIFT BAGS FOR NEW MEMBERS: While Ellen is teaching us her method of dividing daylilies, the divisions will be put into the new members gift bags! Seedlings from Bobbie Brooks' unique crosses will be donated as well as other items. Bring in your extra catalogs and anything else to donate as a welcome to our new members.

MONTHLY DOOR PRIZE/AUCTION.

PDS LIBRARY AVAILABLE includes AHS Daylily Journals, Regional Newsletters, Videos, CD's, etc. and may be signed out for one month.

EXECUTIVE BOARD will meet early, at 11am. 12:00-12:30pm is social hour, the meeting starts at 12:30pm. If you plan to come, as always, a note to one of the board members helps us plan attendance. Your donations, food, participation, etc. is welcome.

Part 1. Pixels for your daylilies – digital camera tips by Patsy Cunningham

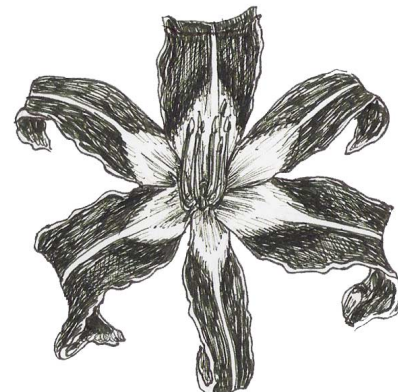
Digital cameras. They're no longer just for the computer geek or the buyer of new electronic toys, they're now the camera of choice for everyman. If you haven't picked one up yet, you're missing out on some fun. I've had my digital camera since spring 2002, and although it was my intention to keep using our 35mm SLR, I've only used it 1 day out of those 4 years. No more expensive film and expensive processing only to find that just a couple of the photos on the roll were worth keeping. No more taking photos of daylily varieties and seedlings only to have forgotten or lost their names by the time the roll was finished and developed. Now, while the names are fresh in memory or the list still in hand; I can see, label and save the photos right away.

There are a few things to know about saving

your photos if you're new to digital cameras. First, you don't need a computer if you just want to print out your photos to see and share. Local pharmacies and stores have photo printing equipment that can do that easily and cheaply. Bring in your memory card from the camera, stick it in the machine and you can see and choose which photos are worth printing. While you're at it, you can crop them (cut out the parts you don't want), get rid of red eyes and even adjust colors. You can print a 4x6" photo for as little as 19 cents. So, do the math. If you only had 2 good photos on the "roll" worth printing, you'd pay 38 cents with digital or \$10-\$15 between film and processing for a traditional camera.

Alternatively, the newest home printers have a slot where you can insert your card, and a LCD

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Eggplant Electricity as drawn by Margo Reed.

President's Message

from Ellen Laprise

Hi Folks! Well Spring is officially here. Daylilies are growing, daffodils, tulips, forsythia, and Rhododendrons are blooming. What a glorious time of year! Our meeting with Curt Hanson was every bit as exciting, as we had hoped! We enjoyed meeting many new members and seeing old friends.

Our May 6 meeting is sure to get us thinking about new daylilies and hybridizing. I'll be bringing packages of free seed and the early birds will get first choice.

At the 11 a.m. Executive meeting, we will be making decisions about Babysitting Plants. PDS members will be eligible for a drawing to host plants. More information will be given and the drawing will take place at the May 6 meeting. You won't want to miss it.

If anyone wants to pick up their auction wins that I donated just give me a call at 508-943-1885. I will bring them to the May 6 meeting.

We need feedback from our members as to whether or not we would be interested in hosting the 2010 Region 4 Convention. If so, what may you like to do, such as: Meeting Chair and Co-Chair, Registrar, Auction Plants, Reception Committee Chair, etc.

I look forward to seeing you all Saturday, May 6.

– Ellen Laprise, President, PDS

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panel on top where you can preview and choose the photos in the comfort and convenience of your home. Then, print them on the spot, again without having to deal with the oft time complex and intimidating computer. There are great combo deals for a digital camera and printer together.

Let's suppose though, that you want to save the photos to your computer for later use. The instructions will often have you attach the camera to a USB cord and run a special program to upload photos to your computer. This consumes time and camera battery power. You'd be far better served by buying a "card reader". These have a USB plug on one end and the other has a slot to insert your camera's memory card. If you leave the card reader plugged into your computer all the time, its quick work to load in the day's photos. Windows XP asks you what you want to do with the images, ie: save

to a directory, view as a slideshow, etc. It will delete the photos en masse from your card if you'd like, rather than individually in the camera. Current card readers have multiple slots for a variety of cards.

About saving your photos to the computer – develop a "filing" system from the start. Since digital cameras make it all too easy to collect thousands of pictures, they'll quickly become hard to find if you just dump them all in the "My Pictures" directory of your PC. Make a labeled directory for each group you upload, like "garden tours 2005", "garden 7/4/05" or by date. These individual "rolls" of pictures should be sub-directories under general headings like "daylilies", "Family", "Vacations", etc.

How do you look at your photos once they're in these orderly directories? The most basic way is through Windows. Click on "My Computer", then "My Documents" and then "My Pictures". You may see only a list of the photo names. If so, go to the

top right of the screen where there is a little rectangular icon with 6 dots on it, open the drop down menu and choose Thumbnails or Filmstrip as a way to view your pictures. Voila, you now have a place to get a good view of those photos so you can evaluate what to delete, rename, copy to CD etc. This supposes you have Windows XP as Windows 98 has a viewing system which is much more limited in use. Now that you can see the photos, rename them. There's nothing like file lists full of "DSCN012345" and "DSCN06789" to discourage you later from finding a certain picture. Because the camera's naming and numbering system tells you what order they were taken in, there's no harm in keeping that name as long as you also add in some identifying feature such as "Joe at party DSCN012345".

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Mark your calendar for these future PDF events

MAY 21, SUNDAY – Society Row Plant Sale at Elm Bank, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Free Admission, \$5.00 Parking; Elm Bank Horticultural Center, 900 Washington Street, (Rte 16), Wellesley, MA 02482 Mary Collier Fisher will be representing our club and would love to have some help. We will be handing out literature and raffling off several daylilies.

JUNE 24, SATURDAY – George Doorakian's Daylily Conversion Clinic - 4 Bandera Drive, Bedford, MA, at 1:00P.M. Participants are asked to bring a two or three fan diploid daylily that has been established for a least a month, fans attached to the crown, with the crown being 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. Water well the night before. PDS registration is \$25.00 per daylily treated. Non PDS members registration is \$50.00 per daylily treated. Visitors are welcome. Please call George (781-275-2343) and let him know your name and how many plants you are bringing, so he can have adequate supplies ready for this exciting challenge!

JULY 22, SATURDAY – Patriot Daylily Society Garden Tours Directions will be mailed in June. Let's try and car pool. 10:00 a.m. – noon – Martha Pike, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. – Joan Dahl

JULY 23, SUNDAY – Patriot Daylily Society Annual Picnic at George and Paula Doorakian's home at 4 Bandera Drive, Bedford, MA at 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.. The rain out date is July 30th. We will be getting together with the New England Rose Society, which should be great fun!

Directions to Bedford Public Library

PDS meetings are held at the Bedford Public Library, Mudge Way, Bedford, MA 01730-2193:

From Rt 95 (128) in Lexington, take Exit 31B (Rt 4-225 West) and travel 2.4 miles through Bedford Center and turn left onto Mudge Way. The Public Library is on the right. Go around to the back parking lot. Door is on the right.

Meetings start at noon so feel free to bring your lunch. Drinks are provided and members take turns bringing snacks (see your monthly postcard or newsletter). For more information please contact Ellen Laprise at gentian1@charter.net.