



The Solaris Way: Daylilies for the Northern Garden

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Slide Notes

- 1) Daylilies can be hardy, tender, gorgeous, easy to grow, temperamental growers, heavy bloomers, short time bloomers, tall, short, expensive, inexpensive, long lived, short lived, large flowered, small flowered, oddly shaped, star shaped, round, ruffled, sculpted and list could go on and on. Perhaps no other plant has been so heavily hybridized to attain such a variety of flower and plant characteristics. One thing that daylilies will do...capture your imagination and perhaps your entire garden if you get hooked.
- 2) Notes and Information. Slide notes may be viewed at: <https://solarisfarms.com/upcoming-events/> under **Grand Valley Daylily Society**. Other Hemerocallis information may be found on our website under **CULTURE AND CARE>Hemerocallis** and **>Guides and Articles**. More related information may be found under **ABOUT>Literature** and **>Additional Resources**.
- 3) Foliage types are important for northern gardeners. While most catalogs and informational sources will list all daylilies as being able to be grown in USDA Hardiness Zones 3 through 9, this has been a poor indicator for their survival in northern states. USDA Hardiness Zones were developed for the survival of woody plants that have persistent stems through the winter season and this applies poorly to daylilies, which are herbaceous plants that die to the ground after each growing season. In northern tier states (Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota) dormant foliage daylilies will perform better than other foliage types. This is due to their habit of producing resting buds that are sealed to winter water and completely cease growth. Water during the winter season (snow, rain, melting snow, ice, etc...) cause much damage to plants that have open growth on the crown. Daylilies with evergreen type foliage will continually make advances in growth during the coldest season (even beneath the snow) and receive much crown damage due to freezing and thawing of the ever growing crowns. Much rotting material will be seen in the spring with evergreen daylilies (plants often look like cooked cabbage in the spring of the year). Plants that are weakened in the winter months often spend a good portion of the growing season recovering, if they haven't perished completely. A number of daylilies with evergreen foliage have been found to be more resilient to winter damage or death, but we have found that these plants should be avoided. The semi-evergreen foliage type has been widely reported as something that was invented by southern hybridizers attempting to sell their plants to northern gardeners. We have found all semi-evergreens to be 'evergreen' in foliage type in our gardens and are usually tender in hardiness.
- 4) A division of *H. 'Angel's Smile'* from a late fall division that was shipped south. The resting buds are becoming obvious in shape (wide bases and tapered ends). As the winter season arrives these buds will become much abbreviated and will be capped with a rounded leaf.
- 5) Purchasing plants from northern growers that propagate their plants in the outdoors will enable you to get plants that are best suited to your gardens. Mail order catalog companies that are resellers have little knowledge of a plant's hardiness and often repeat flawed information that has been perpetuated in the trade. There are many credible sources for daylilies throughout the northern tier. Some extra thought should be given to purchases of plants developed in less rigorous climates. Much of Illinois, Lower Michigan, Ohio and eastern states have kinder winters of shorter duration and this impacts a plant's hardiness. For the past 25 years most of the daylily production in the United States has come from southern states like Florida and Georgia due to their advantageous growing conditions. Most of the plants that come from the warm areas of our nation are evergreen in foliage habit and those marketed with dormant foliage may have photo-dormancy, not cold dormancy. In the past 10 years many hybridizers and growers have again moved north and are producing hardier plants, but there is much room for improvement.
- 6) Most reliable sellers of daylilies will address foliage type/quality, scape habit and bud count. Many southern growers will list high bud counts, if grown in the north, the plants will have significantly lower

numbers of flowers due to a shorter growing season and harsher winter climate. Cold hardy dormant daylilies will likely produce bud counts as advertised (or close) due to their superior traits for the north. High bud counts are important since a plant with more flowers will often bloom for a longer period and are often more aesthetically pleasing. Well branched scapes are desired because flowers on these plants have better bud spacing and cover a wider area. It is uniformly agreed that dormant foliage types are best for northern gardens seeking longevity in their plants. Aesthetically, daylilies that have narrow, deep green or blue green foliage produce an excellent backdrop for their brightly colored flowers. Light green foliage often looks sick or less appealing. Since daylilies spend a fair part of the growing season out of bloom, foliage color and health is important for a good looking garden.

- 7) Catalog images of daylily flowers can be quite deceptive. Purchasing from reliable sources generally will produce plants that perform closer to the images that are used to sell them. Images of daylily flowers are often taken on the 'best day' or 'showing' that the plant has. Some companies will electronically enhance (Photoshop) the color of their images or take images of plants grown in special conditions (shade houses or greenhouses). Daylilies are also extremely climate sensitive in their pigment expressions. It is not usual to have a beautifully colored flower one day and the following day have a bland dirty colored flower. Difference in soil nutrients can also change the flower color of daylilies. Try to find images from a number of garden sources to get an average representation. Its also helpful to find sources that photograph the plants in the garden.
- 8) Double fan or triple fan daylilies plants (fans on a single root system) are the most commonly offered size. This size plant tends grow quickly and will generally produce good bloom within a year's time. Single fan plants are often offered when plants are rare or are new introductions. Single fan plants are not difficult to grow, but will take additional time to become productive bloomers. Large clumps should be avoided, unless you will divide them. In clumps daylilies tend to grow fans in high density which reduces their ability to uptake water and fertilizer adequately. Reduced bud counts, branching and vigor can be expected with transplanted clumps. This is especially true when a clump's root system is disturbed. Dividing a daylily clump will encourage new root growth and allow the plant space to grow commensurate healthy fans. Containerized plants look great at purchase, but usually take additional time to become established and perform. Root systems in containers have adapted to the artificial soil conditions within the pot and often have to regrow all of their roots in the garden soil. Recently some studies have been done that indicate almost all containerized plants produce root systems that are unlike those that are produced in the garden.
- 9) Not all daylilies perform well in a clump. Many of the newest and fanciest flowered daylily cultivars have poor plant habits, that only show nice single flowers, but have unacceptable clump presentation. If possible visit a display garden, a daylily farm, botanic garden or friend's garden to view plants in clumps. Since most print or web catalogs only show single flowers the consumer never gets to see what the entire presentation of a clump will look like after 3 years. A great clump brings much more joy than a singular fancy flower.
- 10) 1. Water...Daylilies are great users of water during the growing season. Plenty of soil moisture will insure good growth, but also impacts flower size and bud production. Since daylily blooms are 99% water, plenty of moisture at the root system will produce larger more voluptuous flowers. Gardeners will have a difficult time overwatering during the growing season, but daylilies should never be grown in wet conditions. Daylilies respond to extra fertilizer during the growing season. Fertilizing with a slightly higher nitrogen percentage product in the spring is beneficial (first number). A more balanced formulation like 10-10-10 works well during the summer. Our recommendation is to use a soup can of Milorganite applied directly to the plants in the spring. This will last the growing season and does not burn the plants. Full sun exposure is best for plant growth and flower production. However, they can be grown successfully in gardens that receive 6 hours of sun each day. With less sunlight, flower production and plant growth will be reduced somewhat.
- 11) Daylilies can be grown on most types of soils. One that is water retentive, yet drains well is best. Clay soils are excellent due to their high fertilities, but may require amendments for drainage. Sandy soils lack

fertility and may not hold water well, but can be amended to promote better growth. Most animal manures work well to build organic constituents in the soil and are noticeably welcomed by daylilies. Wood chip and bark mulch are very good for daylilies and building garden soil. Mulches lessen water evaporation around the root systems, keep roots cooler in the heat of the summer, build soil through decay and prevent weed growth in the garden. A negative is that they use nitrogen during early decay, but this problem can be combated with fertilizer. Nitrogen loss to decay of wood mulch happens along the soil surface and well rooted plants are not impacted by the mulch. We use mulch in our display beds and new plantings to preserve soil moisture and prevent excessive weed growth. Mulch is not necessary to overwinter hardy Hemerocallis, but does serve as an insulator for more tender cultivars (if you want to grow them).

- 12) Dormant foliage type daylilies are extremely hardy and are unlikely to be impacted by whatever winter throws at them. Our fields experience icing, lack of snow cover and sometimes winter drought. Winter drought and ice are the most debilitating conditions for more tender plants, but dormant foliage plants are seldom impacted. We recommend leaving the growing season's spent foliage and scapes on the plants through the winter to catch snow and add extra insulation. The foliage can be allowed to remain in the spring or removed to make your gardens look more appealing. If you choose to leave last year's foliage in place, worms and other decay organisms will quickly remove it for you as the soil warms and the growing season commences. Old scapes can be easily pulled out in the spring and be composted, or knocked down to decay on their own. Mulching daylilies in the fall can give them an extra measure of insulation for the winter and is appreciated.
- 13) Daylilies are available in the widest range of flower colors, shapes and sizes of any genus of plant. The only colors not truly represented in Hemerocallis are blue and white. Plant and scape heights are also of interest, with some cultivars reaching more than six feet and others shorter than one foot. The flowers can have brightly contrasting eyezones and edges. Recent work has focused on flowers with segments that have extreme ruffling. The American Hemerocallis Society's website is an excellent resource for information concerning flower forms and variations in this group of plants. <http://www.daylilies.org/>
- 14) A cultivar is a selection of a plant that has been identified for specific characteristics and performance. Cultivars are registered through the American Hemerocallis Society, but many unnamed/unregistered plants are grown in gardens throughout the United States. Over 80,000 registered Hemerocallis cultivars can be found in the American Hemerocallis Society's cultivar database at this time. To research basic cultivar information gardeners can access the database, free of charge, at <http://www.daylilies.org/DaylilyDB/>. Unnamed cultivars in the garden are called 'seedlings'.
- 15) Like most hybridizing efforts, Solaris Farms has goals for their offspring. However, our selection process is probably quite different in that the order in which selections are made starts with good plant habits and ends with flower attributes. Most would say our flowers aren't as fancy as many available, but are more noticeable in the garden for their ability to show off the many flowers over a solid plant with superior scapes. An added value is their longevity due to dormant habits.
- 16) **Alaskan Vows.** Bremer. 2008. Dormant (true dormant and tough). Tetraploid. 24" to 26"; 6" to 6.5". 26 buds. 3 to 4 branches. Mid-late season. Fragrant. Cream with yellow undertones and pink highlights, highly ruffled gold edge and a green throat, diamond dusted. Opens well in all weather, always presents its edge, looks great in the morning and even better in the evening (sun only makes it better), plants have survived and prospered in an open field without any winter protection (no mulch), a favorite of many garden visitors and an excellent parent plant, pollen and pod fertile, hardy lineage makes it different than the southern edge. Parents: REC#99C x Great White.
- 17) **Amazon Girl.** Bremer. 2015. Dormant. Tetraploid. 40"-6.5". 3 to 4 branches. 23 buds. ML. Large pink with slightly darker eyezone and yellow then green throat. Scapes are huge and carry the large buds gracefully. Fertile both ways. ((Scratch My Itch x Divine Inspiration) x Webster's Pink Wonder).
- 18) **Anatomically Precise.** Bremer. 2010. 30" height. 6" flower. Dormant. Mid season. Gorgeous heavily ruffled orange-red self flowers. Color is excellent and clear. This is the most ruffled red we have seen to date in the north. AC will produce a number of polytepalous flowers every year-all quite nicely

formed. Fertile both ways. Well branched and budded. Utterly Udderly x (Power of Love x Better Than Ever).

- 19) **Angus Maximus**. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 27"-6.5 to 7". 3 to 4 branches. 18 buds. M. Three branches and 18 buds. Angus, our dog, seemed to be in all the clump pictures taken over last couple of years, so his name went on this one. Angus Maximus is an outstanding plant for color, presentation and plant habit. Scapes are sturdy and face the viewer nicely. Color is a clean cream with a deep rosy-pink eyezone and matching picotee edge. A large yellow-green throat complements it nicely. Popular with garden visitors. Foliage is a deep blue-green. Excellent in a clump. Fertile. (Lunar Max x (Eat My Dust x Grace From Above) x Foolish Dragon.
- 20) **Ankle Biter**. 2009. Bremer . Dormant. 18"-2.75". 3 long branches. 23+ buds. M. Diploid. Nice deep green foliage. The color is generally a honey-pink with nice dark maroon eyezone. The eyezone is triangular that is spiked at the midrib. The flowers are always small and well formed. Excellent scapes and flowering habits are excellent. Fast increaser. Pollen fertile, but not pod fertile. Fertile. (Quiet My Heart x Cheddar Weasel).
- 21) **Arguing With Emma**. Bremer. 2004. Semi-evergreen (hardy) Tetraploid. 24"-5.75. 18 to 24 buds. 3 branches. M. My daughter, Emma, argued about this plant with me throughout bloom season. I have a tendency to quickly judge seedling flowers during their first couple of years and this one just didn't have the flash in my eyes. Well, after she persuaded me to mark it, I became more aware that it was so consistent and that it's beauty was in it's consistent performance. So, Arguing With Emma gets introduced as a pink-mauve flower with a yellow watermark. Maybe that is unique!?! The flowers aren't flashy, but if you take the time to look at it each day you'll have no arguments either. Great in a clump. Fertile. ((Chance Encounter x Wineberry Candy)(Grungy x Strutter's Ball))
- 22) **Artificial Intelligence (A.I.)**. Bremer. 2003. {(Electric x Ruffled Masterpiece) x Brookwood seedling) Height 36", 25-35 buds, 5.5" flowers, hard dormant, dip. Late season. Yeah another yellow, so why register this? Easy!With a bud count which sometimes reaches 35, 5 way wide branching, and incredible flower form and substance it is a no brainer. The flower color is a bright yellow with a green cast and a large green throat. Many garden visitors look at this and ask if it is a tetraploid, it's not. Loves clay soil, not so much organic and is a slow increaser.
- 23) **Artificially Enhanced**. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. Tetraploid. 30"- 5.5-6". 3 branches. 22 buds. M. Scapes are very strong and buds are nicely spaced. Flower color is a pastel peach with an oddly muted gray-lavender eyezone. Substance is very waxy. Nicely ruffled edges make the flower look ornate. The throat is quite yellow with a small green center. Foliage is wide, long and deep blue-green in color. A very unique flower and an awesome plant. (Dweebix x (Prairie Smiles x Wedding In The Snow). Fertile.
- 24) **Bad Girls**. Bremer. 2014. Dormant. 33"-5". 4 branches. 24 buds. M. (Purple Nurple x Feline Frenzy). Cream flowers display a dark purple eyezone of clear color. The well branched scapes are thin, but easily carry the gorgeous flowers. This plant is excellent in a clump. Fertile.
- 25) **Bang Bang**. Bremer. 2011. Dormant. 28"-6.5". 4 branches. 25 buds. M to ML. Huge orange gold with a large red eyezone. UF, that is crispate and spatulate. Flowers are orange gold with a large red eyezones that surround a big yellow throat. Eye pattern is expanded on to the sepals. Striking and a magnet in the garden. Outstanding in every way. Fertile both ways. One of the best in our opinion. ((Scratch My Itch x Guilty as Sin) x Foolish Dragon.
- 26) **Barn Fire**. Bremer. Future. Dormant. 27"-6". 3 branches. 22 buds. ML. Large deep clear red with ruffled edges. Excellent performer and showy.
- 27) **Beaucoup Bouquet**. Bremer. 2008. Dormant. 23"-5.5". 4 to 5 branches. 24 buds. ML. Striking red-pink of exceptional color, GT. HBC. Bouquet bloomer. Sunfast-really! Gorgeous color and one Nate's favorites. Clumps put on a big show year in and year out. Fertile. (Truly Angelic x Power of Love)
- 28) **Beautiful People**. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. Tetraploid. 27"; 6-6.5". 2-3 branches. 23 buds. M. A good looking flower of rose pink with gold edges that are quite pronounced for a true dormant plant. Edges do not require warm weather to be expressed. Very good. (Cold Shoulder x (Alaskan Vows x Unknown).

- 29) **Beep Beep.** Bremer. 2016. Dormant. Tetraploid. 29"; 4". 4 branches. 25 buds. M to ML. White flower with a rose flushed eyezone and wire edge. Throat is olive green. Excellent scapes and plant habits. Good foliage and looks great in clump. Fertile both ways. (Lady Bandit x Soda Shoppe).
- 30) **Blue Cheese Please.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Tetraploid. 28"; 5". 4 – 5 branches. 24 buds. M. Well... not exactly blue, but does give that effect. Slate lavender eye with a matching ruffled edge. Excellent, strong well-branched scapes are somewhat thin for their height, but easily carry the beautiful medium-sized flowers. A stellar performer. Fertile. (Forty Fourth Parallel x (Saracenia x Purify My Heart)).
- 31) **Borders and Boundaries.** Bremer. Dormant. Tetraploid. 30"; 5.5". 4 branches. 26 buds. ML. A green throat turning to yellow emerges into a orange watermark-like eyezone. Petals are light orange with a darker orange trim, and are very ruffled. Heavily budded and well branched creating a long bloom season. Excellent deep blue-green foliage. Seedling #NB D3-15. (Orange Chucklehead x Border Blessed
- 32) **Borders and Boundaries** in a clump.
- 33) **Bromance.** Bremer. 2015. Dormant. 30"-7". 4 branches. 26 buds. ML. Large golden-yellow with large triangular maroon eyezone. The eyezone is repeated on sepals. Bromance is a vigorous grower. One of the plants that stops visitors in their tracks due to size, color and display. Excellent blue-green foliage all summer long. Fertile both ways. Heavenly Flight x (Bang Bang x Scratch My Itch). One of the most striking plants in the garden!
- 34) **Bruised Ego.** Bremer. 2010. Dormant. Tetraploid. 28"; 6". 4 branches. 26 buds. M. Unusual violet-lavender-purple blend with nice veining and a vivid, clear coloration. Plants make big husky fans with scapes to match. An excellent plant that comes highly recommended. Fertile. (Cruising For a Bruising x Cerise Classic).
- 35) **Busted.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 28"-6". 4 branches. 28 buds. ML. Lovely ruffled flower of yellow with red eye and matching picotee. Stunning clear colors are ornately displayed. Fertile. (Guilty as Sin x Peach Bombshell x Dragon Pinata). Outstanding as a garden subject and hybridizing plant.
- 36) **Butterscotch Smoothie.** Bremer. 2014. Dormant. 25"-5". 4 branches. 22 buds. ML. Deep yellow with tan tint! Throat is medium green. A very unusual and consistent flower. Other cultivars with tan or brown overlays can often display flowers with a spotty appearance, not Butterscotch Smoothie. Nicely ruffled edges finish off a great looking flower. Plants display fine deep green foliage and scapes are very good. A plant that will glow in any garden and is superior in its color range. (Limestone Lady x Desert Charm). Fertile. One of Nate's Favorites.
- 37) **Cabinet of Crooks.** Bremer. 2020. Dormant. Tetraploid. 33"; 6.5". 3-4 branches. 25 buds. ML. Lavender edges and eyezone outline a cream color that really pops in the garden. The eyezone yields to a yellow-green throat and makes for a distinct and stunning bloom, particularly in a group or border.
- 38) **Call of the Mild.** Bremer. 2013. 29"-6". 3-4 branches. 18-23 buds. M. Clear soft cream highlighted in the slightest with yellow. Diamond dusted and rounded ruffles on the edge, GT. Very ornate flowers that have the 'glow factor'! A flower that stops garden visitors in their tracks. Superior wide deep blue-green foliage. Fertile (pollen easier). (Wedding in the Snow x seedling #REC12-32)
- 39) **Call Some Place Paradise.** Bremer. 2011. Dormant. 28"-5.5". 3 branches. 20 buds. L. Late blooming pink with a triangular layered eyezone. Flower is of very heavy substance. Bloom is recurved giving a round appearance. Light shade causes a more intense and clearer color presentation, but it is quite good in the sun as well. Fertile. (Virtuosity x Tennyson) x Dweebix
- 40) **Career Politician.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Tetraploid. 38"; 6.5". M. 20 buds. 3 branches. Honey-orange with triangular red eye which extends the entire length of the petals, giving the flower the effect of having a honey-orange edge. Broad yellow throat. Exceptional plant. (Honey on My Lips x Passion's Promise).
- 41) **Catastrophic Events.** Bremer. 2009. Dormant. 29"-7". 3 branches. 18-25 buds. M to ML. Large cream peach with a huge pink feathered eyezone and picotee of the eye color. Color sare very clear. UF that twists and curls and has nice ruffles. Simply stunning. We routinely sell out of this knockout. Fertile. (Scratch My Itch x (Windy Place x (Scratch My Itch x ?)
- 42) **Catching Lawn Darts.** Bremer. 2016. Dormant. Tetraploid. 34"; 7". 4 branches. 26 buds. ML. Creamy light yellow with narrow dark maroon eyezone that repeats on sepals. Strong growing, well budded and

branched. Very popular with garden visitors for both the flower's appearance and the name.

Fertile. ((Bromance x (Bang Bang x Pork Barrel Spending))

- 43) **Cheddar Weasel.** 2004. (Cheese Weasel x Diane Bremer) 18" height, 3" flowers, 20 buds, 3 branches, dormant, diploid, mid season. Like a well aged cheddar cheese, this little guy will keep you coming back for more. Cheddar Weasel isn't a flower that grabs you, but it does perform well and looks great in a clump (not all daylilies do you know). Flowers are a weathered gold-orange with a wonderful maroon eye. A great deal of maroon veining is present in the petals and the flowers are perfectly round and ruffled nicely. Great performer! Fertile both ways.
- 44) **Cheese Head.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 32"-6". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. Brilliant, eye catching yellow-gold with precise pie crust edge. Petals are narrower than many of the new rounded plants being introduced, making it quite unique. Strong tall scapes are ramrod straight. Fertile. ((Peach Bombshell x Age of Gold) x ((Wedding in the Snow x Prairie Smiles) x (Orange Angel x Trojan Bride)))
- 45) **Chicken Feathers.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Tetraploid. 32"; 6". 3-4 branches. 22 buds. M. Light melon flower with a large amount tightly organized ruffling and edges of the same color – a nice bitone. Superior for precision of ruffles and consistency. The excellent plants and flowers are always an attraction during summer digging season. (Orange Angel x Wedding in the Snow).
- 46) **Corked Collusion.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Tetraploid. 25"-5.5". 4 branches. 22 buds. M. Brilliant chromium yellow with striking red eyezone and matching edge. Well-branched and a garden showoff. Like its parent, Bang Bang, it sells on the spot during summer digging. Excellent. (Bang Bang x Mister Mustard).
- 47) **Cold and Clear.** Bremer. 2017. Dormant. Tetraploid. 29"; 5.5". 3 branches. 22 buds. L. Gorgeous pie crust ruffled flower of lavender-violet with a deeper lavender purple eye. Petals have a consistent lavender-purple edge that runs throughout the ruffled edges. Yellow, then green throat. Flowers can be somewhat darker than the image in certain weather conditions, but is always a good clean color. Branching is to the top, but buds open well and are presented to the viewer. Has shown good sun resistance, which is unusual for a flower of this color. Superior. Fertile both ways. ((Smoke'm Out x Saracenia) x Forty Fourth Parallel)
- 48) **Cold Shoulder.** Bremer. 2011. Dormant. 30"-6". 4 branches. 26 buds. ML. A large lavender pink with lighter cream watermark eyezone, above a yellow then green throat. Nicely ruffled and showy. Awesome in a clump. Often one of the showiest plants in the garden. (Down the Aisle x Ain't She Nice) x sib.
- 49) **Cornflakes in a Can.** Bremer. 2012. Dormant. Tetraploid. 26"; 4.5". 4 branches. ML to L. Smallish flower with honey gold base overlaid with a large area of reddish brown, which gives the appearance of a large honey edge. A well-branched and budded cultivar with an unusual appearance. Excellent and admired by many at the farm. (Honey on My Lips x Passions Promise).
- 50) **Demonic Weasel.** Bremer. 2015. Dormant. Tetraploid. 23"; 5". 3 branches. 24 buds. M. Light lavender flower with graded eye bands of slate blue and purple. Plants produce double flowers approximately 80% of the time. Single flowers are stunning as well for color and pattern. Short plants by Solaris standards present their flowers well. Fertile both ways. (Orchid Elegance x Sabine Bauer)
- 51) **Deregulated Behavior.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 30"-5". 4-5 branches. 27 buds. ML. Brilliant orange with vibrant red eye and 'prickly' edge of red and yellow. Well branched scapes and heavy blooming. (Fallen Leaves x Bang Bang). The best cultivar we've ever grown and an outstanding breeding plant.
- 52) **Diane Bremer.** Bremer. 2002. Dormant. Diploid. 24"; 4.25". 3 -4 branches. 22 buds. M. Round unusual pink-salmon, YGT. Fast increaser with highly ruffled flowers. Named for Nate's mother. Very soft elegant small flowers that remain popular from year to year. ((Brookwood seedling x Ruffled Masterpiece) x Smokey Mountain Autumn).
- 53) **Distress Call.** Bremer. 2011. Dormant. Tetraploid. 28"; 5.5". 3 branches. 18 buds. M. Cream flower with graduated purple eyezone. Throat is large and begin with cream, then light green to deep green at center. Very good color and precise eyezone. (Tennyson x Stenciled Impressions).
- 54) **Fire Wire.** Bremer. 2011. Dormant. Diploid. 26"-3.25". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. Bright yellow flowers with a very bright contrasting eye. Lots of flowers on well branched scapes. This is perhaps one of the nicest

plants as a clump we grow. Tremendous flower power. (Cheddar Weasel x Ankle Biter) x Siloam Fairy Tale).

- 55) **Earth Spirit.** Bremer. 2017. Dormant. Tetraploid. 32"; 5.5". 26 buds. 5 branches. L. Clear plum color with chalky lavender eye and edge. Lightly ruffled petals and a green throat. Superior and in short supply. (Fallen Leaves x Smoke'm Out).
- 56) **Fire Fight.** Bremer. 2012. Dormant. Tetraploid. 27"; 5.5". 4 branches. 27 buds. M. Glowing tawny pink base color with deep red eye. The yellow throat splashes out on all segments. Stunning, brilliant, and very popular. (Foolish Dragon x Scratch My Itch) x (Guilty as Sin x Scratch My Itch).
- 57) **Fliver.** Bremer. 2013. 28" height. 5.5" flowers. Dormant. Mid season. Clear mulberry with elongated dark mulberry eyezone. Petals have a small picotee of the same color. Three to four well budded branches display the flowers that face outward from the clump. This plant drew much attention from visitors the past couple of summers. A clump of Fliver is exceptional and memorable. (Scratch My Itch x Windy Place) x Accidental Tourist.
- 58) **Fossil Fuel.** Bremer. 2020. Dormant. Tetraploid. 30" height. 5.5" flower. 3 branches. 22 buds. M. Parentage: (National Secret x Cafe Tacuba). Flowers are red/orange with petals that have a wide lighter edge. Lighter margin has many veins and is well ruffled. Small green throat radiates to a larger yellow area. A striking flower that catches the eye from a distance.
- 59) **Forty Fourth Parallel.** Bremer. 2012. Dormant. Tetraploid. 33"; 6". 4 branches. 26 buds. M to ML. A deep lavender purple with a darker eyezone and edge, Forty Forth Parallel has been an outstanding performer in the selection field for years. Scapes are stiff, straight and have 3 long laterals that carry 26+ buds. FFP in a clump has lots of flower power. A solid northern tier plant. (Orchid Elegance x Inquire Within).
- 60) **Greedy Governor.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Tetraploid. 27"; 8.5". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. Red with a large yellow throat that expands onto sepals. Petals pinch, wave and twist. Sepals recurve slightly. Blooms in wild bouquets and puts on an outstanding show. (House of Misrepresentatives x Scratch My Itch).
- 61) **Heat of the Sun.** Bremer. 2015. Dormant. Tetraploid. 27"; 5.5". 3 branches. 22+ buds. ML. Deep hot orange with a precise dark red eyezone. Flowers are of heavy substance and have excellent ruffles. The flower is 'HOT!' – very limited availability. Fertile both ways. ((Orange Chucklehead x Embers of Vesuvius) x (Dragon Pinata x Power of Love)).
- 62) **House of Misrepresentatives.** Bremer. 2011. Dormant. Tetraploid. 29"; 7.5". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. Extremely bright violet purple blend, a spidery affair. Has a rather sinister look, due to deep flower color. Fast increaser. (Scratch My Itch x Frankies Fantasy) x (Star of India x Scratch My Itch).
- 63) **Incredible Bulk.** Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 28"-6.5". 4 branches. 28 buds. Very light melon-yellow with a ruffled gold edge and green throat. Opens very flat. Description sounds like many other plants, but diamond dusting, form and carriage are so unique that confusion is impossible. One of the really good ones available. Impeccable scapes. Fertile. (Wedding in the Snow x Peach Bombshell) x Fragrant Bouquet.
- 64) **Juicy Bubble Butt.** Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 28"-5.5". 4 branches. 26 buds. VL. Superior deep clear pink with white edges and some teeth, latest plant to start flowering in our garden (almost always after the gardens close for digging). Superior branching and foliage. (Ruffled Strawberry Parfait x Cold Shoulder). Proving to be an excellent parent.
- 65) **Keep it Clean.** Bremer. 2015. Dormant. 27"-6". 3 branches. 23 buds. EM. Deep honey yellow with brilliant red eyezone. Extremely wide and rounded petals. Creped texture. Color is extraordinarily clear and clean. Scapes have wonderfully spaced long branches. A real knockout. Fertile both ways. (Power of Love x Lunar Max) x Fooled Me.
- 66) **Kiss the Cuckoo.** Bremer. 2014. Dormant. Tetraploid. 27"; 5.5. 4 branches. 25 buds. L. Peach blend with a rose eye and green throat. Scapes are well branched and budded. Clumps are outstanding. (Feline Frenzy x Liar For Hire).
- 67) **Liberal Thinking.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Diploid. 24"-5". 3 branches. 18+ buds. EM. Highly pie crusted ruffles of soft peach pink. Out of Ellison breeding, LT is a flower that catches the eye and is now

being used in our diploid breeding program heavily. Excellent scapes have superior branch length and excellent bud spacing. Superior to all other ruffled diploids. (Legends of the Fall x Ellison seedling)

- 68) **Lunker.** Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 42"-6". 4-5 branches. 30 buds. ML. Gorgeous round flowered pink carried on gargantuan scapes with long laterals. Clear color and a tremendous beauty. Recommended for a place that can handle a large plant. We sold every plant that was available last year and have just a few to share this year. Our #1 plant used in hybridizing the past several years. Finest plant habit of anything we have grown. (Peach Bombshell x Tim Kornder) x (Trojan Bride x Colossus and Butterfly).
- 69) **Mystery Being Written.** Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 38"-6.5". 4 branches. 28 buds. M. Star shaped lavender bitone with a large yellow appliqué throat. Sepals reflex. Tall heavily branched scapes are carried well above the high performance clumps. (Ceilo Lavanda x Odds and Ends) x Jealous Jessica. A tremendous clump statement in the garden.
- 70) **Mystery Meat.** Bremer. 2012. Dormant. Tetraploid. 26"; 5. 3-5 top branches. 26 buds. M. Light tan orange with red eye and edge. Floriferous and awesome in a clump. Meat colored flowers don't sound appealing, but in the 'flesh' this one is outstanding. Fertile (best as pollen). Extremely popular with summer visitors. (Mister Mustard x Guilty as Sin).
- 71) **National Secret.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Tetraploid. 37"; 6.5". 3 branches. 25 buds. ML. Tall scapes carry lovely amber yellow flowers with an eye that covers most of the flower and fades to the edges, giving a wide amber yellow edge effect. Very consistent. Parentage: (Honey on My Lips x Passions Promise).
- 72) **Peas and Thank You.** Bremer. 2004. Dormant. Diploid. 23"-3". 3 branches. 22 buds. M. Perfectly round pink with red highlights and rose band eyezone. Very heavy substance. GT. Impressive clumper and truly beautiful. Good increaser. (Brookwood Wow x Siloam Grace Stamile)
- 73) **Pork Barrel Spending.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Tetraploid. 29"; 8". 3 long lateral branches. 20 buds. Large and unruly maroon flower that generally blooms in the shape of a large star. Very good and quite showy. PBS is a bit excessive, as the name indicates!
- 74) **Political Punch.** Bremer. 2009. Dormant. 28"-6". 3-4 branches. 26 buds. M. Mulberry with striking triangular eyezone that is darker and leads to gradient violet band above YGT. Pattern repeated on sepals. Very good plant habit. (Lord Chamberlain x Accidental Tourist)
- 75) **Pristine Kristine.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 32"-6". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. Lavender purple with light chalky eyezone. The throat is yellow and then green at the center and has an inner glow. Very clean color and excellent display. (Swallowtail Kite x Cameroons Twister)
- 76) **Public Display of Affection.** Bremer. 2015. Dormant. Tetraploid. 27"; 6". 3 branches. 24 buds. ML. Golden yellow with a brilliant notched triangular red eye and green throat. Excellent foliage is a perfect backdrop for the brightly colored flowers. Excellent scapes and plant habit. Fertile both ways. (Heavenly Flight x Bang Bang)
- 77) **Quiet My Heart.** Bremer. 2004. Dormant. Diploid. 23"; 4". 18+ buds. 4 branches. M. Fragrant. A wonderfully ruffled cream with a gorgeous red eye. The eye is bisected at the mid ribs and supplies an artistic symmetry to the flower. A red picottee follows the petal about half way around. Excellent substance and deals with hot sun very well. Good increaser, and fertile both ways. (Janice Brown (Dragon's Eye x seedling))
- 78) **Red Hot Raccoon.** Bremer. 2014. Dormant. Tetraploid. 34"; 6.5". 4 branches. 26 buds. ML. Tomato-red with deep red halo and a large deep gold throat. Superior scapes and foliage. The well branched scapes carry many "raccoon faces" and create an outstanding bright display. One of the most popular flowers in our gardens. (Fire Fight x Welding the Titanic).
- 79) **Scratch My Itch.** Bremer. 2005. Dormant. 24"-9.5". 3 branches. 24 buds. M. Big coral orange unusual form affair with a yellow-green throat. Superior display of flowers. Produces bouquets of large twisted flowers. One of our best unusual form performers. Has produced many fine offspring in a wide range of forms and colors. Fertile both ways. (Techy Spider x Christmas Ribbon)
- 80) **Seven Deadly Sins.** Bremer. 2011. Dormant. 35"-6". 3-4 branches. 28 buds. L. Tall pink with soft washed cream eyezone. Lots of flowers at different levels. One of our favorite late varieties. Sinfully

attractive and one of Nate's favorites. Fertile. (Virtuosity x Angel's Realm) x (Prairie Smiles x Cold Shoulder).

- 81) **Speaker of the Louse.** Bremer. 2015. Dormant. 32"-6". 3-4 branches. 28 buds. M. Orange with a deeper orange flush above a green throat. Old fashioned shape. Color is stunning and draws the eye. Foliage is deep blue green. An excellent increaser. Fertile both ways. (Scratch My Itch x Dean Corey) x Blazing Lampsticks
- 82) **Ships and Giggles.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Tetraploid. 45"; 9.5". 3 branches. 22+ buds. M. Tall, unusual form of light baby ribbon pink with a pronounced green throat. Petals twist and flower size is huge. Long branches display flowers perfectly. Pollen fertile, no pods. (Dean Corey x (Sears Tower x Webster's Pink Wonder)
- 83) **Something in My Teeth.** Bremer. 2014. Dormant. 26"; 5". 3-4 branches. 25 buds. ML. We are proud to release one of our most anticipated toothed cultivars to date. SIMT has a melon base color with a dark coral-red overlay on the petals and a large melon edge of teeth. The overlay darkens just as the edge begins. An olive-green throat is surrounded by a brighter gold area. The plant is very consistent for tooth production and has proven itself in a number of other gardens. SIMT is fertile both ways and is getting used heavily in a number of hybridizing programs. Truly outstanding and easily competes with the best toothed cultivars. Very hardy and exceptionally floriferous. (Wedding in the Snow x Orange Angel).
- 84) **Sun Dog.** Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Diploid. 27"-3.5". 4 branches. 28 buds. M. Very small rounded pinkish-orange flowers with a darker eyezone. Well branched scapes carry an abundance of flowers. Flowers lack ruffling, so they have a precise flower shape. Very good. One of the most outstanding cultivars in the garden in 2013. Superior. (Cheddar Weasel x (Diane Bremer x Fourth Rock))
- 85) **Talking Heads.** Bremer. 2015. Dormant. Tetraploid. 42"; 6.5". 4 branches. 24 buds. ML. Double golden yellow flowers with hints of pink are highly ruffled. Green throat. Often single on newly established plants. Scapes are huge and tall and flowers are carried very high on well branched scapes. Waxy substance. Outstanding and unique. Grows huge fans slowly. Fertile both ways. ((Sherry Lane Carr x Alaskan Vows) x Hallie's Smile).
- 86) **Tall Truckload.** Bremer. 2015. Dormant. Tetraploid. 40"; 6.5". 4 branches. 29 buds. ML. Coral pink with a deep lipstick red eyezone above a yellow then green throat. Extremely widely and well-branched with many buds. A real show off in the garden. Fertile both ways. (Catastrophic Events x American Muscle).
- 87) **Torpedo Blast.** Bremer. 2014. Dormant. 40"-6.5". 3-4 long branches. 26 buds. A tall well branched plant with bright parfait orange flowers and a darker eyezone. Heavy blooming. Tremendous in a clump. The most popular plant in our garden for the second year running. A knockout. Very large plants stop everyone that views them in their tracks. Fertile. (Scratch My Itch x Dean Corey)
- 88) **Tranquilizing the Twerp.** Bremer. 2016. Dormant. Tetraploid. 34"; 6". 4 branches. 26 buds. ML. Fragrant. Clear pink with darker veining and deeper pink muted eyezone. Petals are nicely ruffled along the edges and recurve to create nice rounded flowers. Throat starts out light yellow then quickly graduates to green. Tall well-branched scapes. ((Lunker x Shutupa Your Face) x Ain't She Nice).
- 89) **Veronica's Vanity.** Bremer. 2009. Dormant. 38"-7". 3-4 branches. 22+ buds. ML. Super dark blue-green foliage. Good increaser. Big time ruffled up large flowers on tall scapes! VV is a dark velvety red that has a wonderful sheen to its surface. Flowers are huge and are carried high and on goliath scapes. Buds are white to light green and make an interesting contrast. VV does well in the sun for a dark red flower, but a bit of shade would be helpful. Bloom season starts in mid July and lasts to mid August for us. Outstanding in every way. (Power of Love x Creative Vision) x (Only the Valiant x ?).
- 90) **Virtuosity.** Bremer. 2006. Dormant. 32"-5.5". 3 branches. 24 buds. Finally we have a good supply of this gorgeous cultivar. There are many gold edged tets available today, but few survive for us in Wisconsin. Virtuosity is very hardy and it does not need warm weather to open or to present its wonderful gold edge. Pink-lavender is the presiding color and it has a fine band of darker rose on some days. The throat has a broad area of yellow extending out on to the petals and good green throat. Foliage is dark green and holds well into August here. Clumps of this plant are gorgeous and it was much admired by visitors through it's long bloom period this summer. An excellent dormant that is pod fertile with a little

effort, pollen is easy of course. Seedlings have been excellent, but require a bit more time to grow up than other crosses, due to Reckamp background in all likelihood. ((Reckamp sdlg × Ed Brown) × Strawberry Candy)

- 91) **Whole Lotta Love**. Bremer. 2017. Dormant. Tetraploid. 28"; 5". 4 branches. 26 buds. ML. (Virtuosity x (Cold Shoulder x Truly Angelic)). Flowers are bright pink with a nice deep pink eyezone. Petals have a small pink edge. Throat is yellow then green. The rounded flowers are display well on long laterals and often have a number of flowers open at one time per scape. Excellent and quite showy. Lots of Reckamp lineage in this new hybrid. Fertile both ways.
- 92) **Wisconsin Skies**. Bremer. 2020. Dormant. Tetraploid. 35"; 5.5". 3 branches. 20 buds. M. Cream flowers with lavender eyezone and partial edge. Plants have erect scapes that present flowers to perfection. Good bud spacing and blooms for a long period. Superior deep green foliage. Seedling #NB-D1129. (Blue Cheese Please x Purify My Heart).
- 93) **(Not Far From the Tree)** Bremer. Dormant. Tetraploid. 28"; 5.5". 3 branches. 22 buds. ML. Flowers are brilliant orange with a darker eyezone that has a shiny surface. Small green throat that radiates to yellow. Petals have large ruffles that often have little teeth and canoe and curve. Interesting and unique. Seedling #NB-D25-14. (Something in My Teeth x Bang Bang).
- 94) **#185-8**. Bremer. Future (seedling). Dormant. Tetraploid. 28"; 5.75". 3 branches. 24 buds. Lavender pink with large violet-purple eye and edge. The eye is outlined with a deeper lavender and that bleeds slightly out onto petals and sepals (sepals have same pattern as petals). Large green throat. Excellent bloom carriage and display. This cultivar has an eyezone that is now commonly called 'blue'- not so, but still striking! (Blue Cheese Please x Soda Shoppe).
- 95) **#D2017-24**. Future. Bremer. Dormant. Tetraploid. 28" height. 6.5" flower. 3 branches. 23 buds. Parentage: (Call of the Mild x Incredible Bulk). Very large cream and yellow flower with heavily ruffled petals. Green throat. Ornate flowers are large show offs. Large deep blue green foliage.
- 96) **#D2017-3**. Future. Bremer. Dormant. Tetraploid. 26"; 5.5". 3 branches. 26 buds. Parentage: Korth seedling of unknown lineage. M. Flesh pink petals have a large maroon edge with ruffles and teeth of light yellow. Eyezone is maroon. Sepals are flesh pink and have no maroon on them. Green throat. A striking flower produced on sturdy scapes. This flower is rarely seen on plants in northern gardens. A hardy measured grower that looks great in a clump.
- 97) **#D2017-36**. Future. Bremer. Tetraploid. Dormant. 34" height. 6.5" flower. 3 branches. 20 buds. Parentage: Korth seedling of unknown lineage. Mid. Large flesh base with violet eye and edge. Sepals repeat petal color and pattern. Broad green and yellow throat. Crimped/ruffled petal edges. Excellent blue-green foliage.
- 98) **'#D2017-9'** (Tranquilizing the Twerp x Something In My Teeth seedling).
- 99) Daylilies are one of the most rewarding and carefree plants for the perennial garden. The vast array of color, size and shape are unequalled in the plant world. No particular color scheme seems to be better than another, but can be adjusted to anyone's preference. A colorful bloom season can be expected for more than 60 days in the summer if cultivar selection includes early to late blooming types. Northern gardens are generally blessed with good soil and good climate for daylily culture. As a bonus our nighttime temperatures are lower than those in the south and we can expect clearer colors in flowers. Growing one or many plants will reward you with a lifetime of satisfaction.
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