

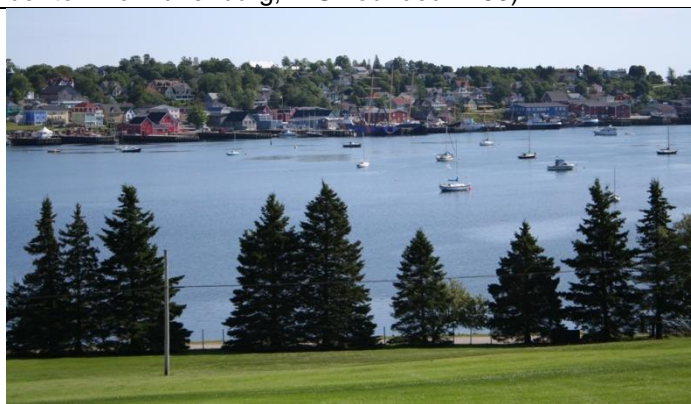
Adventure in Nova Scotia

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My first trip out of the United States of course had to be daylily related. My destination was to Nova Scotia, Canada to do a program for the Nova Scotia Daylily Society. My hosts and very thoughtful caretakers were Coral and Wayne Kincaid, who live next to the beautiful Lahave River in a town called Bridgewater. Their daylily garden is named Nova Scotia Daylilies and is very well designed with daylilies placed at strategic points along with companion plants. They have pathways throughout the garden which enhances the total beauty. There were several accent trees such as the Tri-color Beech and the Pink Flamingo Maple. Their garden art was remarkable with numerous examples of Wayne's woodworking skills. Nova Scotia Daylilies was certainly an oasis utilizing their individual charm to enhance their partnership with nature.



I first met Coral in 2008 during the Region 5 spring conference in Albany, Georgia. She holds a record in Georgia that will possibly never be broken, which is coming the longest distance to a Region 5 spring conference. Her one way distance was 1383 miles, which took her 3 days to drive. Her efforts to come to Georgia endorse a theory that the world of daylilies has to be a book, and those who do not visit other gardens read only a page. The Kincaid's gorgeous house was built in 1898 and had many architectural highlights. One in particular was a flat area at the peak of the Kincaid's roof that had a railing and a porch on top of the house called a widow's walk (below left). In coastal areas, the wives of mariners would supposedly watch the horizon for their returning husband's ships from that high vantage point. Widow's walks were a popular decorative feature during the period in which international trade and naval warfare were dominated by sailing ships lasting from the 16th to the mid 19th century in many North American coastal communities. Nova Scotia truly has some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world (below right, historic harbor town of Lunenburg, N.S. founded 1753).



Besides the Kincaid's garden, I got to see four other stunning Nova Scotia Gardens. This was exceptional for me because I have never seen gardens in peak bloom during the second week of August. I visited Don Longton of Don's Daylily Hybrids. His garden was a pristine study in simple beauty. He had some seedlings that were WOW daylilies! Later I went to Carla Heggie & Peter Steeper's home for supper, which included the best lobster, cooked by Peter that I ever had. Their garden was the culmination of endless care & planning. The next day I toured the garden of Mardi Rawding. Her daylilies were grown to perfection & her garden had everything you could ask for including an eye-catching swimming pool. Prior to my program I went to a "Get Together" at Janice & Donnie Riley's home. I saw daylilies & companion plants grown & presented in an awesome setting. Their son Patrick cooked some fantastic chicken that rivaled the great cooks from the southern U.S.

Then a highlight of my adventure was to meet 72 members of the Nova Scotia Daylily Society before, during and after my program on the Wonderful World of Daylilies in Hantsport, N.S. I was real proud that the auction raised \$755 for the club. I got to meet a lot of folks & I can't remember all the names, so I apologize for not remembering. However I do remember talking with Brian & Linda Smith, Kay Smith (a member from Florida), Wayne Ward, Yvonne Chute, Alan Banks, & Cecil & Lillian Dunlap, along with Norm & Heather Patton who took me back to Halifax to catch my flight home. There was also a lady named Nancy who came up & gave me a name for one of my future cupcakes which was BUMBLEBERRY CUPCAKE. I am sure each member's garden was indeed unique like the five I had the pleasure to visit. The people I met were some of the friendliest people I have ever encountered.





The People and Gardens of the Nova Scotia Daylily Society

This is my tale of August 4-7, 2011, when the people and gardens did unfold,
 Ah, among their daylilies did I find majesty and splendor twofold,
 Their Canada is a garden of work, and such gardens are not made,
 By softly singing:--"Oh, how beautiful!" and sitting in the cool shade,
 These daylily folks always found some needful job that was crying to be done,
 For the grandeur of their lovely garden glorifies each and every one,
 From their garden of dreams you could experience the Atlantic breeze,
 That brought enchantment reminiscent of those who sailed the seven seas,
 Each club member had their own uniqueness and gave out much delight,
 For my time in Nova Scotia was electrifying as was my first international flight,
 As I look back, I still admire their love and labors while things become quite clear,
 For Nova Scotia is part of the daylily world one can treasure and hold very dear!



- Left-
**BLUEBERRY
 BREAKFAST**(Rose
 1988) in the Rawding
 Garden

-Right-
AUNT YOO HOO
 (Kincaid 2009) in the
 Riley Garden

