



American Hemerocallis Society
Awards and Honors Committee
November 01, 2011

Dear Hybridizers:

For several years, it has been AHS practice to have you nominate your own cultivars for the Awards and Honors ballot. This has accomplished our goal of creating a manageable list of quality cultivars for consideration by the AHS Garden Judges. It is now time to submit your nominations for the 2012 Ballot.

Each hybridizer may submit up to seven nominations for the Honorable Mention (HM) portion of the ballot. Please remember that you may only nominate a cultivar three times. Those three years need **not** be consecutive, but after three tries the cultivar will no longer be eligible. Please remember that successful nominees are not only quality daylilies, but those which have received wide enough distribution that Garden Judges have had a chance to view them in their regions. If you feel your cultivar is still not widely distributed, please consider waiting another year or two before placing it in nomination. For those of you who had HM nominations last year, I have enclosed the voting results for your cultivars, so you can better decide whether to nominate a cultivar again or wait. All nominees must have been registered a minimum of three years, which means they must have been **registered prior to 2010**.

Hybridizers may also nominate one cultivar for each of the ten specialty awards. All specialty awards require that the nominee be registered for a minimum of five years (registered prior to **2008**); none of the specialty awards requires having won an HM. For each cultivar, please list the correct registration date.

For nominations in the Junior Citation section, judges will be required to list **ONLY** seedling numbers. Votes using reserved names are not allowed, as according to registration rules, reserved names should not be used in print or in gardens prior to registration. Please be sure to label any JC candidates with your seedling numbers in gardens.

Please take note of an important change that will take effect for the 2012 ballot. The AHS Board of Directors has approved a change to the wording of the R. W. Munson Jr. Award at the recent 2011 Fall Board meeting. This wording change is in response to a Pattern sub-committee appointed by the AHS President and made up of hybridizers who have been working with patterns for years. These individuals worked on their proposal for a long period of time and submitted a recommendation to the President this past summer. The Scientific Studies Committee and Awards and Honors Committee, as well as several Board members reviewed the proposed definition and made a few minor "tweaks" to the wording. The essence of this new definition is that simple watermarks should not be submitted as candidates for the Munson Award beginning in 2012. The definition allows for complex watermarks and leaves room for the new forms developing in patterns.

The new definition reads as follows:

“To be eligible, a cultivar must have been registered for a minimum of five calendar years. It must exhibit variations in hue, value, or saturation of the base, midrib, or throat color, in such a way that a design is created beyond that of a bold or solid eye, band, halo or watermark, with or without simple picotee edging. This type of “patterning” includes but is not limited to, daylilies with concentric rings or feathering of color within the eyezone or elsewhere. It excludes selfs, simple bitones, and simple bicolors. In voting for this award, Garden Judges must vote only for cultivars observed in their own regions or in AHS National Convention tour gardens. The winner of the R. W. Munson, Jr. Award shall be the eligible cultivar receiving the greatest number of votes cast by the Garden Judges. Its hybridizer shall receive a bronze medal.”

Should you represent a hybridizer who is infirmed or deceased, please make an additional copy of your blank form, and use it for that person’s nominations.

The deadline for returning the nomination form is February 1, 2012. Please return these forms to Melodye Campbell, who will be taking over the job as Awards and Honors Chairman beginning in 2012. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Melodye after January 1, 2012 at: awards@daylilies.org. or call her at : **585-749-7433**.

She will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Julie Covington

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Awards and Honors Chair, 2011 and President-Elect

AHS Awards and Honors
Nominations for 2012 Ballot

Hybridizer: _____ Date: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Honorable Mention

All cultivars must have been **registered prior to 2010 (2009 or earlier)** .They have 3 years of eligibility.

1. _____ Reg. Year _____
2. _____ Reg. Year _____
3. _____ Reg. Year _____
4. _____ Reg. Year _____
5. _____ Reg. Year _____
6. _____ Reg. Year _____
7. _____ Reg. Year _____

Specialty Awards

Nominate only one (1) candidate for each award. All candidates must have been **registered prior to 2008. (2007 or earlier)**

<u>Specialty Award</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Year Registered</u>
Donn Fischer Memorial Award (For cultivars under 3" diameter)	_____	_____
Annie T. Giles Award (For cultivars 3" or larger, but less than 4 1/2")	_____	_____
Ida Munson Award (For cultivars registered as doubles)	_____	_____
Don C. Stevens Award (For boldly eyed or banded cultivars)	_____	_____
Eugene S. Foster Award (For cultivars registered as Late or Very Late)	_____	_____
Harris Olson Spider Award (On AHS list of Spider Daylilies)	_____	_____
Lambert/Webster Award (On AHS list of Unusual Form Daylilies)	_____	_____
R.W. Munson, Jr. Award (For distinctly patterned cultivars)	_____	_____
Early Season Bloom Award (For cultivars registered as Early or Extra Early)	_____	_____
Extra Large Diameter Bloom Award (For cultivars 7" or larger, but not spiders or unusual forms)	_____	_____

Mail by **February 1, 2012** to:

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