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***Hemerocallis* 'Lavender Blue Baby' Wins Dual Daylily Honors.**



'Lavender Blue Baby'

Photo by Julie Covington, Roanoke, VA

Austin, TX – October 29, 2007. Daylily garden judges throughout North America have voted and awarded the American Hemerocallis Society's highest honor, the Stout Silver Medal, to **'Lavender Blue Baby'**. AHS established the Stout Silver Medal in 1950 and named the award in honor of Arlow Burdette Stout for his more than fifty years of dedication to, and advancement of the daylily. Hundreds of AHS garden judges throughout the United States and Canada cast votes to select one superior daylily to win this annual award. In determining this award, garden judges evaluate the complete plant (including performance, vigor, and distinction) as well as beauty.

'Lavender Blue Baby' was also the recipient of the Don C. Stevens Award which is awarded annually to the best eyed or banded daylily. Jack Carpenter of Center, TX introduced **'Lavender Blue Baby'** in 1996. It is registered as a 5.5" lavender blue flower with a lavender blue eyestone and green throat.

The daylily **'Bela Lugosi'** captured this years vote for the Lenington All-American Award. This award is voted on by the AHS Board of Directors and given to a daylily that has been registered for at least ten years and which performs outstandingly throughout most regions of the country. Gardeners can count on this tried and true winner for excellent garden performance.

'Bela Lugosi' is a mid-season bloomer with 6" deep purple flowers. It was hybridized by Curt Hanson of Gates Mills, OH and registered in 1995.



'Bela Lugosi'

Photo by Andrea Weaver, Wichita, KS

Additional awards were bestowed on the following daylilies:

'Her Best Bloomers' won the Annie T. Giles Award for best small flowering daylily. **'Her Best Bloomers'** is a 4" fuchsia red flower with red eye which was hybridized by Don Herr of Lancaster, PA.

'Iddy Biddy Gal' won the Donn Fischer Memorial Award for best miniature flowering daylily (under 3"). **'Iddy Biddy Gal'** is a 2.5" coral pink blend flower with a lighter edge. The hybridizer is Grace Stamile of Enterprise, FL.

'Jerry Pate Williams' won the Early Season Bloom Award. **'Jerry Pate Williams'** is a 5.5" double flower with intense melon coloring with a pink overlay. The hybridizer is David Kirchhoff of Lawrenceburg, KY.

'Yabba Dabba Doo' was the winner of the Eugene S. Foster Award for best late blooming daylily. **'Yabba Dabba Doo'** is a 10" medium purple spider with large chartreuse throat. The hybridizer is the late Ra Hansen formerly of Geneva, FL.

'Darla Anita' won the Extra Large Diameter award. **'Darla Anita'** is a 7" lavender blend with a gold edge. The hybridizer is John Kinnebrew, Jr. of Scottsmeer, FL.

'Long Tall Sally' was the winner of the Harris Olson Spider Award. **'Long Tall Sally'** is a 14" red spider daylily with yellow throat. It was hybridized by Dan Trimmer of Enterprise, FL.

'Night Embers' won the Ida Munson Award for best double flowered daylily. **'Night Embers'** is a bing cherry red double flower with a white edge. Patrick Stamile of Enterprise, FL is the hybridizer.

'North Wind Dancer' won the Lambert/Webster Award for best unusual form daylily. **'North Wind Dancer'** is a 7.5" pink lavender with yellow green throat. The hybridizer is Gary Schaben of Monticello, MN.

'Web Of Intrigue' won the R. W. Munson, Jr. Award given to the best distinctly patterned daylily. **'Web Of Intrigue'** is a pale orange with an etched pattern of lavender and purple. Patrick Stamile of Enterprise, FL is the hybridizer.



'Her Best Bloomers'
photo by Julie Covington



'North Wind Dancer'
photo by MaryAnn Pruden, Hershey, PA



'Jerry Pate Williams'
photo by MaryAnn Pruden

The American Hemerocallis Society, Inc. is organized exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, and especially to promote, encourage, and foster the development and improvement of the genus *Hemerocallis* and public interest therein. The AHS is a non-profit organization. There are over 180 local daylily clubs located throughout the U.S. and Canada.

You can find additional information about these and other award winning daylilies, local clubs and activities, and much more on the AHS website at www.daylilies.org.

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