



The Exciting World of Daylilies



It's just waiting for you to explore!

So, what is a “Daylily?”



It's a plant that produces flowers that only last one day. It belongs to the plant family "*HEMEROCALLIS*" which means, "*Beauty for a Day*". The flowers bloom early in the morning, and then at dusk, they wilt and die, making way for new flowers the following day.

Am I too young or too old for Daylilies?

NO WAY!!! There is no age limit for enjoying Daylilies. Well, actually, you can be a little too young. It's best if you're old enough to know not to grab the flowers or try to eat them!



So, what's cool about Daylilies?

- Amazing flower **colors**, patterns, sizes and shapes.
- They are perennial, meaning that they grow back up year after year.
- They are very easy to grow.
- You will get to dig in the dirt and spend more time outdoors.
- You can make crosses of two flowers to get seeds to make new, different daylilies.

**There are so many
different daylily colors,
sizes, shapes and
patterns that seeing
them in a garden can be
like a 4th of July
fireworks show!**





**What are some fun
things I can do with
Daylilies?**



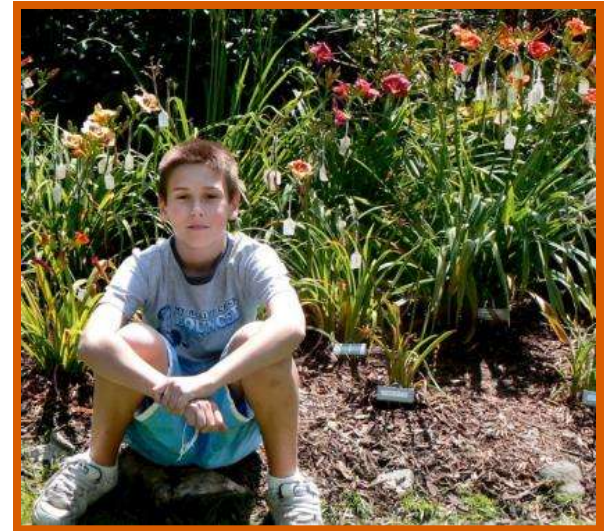
- I can be a **Gardener**.
- I can plant daylilies and learn how to take care of them.
- I can have my own garden.



- I can be a **photographer**
- I can take pictures of **flowers**, **critters**, and **friends** and enter



my pictures
in photo
contests





- I can select my best **blooms** and enter them in flower shows, county fairs and other contests for awards.

I can learn to make flower arrangements.



I can use daylilies at school for show and tell or science projects.



I can
share
my
daylilies
with
friends



What else can I do using Daylilies?

- I can be a **hybridizer**.
- I can try making new varieties by putting pollen from one daylily onto another.
- If I make new plants that are especially good, I can register and officially name them.

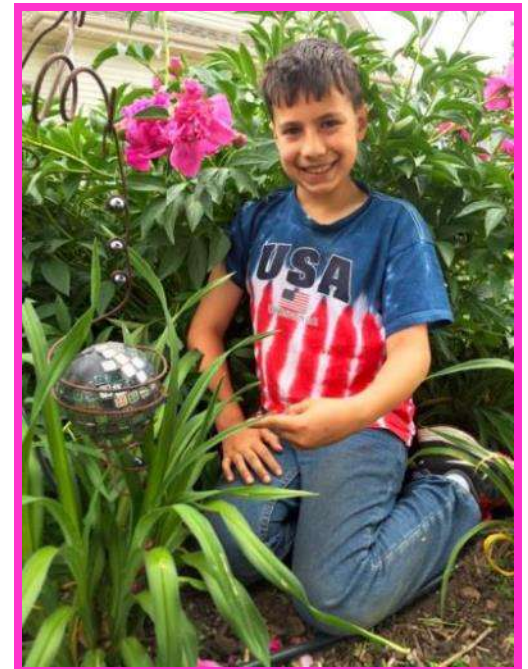
**Another name for
Hybridizer is
Pollen Dabber. The
next pictures will
show you how they
got this name.**







**Hybridizing
and naming
your own
daylily is the
coolest thing!**



Sounds good! But how will I learn how to do these things?

- Join a **Daylily Club** or youth organization like **Scouts** or **4H** and participate in programs they provide.
- Visit daylily gardens in your area
- Do some research at the library or on the internet.
- Ask a teacher or a gardener you know.

**Daylily
experts will
answer your
questions...**



**and teach you
everything you
need to know.**

**But the best
thing of all will
be the new
friends you'll be
making...**



Daylily Friends last a life time!



Teachers: If you are interested in acquiring daylily seeds for a class project, please send an email to youth@daylilies.org

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THANK YOU

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