

Plants for Gardens Rules

Statement of Purpose

The Plants for Gardens program of the Tidewater Daylily Society, Inc. (TDS) is designed to allow active and involved members the opportunity to grow newer and better cultivars as they are introduced in the marketplace, or purchase these plants for their own collections at considerable savings at auction. The program also provides the membership with valuable information on hybridizers, their introductions, and suitability of cultivars for our region. This program will be used to encourage member participation in club activities. TDS Plants for Gardens program should be self-perpetuating and self-supporting.

Any member who consents to grow a plant purchased by the Plants for Gardens Committee shall demonstrate his or her understanding and consent to the following covenants by signing a contract prior to taking possession of the plant.

Eligibility

The eligibility requirements for the Plants for Gardens program are:

- a. Member of the Tidewater Daylily Society and American Hemerocallis Society.
- b. Attend at least three of the five previous TDS business meetings including the plant distribution meeting. (If the member is active duty military, meets all other requirements, but is away on deployment and therefore unable to attend the distribution meeting; their plant may be claimed by a member of their immediate family at the plant distribution meeting. This immediate family member, parent, spouse, sibling, or child, must be a member of Tidewater Daylily Society.)
- c. Volunteer six hours of service to TDS in the twelve months preceding the plant distribution meeting. This will include plant sales, flower shows, educational displays, and other capacities as deemed appropriate by this committee. Three hours service time will be given for chairing a committee, hosting a meeting, attending a National, Regional or another daylily club's meeting, giving a talk to a garden club or other organization or donating plants (\$25 value) to TDS plant sale. One hour will be given for providing refreshments.
- d. Eligibility will be on an individual basis and not determined by the category of membership (single / family).
- e. Youth members five and older will be eligible for a plant and are encouraged to meet Item

Ownership

Until the time that any increase over a double fan is returned to the club; all parts of the Plants for Gardens plant are the property of TDS. Should a member leave the club for any reason before the Plants for Gardens plant is divided and the increase returned to the club for auction, possession of all fans of the plant reverts to TDS.

Plants for Gardens (PFG) Committee Responsibilities

Committee members are responsible for reaching agreement on one or more hybridizers and securing suitable cultivars to be distributed to the membership. It should not in any way be construed that plants are to be provided for every member or that more expensive cultivars should be further divided upon arrival from hybridizers or suppliers. Plants for Gardens Committee members are responsible for maintaining plants in the best possible condition and delivering these plants in good condition for distribution at the spring or summer meeting. The Plants for Gardens Committee members may accept suggestions on hybridizers and their cultivars but, responsibility for any selection is solely that of the committees.

The committee will keep accurate records of plant purchases and price, plant distribution, plants returned for auction and final sale price. Members or Committee Chairs are to report hours worked to the Plants for Gardens Committee.

The PFG committee will provide a copy of the plant distribution record to the TDS newsletter editor for inclusion in the next newsletter. The committee will also provide the editor a detailed list of plants to be auctioned at the September meeting. The committee will work closely with the Secretary, Treasurer, and committee chairs to maintain a record of who is eligible to receive a plant. The committee will keep an accurate record of these rules. Plants for Gardens rules can be amended by a majority vote of TDS members present at a business meeting providing proposed changes are submitted, reviewed, and distributed to the membership prior to the club meeting where action is taken.

Member Responsibility

Members who accept the responsibility to grow a Plants for Gardens plant should provide the best possible growing conditions to insure an atmosphere that fosters increase. Plant deaths shall be promptly reported to the committee.

Once planted in the garden the plant will be labeled with the cultivar name. The grower will provide, upon request, information on bud count, branching, increase, etc. to the committee. The grower is asked to bring labeled flowers to the spring meeting for others to see.

Two years after Plants for Gardens are distributed; growers are expected to return all increase over two fans to the club for inclusion in the Plants for Gardens auction. If an increase is less than 6 fans, members may choose to hold the plant until the following year without penalty. Plants may also be held over at the direction of the club (i.e. before regional meeting). Growers are encouraged to provide a color photograph of the plant in bloom. The Plants for Gardens auction is held annually at the fall meeting.

Each club member in possession of a Plants for Gardens plant due for division and auction should plan to attend the Plants for Gardens auction. If for any reason the member is unable to attend the auction, arrangements should be made for another member who will be attending to bring the increase over two fans. If the plant is not returned when requested, the offending club member will receive a strike. A strike will also be assigned for each dead plant. Each strike will be valid for a 5-year period. Plants may be donated at auction to replace the lost plants if they have a current value that meets or exceeds that of the lost plants. Any member that receives three strikes will be permanently barred from receiving any further plants. This member will still have the right to bid on plants at the auction.

Responsibility of Non-Renewing Members

In the event that a members association with TDS is terminated due to non-renewal of membership, all Plants for Gardens plants that have not been divided and returned for auction to the club membership remain the property of TDS. Ex-members in possession of Plants for Gardens plants are responsible for delivering all plants (that meet the above mentioned criteria) to a current Plants for Gardens Committee member for redistribution to the membership.

If for any reason an ex-member is unable to dig and return a Plants for Gardens plant for redistribution, arrangements should be made with the committee for digging and pick up by a committee member.

Should an ex-member wish to keep a Plants for Gardens plant payment of the current value listed by the hybridizer should be paid to the Plants for Gardens committee. Payment for all increase will be included as well.

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