

Bob Faulkner Give Us Some Insight Into His Journey Into Daylilies

I've been hybridizing for 25 years. My home was built in 1834...I was born and raised here and now I own it. So I've lived in the same home for 72 years. I have two acres of fertile farm-land where I collect and grow all types of unusual trees and plants, including daylilies.

My goal is to produce the most beautiful patterned daylilies in the world. I believe in prayer and the power of prayer and to that I give most of the credit of my success.

I grow both dips and tets, and have all along, but the dips have far out performed the tets as far as pattern is concerned.

When I began I didn't own a camera, a computer, nor had I ever spoken in front of a crowd. I could not have imagined where I am today. I was shy and unassuming. My weaknesses have been made into my strengths.

I believe that anyone beginning in daylily hybridizing today has more access to more great genetics than ever before. One can get beautiful flowers on their first try. When I began this process eyes and edges were just beginning to appear and patterns were small and they were few and far between. It took a long time to get something really nice.

When I began hybridizing there were very few people who would give you a helping hand, or advice or lend you pollen, etc. One of my goals has been to break that stereotype of a self-absorbed program, protecting your genetics and keeping all your secrets to yourself. I feel that has done more damage to the AHS and I hope to be the beginning of a few folks who will turn that around.

Money is not a goal to me....the process is most rewarding to me and I feel that if I do that right, treat people right and help all I can....money will come.

I have no idea where this journey will take me so I'm just letting it unfold as it will...and enjoying the ride.

To be continued sometime in the future.

Bob