

No Gimmicks, Daylilies That Perform

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37. Truckload of color and clump performance heading home to a garden.
38. *American Muscle. Bremer. 2014. Dormant. 35"-6.5". 4 branches. 24 buds. ML. American Muscle is a large growing plant that produces flowers high on sturdy stem. She is gorgeous in clump as uncrowded scapes open many flowers at once. Flowers are light pink with a large rose eyezone. Coloration is consistent from day to day, as is the wide form. Not many ruffles, but a bold flower and plant. Fertile both ways. (Scratch My Itch x Dean Corey) x Carnival in Mexico
39. *Angus Maximus. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 27"-6.5 to 7". 3 to 4 branches. 18 buds. M. Three branches and 18 buds. Angus, our dog, seemed to be in all the clump pictures taken over last couple of years, so his name went on this one. Angus Maximus is an outstanding plant for color, presentation and plant habit. Scapes are sturdy and face the viewer nicely. Color is a clean cream with a deep rosy-pink eyezone and matching picotee edge. A large yellow-green throat complements it nicely. Popular with garden visitors. Foliage is a deep blue-green. Excellent in a clump. Fertile. (Lunar Max x (Eat My Dust x Grace From Above) x Foolish Dragon.
40. Ankle Biter. 2009. Bremer. Dormant. 18"-2.75". 3 long branches. 23+ buds. M. Diploid. Nice deep green foliage. The color is generally a honey-pink with nice dark maroon eyezone. The eyezone is triangular that is spiked at the midrib. The flowers are always small and well formed. Excellent scapes and flowering habits are excellent. Fast increaser. Pollen fertile, but not pod fertile. Fertile. (Quiet My Heart x Cheddar Weasel).
41. *Artificially Enhanced. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 30"-5.5-6". 3 branches. 22 buds. M. Scapes are very strong and buds are nicely spaced. Flower color is a pastel peach with an oddly muted gray-lavender eyezone. Substance is very waxy. Nicely ruffled edges make the flower look ornate. The throat is quite yellow with a small green center. Foliage is wide, long and deep blue-green in color. A very unique flower and an awesome plant. (Dweebix x (Prairie Smiles x Wedding In The Snow). Fertile.
42. *Bang Bang. Bremer. 2011. Dormant. 28"-6.5". 4 branches. 25 buds. M to ML. Huge orange gold with a large red eyezone. UF, that is crispate and spatulate. Flowers are orange gold with a large red eyezones that surround a big yellow throat. Eye pattern is expanded on to the sepals. Striking and a magnet in the garden. Outstanding in every way. Fertile both ways. One of the best in our opinion. ((Scratch My Itch x Guilty as Sin) x Foolish Dragon.
43. *Beaucoup Bouquet. Bremer. 2008. Dormant. 23"-5.5". 4 to 5 branches. 24 buds. ML. Striking red-pink of exceptional color, GT. HBC. Bouquet bloomer. Sunfast-really! Gorgeous color and one Nate's favorites. Clumps put on a big show year in and year out. Fertile. (Truly Angelic x Power of Love)
44. *Beautiful People. Bremer. 2012. 27"-6-6.5". Dormant. Tetraploid. Mid season. (Cold Shoulder x (Alaskan Vows x Unknown). Two to three branches and 23 buds. A good looking flower of rose pink with gold edges that are quite pronounced for a

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- true dormant plant. Edges do not require warm weather to be expressed. Very good.
45. *Busted. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 28"-6". 4 branches. 28 buds. ML. Lovely ruffled flower of yellow with red eye and matching picotee. Stunning clear colors are ornately displayed. Fertile. (Guilty as Sin x (Peach Bombshell x Dragon Pinata)
46. *Catastrophic Events. Bremer. 2009. Dormant. 29"-7". 3 branches. 18-25 buds. M to ML. Large cream peach with a huge pink feathered eyezone and picotee of the eye color. Color sare very clear. UF that twists and curls and has nice ruffles. Simply stunning. We routinely sell out of this knockout. Fertile. (Scratch My Itch x (Windy Place x (Scratch My Itch x ?)
47. Cheddar Weasel. 2004. (Cheese Weasel x Diane Bremer) 18" height, 3" flowers, 20 buds, 3 branches, dormant, diploid, mid season. Like a well aged cheddar cheese, this little guy will keep you coming back for more. Cheddar Weasel isn't a flower that grabs you, but it does perform well and looks great in a clump (not all daylilies do you know). Flowers are a weathered gold-orange with a wonderful maroon eye. A great deal of maroon veining is present in the petals and the flowers are perfectly round and ruffled nicely. Great performer! Fertile both ways.
48. *Cheese Head. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 32"-6". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. Brilliant, eye catching yellow-gold with precise pie crust edge. Petals are narrower than many of the new rounded plants being introduced, making it quite unique. Strong tall scapes are ramrod straight. Fertile. ((Peach Bombshell x Age of Gold) x ((Wedding in the Snow x Prairie Smiles) x (Orange Angel x Trojan Bride)))
49. *Chicken Feathers. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 32"-6". 3-4 branches. 22 buds. M. Light melon flower with a large amount tightly organized ruffling and edges of the same color. Superior for precision of ruffles and consistency. Bitone. The excellent plants and flowers are always an attraction during summer digging season. (Orange Angel x Wedding in the Snow)
50. *Cold and Clear. Bremer. 2017. Dormant. 29" height. 5.5" flowers. L. 3 branches. 22 buds. ((Smoke'm Out x Saracenia) x Forty Fourth Parallel). Gorgeous pie crust ruffled flower of lavender-violet with a deeper lavender purple eye. Petals have a consistent lavender-purple edge that runs throughout the ruffled edges. Yellow then green throat. Flowers can be somewhat darker than the image in certain weather conditions, but is always a good clean color. Branching is to the top, but buds open well and are presented to the viewer. Has shown good sun resistance, which is unusual for a flower of this color. Superior. fertile both ways.
51. *Cold Shoulder. Bremer. 2011. Dormant. 30"-6". 4 branches. 26 buds. ML. A large lavender pink with lighter cream watermark eyezone, above a yellow then green throat. Nicely ruffled and showy. Awesome in a clump. Often one of the showiest plants in the garden. (Down the Aisle x Ain't She Nice) x sib.
52. *Cornflakes in a Can. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 26"-4.5". 4 branches. ML to L. Smallish flower with honey gold base overlaid with a large area of reddish brown, gives the appearance of a large honey edge, well branched and budded. Very unusual. (Honey on My Lips x Passions Promise). Excellent and admired by many at the farm.
53. *Deregulated Behavior. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 30"-5". 4-5 branches. 27 buds. ML. Brilliant orange with vibrant red eye and 'prickly' edge of red and yellow. Well branched scapes and heavy blooming. (Fallen Leaves x Bang Bang)
54. *Earmarked. Bremer. 2011. Dormant. Tetraploid. 28"-6". 3-4 branches. 28 buds. ML. Plum to rose purple with unusual cream peach triangular eyezone. Well budded and branched. Color can vary in different conditions. Always beautiful in any location. (Tux and Tails x Virtuosity) x (Batman x Rec #2)
55. *Executive Branch. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. Tetraploid. 32"-5". 4-5 branches. 30 buds. ML. Deep dark purple of excellent color clarity. Smallish rounded flower with pointed segments. Floriferous and superior branching. (Paul Voth x Turkey Shoot).
56. *Fallen Leaves. Bremer. 2008. Dormant. 30"-5". 4-5 banches. 28 buds. L. Cream-yellow overlaid with copper and a deeper copper eyezone. A large yellow throat extends out on petals with a green heart. Scapes are superior to any other cultivar we grow. Long, sturdy and thin laterals with evenly spaced buds. Tremendous in a clump. Fertile. (REC99A x Fooled Me)
57. *Field of Screams. Bremer. 2015. Dormant. 33"-7.5". 3 branches. 22 buds. ML. Deep burnt orange flower with broad yellow then olive green throat. Heavy waxy substance. Sepals reflex, petal pinch and cascade. Strong erect stems present the flowers well. (Scratch My Itch x Orange Clown). Fertile.
58. *Fire Fight. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 27"-5.5". 4 branches. 27 buds. M. Glowing tawny pink base

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- color with deep red eye. The yellow throat splashes out on all segments. Stunning and brilliant. Very popular. (Foolish Dragon x Scratch My Itch) x (Guilty as Sin x Scratch My Itch).
59. *Fire Fountain. Bremer. 2011. Dormant. 60"-8.5". 5 branches. 23 buds. ML. Extremely tall bright red with wide yellow throat, great branching and stout scapes. We seldom have much of this one due to constant sales. ((Ravenous x Springfield Clan) x B.J. McMillen).
60. Fire Wire. Bremer. 2011. Dormant. Diploid. 26"-3.25". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. Bright yellow flowers with a very bright contrasting eye. Lots of flowers on well branched scapes. This is perhaps one of the nicest plants as a clump we grow. Tremendous flower power. ((Cheddar Weasel x Ankle Biter) x Siloam Fairy Tale).
61. *Fliver. Bremer. 2013. 28" height. 5.5" flowers. Dormant. Mid season. Clear mulberry with elongated dark mulberry eyezone. Petals have a small picotee of the same color. Three to four well budded branches display the flowers that face outward from the clump. This plant drew much attention from visitors the past couple of summers. A clump of Fliver is exceptional and memorable. (Scratch My Itch x Windy Place) x Accidental Tourist.
62. *Greedy Governor. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 27"-8.5". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. Red with a large yellow throat that expands onto sepals. Petals pinch, wave and twist. Sepal recurve slightly. Blooms in wild bouquets and puts on an outstanding show. (House of Misrepresentatives x Scratch My Itch).
63. Hale Bremer. Bremer. 2006. Dormant. Diploid. 37"-8". 3-4 branches. 29 buds. M. Golden yellow UF. White edge by day's end. Small Small green throat. Excellent scapes. Twists and turns with many buds open at once. A fast grower that is wild and creative like its namesake. Hale Bremer 1934-2014. (Jersey Spider x Jan's Twister) x (Kindly Light x Unknown).
64. *Heat of the Sun. Bremer. 2015. Dormant. Tetraploid. 27"-5.5". 3 branches. 22+ buds. ML. Deep hot orange with a precise dark red eyezone. Flowers are of heavy substance and have excellent ruffles. The flower is 'HOT'! Fertile both ways. ((Orange Chucklehead x Ember of Vesuvius) x (Dragon Pinata x Power of Love)).
65. *House of Misrepresentatives. Bremer. 2011. Dormant. Tetraploid. 29"-7.5". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. Extremely bright violet purple blend, a spidery affair. Has a rather sinister look, due to deep flower color. Fast increaser. (Scratch My Itch x Frankies Fantasy) x (Star of India x Scratch My Itch).
66. *Incredible Bulk. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 28"-6.5". 4 branches. 28 buds. Very light melon-yellow with a ruffled gold edge and green throat. Opens very flat. Description sounds like many other plants, but diamond dusting, form and carriage are so unique that confusion is impossible. One of the really good ones available. Impeccable scapes. Fertile. (Wedding in the Snow x Peach Bombshell) x Fragrant Bouquet.
67. *Jaded. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 32"-5". 3 branches. 25 buds. M. Flat, unruffled beige flower with violet highlights along the edges of the petals and sepals. Very unique, well budded and branched scapes. Variability in color is possible due to growing conditions (lavender in cool weather). Fertile. (Cruising for a Bruising) x (Inquire Within x Bruised Ego)
68. *Jealous Jessica. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 34"-6.5". 3-4 branches. 26 buds. M. Clearest purple with cream throat. Large open shape. Deep blue green foliage. Great plant habits and flower! Superior in all ways. (Frankie's Fantasy x Cielo Lavanda).
69. *Juicy Bubble Butt. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 28"-5.5". 4 branches. 26 buds. VL. Superior deep clear pink with white edges and some teeth, latest plant to start flowering in our garden (almost always after the gardens close for digging). Superior branching and foliage. (Ruffled Strawberry Parfait x Cold Shoulder). Proving to be an excellent parent.
70. *Keep it Clean. Bremer. 2015. Dormant. 27"-6". 3 branches. 23 buds. EM. Deep honey yellow with brilliant red eyezone. Extremely wide and rounded petals. Creped texture. Color is extraordinarily clear and clean. Scapes have wonderfully spaced long branches. A real knockout. Fertile both ways. (Power of Love x Lunar Max) x Fooled Me.
71. Legends of the Fall. Bremer. 2005. Dormant. Diploid. 36"--6.5". 4-5 branches. 25 buds. EM. Ruffled lavender-pink with white

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- midrib. Gorgeous large flowers that show up well in the garden. Very early bloom is not uncommon, followed by a later bloom. (Caribbean Whipped Cream x Spectacular Pink).
72. *Liar for Hire. Bremer. 2014. Dormant. 31"-5.5". 3 branches. 26 buds. M. Amber yellow flower with light and very thin maroon penciled eye and green throat. In some conditions the penciled eye broadens to create a more full eyezone. Long blooming and well budded. Scapes are very straight and carry masses of flowers. Superior. (Fallen Leaves x Trojan Bride)
73. Liberal Thinking. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Diploid. 24"-5". 3 branches. 18+ buds. EM. Highly pie crusted ruffles of soft peach pink. Out of Ellison breeding, LT is a flower that catches the eye and is now being used in our diploid breeding program heavily. Excellent scapes have superior branch length and excellent bud spacing. (Legends of the Fall x Ellison seedling)
74. *Limestone Lady. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 30"-6". 4 branches. 25 buds. M. A light cream-grayed color. Will show light pink flush in some conditions. Light yellow, then green throat. Elegant well ruffled flowers are carried in abundance. (Down the Aisle x line bred Reckamp seedling)
75. *Lotus of Love. Bremer. 2011. Dormant. 27"-7". 3 branches. 21 buds. EM. Huge creamy white flowers with a hot lipstick pink eyezone. Large looping ruffles. One of the most elegant flowers we grow. Excellent. (Grace From Above x (Lunar Max x Outback Red)
76. *Lunker. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 42"-6". 4-5 branches. 30 buds. ML. Gorgeous round flowered pink carried on gargantuan scapes with long laterals. Clear color and a tremendous beauty. Recommended for a place that can handle a large plant. We sold every plant that was available last year and have just a few to share this year. Our #1 plant used in hybridizing the past several years. Finest plant habit of anything we have grown. (Peach Bombshell x Tim Kornder) x (Trojan Bride x Colossus and Butterfly).
77. Magenta Assault. Bremer. 2002 {(Brookwood Mamasan x Janice Brown) x (Cacophony x Smokey Mountain Autumn)}. EM/M. Height 27", 25 +buds, 4" flowers, dormant, diploid. While I would have liked a larger flower with greater petal width, the color, plant habit, and scape branching are outstanding. I've been informed that the flower is not really magenta in color, but it is an assault on the eyes. I'll probably need to get better with my color recognition. The flower is a hot pink-coral (varies with weather conditions) with a gold throat. Petals have adequate ruffling. This is one of those plants that is a garden magnet due to its color and scape height. M. A. tends to produce rebloom scapes immediately after the first flowers on the primary scape open. Flower is superior to the photograph. Excellent! Fertile both ways.
78. *Mystery Meat. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 26"-5. 3-5 top branches. 26 buds. M. Light tan orange with red eye and edge. Floriferous and awesome in a clump. Meat colored flowers don't sound appealing, but in the 'flesh' this one is outstanding. Fertile (best as pollen). Extremely popular with summer visitors. (Mister Mustard x Guilty as Sin).
79. *National Secret. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 37"-6.5". 3 branches. 25 buds. ML. Tall scapes carry lovely amber yellow flowers with an eye that covers most of the flower and fades to the edges, giving a wide amber yellow edge effect. Very consistent. (Honey on My Lips x Passions Promise)
80. *Pacific Rainbow. Seidl/Bremer. 2006. Dormant. 37"-5.25". 3 branches. 20 buds. ML. Lavender with darker lavender band graduating to a yellow-green throat. Superior plant and has been a good breeder for banded eyezones. (Pacific Rim x Mystical Rainbow)
81. Panties In A Bunch. Bremer. 2007. Dormant. Diploid. 24"-5.5". 3 branches. 15 buds. ML. Double flowers of apricot with beige highlights, ruffled and full. A very full formed flower that is a show stopper. Blooms in bunches and is always double. Short foliage. (Francis Joiner x (Quiet Earth x unknown)).
82. Peas and Thank You. Bremer. 2004. Dormant. Diploid. 23"-3". 3 branches. 22 buds. M. Perfectly round pink with red highlights and rose band eyezone. Very heavy substance. GT. Impressive clumper and truly beautiful. Good increaser. (Brookwood Wow x Siloam Grace Stamile)
83. *Pledge a Grievance. Bremer. 2012. Dormant. 34"-7". 3 branches. 25 buds. M. An unusual form of

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- great beauty and plant habit. The flowers are a gorgeous light pink to coral with a darker banded eyezone above a cream, then yellow throat. The cream and yellow show up on the sepals as well. Flowers twist, curl and reflex randomly. Long deep blue green foliage is a great back drop. (Dean Corey x Scratch My Itch).
84. *Pork Barrel Spending. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 29"-8". 3 long lateral branches. 20 buds. Large unruly maroon flower that is generally a large star. Very good and quite showy. PBS is a bit excessive, as the name indicates!
85. *Public Display of Affection. Bremer. 2015. Dormant. 27"-6". 3 branches. 24 buds. ML. Golden yellow with a brilliant notched triangular red eye and green throat. Excellent foliage is a perfect backdrop for the brightly colored flowers. Excellent scapes and plant habit. Fertile both ways. (Heavenly Flight x Bang Bang)
86. *Put a Ribbon on It. Bremer. 2016. Dormant. 33"-6". 3-4 branches. 24 buds. M. Nicely recurved clear pink, cream midribs with lighter eyezone/watermark and cream ruffled edge. Green throat. Slight sculpting. Big well branched scapes. An excellent performer and looks great in a clump. (Cold Shoulder x Shutupa Your Face).
87. *Scratch My Itch. Bremer. 2005. Dormant. 24"-9.5". 3 branches. 24 buds. M. Big coral orange unusual form affair with a yellow-green throat. Superior display of flowers. Produces bouquets of large twisted flowers. One of our best unusual form performers. Has produced many fine offspring in a wide range of forms and colors. Fertile both ways.
88. *Seven Deadly Sins. Bremer. 2011. Dormant. 35"-6". 3-4 branches. 28 buds. L. Tall pink with soft washed cream eyezone. Lots of flowers at different levels. One of our favorite late varieties. Sinfully attractive and one of Nate's favorites. Fertile. (Virtuosity x Angel's Realm) x (Prairie Smiles x Cold Shoulder).
89. *Ships and Giggles. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. 45"-9.5". 3 branches. 22+ buds. M. Tall unusual form of light baby ribbon pink with green throat. Petals twist and flower size is huge. Long branches display flowers perfectly. Pollen fertile, no pods. (Dean Corey x (Sears Tower x Webster's Pink Wonder)
90. *Soda Shoppe. Bremer. 2010. Dormant. 32"-6". 3 to 4 branches. 28 buds. ML. Light cream with pink blush, round, ruffled and creped. One of the more outstanding flowers in the mid-late season garden. Gorgeous. Another of Nate's favorites. Fertile both ways. (Virtuosity x Romantic Stares) x Alaskan Vows.
91. Sun Dog. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Diploid. 27"-3.5". 4 branches. 28 buds. M. Very small rounded pinkish-orange flowers with a darker eyezone. Well branched scapes carry an abundance of flowers. Flowers lack ruffling, so they have a precise flower shape. Very good. One of the most outstanding cultivars in the garden in 2013. Superior. (Cheddar Weasel x (Diane Bremer x Fourth Rock)).
92. *Tall Truckload. Bremer. 2015. Dormant. Tetraploid. 40"-6.5". 4 branches. 29 buds. ML. Coral pink with a deep lipstick red eyezone above a yellow then green throat. Extremely widely and well branched with many buds. A real show off in the garden. Fertile both ways. (Catastrophic Events x American Muscle).
93. *Toe Tickler. Bremer. 2013. Dormant. Tetraploid. 28"-5". 4 branches. 28 buds. L. Lavender with chalky eyezone. Has ruffled/bubbled/toothy edge of cream. A late bloomer that always puts on a great show. Floriferous on sturdy well branched scapes. We had grouping of these bloom in the late season this year and it was difficult to stay away from (other work needed to be done). (Peach Bombshell x Ruffled Strawberry Parfait).
94. *Veronica's Vanity. Bremer. 2009. Dormant. 38"-7". 3-4 branches. 22+ buds. ML. Super dark blue-green foliage. Good increaser. Big time ruffled up large flowers on tall scapes! VV is a dark velvety red that has a wonderful sheen to its surface. Flowers are huge and are carried high and on goliath scapes. Buds are white to light green and make an interesting contrast. VV does well in the sun for a dark red flower, but a bit of shade would be helpful. Bloom season starts in mid July and lasts to mid August for us. Outstanding in every way. (Power of Love x Creative Vision) x (Only the Valiant x ?).
95. *Weasel Dreams. Bremer. 2017. Dormant. 27" height. 5" flowers. ML. 3-4 branches. 22 buds.

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(Weasel Teeth x (Love for Jesus x Something in My Teeth)). Flowers have a rosey-maroon eye and edge. Petals are ruffled and have a consistent toothy edge. The ruffles and teeth are rosey-maroon with fine wire of gold. Nice green throat. A consistent bloomer that doesn't seem to need special conditions to show its stuff. A slower increaser for us, but acceptable. Weasel Dreams was one of the most photographed flowers in our propagation field the past couple of years and was nearly sold out before registration.

96. *Wedding in the Snow. Bremer. 2008. Dormant. 24"-6". 3-4 branches. 28 or more buds. ML. Cream-yellow with hints of pink and yellow above a green throat, highly precise ruffles are yellow. Exceptional form and precise ruffling on edges, a true northern plant that is hardy in the open field (no mulch), hardy lineage, extremely productive flower producer, flowers are consistent and gorgeous in northern climates. Fertile both ways. A producer of excellent seedlings in a variety of colors. REC#006A x Great White.
97. *What the Hale. Bremer. 2010. Dormant. 30"-4.5". 3-4 branches. 24+ buds. M. WtH is kind of throw back in flower form. The smallish orange flowers are subtly bitone and the petals possess a flared deeper orange eyezone. The eyezone is bisected with a yellow midrib that widens toward the center of the flower. The recurved blooms often bloom in bouquets, but there are plenty of buds to make a long bloom season. A bright showy little dickens. Named for my father. (Scratch My Itch x Orange Chucklehead) x ?. Wildly popular.
98. Seedling...Garden named Wiggling Warthogs. Great looking flower in shade, but very bad everywhere else. Plant habit is also questionable. A cull unfortunately.
99. Great scapes. So-So flowers. Figures!
100. A field with a couple of gems and lots of biological waste!
101. Chickens at the farm during a drought season. Daylily foliage and neck color of these chickens are a good match. The plants that don't match are the keepers!
102. Climate conditions range far and wide. Unfortunately many daylily cultivars react quite differently to them from year to year. Finding those that perform in most conditions are the winners.

103. A hardy group. Each with important opinions, coming from diverse backgrounds. The only gimmick here...clean clothing!



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