# *AHS Hemerocallis Hybridizer/Registrant List*

## Explanation Sheet

## Historical Background:

The *AHS Hemerocallis Hybridizer/Registrant List* hereafter referred to as "the *List*" is an accumulation of the data found in all daylily checklists dating from the first checklist of *Hemerocallis* published in 1949, the DCH (*Descriptive Catalog of Hemerocallis Clones – 1893 to 1948*), which was jointly published by *The American Plant Life Society* (formerly *The American Amaryllis Society*) and *The Hemerocallis Society*. The DCH contained a section called "Abbreviations: Originators and Introducers" that assigned a unique code to identify all those who registered daylilies. This *List* is the latest iteration of a spreadsheet thought to have been initially created by Registrar William C. Monroe in the early 1990s as a cumulative means of relating these abbreviation codes to hybridizers for internal use.

The DCH combined data on daylilies known as of 1934 and documented by Dr. Arlow B. Stout in his book, *Daylilies – The Wild Species and Garden Clones, Both Old and New, of The Genus Hemerocallis* – along with annual registrations that later appeared in *Herbertia*, the journal of *The American Amaryllis Society,* the Society newsletters and Yearbooks of *The Midwest Hemerocallis Society,* and *The Hemerocallis Society.* Later registrations continued to appear in the Yearbooks of *The American Hemerocallis Society* (incorporated in 1955). Beginning in 1960, the annual registrations were separated from the AHS Yearbooks and made a separate supplement containing the list of hybridizer abbreviations, names, and addresses along with cultivar descriptions. The abbreviation code section was printed in combined checklists and annual supplements through 2015, the last hard copy available for purchase (only PDF versions are now available.)

These Excel worksheets, developed from the Registrar's Access database are NOT an exact replica of the checklists. Those and the online Registration database contained some typographical errors and conflicting or missing information. Thus, some of the name, address, and obituary information has been derived from other sources such as the AHS membership rosters, *The Daylily Journal,* regional newsletters, online newspapers, hybridizer websites, FaceBook, Ancestry.com, Find-A-Grave.com, and other internet sources, even WWII draft cards.

The goal is for this workbook to be updated at least once per year after each annual checklist supplement has been produced. Subsequent updates may occur, depending upon requirements.

## What's New:

The November 2021 revision to the *List* contained these changes:

- Addition of new hybridizers and registrants for 2020.
- Creation of searchable PDF versions of the *List* for use by those without Excel.
- Correction and standardization of Canadian postal codes.
- Addition of more dates of death.
- Other data corrections as information became available.
- International street addresses, cities, and postal codes have been removed.

The June 2020 revision to the *List* contained these new features:

- New Region columns to allow sorting of hybridizer or registrant data by region.
- New Country columns, pulling country names out of the city column in order to allow sorting by individual country.
- A second Deceased column for Registrants plus a listing of the year of death when determined.
- A second worksheet called *Multi-Location*, which relates, by year, those hybridizers known to have registered daylilies in more than one region, or more than one state within a region, or more than one country.
- Removal of hundreds of irrelevant abbreviation codes, and corrections/additions to thousands of entries.
- Cosmetic enhancements such as meaningful column titles and freeze panes to keep column titles visible during scrolling.

# Field Definitions:

The following offer explanatory information for some worksheet fields:

### *Abbreviation Code:*

A unique code, usually * made up of the hybridizer's last name and perhaps initial to avoid duplication with similar names. If hyphenated names, they <u>usually</u> represent a hybridizer and a registrant (who may grow and introduce the plants, or registered them on behalf of the hybridizer). This is the code found in parentheses in the online database entries after the name of the cultivar.

* [The code may be that of a nursery or "DCH" is used in some cases as it reflects either some species or other early daylilies where there was either no hybridizer or the hybridizer was unknown.]

### *Garden Name:*

Blank or name of the garden, nursery, or corporation related to the Abbreviation Code. This is an optional field on the data registration sheet and many have not been listed, especially over the last 30 years.

### *Region:*

The AHS region number, 1 through 15, for U.S. states and Canadian provinces. The administrative number 20 is used for all international countries.

### *Name:*

Name of hybridizer(s) or registrant(s), or a nursery, corporation, or institution name when no individual is named.

If the name field is shaded yellow, this identifies the hybridizer as having registered * daylilies in more than one region, more than one state in a region, or more than one country in a region. It is not possible to verify that a given cultivar was hybridized in the location where registered, however.

* [There is a separate worksheet within the Excel workbook called *Multi-Location*, which identifies the addresses of those who are known to have registered in multiple places. While a few of these also happen to show multiple addresses within the same state, that alone does not qualify as being recorded in the Multi-Location worksheet.] (See discussion under *Address* below)

### *Deceased:*

Blank or NO – presumed to be living or not determined otherwise

YES – deceased but the year of death currently unknown

nnnn – the year of death, e.g., 1945. [Note: there is underlying documentation to support the exact dates of death. That work remains ongoing and is available to those who require it for specific research.]

NO/YES or YES/NO – co-originators or registrants where one is deceased, the second living, or vice versa

nnnn/NO or NO/nnnn –one is living and the year of death is known for the other, e.g., 1990/NO

nnnn/YES or YES/nnnn –both are deceased, but the year of death is only known for one, e.g., Yes/2003

nnnn/nnnn – the year of death is known for both, e.g., 2001/2009

CLOSED nnnn – the date when a nursery or corporation went out of business in the case where the Name is not a person.

### *Address (including street, city, state/province or country, and zip/postal code \*)*:

#### International Addresses:

The privacy requirements of the EU (General Data Protection Regulation) and some, not all, other countries restrict the publication of personal address data. Thus, just as with the AHS Membership Roster, to err on the side of caution all international street addresses, cities, and postal codes have been removed from the published *List.* Only the individual's name and country are included.

#### US/Canadian Addresses:

<span style="color:red">In general, this is the address reflected for the last or most recent registration</span>, not necessarily a current address. These addresses are maintained for the historical purpose of identifying the location where the cultivars were registered and most likely hybridized. It may simply contain the name of a nursery, corporation, or institution. In the few cases where no address is known in the registration database or prior checklists, this field contains the phrase, <span style="color:red">"No Data Available"</span>.

* Five-digit zip codes in the U.S. were not in use in checklists until 1965, so earlier addresses may remain blank for that field, as may any information NOT provided by the hybridizer.

To determine with at least some degree of accuracy where a particular cultivar was hybridized, you can do the following:

- Lookup a cultivar in the online database
- Record the Abbreviation Code and date of registration
- Search for that code in this *List*
- Determine the location where likely hybridized by region, state/province, and/or country
- Go to the *Multi-Location* sheet * if the Name is shaded in yellow.

* The *Multi-Location* worksheet within this Excel workbook lists those known to have *registered* daylilies in multiple locations at different times. However, this does NOT identify those who <u>simultaneously</u> hybridize and evaluate in multiple locations or hybridize in one place and have a test garden in another. Individuals who changed addresses within a city or a state are not listed in the *Multi-Location* worksheet unless they happen to be in the *List* by meeting the other criteria.

## Using the Excel Spreadsheet:

If you do not own the full-function version of Microsoft Excel for a PC or macOS, you can download the *List* from the Portal and read or print it with a free Excel Viewer. But you cannot sort, or do other edit functions with a Viewer. The Excel file and its PDF equivalent are searchable using Ctrl-F. However, the following free spreadsheet alternatives are among those tested that will allow sorting and other editing functions:

*Excel Online* – while not full function, this web-based version does all the basics of the desktop version used in this *List*, including automatic cloud saving in Microsoft OneDrive. It requires a free MS OneDrive account where you would upload a copy of the spreadsheet for sorting or other processing. This is the tool that was used to collaborate among contributors who created this version of the *List*, thus, is recommended.

*LibreOffice* – this free office suite includes its own Excel alternative, called Calc, and it runs on the computer, not in the cloud. It will seem similar to Excel and some of its robust features are not even present in Excel (but not needed). While it can open .xlsx files, it is recommended to then Save with that same Excel extension, not with the Calc extension, to avoid possible compatibility conflicts. *OpenOffice* Calc is a variation of this software.

Apple Numbers and Google Sheets, while tested, do not provide the multi-field sorting desired. Using either of the recommended alternatives to MS Excel, you can Search by clicking on FIND or *LibreOffice* has a Search window at the bottom of the screen. If you wish to Sort on multiple fields, say by region then a state within the region, and lastly Abbreviation Code, first be sure your cursor is on any cell within the worksheet, not on one of the header titles. Then, perform some series similar to this:

- Click on Data
- Click on Sort
- Be sure that "My Data has Headers" is checked
- Add sort fields as needed
- For this example, first enter Region, then State, then Abbreviation Code from the drop-down list. If sorting on hybridizers, be sure you select the first instance of Region and State, not the second which will sort on registrants.
- Click OK

## Contributors:

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All in all, the online database is more accurate, as is this *List,* due to the input of those noted above.

## Contact:

In the event, you see errors or have questions regarding this Excel workbook and how to use it, until the end of 2022 please send an email to the undersigned. Please place the words "Hybridizer/Registrant List" in the Subject line for ease in recognizing the request.

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