



### **Dizzles and Frizzles – the things you find in a farmyard!**

Dizzles and Frizzles? Well, they're the rather odd themes of this month's newsletter – the dizzy colours of daylilies because our daylily garden is just about to burst into flower, and frizzles...well, just look at the photo below!

But first to daylilies. I'm sure most gardeners will have come across them before. They say that if you can't grow daylilies you should get out of the garden. It's true! They are so tough and durable and can be grown under almost any conditions. Yet they also come in a dazzling array of colours and types. But beware! They can become addictive.

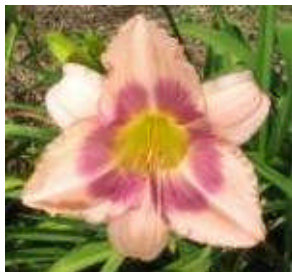


Canadian Border Patrol

Morna's very proud of her collection of over 400 varieties. She's spent over 15 years building it up, and they are a fabulous sight when they come into flower. They come in pots of various sizes, or can be purchased by mail order by the fan.

It's a really cheap way to establish a new section of garden – just dig up the ground, add some fertilizer (dynamic lifter or sheep or cow manure is as good as anything) then water them in and mulch. In good conditions they will form four or five new flowering fans within a year.

We trial all our new varieties for a year to ensure they are hardy and colourfast (many new hybrids sound marvelous but don't adapt to harsher Australian conditions very well).



Medieval Splendour

These photos show two of our favourites. These and many more can be ordered from our website. But better still, if you're passing by, come in and have a look.

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Have you ever seen a chook like this? We found this photo recently of a frizzled Transylvanian Naked Neck and couldn't resist including it in the newsletter.



We don't have any that look quite like this, but we do breed Naked Necks. They have about 40 per cent less feathers than most breeds and are renowned for their hardiness.

Studies in the US in the 1930's found they were resistant to most poultry diseases at the time, and our experience has been similar. Naked Necks are being increasingly crossed with other breeds to make them tougher and more heat resistant. And although they look a bit odd, they are a great rare breed to have.

We've generally had a good hatching this year, especially with our Araucanas. Our only disappointment has been with the Plymouth Rock's, but apparently we are not alone – other breeders have reported similar results. It must be something in the weather.

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We once had a horse called Ben. He loved nothing more than wallowing in the dam on hot days and eating water lilies. His coat gleamed magnificently. Sadly, however, Ben passed on to horse heaven some years ago. Since then, the water lilies have increasingly choked the dam. Because it's our main water source for the nursery, its becoming quite a problem. We don't want to spray, for obvious reasons, and cutting or digging them out isn't very practical. Does anyone have any ideas?

Don't forget to visit our website on [www.pembrokeplantsandpoultry.com.au](http://www.pembrokeplantsandpoultry.com.au) - this link will take you straight there, or call in if you are going past.

Enjoy your garden

Morna and Peter