

Daylilies Behind the Barn



When we arrived here, the area behind the barn was entirely overgrown with brush. It was a tangle of thorny berry bushes, sumacs, and other assorted weeds. It was impossible to walk in there. The lower portion of the back of the barn was partially covered in some sort of sheets – perhaps cement sheets. I cannot figure out what these were supposed to do.



A few years ago, I asked the Allis boys to clear away the brush. Sam brought down his bulldozer and they did it. I also asked him to push some of the biggest rocks up into a line a few feet east of the building.



I then proceeded to rake and dig and remove rocks and trash and weeds. I also pulled off the cement panels that were on the barn.



After smoothing out the ground, pulling out weeds and rocks, I planted grass seed in the area between the barn and the stone wall. Then I gathered a lot of daylilies from various places. I got some from Lois's garden. Others were growing next to the cellar hole across the street. I brought them around to the back of the barn and after preparing the soil, I planted them. I also got some rose bushes that had sprouted up from rose bushes that were planted elsewhere. Some of these were Canadian Explorer climbing roses. Another was an offshoot from the Polar Ice Rugosa Rose. I also installed a nest box up on the barn. I was hoping that some Kestrels might move in, but so far I have had no luck. After a couple of years, it began to look like this:



And then, when the flowers came into bloom in July of 2016, it looked like this:

