

# Houston Hemerocallis Society (Since 1953)

## Part V Highlights "In the Beginning"

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### 1964-66 President Dixie Kathryn Harris

"Dixie was born March 23, 1908, in Oklahoma and passed away January 31, 2005, in Manvel, Brazoria, Texas." From the *Spring 1961 Region 6 Newsletter*, "Dixie is 2nd vice president." "75 percent of the members were members of AHS." From the *1963 Region 6 Newsletter*, "Dixie was the Registrar for the Region 6 meeting May 17-18, 1963, Houston, Texas."

### 1966-67 (Mrs. Ben) Dollie Wheeler

Dollie Wheeler began hybridizing in 1941. She and her husband Ben had a commercial daylily business around their home. The field was planted in rows. She also grew crinum lilies, amaryllis, and other plants. She was known for her gold double *Hemerocallis* 'Double Talk' (1967). She was a member of the Texas Nurseryman's Association for 30 years. Dollie was born October 2, 1905, and died January 7, 1985.

### 1967-69 President Margaret Standard

Margaret is a present member of the Houston Hemerocallis Society (HHS). She was Treasurer of HHS for many years and is a Life Member of AHS. Her home-baked, delicious cakes are enjoyed at the Society's meals.

### 1969-1971 Unknown

Can you help us find the President for this period of our history?

### 1971-1974 Bertha Cone

Bertha Cone is well remembered for her knowledge of how a Daylily Society should operate and was a stickler for the flower show schedule rules. If you did not know the rules, she

quickly informed you about the rules. She enjoyed going to the gardens of W. B. MacMillan and Edna Spalding in Louisiana. I went along on her last bus trip and roomed with her looking after her needs. Justine Kennedy, a young man, took over pushing her wheelchair at the tour gardens. I wrote an article for the Region 6 Newsletter and published a picture of Justin assisting Bertha in the gardens. A car accident had broken her hip and left her permanently in a wheelchair. For many years J. C. Neal went from the Houston Community College to her home and brought her to the meetings, and returned her home. She worked for the Houston Community College as a Secretary before retiring. She was in charge of printing the HHS Yearbook and worked with the college to do it as part of the printing department training. Bertha bought some of the latest and best daylilies for many years. She was a dedicated worker for the club. Bertha also belonged to a garden club and grew all different kinds of companion plants with her daylilies. Those of us who knew Bertha will always remember her as a fighter for what was best for HHS.

Please note: The information on Dixie Harris was supplied by Ray Houston, Region 6 Archivist/Historian.

Ray is still in need of the some missing Region 6 Newsletters for Region 6 archives. Then he can supply additional information as needed. If you have the missing issues and would send them to Ray, he will scan them to his computer and return them to you. Contact Ray if you know the location of any of the following missing Newsletters.

1964 all issues  
1965 all issues  
1966 issues 1, 2, and 3  
1972 April-May-June issue  
1972 Oct.-Nov-Dec issue  
1973 Oct.-Nov-Dec issue  
1974 Oct.-Nov-Dec issue  
1975 April-May-June issue  
1975 July-Aug-Sept issue  
1977 April-May-June issue