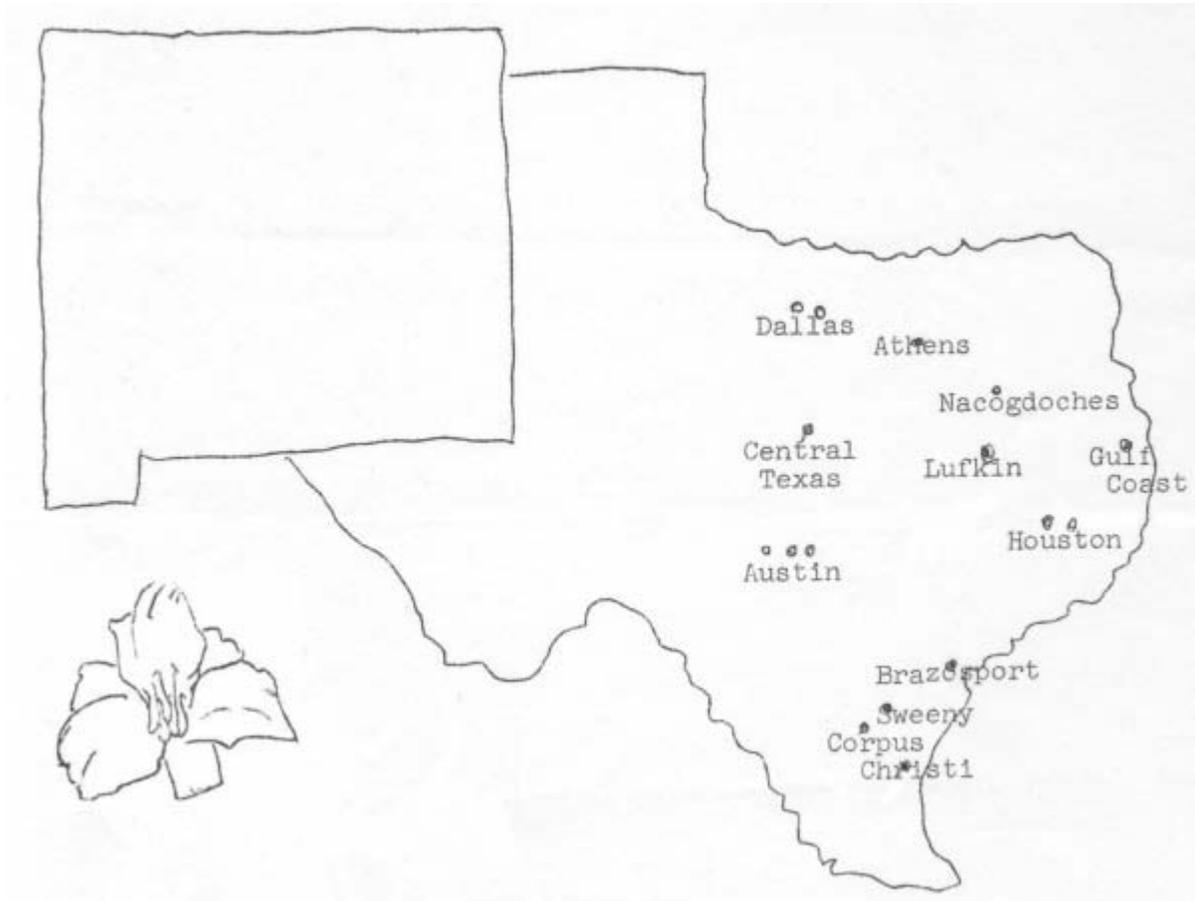


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HI FOLKS

Isn't nature wonderful? Now THAT severe winter is behind us - and even though most of us find a few markers with an empty space behind them - as a whole, I think each year we appreciate more and more the true hardiness of our beloved daylily. During the cold months we dreamed - now our favorite season is here.

Each year we have four seasons
But my favorite one is spring
Because of all the beauty
Mother nature's skill can bring
Her blossoms in soft colors
make such a lovely sight
That just to walk beside them
can fill me with delight
To see sweet flowers blooming
to hear the birds that sing
Makes me find glory in
My favorite season of spring

Pat Vardell

Do look and study our map - we are very proud of our new Societies and are happy to report that others are in the planning stage. The Brazosport and Sweeny Societies plan a joint show on June 1 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church Recreation Hall in Sweeny - open to the public, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Theme "Nature Paints A Picture." The Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas will have their show at the Dallas Garden Center on June 9th and their president, Mrs. Martin McMillan, suggests that it would be a nice thing to come visit their show and spend Monday visiting some of the Dallas Gardens, then on to Shreveport.

Now that our blooming season is here may I urge you to take notes and prepare yourself to cast your vote for the 1963 Popularity Poll. Out of 410 members of AHS in Region 6 last year - only 103 used their privilege of voting - as has before been mentioned, The David Hall Silver Bowl is given in each Region to the hybridizer receiving the most votes. They do not have to be in the Region to win - FRANCES FAY has been the winner for the past two years in Region 6. If you will study the following you will see that JAKE RUSSELL was the runner up losing by only four votes. I am sure that Region 6 Hems and hybridizers in most cases are not as well known over the country as many others but - again - Texas Brags - we are coming to the front, let's do not just play "Follow the Leader." Let's evaluate and judge our daylilies this year, as we see their merit. At Houston you will have plenty to see and really - wouldn't it be nice for one of our Region 6 hybridizers to win the Silver Bowl for 1963?

Here are your votes that you cast last year:

FRANCES FAY	FAY	66
JAKE RUSSELL	RUSSELL	62
DORCAS	SPALDING	54
LIME PAINTED LADY	RUSSELL	53
LUXURY LACE	SPALDING	52
BRIGHT DANCER	SPALDING	50
PLAYBOY	WHEELER	46
COSETTE	MILLIKEN	45
DUCHESS OF DALLAS	HUGHES	35
FAIRY WINGS	LESTER	33
HIGH NOON	MILLIKEN	32
WAR EAGLE	HALL	32
CARTWHEELS	FAY	31
SALMON SHEEN	TAYLOR	31
BESS ROSS	CLAAR	28
CAPRI	MILLIKEN	27
GOLDEN DEWDROP	TAYLOR	27
MULTNOMAH	KRAUS	27
PILLOW TALK	JONES	26
GEORGE CUNNINGHAM	HALL	25
RARE CHINA	HALL	25
RINGLETS	KRAUS	25
SOUTHERN PRIDE	ALEXANDER	25
JAKES MARY	RUSSELL	24
SILVER SAILS	CONNELL	24

EVERGREEN OR DECIDUOUS?

Mrs. Richard Robertson

If you have a complete file of AHS Yearbooks and Journals, OR if one of your friends (such as mine) can lend you such a file, you can have the fun I did doing research on Deciduous and Evergreen Hemerocallis.

In the very first Yearbook (1947) one member from Mississippi wrote that he was so pleased that hybridizers were "now" listing hems as deciduous or evergreen. In Massachusetts, all foliage is killed to the ground - hence it is hard to tell for oneself until maybe too late. This, of course, is now common practice and we realize the help it is to us. This member said with this information at hand they can try some drier places for the evergreen varieties and give some attention to mulching them.

From Missouri a member wrote he did not find it necessary to mulch any hem unless it is a quite young seedling. Planting can be done safely there from early spring until late in October, and he has noticed no difference in winter survival between deciduous or the evergreen type.

A Wisconsin member said evergreen types there suffer some frost damage in spring but none have failed to recover quickly and send up strong growth again. The natural leafy growth is left until spring clean up time and this is all the mulch they get.

Perhaps this sounds a little odd to us in the south, as we think of these of two states as being far enough north to need mulch, and to have some difficulty with evergreens - if much of the "clatter"

about evergreens we hear so much is well founded.

The above are "pieces for our crazy quilt" which this article is piecing together, all coming from the 1947 publications.

Last year's articles indicate evergreen kinds stand up in other northern states - Michigan, Ohio, Canada (if planted in the spring).

There have been several articles from Florida regretting inability to grow deciduous, well. Mr. Hooper Connell, of Baton Rouge, LA, wrote he had difficulty with most deciduous, although he admired many of them very much.

From Yakima, Washington and from South Carolina, indications were that they have no so-called "regional performance", all are at their best.

One Robin writer from the north wrote of garden tours made by her group to surrounding areas and noted that "every garden visited almost invariably had PAINTED LADY - an evergreen."

Most northern states reported mulching for winter protection (particularly their evergreen varieties). Many in the south feel we may not need the mulch for winter protection (last winter, an exception) but prefer having it to protect against summer heat, drought, and weeds, mulching deciduous and evergreens alike. It then, is not removed for winter but removed a short time in the spring to best fertilize, cultivate, etc.

Dr. Fred N. J. Dube of New Hampshire - "There is too much talk in the country that one or the other doesn't do well in a specified area and therefore should be eliminated. This is hardly the answer. Cross breeding and test gardens are needed."

Among others supporting this view are Mr. Wilbur Flory and Mr. Hubert Fischer. Mr. Fischer writes, "I definitely feel that the future award winners will be those which perform well in all parts of the country and that this will be accomplished by breeding the dormants and evergreens together. (CONTESSA is a cross of PRIMA DONNA (Ev) and RUTH LEHMAN (De) while the latter was still under number.

One opinion expressed was that perhaps the tetraploids now being experimented with may be at least part of the answer. The tetraploid foliage seems to be much coarser and perhaps would help to make an evergreen hardier in all localities.

What do WE say? We like 'em all! We can grow 'em all! There are evergreen varieties we would not want to do without. It is nice, though, in the spring to see the fresh new growth peep out for the deciduous varieties. No mess during the winter months. Sometimes we do hold our breath though, don't we, just for fear the deciduous one won't "wake up," THIS time.

Will each club or Society in Region 6 send to Miss Lillian A. Peek, 3307 Windsor Road, Austin, Texas, information about any display gardens or plantings which you have made? Miss Peek is on the American Hemerocallis Society's Display Gardens Committee and is eager to get full information for submission to Dr. Currier McEwen National Display Gardens Chairman for the American Hemerocallis Society. Do not be modest, but report any public planting. Thank you, Lillian A Peek, Committeeman for Region 6.

Region 6 Meeting
May 17, 18, 19, 1963
Houston - Hem City, USA
Carl Sauer

The folks down in Big H have really gone way out in preparing an outstanding occasion for you to enjoy. The weatherman has cooperated wonderfully this spring, especially the past few weeks, and provided ideal weather for hem-growing. The foliage is especially lush and of fine color - the scapes are plentiful and full of buds. The companion plants are keeping pace with the fine showing of the Hems.

A check of the tour gardens reveals that all will be ready for the weekend of May 17,18,19 with a display pleasing to all likes and tastes.

Note that on Friday afternoon a judging school will be conducted by Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell. There is no charge for the school. After completing these few hours of study you'll not only be qualified to be an Exhibition Judge but also you'll begin to see, evaluate, and enjoy Hems with a finer standard of quality. We expect a big turnout for this special event.

An interesting, comprehensive report of the Hems and gardens was sent to you the second week in April. This also included the exciting program of events awaiting you, judging school, brag night, garden tours, lunches, banquet, special entertainment, etc. Also, registration information. If you have not yet sent in your registration please do so at once! Send to Miss Dixie Harris, 7413 Satsuma Street, Houston, Texas, then start packing your things and make final preparations to head up Houston way for the greatest Hem Meeting, yet. We'll be looking for you!

Houston, Space City USA, is going "Way Out" to bring you the best Regional Meeting, yet. You will visit outstanding gardens, groomed and beautified to perfection. YOU WILL SEE HEMS, the newest and the finest of recent introductions - the ones you've been hearing about, reading about, and wanting. Six of the seven gardens are those of hybridizers, assuring you of not only the finest named varieties but also the many future J. C. and other award winners.

The banquet, to be held at the beautiful Ramada Inn, will be an event you'll cherish in your memories long afterward - the lavish foods, an interesting unusual program, entertainment and music, important business meeting, etc.

For the "Hem Time" of your life, plan to come to the Region 6 Meeting at Houston. Send in your registration today for a Hem Weekend you'll long remember.

NEW DAYLILY VARIETIES DEVELOPED AT CLEMSON

Dr. James F. Miles, Clemson, SC

For about six years I have been hybridizing daylilies with the objective to make single blossoms double. The results have been spectacular and have attracted attention far and near.

The double daylily blossoms are being developed in various sizes and colors. Some are small and look like double daffodils. Larger ones look like camellias.

Daylilies with extra long and wide flower petals when doubled are truly beautiful. They provide much more garden color than single blossoms. Some come in various shades of light yellow, gold, orange, pink, and red. Some are shaggy. Others are more formal. The smaller blossoms when doubled, provide a more compact appearance than the larger ones.

The usual description of a daylily blossom as having three petals and three sepals, six stamen, and a pistil will have to be modified. These new double daylilies have quite a variation in the number and form of the segments making up the blossom. The true double daylily may be defined as one having twelve or more petaloids. The blossoms having more than six but fewer than twelve petaloids may be classed as semi-double. These double daylilies are the result of tedious cross breeding and the application of various scientific techniques designed to produce double blossoms. In addition to collecting named varieties of daylilies known to produce double blossoms even occasionally, I have sought and found daylily seedlings in all parts of the United States with a tendency toward doubling the blossoms. The double daylily blossoms pictured in the 1961 Yearbook were developed at Clemson by me and finer ones are now in the making. They can be seen during the peak of bloom, about the middle of June.

Some folks in looks take so much pride
They don't think much on what's inside
Now as for me - I know my face
Can't ne'er be made a thing of grace
So I rather think I'll see
How I can fix the inside of me
So folks will say
"He looks like sin but ain't he beautiful within"

A LITTLE OF THIS AND THAT

"Daylilies are beginning to bloom in our area (April 3). Our lovely early flowers make us forget the long cold winters."

Mrs. E. E. LaGasse, Lake Jackson

Do these things sound familiar?

Contributed by Mrs. Dan Kensel of Garland.

Highly effective "soft sell" line to take with a garden visitor daylily inexperienced but a possible convert:

- That one costs only 50¢ now
- That's just a two-year old clump and look at all those flowers
- This one bloomed in April and now it's blooming again
- Daylilies now, don't take the place, like those orange ones your Grandmother gave you!
- I certainly can understand you saying that; I'll never forget the first time I saw a pink one
- Oh no, honey; they don't all close up at night

Guaranteed to cancel out the above:

- Oh that space. Well, its a shame about that. I had the most gorgeous daylily there I ever saw in my life. If you could have seen it you would have thought these old ones here were nothing - but absolutely nothing. I paid \$40 for it and in spite of all I could do, it died.

My delight in the fact that Region 6 had reached our goal of 500 members - "took a tumble" when I received the stickers for this Newsletter to find that 123 HAVE NOT PAID THEIR AHS DUES FOR 1963. I don't feel that the small needed increase in dues can be to blame but am sure your busy lives have caused you to neglect to write that check to Mrs. Olive M. Hindman, 404 Weigle Avenue, Sebring, Florida. Won't you please attend to this little matter AT ONCE? I am sending you this Newsletter complimentary, wouldn't you like to be on the future mailing list?

Entitled "Pleased to Meet You," this well received program was presented before members and guests of the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas in February, the month when slides are especially welcome. Using two projectors, Mrs. Jay Warner and Mrs. Lohmann Burris screened 146 of the 1962 American Hemerocallis Society Award Winners - Stout Medal, Award of Merit, Runners-Up, Honorable Mention, Junior Citation, and Popularity Poll. Most of these slides were secured from Mr. R. W. Schlumpf in Houston, who is one of the outstanding photographers in all the AHS. Secondly, a group of 1963 Introductions were shown, these slides on loan from hybridizers in several states. A preview of things to come was screened next, seedlings, numbered and some named to be on the lookout for in a few years. These Dallas people might be surprised to know just how many beauties they saw that day. Altogether 232 slides were viewed, the program closing with two scenes from Mrs. Wheeler's garden in Houston and a warm invitation to the Houston Regional Meeting.

Mrs. Lohmann B. Burris, Program Chairman, Big Dee Unit

Always put off until tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all.

On Sunday afternoon March 3rd, your RVP, accompanied by Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Jr., Mrs. Marcel Jones, Mrs. A. D. Roquemore, and Mrs. W. D. Owen of Dallas, drove over to Athens for the second meeting of the Athens Area Hemerocallis Society. That live-wire group had gotten good publicity, not only in the Athens papers but other East Texas areas. So a large group of Hem Fans from Lufkin, Tyler, Arp, and other East Texas areas were represented besides the area around Athens. We not only looked at pictures of lovely daylilies but had a wonderful discussion of our problems and joys. Plans were told for the Houston Meeting on May 17,18,19 - and many expressed a desire to attend. This group has been studying our Region 6 hybridizers for their last two meetings, showing slides of their introductions.

The following Thursday, the Lufkin Society was organized with fifteen members. Mrs. D. O. Wallis, our peppy zone chairman for that area says they expect to double that number soon, and since they have already sent in 18 memberships to AHS we can really count on their going forward. Mrs. Jessie B. O'Quinn is the new president. They expect to have a yearbook soon, and will stage "a little show" this year.

Tyler expects to get a Society started before too long.

With East Texas getting such a wonderful example - how about getting some "dots" on the large WHITE spaces on our map.

IN MEMORIAM

You are not forgotten, loved one
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee
We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by we miss you more
Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can fill your vacant place.

In the passing of Mrs. Henry S. Keough on April 27th, the Hemerocallis World as well as other plant Societies, have lost one of our most faithful members. A charter member and past President of The Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas, at the time of her death she was Flower Show Chairman for the coming show and Transportation Chairman for the 1965 AHS Convention, A National Accredited Flower Show Judge. She was better known in the Horticultural Field but the fact that her lovely arrangement won third place in the 1962 Mabel Yaste Contest, attests to her ability as a flower arranger.

We are again grieved by the report just received from Miss Edna Lankart of Waco, of the passing of a dear personal friend who was a member of the Central Texas Hemerocallis Society - Mrs. David de Graffenried, passed away on April 1st and will be missed by her many friends and loved ones.

Our Swap Department lacks "takers" this time. I am listing some that I lost from a rather late order. They must not have had time to get established before our early frost of last year - so, I will be glad to trade for the following - FLIRTATION, COCKLE SHELLS, MY FAIR LADY, FRANK WILLIAMS, HELENA SMITH, ASTURIUS and WHITE DOVE.

This is the busy time of the year for Hem Lovers - we will be impatient to wait for dawn on many a morning when we are waiting for that new bud to open to see IF we have really gotten something this time. We are visiting other gardens and having others to visit us - we are still pulling weeds and doing many needed tasks - yes, we are BUSY but from my scrapbook comes this poem from the pen of James J. Metcalfe - I think it expresses how we feel better than I can. Would we want it any other way?

"I have so many things to do
I NEVER GET THEM DONE
But keeping always busy is
The way I have my fun
Because if I were idle
I would feel depressed and blue
For want of mental exercise,
And something more to do
I would not be content at all
If my work were put away
And every morning merely meant
Another lazy day
And that is why I truly like
The tasks in front of me
Regardless of how difficult
Or many they may be
And I would rather have too much
Than not enough to do
Because each pep me up
When I have seen it through

But my! "Wouldn't it be wonderful to be twins"

My sincere appreciation for the following that have sent in their contributions since the last Newsletter, to help on the 1963 expenses and thanks for your letters - you say such nice things: And, I look forward to having a nice chat with you ALL in Houston.

Mr. & Mrs. Mabry Adams	Rt. 2, Box 41	Cleburne, Texas
Mrs. S. F. Barr	Route 1	Freeport, Texas
Mrs. John Buettner	Rt. 1, Box 302	Angleton, Texas
Miss Grace Cameron	9400 Alta Mesa	Dallas, Texas
Mrs. W. K. Carson	Shady Oaks Farm, Rt.2	La Rue, Texas
Mrs. John Carwile	401 Third Ave	Sweeney, Texas
Mrs. G. B. Connell	1120 Mantooth	Lufkin, Texas
Mrs. Bertha Cone	2711 Elysian	Houston, Texas
W. W. Cone		Houston, Texas
Mrs. H. A. Cooke	58 Caladium Ct.	Lake Jackson, Texas
Mr. & Mrs. Ed Cunningham	2827 Conflans Rd.	Irving, Texas
Mrs. J. B. Covington	200 W. Duncan	Bryan, Texas
Mrs. Jim Dezendorf	305 English St	Houston, Texas
Mrs. Fabrigrize		Houston, Texas
Mrs. Homer T. Fort	4314 Fernwood	Houston, Texas
Mrs. L. T. Guenzel	109 Poinsettia	Lake Jackson, Texas
Mrs. Melvin F. Handley	1627 West 8th	Freeport, Texas
Miss Dixie Harris	7413 Satsuma	Houston, Texas
Mrs. Roy Harrison	1609 W. Seventh Ave	Corsicana, Texas
Mr. E. H. Horn	1106 Wynnwood Lane	Houston, Texas
Mrs. W. A. Kuehne	5305 Valeria St	Bellaire, Houston, Texas
Mrs. E. E. LaGasse	60 Hibiscus St	Lake Jackson, Texas
Mrs. H. B. McKnight	4625 Tona Wanda	Houston, Texas
Mrs. J. F. McLane	4031 Grimes St	Houston, Texas
Mrs. J. H. Mclver	805 Magnolia	Lake Jackson, Texas
Mrs. Raymond C. Mclver	4608 Meadowood Rd	Dallas, Texas
Mrs. I. R. Mercer	304 Compton Ave	San Antonio, Texas
Mrs. Sam Montgomery	140 Harriett Dr	San Antonio, Texas
Mrs. Morris McMinn	Rt. 1	Freeport, Texas
Mrs. Alvin H. Mosse	5717 Kenwood Ave	Dallas, Texas
Mrs. Robert L. Newman	6925 Harrisburg Blvd	Houston, Texas
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Mrs. W. W. Paine	Route 2	LaRue, Texas
Mr. Frank E. Peters	715 W. Sixth	Freeport, Texas
Mrs. J. W. Perry	900 Morningside	San Antonio, Texas
Mrs. W. J. Perry	2203 Harrison St	Amarillo, Texas
Mrs. John Ramey	63 Camellia Ct	Lake Jackson, Texas
Mrs. J. H. Richardson	6402 Wake Forest	Houston, Texas
Mr. Carl W. Sauer	1113 Scanlan Bldg	Houston, Texas
Mrs. Oliver Senior	Rt. 3, Box 252	Houston, Texas
Mrs. Robert W. Schlumpf	3731 Rio Vista	Houston, Texas
Mrs. Helen M. Spiller	6255 Willersway	Houston, Texas
Mrs. Wilhelmina Trott		Pleasanton, Texas
Mrs. F. Mel Thomas	1944 Pasadena	Houston, Texas
Mrs. John E. Vandegriff	3015 Satsuma	Dallas, Texas
Miss Lillian Peek	3307 Windsor Rd	Austin, Texas

As other RVPs have expressed themselves - this is the time of the year when it is rather hard to get out a Newsletter - but who wants to be reading Newsletters when you can be out looking at Hems?

But let me again repeat - DO PLAN TO VOTE THIS YEAR FOR YOUR FAVORITES

And in closing I would say

Help us, Oh God, to be ever mindful of
the beauties around us
May we grow with our flowers in gentleness,
patience, courage, laughter and religion.
As we turn the brown soil and plant our seed
May we learn Faith - Faith in the goodness of the earth
the clemency of the sun and the fullness of the cloud.

May we be grateful for the privilege of being co-workers with God in the creation of even one tiny flower
and grant that we may know the joy that comes from sharing with others.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lula Mae Purnell". The ink is black and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell