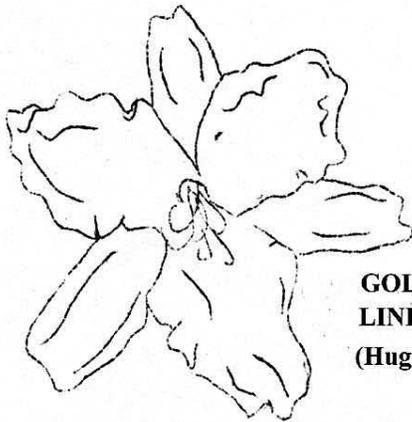
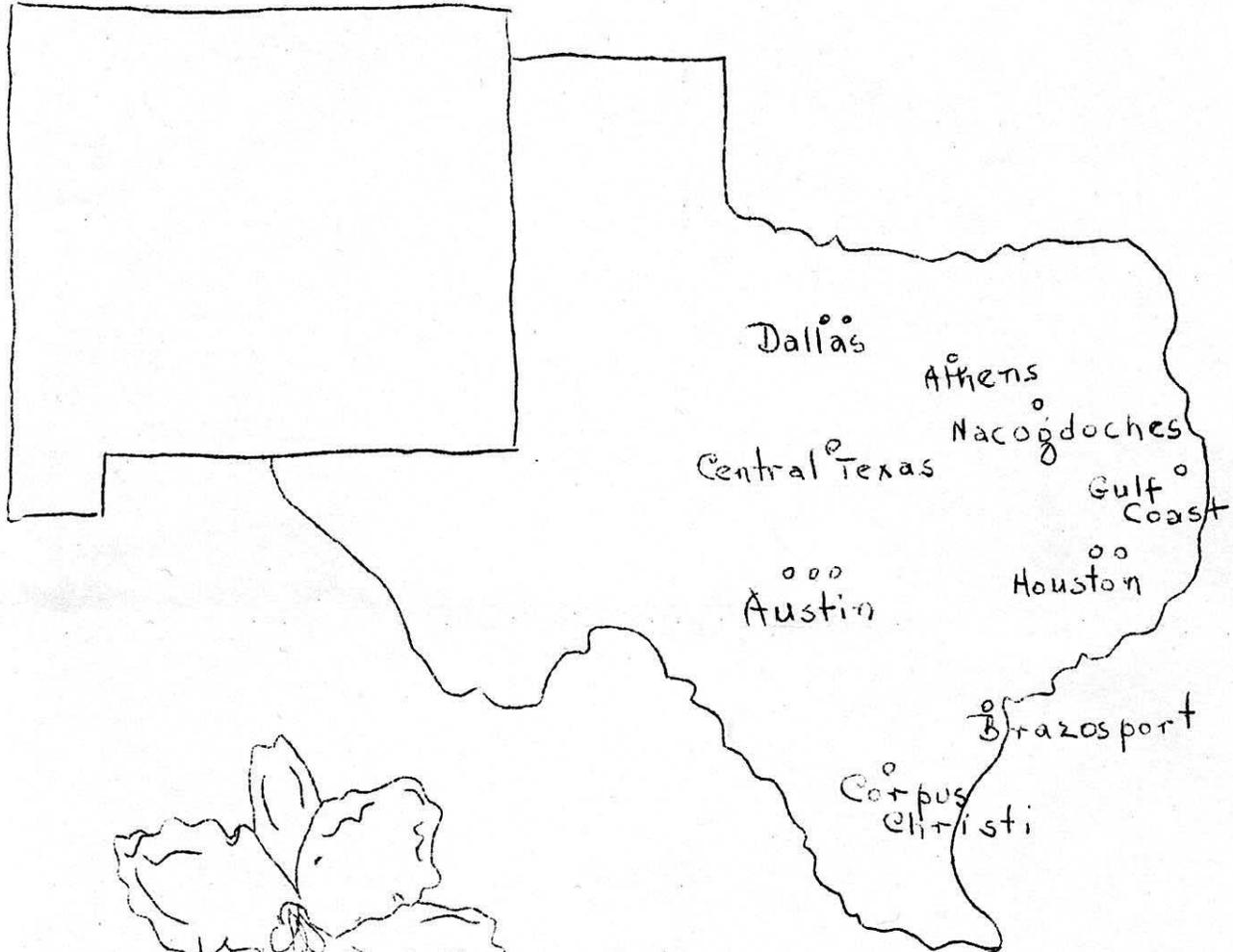


HEMEROCALLIS NEWSLETTER

REGION SIX



GOLDEN
LINDA
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**WINTER
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

As we bid 1962 Adieu and WELCOME 1963 with all its opportunities before us - we review our joys and disappointments and look forward to the coming year - and hope that we may benefit from the mistakes of the past and use them as stepping stones for the future - and so-1 give to you one of my favorite New Years poems.

"He came to my desk with quivering lip
The lesson was done.
Have you a new leaf for me dear teacher?
I have soiled this one."
I took his leaf all soiled and blotted
And gave him a new one all unspotted
Then into his tired heart I smiled
"Do better now, by child."
I went to the throne with trembling heart
The year was done
"Have you a New Year for me, dear Master
I have soiled this one"
He took my year all soiled and blotted
And gave me a new one all unspotted
Then into my tired heart he smiled
"Do better now, my child" (author unknown)

TEXAS BRAGS ! !

Sure we do! Why shouldn't we? We have something to brag about!

California may have a few more people,
Alaska may have a few more acres,
BUT – AHS Region Six leads in not only members but in achievements.
To refresh your mind - here are only a FEW of the things for which we are justly proud -

First

Miss Annie T. Giles, President of AHS belongs to us.

Second

One of the largest and best known daylily gardens in AHS is in Region Six - RUSSELLS that will be on our Region Six Tour, May 17,18,19, 1963, and the following awards were won by them in 1962:

JAKE RUSSELL - Runner up for Stout Medal

LIME PAINTED LADY - Award of Merit

x-57-34 (Fay-Russell) - Junior Citation

58-168 – Russell - Junior Citation

59-132 – Russell - Junior Citation.

LIME PAINTED LADY - Jake Russell, PAINTED LADY, LOUISE RUSSELL (Fay Russell), SIDE SHOW and CAPTAIN RUSSELL - Popularity Poll

Third

The following Junior Citations were received by others in Region Six: HG61-D - GOLDEN LINDA, Hughes

HG126-D - APRICOTTA, Hughes

AVILDA ROQUEMORE, Jones

HENNY PENNY, Jones

61-14 - BETSY, Warner

Fourth

We had six accredited AHS Shows in Region Six. They were: Austin Hemerocallis Society, Advanced Garden Study Club (Dallas), Central Texas Hemerocallis Society (Waco), Dallas Hemerocallis Society, Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas, and Houston Hemerocallis Society.

Fifth

Second and third place in the Mabel Yaste contest won by:

Mrs. Robert Schlumpf, Houston; second, Mrs. Henry Keough, Dallas; third, (look back over the year's end see how many times Region Six has been represented in this area).

Sixth

American Hemerocallis Achievement Award won by Mrs. Marcel Jones of Dallas, on HENNY PENNY.

Seventh

Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Jr., new AHS Exhibition Chairman also was in charge of sending 105 daylilies (most of which were at least double plants), to Vienna, Austria, for the Display of Flowers at the International Garden Show for 1964. These plants donated by the members of AHS were sent air freight.

Eighth

AHS Daylily Slide Contest, won by:

First prize - Mrs. R. W. Schlumpf for HAPPY PRINCESS

Fourth prize - Mr. R. W. Schlumpf, for PATRICIA FAY

Ninth

Region Six helps other Regions by sending them one of our Texas Natives to serve as their RVP. Congratulations, Region Eight on your new RVP Mrs. W. E. Fairless - Ethel got her start in growing daylilies in Abilene, Texas.

Tenth

Region Six has FOURTEEN local Hemerocallis Societies and plans are forming for more during the coming year.

Eleventh

We haven't "tooted our horn" enough about our hybridizers, WE HAVE THEM, and AHS is going to hear more - we run the alphabet from Alexander to Young.

Twelfth

I could go "on and on" but maybe this is enough for one time. If the above doesn't make you proud that you are a part of Region Six and to the ones that were in Beaumont in May 1962 - I know you are planning to be in Houston May 17,18,19, 1963 - you'd better begin planning to fill your tank, get your bunch together and meet me in Houston and help enjoy the following gardens.

GREETINGS:

The Houston Hemerocallis Society gives you a brief preview of the Tour Gardens to be seen at its Region Six Meeting, May 17-18-19.

Headquarters - Ramada Inn, 2121 Allen Parkway

Full registration.....\$12.50

Saturday - Schlumpf, Kuehne, Wheeler, Unger, Sauer

Luncheon and Banquet\$7.50

Sunday - Alexander and Russell.....\$2.00

BRAG NIGHT - FRIDAY NIGHT

Registration prizes. 1 - 25 \$100.00 New Varieties

25 - 50 75.00 New Varieties.

Miss Dixie Harris, Registration Chairman
7413 Satsuma
Houston, Texas

The Garden of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Schlumpf is located at 3731 Rio Vista. The impression is one of informality. Intriguing, is the border of unusually beautiful Dragons Beard grass winding in and out serpentine fashion. Graceful trees, a silver weathered post topped with a birdhouse, a birdbath and a set of brass wind chimes hanging from a tree and playing soft melodious music with every rustling breeze gives the feeling of a secluded country garden where Dame Nature holds sway. It is a garden that will linger long in your memory.

Mrs. Schlumpf is interested in hybridizing and has a number of fine daylilies on the market. Mr. Schlumpf is wonderful with his camera. Interplantings of Blue Salvia, Gerber Daisy and a background of Azaleas and Camellias, a rare "Ghost Tree" and a large Red Passion Vine create a colorful and interesting garden for many modern and fine daylilies. A few are listed here; Simon's CATHY JANE FINK and JENNIFER JANE RICHEY. Trahan's ROSY WREN, Mrs. Taylor's BETTY HAMMER and HAPPY PRINCESS, Mr. Hughes' EXOTIC GOLD, Russell's QUINTESCENCE (RU59-132) and Mrs. Spalding's ROLY POLY and LISSY.

Guest plants are: Mrs. Alexander's GRAPE FESTIVAL, SHAMMY, HAA HEE, and several under number; ten of MacMillan's under number; Mr. Hughes ASTRONAUT GLEN (Hg-17D), APRICOTTA (Hg-k26-D), and GOLDEN LINDA (61-D) plus six under number. Mr. Carl Sauer is a dedicated hybridizer and a collector of note. You are sure to find the newest and finest daylilies in his garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Sauer's garden is located at 2331 Dunstan Road. It is small and compact with a semi-formal design. The plantings are in a circular bed edged with white petunias and in neighboring beds that contour the circle. These are edged with variegated liriopse and divided by an interesting pattern of stepping stones. A beautiful background of Japanese Yew and Camellias complement the plantings.

Listed here are a few of the many new and outstanding daylilies in Mr. Sauer's garden: Child's 1963 introductions, and among them FRANKLY FABULOUS, SHOWMAN, SHELL RADIANCE and Mr. Munson's PICFAIR, SPRING CLASSIC, ARISTOCRACY, LAND MARK and LUTE SONG.

Guest plants growing here are: Mrs. Pittard's PURPLE BOUNTY; Mrs. Taylor's MY DEAR GIRL and FLORENCE; Mrs. Alexander's GRAPE FESTIVAL; Mr. Turner's FLORENCE TURNER, a 1962 J. C. winner, plus numbered seedlings from Mrs. Alexander and Mr. Simon.

A bed of Mr. Sauer's own fine seedlings will be of special interest. This is a garden to find daylilies you just "can't live without."

A garden designed in close harmony with the architectural feeling of the residence is the garden of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kuehne, 5305 Valerie, Bellaire. Very wide beds edged in Dragon's Beard grass, and the daylily plantings interspersed with large light colored stones of varied irregular forms contrast the hemerocallis in color, line and texture, which accents the contemporary feeling in this garden.

Mrs. Kuehne has an outstanding collection of new varieties, some of which are listed here: Child's SHOWMAN and PICARDY PEACH. Also, the hard to find CORTIS RICE. Simon's (U3-1-61-1A), a 1962 Junior Citation Winner. Kennedy's LAVENDER GREEN and a nine fan clump of Hall's CAREY QUINN and Mrs. Williamson's KITTY LYNN, PATSY RUTH and LITTLE GIRL.

The guest plants in this garden are Major Cummings' JADE ISLE, GOBI PINK (5876D), SUWANEE LANCER (59-628E); Sally Lake's PINK ICING, CAMILLE and SONNY BOY. Mr. Russell's fourteen select and choice numbered seedlings are also here.

Mr. Anel Unger, 3309 Nottingham, offers you a garden serene and uncluttered. It is truly a man's garden. His two favorite flowers Hemerocallis and Camellias, are superbly grown. After years of growing the latest Hems available, Mr. Unger has started to hybridize and many of his most promising seedlings, in pinks, lavenders and creams, will be seen and YOU can help evaluate them. One seedling has shown consistent variegation on all foliage to date but has not as yet bloomed. Named varieties you won't want to miss are Munson's 1963 introductions, TWICE NICE, PICFAIR and AVOURNEEN. Kraus' IVORY CUP and MURIEL RICE. MacMillan's SHALOM, Child's SHOWMAN and Hancock's GOLDEN BUTTERFLY.

Mrs. Ben Wheeler, 10024 Shady Lane, has long been a commercial grower of daylilies and is well known for her outstanding originations. She has continually worked to produce not only beautiful daylilies but hardy excellent performers. Her "Daylily Farm" is truly that. Near her house beautiful sycamore trees give high shade to some of her shade demanding varieties. Large beds flow between the house and fields. These are filled with some of the finest and newest varieties and also contain many varieties of crinum, amaryllis, and many rare and unusual plants. The fields are rows of the best of the old and the best and latest of the new. This is a restful garden to visit and you will like the forthright, friendly mistress of this domain, Dollie Wheeler.

New introductions you will find here are, Child's FRANKLY FABULOUS, Fay's SUPERFINE, Moldovan's BURIED TREASURE, Fay's tetraploid, CRESTWOOD EVENING, Kraus' ten numbered double seedlings and Jerry Wheeler's 500 colchicine treated seedlings to bloom for the first time this spring.

Guest plants here are: Mrs. W. A. Carrie's MY HERO, BONNIE BRAES and ROSINA; Mrs. Lewis' MISS LUCY, CHAPPIE and several numbered seedlings; Mrs. Sholar's BIG MAMAU and # (61-70); Mrs. Marcella Jones PILLOW TALK, CINDY SEAY and 1962 J. C. Winners, AVILDA ROQUEMORE and HENNY PENNY.

Mrs. Neva Alexander at Alta Loma, Texas, is a well known hybridizer with many named varieties to her credit. Her daylilies are noted for their wonderful performance and beautiful green throats. Fields of daylilies containing many of the new and finest as well as her own seedlings and introductions are a wonderful sight to view at blooming time.

This hospitable hostess offers the visitor to her garden a real and lovely "summer house" in which to rest and talk Hem talk. Mark this one for a special treat in your garden viewing. Listed, are guest

plants from Mrs. Hazel Lacey (60-80) purple with white midrib, ELF OWL, MICHAEL JON, (62-55). Introductions: Hazel Lacey. FOREVER AMBER, BORDER PINK. New in her garden this year, YAZOO DELTA, OZARK WONDER, CLACKAMUS, SILVER KING, BLYTHE SPIRIT, Peggy Schultz FULL REWARD, PINK LACE, ANGIE, McPICK and CREAM FRILLS, plus 2500 1961 seedlings from Mrs. Williamson and her JOHNNY MARY DORFAY, PATSY RUTH and TULA COMSTOCK.

The Russell Gardens at Spring, Texas, will, as usual be showing their fabulous collections of new introductions. Some "top secret" surprises are rumored to be in store for this season.

Russell's achievements and contributions to the Hemerocallis world are well known. Since 1950 the Russells have run up a fine score with the following honors: 117 popularity poll positions; eleven Honorable Mentions; three Poll Leaders; nine Awards of Merit; seventeen Junior Citations; the Stout Medal Award; the President's Cup; the Helen Field Fischer Award and the Bertrand Farr Award.

The above list is a wonderful record and the new head of the Russell Gardens, Hugh Russell, Jr., is carrying on the tradition with great success. He is a charming young man and he and his lovely wife will be on hand to welcome you.

The fifty acres of blooming daylilies is a sight to behold and never to be forgotten.

In the next issue of the Newsletter, you will be given additional Garden Highlights and will be told of many more new and recent introductions to be seen. Get your pads and pencils, your walking shoes, and sun hats. Be ready to come to Houston to enjoy The Gardens, Good Food, and FELLOWSHIP.

WE ARE EXPECTING YOU
A TEXAS STYLE WELCOME AWAITS YOU
SEE YOU IN MAY

Some Expensive Lessons Learned In 1962
Edna Lankart, Publicity Director Region 6

Mother Nature really let us have it in 1962 but let's not be discouraged as it wouldn't dare happen again in many years. Even though we did have one of our coldest winters and the hottest and driest summers in years we still had a beautiful show of blooms during our main bloom season. Of course, we did not have our usual amount of repeat bloom here, due to heat and drought.

First, we lost some of our more tender evergreen hems during the winter but have since been told that we might have saved a lot of them if we had cut off the frozen mushy foliage right away.

The dormant hems seemed to like the cold winter and bloomed especially well, only to disappear completely during the summer heat. Some of them came through fine and I would not want to be without some of the dormant beauties.

During the summer heat we lost more hems that were planted in late spring. They did not have time to establish a root system before the heat started beaming down on them. After losing a few of the expensive ones and some not so expensive, I decided to plant either in very early spring or late fall when it was cool. If I can't resist buying during the summer, they will be planted in deep shade and planted in their permanent place in October.

Then we also lost some due to improper watering. In watering, especially sprinkling, during the heat of the day the roots were literally steamed causing them to rot. So now we learn to give them a good

soaking at night after the soil has cooled off.

Some that used hay or other top mulches found the plants were mildewing and rotting at the crowns when mulch was wet. After trying a lot of mulches, none seemed to work so I decided to make a new display bed and try something new, at least for me. I had new sandy loam hauled in making the bed higher than the yard level. I mixed peat moss, perlite and sand in well and raked it level. I had several bales of cane litter so I spread several inches on top of the bed and worked it into only the top three inches of soil. Hems were planted at their regular depth, with a little plain soil placed under the crown so even though the top soil was mulched it was not covering the crowns three or four inches, causing them to rot. This kept the roots cool, permitting them to breathe and also let the water penetrate down into the soil instead of running off. This bed was in full sun and received only two good night soakings during the summer. Not a plant was lost. Redwood sawdust should work even better and I plan to use it in the same way on additional beds next summer. It takes years to decay so should have a more lasting effect and would not need additional nitrogen until it started decaying. I have about decided we pamper our good hems too much. I never seem to lose those I push over to a corner and forget. Some old varieties were dug in clumps and left out on the top of the soil and came through the winter just fine. I wish I had the nerve to neglect SATIN CLASS and see if it really works.

If you have never attended a Region Six Meeting, read the following and plan to be with us in Houston, come May 17-18-19.

ONE MEETS THE NICEST PEOPLE - - - JOYCE LEWIS

We had arrived - this was Friday, May 19, and this was the Holiday Inn in Beaumont - our FIRST Hemerocallis Meeting. Allyene, (the wife), and I registered for our room and there they were - smiling, happy women over at a table with a beautiful Hem arrangement.

We had just sold a calf to purchase a new automatic camera, especially for this "vacation" and I was happily anticipating capturing not only a lot of winter viewing of new and fascinating Hems but a lot of the inner enthusiasm and happiness you could feel inside of each new arrival as he or she registered.

The afternoon passed too quickly but this was Brag Night. I felt still like an outsider as each group who entered would loudly greet old acquaintances - until it happened - this lady with a small group of women smiled and said, "I'm Mrs. Cooke, we're from Lake Jackson." We were IN, we were really one of the gang now - just another "nut" here to enjoy the most nearly perfect perennial and the people so closely associated with it.

I could go into the wonders shown on the screen that night, such as Hughes' 60D7 black, 6-61, 117-58 rose lavender; Ungers' 287, 61-52, 466, 365; Scholars 60-74 eyed; Wheelers 0-52 pale orchid; Young's J. C. WAGON TRAIN; Hoyt's numerous near white ones; Schulz's' lavender one with a green throat; Williamsons many beauties, but I won't. The next day was to be the real thing and I could take slides to my heart's content. I readied my camera that night to full automatic so all I'd have to do would be to set the distance and snap, snap, snap.

Mr. Ralph Allen, transportation chairman, carried out his "chores" to perfection. The bus was soon filled up so our hostess for the town was Mrs. Mildred Escoe. Am I glad we didn't make the bus, for a wonderful new friend was born! And what an inspirational couple was with us. I believe they were Mr. and Mrs. Westervelt of Corpus Christi, a happily married young couple who are living the fullest and getting the most from life. Later we met Lindsey, Mildred's "boss", and truly, one meets the nicest people.

In Mr. and Mrs. Robert Curtis' garden in Nederland, we saw so many daylilies and met so many new daylily friends. The MacMillans from Abbeville - Mrs. Simon of Lafayette. I've heard of Mr. Mac and the Simons for years and I captured this first meeting on a slide. Mrs. Walter Frohriep was enthusiasm itself. All during the day - more slides of new acquaintances - both people and daylilies. MacMillan's SHILOM and Childs PINK REFLECTION in the Coffman Garden. Williamson's PATSY RUTH, DORFAY, BONNIE ROB and numerous seedlings in her garden and many others in the beautiful gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Bills and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Comstock.

Comstock's pink 87-60 was my favorite seedling, though his 99-60 won for him the Annie T. Giles plaque, and to capture it all, with my new automatic 35.

The banquet Saturday evening was superb - the MacMillans on our left, Mrs. Bozman from Silsbee across from us, and Opal Barkley from Houston - but that other lady across from us - we had seen her often during the two days, she was so full of life, enthusiasm and inspiration. She smiled continuously and hardly touched the ground as she flitted from person to person and from flower to flower. We "knew" her so well we were ashamed to ask her name. Truly this person's whole life must be wonderful.

Of all the hems we saw, Allyene's favorites were E. A. Young's WAGON TRAIN and Williamson's PATSY RUTH. I had the thrill of snapping her admiring WAGON TRAIN with Mr. Young looking on in his own garden.

Mr. Young is a wonderful person and meeting him makes WAGON TRAIN even a more beautiful daylily. I also snapped his 57-22 which I hope he will register and make available in commerce. He doesn't sell himself, but Mrs. Coffman of Nederland has made his WAGON TRAIN available. Mrs. Williamson's DORFAY won a J. C. but Allyene for some reason, likes PATSY RUTH better.

We visited Sunday and Monday in the home of Polk and Bess Frye of Lake Charles, who have been close friends for several years and snapped two full rolls of film in their and Miss Spalding's gardens of seedlings in Iowa, before returning home Monday evening. A whole book could be written about Edna Spalding, my favorite hybridizer along with my aunt, Mrs. W. K. Carson of LaRue, who introduced me to daylilies several years ago. We hadn't planned to visit the Schulze garden in Port Arthur but a 22 mile Port Arthur road sign changed our minds and there we were.

What two wonderful people! Mrs. Schulze is the one who discovered Miss Spalding's LADY EDNA and named it after her. They have several good seedlings of their own but it was two fine people whom we remember most in Port Arthur.

In our visiting with the Schulzes, we happened to remember that they had given a DORCAS to the lady who was truly enthusiasm itself that sat across from us at the banquet. "Oh, that was Mrs. Horner Fort from Houston," Mrs. Schulze said. What a coincidence, we have known her son Joe Fort ever since he was going to Seminary and was Pastor of our church in Murchison about 8 years ago. We had heard a lot about Mrs. Fort and her daylilies but had never met her in all these years. One meets the nicest people.

I could hardly wait to get home to send off my film. I had even captured Annie Giles and Lula Mae Purnell in a serious (believe it or not) dignitary conversation. Well, it happened my six rolls of slides came back from the processor, all BLANKS, (my automatic had failed to automatic), but our first Hem meeting has certainly convinced us that ONE DOES MEET THE NICEST PEOPLE

"Susan, darling", said the anxious young man, "will you marry me?" "No", she said, "but I will always admire your good taste."

SOCIETY NEWS

I am very happy to report a new Society known as the SWEENEY HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY - with Mrs. John Carwile as President, who reports that they have already had three meetings and expect in January to send in a number of New Members for AHS. She says, "We do plan to have an accredited show, probably the first week in June, after the Region Six Meeting in Houston." The Brazosport group has promised to go in with us, they are growers and we have some good arrangers, so it should be interesting and gorgeous.

The ATHENS SOCIETY has not finished their organization but Mr. Lewis writes, "Do not take our dot off the map; we will have something to report soon." On December 7th he still had a seedling in bloom.

If we had more members with the enthusiasm of two of our members in Lufkin, (I'm sure it would be hard to keep these two away from our Houston meeting after going to Beaumont last year), we not only would "go over the top of 500 Region Six members in AHS, we would set our goal for 750. Mrs. D. O. Wallis has sent in 9 new memberships to AHS for 1963. Mrs. Jessie B. O'Quinn has sent in 6. Mrs. Wallis says, "most people are just waiting to be asked to join - I just got on the phone and called the lookers of the past few years - and only failed to get three that I called." Mrs. Wallis also tells about Mrs. G. B. Connell that she says has been her help and inspiration for growing daylilies for many years, who because of arthritis has not been active with her "pollen dobbing" for several years. Mrs. Connell is renewing her membership in AHS and expects to start her "dobbing" again as she says "THE DOCTORS HAVE DECIDED THAT DAYLILIES CAN DO SOMETHING THAT MEDICINE CAN'T DO." I hope to be able to report a new Society in LUFKIN in the spring Newsletter. Mrs. Wallis will be ZONE chairman in that Area - so those within a 50-mile radius or so of Lufkin, DO get in touch with her and see what plans can be worked out for everyone's benefit.

In the fall of 1962 the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas staged a plant sale, making a profit of \$557.63 to go into the 1965 AHS Region 6 Meeting Fund. With 1500 plants left, arrangements were made with a city of Dallas agency representing The West Dallas revitalization project, who arranged a program to present these plants and show the method of planting in their yards. Part of this program was presented on TV.

"A little seed lay on the ground
And soon began to sprout
Now which of all the flowers around
It mused - shall I come out"
The lily's face is fair and proud
But just a trifle cold;
The rose I think is rather loud
And then, its fashions old.
The Violet is all very well
But not a flower I'd choose
Nor yet the Canterbury Bell
I never cared for blues.
And so it criticized each flower
This supercilious seed
Until it woke one sunny hour
And found itself - - a weed.

SWAP DEPARTMENT

Mrs. John Carwile, 401 3rd Street, Sweeny, Texas, will trade LUXURY LACE and DORCUS for two of equal value.

Mrs. L. M. Morpew, Route 5, 1140 19th N. W. Street, Paris, Texas, would like to have GRAPE FESTIVAL and ANGIE - has MARIE MONROE, GENTLE BREEZE, JUNE RHAPSODY, SHERWOOD and MEMORY LANE.

Mrs. Creel Brockman, 152 W. Texaco, West Columbia, Texas, would like to trade for OKAY, FRANK WILLIAMS, GLASS SLIPPER. LAVISH LADY. Can spare ST. PATRICK, LUXURY LACE, ROLY POLY, ROSIE MEYER, JENNIE SEDDON, MILDRED SCHLUMPH and SWEETHEART SUPREME.

A LITTLE OF THIS AND THAT

Mrs. L. M. Morpew of Paris, has found that scattering mothballs around will run armadillos away.

Mrs. M. W. Norton, Jr. - Dallas, has had some success in using natriphene for that pest - crown rot.

Many of our Region Six growers are finding that one of the troubles causing crown rot is planting too late in the summer, then with watering - a steam seems to form, causing the rot. Mrs. Creel Brockman has found - when they must be planted then, it is best to plant in buckets and gradually expose to our hot sun. Mr. Martin McMillan of Dallas built a lath frame over a section of his garden for that purpose.

You might get a smile from this little quote. "Fertilizers have become so complex that we now resort to letters and numbers to identify them. I have an easier method. I use cow manure on everything. Of course, I could look up information and scientific reasons for this - but the reason I use manure is - I have a friend who keeps cows".

Edna Lankart - Waco, Texas

I love the lists of the latest and most expensive hems as they give me something to wish for in the future but I do think more thought should be given to hems that do well here and are within the reach of the average gardener. When we find that some do especially well here why not spread the word around so others can enjoy them. Some that I liked very much this year and should be priced within the reach of everyone shortly, were EBONY PRINCE (a dark one that is tops and really takes the sun), JAKE RUSSELL and CARTWHEELS, were just tops. FLYING SAUCER is a lovely large ruffled cool looking lemon, LUXURY LACE is a lavender pink that is just about my favorite and is a fast increaser so the price is coming down. Two miniatures that were most outstanding for their many small blooms were JO-JO and TINKER BELLS. I am getting very fond of these little ones. HALLCROFT, a vigorous growing pink is hard to beat and the huge red VAGABOND KING is still a show stopper here. ROYAL CLIPPER is a good growing pink that blooms well and ROSEMONT is a grand garden variety that blooms often. Last year it was blooming again in December. I have not been too fond of the bicolors but loved JUNE NELSON and MISS JESSIE. GREEN EYES, with its large green throat is another favorite here. Try some of these if you are not already growing them - some of them were also priced at \$25.00 only a few years ago.

DID YOU VOTE?

All members of AHS may vote for your 2 favorites for the popularity poll - a very small percentage in Region Six have been using this privilege - and I am afraid that many that do vote - just play "Follow the Leader" and vote for what has been on the list for the past few years - or what "everyone else is voting for." The purpose of the David Hail Award given by Wild Nursery is to stimulate each Region to vote for what does best in your area. We have many hybridizers in Region Six of which we are justly proud. We say, "That's the prettiest thing I have ever seen." As we "View" this year - lets take our notebooks along and evaluate the ones we admire - then when we are ready to vote - you have it in writing not just your memory - lets find the really GOOD ONES in Region Six and put some of them on our popularity poll.

In each Newsletter we try to feature some of our own Region Six hybridizers. This time I am giving you a little information on a very clever little lady from Sweeny - Mrs. John Carwile. Many years ago I was in a Robin with her and soon after, met Naomi. Although she has had the usual problems and joys of a typical housewife and mother she has found time to do many unusual things. She is well known for her ability as a speaker. She is an artist - in more ways than one. To visit in her home and see the many different things she does is an inspiration - daylily pictures done with bubble gum - to mention only one. She sews beautifully (to see her at conventions is to remember that 1/3 of that beautiful plait on her head matches her dress) but I mainly wish to tell you she also SOWS daylily seed - early in the game she obtained some lovely near whites and here are some of her introductions you might like to know about.

WHITE SHOULDERS - pale as DELTA GIRL. Stays low, ruffled, medium size, green throat. FRENCH COFFEE, giant maroon, nearly white, green throat (RAVEN X NEVER MORE) JEUNE FILLE, large rosy pink, late bloomer 30 inches tall. WAX MUSEUM, large pale yellow, weather resistant, does not damage in rain, looks like it was carved out of wax. CHERYL CARLIN, clean pink, green throat (named for granddaughter). SUGAR LACE, giant pink, creped and ruffled, nine inches wide (PINK ORCHID X ELIZABETH NESMITH). HUSH PUPPY, giant soft melon, leaning toward orange. LOUISA ANDRE extra large, very pale cream, green throat, named for her mother (I am sure you had already guessed her French ancestry). VATICAN VIOLET, giant mauve violet. PRECIOUS POSSESSION, large violet blue with green throat.

She has some colchicine treated seeds that are up - she tells me she may have some miniatures that might find a place in my yard.

Plan to meet and know this dynamic little grower in Houston at our Region Six meeting - let her give you a pep talk - and you will agree with Mr. Lewis, "that you meet the nicest people" at a daylily meeting.

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Sifting soil and sowing seeds; Puttering around and pulling weeds, Ends my tranquilizer needs.

Don't try to live tomorrow before you've lived today -To live each moment as it comes, is far the better way.

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HAVE YOU PAID YOUR AHS. DUES FOR 1963?

Have you gotten a NEW Member for 1963?

Can ANYONE beat the Lufkin report of 15 NEW plus two renewals? Several report two or more new members - come on folks - DO YOUR PART. Region Six - MUST go over that 500 mark. With everything covered with ice and snow, it's hard to realize that Spring is just around the corner - and OUR Region Six hybridizers will be out trying to beat the bee to his job. This quote from Region 4

Newsletter might be of interest to you. "Dr. Paul Voth of the University of Chicago's Botany Department in trying to discover how long it takes pollen to reach the ovary made a number of crosses and then watered them with a sprinkling can at different intervals. Thus he determined that at least three hours are needed for a cross to "take." Rain, then, within three hours after flower has been pollinated would void the cross as pollen explodes when wet. (I have covered a "pet" cross with a plastic bag in case of rain".

Mr. T. E. Hughes of Mansfield seems to have a way about him - since an operation, and a bout in the hospital was a "must," he ORDERED the cold bad weather to come at that time so that when the weather does "make a fellow feel like working" - he can be out making those Hems even more beautiful for you folks in 1965.

Please send anything for the Spring Newsletter, on or before March 31. We hope to have more ZONE chairmen lined up and other plans to be voted on at our Houston Meeting, May 17-18-19.

It this time we wish to express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. J. W. Hoffman, president of the Dallas Hemerocallis Society in the passing of her husband, January 19th. And to Mrs. John Nash Wilson in the loss of Mr. Wilson on January 7th.

We are sorry to note that The Kansas Pioneer Newsletter will be no more but can well understand that our good friend Hazel Lacey deserves a much needed rest. I feel we are losing one of our most outstanding Newsletters and I shall ever treasure my file of the past. So, on a sleepless night it brought on this little poem - -

Editing a Newsletter can be quite a chore
Your RVP often wonders should she do it anymore
Then come your letters of encouragement and cheer
And she's boosted to continue for the coming year
But how about New Mexico and other areas in Big Region Six
Do they read it? Or does it go into the garbage mix
(or maybe it helps make compost)

We are indebted to Mrs. Richard Robertson for designing our cover for this issue and may I express my thanks to the following for their contributions for helping to pay the expenses for the Newsletter for 1963 - and may I also say, I surely do enjoy your nice letters.

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With best wishes that you will soon be digging out of the "Deep Freeze" and that your winter losses will be small.

Yours sincerely

Lula Mae Purnell