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IT'S BEEN A LONG, HOT SUMMER - AND WE'RE HAVING A VERY WET FALL

Yes, it was a long, hot summer. As a matter of fact it got so hot here in Dallas that water from our sprinkler evaporated before it touched ground, and the ground got so dry and the cracks so big we had to put up guard rails to keep from falling in. Even the grasshoppers got so discouraged they just drifted away!

More and better repeat bloom has been reported this year, but here on Lupton Drive bloom on the repeaters became smaller and smaller until it finally disappeared. However, lately, a few varieties have come to life, older sorts, like NATHAN MAYO, MARTHA WASHINGTON, LIME PAINTED LADY, BABETTE, BARONETTE, ROSEMONT, THUMBELINA, and BITSY. INCARNADINE is about ready to bloom again with more scapes just emerging.

Some losses have been reported. In our own garden several of our old friends did not make it: RARE CHINA, DORCAS, HOLIDAY TAN, VEILED BEAUTY, GREEN FLARE, WHITE DOVE, WHITE JADE, WHISTLING SWAN, NOBILITY, and FASHION MODEL. SPRING MUSIC, a one year plant, with good branching and a nice light pink flower, died during its repeat bloom. We've replaced this one to give it a second chance.

At this late date, fall planting should be pretty well completed, especially in the high country. However we have planted Hems here in Dallas in the middle of winter with gratifying results.

Fall price lists and catalogs have been received and during the rather frigid days ahead it is hoped that Hem growers all over the Region will study these "dope" sheets with an eye to up-grading their gardens. There are few discerning Hemerocallis folk who will go very far to see a planting of HYPERION, ROSALIND, or BERTRAND FARR, but they'll travel many a mile to see, for instance, ENCHANTED GODDESS or CLARENCE SIMON. Think on this if you would have your garden a Mecca for the touring Hemmer.

Hemerocallis in the path of Beulah and the floods that followed took an awful lot of punishment, yet according to reports came through the ordeal with a minimum of loss. Ours is a flower of sterling qualities and more gardeners should be made acquainted with it. We have organized one new Hem Society this year and are hopefully working on others. Membership in the American Hemerocallis Society in 1968 will be the biggest bargain the Society has ever offered, what, with the new Daylily Handbook being included with membership dues.

We would hope that 1968 will witness a 100% renewal of memberships and that every member in Region 6 will take advantage of this HANDBOOK bargain to enroll at least one of their friends in our organization. And with the holidays just a few weeks away, what nicer gift could anyone give than this combination of Handbook and AHS membership.

This, for us, has been a most interesting year. Thank you for making this so. And. we wish for each a joyous, a wholesome and reverent Christmas season.

## CIRCLE SIX IS IN ORBIT

The new Region 6 Robin has already had three flights and has been the means of bringing a half-dozen Hem lovers together to share their delight with this wonderful flower. The members are:

Leatha (Mrs. H. A.) Cooke, Lake Jackson, who is the Leader, and who tries to crowd into one small back yard a thousand varieties, named and numbered.

Eunice (Mrs. George C.) Marshall, Silsbee, who styles herself as a beginner, and we predict she will be enlarging her garden before long.

B. F. (Bill), Ater, Austin, an accounting major from the University of Texas, has about 100 named varieties and 50 seedlings of friends - then, of course, his own.

Loree (Mrs. C. Neal) Meagher, Dallas, has recently bought about a hundred new varieties, including some tetraploids from which she expects some great crosses.

Leota (Mrs. Truman) Largent, Lufkin, whom all of you must know by now, since she is Guest Plant Chairman for the Regional at Lufkin next year.

Hallie (Mrs. I. R.) Mercer, San Antonio, has been growing daylilies for fifteen years, enjoys hybridizing, and has registered three of her seedlings.

We'll furnish the Newsletter with excerpts from the letters from time to time, and I would urge more Region 6 members to write Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell, Dallas, Region 6 Robin Director, and ask to be put in a Robin - especially new members who may not live near an organized group and need to have someone in the same general region to converse with about Hems.

Most of the Circle Six Robin members have volunteered the information that they are going to be at Lufkin for the Regional next year, and we expect to have a Robin Table at the banquet to give us a chance to be together for our Number 1 reunion before the garden tours begin. - Leatha (Mrs. H. A.) Cooke, Lake Jackson

Mrs. W. G. (Lucille) Williamson, Box 157, Roganville, 75971, will conduct the Slide Show at our next year's Regional Meeting and asks that slides (not to exceed 10 per member) be sent to her in time for them to be arranged and processed. well in advance of the Meeting date. If you have slides you would like to have Mrs. Williamson show, why not send them now while you are thinking about it. To delay may be to forget. All slides will be returned to senders after the Meeting.

THE DAYLILY HANDBOOK being published in cooperation with the American Horticultural Society will be ready for distribution early next year. This valuable book of some 200 pages, with chapters covering every phase of every activity associated with our flower, will be sent to all members of the AHS in place of the regular Winter Journal. Not only will the Handbook be a welcome addition to our bookshelves, but we would imagine almost everyone interested in gardening would enjoy having a copy. Since this book will be sent to the AHS membership without any increase in dues, a membership in AHS for 1968 will be one of the biggest bargains the Society has ever offered to either its own members or to those other gardeners who might wish to take advantage of this special offer by joining our National Society. Again, consider what a nice present this Handbook and AHS membership would make for your gardening friends at Christmas time, or any other important occasion where the giving of this kind of present would be proper. We would suggest to every AHS member in Region 6 that there could be no better time, or better inducement to recruit new members than right now. Mrs. Wheeler is already receiving checks for 1968 dues. So if you want to do something for your Society tell your friends about this new Handbook - this exceptional bargain - and enroll them in this new and exciting specialized plant organization.

ERNESTINE OSBORNE and Mr. William P. Gerald, both members of the Houston Hemerocallis Society, were united in marriage June 3rd.

## BIG EXPLOSION IN "THE BIG COUNTRY"

We are so excited over our Big Country Daylily Society! We have 27 members now as compared to 15 when we organized in July. Everyone is very enthusiastic over this increase in members and the interest in our flower.

I have added 67 new varieties to the 250 I already had growing. The new ones added included the complete President's Cup Awards, '56 through '66; Don Fischer Memorial Cup, '62 through '66; Annie T. Giles award, '64 through '66; all of the David Hall Regional Trophy winners, '61 through '66, from all the Regions in AHS. Also I have the complete collection of Stout Medal winners. I am now awaiting the names of the '67 award winners.

Our society really had Christmas in October. Miss Edna Lankart sent a huge box of daylilies - 14 big clumps, all named. We went over to Clyde to Mrs. Osborn's and divided them, then brought them to Abilene where Mrs. Gaines Short invited all the members to her home to get about 6 varieties of their choice. We still have a few healed in at our home for those who have not been able to pick them up. What fun we had visiting and talking Hems!

We are hoping that a car full of us can come to Lufkin in '68. We will work to that end. There should be a lot more clubs organized because it's a lot of fun.

Several encouraging letters have been received from members of AHS including its President, Mr. George Pettus, which we appreciate very much. - Mrs. Clyde Daniel

## BEULAH WAS NO LADY

When Beulah paid her recent visit to South Texas, people all over Region 6 were concerned for the safety of their friends and relatives in the storm stricken area. Mrs. J. W. Alexander, Harlingen; Mrs. Frank West, Riviera; and the members of AHS in Corpus Christi; Victoria; and San Antonio were all in the path of the winds, rains, and floods. We have heard of no damage to the Brazosport area because of the storm. Following are some of the reports we have received from the affected areas:

CORPUS CHRISTI. The Hemerocallis came through without damage and are looking fine despite the heavy rains and standing water in my garden for several days. I haven't lost a plant. I had surprisingly little damage in the yard but there were broken branches and litter all over. Most of the damage was on the beach and none of our members live in that area. Tell everyone the daylilies can sure take it. Drought for months, then 15-20" of rain dumped on them. They're sure something! - Mrs. B. H. Westervelt.

RIVIERA. While the 100-plus mph winds did considerable damage in our town, we were fortunate in that so little damage was done to our own house, but in my yard every mesquite tree was damaged, some ruined. I don't know when I'll get the mess cleaned up. My daylilies fared fine except some of my best ones. A reinforced plastic shade over them came loose and whipped them to the ground. Some were beaten to a nub and some just planted were beaten out of the ground. We had 18" of rain before Beulah and must have had 15-20" more during the storm. - Mrs. Frank West

HARLINGEN. I did not have any water damage due to the flood and not too much damage to my houses. The roofs were damaged somewhat causing a few leaks. Damaged trees left broken limbs and branches everywhere. However the pictures that were shown on TV and in the papers were true only of isolated places.

I have been over most of the highways except North of here to Raymondsville and could not see too much damage except certain spots that were covered with water. Some warehouses such as cotton sheds and gins were damaged, and there was debris everywhere. Some large trees uprooted and lots of roofs damaged. Where the water came up into the homes they had their furniture and rugs out on the lawns. Everyone seems to be taking things in stride and going ahead with rehabilitating. I think in about 30 days it will be hard to tell we had the flood which probably did more damage than Beulah.

My daylilies are growing nicely and two or three have bloomed. Only a few turned yellow and just rotted away but they were the ones that were bred from that kind of parents. - Mrs. J. W. Alexander

## GARDEN TOURS? REGIONAL AND NATIONAL MEETINGS ENJOYED BY AUSTIN SOCIETY

On May 20th, we had our own tour of member's gardens, with Mrs. John F. Lanier acting as Chairman.

The group met at Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Kilpatrick's garden for coffee and doughnuts, and a look at their beautiful daylilies. Other gardens visited were those of Mr. Bill Ater, Mrs. William Bohn, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Milligan, Mr. and Mrs. Guy D. Gates, Mrs. John F. Lanier, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall, and Mrs. L. J. Box. Individual lunches were carried and the lunch stop was at Mrs. Lanier's garden.

Our Austin Society had a good representation at the Regional Meeting at Lake Jackson in May with thirteen members attending. Three members attended the National Convention in Oklahoma City: Mrs. Jack Fisher, Mrs. Martin M. Padwe, and Mrs. John F. Lanier. - Mrs. James L. Fromby, Austin

DAYLILIES THAT HAVE BLOOMED here (Riviera) that I especially liked are JETTIE ANN (Williamson) dark red, nearly black; MARY MAE SIMON (MacMillan) yellow and pink blend with wide flat form; CAROL DEAN (Howell) large raspberry with wide chartreuse throat; SUSAN REBECCA (Howell) large pink and melon blend, ruffled; RASPBERRY FRILLS (Williamson) raspberry; HOOPER CONNELL (Farris) huge light yellow or greenish yellow; REGAL AIR (Wild) raspberry; and PINK FLUFF (Spalding) best pink I grow. - Nedra West.

OUR ATTENTION is frequently called to the many kindnesses our members do for others. When Mrs. Robert Scott, President of the Lufkin Hemerocallis Society, was hospitalized with a back injury suffered in an automobile accident the Society members cared for her garden until her recovery. In Houston, Mrs. Dollie Wheeler and one of her helpers did Mrs. Schlumpf's garden chores, cleaning out the entire garden of weeds that had accumulated while she was caring for Robert.

MRS. HOWARD COOKE, Region 6's most capable Secretary, writes that her brother has been in intensive care in two more hospitals in recent weeks. He seems to bounce back each time, she says, but less than the time before. May we all remember Leatha and her family in our prayers.

"WASN'T THE LAKE JACKSON Meeting wonderful! I think I enjoyed the Regional Meeting more than the National - not quite so tiring." - Margaret Kane, San Antonio

MRS. J. W. ALEXANDER, now living in Harlingen, writes that she has not been able to do anything with daylilies there as gardeners either do not know them or think the common yellow kinds are all there are, and the price of 25¢ a plant almost throws them "into a spasm." "I'm not quite ready to display them as I want to," she said, "but hope to start next year and must think of something to bring them out. I advertised the other day and only four came out. I am going to offer what picture slides I have to the garden clubs to show this winter. Will do what I can." (Editor's Note: The above is in reply to our letter asking Mrs. Alexander to help get something started for AHS in her area.)

MISS EDNA LANKART has acquired an improved acreage. about 4 miles from downtown Tyler out on the Jacksonville highway and is in the process of moving her Hems and home to the East Texas Metropolis. Her, new address is Route 4, Cherokee Trail, Tyler, 75701. Here she plans on operating on a smaller scale than she did at Waco.

BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST of the New Year, out-of-state and residents of Region 6, not members of AHS, desiring to subscribe for the Newsletter are asked to remit to the Sustenance Fund at least \$2.00 annually per subscription. Since Region 6 issues 4 Newsletters annually this new minimum is necessary to cover added costs.

## ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF

The death of Robert Way Schlumpf on Saturday, September 10, 1967, at his home 7803 High Star Drive, Houston, Texas, following an illness of some months, saddened all of his friends in the Houston Hemerocallis Society. He, as our Treasurer, and during his illness, continued to work for the Society. He is survived by his wife, Mildred, two sons, Robert and Norman, and seven grandchildren.

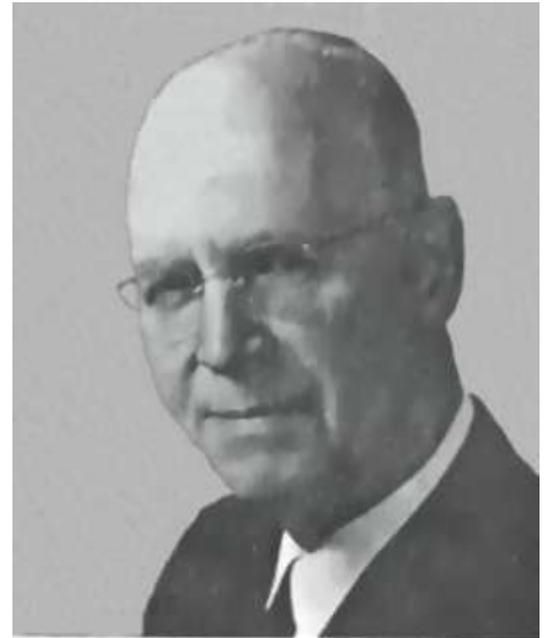
Mr. Schlumpf was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania, on January 22, 1899. He graduated from Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1921 with a B. S. Degree in Metallurgical Engineering.

In October, 1925, he was married in Houston to Mildred Laurine Wellensiek.

At the time of his retirement from Hughes Tool Company he was head of the Metallurgical Department. He was a member of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity, Carnegie Chapter, and of the Gamma Chapter of Pennsylvania of Tau Beta Pi. He was a member of the American Society of Metals from 1926 and was organizer and first chairman of the Texas Chapter in 1937.

Bob loved every phase of gardening and took great pride in his last major project which was to convert the gumbo soil of their new home into friable soil. His favorite hobby was photography and he was well known for his close-up photographs of flowers, especially daylilies, and of insects. His article on daylily photography will appear in the AHS Handbook. As a member of the Scientific Committee, he assisted Dr. Walter C. Hava with programs at the Dallas and the Jackson Conventions.

Bob could always be counted on to do a job well, as he was a man of strong Christian faith, courageous, dependable, patient, precise, and loved by so many as a friend. We, the members of the Houston Hemerocallis Society join with many others in expressing deep sympathy to Mrs. Schlumpf and members of the family. - Jean Thomas



ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF

JACK W. LEWIS. Friends of the Joyce Lewis family of Murchison were grieved to hear of the death of Jack W. Lewis, father of Joyce Lewis, in an Athens hospital, September 10th, after a long illness. The elder Mr. Lewis was born in the Ash Switch community near Athens in 1889. He served as Postmaster of Murchison for a number of years and later became well-known as a co-founder of the L. R. Barron Pea Co., processors of one of the county's chief agricultural products. He had been retired for several years.

## MISS EDNA DISCOVERS THE T. J. HUDGINS GARDEN AT HUNGERFORD

This garden is sheer perfection and beyond all hopes of anything I could even wish for. There were huge beds of golds and yellows, beds of all shades of pinks with pink flowering shrubs in the background. What impressed me most was what a picture they make when planted in masses of one color with the tall, stately pines in the background. The soil must be wonderful or Mrs. Hudgins must give them a lot of loving care. As I looked at many varieties that were growing so beautifully, I couldn't help but say to myself, "Why those look like dogs at home and look at them here!"

Soil is certainly an all important factor in growing daylilies. If you haven't got it or can't make it, you must be content with growing daylilies that are under par. I later told Mrs. Hudgins that I didn't see how she could possibly look forward to anything better in Heaven. What a Heavenly spot she has created! - Edna Lankart

## GERTRUDE SMITH "FLIPS" OVER CHICAGO GROWN HEMS

We came home from Chicago "loaded" with tetraploid daylilies - those Chicago land "Hem folks" are the most generous people! I'm sure they are all displaced Texans. If we admired a particular seedling we usually ended up with it, or the parents from which to produce our own seedlings of the same breeding.

Mr. Fay had two seedlings from GERTRUDE SMITH which we especially liked, TS 63-367 and TS 65-9. We couldn't buy a plant because he is increasing them for introduction in 1968, but he gave us the parentage to cross with our own "GERTRUDE SMITH."

Dr. Griesbach had a beautiful rose seedling that we liked, also a tangerine that he plans to introduce if it continues to do well. We came home with the rose seedling and a guest plant of the tangerine. Incidentally we wished for Forrest Hall. Dr. Griesbach had a beautiful dark velvety red with a purple cast and the greenest throat, TS 64-1. Among thousands of seedlings it stood out clear across the garden and late in the evening, after a hot day in the sun, it still had its velvety sheen and dark green throat - so lovely. Hardy's Nursery of Mount Olive, AL, bought it in its entirety and plans to introduce it in '69.

At Jim Marsh's - of PRAIRIE MAID fame - there was a lovely rose seedling with an eye - tetraploid - that we brought home, also a big clump of CRESTWOOD ANN - gifts.

I must tell you about CRESTWOOD ANN and why we brought home a big clump. Dr. Griesbach said that with hormones it has set seeds - many pods - for him. He gave us the hormone formula and wanted us to work with it to see if CRESTWOOD ANN will set seed pods for us here in the South - he thinks it will.

Mission Gardens and Brother Charles Recamp! We fell in love with both! He and Mr. Fay have been "buddies" for twenty years or more and work together with the tetraploid daylilies. Together they have ten times more than the rest of the world's supply. Mission Gardens is near Mr. Fay's so he took us over and introduced us to Bro. Charles - told him we were in Chicago at his, Mr. Fay's, special invitation to see the tetraploids.

Imagine, if you can, thousands of the most beautiful daylilies - even when you see them you can hardly believe your eyes. We went back to both gardens time after time - morning, noon and evening - to see them at different times of day. Always they held their beauty. How to improve such beauty? I don't know, but they tell me it will be done. - Gertrude Smith, San Antonio

### WELCOME ABOARD!

Region 6 is happy to welcome its new members and extends to each an invitation to take advantage of all the opportunities offered by the Region for member participation.

In areas where local Hem societies are organized there is almost always something cooking, from regularly scheduled meetings with their interesting and informative programs, to Hemerocallis shows, to planned garden tours. (See report of the Austin group).

Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell has organized a Robin strictly for Region 6 members. If you are not familiar with the mechanics of a Robin, the benefits, or the joy of participation, do write Mrs. Purnell.

And for the rest of us, let us not be casual about these new members. Write them. Welcome them. Visit them when you can. And if they need help or advice, which most new members probably do and would welcome, be glad to share your knowledge with them.

"No matter how handicapped we are,  
we can always give something,  
if only a bright smile, or a kind word, or a helpful act." - Helen Keller

GERTRUDE WESTERVELT, Corpus Christi, in a recent letter, gave us the good news that the Corpus Christi Society, after a series of discouraging events, is bouncing back and promises to regain its place among the more active societies in the Region. The Society is working on programs and hopes to stage a show again in '68.

## DAYLILIES THRIVE SOUTH OF THE BORDER, TOO

Here in San Antonio, after a long, hot, dry, summer in which our Hems took a lot of punishment, the rains of Beulah did wonders to our gardens. They are now as beautiful as in the spring.

We had a wonderful vacation down in Mexico and were in Merida, Yucatan, when Beulah struck. Fortunately the hurricane did not affect our trip other than curtailing picture taking due to cloudy conditions before and after its passage.

The flowers in Oaxaca were lovely - the Hems large, rank, and husky and the blossoms the same. I saw some named varieties but I am of the opinion they were the same varieties I saw in Guatemala a few years ago.

The Posada Loma in Forbin de las Flores is one of the beauty spots of the world, a veritable fairy land even in September and the owner had quite a few daylilies, many of which she had ordered from Russells! - Mrs. Sam (Martha) Montgomery, San Antonio

HAVING GERMINATION TROUBLE? Seeds planted as soon as harvested usually have good germination, but let them harden before planting or they may rot when planted. Before planting these hard, dried out seed, try soaking them in water (preferably distilled), overnight after adding a little bleach (i.e., Purex) to help soften the hard coating. - Mrs. E. J. Exum, Lubbock

SALESMAN (at door): "Madam, I'd like to show you a little item your neighbors said you couldn't afford."

MRS. TRUMAN LARGENT, Chairman of the Regional Meeting '68 in Lufkin reports that some 300 Guest Plants had been received as of October 1st. Guest Beds have been built and planted in each of the five Tour Gardens and ample space is available for additional beds if the need arises. Time for sending Guest Plants for display at the '68 Meeting is growing short, so if you have not sent your plants to Mrs. Largent, she urges you to do so right away.

### HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY ENJOYS DIET OF GARDEN TOURS, PICNIC LUNCHESES

Our May and June meetings were devoted to tours of the Harrison and Wheeler gardens, followed by a picnic lunch. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison have an outstanding garden with an excellent selection of named varieties and many interesting seedlings. One in particular out of BIG WORLD was gigantic in size, perfect in form, and a beautiful peach blend.

Mrs. Wheeler is doing a great deal of work with tetraploids and next year should show some outstanding results. Her doubles are magnificent, and she has them in a wide range of colors - a royal purple that was blooming the day of the June tour caused us all to flip.

BARBEE, an early dwarf lemon yellow, welcomes in the season.

SILVERY PINK is also an early bloomer and one of the best parents I've used.

MARGARET CORNELIUS, pale ivory, has such a beautiful form and passes it on to her seedlings, a splendid performer with great garden value.

BEWITCHED, a lemon-ivory, is simply irresistible in a well-established clump.

CURTIS COMPTON is a pale ivory self with deep ruffling and a flat, open form.

This has been a very satisfying season for me, personally. I had a good percentage of first-year bloom, and I'm working toward an even higher percentage in '68 - the main thing is to get them planted as soon as possible.

A few crosses that produced good results were: MARGARET CORNELIUS x TULA COMSTOCK, MARGARET CORNELIUS x SATIN GLASS, JUBILEE PINK x JUNE RHAPSODY, JUBILEE PINK x SATIN GLASS, PINK FLUFF x EDNA SPALDING, BURIED TREASURE x MARGARET CORNELIUS, PINK FLUFF x ART WORLD (the clearest pink seedling I had), and SILVERY PINK x PATSY RUTH.

I've bloomed HORTENSIA for two seasons but she just doesn't like our section. - Mrs. Russell (Marion) Turner, Houston

## FALL IS A BUSY TIME FOR SQUIRRELS, BEAVERS - AND MAYME HILL

For me, there is just no vacation better than a visit to the high country of Colorado to watch the Aspen leaves turn to gold. It is Fall, the bigger Rainbow Trout are hungry, the squirrels are gathering spruce cones for the winter and the beavers are so busy chomping on the small Aspen that they ignore you once they decide that you are not going to bother them.

There were many days when the easy rain dripped from the roof and we could watch the snow accumulate above the timber line.

What a contrast to be back in Tyler with 90 degree temperatures and the ground dry as a bone. I thought for sure that Beulah would water my Hems. Rain or no rain, the weeds and grass grew and a few of the Hems are blooming, some for the third time around. Dependable October bloomers are PRESIDENT RICE, FOND ILLUSION, LITTLE CHERUB, CITATION and SOLEIL D'OR. ALOHA PARADISE is also blooming and there would have been bloom on other young plants but I pinched the scapes off in early September.

All of my seed are planted when picked in July and some are big enough to line out now while others are just sprouting this week. With ANNIE WELCH pollen the best germination has been from ROSETTA, SPARTACUS, FASHION MODEL, CADENCE and MAY HALL. - Mrs. W. N. (Mayme) Hill, Jr., Tyler

I'd, like to give a lily,  
A Hem, of course, I mean,  
To every busy gardener  
Whose thumb is strictly green.

I'd like to see the face of him  
Who looks on glory new  
As the Sun and God unite  
To bring a miracle to view.

I'd like to visit every garden  
Where love and, work has wrought  
A breathless glow of beauty  
From a seed - black, shiny and bright.

I'd like to share with everyone  
The joy our hobby brings.  
Loree Meagher, Dallas

## REPORT FROM "ARMADILLO" FLAT

The Hem season here (Abilene area) turned out better than we expected after the dry winter. The rebloom was better than the first bloom.

Here at Armadillo Flat we're not bothered with armadillos anymore. Oh, they're still around - but they have not yet figured out another way to get in! Shy shoots 'em over at our widow neighbor's place - they're so big and bold they come out and root up her garden in broad daylight - completely ignoring her little Fox Terrier.

As for the moles - and the propellers - the vibrations chase 'em away from the immediate vicinity of the propeller - maybe 8 or 10 feet - there they simply make a new run. So I pull up the propeller and ram it down in the new run. I betcha I've got the healthiest, best exercised moles in the country! I haven't decided yet the lesser of two evils - a garden full of propellers or a garden full of moles. - Mrs. Shy (Glenna Belle) Osborn, Clyde, Texas

EVEN A MOSQUITO doesn't get a slap on the back until he starts working.

## MARGARET KANE VISITS ANNUAL SHOW OF REGION 3

While in Virginia, we went to Washington, D. C., to see the daylily show of Region 3. It was beautiful! Whether it was the more acid soil or the extra rainfall they have had this year, the Hems were fabulous in color and size. We hardly recognized some of them!

PATRICIAN GRACE was a lovely yellow overlaid with green with a distinct ruffle of rose. MULTNOMAH had three huge flowers open on one scape. Another specimen of the same flower had four open flowers but they were not as large.

BEAU IDEAL was a very vivid orange, very frilled at the edge with a green throat that extends out the midrib. GRACIOUS was fluted! A frill implies, to me at least, a narrow edge whereas fluting is farther apart. If it were a pie crust, I'd say the frilling was done with a fork edge, where the fluting was done by a finger or thumb. GRACIOUS is a medium yellow with a faint halo.

ZELDA STOUT may be familiar to all of you but we had not seen it before. A large orange double without any markings at all. Nice! DUTCH TREAT won a special award. (Named but not introduced. Frank Bennett, Maryland). Leathery substance, wide petaled, bright yellow. Many buds and flowers on a sturdy stem.

KING OF HEARTS won Best in Show. It's a beauty; velvety deep red with green throat. This specimen had two open flowers. In SAINT PATRICK, the green throat was more vivid and more extended than we had ever seen it before.

PINE FROST is a pinch-petaled spider, deeper in color than KINDLY LIGHT. IRISH HEART, a tremendous light yellow with a green throat extending far out.

This was the first time we had ever seen the Crestwood Hems at anything like their reputed best. CRESTWOOD ANN was lovely. Four open, recurved flowers on one stem made it a huge bouquet all by itself.

George Darrow had an interesting exhibit on the possibilities of breeding for branching scapes. One seedling had six distinct branches with many, many buds. Such a plant would have a longer blooming season than any I now have. There were crosses of #1-92 (VESPER x ALADDIN) x GREEN VALLEY. All the offspring were deep yellow although GREEN VALLEY is a light yellow with a green throat. It was a most worthwhile showing of things yet to come as right next to it was a display of tetraploids. KATHERINE was my choice here, a soft melon with a faintly pink midrib. Most of the tetraploids shown were in shades of melon. We did wish our tetraploid-loving friends could have been with us to enjoy them fully. All of them were lovely, with heavy substance and broad petals.

The arrangements were very interesting, too, as materials new to me were used. Globe Thistle, Meadow Rue, Hostas, and Butterfly Weed complemented the daylilies to perfection.

The only change we might suggest would be that the daylilies should have the name of the introducer on the exhibition card. Not everyone has access to a checklist and some of the visitors were obviously not Society members. - Margaret Kane, San Antonio

## LOCAL PAPERS PUBLICIZE HEMEROCALLIS ACTIVITIES

Hemerocallis received considerable publicity this year during its season of bloom by newspapers in areas where the flower is grown. This was probably accomplished in large part to the persuasiveness of local daylily enthusiasts.

Especially was this true in both Athens and the Brazosport areas where generous space was given over to our flower with pictures used freely throughout the stories.

In Victoria, one of our members, Doris Ann Fitts, regularly reports on daylily activities to the "Victoria Advocate." This year she contributed, among others, a full one-column story of the Regional Meeting at Lake Jackson.

In Athens and Brazosport the papers sent both reporters and photographers to cover local Hemerocallis activities. It is quite likely other papers in other communities would welcome an opportunity to carry stories about our flower if they were asked to do so.

SILENCE is not always golden - sometimes it's just plain guilt!

## NEW GIFT CARDS TO BE USED FOR GIFT MEMBERSHIPS

Beautiful new Gift Cards are in the making for use in informing recipients of Gift Memberships of their good fortune. As noted elsewhere in this Newsletter, the new Daylily Handbook will be included in the 1968 membership package. Gift Memberships of the American Hemerocallis Society will be acknowledged to the recipient if received by Mrs. Molly Wheeler, Society Secretary, by December 15th.

## BRAZOSPORT SOCIETY MAKES GENEROUS GIFT TO MEMORIAL FUND

As announced at the Oklahoma City Convention by Miss Gene Wild, Treasurer of the AHS, a beautiful Memory Book has been donated to the Society by a generous member. Memorial donations will be inscribed in it and read at the next annual Convention. Last week we received a check for \$50.00 from Mr. W. D. Everett, President of the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society, issued by the Society to be applied to the fund for paying for the new Daylily Handbook as a memorial to Mr. Robert Schlumpf. Memorial gifts need not be sent to the RVP, however happy it makes us to receive them, instead they may be sent direct to Miss Wild.

REGION 6 DISPLAY GARDENS. Please send me any information concerning any public plantings of Hemerocallis you or your associates may be sponsoring, and include any good black and white pictures that are available. If there happens to be no public planting of Hems in your neighborhood, right now is a good time to start one. Public plantings are proving very effective in interesting others in our flower. - Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell, Chairman of Display Gardens for Region 6

### INTRODUCING

PEARL MIST: 30" very light cream with slight pink brush, deep green throat, 2 ½" petals, 1 ½" sepals, 6 ½" bloom, early to late, repeats. Hybridizer, Helen Spiller Cone, int. reg. 1966.

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