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FEASTING AND FASTING

Region 6 continues on the move! Five of its members have already this year received National recognition. Miss Edna Lankart, Tyler, has been nominated to fill a seat on the National Board; Mr. Tom Hughes, Mansfield, has been elected President of the Grower's Association; Miss Joanna Lewis, Murchison, is one of six young women of the National 4-H Clubs chosen to represent the USA in an exchange program with Peru, South America; Mr. John Buettner, Lake Jackson, was appointed to the Scientific Committee of AHS; and Miss Karen Metzger, granddaughter of Mrs. Elmore Klenk, Dallas, has been selected to head up the first National Robin for Junior AHS members.

Records of past performances continue to be broken. Five accredited shows and two exhibitions have been reported. More pilgrimages and garden tours were enjoyed. One-tenth of our membership made its presence felt at the St. Louis Convention, 41 of these making the trip by chartered bus - another first for the Region - thanks to Mrs. Hugh Purnell.

Attendance at the Regional Meeting at Lufkin was the largest of any Meeting in the Region's history, some 250 attending all, or at least part, of the festivities. Right now, in many homes, plans are being laid for attending both the forthcoming Regional Meeting in Houston and the 1969 Convention at Albert Lea. Another chartered bus is in the works.

More of our members have begun to enjoy the thrills that come from daubing pollen and we saw more new and exciting new seedlings in the Region than in any previous year in our experience, a cold fact some of our Awards and Honors Judges apparently ignore, for it is only in the lack of recognition of the outstanding job our hybridizers are doing that Region 6 lags behind the other more active Regions.

It has, indeed, been an exciting, and it has been a very profitable year for those participating in the gala events sponsored by the several AHS organizations, local and National. No longer is it a popular pastime for Region 6 Hem growers to hibernate when the daylilies are in bloom!

Increase in membership has been gratifying, too, although Mrs. Gardner reported to the RVPs assembled at St. Louis that at least two Regions were challenging Region 6 for most members. With just a little effort we can reach the 600 mark or better. Now that the new Handbook is in your hands it should be easy to use it to interest a gardening friend in our organization. The Handbook alone is priced at about \$4.50 per copy. Memberships received by Mrs. Wheeler before December 31 will be sent the Handbook, all the Journals, and Newsletters for 1968 unless directed to apply the membership fee to 1969.

Despite all these impressive accomplishments, the Region still lacks: a Membership Chairman; at least 20 Awards and Honors Judges; a Regional Youth Director; a better ratio of local Hem Societies compared to Regional membership; and PEOPLE willing to share their know-how and/or experiences with their fellows through the pages of the Newsletter.

Perhaps a plea for help in any of these five categories will fall on deaf ears, but if YOU were an RVP and YOU SENT OUT SUCH A CALL WOULDN'T YOU BE MIGHTY HAPPY IF ON THE VERY NEXT MAIL DELIVERY YOU'D BE FLOODED WITH VOLUNTEERS?

FRESH FROM THE GARDEN

I did get to go with them (Big Country Daylily Society) on their pilgrimage to Brownwood. The gardens there were all so lovely and I saw some gorgeous new beauties - some of them I shall have! But when I looked at a few others I had to sing my little song to myself. Perhaps you'd like to know it - for the times you might need it - sing it to the tune of "Enjoy yourself, it's Later Than You Think."

Control yourself, it's higher than you think,
Control yourself, it costs more than you think.
Console yourself, and say, I'll bet it stinks!
Control yourself, console yourself, and get back from that brink!

All is peaceful at Armadillo Flat - the armadillos still try to get in - and the moles - I do believe there are less of them. Maybe the propellers are having effect. All in all this has been a wonderful Hem season - I know mine have never been so beautiful. - GlennaBelle Osborn, Clyde, Texas

We've been doing some Hem hopping. At Miss Lankart's we were attracted by TOM BOY (Branch), a beautiful dark raspberry with a green throat; LAVENDER BUBBLES (Spalding, RED MITTENS (Hinemann), a darling gold-throated red miniature; ULTRA PINK (Williamson-Sheffield), a bright rose pink; and BLACK RASPBERRY (Wild-Lankart). We've put RASPBERRY FRILLS (Williamson) on our want list.

In Brownwood we visited the Collie, Garrison, Reese, and Deubre gardens. The first three gardens featured some pretty seedlings hybridized by their owners. Especially pretty was a near black with a green throat which Mrs. Garrison had obtained from a cross between SUMMER FLAIR and WAR EAGLE.

From there we went to Clyde for a visit in the lovely garden of Mrs. Shy Osborn. Oh, but how to grow FRANCES FAY as she does. In fact, everything was superbly grown. In Abilene we toured the gardens of Mrs. Gaines Short and Mrs. Clyde Daniel.

At Leander, in the garden of Mrs. Guy Gates were many beautiful and interesting seedlings including a miniature that was the whitest I've seen anywhere. - Rodger N. Croker, Llano, Texas

About our show. Everyone was so busy as there were so few of us. Mrs. Walter Anderson and Mrs. Alan Ludden were the two who came early and stayed late. We had 78 specimens and 12 seedlings.

There were 51 blue ribbons and two blue for seedlings by Mrs. Frank West and Mrs. Weeks; five Awards of Merit: Mrs. West, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Weeks, Mrs. Anderson, and myself. I got the sweepstakes. Nedra West had an accident with hers and I feel she should have had it. She dropped a box.

Mrs. Reid Cochran won the Tricolor for an assemblage with a score of 99. She is one of our former members. No one knows for sure how many arrangements we had but the places were nearly all filled and they were beautiful. - Gertrude Westervelt, Corpus Christi

Moving my "doozy" seedlings to Tyler has been tough on the constitution. I really hit the jackpot on some this year but, like you, none of the Judges saw them at Waco. The best are from pollen I got from the Browns. Three are nearly pure white and the substance is so thick they look like they were carved from ivory. I tell you for sure I wouldn't take a hundred dollars for either of them. I also had some very different and cute miniatures that I'm real proud of. When I get them all moved over here I will really have a show in a few years.

I am happy that you have the good purple seedling. I keep hoping I can get over there but so far I haven't got caught up. I'm just not going to dig anymore until Fall, now. It's too hot to dig and too hot to plant. Yes, I think next year's Meeting will be a good one. I have been to the Schlumpf garden and it is worth the trip alone. - Edna Lankart

Our group in Big Country Daylily Society that attended the Regional Meeting at Lufkin is still singing the praises about what a good time they had. How nice the Lufkin group was to everyone - the inspiring program and the wonderful food - the beautiful gardens that were visited. Now our slogan is, "Houston, here we come in 1969."

Ten of our Society visited gardens in Brownwood June 9th. Saw some lovely daylilies there. Fifteen of our members participated in our local pilgrimage on June 16th, visiting the gardens of several of the Society members.

We have created a lot of enthusiasm among flower growers and lovers and we have had a wonderful season that is still at peak bloom (June 18th). We are taking a lot of slides to show at our meeting the last Monday night in August. - Mrs. Clyde Daniel, Abilene

The officers of the Houston Hemerocallis Society for 1968-1969 were installed on June 13th by Miss Dixie Harris. They are: President, Miss Margaret Standard; 1st Vice-President, Mr. Kenneth Wheeler; 2nd Vice-President, Mr. William Gerald; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Jean Wheeler; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Bertha Cone; and Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Schlumpf.

The Society was well represented at the Lufkin Meeting - 13 members attending. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Meeting as it is always wonderful to be with the Region 6 people - wish we had time to have more get-togethers. The Lufkin ladies certainly did an outstanding job.

Six of our members attended the Region 13 Meeting in Monroe, LA. Everyone enjoyed Miss Edna Lankart's delightful talk at the banquet. We toured 10 gardens and certainly had a good time visiting with our neighboring friends in Louisiana.

As a project for next year we are planning to put out a handbook for daylily people in the Gulf Coast area. Mr. William Gerald is Chairman in charge of compiling the information for the book. Certainly it will not be as elaborate as the new one but should be of assistance to people in our area who are beginners in growing daylilies. - Margaret Standard, Houston

A MODEST PAT on the back develops character if given young enough, often enough - and low enough!

ARKANSAS GROWER SOLVES SOME CULTURAL PROBLEMS

Thanks to an article by Robert Shamburger in the Region 11 Newsletter we are able to pass this bit of cultural information on to you.

"To overcome the problem of seedlings or plants purchased from other growers heaving out of the ground (Robert lives in Bentonville in Northwest Arkansas) I try to get them set in the last half of August. When this is not possible plants set later must have good attention such as treating the roots with Root-Tone to hasten rooting. This really helps to prevent heaving due to freezing and thawing. Try this on expensive plants. Also I mulch heavily with something that will not pack.

In case of varieties such as EMPEROR'S ROBE which resents being disturbed and those that have the yellowing of foliage I find that a heavy treatment of Green Light Root Stimulator and Starter Solution used as directed will save the clone."

NOW ABOUT THAT "POPULARITY" POLL

Every year, along about this time, everyone has the opportunity to assist in selecting the 100 best liked Hemerocallis in commerce. Everyone is urged to fill out and mail the ballot found in the inside cover of the last Journal. In fact this is really a 2 in 1 ballot for when there are two AHS members in a household, each may cast their vote on the same form - one using one side to list their 25 "best" and the other using the back side. To be counted these ballots must be mailed prior to September 1st. So right now, while you are thinking about it, why not resurrect that April-May-June Journal, fill out that ballot and put it in the mail. The annual Popularity Poll means so much to so many people please do your part to make it meaningful by casting your ballot this year. Send it to Mr. Marion J. Brodnax, 2930 Argyle Road, Birmingham, AL, 35213.

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THE CHARLES WALTERMIREs of Everman plan to move to Walters, Oklahoma, sometime after September 1st, when Mr. Waltermire will join the ranks of retired "plutocrats."

MR. Z. G. BENSON of Wichita Falls is recovering from a severe illness suffered in mid-May. He had made reservations to attend the Regional Meeting at Lufkin, but was forced to cancel. It was good to see him able to sit up in his "old rocking chair" when we visited his garden during the bloom season.

MR. DAVID FLESH, Jefferson, recommends a DECO marking pen for making labels that won't rub off or fade. It's made by the Craft-Tint Mfg. Co., and he says the Gibson Discount Stores carry it.

MOST PEOPLE, after roaming hither and yon during the blooming season, are so glad to get back home they're glad they went.

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LUFKIN GUEST PLANTS. Mrs. Truman Largent, Chairman of the Guest Plant Committee for the Regional Meeting at Lufkin has asked that owners of guest plants write her and tell her when they would like to have them back or what disposition should be made of them.

IT TAKES PEOPLE AS WELL AS DAYLILIES TO MAKE THE HEADLINES HERE'S A LITTLE OF BOTH!

1. Mayme Hill, Tyler, one of the Region's new Awards and Honors Judges, was caught inspecting a typical guest bed in one of the Lufkin tour gardens. Guest beds were placed for easy viewing by those touring the display gardens during the Regional Meeting. The gardens all showed skill and discernment in their culture and placement. All plants reflected the gardening know-how of the grower.
2. The official photographer for the Lufkin Meeting wanted to shoot a picture of the Official Greeter of the Lufkin Chamber of Commerce in his bright green sports jacket (several Green Jackets made their appearance during the festivities), the President of the Lufkin Hemerocallis Society and the Region's VP. So here they are, bunched in front of the Tea Table (see picture No. 5 below), just after saying "cheese." Notice how the weight of office is bearing down on the shoulders of the RVP. Mrs. Robert Scott supervises this tender scene, while Mr. Herman Brown and his Green Coat extends a welcoming hand. This grand spirit of hospitality made itself felt all through the Meeting.
3. Looking down a path in the fabulous Williamson garden at Roganville deep in the piney woods of East Texas. From this garden have come some of our most beautiful flowers, RASPBERRY FRILLS, GREEN EYED ELF, PATSY RUTH, GREEN FLUTTER, and 105-65, that 3 ½" tan colored beauty with maroon eyezone and green throat, 7 branches, waved, crimped, and ruffled. In the picture, left to right, are Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Dallas; Miss Joanna Lewis, Murchison; Mrs. Forrest Hall, Lake Jackson; Mrs. L. W. Middlebrooks, Shreveport; and Mrs. E. E. LaGasse, Lake Jackson.
4. This serious appearing Sextet must have found something that amazed them in this Lufkin Guest Bed. Mrs. Hugh Purnell (Lula Mae), left, appears speechless; the Charles Waltermire's, Everman and Mrs. Howard Cooke (Leatha), Lake Jackson, must not to have made up their minds about it; Mrs. Middlebrooks surely must be puzzled as Mrs. Forrest Hall, one of our new Awards and Honors Judges, just can't believe it. In the background is one of the buses that was used in the tours. This scene was duplicated repeatedly on the garden tours at the Region 6 Meeting in Lufkin.
5. This lovely quartet of ladies is a delegation from the Federated Women's Club of Lufkin who contributed to the enjoyment of the Regional Meeting by taking charge of the refreshments at the flower show. The mass arrangement of Hems, centering the Tea Table, was also a central point of interest at the Show. Left to right, these ladies are Mrs. Melton Smith, Mrs. J. T. Maroney, Mrs. R. C. Musselwhite, a name made famous on the campus of SMU when her son played football there, and Mrs. E. W. Leach.
6. Section of the Whatley Garden in St. Louis, taken from a terrace at the rear of the planting, during the garden tours of the National Convention. This was an unusual garden in that the house originally must have been built at the foot of a hill, which had been cut back to form a "U" shaped background for the several plantings making up the main garden. It will be noted that the hill had also been terraced which not only added character to the surroundings but afforded space for several long, narrow beds planted with selected clumps of Whatley seedlings. This was one of the newer gardens on the Convention tours, so trees and shrubs had not yet grown to a size to make them a part of the noticeable landscape. Hems in this garden were superbly grown. It was here LOLABELLE, winner of the President's Cup was at its best. The Whatley seedlings were fabulous, to say the least. Watch for his 67-Y-15, a light yellow flower with a green throat and leathery substance, wide segments opening flat. We predict when this plant is registered and becomes available to the public, it will make history.



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Malcom Collie
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THE ROBINS FLY IN REGION 6

The Robins were well represented at our Region 6 Meeting in Lufkin, each of the three Region 6 Robins having members present. The oldest of the group, "The All-Texas Robin," which is in its 14th year, seems to have broken a wing during its last flight, but as happened a few times before and it is on its way again and maybe will have some interesting things to report in the next Newsletter.

Mrs. Cooke's "Circle 6 Robin" is flying strong as these excerpts show:

Bill Ater, Austin: PURPLE SPLENDOR is one of my additions for this year. I want to try crossing it with LILAC CHIFFON as well as a seedling I call "muddy plum." Is it because we want our crosses to bloom first or is it that we are so eager to make crosses, we go out and cross the first thing that blooms each year? It seems that our own crosses bloom before the named ones.

Leota Largent, Lufkin: It seems every time I go outside to work in my garden, it comes another rain. The grass is getting ranker and ranker, but my daylilies are looking good. I have about 500 crosses of Amaryllis to put out when it stops raining. I hope to see some other gardens this year. We plan to go to Bennie Maxwell's "Field Day" at Ola, LA, where they grow some really beautiful daylilies. We went to Mr. MacMillan's garden in Abbeville, LA, last year and hope to go back.

Loree Meagher, Dallas: While I keep poison bait out, when I find a plant turning yellow and dig around the roots I find a lot of snails. I hope to go to Lucille Williamson's at Roganville after the Regional Meeting tour in Lufkin - I bought KATHLEEN ELSIE RANDALL, another tetraploid, this past week. I am very impressed with the tetraploids because of the strength of the plants and the color of the blooms. I am ordering a quart of lady bugs to kill aphids, since they say it really works. I got a kick out of the address - L. E. Schnoor, Lady Bugs Lane, Rough and Ready, California.

Eunice Marshall, Silsbee: My first lovely bloom of this season was the beautiful MISS OZIE which opened April 5 and has continued to bloom from one to four blossoms daily. I have noticed so many scapes emerging from my 1967 seedlings that I can't wait to see them bloom. The good rains finally came and my seedlings have gone wild. The first blooms I had were on scapes shorter than the foliage. I wonder if this was caused by the drought we had. My neighbor had this experience with her Amaryllis. Loree, I have put PURPLE SPLENDOR on my want list. I crossed LUXURY LACE with my lovely Williamson lavender seedling.

Hallie Mercer, San Antonio: For fantastic forms, I used GOLDEN MOTH extensively, and later, FLYING SAUCER. For big blooms I used DAISY FERRICK, COLONEL JOE, LIME FROLIC, and PLATINUM BLONDE. For spiders I used FESTIVITY, SEASONG, WIND CHIMES, and BIENVILLE. CHEROKEE ROSE and CRESCENDO gave me a few seedlings of deep rose pink.

Leatha Cooke, Lake Jackson: I purposely held up this letter so I could comment on the Regional Meeting at Lufkin. It was simply super. I don't know how so few women could have done so much - and without men! We depended so much on our men for our own Regional. One event, or non-event was a first for some years - it didn't rain. A few drops on the way to Lucille Williamson's evaporated before we got there. Such a large attendance: Ruby Hall counted 23 from our area. The food was so good and so quickly served, I was vastly impressed. Forrest Hall took a lot of pictures. We'll see them next year at Houston, no doubt.

Mrs. Malcolm Collie's "Read Red Robin" is flying from place to place in record time and was well represented at our Regional Meeting. It's a peppy bunch! Mrs. Collie reports that the Regional Meeting was a highlight for them, but she laughingly says she was surprised to see the Crawdad mounds as she thought you saw them only near creeks and wet places. She also reported an unusual amount of rebloom and the backyard hybridizers report some seedlings they are very proud to claim.

In her postscript Mrs. Collie says, "One of the rewards of going to a Convention is meeting and talking to people who were just "names" before - I was glad to meet our Robin Leader, Lula Mae Purnell.

OK folks! Let's ALL plan to meet in Houston! We have a leader ready for another new Robin in Region 6. She is Mrs. Thelma Mims, Rt. 2, Box 291, Kountze, Texas, 78216, with one request already on hand to "join up." Write Mrs. Mims or Mrs. Purnell to "join."

May your gardens be blessed with live Robins - and each group continue to enjoy its friends by mail. - Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell, Dallas



ONE PICTURE, IT IS SAID, IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Upper left: Mr. Bill Ater, President of the Austin Hemerocallis Society, with Mrs. John F. Lanier, Jr., posed for the camera in the Hemerocallis planting on the grounds of the Austin Garden Center.

Upper right: Officers of the newly organized San Antonio Hemerocallis Society. Left to right, they are Mrs. R. L. Shields, Secretary; Mrs. Emma Nelson, President; Mrs. I. R. (Hem Happy) Mercer, Vice-President; and Mr. John McLane, Treasurer. The Society began operating with 24 charter members and we predict a very bright future for all daylily growers in the San Antonio area, once this Society becomes well entrenched in the city.

Lower left: This looks like a gang of conspirators with Mrs. Hugh Purnell (Lula Mae) as the conspiratee. Left to right the schemers are Mrs. Forrest (Ruby) Hall, Lake Jackson; Mrs. Stanley (Jessie) Hyer; identity of the two plotters wearing head gear is classified; Mrs. Purnell, who appears to be engaging in a little back-talk.

Lower right: Scene in the Hadley Garden, St. Louis, from the patio which was several feet above the level of this particular planting. Not many daylilies can be seen in the picture but they were there in quantity, all well grown. One does see a section of the 350 people who attended the 1968 Convention.

We regret that a number of pictures submitted for use in the Newsletter were not sharp enough to be satisfactorily reproduced. Some pictures we expected to receive unfortunately did not arrive in time and we would hope to use them in a later Newsletter.

BENNIE MAXWELL PONDERES THE VAGARIES OF A REGIONAL MEETING

Hello, out there in Hem Land. I've just returned home from a lovely Hem Land. Where? Lufkin! I had a ball! I had a barrel of Fun and saw many good, well-groomed gardens while visiting this fine, adorable East Texas city where good Ole Southern Hospitality prevails.

Yes, we must congratulate the fine group of hard-working gardeners in Lufkin for the splendid work they did. Yes, they showed the people of Lufkin and those who visited their fair city the part a daylily can play in landscaping homes and public buildings. Our hats are off to each of you for a splendid job.

We know that hours of labor go into the preparation for a Regional Meeting to make it a successful one. We know that planning a date a year in advance for good bloom is hard to do. Many factors come into the picture. Sometimes Mother Nature comes bringing those "good grapes" such as good warm sunshine, plenty of rain at the needed time, and a good back with plenty of vim and vigor to till the soil, put out the fertilizer and do the other odd jobs to make the garden a showplace.

Then sometimes we get some "sour grapes" such as hail, high winds, late snows, etc. But, we who grow these beautiful flowers would like to forget these bad "grapes" - the damage they do to our plants and gardens.

Yes, we saw many fine plants in bloom at Lufkin. Some were named, some numbered, and many beautiful seedlings. It is so nice that we all do not "Oh" and "Ah" over the same ones. Yes, it was very nice that our hostesses did not have to say to us, "It was in bloom yesterday," or "I think it will be blooming tomorrow."

Isn't it wonderful how Mother Nature works and when our plants sometimes have an off-day we wonder why. Yes, just another off-day when the Hems fail to show their lovely blooms, when all the Judges were coming by, when we just drop our heads a bit and say to ourselves there goes my J. C. or H. M.

So we crank up the busses, and head back to the hotel for a little rest. There we clean up, "dyke" up, and swap opinions for awhile over what we saw on the tour. Time passes and we go to the Banquet for a lovely meal, speakers, entertainment, and the business affairs of the Region. When all is over, history has been made at the Region 6 Meeting in good Ole Lufkin, Texas.

Hope to see you in 1969 in Houston! Goodbye for now. - Bennie Maxwell, Ola, Louisiana

LUFKIN MEETING TOPPED THAT OF BRAZOSPORT SAYS LEATHA COOKE

Dear Leota (Largent):

We talked all the way home about the truly successful show you all conducted - still marvel at how you could manage "without any men." It was most complete in every detail, and truly topped the 1967 Meeting. I was so glad you had an Awards and Honors Clinic, for it was my first opportunity to attend one.

The indoor show was beautifully presented - the tea table outstanding with its huge arrangement of daylilies. The banquet caught me by surprise being on time, and the luncheon menu delicious - a nice departure from the traditional barbecue. We were all so warm, the air conditioning was especially appreciated. Favors for the banquet were delightful and reflected many hours of toil, we know.

All in all, you can certainly point with pride and no one will gainsay it. I know Mr. McMillan was truly proud of you. I'm so glad you didn't have a speaker. The RVP should be the speaker, I think, and since it's his only time to really talk person to person to his constituents, I'm in favor of making it available to him. - Mrs. Howard A. Cooke

CARSON AND O'QUINN RECEIVE REGION 6 AWARDS

Mrs. W. K. Carson, LaRue, and Mrs. Jessie O'Quinn, Lufkin, were awarded the Malcolm Collie and Annie T. Giles Awards, respectively, at the 1968 Regional Meeting in Lufkin.

Mrs. Carson won on her small flowered 66-19, a 24" lavender pink with a lavender eye. Well branched, good substance and proportion.

Mrs. O'Quinn won on her 64-100, a 5" pink and cream blend with 24" scape. Early bloomer. Either seedling would be a queen in any discerning gardeners collection.

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM MARY O'QUINN

I am very proud to have won the Annie T. Giles Award, and appreciate all the ones who voted for me to win it. This is my very first award and I was so excited that day I almost dropped it and if I had I would have fainted and I never fainted in my life. If Jess could have been with me my Joy would have been complete.

Some very interesting seedlings bloomed for me since the Meeting and I am going to get some off to Houston the very first of September. - Mrs. Jessie (Mary) O'Quinn, Lufkin

WHAT THE 1968 TOUR GARDENS WERE LIKE

The Garden of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kennedy - Among the many beautiful gardens visited during the Lufkin Meeting was the Kennedy garden. In a rural setting with its wide expanse of lawn bordered by beds filled with daylilies and edged with annuals and perennials, this garden gave a feeling of serene peace. The neat, white frame cottage was surrounded by beds filled with perennials such as Stokesia, Gladiolus, Geraniums, and Double Gloriosa Daisies. Beds were bordered with parsley, portulaca or petunias.

In the Guest Bed in the front garden a number of plants were not blooming due to the lateness of the season. However, I saw JACOB WILLIAM UNGER, a large yellow with wide segments, and CYNTHIA HUGHES, Mr. Anel Unger of Houston, hybridizer. Joyce Lewis had 66-7 in bloom, a salmon pink with a rose eye. Mrs. Ferris' F-1-66 was a lovely purple, an eye-catcher. It was in the Kennedy garden I saw the largest WILLIAM MUNSON, JR., I have ever seen. It must have been 9 inches in diameter.

The rear garden was lovely. Here, beds along the side of the garden were filled with daylilies, edged with annuals, and perennials. Among the named varieties in the Kennedy garden were HELEN STANFIELD and MOON OVER TEXAS (Comstock); RASPBERRY FRILLS (Williamson); CLARENCE SIMON, SWEET GEORGIA BROWN (MacMillan); FLUTED CHALICE (Spalding); BIG WORLD, PEACH PINWHEEL (Hall); and SEA GOLD, BAMBIE DOLL, LACEY QUEEN and HEIRLOOM LACE (Wild). At the side of the garden a large lot contained the Kennedy seedlings, several being quite noteworthy. - Mildred W. Schlumpf, Houston

The Garden of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Largent - The really nice things about our Regional Meetings: Greeting old friends, meeting new ones, and a chance to visit their gardens. Where there is the Common Bond of the love of the daylily, almost always, a friendship may flower and grow. We certainly had this feeling when we stepped into the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Largent. Truly, this garden was designed by a pair of Flower and People Lovers. Everything in it seemed to greet you with a warm welcome, the host and hostess, the song of the birds, dew on the daylilies, even the family Dobbin with whom I shared a sugar lump and donut. The overall loveliness suggested a peaceful place and promised an interesting stroll.

The named and known varieties were displayed and grown well for the visitors. Lankart's HAWAIIAN PUNCH; MacMillan's WILLIAM MUNSON, JR., giant of the garden; SCRAM GRAVY, a new one by A. T. Mann, were all lovely as were many more too numerous to mention, all showing evidence of the tender, loving care of a good gardener and a very gracious lady, our hostess, Mrs. Truman Largent. - Mrs. William K. Russell, Carrollton

The Garden of Mrs. Jessie B. O'Quinn - The O'Quinn garden was truly one of the highlights of the Region 6 Meeting. To compliment the many daylilies growing in this garden were many companion plants as well as the beautiful pine trees. In the side yard, a large circular bed was filled with the O'Quinn seedlings. O'Quinn 64-100, the winner of the Annie T. Giles Award, was growing in this bed.

In the large guest bed there were so many beautiful daylilies that it was difficult to really see all of them since each seemed more beautiful than the one previously viewed. Looking over my notes it appears this garden was a Region 6 hybridizer's dream come true, for it was here as well as the entire show at Lufkin where Region 6 hybridizer's creations were outshining all the rest. Looking at my slides I find that Waltermire's REGAL ROSE was a favorite as well as Sauer's BP6-428, a lavender, PR-667-2, a reddish lavender and a SATIN GLASS x SERENATA seedling. Mrs. Purnell's HONEY BEE; Mr. Martin McMillan's SHEER MAGIC, (a cute miniature); Cone's COOL ACRES, a greenish yellow on a short scape; Horn's 62-41, yellow with good branching; and we can't leave off CYNDE JEAN from Mrs. West. All of which proves that we in Region 6 don't have to go outside our Region to find fine daylilies that will compete with introductions from the leading national hybridizers. - B. F. (Bill) Ater, Austin

The Garden of Mrs. R. T. Roebuck - One would not want to count the many different shrubs, trees and flowers in this beautiful garden. Hems in the guest beds we especially liked were B-64-13, a lovely yellow by Mrs. H. G. Baker, Homer, LA; 66-17, a pale pink and 66-19, a pale lavender with a dark purple eye, by Mrs. W. K. Carson, LaRue; PEARL MIST by Helen Spiller of Houston; J-66-16, melon with pink stripes, by Mrs. C. M. Quarles, Tyler.

These outstanding Hems, among many others such as REGAL AIRE, WHITFIELD PALMER, and WILLIAM MUNSON, JR., all in bloom, were surrounded by lovely companion plants, including Stokesia, Shasta Daisies, Rudbeckia, variegated Liriope, and Coleus, to name a few.

To retain and expedite the continuing beauty of her garden, Mrs. Roebuck created a lovely cactus garden and a well organized greenhouse. This splendid garden was a privilege to see - a delight to any gardener. - Mrs. Medvin Hall, Houston

The Garden of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott - The Scott's lovely brick home had been built only two years ago, I was told. Much had been accomplished in this short time.

As we entered the grounds, a large round bed of guest plants caught our attention. Outstanding in this bed were ROSE KAY (Knight) raspberry red; KAY CREPE (Knight) wide petaled yellow; PUKKA SAHIB (French) a wide recurved gold; C-722-R (Calhoun) another good red; PHANTOM OF DELIGHT (CALHOUN) yellow and pink blend; 14-64-1 (Martin McMillan) wide soft gold; and HELEN STANFORD (Comstock) creped gold.

Along the back of the house were beds of lavender Stokesia daisy. Along the fence surrounding the back garden was a continuous bed of daylilies. Here were many new varieties as well as older ones. A large planting of SIDESHOW was blooming beautifully. Other daylilies that I liked were BLACK JACK, a good red, HOLLY SUE (Williamson-Waltermire) also a very good red; and REGAL AIR (Wild) lovely raspberry red.

Many beauties were missed that I didn't get notes on since we had to rush. To meet the charming hostess, Mrs. Jack Scott, and view her attractive garden was a joy. She contributed much to the huge success of the 1968 Regional Meeting. Thank you, Lufkin folks, for an exciting time. - Mrs. Frank (Nedra) West, Riviera

The Garden of Lucille Williamson, Roganville - Leaving the pleasures of Lufkin behind us, a rainbow across the blue sky led us to a gardener's pot of gold, filled with rainbow hues as well as gold. At the end of a country lane overhung with green branches we came to the home and garden of Lucille Williamson near Roganville, Texas. The house of red brick, matching the rich, red sandy loam, blends into the surroundings so well that one feels it grew there along with the tall green pines that complement it so well. Between handsome Camellia bushes grew clumps of real lilies trying in vain to outshine the Hemerocallis, and a charming guest house put in a claim for attention but all these attractions gave way to the daylilies.

Beds of named varieties will all face the observer when the shrubs which have been planted as a background fill out to form a solid line behind them. SIDESHOW, used as a border, unifies the planting and emphasizes how attractive a long row of one variety can be.

Thought had been given to space in the seedling beds for there is ample room to walk without knocking off buds or fraying the disposition of either guest or host.

Picking favorites is difficult and I am reminded of a favorite quotation, "One man's butter is another man's margarine," and plants which to me are outstanding, may be devoid of interest to another gardener who is otherwise intelligent.

Among Lucille's "ponies", given that name because "they are not as big as a horse," is BUFFY, absolutely charming: It is a very low growing cream miniature with a halo that is a combination of burnt-orange and rose. It will stand out in any collection of the perky little ones. - Margaret Kane, San Antonio

Flowers from the Heart o' Texas

OUR 1968 INTRODUCTIONS:

- SOUVERAIN - MLRe, D, 24". A lovely, low-growing creamy peach pastel with a pale green throat. Non-fading sister seedling of WHOLLY THINE, J. C. '65..4" bloom.....\$15.00
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- *DANCING TIGER - M-La-Re, D, 34". A rhapsody in bright copper tone red, enriched by an antique gold border and a lovely pale green throat. The wide over-lapping segments of this 5 ½ - 6" flower are slightly recurved and the petals are nicely ruffled. DANCING TIGER grows vigorously and blooms over a long period\$10.00
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TWO NEW SLIDE PROGRAMS NOW AVAILABLE FROM SLIDE CUSTODIAN

I have a slide program made up of the Lufkin Region 6 Meeting and some of the latest Hems. This is a good program to show at a club meeting for those who did not get to go to the Regional. The fee for this program is \$5.00.

Also we have the Region 13 (Louisiana) Meeting in slides for those who want to see what is going on in other Regions. The fee for this is \$5.00, too. - Forest Hall

VARIETAL COMMENT

FRECKLES (Kraus) - a pale lavender with ivory sepals. Unusual bicolor.

LAVALIERE (Lambert) - Cream with white midrib, well branched, small flowered on rather tall scapes. It is very recurved and catches the eye.

HELEN STANFORD (Comstock) - is a crisp, greenish yellow with frilled petal edges.

HAWAIIAN PUNCH (Wild-Lankart) - Richly colored, wine flower with green throat and darker eyezone. Bud count was not high but will probably improve on well-established plants. The proportions are excellent. It is nice to see foliage, length of scape, and size of flower in happy affinity.

ZADOL (Spalding) - soft creamy pink.

ORIENTAL PRINCESS (Wild-Stutson) was one of the more unusual daylilies. It is a creamy yellow edged with rose. Large flowers and many scapes to the plant.

SHEER MAGIC (McMillan) was the tiniest daylily I have seen, yellow gold, very well branched and on very tall scapes.

SPECTACULAR (Pattison) was just that. The vivid eyezone was most definitely a triangle, not a halo but a pointed contrast to the medium yellow petals.

EBURNEAN (Munson) is a very near white in late afternoon, branching poor.

SHOWPIECE (Munson) - deep creamy yellow with a white eyezone, heavily branched and well proportioned.

SWEET GEORGIA BROWN (MacMillan) - a nice low growing creamy and creped apricot flower.

- Margaret Kane, San Antonio

MISS JOANNA LEWIS CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE IN "ALLIANCE WITH PERU" PROJECT

Miss Joanna Lewis, 19-year old daughter of the Joyce Lewises of Murchison is one of six 4-H Clubbers representing the United States on an Alliance with Peru project this Summer where she will speak to Rotary and 4-H Clubs and other like organizations in that far South country.

Joanna is a Home Economics major at the Henderson County Junior College. She's been hybridizing hems for several years and as a part of a campus beautification program she has donated 45 clumps of her better developments to landscape the front of her dorm. She and a few of her student friends did the planting.

Miss Lewis will return via Ecuador and Panama and on her return to Texas will appear on Murry Cox's TV program where she seems to be becoming a regular participant.

Despite an enviable record and copious honors in 4-H and school activities, not only on local and state, but on national levels as well, Joanna is a very "down to earth" young lady. Martha, a younger sister, expresses it quite well when she says, "Shucks, she's just Ole Joanna around here."

ANOTHER CHARTERED BUS IN PROSPECT - THIS TIME TO ALBERT LEA

Many of those who made the trip to the St. Louis Convention and had so much fun, are hoping a like pilgrimage can be made to Albert Lea in 1969. Being held at a greater distance from Texas a Chartered Bus to make the trip will cost more than the one to St. Louis. Mrs. Hugh Purnell and others interested in chartering a bus to next year's Convention are working on ways and means to raise money so the cost of the trip can be somewhat lower for those planning to go.

One money-raising project is a plant sale which will be held at the Purnell home, 2926 Maple Springs, Dallas, Saturday, September 28th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, September 29th, 1 to 5 p.m. Plants for the collector as well as the landscaper will be available and everyone is invited - daylily growers as well as the general public.

"I HAVEN'T HAD TIME to call anyone here," writes Mrs. Jack (Alyne) Fisher who just recently moved from Austin to Houston, "but plan to do so real soon. I'm planning on moving all my Hems down here but need to find out what kind of soil I have to work with so I can start out on the right foot." "Have you ever heard of anyone who considered moving the contents of their compost pile? For a distance of 170 miles?" she inquires, and adds "Wellll I don't know. I sure have a nice one that is full of the necessary stuff." The Fisher's new address is: 5843 South Minster, Houston, Texas, 77035.

PUBLIC PLANTINGS AND EXHIBITS STRESSED BY NACOGDOCHES SOCIETY

The Nacogdoches Hemerocallis Society has landscaped the grounds of the City Memorial Hospital with daylilies and has planted Hems around Oak Manor, a home for senior citizens. Presently, several members of the Society are cooperating with the Flora Garden Club in beautifying two other spots in the city. One is a large triangular shaped plot South of the city and the other is in front of the Continental Bus Line's property.

Some daylilies, donated by the participating members, have already been planted and more will be planted this Fall to make a very beautiful approach to the city from the South.

The highlight of the Society's yearly activities is the Hemerocallis exhibit at Hotel Fredonia. Each member displays her favorite Hems in cups provided for her on a long, white table. The more gifted make arrangements of daylilies and place them on tables in the lobby. All extra blooms are placed in the center of the tables in the dining room to furnish conversation pieces for the guests as they eat.

This exhibit is not judged in competition, but is staged for the enjoyment of the guests of the hotel and local flower lovers and business people who come by to see them. Among the early bloomers most popular at this year's show were GRAND CANYON, GREEN VALLEY, SYMPHONY ALBUM, EBONY PRINCE, HALLCROFT, STEP FORWARD, and SWEET HALLIE. - Syble Gregory

THE JOHN P. BUETTNER family, formerly of Angleton, have moved into their new home in Lake Jackson, at 116 Begonia. John has been chosen for the Scientific Committee of the National Society to fill the vacancy created by the untimely death of Mr. Robert Schlumpf. Mr. Buettner has expressed the hope that through his membership on the Scientific Committee he may be of help to members of AHS in our Region and asks that those wishing information of a scientific nature or having questions on how the Scientific Committee can help them, write him. Perhaps the Newsletter will profit through John's efforts, too.

MARION TURNER MAKES SUBTLE PLUG FOR 1969 MEETING

Members of the Houston Area Daylily Society feel extremely fortunate in having Mrs. Robert Schlumpf as their new President, so writes Mrs. Russell (Marion) Turner, reporting for the Society. She's a wonderful person and while she hasn't been in our group very long, she will receive cooperation from all of us. She's Co-chairman of next year's Regional Meeting, and the Society is pointing to having a GOOD one.

I visited Mr. Early's garden in Wharton this season. His things are fabulously grown, but it would be difficult for the average daylily enthusiast to meet his growing conditions. You come much nearer seeing your own potential when you visit the Dollie Wheeler or the Harrison Garden. Both gardens displayed exceedingly beautiful things this year. Dollie has colors I have seen nowhere else. Each of these gardens features pale yellows, ruffled, wide-segmented and green-throated - what more could one want?

Now for a word about things in my own yard that have pleased me very much this season - EXALTED RULER, RASPBERRY FRILLS, MAXINE HAYCOCK, REGAL AIR, PINK SUPERIOR, SARALOU MERRELL (Schlumpf), HOOPER CONNELL, COOL ACRES (Cone), PEARL MIST (Cone-Spiller) HEAVEN SENT, WILLIAM MUNSON, JR., and, of course, PINK FLUFF and EDNA SPALDING. This is the third year I've tried to bloom HORTENSIA - it now has one token scape with perhaps two buds -that daylily is just NOT for our Gulf Coast area, but I do have seedlings from it that are good - I'll know more about them next year.- Mrs. Russell (Marion) Turner, Houston

DUTY - Something we look forward to with distaste, do with reluctance, and boast about forever after.

REGION'S NEWEST SOCIETY OFF TO GOOD START

Greetings from the Hemisfair City and the baby Hemerocallis Society of Texas. Although we are barely three months old, we are growing both in membership and interest, with a charter membership of 24. (See picture of the Society's Officers on Page 7 - Editor)

Many thanks to our RVP, Mr. Martin McMillan, of Dallas, for helping this Society to get on its feet, and we hope to make him proud of us. Also many thanks for all the many encouraging letters from members of other Hem Societies over the state, we do hope we can grow and make you proud of us.

In May, I visited the garden of Edna Spalding in Louisiana and saw many pretty Hemerocallis in a very neatly kept garden. But there was a sad note on the door, saying she was in the hospital. In Abbeville, LA, we visited the garden of Mr. MacMillan. We saw many beautiful Hems here, too, including CLARENCE SIMON, TWENTY THIRD PSALM, LAURA LEE STUTSON, HEAVENLY HAVILAND, and HALLELUJAH CHORUS.

In Lafayette, LA, we visited Mrs. Simon's beautiful gardens. Here many fine Hems were also in bloom. Of course, I carried my camera on this trip and made a good many color slides to show the members here.

I hope to meet all the fine Hemerocallis growers, hybridizers and Society members some day, here in Texas. - Emma Nelson, President, San Antonio Hemerocallis Society

MY SEEDLING PATCH

Hallie Mercer, San Antonio, Texas

When my seedlings put up scapes and buds
Which may turn out to be ugly duds,
I get up early, grab my coffee cup,
Go out and wait for the blooms to open up.

When I see a deep, velvety red,
The brilliance of it knocks me dead.
But when I really go over the brink,
Is when I discover an exquisite pink!

All that it takes to bring me back
Is the startling sight of an exotic black!
Yet the coolest thing I've ever seen
Is a very near white with tints of green!

1968, A RECORD YEAR FOR SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS IN REGION 6

Unfortunately our limited resources prohibit us from telling the story of each of the accredited shows and public exhibitions staged by Region 6 Societies this year. We would hope these stories will be carried in the next AHS Journal. Exhibitions and/or shows were held by the Austin, Corpus Christi, Lufkin, Sweeny, and Natchitoches Hemerocallis Societies, the Houston Area Daylily Society and the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas. We are of the opinion some exhibitions were held that were not reported to the Newsletter. Five accredited shows and at least two exhibitions set some sort of record and no doubt contributed much to the enthusiasm of our Region 6 Hemerocallis growers.

COMING EVENTS

Plant Sale, September 28-29, 1968, 2926 Maple Springs, Dallas, (Funds to be used to facilitate securing a chartered bus to 1969 Convention at Albert Lea, Minnesota.

National Convention, Albert Lea, MN.....1969

Region 6 Meeting, Houston, Texas.....May 23 and 24

WE WONDER - WAS IT A BOY OR A GIRL

I'm sure people thought there must have been a wreck or an early morning garage sale if they saw the piles of luggage and groups of people gathered at 5500 Northwest Highway in the barely daylight hour of 7:30, July 3rd. Actually, it was a gang of dedicated "Hem Nuts" waiting for the Golden Eagle Bus to take them to St. Louis. When the bus arrived from Lula Mae's (Purnell), it seemed already loaded, and how we boarded with the food and other paraphernalia and settled ourselves is still a mystery.

Lula Mae had planned to eat on the bus, but circumstances changed our minds and our driver took us to a beautiful park in Muskogee where we unloaded enough food to feed a hundred people instead of the 42. The food was delicious and me thinks we all ate too much. Oh, those calories!

Our next stop was Sarcoxie where we settled in our rooms briefly and then were taken to Wild's gardens. If you have never been there you are inclined to wonder if you are actually seeing what you think you are. It was thrilling, yet confusing. A return trip the next morning was on the agenda and this was when some of us went a little "wild" and loaded up on you-know-whats.

Then on to St. Louis! About mid-morning I heard someone say, "Hold it! Hold it! OOps! She didn't! (That's all right, it will wash off.) Willing Wilma (Mrs. Marley) from Oklahoma City was so helpful passing the food and drinks up and down our bucking Gold Eagle. But we must not forget she had a lot of help from Coppin (F. D.) of Waco who was "tops" in choosing eats to pass up and down the bus, too. And he did not fail to take generous samplings of his offerings as forty other people can testify.

Mrs. Stephen Testa, Dallas, held No. 38 which won her DIAMOND HEAD, a new Wild introduction. Sing-songs, jokes, and shifting of seats went on until we reached the Colony Motel in St. Louis. Mr. and Mrs. Meagher were our special song leaders and we enjoyed the singing (?) from a list of songs they had prepared.

Return trip! How could I have brought so much stuff? I should have saved space for daylilies. Oh, well, maybe Ken Miller, our driver, can find room. He did. So some of us used the space for our daylilies bought at Lenington's.

Friendly, kind, talkative Hem-nuts, a good driver, "gobs" of food, coffee, and cold drinks made for a happy, happy trip with new friendships as it ended back at 5500 Northwest Highway, July 8th, at one-thirty in the morning! Know why there was a hurry to get back to Dallas? The driver's wife was expecting!

Thanks to Lula Mae for a splendidly organized bus tour. Everyone had a marvelous time. Let's do it again next year. - Gertrude Lanham, Dallas