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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The vacation is over and now is the time to get back to work. I'll admit it is a little hard after a 25 day tour of Europe, but duty calls. I saw some beautiful country and so many flowers, principally Marigolds, Ageratum, Geranium, Salvia, etc. I saw one planting of daylilies but I can't remember now where that was. Of all the countries I visited, Switzerland was my favorite.

I am happy to report that I have had very little crown rot this year. Whether I can attribute it to the use of the Terrachlor granules or not I cannot say. Others have reported that they have not had so much this year either. But since I had it so badly last year and almost none at all this year, I will have to believe that it was due to my use of the granules last year.

We have had a good year. Our Dallas meeting was a success and those who attended the National Convention in Atlanta report that they enjoyed it very much.

We have added around 70 new members to our Region and I believe with a little encouragement we might have more Junior Groups like the one in Dallas. The future of our organization lies with the youth and we must try to interest them in carrying on our work.

I still have an occasional bloom among my plants. BITSY is blooming again and as I remember this will be the 5th set of scapes it has produced this year. Also I noticed a scape on RASPBERRY RAPTURE. Among my daylilies giving me the most pleasure this year were ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF, MacMillan, the near-white named for my late husband; CHOSEN ONE, MacMillan, another near-white; WHITE FORMAL, Lenington, very light, low growing and well branched; RADIANT DAWN, Martin McMillan, a beautiful blend and well named, SUEZELLE, Hughes, a brilliant rose; GLORIA FAIR, Hughes, another lovely rose; MILLIE MIDGE, MacMillan, my nickname namesake, rose with a light edge, low growing and very pretty; BILLY DON, Hughes, large recurved light yellow, smooth; RASPBERRY RAPTURE, Williamson, a lovely raspberry rose; BRAVE WORLD, Hall, an unusual shade of red, more deep rose than red; FABULOUS FAVORITE, Lankart, a deep raspberry rose; OPHELIA TAYLOR, Munson, a beautiful pink, ruffled; and CURTIS COMPTON, B. Wheeler, one of the best yellows I have seen, quite light, excellent substance. Forgive me if I add a few of my own. MORNING BEACON, a rich red with green throat, repeats; VELVET APPLE, a low growing deep velvety red (won the Annie T. Giles Award at the Houston Region 6 Meeting in 1969) and a newly registered one RUFFLED PANTIES (named on a dare) a very ruffled light yellow, opens at night, and remains most of the following day, well branched and produced 3 different sets of scapes. I hope next season will treat all of you well.

INTERESTING DAYLILIES VIEWED THE PAST SEASON

This year it was our good fortune to be able to visit gardens in Oklahoma and Louisiana in addition to a number nearer home, including that of Lucille Williamson at Roganville, and of Edgar and Betty Brown of Orange, two of the gardens which will be on tour during the 1971 Region 6 Meeting.

To take notes on all the exciting Hems we saw on these several trips would have been an impossible task, but we did manage to photograph and take brief notes on quite a number of them; and here are a few comments taken at random from our notes.

In the Norton garden, Dallas: ROYAL A FERRIS, JR., at least that's the name proposed for this 6 1/2" luscious butterscotch flower with pink overtones and large green tinted cup borne on a 36" scape. Its 2 1/2" petals and 1 3/4" sepals are crinkled and extremely ruffled.

N-7-70 (Norton) was a 6" light yellow bitone child of HORTENSIA, rivaling in beauty the best of the MacMillan creations.

Among a long list of the better Hems from other hybridizers, Edna Lankart's FABULOUS FAVORITE put on the best show we had previously seen of it. Here in the Norton garden it was a 5 3/4" dark red with a green cup, its 2 3/8" petals and 1 3/8" sepals were creped, ruffled, and somewhat recurved.

COLOR LETTER, J. E. Rupe of Bay City, is a low growing, wide petaled, flat opening, lavender pastel. A lovely addition to the growing number of good lavenders.

KING OF KINGS (MacMillan) was observed in the Simon garden. It's a low growing well proportioned ruffled salmon pink with a striking deep purple red eye that calls for another look. Branching begins below the foliage line which we didn't like, but we stopped counting buds after we got to 40.

In the C. T. Tanner garden at Cheneyville, LA, we discovered his 68-46 growing in a clump and really putting on a show. A beautiful flower in a shade of light melon on about a 36" scape, well branched, carrying 31 buds. Petals 2 1/2", sepals 1 1/4." This one will probably merit a Junior Citation.

In the Crochet garden at Prairieville, LA, and the McKinney garden at Baton Rouge, we put five Hems on our want list: BRYCE STANDARD, RED BARRON, ROZAVEL, REBA, and RON ROUSSEAU. We saw them in both gardens and they seemed equally well at home in each. BRYCE STANDARD (Standard) a low growing, 24", diamond dusted 6" peach pink with rolled back segments and nice ruffling. 2 1/2" petals, 1 3/4" sepals. RED BARON(Standard) a showy cherry red on an 18" scape, opening flat. ROZAVEL (Lambert) 6" raspberry or wine red self with glowing apricot throat, veined, ruffled, crimped edges, and recurved segments. 2 3/4" petals, 1 1/2" sepals. REBA (Sholar) 5 1/2" light yellow flower on 24-30" well-branched scape. Segments are veined, creped, ruffled, and recurved. 2 1/2" petals, 1 3/4" sepals. The scape had a proliferation. RON ROSSEAU (McKinney 1970), 6" rich, creamy yellow on a 22" scape.

Unusual form and coloration. Segments are distinguished by broad rose tips.

Maxwell garden, Olla, LA: In addition to a light yellow and two lavender seedlings which attracted our attention in the seedling beds, we liked Bennie's 1970 introduction MEADOW TOWN, a wide-open, waxy-textured light yellow displayed on a well-branched 22" scape. The rounded flowers were about 5" across and the segments measured 2 5/8" and 1 3/4", respectively.

Idy and I made a quick trip to Walters, OK, to see the Charles Waltermires at their new home and garden. They had removed their plants from Everman, a suburb of Fort Worth, about a year in advance to taking up their residence in Oklahoma and all their plants seemed to be thriving. The garden was a mass of color and well worth the 200 odd miles to get there. Probably his most exciting seedling was 66-36-CW, a 4 1/4" medium yellow with pie crust edging on the segments, 2" petals and 1 1/8" sepals, 26" scape. A first year bloom on a seedling of his REGAL ROSE promises a continuation of good things from these knowledgeable hybridizers.

We made two trips to Lucille Williamson's garden at Roganville, one of the 1971 Regional Meeting Tour Gardens, each one a most enjoyable occasion. Among the named varieties Lucille grows was an oldie but new to us, Howell's BATON ROUGEAN, a huge rose pink blend on 36" scapes, having wide overlapping petals and a green cup, a spectacular flower successfully competing for attention with its newer neighbors.

W-116-66 (Williamson) big, deep rose-pink with green cup and all the accessories necessary to make it a most attractive flower, to be named and registered. Watch for it. W-9-58 (Williamson) a cream-pink blend, remarkable for its 3" petals.

W-88-89 (Williamson) a cross of COUNTESS LORAINÉ x PRESIDENT GILES was a 5" flower of rich

cream color, with green cup and slightly recurved segments. Sepal edges were noticeably crimped while the petals were extremely ruffled. Lovely!

LITTLE IDY (Williamson) a 1970 registration, was a 2 1/2" cherry red with a deeper halo and a very green cup, rolled segments made a lovely rounded flower. Sepals edged near white and lightly crimped, petal edges very crimped. One of the best "ponies" Lucille has done.

RASPBERRY PIXIE (Williamson 1970) was a true miniature in all its parts. It's a 2" lavender on about a 12" scape, with recurved segments, green cup and near black halo, petals veined, and very ruffled. It's an exciting entrant into the miniature class.

We don't remember seeing a poor specimen in the entire garden of Edgar and Betty Brown's and although we saw the garden the afternoon of our arrival in Orange, we stayed over and spent most of the next day admiring the hundreds upon hundreds of exotic Hems the Browns have created - Mrs. Brown's doubles, Mr. Brown's Tetraploids and Diploids. Many of these are to be registered and introduced, according to Mr. Brown, probably by Mrs. Williamson and Edna Lankart.

42-70-EB was a 6", flat opening, light yellow flower with 3 1/2" petals and 1 3/4" sepals, green throat.

Segments were creped and veined, edges crimped and ruffled. FATS0 was a huge straw-yellow flower carrying a hint of pink and a deep green cup, petals 2 3/4", sepals 1 1/2", both with ruffled edges.

We saw a quantity of FATS0 seedlings, most un-numbered. Typical of these was a clear pink with green cup, 3" petals and 1 3/4" sepals, both recurved and ruffled. Mac-31-66 x FATS0 was a 6" pink-lavender blend with recurved sepals and flat opening petals with pie crust crimping. Petals 2 5/8" wide, sepals 1 1/2" wide. VIOLA PARKER x 45-67EB was a crowd-stopping red with green throat, recurved segments that were crimped, and beautifully ruffled.

The Brown garden will be one of the chief attractions at the 1971 Regional Meeting.

Martin McMillan

SOMETHING NEW FOR MARKERS

I have tried many ways to mark plants and am still trying but find they must be re-marked so often. On the galvanized markers, I am using 1 1/8" Mystik Plastic Tape (white) and sticking it on the front and carrying the edges to the back. This is easier to write on. Then I am placing Magic Transparent Scotch Tape over the names. On plastic markers just use the Scotch tape over the names. There is no guarantee that it will last as I am only experimenting with it.

Edna Lankart

REPORT ON THE DALLAS YOUTH GROUP

The program for the October meeting will be given by Mrs. Mattie Mae Berry on "The Small Flowered Daylily."

Elections will be held in November and plans are being made for a Christmas Party. There is much enthusiasm over the new varieties and the preparations of beds for the Winter. Seedlings of the members' crosses are being watched carefully and are tenderly cared for.

The future holds plans for a show of only their seedlings.

Loree Meagher.

Leisure time is no longer a problem. Thanks to modern methods of transportation, you use it all up getting to and from work.

REGION 6 MEETING IN AUSTIN IN 1972

In 1972 the Austin Hemerocallis Society will host the Region 6 Meeting. We would like to invite you to send guest plants this Fall so that they will have an extra year to increase and become established in the garden where they will be shown. No doubt you have a "Hem" that has been attracting a lot of attention and will be ready for introduction about 1972. Perhaps a recent introduction is becoming more popular and you want to show it.

The first weekend in June has been chosen as the date for the 1972 Regional Meeting. This is during the peak bloom season in the Austin area. Four gardens have been offered for the tour: 1) Mrs. John F. Lanier (Audrey) who has a most interesting garden because of the wide variety of companion plants which she grows with her daylilies. 2) Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schutze have a large garden and have used Hemerocallis for their landscape value. The many varieties of shrubbery in this garden complement the large established clumps of Hemerocallis. 3) The Bill Aters are pollen dabbers and among their seedlings you will find a collection of the introduced small flowered, miniatures, and the larger flowered varieties. 4) Guy and Jessie Gates have a country garden that is a hybridizer's paradise, for there is ample space to line-out seedlings and many of the newest introductions to choose from for parents. In this garden the seedlings get prettier every year.

Why don't you go out right now and check your stock of that special plant that you plan to register and get part of it off to:

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Any time from now through November is a good time to transplant in the Austin Area.

Be sure to tell Bill in which garden you desire your plant be displayed, otherwise he will assign plants as the space permits in individual gardens. (In the event that there isn't enough stock to send to Austin for 1972, don't forget that the Regional Meeting will be in the Lake Jackson area in 1973.)

With an extra bloom season for your special daylily to become established why don't you start planning to come to Austin in 1972 so that you can brag about what a good daylily you have because it is growing and blooming as well in the Austin Tour Garden as it does in your own garden?

Let Bill hear from you soon - even if you aren't ready to send the plants.

SLUGS - "DEAD DRUNK"

"PEST OF THE WEEK"

In gardens this pest is frequently abundant, causing serious losses through their attacks on seedlings, flowers, and vegetables. Recent experiments by the USDA may help eliminate the slug as a pest and at the same time ease the pesticide pollution problem.

Dr. Floyd Smith of the Agricultural Research Service reports that slugs can be controlled with beer in a shallow pan. In the four-day test at the Agricultural Research Center, more than 300 slugs crawled into the pan of beer and died soon after. In comparison Metaldehyde, the old standby of slug bait, attracted only 28 slugs. The report states that beer-soaked slugs died of drowning. It further stated that the rate of recovery by slugs when subjected to Metaldehyde was rather high. In tests, slugs exposed to Metaldehyde fight back in defense against the bait by exuding large quantities of slime.

"Let's all (slugs) drink to the Agricultural Research Service."

Richard O. Crum, Indianapolis Area Extension Agent - July 9, 1970

Most of us old-timers yearn for garden furniture that you can get out of.

Eat, drink, and be merry today - because tomorrow they may cancel your credit card.

TEXAS BUS TO ROLL AGAIN

The Texas Bus plans to leave Dallas on Tuesday morning, June 15th, for another trip of fun and fellowship. We expect to be in Beaumont for lunch and "pick-ups" and our first night will be in Lafayette, LA. We plan to take the Gulf Coast route, making stops at a number of outstanding gardens. We will celebrate our second night "out" in gay New Orleans, then on for a visit to the lovely Bellingrath Gardens before landing in Birmingham for the AHS National Convention. Sunday morning will find us headed for Natchez for a visit and to spend the night. We are due back into Dallas on late Monday afternoon. As usual "Ken" will be our pilot. The bus fare will be \$48 and \$15 will hold your seat. Looking forward to another trip, long to be remembered. Lula Mae

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ETERNAL SPRING

I planted a seed, I had a need
To see Life grow. I had to know
Life had no end.
"Wait," said my heart, "Give hope a start.
See what faith brings. The best of things
On Love depends."
The garden grew and then I knew.
The lily bloomed, the grave was doomed.
Life had no end.
God gives this beauty for all to see
And He gives to all Life eternally.
Nancy Wood

DESIDERATA

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; for many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be careful. Strive to be happy.

Found in Old Saint Paul's Church, Baltimore; Dated 1692

It is magnificent to grow old, if one keeps young while doing it.
Harry Emerson Fosdick

FROM "GARDEN TALK" - Austin Newspaper

A visitor to any meeting of the Men's Garden Club of Austin could easily catch what is currently happening in our club, yet miss completely the rich heritage we hold from many of our founders. Dr. C. W. Hall, with whom we chatted at the last meeting on the subject of daylilies, is an excellent example of such a man. Dr. Hall, who has promoted among us the use of daylilies since our club was organized, is a life-long lover of the garden in general and of daylilies in particular. He is one of those most responsible for the planting of the Daylily Garden at the Austin Garden Center in Zilker Park.

We share Dr. Hall with the Austin Hemerocallis Society. He is a Charter Member of that group just as he is of our own club founded November 22, 1953. He has always been noted for his devotion to flowers that grow from bulbs.

Dr. Hall, a minister and a teacher before retirement, found beauty of the garden an inspiration even during the busy years when he was guiding others into making their lives worthwhile.

Dr. Hall has deep roots in Central Texas. He graduated from Southwestern University in 1913 and did graduate work at Vanderbilt and Yale, where he received the Doctor of Philosophy Degree. He taught in the Department of Religion at SMU for seven years. Later he came to Austin to work with Methodist students here. He held the Wesleyan Bible Chair at UT for twenty-three years. The campus student center has been named the C. W. Hall Methodist Student Center to honor his work at the University. Of course we know him best for his activities within our group. We remember the programs he has presented over the years, about Amaryllis, Crinum, Summer bulbs, and daylilies.

Last Fall at one of our regular meetings, Dr. Hall gave each member a large number of proliferations from his daylily beds. This generosity is typical. Over the years he has given away an enormous total of seeds, seedlings, bulbs, divisions, and cuttings from those varieties collected for his own gardens.

Many schools and churches with little, if any, budget for landscaping have been blessed with contributions of bulbs and plants to turn their barren yards into a pleasant sight for members and visitors alike.

For years Dr. Hall sent seeds to a leper colony to enable the afflicted to engage in work that would bring sunshine and beauty into their isolated lives. When he learned that the prisoners at Huntsville needed material for a garden he offered plants and bulbs from his garden. Four prison Trustees came in a truck and left with it completely loaded, happy with their windfall and delighted also with the lovely Hall garden they had seen.

Austinites should remember to visit the daylily garden at the Garden Center during its peak blooming season (May and June). This display is a fitting tribute to the efforts and generosity of Mr. Hall and others who worked on the project.

SUGGESTIONS AND QUESTIONS

Mrs. R. M. Lee, Magnolia, Texas suggests that when garden visitors list plants they have seen that they liked they should give the descriptions rather than say, "I saw RASPBERRY RAPTURE and it was beautiful." For those who cannot visit many other gardens it would be better if we followed the name with a brief description. Mrs. Lee also asks the following questions:

If a seedling changes for the worse - do they really? My seedlings, if they start tacky, remain so. If they are pretty at the start they stay that way. I've been told they will get ugly. And if a seedling is beautiful this year and proliferates and you plant the proliferation will the proliferation stay true or will it go bad with the parent?

Is a seedling ever exactly like one parent?

Our soil is sandy. I tried the "roots on a mound way" to plant but I notice when I dig up a daylily its roots are pointing down. I lost several by the "spread roots on a mound" method. I've gone to the "dig a big hole and let the roots go down" method. It does work in our light soil and so why dogmatically state "plant on a mound." They literally cook.

Mrs. R. M. Lee, Magnolia, Texas

RAMBLING ON

ARE YOU READY TO MOVE UP FROM THE BARGAIN DAYLILIES?

Most of us start out with the bargain daylilies but after awhile we are ready to try some of the newer and higher priced daylilies. This is what we call upgrading our garden or "keeping up with the Jones'." No, I am only kidding you - after we are initiated into the world of daylilies we learn to love them and naturally want to grow the best we can afford. As we go in for the more expensive daylilies, there are two things to remember. 1) Will they be healthy and perform well in my area? 2) Do they have distinction or will it take an expert to differentiate between them and some of my old dollar daylilies? To quote Jim Terry, "If we cannot tell one from another, then what do we have? If a daylily stands out from others and can be identified wherever seen - this is distinction. The same thing applies to humans. Some people could be recognized wherever they are seen - THEY are the personalities. Others fade into the crowd, and they all begin to look alike."

It is my purpose or aim to suggest a few good daylilies that should do well in all sections of Region 6 and that have distinction and are priced from around \$3 to \$10. I have selected only those that come to my mind, even when not in bloom, and have given no preference to hybridizers. If some of your introductions are not listed, do not feel bad as they may be my favorites next year as my favorites change from year to year.

RASPBERRY FRILLS (Williamson), large colorful raspberry rose with bright raspberry red eyezone that catches the eye of everyone.

MARY MAE SIMON (MacMillan), while not an eye-catcher as compared to more brilliant colors, the sheer perfection of this round, flat bloom is the color of the inside of a pearly seashell. Beautiful and a good parent. It bloomed for me again in early October and many were nearly double and some had eight segments.

VELVET GEM (Waltermire), if you want brilliance this is for you. A large spectacular velvety bright red that can be seen for a mile.

CREAM GIANT (Lankart), a clump of this huge pale cream is a traffic stopper when grown well. You can't kill this one if you try. It would be a garden sight planted in front of taller VELVET GEM.

GREEN FLUTTER (Williamson), this is one of my very favorite daylilies as it has everything. It is so crisp, so green, and the scapes are in perfect proportion to the blooms. It comes near to being THE PERFECT daylily. It makes a wonderful specimen plant and is great for hybridizing.

MARIE BABIN (MacMillan), to me this is still one of the most spectacular eyed varieties - so large and such a contrast between the light yellow and the dark prune-purple eyezone. Most vigorous also.

TOM BOY (Branch), this is a real "dark horse" that is loved by all who have seen it but not ballyhooed as are some not half as good. A lovely raspberry purple that is probably in the small flower class - under 4 1/2." Many in our Region have admired this - I can't understand why they have not written about it in our Newsletter but more on that later.

HOLLY SUE (Williamson-Waltermire), this is a beautiful bright garnet red with a green throat and velvety finish. It is prettier to me than many of the highly publicized reds and certainly much cheaper.

WINSOME LADY (Gates), this is a lovely true pink with a green throat. It makes a good garden show and multiplies fast.

TOVARICH (Munson), large stunning brilliant black red or deep garnet red that is lovely planted with the pinks or near whites.

SEA WARRIOR (Pittard), this has long been a favorite of mine and is hard to describe. The large ruffled blooms are a deep burnt gold with a very brilliant brownish red large eyezone. This is certainly different.

GAY BARTON (Brockman), I have never seen this brilliant daylily written up but I do know that many admired it at Lake Jackson and in my garden, in one large clump it is an eye-catcher. It is a medium size bloom, not wide but the brilliant deep pink color with a green throat makes it an outstanding garden variety. It also multiplies fast.

EXALTED RULER (Hall), this huge 8" deep coral pink carries on and brightens up the garden after the early and medium bloomers have about finished blooming. It has many blooms over a long period.

These are just a few of the medium priced daylilies that have impressed me in my garden. So many I like are in a higher price range and will go into these later. Miniatures were not included as we need a whole article on them alone -also tetraploids. Edna Lankart

MORE NEW MEMBERS FOR REGION 6

Remember in the last Newsletter we asked all our members to check the list of new members and if any of them lived near you to call on them and make them feel welcome. If you have a local society in your area invite them to join. Let us all be as helpful as we can and make them feel welcome. As your R.V.P. I welcome you to our Region. If I can help in any way, please let me know.

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ATTENTION !!!

Lucille Williamson has asked me to state in the Newsletter that she will not sell plants during the visit to her garden for the 1971 Regional Meeting. She says that she cannot be a hostess and be digging plants at the same time. She asks that you make notes on what you would like to have and she can fill your order at a later date.

Editor

PRIZES FOR DISMAYS

In the first Newsletter we offered a choice seedling as a prize for the best "Dismay" sent in to the Newsletter. After a discussion with Mr. Carl Sauer it has been decided that since only three were received and all were worthwhile, all three would receive a prize. So the following contestants can look forward to receiving a choice seedling from Mr. Sauer soon: Mrs. Maggie Sheffield, Sheffield Gardens - Pyrtle Garrison, Brownwood, Texas - Mrs. Herman G. Borne, New Braunfels, Texas.

Congratulations!!

PRIZE-WINNER IN MEMBERSHIP DRIVE ANNOUNCED

Our records show that the winner of a \$25 daylily for getting the most new members for the American Hemerocallis Society and Region 6 is Mrs. John I. Cowell of Waco, Texas. Mrs. Cowell sent in six memberships, two of them doubles. Again Congratulations! Your plant will be along soon.

Why is it that a person who has nothing to do always thinks he needs a busy person to help him do it?

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE COMMENTS

It's probably just a bad habit that I have, but whenever I can't think of anything in particular to write about, my mind often turns to ways and means that the committeemen who do serve on the Scientific Committee in their respective Regions can be of more service to the Hem growers in their areas. I'd like to point out here that I think the National Journal has made great strides here in the issues of the past couple of years. Maybe it is just that I wasn't as observant before then, but I don't think so. I've swung around to the opinion that anyone who wants to get helpful hints or detailed thought on the many facets of Hem knowledge that exist can probably find quite a bit to help them in the AHS Journal that is available to everyone. As an example - Your representative is one of those who has had relatively poor luck in achieving germination of tetraploid seeds, as have many others. Since it is pretty well established that the tetraploid seeds require a longer period of cold before planting than the diploids (though I don't know why), I've always just kept them in the refrigerator until the following Spring instead of putting them in the ground in the late Fall with the diploid seeds. This works well enough, I suppose, but the loss of seeds to mold is greater and the tetraploids are thrown a little behind in growing, often leading to a one-year longer waiting period before blooming. Now in the latest issue of the Journal, September, on page 24, Dr. Greisbach gives a technique for speeding up the process that doesn't sound like too much trouble once you get the hang of it and certainly accomplishes the objective of getting all the seeds started at one time. His "Method II" given there should make the handling and planting of tetraploid seeds much more routine and give higher germination percentages for a minimum of cold treatment.

One negative comment here about material appearing in the same article - at the bottom of that same page, it mentions obtaining excellent germination of freshly harvested tetraploid seed by planting them immediately, without even drying. That hasn't worked for me. It may be because the bloom season is so early in Lake Jackson that harvesting time is in mid-July, in the middle of the Summer, and no seed in its right mind is going to come up to the kind of heat we have then. But my losses to rot are so frightful when I plant then that I've essentially discontinued the practice. Perhaps in the Northern portions of the Region one would be more successful.

As another example of the sort of information that is most thought-provoking, may I quote the contribution of Mrs. Whitacre to the Robin Section of the June, 1970 Journal, page 77. "There is one thing I have noticed - the earlier the date of introduction of a plant, the more surprises it will give you among its progeny, and conversely, the newer a plant is the more its children will tend to be the same as it is and the more alike each sibling will be. This is - because the earlier daylilies had a large gene pool - whereas the later ones have been selected over a longer period of time and the variables have been eliminated. This is one reason I like to keep some of the older daylilies, with all their faults, as they have a livelier potential than a lot of the newer ones."

Well now, how does that grab you? That fine lady, who I do not know, has really said a mouthful. Without getting into the subject of whether one agrees with her or not, I'll bet you that with no effort at all, we could get a panel together to discuss what she has put in that one small paragraph and the said discussion would rage on into the night, with little prospect for any agreement. I guess, if I've ever given that subject any thought at all, it has been along somewhat different lines. I don't understand why the earlier daylilies should necessarily have a larger gene pool to draw from; it is more the strength of the genes, or their ability to pass on their qualities, that is important rather than the number, anyway. Of course, most hybridizing has a purpose in mind, varying with the individual hybridizer, and the variables which get eliminated are those they alone don't want, or they hope get eliminated.

But she certainly has a worthwhile point in this matter of the latest daylilies giving a narrower and narrower range in their seedlings. Again without being able to draw on personal experience, it makes sense that this should be so. As a goal is approached, the factors in breeding which oppose that goal are weeded out and the flowers that are produced are less able to change direction as far as their properties are concerned.

At any rate, all this is to bring home the point that much of the information available lately in the National Journal on matters of Hem cultivation and growth has been much more pertinent. It is well worth your careful reading, for even a second and third time.

John P. Buettner, Scientific Committee

Dear Cousin:

You asked me which of the daylilies that I saw in the tour gardens that I liked the best. Well, I think I can say I like all types. I heard comments such as, "I don't like pinched petals; I don't like spiders; No pouting lips for me, that ruins the form; That one is too tall; I prefer wide petals;" and so on. The good Gardener never made any two things alike. I suppose He knew how hard it was going to be to please all His children. I believe every type has its place and is perfect for that purpose. I like the tall, so-called "garden" varieties against the back fence so I can see them from the kitchen window nodding their heads at me as if asking me to come on out. The low ones along the borders lead me to the middle height which are so well adapted to be mixed with the companion plants. The wide-petaled ones are beautiful to look at "close up" but how graceful and appealing is a clump of twisted, pinched, or fluted ones, seen from a distance, how like a swarm of butterflies they are! I guess I like the stiff, straight, tall ones the least of all. They remind me of how I feel with my girdle on! I believe they say the tetraploids will replace all the others eventually. Well, I can't see that. The horse and mule are still around even though a spaceship went to the moon.

This "tip" I must pass on to you. One of the fair ones which I am dearly fond of, had some proliferations and I desperately wanted to save them, so I wrapped damp sphagnum moss around them and wrapped all in foil, leaving a small crack at the top for moisture to drip through. After a while the roots formed and, leaving the moss intact, I removed them and planted them using a root stimulator to insure against shock. This was sure proof for me and much quicker root growth was obtained. With this thought I'll sign out until next time around. "A smile is the cheapest thing you can give away - yet it may buy someone a happy day."

Your Country Cousin.

TIME TO CHECK YOUR CLUMPS

This is a good time to see if they are buried too deep and if they need dividing. If clumps are too deep but do not need dividing, just raise them up a bit with a shovel and poke some good mixed soil under them. I do not lose as many daylilies here from rot but the few I do lose are usually down too deep in the ground. When I do lose a plant or clump, I scoop all of the soil out where it was growing and sprinkle generously with Terrachlor - then add new soil. These plants are destroyed and never placed on the compost pile.

Edna Lankart

1970 DAYLILY SEEDLINGS FOR SALE

Several thousand 1970 daylily seedlings for sale, ready in October at \$5.75 per 100 postpaid. Pollen parents include, EDGAR BROWN, PRESIDENT GILES, WINNING WAYS, THOMAS STANDARD, JULIA TANNER, MARTIN STANDARD, ETHEL BAKER, HALLELUJAH CHORUS, CELESTIAL LIGHT, AMAZING GRACE, TWENTY THIRD PSALM, FLEETA, RED SIREN, and PRAIRIE WARRIOR. Pod parents are better named varieties and seedlings under number.

J. L. Cruse, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 68, Woodville, Texas 75979

A 50-year-old man in town recently shaved off his beard -- because he had the feeling it was making him look too young.

WHITE GRUBS AND/OR JUNE BUGS ARE AWFUL DUMB:

If we learned anything at all during our campaign against the local epidemic of the white grub it is that neither the Grub nor its papa or mama are very smart, for believe it or not, 5025 of the varmints fell into our trap!

Had we not counted them, one by one, and kept a record we wouldn't have believed it. Since the June Bug emerges from the ground the third year after the egg is laid, there are still an awful lot of white grubs still gnawing away at the under side of the daylily crowns, as evidenced by those observed while dividing and transplanting two and three year old clones.

That the year's catch of June Bugs was apparently successful as far as it went seems to be borne out by the small number of freshly hatched grubs that have been found. Beginning with a catch of only one or two bugs a day, the count gradually increased until a peak was reached on the 25th and 26th of June when a total of 508 bugs were trapped during the two-day period.

Dry weather seemed to retard the emergence of the June Bugs from the dry and caked soil, for the count of bugs caught after watering took a sharp upturn and when the first general rain hit Dallas the count leaped to 306 two days later. Substantial amounts of bugs were trapped through July and the first half of August, after which the catch was so small trapping was discontinued by month's end.

Probable benefits from the destruction of the June Bugs: There were fewer wormy seed pods this season than usual and we would hope that many of the moths responsible for another garden pest, cut worms, were trapped. Martin McMillan

WHERE ARE OUR AWARDS AND HONORS JUDGES, GARDEN VISITORS AND DAYLILY EXPERTS?

I have always been very proud of the fact that we had more members and more Awards and Honors Judges in our Region than any other Region but I must admit - writers they are not. The main qualifications of an Awards and Honors Judge are that they be required to visit other gardens and know daylilies. Now I am sure that many of our judges are well qualified on both counts but I am greatly disappointed because they will not take the time to write our Editor about what they liked in our Regional Gardens. It need not be a long article - just write what you liked and why. It will help our members to select daylilies that will do well in our area and will also give our hybridizers a pat on the back. They need not be limited to only those hybridized in Region 6, but any that do well in our Region. You need not be a judge to express your opinion, either. I would like to see a section of our Newsletter devoted to short viewpoints of our members as many feel they cannot write a whole article. In the past about all I have read about Region 6 gardens is the Tour Gardens at Regional Meetings and usually this is an assigned duty. Why not express your opinion without being asked? To state an example of what I mean, I know for certain that hundreds visit the garden of Lucille Williamson each year and she has the most spectacular miniatures to be seen anywhere - as well as many of the best named varieties and thousands of seedlings but how many have taken the time to write about what they liked and shared their knowledge with our other members. Wouldn't it be nice if over the Winter months we would go over our notes, and I hope you do take notes always, and let our Editor know what you liked in the gardens you visited? It would make interesting reading during the cold months ahead. For the past ten or so years I have received all of the Regional Newsletters and note some of them are full of varietal comments and news on "What's New" from their own hybridizers. I have added many new ones to my garden after reading their comments so come on and get with it. We are certainly the "biggest" so lets also be the best.

Edna Lankart

ANNOUNCING A NEW COLUMN

It seems advisable to have a new column of short topics, varietal comments, etc., by our members. Anyone can send in a few lines telling of some new idea, daylilies you liked especially in your garden or in other gardens. Let's all join in and make this new column a success. If you had outstanding performance from a certain daylily in your garden this year, tell us about it. If you have new ideas for garden labels, share it with us. Anything of interest for daylily enthusiasts will be welcome. Please send them in before January 1, 1971.

Editor

GARDEN TOURS - 1970

The 1970 season started at home where numerous Hems were eye-catching. Outstanding were: RED MITTENS (Heinemann), a tiny red that blooms and blooms; VIOLA PARKER (MacMillan), that great giant rose with the big green throat; TOM BOY (Branch), a small-flowered deep raspberry with a tangerine throat and about the most sunfast dark one I've seen; HAWAIIAN PUNCH (Wild-Lankart), another raspberry that adds that much needed color to the garden; ANTEBELLUM (Munson), a pale yellow that is a must with its wide, wide petals; and CREAM GIANT (Lankart), a cream that really grows huge. RASPBERRY FRILLS, PURPLE SPENDOR, MYRA HINSON, PAPPY GATES, and COMANCHE CHIEF were others that still prove favorites because of their outstanding performance.

In our neighbor's garden, that of Mrs. E. Clyde Reed, by far the outstanding clump was Wild's REGAL AIRE, that heavily creped raspberry of great beauty.

A visit to Lois Blacklock's, Hubbard, Texas, garden showed everything looking fair in spite of Lois missing her whole season because of a broken leg that has kept her in bed for over two months.

Tyler, Texas, was the setting of Miss Edna Lankart's lovely garden under those tall East Texas Pines. One could spend hours just looking at the beautiful companion plants. Outstanding were: SOUTH SEA CORAL, Miss Edna's new introduction in a coral with a tangerine throat, all in the biggest size available; ORANGE JAKE RUSSELL, which literally glowed in large clumps; LITTLE DAZZLER, a small-flowered, velvety, glowing red of Mrs. Williamson's; and Lankart 70-1B, the tiniest, wide petaled, most ruffled melon miniature that is a cross of PINK PONY x PINKABOO.

Ore City's Lake of the Pines was the home of Gilbert and Foncine Hensley. Here, in shade that might discourage many, were some of the prettiest Hems seen. A number of tetraploids were growing in nice clumps. Two were MILANESE (Munson), a grand huge coral and MARY TODD (Fay), a grand, ruffled yellow. Another outstanding one was PRAIRIE THISTLE (Marsh), a true lavender with a pale primrose yellow, and having the form of FERRIS WHEEL.

In Brownwood we toured five gardens, First was the garden of Mrs. F. M. Dewbre, where HEAVENLY HAVILAND (MacMillan), KATHRYN DAVIS (Brockman), a great dark raspberry; and Spalding #80, a deep purple with a chartreuse throat; were outstanding.

A tour of Pyrtle Garrison's and Erlene Pool's gardens showed GOLDEN MEDALLION (Hughes), WILLIAM MUNSON (MacMillan), and RASPBERRY FRILLS (Williamson) as the outstanding varieties grown. In the garden of Mae and Malcolm Collie, PINK LIGHTENING (Wild), was a large pink worth noticing and wanting. PEACEFULNESS (Munson) was the most ruffled, wide-petaled, pale creamy yellow that someone ought to notice for hybridizing. Mrs. Edythe Burroughs of Brownwood had outstanding shows with small clumps of FABULOUS FAVORITE (Lankart), huge raspberry; TWENTY THIRD PSALM (MacMillan) that pale pink ruffled flower with a rose halo; and DAMASCUS ROAD (Pittard), another raspberry of rather tailored proportions.

The season concluded by visiting with the Guy D. Gates at their Leander farm. Hems were past their peak, but we enjoyed talking about hybridizing. Mrs. Gates uses most of Mr. MacMillan's latest in her program. This past year she registered her first hem, SNOW BABY, a low, near white miniature.

Rodger N. Croker

"PEST OF THE WEEK"

FALL INVADERS

Cooler weather will bring falling leaves and hordes of insects and their relatives seeking all the comforts of home. Be on the lookout for typical insects such as ants, Box Elder Bugs, Crickets, Cucumber Beetles, Elm Leaf Beetles, Ground Beetles, Hackberry Nipple-Gall Psyllids, roaches, Asps, and others. With the exception of roaches, these insects are not considered household pests. CONTROL: Little can be done to prevent their migration but entry into homes can be prevented by spraying the outside foundation walls and adjacent soil to form a barrier strip around the house. To make a complete foundation spray barrier around the home, use either 2% Chlordane, 0.5% Dieldrin, or 0.5% Diazinon. Make a thorough coverage around windows doors and other points of entrance. For indoor control use a household spray containing Chlordane, Diazinon, Dieldrin, Lindane, or Malathion. Spray around baseboards, in closets, and in cracks where insects may hide. **AVOID ACCIDENTS - USE PESTICIDES SAFELY - READ & FOLLOW THE LABEL.

Richard O. Crum - Indianapolis Area Extension Agent

GULF COAST HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS

Members of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society are busy with plans for Region 6 AHS Meeting to be held in Beaumont at the Royal Coach Inn on May 28-29, 1971, with Mrs. Thelma Mimms serving as General Chairman.

Everything is going smoothly so far and we hope to have a nice Meeting lined up for you in 1971. So mark your calendar right now so you will not forget!

Our last meeting for this season was held on September 12th. Despite the inclement weather, we had a good turn out. It is always a covered-dish supper - and as usual, we all ate too much. A report was given on the National Convention at Atlanta and Region 6 at Dallas by Mrs. Inez Coffman and slides of these meetings and other gardens were shown by Mrs. Lucille Williamson.

A plant sale of member's surplus daylilies was conducted by Mrs. Walter Frohriep. It was our first plant sale and we were very pleased with the outcome. Money derived from this sale will be used for the Club's projects.

The nominating committee reported and an election of officers for the 1971 season was held.

Attendance prizes SWEET GEORGIA BROWN and MAY HALL were donated by Mrs. E. E. Litchfield and Mrs. Guy H. Carriker, respectively.

A ballot was taken on the Lois Cruse Fuqua Rotating Trophy which is for the best seedling of a Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society hybridizer. Mrs. Lucille Williamson's W68-88 won the Trophy.

Our Club held 21 garden tours of outstanding gardens this year besides the visits to individual members.

Three of our members attended the National Convention in Atlanta and four attended the Region 6 Meeting in Dallas. - Mrs. W. B. Fullen, 3460 Brentwood Dr., Beaumont, Texas 77706

NOTICE TO ALL REGION 6 HYBRIDIZERS

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society will host the Region 6 Meeting in Beaumont on May 28-29, 1971.

Those of you who have guest plants you would like to send for this meeting, please send direct to the official gardens which are:

Grover C. Comstock
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Box 157
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Thanks. Mrs. H. L. Tyer, Guest Plant Chairman.

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PROGRAM

ANNUAL MEETING - REGION 6 - AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Beaumont, Texas May 28-29, 1971

Host - Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas

Mrs. Thelma Mimics, General Chairman

Friday, May 28, 1971

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Registration, Royal Coach Inn, 55 Interstate 10 N.
2:00 p.m. Exhibition Judges Clinic
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Comstock Garden open (cars available for those who need transportation)

7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Dinner not programmed
Slide Show

Saturday, May 29, 1971

7:00 a.m. Registration, Royal Coach Inn
7:30 a.m. Board buses for garden tours
9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Lucille Williamson Garden, Roganville
1:00 p.m. Lunch - Edgar Brown III Garden, Orange
Gift plants and balloting for Awards
7:00 P.M - 8:30 p.m. Banquet
8:30 - 11:00 p.m. Business Meeting and Program Presentation of Awards
Close of Meeting

Registration Fee \$15.00
Mail checks to : Mr. K. W. Schulze, Registrar
4025 - 5th St.
Port Arthur, Texas 77640

Headquarters Royal Coach Inn, 55 Interstate 10 N., P. O. Box 5586, Beaumont, Texas 77706
For Room reservations, write to the Royal Coach Inn at the above address. Be sure to mention that you will be attending the Region 6 Daylily Meeting.

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PESTICIDE STORAGE

When finished with pesticides for the Winter follow these rules:

1. Store in safe place away from children & pets
2. Store only in original containers. If label is gone dispose of pesticide. DON'T STORE IN SOFT DRINK BOTTLES, OR OTHER CONTAINERS THAT CHILDREN MIGHT RECOGNIZE AS FOOD OR DRINK CONTAINERS.
3. Seal all open bags and containers. Tighten caps on bottles and cans and dispose of leaky containers.
4. Dispose of small amounts of unused pesticides.
5. Store pesticides where they cannot freeze but NOT under the kitchen sink, in the pantry, or medicine chest. STORE UNDER LOCK AND KEY!

Richard O. Crum, Area Extension Agent, Indianapolis, IN

This is good advice to follow, Editor

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