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VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all:

Here we are, getting closer to another wonderful bloom season and getting more anxious every day. The Winter here has been an on again off again proposition with Spring-like weather a good part of the time, interspersed with a very cold, windy, Blue Norther which has a very bad effect on the plants. We are looking forward to new seedlings which will bloom for the first time this season. Although my seed from last year still occupy a place in a coffee can in the refrigerator, I still will have seedlings to bloom that are new to me. I had planned on planting the seed this Spring but it remains to be seen if I will do so.

Since this is sort of the off-season for daylilies I have been a little hard put to find material for this Newsletter. Thanks to some, I have been furnished with a few articles but this time of year it is a little difficult to remember just what was the prettiest for us last year and we are marking time mostly until our lovely Hems bloom again.

It has been brought to my attention that some still do not understand about the subscription to the Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to explain it so I hope that all will understand and in turn, support it. With our membership in the American Hemerocallis Society, we are entitled to two issues of the Newsletter per year. These two copies are financed by the American Hemerocallis Society. However, our parent organization wishes us to publish 4 Newsletters per year, therefore we have to call on you, our members in the Region to help by subscribing to the two extra copies. For this we ask you to send us \$1.00 if you are a member of National and therefore a member of Region 6. Subscription for persons outside our Region or those who are not members of National, is \$2.00 which is meant to cover all four issues.

Some who are members are kind enough to send us \$2.00, \$3.00, and sometimes even \$5.00. We would like for you to not be bound by the subscription rate but to send what you feel the Newsletter is worth to you with a minimum of \$1.00 or \$2.00 as the case may be. You realize of course that postage rates are going up in May along with other costs which increase the cost of getting out the Newsletter. So, if you feel that the Newsletter is worth more than the \$1.00 to you, feel free to send more. It will be greatly appreciated. Up to the present time there are a lot of our members who have never sent in one cent toward the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter. It hardly seems fair for a faithful few to bear the cost of the Newsletter for the entire Region. All of the work on the preparation, assembling, and sorting is gratis. I have some wonderful friends who help me with this work each quarter. I could not do the job without them. I do all the typing and setting up the Newsletter for the printer. So, think it over, and if you have not sent in your contribution or subscription and you feel that you appreciate the Newsletter, send in your \$1.00 or more. We are starting a new year with more expense.

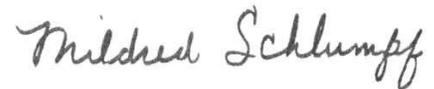
I would like to urge all of you to plan on attending the Region 6 Meeting at Beaumont on May 28th and 29th with headquarters at the Red Carpet Inn, (formerly the Royal Coach Inn), 55 Interstate 10 N, Beaumont, Texas 77706. The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society is planning a wonderful meeting with visits to the gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Comstock, Lucille Williamson, and Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Brown's. Everyone knows that Lucille has done so much with the small daylilies and the Browns have been working with tetraploids for a great number of years. Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find a full description of the planned activities and a form to send in for your registration. You can contact the Red Carpet Inn personally for your room reservation. Be sure to tell them that you will be attending the Region 6 Meeting of the American Hemerocallis Society.

At the Beaumont Meeting you will have the opportunity to take the course for Exhibition Judging. I would like to urge all of you who feel you can, to take advantage of this as Region 6 needs more Exhibition Judges.

Also, don't forget to send your guest plants to Austin for the Region 6 Meeting next year and to Lake Jackson for the 1973 Meeting. You know the longer they are settled in, the better showing they make.

Yours for a wonderful Region 6 Meeting. See you in Beaumont.

Sincerely,



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Wouldn't it be a wonderful shot in the arm for Region 6 if each club in the Region could recruit several new members with the youth, ambition, and enthusiasm of Betty Davis of Sweeny, Texas?

Ury G. Winniford, Dallas, Texas

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MILK CARTONS WATER HIS PLANTS  
As found in Organic Gardening Magazine

Dear Sir:

Even though we are constantly plagued by an ever-increasing amount of non-destructible plastics, this past Summer I finally found a practical use for one-gallon milk containers. I punch a small hole with a sharp instrument on each of the four sides close to the bottom, then bury the container between my eggplants, peppers, and tomatoes with just the neck protruding. During extremely dry weather, I fill the jugs with a garden hose about twice a week, and this provides the root systems with plenty of water. I found that this method is more expedient than attempting to soak the ground surface for a long period of time in order to reach the roots.

Walter Roman, Pennsauken, NJ

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With the exception of world unrest, nothing breaks out in more places than an old garden hose.

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Said the big business man, "Actually, I don't mind the government pumping money into the economy - but they always want to use my well."

GULF COAST HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas extends a most hearty invitation to all members of Region 6 and their friends to meet with us on May 28th and 29th, 1971. Headquarters will be at the beautiful Red Carpet Inn (formerly the Royal Coach Inn), 55 Interstate 10 N, P.O. Box 5586, Beaumont, Texas 77706.

An Exhibition Judges Clinic will be held at 1:00 p.m. on May 28th. We will have the usual Friday Night Brag Night. Anyone wishing to show slides, please send them to Mr. F. W. Hall, 109 North Shady Oaks, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566, in plenty of time for Mr. Hall to edit them and get them lined up for the show. Mrs. Thelma Mimms is President of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society and is General Chairman of the Meeting with Mrs. Inez Coffman as Co-Chairman.

The gardens of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Comstock will be open on Friday, May 28th from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. We will board the buses promptly at 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning, going to Roganville to tour the garden of Mrs. Lucille Williamson and back to Edgar Brown's garden in Orange for lunch and drawing of gift plants.

The official Meeting will end Saturday night with a Banquet, Business Meeting, presentation of awards, and program. For room reservations, write directly to the Red Carpet Inn (formerly Royal Coach Inn) at the above address. Be sure to mention that you will be attending the Region 6 Daylily Meeting. Send your registration to Mr. K. W. Schulze, Registrar, 4025 - 5th St., Port Arthur, Texas 77640 - Fee \$15.00, (\$16.00 after April 15, 1971).

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PLEASANTON. REPORTS

Our meeting today, January 11th, was well attended by a very enthusiastic group. Those who did not bring hints, brought questions. We had a beautiful installation service using the rainbow as its theme. We are so very dry here - no rain since early in October. Still our Hems are just growing like mad. I can hardly wait to see my "new" ones bloom this Spring. Mrs. H. G. Howard, Reporter

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A stranger, while traveling through Arizona, noticed the dry, dusty appearance of the country. He asked, "Doesn't it ever rain here?" "Rain,? Rain?" questioned the native, "Why, say, pardner, there's frogs in this town over ten years old that have not learned to swim yet."

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REGION 6 MEETING

May 28-29, 1971 Beaumont, Texas

REGISTRATION BLANK

Mr. K. W. Schulze, Registrar  
4025 - 5th St., Port Arthur, Texas 77640

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$15.00 each (\$16.00 after April 15, 1971) to cover registration fee(s) for \_\_\_\_ for the 1971 Meeting.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Officer Region 6? \_\_\_\_\_

Officer AHS? \_\_\_\_\_

## THE WONDER OF THE NEW DOUBLES

By Dollie Wheeler

In the last few years many beautiful doubles have been hybridized. We started 15 years ago with Dr. Stout's and Dr. Krause's doubles and later added others to our line breeding. The doubles here now are as beautiful as any Rose or Camellia.

They come in many patterns and forms and I see them as follows:

Tailored - Compact form with petals and sepals reflexed, both the same length, no stamen attached to them. Circumference or outer form is a perfect circle. Example: DOUBLE TALK.

Informal - Full blown flower with as many as 10-15 petals and sepals, each with petals 1/4" longer than the sepals. They may have the stamen attached to either. Example: DOUBLE JOY

Pom Pom - This is our New Form. Outer petals and sepals are wide, short, the same length, flat, and reflexed. Sepals and center petals are compact, upright with no stamens showing. Example: STACKED TAFFY

Mystic - Petals are wide, sepals narrow, the same length with stamens attached to either. They may recurve and are upright. Gives this a modern look. Example: DOUBLE KICKS

Creped - Petals and sepals are very wide, as much as 2 1/2", same length, from the center of the flower. They have a 1/4" dip to the outer edge as ruffling - seem to buck for attention. Upright and reflexed, look just like buttered popcorn - another new form that makes you wonder why we didn't hybridize them many years ago.

Double daylilies seem to be later bloomers thereby extending the season into Fall. Among them we have found many very low dwarf miniatures that we hope to grow for border material. So far we are checking them as some of our best tend not to open well. It may be due to the season, rain, etc. They are as pretty as Liriope even if they don't open, but some do so we will keep on trying.

Many strange exotic colors are appearing, clear deep golden red bronze, looks like the end of a rainbow - brown sugar dusting over yellow, true red, red purple, rose pink, and all the gold colors and lemon yellows available. Some need to clump to hold every flower double. We have discarded many because some years every flower was double and the next they were not.

The wonder of new forms and colors keep your thoughts and heart happy. Grow more DOUBLE DAYLILIES. Their culture is the same as any other daylily.

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### CENTRAL TEXAS HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

New Officers for 1971-72

President - Mrs. T. Frank Davis  
First Vice-President - Mrs. John I. Cowell  
Secretary - Mrs. Q. Perry Potts  
Treasurer - Paul H. Reichert  
Historian - F. D. Coppin  
Parliamentarian - Mrs. Claude Gore

The program, "Companion Plants for Daylilies," was presented by Mrs. James E. Fitts at the January meeting of the Central Texas Hemerocallis Society. She showed slides of plants and shrubs which are planted with daylilies.

F. D. Coppin - Reporter

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### THE HEART OF TEXAS HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

The Heart of Texas Hemerocallis Society wound up the year with a 42 party in Mr. and Mrs. Claude Shannon's home December 31st.

Officers for the year 1971 are: Malcolm Collie - President, Claude Shannon - First Vice-President, Mrs. F. M. Dewbre - 2nd Vice-President and Program Chairman, Mrs. W. H. Fisher - Secretary-Treasurer. One new member was added. Our next meeting is in March.

Reported by Mrs. L. M. Collie

## HEM LINES

Last Summer, I thought that it might be interesting to try to induce genetic mutations by using ultraviolet (UV) light, since this method has been used in other plants. I used a hand-held UV lamp of the sort commonly used by "Rockhounds." (Incidentally, this type of lamp produces long-wave emissions, but it is the shorter wavelengths which are said to give the most mutations.) Some of the crosses that I tried, using irradiated pollen, were: FRANCES FAY x GEORGE CUNNINGHAM (irradiated pollen parent); WAR CLOUDS x MAGIC LAMP; CARTWHEELS x WAR EAGLE; and CARTWHEELS x CONGO MAGIC.

Method: One flower of the pollen parent was placed about 4 inches from the UV lamp; after the lamp was switched on, the six stamens were removed, one at a time, at timed intervals, and the pollen was placed on well-formed flowers of the pistil parent (using six flowers of the same clone). There were several time schedules for the UV radiation - for example, 30 seconds, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 minutes or 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or 30 minutes for the six stamens.

Results (?): First, there was good seed set in most cases, and the number of seeds produced did not differ significantly with the different radiation times. For example, the seed count per pod for the cross FRANCES FAY x GEORGE CUNNINGHAM (using 5, 10, 15, etc. minute exposures) was 17, 18, 17, 17, 15, 16 - in that order. Second, NOT ONE SEEDLING EMERGED after planting, although emergence of other, non-irradiated material was normal for the time of year and the local climate at that time.

Perhaps some member of the Scientific Committee could comment on 1) the desirability of securing mutants by UV, 2) the methods used, and 3) my failure!

Marshall R. Wheeler

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One thing I think most daylily gardens have are companion plants, and I have come to the conclusion that these "comfort plants" can continue the bloom and beauty in our flower beds long into the Fall if we work at it. Some of our expert growers have chosen such plants over the years, and I fervently wish they would share with us their knowledge of the plants which do well in their area, during and after daylily bloom.

Here are a few comments about some of these "delights": Miniature Pink Button Zinnias have been so gay and bright for weeks. (I don't even mind the mold or mildew which have now turned the leaves gray.) Shrimp Plants are really putting on a show as are the Lantanas and Plumbago. Avilda Roquemore's Daisy clumps and her Lemon Drop Marigolds are an especially delightful sight.

Martin McMillan's Blue Salvia, Celosia, Daisies, and Strawberry plants are always lovely. White Alyssum with a lovely blue flower in Bon Robertson's "jewel box" gives a special delight. Nellie Joe Trott always has white Gladiolus among her beautiful daylily blooms. Loree Meagher plans "pocket gardens" with stunning effect. One example was the bed of blue Cornflowers, rose Nasturtiums and in front of it all, dwarf Ageratum.

These plantings not only complement our daylily clumps, but: many of them bloom on and on, thus giving delight and comfort until THE days when the Hems begin again.

Gertrude Lanham

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When you fine Texans have seen all the gardens on your tour in Orange and Beaumont in late May, not much over one-half hour will bring you on to Iowa, LA. There are some lovely 1969 seedlings Elsie Spalding bred and grew. In 1970 she used Miss Edna's finest, the best of Mr. MacMillan's and numbers of other growers in her crosses. She has several thousand seedlings. Bill fixed the soil just right, built shade so the seed could be planted right in the ground. They are so large and healthy and well-cared for that a great many will bloom in 1971. Come see and believe!

Elsie has registered and named Miss Edna's tetraploid #66-57. Some of you have it; others asked about it. So many people inquired if it had been named, Elsie was persuaded to name it though she has only a plant or two. It is such a fine plant it deserves a name and Miss Edna would have named it. The name is UNCOVERED TREASURE. It is dormant, 28-30 inches tall, up to 5 3/4 inches in diameter, petals to 2 1/2" or more, sepals 1 5/8". It has good and widespread branching, is a soft pink, almost the color of Edna Spalding. It is an easy pod and pollen parent.

At least four tetraploid breeders report fine plants from it. One has pinks, lavenders, and rose; another has the pinkest tetraploid she ever produced; yet another has used it in their fine crosses with Dr. Virginia Peck's excellent and well known beauties.

Gertrude Demarest, Welsh, LA

Here is a direct quote from Van Sellers about #66-57, UNCOVERED TREASURE, Edna Spalding's tetraploid, "UNCOVERED TREASURE #66-57 tetraploid, Edna Spalding, is probably the most fertile tetraploid that I have used in breeding. I have bloomed seedlings from it and they are better than 66-57 as far as form is concerned. #66-57 may have a little better color. It gives seedlings about the color of Mr. Brown's POLYPLOID PINK, introduced in 1970 by Miss Edna Lankart."

Gertrude Demarest, Welch, LA

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For years I have gone by the Fort Worth Botanic Garden several times in May and June to look at a large daylily area there. I have taken out-of-town guests by to look, too. And when visitors to my own garden comment that my daylilies are the finest they've seen, I have always told them, "Go by the Botanic Garden and see the thousands there." Although all individual plants at the Botanic Garden are obviously first-class, I have been puzzled at never being able to find any plants that I know well, such as ALAN, COSETTE, VELVET GEM, CASHMERE, BITSY, etc. Finally last August, I learned the answer from a feature in the Star-Telegram about the Hughes Gardens at Mansfield. The Hughes family, the story disclosed, has been giving seedlings and other surplus plants to the Botanic Garden over the years.

Jack Bradley

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When the inspector came by my garden last week to inspect for my annual license, he called to my attention the fact that some parts of my garden had been damaged more by the freezing weather than others. Strangely, the part showing the least damage was the section I had not gotten weeded before Winter set in. He said that he was formerly in the orchard business and they had tried everything, weeding, discing, etc. and they found that the areas of the orchard where they had failed to weed, the fruit was more damaged by the freezing weather. I thought that was interesting and am passing it on to you.

Editor

#### A PRAYER FOR TODAY

LORD, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older, and will some day be old.

KEEP ME from getting talkative, and particularly from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

RELEASE ME from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs.

MAKE ME thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all - but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

KEEP MY mind free from the recital of endless details. - Give me wings to get to the point.

SEAL MY lips on my many aches and pains - They are increasing, and my love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I ASK for grace enough to listen to the tales of others' pains. Help me to endure them with patience.

TEACH ME the glorious lesson that occasionally it is possible that I may be mistaken.

AMEN!!

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CONSCIENCE: The thing that feels so bad when everything else feels so good.

Good breeding consists in concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of others.

Mark Twain

All the world is queer save thee and me. And even thou art a little queer.

Robert Owen.

## THE SCIENTIFIC CORNER

By John Buettner

Mrs. Schlumpf has printed a letter from Marshall Wheeler elsewhere in this Newsletter and suggested that I might comment on his experiment, if I choose. Since I have no other subject in mind for this Newsletter, I will just have a go at that. But it is times like this that make me wish I were a Botanist rather than a Chemist. So, I'll get over the botanical portion as rapidly as possible.

From the description given, one must assume that it was the ultraviolet (UV) light that was responsible for the complete lack of seed germination. Apparently the mechanism for this would be the destruction of the sperm nuclei as they traveled down the pistil style toward the ovary. And this destruction must have been close to instantaneous since even the shortest exposure times were unable to produce any viable seed. At least, this sounds plausible to me.

This leads into a subject that I know a little more about, the properties of light. A tremendous amount of research has been done on the effect of light on biological entities. Mr. Wheeler is correct when he states that it is the shorter wavelength (or ultraviolet) rays that produce the most effect; this is simply because they contain the most energy. The shorter the wavelength of the light, the more energy it will contain. This is the reason that one gets sunburned on a cloudy day in the summertime just as badly as if there had been no clouds at all. The UV light penetrates the skin more readily than the visible light and also is not stopped by the clouds.

By the same token, then, the UV light will penetrate newly formed tissue more readily than older, established, thicker substance. And this may have been why the sperm cells were so vulnerable, if this is what happened. So perhaps it would be more fruitful in experiments like these to wait until the germination process has been carried on into the seed before attempting mutation, although this may be too long. After all, various types of special lamps (Gro-Lux) have been developed which capitalize on the property of some wavelengths of light to break dormancy in seed and produce a higher percentage of seedlings, thus it may not be possible, using the more readily available light sources, to achieve light of sufficient intensity to produce mutations in normal seed, especially since the shell thickness of *Hemerocallis* seed varies considerably.

I guess if I have any opinion at all, it would be that controlled experiments would be easier to conduct on the seed than on the daylily during the time of fertilization. Perhaps just when the seed broke open and began to grow would be best. One could apply a precisely-known amount of light energy to a precise spot and observe the effect. The intensity of the light would have to be closely controlled, since this is the most important variable and it is most difficult to do this in the situation Mr. Wheeler describes.

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## GARDEN TOURS MADE EASIER

One of the often-heard comments from many of the members of the Brazosport *Hemerocallis* Society over past years runs something like this - "I really should get out and visit more gardens but I just can't seem to find the time."

To make this easier for everyone, this coming year we have instituted a program whereby two of the members agree to have their gardens open for display and be prepared to receive visitors during each Sunday during the months of May and June. In other words, printed in our annual yearbook will be the names of two different members for each Sunday, the names and dates having been drawn by lot, and anyone wishing to go garden visiting on a Sunday afternoon during the blooming season has only to look in their yearbook to find out who will be at home on that date. We will review the whole idea at the end of the year to see if anyone really did take advantage of this opportunity that has been provided.

The only exceptions will be May 16th, when we hold our annual Daylily Trail for the Brazosport area and May 23rd, when we will have our second annual Flower Show.

We would welcome visitors to any of these activities any Sunday during these two months. Anyone wishing a copy of the list of open gardens can contact me. For details on the Daylily Trail, write to: Forrest W. Hall; on the show, Miss Betty Davis, both of whom are listed in the last Journal address list.

John P. Buettner

## THOUGHTS FROM EDNA LANKART

Did you know that MR. & MRS. H. O. JOHNSON of League City, Texas, have a son who has been promoted to GENERAL? (They didn't tell me his name). Anyhow, I think we are quite honored to have the parents of a General in our midst. They also have a garden that is attracting a lot of attention - many of those hybridized in Region 6 are displayed as well as many others.

AWARDS & HONORS JUDGES - You remember last time I asked each of you to send in the name of your three favorite daylilies??? Well I have not received enough votes to even report to you at this time. Are you still trying to decide on which are your three favorites or have you just forgotten to send them to me??? In either case, get with it and send them to me.

In regard to donated plants for drawings at our Regional Meetings - I wonder if we haven't gone overboard with this? I don't know when it started but now it seems to be the "in thing" for everyone present to receive a plant. It is usually too late to plant them at the time of the Meeting, which means the poor donor must package, mail, and pay postage on each plant they donated. With each one present receiving a plant it will be more a matter of quantity rather than quality. Wouldn't it be better to solicit maybe 25 plants of good quality for the drawing and have it mean something if you were lucky enough to receive a plant? Also, it would do away with the long drawn-out drawing. Of course, I realize the popularity of this suggestion will depend upon whether you are a giver or a receiver, so at the risk of receiving a rap across the mouth from many of you present at the Meeting, I will still brave the worst and sign my name.

Edna Lankart

During late Winter I always develop a dislike for evergreen daylilies that look a sad mess after many changes of from 80° to 20° weather. I think the ideal daylily would be the semi-evergreen, so this Winter I have gone out and placed a "D" or "E" on each marker to make sure I cross the evergreens with the dormant. This late freezing also presents a big problem in mailing out orders. Early planting is preferred in warm areas but at the same time most of the evergreens look very sad and a person receiving them would not be too happy. I suppose it would be best to wait for later shipment and plant in a protected spot, or better still, wait for Fall planting as many of the Fall divided plants do not grow good root systems over Winter. Any way you look at it there is no way to please all.

I wonder how many of you realize the differences between growing a daylily in rich friable soil or poor soil? It will make all the difference to some but at the same time, more make a better show in just ordinary soil. Last year I noticed two large clumps of a very showy bluish lavender and decided I MUST have some of it. Would you believe it was my own BLUE VISION? The branching was superb and it was a mass of color. It had never performed half this well for me - even in my rich Brazos Valley Garden at Waco. Others that made a grand show in the rich beds of Betty and Edgar Brown at Orange are PINK SWINGER which was displayed in a separate bed and one of the most showy bright rose pinks to be seen anywhere. It had eight segments about half the time and many proliferations. MARIE BABIN was also displayed in a large bed and was a show stopper. Incidentally, BLUE VISION was also in this garden - I forgot to mention above. These are three which really responded to rich soil but at the same time some are more subject to rot and will grow too tall in rich soil. One that makes a grand show anywhere is our own Mildred Schlumpf's SARALOU MERRELL. This is a miniature light raspberry rose with grand branching and very cute.

DAYLILIES WITH A PERSONALITY

From

EDNA LANKART

Rt. 4, Cherokee Trail, Tyler, Texas 75701

Offering daylilies that are different and adaptable to Region 6 from the gardens of Betty & Edgar Brown, Lucille Williamson, Carl Sauer, and Edna Lankart. Many new introductions are offered and for the first time selected seedlings from the best crosses are being offered to the hybridizers for their hybridizing program. Most of the new introductions may be seen in the gardens at our Region 6 Meeting so be sure and be there. If you have not received a list write for one at the above address.

TEXAS BUS NEWS

June 15th will be here before we know it and plans are in the making for another one of those wonderful times we always have on our "bus family" tour.

Bus Romance - Of course I can't make any promise, but you never can tell!! Our 1970 bus trip was one to long be remembered. Our four teenagers kept things really on the up and up. With the birthday party for Herman Winniford a first for any AHS Convention and something to let everyone know that "Texas Was There." But Georgia Mary Huggins, one of our charter bus members has left us for greener pastures. It all started in Atlanta when Ernie Gruber asked permission to share the bus seat next to Mary on one of the garden tours. Well, he didn't let any grass grow under his feet!!! So, on Valentine's Day here in Dallas, our Mary became Mrs. E. W. Gruber and they will make their home at 1704 Grandview Rd., Long Point, Pasadena, Maryland 21122. We will miss Mary but look forward to seeing the newlyweds in Birmingham in June.

A deposit of \$15 will hold your seat. The complete bus fare will be \$48. Hotel reservations will be approximately \$60, (\$30 for two). We plan to visit a number of Hem Gardens on our way with a night in Gay New Orleans and a visit to the Bellingrath Gardens in Mobile before the Convention. And we will enjoy historic Natchez on our way home from the Convention. Dallas as usual will entertain anyone in our homes that wishes a place to stay before and after the trip.

For any information about the trip from April 30 to May 25, please contact Mrs. Elmore Klenk, 5500 Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas 75220. Come on folks, Ken is ready and waiting to pilot that bus on another trip of fun and fellowship and who knows? Best wishes, Lula Mae Purnell

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CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

We can be very proud of Mrs. Paul J. Offer for being chosen as "Gardener of the Year" in San Antonio. It seems that every year 10 women are chosen as outstanding in such categories as sports, gardening, hostess, arts, parent-teacher, church, clubs, volunteer, homemaker, and career. It is indeed an honor to be chosen for one of these titles. Following are a few excerpts from the San Antonio Express: Her interest in flowers is matched by her concern for nature in general. For instance, she feels strongly about pesticides and commercial fertilizers. "I use as little commercial fertilizer and pesticides as I can. I don't approve. I don't think it's good for animals, birds, or people. In the Spring-time we'll have 30 or 40 Robins hopping around. Once in awhile we get Blue Jays."

Mrs. Offer is Vice-President of the Shasta Garden Club and President of the San Antonio Hemerocallis Society. She has also served as a Flower Show Judge and is Chairman of a biweekly plant sale for the San Antonio Garden Center.

Nationally, she is a member of the American Plant Life Society, American Amaryllis Society, and the American Hemerocallis Society.

Mrs. Offer makes compost from leaves, kitchen greens, shrub clippings, fertilizer, etc., for her garden. She uses compost on plants and asserts, "Everybody should do this to put organic material back into the soil. We take it out all the time, but we never put it back. Too much commercial fertilizer isn't good without organic products, too."

So we say, congratulations Mrs. Offer!!

## DISPLAY GARDENS

Lula Mae Purnell

SOS - Please send reports to me at once of all public plantings made in Region 6. Even though you have reported before, this must be a new report. Are you keeping the older plantings up? We have been having the best report in AHS for the past several years - let's keep up the good work - but you must report to me if you wish to receive credit and I have to depend on you if I am to send in a good report to AHS.

### PUT IT BACK

Nationwide Composting Campaign  
(From Organic Gardening Magazine)  
By Jerome Olds

"Put it back - that's the theme of the nationwide campaign led by Organic Gardening and Farming Magazine and Rodale Press to get people everywhere to compost wastes in their own backyards. Free information will be given to teachers, city governments, environmental groups, and others telling how to put garbage to work.

Composting can be the best environmental educator of all time. Grade-school children excitedly collect leaves and weeds, pile them up, and understand the cycle of life. Housewives stop seeking out convenience packaging once they understand how simply kitchen garbage builds up soil. City officials quit praising incinerators when they get an inkling about reclaiming land with wastes.

Organic gardeners all over the nation are part of the campaign. D. M. Rose of Knoxville, Tennessee, (his compost pile is said to have the happiest worms in Knox County), estimates that his city could reduce its garbage burden by 25 to 30% if residents would compost the parts of their garbage suitable for it. Says Mr. Rose, "Everybody has a little garden or a little flower bed and this compost just works wonders on them."

Clarence Golueke of the University of California, whose composting expertise ranges from the backyard to city waste treatment plants, believes that every homeowner can make vegetable culture a part of his landscaping. "If enough people did it, the price-gouging for fresh vegetables could be lessened." Dr. Golueke gives this composting advice, "Grinding helps if you have a lot of difficult-to-break-down material. However, only a minimum is needed with straight garden debris. In my experiments, I composted garden debris in a matter of 12 days. The only pre-treatment was to break up long stems into manageable sizes (with a sharp spade) and to turn the pile every third day three times. Aeration underneath is not needed if the pile is turned and the material is not overly wetted and is porous."

The beauty of composting is that it is so basic, so natural, so personal, so practical. It doesn't require more than one person, hence the individual can act apart from the organization. It doesn't require elaborate plans, you can get started immediately.

And when you compost, you garden, and then you start growing some of your own food.

D. E. Day of the Ohio Department of Health believes that the average homeowner still thinks of compost as something that is "dirty." Part of the "Put It Back" campaign will be to get Americans thinking in a positive way as Mr. Day suggests.

To help satisfy the demand for composting information, Rodale Press Editors. (*Ogf, Compost Science, Environment Action Bulletin*) have prepared a series of leaflets. One set will be given out this month at the Washington, D.C. meeting of science teachers. Others are being distributed through Ecology Centers, Organic Gardening clubs, environmental groups, governmental organizations, county agents, and others.

We invite each and every one to join us in this campaign to get America composting. Speak up at the PTA meetings, to your fellow workers, to your neighbors, to your child's teachers, to your newspapers, to everyone. We're all in the same boat - knowing a good thing and having to tell about it.

If you run into a skeptic who wants more information, send us the doubter's name and we'll send the "Put It Back" compost kit, but more important, convince him by showing off your own compost-making methods." Write to Rodale Press, Inc., 33 East Minor Street, Emmaus, Pennsylvania 18049 for the above kit if desired.

Let's all get into the act and see if we can cut down on garbage problems with home composts. Editor

Two ladies to the travel agent, "We'd like to get completely away from civilization - near some nice shopping center."

RESULTS OF THE POPULARITY POLL IN CENTRAL TEXAS HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

1970-71

15 Varieties Named By Each Member

9 votes - LAVENDER BONANZA

8 votes - RASPBERRY FRILLS

5 votes - LIME PAINTED LADY - LOVE THAT PINK - REGAL AIRE - PAPPY GATES - LOUISE RUSSELL

4 votes - CARTWHEELS - CLARENCE SIMON - SEA GOLD - GRAND CANYON - EXALTED RULER LUXURY LACE

3 Votes - HALLCROFT - MARIE BABIN - MARIE MONROE - SATIN GLASS - SWISS STRAWBERRY - WINSOME LADY

2 Votes - ANNIE WELCH - CASHMERE - BIG WORLD - CHERRY BLOSSOM - COSETTE - MAY HALL LILLIAN WIRICK - LOUISE SIMON - QUINCY - PINK REFLECTION - PURPLE SPLENDOR - ROSIE MEYER - FRENCH APRICOT - JAKE RUSSELL - VELVET GEM

As reported by Mrs. James E. Fitts, Popularity Poll Chairman

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REGION'S NEWEST SOCIETY ORGANIZED IN NORTH DALLAS

Final steps were taken Sunday, January 15th, in the organization of Region 6's newest Daylily Society with the selection of a slate of officers to guide it through the coming year.

Officers were chosen as follows: Carl Rogers, President; Martin McMillan, 1st Vice-President and Program Chairman; Myrtle Testa, Second Vice-President and Membership Chairman; John Moore, Third Vice-President and Show Chairman; Roberta Schnitzius, Secretary; and George Miller, Treasurer.

Other members are: W. B. Bethshares, Glenda Derby, Leona Gamble, Ida Mae McMillan, Della Miller, Doll (Mrs. George) Miller, Pauline Moore, Ruth Rogers, and Georgia Shields, all of Dallas; and Professor Rudolph Fuchs, faculty member of North Texas State University, Denton.

Regular meetings of the Society will be held every third Sunday, September through June, at 2:30 p.m. in a Community Center of the St. Thomas Episcopal Church, corner of Mockingbird Lane and Inwood Road in north Dallas.

Extracurricular activities under consideration include planned garden tours, plant sales, and a public exhibition of daylilies in June.

Martin McMillan

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OBSERVATIONS OF A NEW MEMBER

By Jack Bradley

In my experience, one daylily stands unchallenged as champion for uninterrupted rebloom: It is VENETIAN PINK (Hall), a deep pink with an orchid cast. It is medium sized and ruffled. My records show it started blooming on June 5th last year and continued through the first half of November. It was never without at least one blooming scape for approximately 22 consecutive weeks. The last bloom was on November 16th, after two light freezes in Fort Worth. Each time before an apparent last scape would finish, one or two new scapes would reach blooming stage. In the past I've had several day-lilies, most noteworthy SOLEIL D'OR (Wheeler), to bloom over a longer period. But with the others there were skips between some of the rebloom periods.

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WEED: A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered. Emerson

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LOVE YOUR ENEMY - It will drive him crazy.

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When I feel like finding fault, I always begin with myself and then I never get any further. David Grayson

GLEANINGS FROM THE READ RED ROBIN

In this dry weather I've been watering heavily the middle of each month. After the warm spell, following the January watering, the Hems started looking a little better. Maybe I haven't lost as many as I'd feared.

Glenna Belle Osborn - Clyde

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I leave my cleaning up of beds until after freezing time, as this debris surely helps protect the plants.

Mae Collie, Leader - Brownwood

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Foncine, I've slowed down, but it doesn't keep me from wanting to get my spade and start digging. I believe most of my seedlings are dormant. If not I've lost a lot of them. Pyrtle Garrison - Brownwood

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We've received about 1 1/2 inches of snow which wasn't much moisture on the Hems, but we are grateful for what we did get.

Thresa Holmes - Clyde

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There are lots of good ones I don't have that are cheaper now that I'd like, such as DOROTHY LAMBERT, GREEN FLUTTER, ORANGE JAKE RUSSELL, EXALTED RULER, and LAVENDER FLIGHT.

Christine Short - Abilene

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Mae, I had your card last week. We are so happy that we are going to have the Read Red Robin birthday party in our home this year. I do hope that everyone will be able to come. I'll leave the program up to you to work out, but it sounds good now. I talked to Christine about the food and we thought that we'd just let each one bring what was easier for them.

Marian Daniel - Abilene

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HOLLY SUE is number one on my want list. I would also like KNEE BABY (Harrison), which constantly receives comments in various publications.

Lois Blacklock - Hubbard

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I really enjoyed Kennedy's purple seedling (58-31A, a sister seedling to BLUE HAZE) with its bright green throat this past season. It was a bouquet all by itself over a long period of time, so was GINGER PEACHY (Lankart).

Foncine Hensley - Ore City

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Lois, like you, I am delighted that we're to have an all-inclusive checklist. I'm missing about four, the ones I usually need. Personally, I hope they'll encourage people to furnish parentage in order to register plants in the future. I read where this idea was presented at the National Board Meeting.

Rodger N. Croker - Llano

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REGION 13 MEETING

Plan to attend Region 13 Meeting to be held at Maxwell's Garden June 4th and 5th, 1971. Registration fee is \$7.50, payable to Maxwell's Garden.

The Banquet is to be held at Huey P. Long Motor Hotel, Winnfield, LA. Make room reservations there. The slide show and other entertainment will be there, also, June 4th, 7 p.m.

Barbeque and drawings of many prizes plus guest speaker will be at Maxwell's Garden June 5th. Many new daylilies to be seen.

Come and bring your cameras and flash bulbs for there will be many blooms and other things to take a picture of to remember the 1971 Region 13 Meeting.

REGION 6 ROBINS

The Robins seem to have settled down for the long Winter months, but Spring will soon be here and activity in the garden will be on the up and up. We hope to see a large bunch of Robins chirping away at our Region 6 Meeting in Beaumont. Best wishes from Mamma Robin, Lula Mae.

REVOLUTIONARY PROPAGATING TECHNIQUES will soon reach down to home gardeners. They will enable you to enjoy certain plant discoveries much sooner and more economically than before. This new method started a few years ago with "meristem culture" of Orchids. Now, under the general heading of "tissue culture" it has progressed to Daylilies and Carnations - and recent research shows promising results with a dozen or more plants. Besides boosting availability of plants, it leaves some diseases behind. The techniques create progeny exactly like the parent. Put simply, they consist of taking microscopic slices of the parent plant and growing them in nutrients in test tubes under controlled sterile conditions. Some of the new plant subjects found promising in California - where this particular research is being done - are Felicia, Ceanothus, Raphis, Photinia, Aechmea, Gerbera, Myrtus, Daphne, Grevillea, Cistus, and Cycas. Many greenhouses in this country are now filled with young Orchids that have been propagated in this general way.

From FLOWER & GARDEN, January 1969

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### THE ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF PHOTOGRAPHIC AWARD

Hey! All you shutterbugs! It's time for all entries to be made for the Robert Way Schlumpf Trophy. One is awarded for the best color slide of a single Hemerocallis bloom, preferably of newer introductions; and one for the best color slide featuring Hemerocallis in landscaping. The award for each class is a beautiful silver tray suitably engraved.

Entries must be made by the individual taking the picture. All slides entered are to be sent to AHS. Slide Custodian F. W. Hall, 109 N. Shady Oaks, Lake Jackson, Texas 77556.

The slide custodian will appoint a panel of three qualified judges to select the winner in each class. And - naturally - all slides entered become the property of the Society to enhance the slide collection for shows to promote the popularity of our beloved beauties to the uninitiated. You are challenged to enter your slides.

K. G. Wheeler, Houston, Texas

### "THANK YOU REGION 12"

DISGUST IS ... Seeing the neighbor's dog run through your daylily bed  
... showing your most prized daylily to a visitor and hearing them say, "I got one just like that, except mine is a double orange"  
... getting to a daylily show twenty minutes late, and then realizing that you forgot to bring all the scapes that you cut  
... nursing a prized scape all the way to the daylily show and then breaking a petal when you take it out of the car  
... finding that someone pinched the pollen out of the new daylily that you exhibited at the show  
... realizing that your beautiful seedling melts in the sun  
... trying to stop crown rot on that new daylily you just paid \$50 for  
... spraying your plants with chemicals to ward off insects - only to discover that the chemical was toxic to daylilies  
... realizing that the "beautiful flowers" the neighbor's child picked were the daylilies that you just cross pollinated  
... climbing over into the beds to plant a new daylily and realizing that you just sat down on the top of another plant

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A small town is the place where a fellow with a black eye doesn't have to explain. They already know.

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The average taxpayer may be the first natural resource to be exhausted.

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I wish to thank all of you who have contributed to the expense of printing and mailing the Newsletter.

Editor

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The exciting reverse bicolor so many have been waiting for.

Plant now for June bloom

Write for lists describing all our new introductions and other top daylilies.

Ida Mae and Martin McMillan

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NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

A hearty welcome to the American Hemerocallis Society and Region 6. I ask all of our members to check the names below and if any of them are near to you, contact them and make them feel welcome. For myself, if I can be of assistance to you, please call on me. I will be happy to do whatever I can. If you have anything of interest you feel should be in the Newsletter, send it to me. I am always looking for good Newsletter material. I hope all of you will plan on attending our Region 6 Meeting in Beaumont, May 28th and 29th. I would love to meet all of you. You will find that some of the names also appear in the list of contributors to the Newsletter as they have already sent in their subscriptions.

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Mrs. L. W. Knowles, (Madelene) of Nederland, Texas, passed away on January 9, 1971. She had been ill for several months. Mrs. Knowle's interest in daylilies and the AHS dates back several years. She loved all daylilies and grew several hundred cultivars. Region 6 will miss Madelene for she loved to attend all the Meetings as well as the National Conventions. She is a past President of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society, having served two terms. She was so excited about our Society hosting the Regional Meeting and had planned to make the "loot" bags as her contribution. - Submitted by Mrs. W. B. Fullen

Our sympathies are extended to Mr. J. E. Rupe in the loss of his wife, Jessie. She was a member of the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society and will be greatly missed.

### COMPOST

This is a simple method of compost making in a limited space. Use the largest plastic bags sold for trash collection. Everything can be used - coffee grounds, tea leaves, egg shells, fruit and vegetable peelings, leaves, and even paper towels. Add some garden soil to provide the necessary bacteria to break down the materials. Use no large bones or brush, these will not compost quickly. The moisture in the organic materials will be enough to dampen the contents sufficiently. Open the bag in two weeks and if contents are not moist, add a very minute amount of water. Keep the bag where the sun shines upon it for part of the day and reverse it occasionally to mix the contents. Use of "Activo", the commercial compost activator will give faster results.

Idea suggested by (Mrs. O. B.) Everett Randles

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An interesting item came my way the other day. The DuPont Company has placed on the market a new systemic fungicide called BENLATE. It has been cleared for use on Roses and ornamentals. On these it controls both black spot and powdery mildew, plus gray mold or botrytis blight, verticillium wilt, etc.

I haven't found it available locally but I hope that someone will try it on daylilies afflicted with crown rot or other similar diseases and let us hear about it.

If I can find it I want to try it to control the mildew that ruins my Zinnias in late Summer.

Margaret Kane - San Antonio