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RVP's RABID RAMBLINGS

First, I should like to thank Mildred Schlumpf for all of her patience in diligently answering my numerous questions and in making suggestions concerning the Newsletter that will aid in getting it to you in the most rapid manner possible. Her aid to your green RVP has been more than helpful.

In the Popularity Poll conducted last Summer, only 116 members of our 600 members in Region 6 bothered to vote, which seems considerably shameful. In the Journal is a perforated sheet placed for your convenience in participating in this poll. In the future we hope you'll be interested enough to offer your contribution. You do not have to be an Awards and Honors Judge to participate, all you have to do is be a member of AHS to qualify. Neither do you have to grow all the latest Hems to be eligible.

We would like to have your comments from time to time. Our second Newsletter is planned for mid-May, with the cut-off date for copy around the 15th of April. In fact, we plan each Newsletter to come out the middle of the second month of each quarter. By planning this way, I can avoid the rush season of semester tests and other activities at school.

The next favor I have to ask of you is to send us a postcard or letter with your favorite large yellow Hem and your favorite yellow miniature, if you have one. These can be old or new and should be based on performance. State why you selected either of these and limit to one in each category. In future issues, we'll have other color classes. These should be helpful in aiding members in making selections for the garden, since the larger the group preferring a particular cultivar, the better it should be as a garden variety.

I spent several weeks this Summer selecting my staff for these next two years, and I would like for you to become better acquainted with them.

Mrs. Stanley E. Hyer - RPD

Mrs. Stanley E. (Jessie) Hyer of Sweeny, a dear friend, has consented to serve as Regional Publicity Director (RPD). She is a native of McRae, Georgia, and has readily retained her pleasant Southern drawl. She is the mother of three sons and a daughter.

Having belonged to AHS since 1966, she grows approximately 1,000 named varieties and many seedlings. She won the Horticulture Society Bronze Medal in 1967, the Horticulture Society Certificate of Merit in 1970, and has won the Brazosport Sweepstakes 1967-1971. Jessie is an Awards and Honors Judge and also an Exhibition Judge.

Her interests are her church (Nazarene), her family, and friends. Hobbies consist of growing Hems and many other flowers, fishing, raising tropical fish, and from the amount of correspondence she carries on, I'd say letter writing is a foremost one.

Miss Betty L. Davis - Secretary

Miss Betty L. Davis of Sweeny is my Secretary. She, too, is a native Georgian. She is a graduate of Sweeny High School, attended Sam Houston College, and is currently enrolled as a student at Brazosport College.

Her hobbies include reading, sewing, and flowers. She served as Secretary to the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society in 1970 and as Flower Show Chairman in 1970 and 1971.

She's interested in hybridizing and has several promising seedlings. Her first love is the miniatures and she grows most of the excellent older varieties and many new ones, too. She is leader of the first Dwarf and Miniature Robin.

Having been a member of AHS since 1968, she is an Awards and Honors and an Exhibition Judge. She has visited a number of outstanding gardens nationally, including the Lambert, Wynne, Umstead, Saxton, and Wild gardens.

W. Ross Bauman - Treasurer

Ross Bauman, a Llano native and a descendant of early German settlers to Llano County. He is a close personal friend who has agreed to serve as Treasurer. He and I have taught together for a number of years and the principal has learned not to let us have the same conference period, for we're "rabble-rousers" when placed together.

He is a graduate of T. C. U. and also holds a Master's degree from there. He has worked for the State Department of Welfare and has engaged in ranching.

His hobbies and interests include traveling, doing Summer study, reading, and gardening. He is a member of the board of both the Llano County Library and the Llano County Memorial Hospital. Currently, he serves as President of the Llano County Unit of Texas State Teachers Association.

Mrs. E. E. LaGasse - Youth Director

Wilma LaGasse, my Youth Director, was born in Concho County, Texas, near Melvin, but was reared in Oklahoma. Her husband, Ed, is a first generation American, being of Danish and Dutch ancestry.

Her grandmother traveled from Mississippi to California in a wagon train in 1866, keeping a diary, which is in the Library of the University of California.

She and Ed have two daughters who were born in the farm home of the controversial Governor, William H. "Cockleburr" Murray, who helped write the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma.

In 1943, they moved to Texas where her husband was affiliated with Dow Chemical until his retirement in 1965.

Her daylily collection began when a friend gave her an old "Punkin daylily" from her yard. Sometime later, she and Leatha Cooke visited a daylily garden in Bay City where they saw an amazing variety of color. They were given several plants and later ordered their first from Mrs. Hardy. Wilma and Leatha talked daylilies and traded plants and finally in 1962 they helped organize the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society. They remain the only charter members left.

Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell - Robin Director

Lula Mae Purnell, Dallas, Texas, has been your Robin Director for a good many years and has graciously agreed to continue to help us in that capacity. Since most of you are familiar with her and her work, I did not include an autobiography, but I feel she should be commended for her excellent planning of the Texas Bus Trips to the National Conventions for the past several years.

I can't help but conclude with the mention of those varieties that pleased me this past season.

BITSY (Warner) - a bright yellow miniature that endeared itself in our garden by blooming almost constantly from late March until late November this past season. It is inexpensive enough for everyone to be able to include it in their gardens.

CLARENCE SIMON (MacMillan) - a huge green melon that seems to attract world's of attention in a color class that is crowded with many registered varieties, many of great note. Visitors readily notice the beauty of this one.

SOUTH SEA CORAL (Lankart) - a huge coral Hem that makes a clump that can only be described as luscious. It doesn't grow in our garden, but is # 1 on our list for this year.

TOM BOY (Branch) - a glowing small flowered dark raspberry with a tangerine throat, that somehow appears larger than it really is, by demanding your attention.

LITTLE CELENA (Williamson) - a deep pink miniature that I loved at first sight. Its beauty was enhanced by a green throat and a raspberry eye and plenty of ruffles.

MARY TODD (Fay) - a wide-petaled, ruffled medium yellow self. It's a tetraploid and the favorite of the tetraploids I've observed.

Let us have your comments for our next Newsletter, as we want this to be your Newsletter with what you'd like to read. April 15 is our deadline for copy for Newsletter # 2 which will be published in May.

Sincerely,

Rodger N. Croker

GIFT PLANTS SOUGHT FOR REGIONAL

Persons who are Interested in contributing plants to be given at the plant drawing at the 1972 Regional Meeting in Austin, June 2-3, 1972, please notify Bill Ater, 3802 Greystone Drive, Austin, Texas 78731, how many plants you will contribute, their names or identification number, and whether you will send the plant in the Fall or will bring it growing in a container to the Meeting. You will not be asked to contribute plants on an individual basis.

REGION 6 MEETING AT AUSTIN JUNE 2-3, 1972

Bill Ater

With the daylilies dormant it is time to plan Spring and Summer activities. Since Region 6 will be meeting in Austin in 1972, start making plans to come to Austin, June 2 and 3. The Austin Hemerocallis Society is planning a full two days of "Hem" activities for the group in attendance.

A Regional daylily display is planned with everyone bringing daylilies of special interest from their gardens. Display blocks and labels will be provided by the Austin Society.

Mr. Calvin G. Reeves will be in charge of registration, which begins at 1:00 p.m., Friday.

Mrs. Royal A. Ferris of Dallas will conduct an Exhibition Judges Clinic on Friday afternoon from 2 - 5 p.m. This will be a great time to meet the requirements of becoming a new judge or for renewing your Exhibition Judge requirements.

Mrs. Oliver P. Harris of Taylor will coordinate a group of arrangers and designers to help interested persons in the arrangement of Hemerocallis for show and home enjoyment. This should prove to be an exciting time for persons interested in the arrangement of daylilies, since there will be time to ask the leading arrangers questions, etc.

Friday afternoon there will be several gardens open for garden visitation - maps and directions to these gardens will be available at the registration desk. In addition to the listed Friday afternoon activities there will be an area for just plain visitation and daylily talk.

Friday night a slide show is planned, using the slides that you furnish. Be sure to put your name on the slides and some identification of what the flower is. Either send the slides to Bill Ater at 3803 Greystone Drive, Austin, Texas 78731, or bring them with you the night of the show. Following the slide show, a panel of growers from Region 6 will answer your questions pertaining to daylilies.

Saturday morning buses will be provided to take us to the gardens.

THE AUSTIN AREA GARDEN CENTER IN ZILKER PARK is one of the most exciting gardens in the area. Our early morning tour of this garden gives us a chance to visit many gardens all in one area. Of course, the large Hemerocallis garden greets you as you enter this garden which is built on several acres. The nature trails and paths take you to ponds, Azalea plantings, and one of the most spectacular Japanese Gardens in the world. This garden was designed and built by Isamu Taniguchi practically alone after he had reached his 80th year. Perhaps Mr. Taniguchi will be available to greet you when you tour this fine garden. Roses and other

gardens add to the interest and beauty of the Austin Garden Center.

MR. AND MRS. JULIUS SCHUTZE'S GARDEN AT 5515 Shoalwood Avenue is a fine example of using Hemerocallis in landscaping. With almost a full acre in this garden, daylilies are used in groups with the shrubbery as well as in the border plantings. There are large beds of grouped daylilies for color effect as well as beds planned for exhibition of special daylilies.

Any route to the garden of AUDREY LANIER (Mrs. John F.) at 4005 Edgemont will take you over hill and dale winding and curving on streets and taking you past many exciting homes and gardens. Arriving at the Lanier Garden is no exception to the excitement and beauty of the neighborhood because a bed of Hemerocallis at the street will greet you, as well as a lovely Rose garden. Then it is downhill all the way with a "Hem" in every direction. The border of pink daylilies in front of the house adds much interest to the landscaping. As the paths wind through the large garden in back of the house, there are many pocket plantings of Hemerocallis complimenting and being complimented by other plants. The blue Agapanthus are usually in bloom with the daylilies near the back of the garden for a striking effect. The large patio in the back of the garden has a nearby pond equipped with its own unusual frogs. Bonsai takes your interest while you rest a minute before taking another path for a closer look at the daylily that caught your eye across the garden on the way down. Don't miss the collection of unusual Cacti at the back of the house and a few steps up to the lath-covered patio finds you viewing a fine Bonsai collection and many Begonias and other interesting hanging baskets.

While we are in the hills it isn't far to the garden of MR. AND MRS. BILL ATER at 3803 Greystone Drive which is located in a new area being developed in Austin. This is a new garden having its first birthday on the day of the tour. The Aters have many of the miniature and small-flowered varieties, not to mention a fine collection of the large-flowered introductions of Southern hybridizers. Several hundred 1968, 1969, and 1970 Ater seedlings should be in bloom the day of the tour.

About ten miles northwest of Austin on US 183 is the country garden of MR. AND MRS. GUY D. GATES (Route 1, Box 80, Leander, Texas). The first impression of this garden is its neatness with every row carefully laid out about 30 inches apart so there is plenty of room to roam the rows and view Jessie's latest crop of seedlings. Although the seedlings are many, the named varieties of the latest and most popular introductions are here, also. These seedlings were outstanding last year even though there had not been any rain for several months. With late Summer, Fall, and Winter rains this year and hoped for Spring rains, this Spring this garden should be nothing short of spectacular on the day of the tour. Since open country is getting scarce in this area, it has been necessary for the Gates to erect a high fence around the garden to keep the deer from grazing on the scapes.

Many of W. B. MacMillan's introductions will be found in this garden including his not yet introduced "JESSIE GATES," which is a pink daylily that "Mr. Mac' and Mrs. Gates have waited several years for the introduction of this special pink which bears her name.

After lunch and a rest period there will be time to revisit gardens, chat with friends before the Saturday night banquet and business meeting presided over by Rodger Croker, our new Region 6 Vice-President.

Why not fill out the registration blank now and get it in the mail to Mr. Calvin G. Reeves, 5904 Lookout Mountain Drive, Austin, Texas 78731.

REGISTRATION BLANK

NAME _____ Number of Persons _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, & ZIP _____

Registration Fee: Before May 20, 1972 - \$15.00
After May 20, 1972 - \$17.50

Registration Fee includes bus tour, Saturday lunch and Saturday banquet.

Make your own reservations at the Meeting headquarters: CHARIOT INN, 7300 North Interregional Highway, Austin, Texas 78752, Telephone: 1-512-452-9371.

Be sure to mention that you are attending the Region 6 American Hemerocallis Society Meeting.

NEWS FROM AB ABILENE

Christine Short

Fall rains came to the Big Country and helped the Hems recover from the severe Summer heat and drought. We had hoped for a good rebloom following these fine rains, but it hasn't been that way. Very few rebloomed, but, of course, BITSY came through.

Mrs. Clyde Daniel is dividing and selling many of her older Hems, and she reports much interest among people newly interested in growing daylilies.

Several of our local members have expressed interest in joining the AHS, and we are urging them to do so right away.

We are planning a program on tetraploids for our March meeting, and since we have no authorities on tetraploids in West Texas, we are trying to educate ourselves before trying to educate our members.

SAN ANTONIO HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. Paul J. Offer

Our Christmas meeting and plant exchange took place at the home of Mrs. Emma Nelson and Mr. Ross Nelson. The following officers were elected.

President - Mr. Paul J. Offer
Vice-President - Mrs. Louise Oliver
Secretary - Mrs. Sandra Chaney
Treasurer - Mrs. Russell Whipp

The January meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Offer, with Mrs. Russell Whipp, and Mrs. E. O. Mumme assisting as hostesses. Mrs. H. G. Howard of The Happy Time Daylily Society of Pleasanton was a guest.

Program Chairman, Mrs. Louise Oliver, Mrs. Sandra Chaney, and Mrs. Joseph A. Polonis are diligently working on the yearbook.

Our February 13th meeting will be hosted by Mrs. Louise Oliver, Mrs. W. C. Byrd, and Mrs. E. O. Mumme at the Baptist Memorial Hospital, with the program presented by Mrs. Louise Oliver on "Organic Gardening."

NEWS FROM PLEASANTON

Mrs. H. G. (Pearl) Howard

The Happy Time Daylily Society of Pleasanton started 1972 with a bang! Twenty of our twenty-six members met at the H. G. Howard home January 10. New officers were installed. Marge Gonder made a talk on "How to Have Blooms the Year Round."

Most blooms of every kind were killed by our recent 18 degree temperature. Our Hems were so lush and green. Many evergreens were laid flat, but a few are still upright. ROSIE MEYER was not affected and neither was BITSY.

We plan to do as much garden touring as possible during May and June. We'd love to have some Hem bugs visit us, too.

My newest daylily is CLARENCE SIMON. My Christmas money, given me for daylilies, is burning my pockets while I wait for new price lists. At the top of my want list is HALLELUJAH CHORUS, followed by AMAZING GRACE, and DOXOLOGY. Wonder why the dealers don't get their price lists out earlier?

Happy gardening for 1972!

WORDS FROM YOUR REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Jessie Hyer

Our holiday trip to Georgia was a wonderful occasion, highlighted by our side-trip to see Mattie Harrison, which was a real delight. After writing her for years, I was convinced that she was an exceptionally nice person. After meeting her in person, enjoying a most delicious lunch, and touring her spacious garden, the trip was complete. Red, white, and pink Camellias were in bloom in her garden, along with Azaleas. The Hem fans looked like corn grown to perfection, they were so huge. I was so pleased to get a plant of the Hem named for her. Those who've missed a visit to Sunnyview Farm have missed a treat. I do hope someday to go back when the daylilies are in bloom and maybe even fish awhile in her beautiful lake.

We were happy to see Mr. J. E. Rupe won a J. C. on his 89YA seedling. Already, his 1972 seedlings are lined out and really beginning to grow. Stanley registered his orange tetraploid, HT1, which is to be called FULCRUM.

1972 NATIONAL CONVENTION TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
American Hemerocallis Society

THURSDAY, July 13, 1972

Board of Directors Meeting	8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Formal Registration	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Exhibition Judges School	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Daylily Display	3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Dinner	not programmed
Regional VP Meeting	5:00 p.m.
Round Robin Meeting	not programmed
Slide show	8:00 p.m.

Shuttle bus service will be run during the afternoon to the motor speedway and the art museum.

FRIDAY, July 14, 1972

Bus Tours	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Scientific Forum	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Banquet - Business Meeting	7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, July 15, 1972

Bus Tours	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Banquet - Awards	8:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, July 16, 1972 - Official end of the Convention - Gardens open for visiting from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Convention ends with picnic lunch in tour garden.

SLIDE SHOW

The 1972 Convention Committee is prepared to accept slides for viewing during the Convention Slide Show. The Slide Committee asks that each slide be marked as to owner and variety, and be sent no later than June 1st, to: Harold Van Treese, 9350 Vandergriff Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46239. Meeting this deadline will allow time to acquire proper equipment for viewing any size slide which may be sent. The committee reserves the right to edit all slides so as to fit the duration of the viewing time and to avoid duplication.

GIFT PLANTS

Gift plants have been a highlight of previous Conventions. The Indianapolis Society needs the donation of such plants in order to fulfill this "tradition." Anyone willing to supply gift plants may write to: Mrs. Earl Roberts, 5809 Rahke Road, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Region 2 Newsletter

MORE RANDOM THOUGHTS

Edna Lankart

Winter arrived in Tyler all of a sudden in January with a shivering 16 degrees (above, that is) and to me, that's pure Winter. Like my garden, my mind has gone into Winter hibernation but I will try to thaw it out long enough to write something for our Newsletter. Hot or cold, we still need material for the Newsletter, but I must say the middle of January is not the best time to write. Sure, it's easy to write when you can look out and see a garden full of daylilies blooming, but what's to inspire one when all you can see is frozen daylily slush?

Fortunately, I receive all fourteen Regional Newsletters and correspond with many knowledgeable daylily growers all over the U. S. and even a few from Canada, Europe, Australia, and South Africa, so if nothing comes to mind, I can always quote them.

Winter Cleanup - I have always hoped that clean daylily beds in the Winter might help prevent insects since controlling them is getting to be such a problem. Right before the 16 degrees came, my helper or Garden Coordinating Engineer, as I call him now, cleaned out all the weeds, grass, pine straw, leaves, and old dry foliage from most of my beds. This was burned as I believe if we place this in a compost pile, we are only giving the insects a good place to Winter over. It has pleased me to think that some of the insects hiding near the ground level may have frozen to death. Anyhow, I will see if this cleanup job helps or not.

Right here is where I start quoting. I subscribe to the Newsletter Willard King edits in Maryland and while I get quite a few chuckles from his way of writing, I learn things, also. I always thought a cold Winter helped do away with insects but I imagine it gets pretty cold up there and Willard is always "bugged." After using about everything for thrips, especially, he feels spraying every ten days with DDT or Malathion works the best - if you can be all that persistent. Willard says he has used the word "spraying" so often that he is beginning to feel like a skunk. He adds that spraying is one phase of gardening he has never been able to "dig" and I'll sure go along with that. He admits that not even late Fall spraying does away with the pesky thrips and he has the feeling that we are going to have to develop a soil drench that will kill those in the soil and also go into the roots and up to the foliage and scapes as they first start growing. I know systemics are supposed to go up into the plant but do not know about killing those in the ground, and anyhow, I do not believe daylilies are compatible with systemics. Wouldn't you think if our scientists can figure out how to get to the moon, they could get rid of things like a common cold, thrips, aphids, and red spider mites? If all else fails, do as one grower in Maryland does - dig up all thrip-happy Hems and throw them away. They are of the opinion that some are more susceptible than others, but even so, I am not able to throw away the expensive ones - even if some are "dogs." I keep thinking there must be something good about it so I try it as a parent. If nothing comes of that - out it goes. Willard writes that he never had all this trouble with the old Dr. Stout daylilies that were just one step ahead of the species. I can't figure out if daylilies have changed that much or if there are just more insects.

Gardening Is Supposed to Be Fun - Are we taking our gardens too seriously? Do we work so hard at it that gardening becomes a drudge? Do we feel we must have every new daylily our neighbor has or do we select only what we like and can afford? When I started growing daylilies, I thought I had to buy every daylily that was described with glowing terms and if I had kept this up, my bank account would be such that if one could fly around the world for ten dollars, I couldn't have made it out of sight. To quote Clare Leighton on this subject, "We should never take our garden too seriously. Too professional an attitude is apt to give us the same taut, strained feeling that comes onto the faces and lives of all specialists. It is better to have a few weeds and untidy edges to our flower beds and to enjoy our garden, than to allow ourselves to be dominated by it." I wish someone would stand behind me when I am making my daylily crosses and remind me of this.

The only beautiful large clumps of daylilies we see now are mostly the older varieties. Sad to say, most who buy the latest and most expensive daylilies seldom let them grow into a clump as they decide to divide each plant and sell or trade the extras. This does not help the hybridizer as you seldom see their creations displayed as they should be until they are considered "old hat" and priced cheap. For this reason, the gardener who selects for garden beauty and personal pleasure often has a much more beautiful garden - simply because plants are allowed to grow into clumps and really make a show.

I have always had too many daylilies to get around to dividing them when I should and can remember large clumps of older varieties that were really a show - some I can visualize now are clumps of LOUISE RUSSELL, miniature EGYPTIAN ELF, THERESA HALL, low and ruffled MATINEE, the exotic dark red MARSE CONNELL, still a great yellow JAKE RUSSELL, the delicate LUXURY LACE, and many others. Now some of the newer daylilies are coming down in price and we are beginning to see beautiful clumps of CLARENCE

SIMON, GREEN FLUTTER, TWENTY THIRD PSALM, PINK SWINGER, MARY MAE SIMON, MARIE BABIN, RASPBERRY FRILLS, WINSOME LADY, SCRUMPTIOUS, WINNING WAYS, SWEET GEORGIA BROWN, and many more. To make a good clump, they must either have good branching or send up many scapes. A seedling or named variety that grows into a good size clump and produces only a very few scapes should be discarded.

What's New - and I don't mean daylilies. Do all of you Awards and Honors Judges know that we will be allowed to vote for only five for Junior Citation. Maybe ten votes was too many and it will "upgrade" those that do win. But I may have a nervous breakdown trying to decide which five to vote on. Also we are going back to 25 Popularity Poll votes, as it seems by reducing it to 15 we "upgraded" it too much and voted for too many new and expensive ones. This figures because it is sent out to many new growers who depend upon it to select what they buy, so we need more of the good tried and true varieties on the list.

Awards and Honors Judges - Please note that if you do not vote this year and fail to give an excuse, you will be dropped. If you fail to vote for the second year, even with an excuse, you will be dropped. This is to make room for judges who are able to travel and see gardens other than those in their own town or area. If you are able to fulfill your voting duties in the future, you may reapply and will be considered if you give explanation as to why you failed to vote. We need our full quota of judges but we need judges who will do their part, so get out your pencil and notebook and hit the Hem trails this season.

Daylily Price Lists and Catalogs - Have you noticed in the last few years that most daylily catalogs are a thing of the past and that many of the price lists just list names of daylilies but give no description. Can you imagine how frustrating this must be to the poor new members and growers who do not keep up with everything that comes out? The real bargain-priced daylilies are also disappearing from price lists. This is also unfortunate for the beginner and those who can spend only a small amount but most are also making more now. Many have had to discard the cheapest varieties due to lack of or high cost of help and high postage rates. Bargains can often be had if bought at the garden.

To my knowledge, the only catalog available that gives full descriptions and also many color pictures is Gilbert H. Wild & Son, Inc., Sarcoxie, MO 64862. This catalog contains around 90 pages and new customers may order it for fifty cents. I do not mean this to be "commercial" but many still want full descriptions and like to see pictures.

From Jim Terry - To quote Jim, "The most important quality of a daylily is distinction. If we cannot tell one from another then what do we have?" In describing his favorites, he writes, "I think I could identify any daylily I have discussed, no matter where or when I saw it. This is distinction. The same applies to humans. Some you would recognize wherever you saw them - they are the personalities. The others fade into the crowd." Jim also writes that he was disappointed in the lack of good new pinks, reds, and lavenders he saw the past season. I agree but would like to add purples. I have yet to see a real good purple with wide segments and if any of you know of one - tell me about it. I have crossed all the bright colors with FATSO, HYBRIDIZERS DREAM, and EDGAR BROWN and hope a few come out the way I expect them to. My seedlings "read" so good that I can hardly wait for them to bloom. I have quite a few from a cross of GREEN FLUTTER x EDNA SPALDING MEMORIAL and some really good tetraploid crosses, so if something super doesn't show up, I may go back to hybridizing COTTON. This is being written on January 16, 1972 - the day of the championship playoff. No greater love has anyone for AHS than to sit here and write an article about daylilies when the Dallas Cowboys played - and, I think, won the championship.

In the October-November-December, 1970 Newsletter, Nancy Wood had a poem, "Lines to Weeds and Pests" that I thought was so amusing I had to write one which I call, "Random Thoughts." For what it is worth, here it is.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Nancy's TLC bit was well taken
Weeds and bugs, how I hate 'em!
Weeds take up space I cannot spare
And grow and grow without a care.
Scold and frown all you will
Next day they're there, thriving still.
I hoe and pull and work like mad
The day they die I'll be so glad!
They hang on until we get a shower
Then they start growing with magic power.
Bugs come in loners, families, dozens,
And call in all their country cousins.
If I spray, they go away
To multiply and return another day.
Now bugs and weeds, I'm growing older
While every year you grow bolder.
Just dry up, go away, cease,
And let me enjoy gardening in peace!

Wilma LaGasse

Local societies please send a roster of your new officers and their addresses, as well as a copy of your new yearbook, to your RVP.

1971 - A YEAR OF PROGRESS

Betty L. Davis

The books are closed on 1971, and the time of accounting is at hand. The significance of any period of time is its contribution to those who live it and the imprint of its accomplishment on the future. The happy hours spent with my many daylily friends around the Region have, as usual, been a source of keen enjoyment. The wealth of interesting seedlings encountered on my visits to local hybridizers has marked 1971, in my mind, as a period which will elevate the standards of daylily culture in the years ahead. From my notes and from my pleasant memories I hope I can bring you a helpful report on some of the things I have seen in the gardens of my friends during the past bloom season.

Wilma LaGasse was justifiably proud of her WL 113-71. This cross, made from within her own seedling line, resulted in a 15 inch tall small flower of ruffled cream with a faint pink wash on the sepals. Very heavy substance was an outstanding characteristic of this one. Wilma, also had an intriguingly late bloomer in her Hem patch, WL 110-71, (CLARENCE SIMON x seedling). This one was a pale lavender recurved, creped, and ruffled, about 26 inches. Because of the dry season and the late bloom it did not rebloom last year, but I will be watching.

I have long expected to find some excellent REGAL AIR seedlings. I found two this year in the garden of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Mann. Their #164 is 36 inches, old rose with a light halo, green throat, wide petaled, ruffled and recurved - a beauty. They also produced a very prolific blooming red with a green throat from another REGAL AIR seedling cross. This one with very compact oval-shaped blooms is seedling #80.

Raymond Early's cross of HORTENSIA x GREEN FLUTTER rewarded him with an outstanding seedling of empire yellow with a green throat. I counted 61 buds on one scape of this beauty, (70-EY-61). Mr. Early also had a seedling, (70-RO-15), which I liked very much. The color was rose opal with darker veins, the edge of sap green throat blending into lettuce green. The flower's accented by a light opal midrib.

The garden of James Rupe again provided many pleasant surprises. His #89YA earned him a J. C. Award in 1971. It is a moderate purplish pink with dark purple eye and a blue sheen halo. Mr. Rupe presented me a

plant of his 345AY, a JOHN EDGAR HOOVER seedling of a near white - one of my prize possessions. In this garden, I discovered the best branched specimen I saw last year. 271AC is remarkable for width of fan at crown and candelabra branching with strong erect scapes and overlapping orange-yellow flowers of excellent substance. This seedling is from his seedling line which always transmits strong scapes on vigorous plants as well as excellent petal width and texture.

Mr. L. R. Smith's POCO VINO triumphed at the Brazosport Show in 1971 and his garden stands ready to back it up with many interesting varieties developing under his watchful eye. He has large compact plantings consisting mainly of his own originations. Excellent branching is becoming the hallmark of the Smith garden. Two of the best I saw there were. #71-22, a medium yellow with lots of green in throat, creped, with good substance and branching; and #69-17TT, a round yellow suffused pink with lavender midribs - an aristocrat.

During the bloom season I saw the gardens of Naomi Carwile, John Buettner, F. W. Hall, S. E. Hyer, Gladys and Clarence Keener, the John Rameys, and Inez Tarrant. I saw a wealth of good seedlings, some of which I hope to add to my collection, later. At the time of this writing these friends had not, as yet, numbered their seedlings but will do so in time for the Summer tours.

Building on this basis of what I saw this Summer, our Brazosport Hemerocallis people are going to have a display which will well reward visitors from far and near, both in 1972 and at the Regional Meeting to be held here May 25-26, 1973. You all come.

COMPOSTING IS FUN

Mildred W. Schlumpf

For the past few years I have used commercial fertilizers almost exclusively in my garden and each year I have had an increasing amount of crown rot among my daylilies. Whether that has anything to do with causing the crown rot, I do not know but I have decided to go organic. When my late husband and I built the garden in my present location we used organic materials almost exclusively. These were Rock Phosphate, Hybrotite, Minsoil, Terragreen (a finely pulverized red clay which hold moisture), gypsum, organic mulch, ground rice hulls, and peat moss. We started with a terrible gumbo soil and by constantly chopping away, adding gypsum, and watering and then chopping again, adding more gypsum, wetting it down, etc., we finally wound up with a very nice loamy soil. Then I started using 12-24-12 and other commercial fertilizers. We had started the garden in 1965 and my first crown rot appeared in 1967. After fighting it for the past four years with fungicides, I have decided to now try compost.

Late this past Summer I built my first compost pile. I found a space behind my garage and took my grass clippings and my weeds, which I ran over with my rotary lawn mower, catching them in the grass catcher and layered them with the following: a layer of grass and/or weeds, a generous sprinkling of Rock Phosphate, Hybrotite (a crushed marble), Houactinite (sewage sludge, heat treated), some soil, and then I watered it down with a Fertosan solution (a natural culture to start the bacterial action). I continued to build this like a layer cake. Then I covered the whole pile with black plastic. During the next two months I turned the entire pile with a hay fork. At times it was so hot that I could not stand my hand in the pile. The compost was finished and ready to use during late October and November. I used it to prepare my seedling beds and even though the weather has been cool, my little seedlings which were, through necessity, planted quite late, have shown some signs of growth.

This is an excellent way to use your leaves, grass clippings, and weeds, with the exception of nut grass, which I separate as I pull it from my other weeds. Just think how much we save by doing this and how much humus we add to our gardens. Compost works much better during hot weather than cold but it will slowly disintegrate in cool weather. Oh yes, I forgot to say that I save all my kitchen green garbage to use in the compost such as lettuce, peelings of all kinds, grapefruit, and orange hulls, some egg shells which I crush, apple peelings, etc. No meat scraps of any kind should be put into your compost. Just try this and see how much satisfaction you will get from it. And you will also be helping correct the pollution.

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REGION 6 JUNIOR CITATIONS

Rodger N. Croker

Of the 129 Junior Citations voted in 1971, twenty were the products of Region 6 hybridizers. This figures out at almost 6 ½ percent.

Mrs. Edgar Brown had her 42-70 and 72-71CR, that lavender-tinged cream that took the 1971 Regional by storm, to head the list of Junior Citations. Edgar Brown won J. C.'s for his T-1-70-PE and MEXICALI ROSE, a bronzy-rose beauty whose name brings back memories of yesteryear.

David Flesh was next on the list with his DF-70-6 and DF-71-21. Hughes Gardens of Mansfield had two mentioned, COMANCHE WARRIOR and GOLDEN GLEN.

Miss Edna Lankart received her J. C. for 68-111.

J. E. Rupe of Bay City is noted for his 89 YA, a purplish pink with a deep purple eye and blue sheen halo. Mildred Schlumpf, past - RVP won hers for the variety named on a dare, RUFFLED PANTIES.

Lucille Warner and Lucille Williamson topped the list with four J. C.'s apiece; Mrs. Warner for PINK BLAZER, 7-160, 7-180, and T-69-265 and Mrs. Williamson for LITTLE GRAPETTE, LITTLE IDY, LITTLE SUZIE, and. WM-402.

Ury Winniford. of Dallas concluded the list of J. C. winners with WG 69-142D.

These awards indicate the promise of these new varieties, and also large amounts of hard work and plenty of "know-how," plus a sprinkling of genetic luck, of which the non-hybridizer may be unaware. Personally, I feel these ten hybridizers are to be commended by Region 6 for their accomplishments.

MRS. OLIVER P. HARRIS WINS 1971 YASTE AWARD

Compiled from materials submitted by
Bess Fomby, Austin, and F. D. Coppin, Waco

Congratulations are in order to Lou Bell Harris of Taylor who has placed nationally with her arrangements for the past four years.

Her first entry won a fourth place, and for her second entry she placed second. In 1970 and 1971 she took top honors, winning the Mabel Yaste Tricolor Trophy, a special award in the Artistic Division sponsored by the American Hemerocallis Society.

Her entries were entered in the show sponsored by the Austin Hemerocallis Society.

Lou Bell is a member of both the Austin Hemerocallis Society and the Central Texas Hemerocallis Society of Waco.

REFLECTIONS OF REGION 13's RPD

Jimmy McKinney

I think that the two most beautiful single blooms seen this year were BOTICELLI (Munson), a rose with superb form and BY MYSELF (Peck), breathtakingly beautiful, round, butter smooth light gold. In any color class regardless of the number of chromosomes was UPROAR (Tanner), a dark red that bloomed like a champion, and BUDDHA (Whatley), a red that took Birmingham by storm, and finally DOUGLAS DALE (Peck). These are the ones that the hybridizers will be trying to top for a long time to come. But how does one leave out a cultivar like FLAGSHIP (Hardy), and FABULOUS FAVORITE (Lankart)?

PERENNIAL PLEASURE (Hardy), the current. President's Cup winner and WINNING WAYS (Wild), are both magnificent yellows which I am proud to be growing. But then how is it possible to omit the Atlanta Convention sensation JAKARTA (Whatley), the most talked about cultivar since FRANCIS FAY?

The best miniatures were LITTLE BUSINESS (Maxwell), a small, low growing red with a glowing, scarlet throat and seen at the Region 13 Meeting and 6523X (Kennedy), a continuous blooming yellow that was grown to perfection in the Joe and Olive Langdon garden in Birmingham.

We all like to talk about and describe cultivars with green throats, but until HEATHERGREEN (Peck), is grown, you ain't seen nuthin' yet! It's a light shade of pink with a contrasting green throat - sure to become one of the best.

In lavender I have yet to see one better than CHOSEN LOVE (Maxwell). It has good form, clear color, and excellent branching! HALLELUJAH CHORUS (MacMillan), is a light pink with green throat and excellent form; it is huge and demands attention as his inimitable VIOLA PARKER, fast becoming a must for every gardener.

The best gold colored daylily I have seen to date is CORNWALL (Lambert). It is solid gold, a complete self with lovely form and superior substance with ruffling, it is proving to be a good one for breeding.

The most exciting color seen in the past few years is in CHERRY CHEEKS (Peck), a rose-pink which has a dusting of darker color where the flower curves back. It is entirely different.

Checking my notes again I could not help but notice that on several occasions I have said that EDNA SPALDING MEMORIAL (MacMillan), is the most beautiful flower I have ever seen, and I am still not letting up a bit. It's a light yellow with green all over and with a green throat; it is wide petaled and ruffled. Truly magnificent, this is one of the great daylilies of all time! If I had to find a fault with this one, it would be that I don't have about a dozen plants!

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