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RVP's MESSAGE

Each new year usually begins with resolutions - mine were to endeavor to continue to keep Region 6 the best in the American Hemerocallis Society. With "total participation" we can increase our membership Locally and Nationally. The American Hemerocallis Society is offering free membership to each person who gets five new members. Will each of you sell the advantages of being an American Hemerocallis Society member?

One of the best ways to increase interest is by having accredited shows. There is now a Rosette for the Youth and one for the Doubles. Do participate in a show if possible. You could have the winning daylily, you'll never know unless you try.

Mrs. John F. Lanier of Austin was second runner-up for the Mabel Yaste Trophy for her arrangement. Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd of Dallas was a Tricolor winner. Region 6 is proud of both of you. Who will be our 1976 representative?

The A. D. Roquemore Memorial Award is for the Best Slide of a Clump of a Named Variety. You can also enter for the Robert Way Schlumpf Awards, one is for a single bloom, another for the best landscape slide. The Robert P. Miller Memorial Award is for a registered and introduced best nearest-to-white tetraploid voted by all Awards and Honors Judges. These are National Awards presented at the National Convention. Surely Region 6 can win these awards in 1976!

I have applications for becoming an Awards and Honors Judge. Those interested please write me.

I need volunteers for hosting the 1978 and 1979 Regionals. Please discuss this at your next regular meeting and let me know if you can help.

When you go garden visiting be sure to have paper and pen for notes to be included in your Newsletter. The Newsletter belongs to each of you so it is what you contribute.

I wish to thank each of you for your personal letters, and those of you who contributed articles and financial support.

Hope to see you in a garden, at a flower show, our Regional, or the National Convention.

Mrs. W. S. Lanham - RPD

Mrs. W. S. (Gertrude) Lanham has consented to serve as Regional Publicity Director (RPD). She is well known to most of us who follow the Hem circuit. For those who have not met her, I have discovered some of the factors which formed the personality I appreciate so much. Born in Haskell County, Texas, she attended public school at Big Springs. Gertrude studied at Montezuma Academy and College in Las Vegas, New Mexico, receiving her B. A. degree from Hardin Simmons in Abilene.

Gertrude came to Dallas with her husband and their three children in 1930. She taught at Pleasant Grove High School and at Highland Park Junior High for a total of seventeen years, retiring in 1970. She is currently involved with eight different clubs and civic enterprises; holding office in several.

This is how Gertrude feels about her daylilies:

My interest in daylilies began about fifteen years ago, when I decided I was tired of dividing Chrysanthemums and Daisies so often. I now divide daylilies, but the experience of knowing the lovely, lovely people in the daylily world has been most rewarding. The fun times on our Texas bus trips to the National Conventions, and visiting the gorgeous gardens all over have really made my life so happy. I am indeed grateful for all the friends I have made.

Miss Elizabeth Krebs - Secretary

Miss Elizabeth Krebs of Taylor is our Secretary. She is employed as a Service Representative for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. Elizabeth is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a Bible teacher for Circle IV.

Liz speaks of her own daylily ventures, "I became interested in daylilies in 1967, because Hummingbirds are attracted to daylily blossoms. I joined the American Hemerocallis Society in 1968, to learn about daylily culture. I attended my first Regional in Lufkin, and became so fascinated with daylilies, their hybridizers, and growers that I have not missed a Regional since. I am a member of the Austin Hemerocallis Society, also an Exhibition Judge."

Elizabeth grows 200 plus named varieties and some choice seedlings. Her backyard garden is small; however, she grows named Bearded Iris, Cannas, Chrysanthemums, Daisies, Ferns, Herbs, Sedums, and annuals.

Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell - Robin Director

Lula Mae is too well known throughout the Region, and Nationally, for this youthful pen to add anything but my admiration.

What shall I say? Life Member, Master Judge, Robin Director, Display Gardens, Tour Organizer - these are the present.

She is a recipient of the Helen Field Fischer Award - let this alone tell of the past, "Highest honor the American Hemerocallis Society can bestow - a very busy person, who works and devotes her time generously in serving unselfishly wherever needed." Welcome again.

Mr. Stanley E. Hyer - Treasurer

Stanley was born in the Mohawk Valley of Central New York, where he lived until entering the service. After fourteen years in the U. S. Army, during which he saw forty-nine states and nine foreign countries, he settled at last in Region 6.

Interested in daylily folks for several years, he is known locally as, "the world's worst pollen dabber."
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WHAT'S UP, DOC - AT HEM'D INN

We had been so discouraged by the losses we sustained in 1973 at the time of our fire, that we decided this might be a good time to cut back on the work involved in hybridizing, to think in terms of less time and less labor. Then we were back home in 1975 to observe our bloom. It was too exciting, and we did an about-face. Instead of being discouraged, we were encouraged.

Again, in 1975 as for the last six years, our prettiest and most distinctive Hems came from induced material. Our prettiest pinks were from induced SUGAR (Warner), ETHEL BAKER (MacMillan), MY SON BOB (Parker), and a DREAM MIST x PRESIDENT GILES seedling. Our near whites from induced MOMENT OF TRUTH (MacMillan), CHOSEN ONE (MacMillan), and a SNOW PRINCESS x ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF seedling. Our best yellow miniatures were out of an induced BITSY x GUARDIAN ANGEL seedling, and SWEETIE FACE (WARNER). Our best pastel miniatures were out of an induced BERTIE FERRIS (Winniford) and an induced powder pink Spalding seedling SP 25-70, and ANGEL WINE (Warner). Our best lavenders were out of an induced CATHERINE WOODBERY (Childs, F.), and a MacMillan seedling 70-05.

We have been asked many times why we hybridize only tetraploids. Our space is limited, and we decided we had neither the area nor the time to do both. We find the tetraploids more interesting and more of a challenge. We have had virtually no crown rot in tetraploids. We have done extensive work in early bloom: Inasmuch as we have treated so many of our own seedlings we have early bloom in the tetraploids. I consider 2-3 weeks ahead of bloom "early" - E. I consider 3-6 weeks ahead of bloom EE - very early (i.e. BITSY).

In 1976 we are introducing four of our early blooming tetraploids: EARLY LOVELY, a rose pink with green throat, ruffled, 5" flower, and excellent parent, with consistent rebloom; SHELL - a powder pink with green throat, 5" flower, fertile both ways, consistent rebloom; BETWIXT - small flowered, almost miniature, mauve rose, very fertile, an excellent parent with consistent rebloom; BONUS a very early small flowered yellow with BITSY in it twice, an excellent parent and with consistent rebloom; FEVER - a midseason red, very vivid, pure hot red with green throat, fertile both ways; and DOLL - a midseason small flowered raspberry wine, color deepening above green throat, very ruffled and full, fertile both ways.

These six will be introduced this Spring in the next Journal. By Fall we hope to have enough of the J. C. winner for 1975 - 72-130, and the J. C. winner for 1974 - 72-55, and our first full miniature yellow tetraploid. Remember, THE WELCOME MAT IS ALWAYS OUT - AT HEM'D INN.

Lucille Warner

PRUNING Norine Lunsford

A sapling sprouts and starts to grow,
No directions, no way to know.
The gardener has a job to do,
He nurtures the sapling,
he snips and he prunes,
To keep it growing straight and strong.
When its roots are grounded
And its life secure,
He lets it go
And hopes it will endure.

REGION 6 GAINS RECOGNITION Rodger N. Croker

Recognition came to Region 6 in the late 1975 announcement of the AHS Awards. Winning the Donn Fischer Memorial Award for the outstanding miniature Nationally was LITTLE GRAPETTE, Lucille Williamson's low-growing grape purple. The low scapes and green throat further enhance the beauty of this winner.

Mrs. Edgar Brown gained honor by having her low-growing chartreuse double, DOUBLE CUTIE, be the first recipient of the newly instituted Ida Munson Award. This is for recognition to outstanding Hems in the double class.

Two Region 6 Hems were honored with the Award of Merit. Winning A. M.'s were Winniford's persimmon miniature, BERTIE FERRIS, which is definitely not a new-comer to winning awards, and Edna Lankart's raspberry red FABULOUS FAVORITE. The latter continues to hold its own as a top-notch performer, even with newer Hems entering this color class annually.

Honorable Mentions went to three Hems from this Region: Elna Winniford's BOZO, a low red one that grows just slightly larger than miniature size in our garden; E. W. Brown's large, wide-petaled gold FATSO; and Lucille Williamson's outstanding deep pink ruffled LITTLE CELENA, with a deeper eye.

Gaining part of the spotlight were nine Regional hybridizers. These Junior Citation winners were awarded to focus attention on promising unintroduced cultivars.

Edna Lankart's J. C. winner was her 73-19, a cross of FABULOUS FAVORITE x (FATSO x HYBRIDIZERS DREAM). It is a 5 - 5 ½" wide-petaled, ruffled pink with a small green heart and deeper pink brushing. The segments loosely recurve. She considers it her best. A unique feature is that it is a dormant Hem, but grows vigorously in this Region.

DALLAS ROSE is a new cultivar from Bertie Ferris, on a 34" scape. The blooms are ruffled and are a soft rose-pink with a green throat. Bertie states that she has never seen this unusual color duplicated in another Hem. The cultivar, which is a cross of ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF x ARDENT PINK, gives rapid increase and blooms freely.

Lucille Warner's 72-130 is a tetraploid, which is a cross of MELINDA WARNER McCONNELL x TETRA EDNA SPALDING. It has 5 ½" blooms on 28" scapes and is a dormant cultivar. The color is a soft, light, but very pure pink, enhanced by a green throat and a wide, full, flat bloom. It has proved to be an exceptional parent, as it is fertile both ways, and transmits its color and green throat. It will possibly be introduced in the Fall of 1976.

Marge Russell joins the parade of winners with another pink beauty in her 75-37, which is a soft rose with wide, ruffled petals which contain a lighter area in the center of each petal. Growing 26" tall, it is a reblooming offspring of ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF x JUBILEE PINK.

Tom Hughes' MARLOU changes the color class with a 5" mimosa yellow on a 26" scape. This Hem, with all segments ruffled, is a cross of CLO GREEN x RENEE.

Joyce Lewis' LR2, which has been given the intriguing name of YUM YUM, has won for its hybridizer his first J. C. YUM YUM is a 2 ½", low, well-branched deep purple-red with a chartreuse throat. It is a semi-evergreen, which transmits the excellent branching qualities to its offspring. (Note: This is the best dark miniature I have seen since BLACK PEARL (Knower) hit the garden scene some ten years ago).

Elna Winniford actually gained twenty votes for her MINT GREEN, as it and her EW-74-081 are one and the same. (Some voted for it while under number and some after it was registered). It is a 5" flower with nice form and good growing habits, which shows much more green than their GREEN FLIGHT.

Ury Winniford's BRUTUS is a late bloomer, which had not bloomed at the time of the Regional in Dallas. It is a very large near green, overshadowed with pink. It has 2 ½" petals, and 1 ¾" sepals and good branching, which compliment the good growing habits.

Also, the winner of the Malcolm Collie Hemmie Award, Mary Cunningham's CG-74-001-D, with twenty-five votes, had the second highest number of J. C. votes awarded in 1975. It is a low-growing lavender that was outstanding with its clear, vibrant coloring. At Ury Winniford's, where it was growing so well for the 1975 Regional, he had much to say about this Hem. He stated, "I just do not believe you can say too much for this daylily. I think I know good Hems when I see them, and I think this is the best lavender that has bloomed yet. By the inquiries that I have got from the people who saw it, I think they saw it as I did. Region 6 just has none better."

EXCLUSIVELY FRAGILE Sallie Stroud

The first time I was introduced to the world of the super daylily was by way of Jones Creek, Texas, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. F. D. (Inez) Tarrant. It was a beautiful, sunny, Sunday afternoon (Mother's Day) several years ago. Church bells chimed across the way, as if part of the setting, and her lovely garden of daylilies was really showing off. With their colors bright and true, I have never seen blooms any prettier than on that day.

But the one that stands out most in my mind will always be LIFE IS FRAGILE. This was the year it was introduced and what a winner it has turned out to be. It is a fast multiplier, has good texture, wonderful bloomer, and extremely hardy. To top it all it has a beautiful clear glow, almost white, with large recurved bloom. LIFE IS FRAGILE is a real pleasure to grow and surely destined to become an all time favorite.

SOME MINIATURES THAT CAUGHT THE EYE

Rodger N. Croker

In our garden the miniature Hems that caused the most attention were older ones growing in multiple clumps with dozens of blooms daily, such as INK SPOT (Walker) oxblood, LITTLE DANDY (Hughes) red purple, BITSY (Warner) yellow, BERTIE FERRIS (Winniford) persimmon, SQUEAKY (Winniford, H.) yellow, RED MITTENS (Heinemann, V.) red, and LITTLE JIGGER (Lenington, L.) yellow.

Newer ones to catch the eye were BUTTERPAT (Kennedy), a pale, very low yellow that rebloomed in August just as vigorously as in June.

Another one was NAOMI RUTH (Taylor, G.), a persimmon melon with much ruffling. I have never had a first year plant perform as this one did. In describing its color, it has a similarity to BERTIE FERRIS, color-wise, but it has a more muted coloring. It lacks the glow of BERTIE FERRIS, but is by no means a colorless wallflower.

LITTLE GRAPETTE (Williamson) is undoubtedly the best miniature in the purple class. It remains low.

Slightly above the miniature class is Hughes' distinctive 1975 introduction, YELLOW RUFFLES. It is a ruffled 3 ½" deep yellow on 12" scapes, with the form of one of its parents, LOLABELLE (Lenington, G.). An outstanding eyed one was 3" TIXIE (Winniford, E.), a deep old gold, or deep yellow, with a rust eye, and green throat with a "biscuit" form.

LOUISE MANELIS (Winniford) is a 3 ½" shrimp pink with a glowing apricot throat, on a 18" scape. A sister seedling is BELLA MANELIS, a 3 ¾" apricot self. Both of these are seedlings of Winniford's BERTIE FERRIS.

TRIPS TO THE EARLYS

Sallie Stroud

Visits to the Raymond Early garden on Resident Street in Wharton, Texas, have certainly been enjoyed by many members of the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society. Their daylilies are some of the very best and their garden is an unusual design with rows and rows of daylilies and plenty of walking space between. This bed has a lath covering providing partial shade for the cultivars, gardener, and visitors. Tetraploid TOVARICH (Munson, R.) a dark red was especially pretty; also SHADRACH (MacMillan) lavender; RED SIREN (Claar-Parry) red; and FAT AND SASSY (MacMillan), a strong orange stood independently under a tree. They have a new, knock out, yellow seedling (E8), not for sale until this last October.

Raymond and Jo Early are charming, friendly, and make you feel your visit was special. Their street has been enhanced by time with beautiful Live Oak trees and the old homes preserved and restored. It makes me think of the daylily that members of the American Hemerocallis Society have, with the same spirit of restoration, hybridized into a magnificent flower. Who knows what the future promises? Maybe right there on Resident Street "Old Blue" will come on strong!

ROSIE MEYER (Alexander) red, is the prettiest thing in my garden this morning (8-19-75). HOPE DIAMOND (MacMillan) near white has been my best performing daylily.

Martha Montgomery

A FEW THOUGHTS FROM 1975 ROBIN LETTERS

Our Easter freeze and heavy frost of April 3rd did a lot of damage in our area (Abilene). BITSY lost a dozen or more scapes, but has already put up fourteen or fifteen scapes. There are scapes on GOLD DUST and TWINKIE.

Christine Short

All my seedling Hems are more or less illegitimate since I can not legally tell who the parents are - having had label trouble, but am trying again and so far most of the labels are still there. I will never be able to sell any Hems, but if I can scatter some beauty with them and cause others to learn to love them, I will be satisfied.

Francene Hensley

GOLD DUST and LUANA have scapes (April 6) and it looks like scapes are beginning on LITTLE ORANGE SLICES. BITSY recently finished her fifth round of bloom and is now putting up one more scape. Maybe I have learned something, after the first bloom period I feed it with Hyponex 10-30-20. RED MITTENS being next to it got some and also rebloomed for the first time.

Glenna Osborn

The Hems are growing like mad. There is a bloom on LAUGHING CLOWN (April 22), it put up two bloom scapes before Easter. Buds are on BITSY, CLARENCE SIMON, ELF OWL, GOLD DUST, HEAVENLY HAVILAND, LITTLE ORANGE SLICES, RINGLETS, and ROSIE MEYER. Plant mint to repel ants and flies.

Marian Daniel

We should all plant more shrubs and trees with berries for the birds in our garden, they eat insects thus relieving us of using harmful sprays.

Lois Blacklock

The August rains caused some rotting - ELF OWL (Lacey) is doing so during the September rains.

Rodger Croker

My Hems look good. We bought some sulphur; but so far I do not see any red spider mites. The Oak leaves have been ground up by the mower and will be great for the Hem beds.

Mae Collie

I plan to get some sheep manure and by adding super-phosphate it really makes a good fertilizer. I apply it anytime after a freeze.

Pyrtle Garrison

We do have several very active Robin groups in Region 6. I know the increase in postage is hurting the Robin Program but the groups that are still going get a lot of joy from their groups and much valuable information is passed on. Let us keep up the good work.

Lula Mae Purnell

DON'T BE IN SUCH A HURRY!

John P. Buettner

All of us who work with Hemerocallis know that two ways one can obtain the most rapid multiplication of desirable varieties are 1) divide the clumps each Fall and line them out, and 2) do this as early in the Fall as possible to allow the new fans to get settled before Winter to ensure rapid growth in the Spring.

This Fall all of us in the Regions 6 and 13 areas received what we thought was a Godsend when a September hurricane missed us and plowed up through Georgia and the Carolinas. It pulled down a huge high-pressure dome that brought much cooler-than-normal weather to us for about three weeks. "Aha," says we, "what an opportunity to get the Fall digging and dividing done earlier than usual. Let's get with it." And so many of us apparently did.

What was the result for some? The return of hot weather in October brought an onslaught of crown rot that, in the Gulf Coast area at least, exceeded anything that had occurred before. Several commercial growers along the Texas-Louisiana Coast have suffered major losses to freshly-planted fans. I suspect that quite a few hobbyists have too.

So what have we learned from all this? Not to be in such a hurry, I hope. Numerous articles in The Hemerocallis Journal have told us that fungi grow rapidly whenever the temperature gets much above 80°F, and that the first thing a fungus must do before it can be of concern is to gain access into the plant. What could be more conducive to rot than freshly divided crowns in the hot, humid late Summer weather?

So be patient. Waiting even as late as Thanksgiving (for south Texas) will assure you of far less loss from this cause. The extra growth of the fresh plants that you sacrifice can be at least partially made up by an intelligent fertilizing program in the Spring. You may not get bloom that year, but if that is your goal, I'm afraid the recent trends in Hemerocallis genealogy and the inherent weaknesses in them are working against you. Caution, I think, is the keyword here; you have more to lose than you can gain.

And if you must divide early, be sure to use chemical (ugh, there's that nasty word again) fungicides to increase your chances of a successful planting. They will do a lot to prevent the entry of spores into the open wounds that you have made.

SOIL AND ITS ACTIVITY

Naomi Carwile

Some people believe that soil is important only as a support for the growing plant and its root system.

Soil is made of different size particles usually broken or ground up rocks.

Those soils containing clay are very fine particles - so fine that much humus has to be incorporated with it to make it friable. Sandy soil being very porous needs compost added to it to make it supportive to most growing plants. Along with clay, sand, and silt, other elements are found which are essential to plant life.

Soils which have too much sodium and calcium can interfere with the normal growth of daylilies as they need a slightly acid soil. Acid soil can be attained by the addition of cow manure, or acid fertilizer such as Azalea food. Phillips 66 puts out a high content acid fertilizer. Be sure to read the labels on any commercial fertilizer before using.

Most Texas soils have manganese, iron, and copper in minute mixtures, but are low in potash and phosphoric acid. The latter two must be added to make up good soil.

Humus is an organic matter rich in nitrogen. The addition of it to clay soil will help air and water

retention. Humus is in animal manures, crop residues, grass clippings, hay, leaves, peat moss, sawdust, straw, and other organic materials.

Acid soils may have sulphur, aluminum sulphate (Epsom salt), iron chelate, or iron sulphate in its contents. This will cure the yellowing found in some daylilies.

Lime reduces acidity so do not use in daylily beds. Limestone is found in much of the Texas soil.

Some people are mixed up with the idea that gypsum is lime alone - not so. It is chemically sulphate of lime and contains calcium oxide. It tends to make available potash in the soil. It also loosens tight soils such as our gumbo soil.

Sulphur is essential to the growth of Hemerocallis. It comes in several forms, powder, sulphur soil liquid or dry, etc. It makes soil more acidic.

Iron can be added to soil by adding nails, old rusty cans, and iron filings (available at most machine shops) essential also to plant maturity.

Magnesium is believed to be in most soils already. It has carbonates, nitrates, silicates, and phosphates in its composition. It is very essential to plant health.

The colors of Hemerocallis are influenced by the soil they are growing in. Purples and near blues benefit from iron compounds. Red, pink, and apricot colors are brighter if you use aluminum sulphates combined with iron. Yellows and near greens are much greener if you use acid fertilizer. Near whites benefit from a solution of Clorox. One tablespoon per gallon of water at fifteen day intervals.

Soil testing is the only accurate way to determine its content. Here are two addresses to send samples to:

Wharton Junior College
Wharton, Texas 77488
or
Texas A & M
College Station, Texas 77840

If you send a soil sample send \$2.00 with each to cover cost.

SOCIETY REPORTS

In January, the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society, honored their Society organizers, Mrs. Naomi Carwile, Mrs. H. A. (Leatha) Cooke, and Mrs. E. E. (Wilma) LaGasse by presenting them with a Rose.

The 1976 Yearbook was dedicated to Mrs. T. A. Walker, of Bay City, Texas, for the inspiration she has been to the Society and for her part in furthering the interest and love of daylilies.

In February, Mrs. Jay Warner, of Dallas, showed slides in the home of Mr. & Mrs. F. D. Tarrant to our members: Mrs. Naomi Carwile, Miss Betty L. Davis, Mrs. W. D. Everett, Mrs. J. T. Humphreys, and Mrs. C. E. Keener.

Our Bicentennial program was a resume of The Narrative of Brazoria County History given by co-author Miss Quillan Garrison of Angleton, Texas.

Mrs. E. R. Williamson of Bay City gave Mrs. T. A. Walker a birthday cake.

Ret. General and Mrs. H. O. Johnson, Jr. attended our auction and purchased daylilies.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. F. D. Tarrant and family in the loss of Mr. Tarrant's father of Freeport, Texas.

Betty L. Davis

The 1975 Central Texas Hemerocallis Society Popularity Poll:

First	CLARENCE SIMON
Second	RASPBERRY FRILLS
Third	KING OF KINGS

Now notice this:

Fourth	MASTER TOUCH, TWENTY THIRD PSALM, WINNING WAYS, APPLE TART, and GREEN FLUTTER
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sent by F. D. Coppin

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society met December 6, 1975, at 6:00 p.m., at the Women's Clubhouse in Nederland, Texas.

It was our first Christmas party. Everyone brought gaily wrapped daylilies to exchange. We also brought covered dishes and had a delicious meal, followed by a short business meeting with President Inez Coffman presiding.

We exchanged plants and enjoyed a program consisting of three readings by Mrs. Mable Nelson, Mr. Chris Petersen, and Mrs. Katherine McDaniel. Laura Petersen played "O Holy Night" in the background. Then everyone joined in for an old fashioned carol singing with Mrs. Frances Choate leading. We closed with "Auld Lang Syne" to bid the old year out and to look forward to a new daylily year.

We had between 65-70 attending including members and guests.

Mable Nelson

The Happy Time Hemerocallis Society had a wonderful Christmas party covered dish meal at noon on December 20. Decorations were lovely, food was delicious, and fellowship was fine. The 1976 officers were installed with a challenging ceremony. Oh yes, we each got a daylily from under the Christmas tree. This 1976 New Year's Day has been a wonderful beginning for our Bicentennial year. Though we've had several hard freezes and some moisture deficiency, still our Hems look very promising. We grow very few dormants, and the evergreens look fine.

Our January program was on "Texas Wild Flowers" brought by a man from the Texas Highway Department. We cordially invite any of you to be our guest on the second Monday of each month at 3 p.m.

This year we hope to start a Youth Organization, and interest more of our members in hybridization, and the American Hemerocallis Society.

We rarely ever lose any plants from crown rot. But I did lose CRYSTAL CHANDELIER (Lambert) and SHOWPIECE (Munson, R. W.), put out the last of September. They, along with twelve other plants arrived in fine shape, but these two never did grow, just rotted. Our worst enemy is the red spider mite. Malathion helps; so does daily morning spraying of water.

Best wishes to each and every one during this Bicentennial year.

Pearl Howard

On January 8 (it was 22°), I journeyed to the Garden Center with Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Everett to visit with members of the Houston Area Daylily Society.

Their program "My Hobby" (Growing and Arranging Cacti) was given by Mr. Everett. After the program Mrs. Bray volunteered to plant an arrangement of Cacti which she received as a gift.

It was nice visiting with friends who promised to help continue Region 6 as the best Region in the American Hemerocallis Society.

Jean and Kenneth Wheeler treated the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society members and guest to a most enjoyable dinner. Thank you Jean, Kenneth, Emily, W. D., and Houston.

Betty L. Davis, RVP

The Lufkin Hemerocallis Society began the New Year with a luncheon January 6, at the Holiday Inn. We have twenty-two members.

The Society will continue to add to our beautification project at the Post Office. We won second place on this planting last year. Recently planted were 100 Daffodil bulbs, and we will add a lot of accent plants in red, white, and blue among our daylilies.

We are also landscaping the grounds of the West Wood Nursing Home. Daylilies and shrubs are already planted; flowering plants will be added later.

Plans are for all members to tour gardens in Louisiana during bloom season. We also plan to tour each member's garden. I am looking forward to this as most of the women have bought a lot of the newer daylilies.

Last year was our best year ever and we plan for 1976 to be better.

Winnie Kennedy

The Big Dee and Fluorescent units of the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas held their annual Christmas party, and buffet dinner, on December 6, 1975, at the home of Mrs. Elmore M. Klenk, 5500 Northwest Highway, Dallas, Texas. Gifts were exchanged, and members were entertained by Mr. Jay Warner, pianist, with traditional Christmas music.

Margaret Johnston

Everyone likes a present - be it large or small - so the Fluorescent Unit of the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas started 1976, by having two - Mrs. Al Hammel, a new member won the hanging pot of Strawberry Begonias, given by Mrs. Alvin H. Mosse; and Mrs. Kenneth Henson was winner of the pot of miniature Wandering Jew.

Mrs. W. S. Lanham.

An interesting panel discussion was moderated by Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Jr. with Mrs. A. D. Roquemore, Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd, and Mr. U. G. Winniford on the panel.

Mrs. Alvin H. Mosse

The Hemerocallis Society of Dallas met January 25, 1976, at Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, with eleven members and four guests present.

Our program, given by Mr. U. G. Winniford, was on "Tetraploids." He also gave pointers on how to start new plants to prevent crown rot - set in sand.

Mrs. W. J. E. Webber

THE TEXAS BUS

Lula Mae Purnell

All the exciting plans are falling into shape for a really wonderful trip. We are about full, but usually the first few on the waiting list get to go. A letter with full reservation details will be going out soon to those who have made reservations and to anyone requesting it. We plan to leave Dallas Sunday morning, June 13th, returning June 27th. Five dollars will hold your reservation (not to be refunded should you decide not to go). The bus fare is \$135 (unless there is an increase in gas).

S. O. S.
Lula Mae Purnell

I must have the latest information about all Public Plantings or Display Gardens in Region 6 to make my Spring report. Even if you have reported before - I can not report it - unless I have a new report. Please include any interesting facts you may have and tell how the plants are growing. If you have any pictures they will be appreciated. Please let me hear from you.

PUBLIC PLANTINGS
Maria Spencer

As a Bicentennial project the grounds at the Museum of the Southwest at Midland, Texas, is being planted with these award winners: Annie T. Giles, Stout Medal, Fischer Cup, and President Cup. Plants needed are: BERTIE FERRIS, LULA MAE PURNELL, SQUEAKY, and the later President Cup winners. If you can share your plants of any of these please send to: Maria Spencer, 1606 North I, Midland, Texas 79701

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First National Bank
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Happy Times Daylily Society - May 14
First National Bank
Pleasanton, Texas

Houston Area Daylily Society & Houston Hemerocallis Society - May 15
Houston Garden Center
Houston, Texas

Region 6 Meeting - May 21-22
The Austin Hilton
Austin, Texas

Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas - June 6
Dallas Civic Garden Center, Fair Park
Dallas, Texas

American Hemerocallis Society Convention - June
Royal Villa
Raleigh, North Carolina

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\$12.00 registration to:
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REGION 6 MEETING
AUSTIN, TEXAS
May 21-22, 1976

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

<u>Friday, May 21</u>	12 - 5 p.m.	Registration in Austin Hilton Foyer
	2 - 5 p.m.	Regional Hemerocallis Show
	8 p.m.	Slide Show - bring your slides in a carousel slide tray, if possible
<u>Saturday, May 22</u>	8 - 8:30 a.m.	Registration in Austin Hilton Foyer
	8:30 a.m.	Board buses for Garden Tours
	12:30 p.m.	Luncheon at Austin Area Garden Center
	1:45 p.m.	Return to Hotel
	2 - 5 p.m.	Exhibition Judges Clinic
	7:30 p.m.	Banquet and Business Meeting
<u>Sunday, May 23</u>		Revisit gardens - listing will be available as to which gardens will be open

REGIONAL HEMEROCALLIS SHOW

An accredited Regional Hemerocallis Show is being planned for Friday, May 21, as the opening event for the Region 6 Meeting in Austin. All members of the American Hemerocallis Society are eligible to enter both the Artistic and Horticultural Divisions of this show. For a show schedule write to Mr. B. F. Ater, 3803 Greystone Drive, Austin, Texas 78731, or Mrs. Jack Fisher, 9208 Springwood Drive, Austin, Texas 78759. When requesting a schedule please indicate which Division or Divisions that you plan to enter. The show will be at the Austin Hilton.

The Austin Hilton is adjacent to the Highland Mall Shopping Center and is just West of the Interstate 35 North and US 290 East intersection. There are several other motels in the area as well as cafeterias and restaurants. In the event you are interested in any of these please write to Mr. B. F. Ater.

1976 REGIONAL TOUR GARDENS

DR. & MRS. HAROLD C. KILPATRICK

The garden of Dr. & Mrs. Harold C. Kilpatrick is one of intrigue because it is comprised of many different types of plant material. Through much study as well as growing a wide variety of plants Zel has gained an extensive knowledge of horticulture. One of the plants being expertly grown here is the Hemerocallis. Zel was already growing the Hemerocallis when the American Hemerocallis Society was formed and she became a member during its second year of existence. Through these many years of growing daylilies she has introduced many a person to the daylily both in San Antonio and Austin.

Zel and Harold Kilpatrick present a garden which is expertly groomed, and now that Harold has retired he has expanded the vegetable garden into year round production. The Kilpatricks spend much time in preparing compost, thereby putting emphasis on blending soils in which to grow their plants.

MR. & MRS. JULIUS SCHUTZE

Bill and Julius Schutze wanted space to raise their family when they bought acreage on Shoalwood Avenue. They have retained an acre of their original purchase and have landscaped it with beautiful lawns and graceful beds filled with daylilies and shrubs of many varieties. This garden is a fantastic example of the blending of the daylily and companion plants into a harmonious relationship of physical beauty.

Julius has devoted a section of the garden to a seedling bed. He expects to have several hundred new seedlings blooming for the first time during the Region 6 Meeting on May 21-22.

MR. & MRS. GUY D. GATES

Jessie and Guy Gates moved into their home on Big Bend Drive about three years ago and began preparing a bed for the planting of their choice Hemerocallis. They brought only special plants to their new home. Collecting the newest and choicest daylilies was already a part of Jessie's lifestyle when she moved to Big Bend and she has continued to collect the newest of Hemerocallis available. Frequently by the time that a daylily is introduced it is already an established clump in Jessie's garden.

When you view this garden move slowly to insure that you check the name of each daylily because most will be recent introductions - for Jessie moves quietly and swiftly to acquire promising tetraploids and diploids from well known hybridizers such as MacMillan, Monette, Durio, Unger, and others.

MR. & MRS. B. F. ATER

Mary Anne and Bill Ater moved to their home on Greystone some five years ago and began planting daylilies in the backyard. The main daylily bed is laid out in a modified form of a Fifteenth Century Chinese herb garden. Bill decided that a modified form of the Chinese herb garden would provide better access to the daylilies when hybridizing as well as when viewing them. The Ater's collection of Hemerocallis include miniatures, small flowered, large flowered, and tetraploid varieties, not to mention their many seedlings. About 1200 seedlings will be blooming for the first time this Summer with about 400 lavender and rose tetraploid seedlings blooming for the second time, as well as numerous diploids.

In the Ater Garden several Guest Plants from Region 6 hybridizers will be featured. Among the hybridizers sending guest plants were Bertie Ferris, Jessie Gates, Tom Hughes, Edna Lankart, Joyce Lewis, and Ury Winniford.

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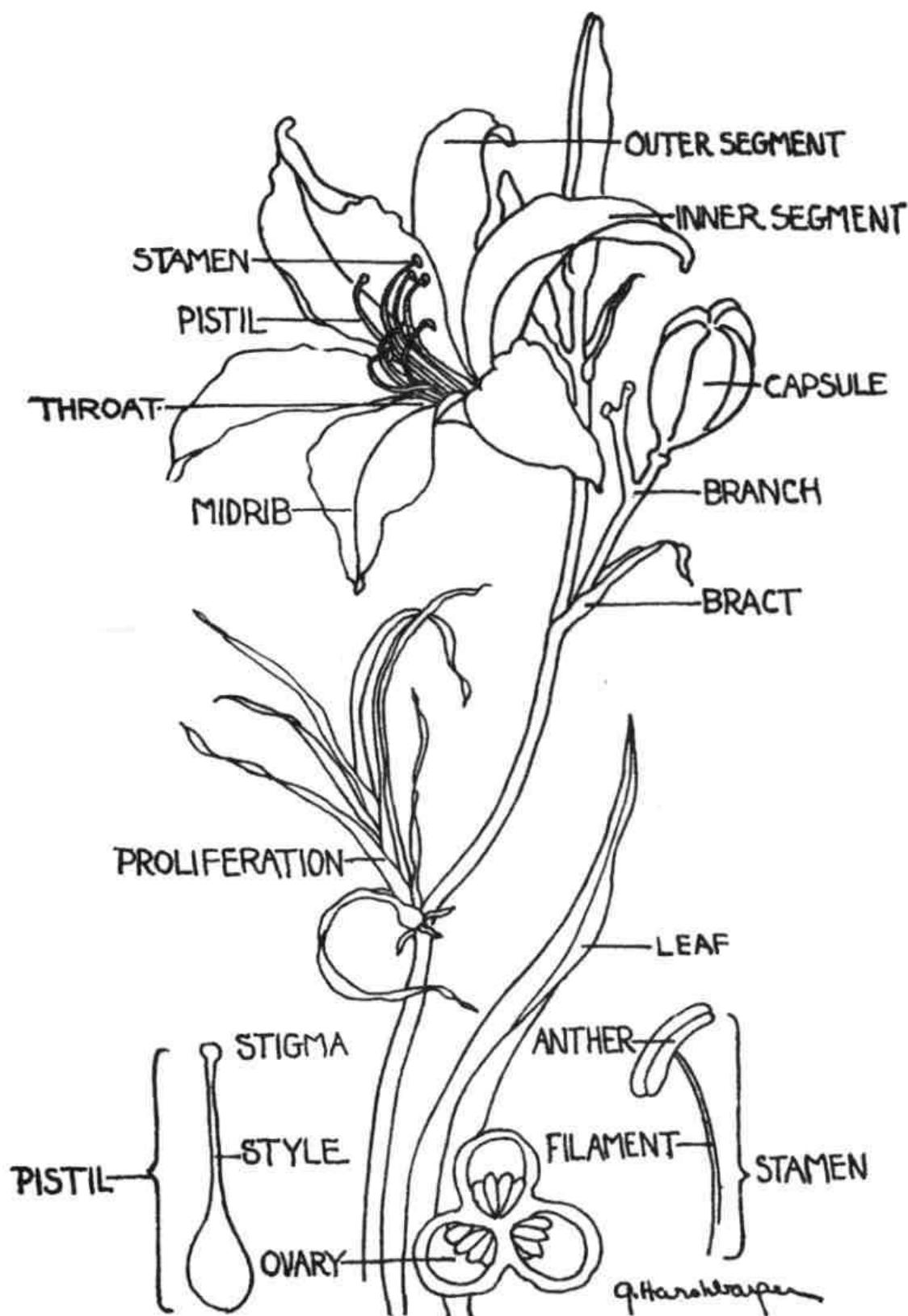
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