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## RVP's MESSAGE

I will begin this Newsletter with the good news that the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas will host the Region 6 Meeting in 1978. They are a group of dedicated Hem fanciers, and theirs is a wonderful area to visit. As soon as their plans are firmed up, we will cover them in the Newsletter. Mr. Albert C. Faggard, 3840 LeBleu, Beaumont, Texas 77707, will be serving as Guest Plant Chairman. Please contact Mr. Faggard if you have Guest Plants to send for the 1978 Regional. On a more sober note, we have no offers to host the 1979 Regional Meeting. It is not too early to start planning for 1979, as the sooner any necessary replanting is done and guest beds started, the better will be the display when the buses arrive. How many times have we seen gardens reach their peak a year or two after the Regional has passed?

The Spring Newsletter was mailed early in an effort to get it to the members before the Meeting so it has been quite awhile ago and there is much to report this time. The generous contributions to this Newsletter cover the National Convention, Regional Meeting, many of the shows held, and all the other activities of a busy season. In view of these adequate reports, I shall not recount my many rewarding experiences in the gardens and gatherings which I enjoyed. I do wish to thank Region 6 for the vote to help their RVP with the expense of attending the National. The plant auction at the Regional was, perhaps, even more gratifying to me as it showed me clearly the light at the end of the tunnel.

Our own yard was the best it has ever been this year and my Mother enjoyed the prettiest blooms she had ever grown, until as the peak was past she had to leave us. Stanley and I wish to express our deep appreciation to the many friends for their condolences.

*Betty Lee Davis*

REGION 6 MEETING AND AUSTIN SHOW'  
Zel Kilpatrick

Region 6 of the American Hemerocallis Society held its annual meeting at the Austin Hilton Inn, May 21-22. Held in connection with the Meeting was the annual show of the Austin Hemerocallis Society.

The show was preceded by several days and nights of cool, wet weather which reduced the number and quality of exhibits. However, the host Society made up for other deficiencies with a record-breaking volume of twenty-eight artistic arrangements of great beauty and originality. Mr. B. F. Ater received the Award of Distinction and the Tricolor Award in the Artistic Division and Miss Elizabeth Krebs won Sweepstakes in the Horticultural Division. Judges were: Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Jr., Mr. Tom Hughes, Mr. & Mrs. Joyce Lewis, Mrs. Sam Montgomery, Mr. & Mrs. Paul Offer, Mrs. W. D. Owen, and Mrs. Claude Smith.

An auction of donated plants conducted by Tom Hughes netted \$368 for Region 6 Sustainance Fund. Every person attending the annual banquet and Business Meeting Saturday evening received a newly registered Hem in a gallon can either in bloom or bud.

On Saturday morning, those attending the Meeting were taken on a bus tour of four Austin gardens beginning with a breakfast in the garden of Dr. & Mrs. Harold Kilpatrick. Then the group visited the gardens of Mr. & Mrs. Julius Schutze, Mrs. Guy Gates, and Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Ater.

Winner of the Malcolm Collie (Hemmie) Award was Mrs. Paul Offer's MYSTICAL DREAM and the Annie T. Giles Award went to Mrs. Guy Gates' 71-57, to be named JOLLYVILLE WINNER.

REPORTS FROM REGION 6 - AUSTIN MEETING  
Bertie Ferris

Betty Davis asked me to report on the Exhibition Judges Clinic and the Daylily Auction we had at the Meeting in Austin.

The Clinic was successful, thanks to the many who helped to make it so.

Mary Anne and Bill Ater made the beautiful arrangements at the hotel and furnished the daylilies for the event.

Charlyene Owen registered twenty members for the three-hour informal study.

Betty Davis and Stanley Hyer are ever faithful to help with the Exhibition program. They selected the daylilies for the Master Panel to judge.

Betty Acrey, Mary Anne Ater, Tom Hughes, Gertrude Lanham, Allyne Lewis, and Lula Mae Purnell served on this panel. It was rewarding to see that they were enjoying discussing color, form, texture and substance, the qualities that make the daylily beautiful.

Martha Montgomery gave an informative lecture on reasons for having a show and on how to go about having an accredited one.

Bill Ater did a detailed and interesting lecture on Ethics for Judges.

I received grand help from all who attended the Clinic on point scoring named varieties and seedlings. The time passed rapidly as all were interested in the study of judging daylilies.

Region 6 had its first auction of daylilies in Austin. We saw that this was a quick and easy way to help raise funds for some of the needs of the Region. We hope all will support future auctions.

We have the opportunity to purchase a daylily we desire and at the same time help the cause.

At the Regional Meeting in Dallas next June there will be another auction. It is suggested that each daylily have a market value of ten dollars or more.

We believe that many of us have such daylilies we can sell for the purpose of raising funds for the Region. The auction will follow the Regional Business Meeting. Please be thinking of what you can bring to Dallas for this auction.

GARDEN OF DR. & MRS. HAROLD KILPATRICK  
Margaret Kane

Come with me as I open the gate and walk into the garden of Dr. & Mrs. Harold Kilpatrick, breeders of Amaryllis, Iris, and last, but by no means least, daylilies. Facing us are gay Gerber Daisies bordering the walks that lead around the residence, vying with Amaryllis and Hibiscus in season so there is never a day without a burst of color to welcome the visitor. Although there are many different daylilies in the bed under the huge Cedar deodara, the general effect is of sunshine as the yellow Hems brighten the dense shade of the majestic tree. A flower spangled Gardenia gives off a heavy fragrance as we walk toward the main garden past a big Holly tree and catch a glimpse of the Scarlet Bells of Clematis texensis clinging to a low fence. Here we admire Moldovan's 7-55T with heavy textured apricot flowers, pass by a table of succulents and pause by the pool as the full view of the garden catches our eye. Here is a bed of beautiful red seedlings and others ranging from the near-white HOPE DIAMOND (MacMillan), to tiny but broad petaled dark yellow SQUEAKY (Winniford, H.), all bordered by Violets.

Resting beneath the tall Pecan trees that keep us cool even on this hot day, we enjoy such charmers as MATTIE MAE BERRY (Warner), a well-branched little yellow beauty or CHERRY CHIMES (Henry-Hill), a glowing red that stands out like a traffic signal on a dark day. Another dazzler is CHERRY BRIGHT with a vivid color that stands up to Texas sun or gives a glow to a dark corner. ANN CLAUDET (Flory), a lovely reflexed greenish-yellow is restful after the bright hues of the reds.

Then we stroll on to admire more seedlings, among them a charming little pink with a hint of lavender and a dark eyezone that enhances an apple green throat. Many other Lilliputians or stately charmers call for our notice, but the Kilpatricks are very discriminating and only a few of these may meet their standards.

Others we enjoy are WILD TEXAN (Wild-Kilpatrick), a bright melon with a twist to the petals like the whirl of a lariat - a handsome beauty. LITTLE DART (Ater, L.), a soft small yellow is the perfect choice for the daylily to place behind a large, low pink Hem where the right yellow will bring out the pink to advantage.

In the adjoining garden, mostly given over to vegetables, a few seedling beds have crept in, but our admiration goes to the luscious vegetables growing there. A compost pile to gladden the heart of any ecology-minded gardener has Burpless Cucumbers and a Catawba Grapevine competing for the right to cover it.

The beds, throughout the garden, are raised above the level of the lawn to promote drainage and enhance the visitor's view of the flowers, the rich soil owes much to the compost pile and we owe our thanks to the Kilpatricks.

"For gardens are not made  
By saying 'Oh! how beautiful!'  
And sitting in the shade."  
(apologies to Kipling)

GIFTS OF BEAUTY  
Nancye Rawlins Wood

Flowers are a Heavenly gift,  
They give the weary heart a lift  
Like angel voices from the sod  
They bring us closer to our God.

## A DESIGN FOR SPACIOUS LIVING

Hugh Nourse

The Schutze's garden gives one an immediate impression of spaciousness. The wide sweeping lawns which surround the house are themselves encircled by ornamental borders, which in turn shield the work area. Obviously, the garden is designed for family living since the central oval of grass will easily allow a game of volley ball or several badminton nets, while another section is devoted to children's playground equipment. All in all, it is a very practical landscaping design, providing adequate space for entertaining, play, work and of course for floral beauty.

Naturally those ornamental borders are primarily filled with daylilies though they are not labeled because, I am told, an active puppy busily went to work collecting the labels. Nevertheless one could readily recognize a patch of yellow BITSY (Warner), a large well-branched clump of little red INK SPOT (Walker), and the tiny gold blossoms of TINKER BELL (Stevens, J. C.) These daylilies were delightfully contrasted against a wide variety of companion plants, not just a single bush of this or a clump of that, but massed plantings. There were Althea, Hypericum, Iris, Japanese Quince, Marigolds, Roses, and enough dwarf Pomegranate to form a low hedge, spotted bright with the orange flowers. In turn, these plantings were complimented by larger plants of Aloe, Crepe Myrtle, Cleyera Japonica, and Loquat which blended into the stippled shade cast by the larger trees.

Bill and Julius Schutze have succeeded in the difficult task of designing a landscape which allows the cultivation of numerous plants without sacrificing space for family recreation.

## THE GATES GARDEN

Nedra West

As we arrived at the Gates home we saw a well kept place with beautiful Live Oak, Post Oak, and Spanish Oak trees shading the front. There to greet us was our charming hostess, Jessie Gates. She was brave to have this crowd when she had lost Mr. Gates so recently. We extend our love, Jessie.

The Gates had sold their country home and moved into town, daylilies and all, since the 1972 Region 6 Meeting. Much has been accomplished in a short time in this lovely garden.

At the back were more Oak trees and also Loquat and Oleander trees. The daylilies were growing in neat beds. Interesting plants growing here and enhancing the daylilies were Gerber Daisies, Columbine, Geraniums, miniature pink Roses, Sedums, and others.

Many guest plants of other hybridizers were growing in Mrs. Gates' garden and also many of her own hybrids. Her JOLLYVILLE LIGHT is a large wide light yellow daylily. Also noted was her 71-57 (melon), 73-1 (yellow), and T72-GO-1 (huge yellow). Her seedling # 71-57 won the Annie T. Giles Award.

Other daylilies blooming that appealed to me were: ROSADO (Spalding-Durio), wide light pink; JAKARTA (Whatley), yellow; CELESTIAL LIGHT (MacMillan), light yellow; HALLELUJAH CHORUS (MacMillan), large pink; HARRY BARRAS (Monette), huge yellow with green throat; QUEENS GRACE (Munson, R. W.), large rose tetraploid; and MUTT, a pale yellow.

Also outstanding were KING'S CLOAK (Munson, R.W.), pink with deep eye; TOP ANGEL (MacMillan), pastel yellow with pale pink; JANE MACMILLAN (MacMillan), light pink; FABULOUS PRIZE (Brown, E. W.), round full pink tetraploid; and BUTTER YELLOW (Monette), a butter yellow self.

Thank you Jessie, for your hospitality and for sharing all this beauty with us.

THE GARDEN OF MR. & MRS. B. F. ATER  
Mildred Schlumpf

One of the loveliest gardens seen on the tour at the Region 6 Meeting in Austin was that of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ater. A few daylilies were planted in a bed surrounding a tree in the front, some of them Bill's own hybrids. One approached the rear garden along the right side of the house. This path was bordered with several pale orange Wakaelisu Azaleas. Also there was a Chinese pagoda style lantern.

Further along were Mrs. Ater's many Bonsai trees. She goes into the woods and collects specimen plants for her Bonsai. She had all sizes in various size containers. There were Maples, Elms, Yaupon, and many others.

In the rear on one side was an area approximately 25 to 30 feet wide and extending to the rear of the lot. This was raised and bricked around the edge. The named varieties and a number of Bill's choice seedlings and seedlings of other hybridizers were in this bed. To the rear Bill had rows of his own seedlings.

To the left of this bed there was a high platform, sort of a tree house for the children to play in. Under this were several hanging baskets. One contained a Hoya in which a Horned Lizard was lying, gently swaying in the breeze as if he were being rocked in a cradle. When I returned on Sunday morning I took a picture of the lizard and I am happy to say it turned out quite well. I will probably include it in one of the new slide programs I am planning on assembling. Other baskets contained red and white Bougainvillea.

To the left of the yard there was a small vegetable garden with a seedling bed to the rear of that. Several trees were in the left center of the yard bordered with white, pink, and red Impatiens and Ferns. I believe Mrs. Ater called the Ferns, Japanese Holly.

Adjoining the porch to the left was a greenhouse area filled with hanging baskets of all kinds. One that impressed me the most was the "Chain of Hearts."

Among the daylilies seen in the Ater's garden were:

ROYAL DIADEM - Boylan, tetraploid registered 1974. Purple with deeper purple halo and green throat.

LEESA DAWN - Winniford, registered 1975. Very ruffled, near white with tiny green throat.

PRESTER JOHN - Allgood, registered 1972. Double orange gold.

FATSO - E. Brown, introduced 1971. Amber yellow, wide segments, tiny green throat.

BISHOPS CREST - Munson, tetraploid. Silver mauve with purple band, tiny gold to green throat. Registered 1973.

72-GO-1 - Winniford, lovely ribbed yellow.

RUWENZORI - Munson, tetraploid. Mauve lavender, edged ivory with purple eyezone and yellow green throat. Registered 1973.

PURPLE AND JADE - Winniford, tetraploid. Registered 1974. Reddish purple with jade green throat, light midrib, wide segments.

SABIE - W. B. MacMillan, Registered 1974, called by the name Mr. Mac called his sister Sarah when he was a little boy. Lovely light yellow, triangular in form, ruffled with green throat spreading into the petals.

The Regional Meeting was most enjoyable. The headquarters hotel, The Austin Hilton, was very nice and the personnel very accommodating. I think everyone had a good time. Both Bill Ater, Chairman, and Alyne Fisher, Co-Chairman, are to be congratulated for such a successful Meeting.

## REGION 6 MEETING TOUR GARDENS

Cora Offer

The Meeting was great - one of the best. The Austin Hemerocallis Society and Meeting Officers; especially, Bill Ater and Betty Davis, who had to put on the show with the help of too many to name here deserve many thanks. The Daylily Auction certainly was fun and a great asset.

Dr. and Mrs. Harold Kilpatrick had an expertly groomed garden where I admired the precious wild red Clematis here and there along the fence. The Lily and fish ponds were most fascinating and cooling. The large pond contained several large specimens of Japanese Iris, which I saw in bloom last season and were out of this world. The Kilpatricks will not be wanting luscious home grown vegetables as they were "A-1." In a pot, I spotted a Bombox tree from South America - wish I could see it in full foliage.

I also admired Zel's daylily CHERRY BRIGHT, described by its name and her tiny yellow #568. The Ajuga rosea also was lovely. All this was in a setting of huge Pecan trees and an enormous Cedar deodara.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Schutze displayed a lovely garden groomed to perfection. Of special interest were a Guava shrub and a lovely, double, lavender Althea or Rose of Sharon. Daylilies of special interest were: INK SPOT (Walker), LITTLE DART (Ater, L.), and PASS ME NOT (MacMillan-Kennon), creamy orange yellow with maroon eyezone and green throat.

In Mrs. Guy Gates garden, we missed the happy smiling Guy Gates whom we'll always remember. Jessie grows all of her daylilies to perfection and grows the best. Some I noted in particular were her # 70-128 pink, #71-5 purple with green throat; JAKARTA (Whatley), yellow green with a green throat; NEW SATELLITE (Tanner), yellow; and HARRY BARRAS (Monette), a pale yellow with lighter ruffling and green throat. Jessie's # 71-57, an apricot was outstanding being creped and ruffled as well had good branching. It won the Annie T. Giles Award for her. Congratulations.

The Ater garden was something to behold with many interests; Bonsai, daylilies, companion plants, and a lovely garden room. I enjoyed NIXIE (Terry, B.), tiny yellow gold with brown buds; BISHOPS CREST (Munson, R. W.), dusty rose tetraploid with a purple halo and an apricot throat; and ANDREW VALLIEN (Monette), was a lavender beauty. (Editor's Note: MYSTICAL DREAM (Offer), winner of the Malcolm Collie Award for Cora was a showy lavender pink here).

The Region 6 members certainly were generous in their gift plants for door prizes and auction plants. All our members are most grateful.

## A SUBSTITUE, NOT A REPLACEMENT

Rudi Fuchs

I was very sorry to miss the Regional in Austin, but it was the only weekend when both Fred and Helen Packard were not working, and I had promised them a visit for two years, so I went to Lafayette, LA. I decided not to forget about daylilies so I left a day early and went by Olla to see Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell. They were graciousness itself, and I thoroughly enjoyed seeing their gardens for the first time. There were so many lovely varieties that I bought several, even though they had to stay in paper sacks for four days. Among the older and some newer varieties that I chose because of their beauty and good bud count were: BABY BETSY (Maxwell), red mini with green throat; BORN TO WIN (Maxwell), fuchsia self; GOOD BROTHER (Maxwell), raspberry with wine eye; HAPPY LADY (Maxwell), pink; HEY LOOKY (Maxwell), pink; LITTLEST ANGEL (Williamson), small pink with rose eye; LOLUS (Maxwell), peach bitone; MOUNT SHASTA (Maxwell), red with green throat; and two converted to tetraploids. BRIGHT FAME, a bright red; and NIPPON BEAUTY, a soft yellow-both were Maxwell daylilies. Also a tangerine peach double of Child's BEAUTY MEDLEY. Reluctantly I left the cool porch and cold well water, and stopped again at the Tanner Garden close to Cheneyville. That must be the best organized garden in existence! I never saw such beautiful, well-kept acreage, with bed after bed of lovely daylilies, each row far enough apart for rototilling. Since Mr. and Mrs. Tanner were both tired from a busy day, and it was time to be in Lafayette, Mr. Tanner took me around. I did

not take down any names, but there were more gorgeous eye-catchers than you can imagine.

I had a great visit with my friends, and probably the highlight of the whole trip was our lunch and visit with the Parlange family at the magnificent old Parlange Plantation near New Roads. In Lafayette I saw Mrs. Louise Simon, whom I stop to visit every time I go in that area. She showed me over her fine garden, but the only one I bought was a fine orange-gold tetraploid seedling of Edgar Brown's. I want to mention two gardens that are really outstanding, although we think of Charles Arny and Dick Goula when Louisiana Irises are mentioned. They have adjoining gardens and both have thousands of daylilies, mostly their own seedlings. It was a treat to visit the Arnys and also to meet Dick Goula. The latter has one or more daylilies registered.

After my pleasant stay in and around Lafayette, I stopped to see the Durios at Louisiana Nursery close to Opelousas. After a friendly tour of the lovely gardens and a good cup of coffee, I ended up with a few more daylilies to take home. Some daylilies that really impressed me there are: MacMillan's ANGELS VOICE, near white with green throat; DIVINE GUIDANCE, pink self with green throat; SABIE, golden yellow with green throat; and Durio's ZORRO, blood red tetraploid. LAVENDER ILLUSION, lavender pink with green throat; BUTTER YELLOW Monette, is described by the name; TEAHOUSE GIESHA (Munson) ivory tetraploid; and DOUBLE JACKPOT (McEwen), light yellow double tetraploid. Since I neither sell nor hybridize, and live on Teacher Retirement, I did not get involved in 1975 introductions, but they are exciting and beautiful. I am sorry I had to leave out so many fine Louisiana gardens.

## HEMS AND HERS GARDEN Glenna Belle Osborn

On a bright, sunny June 9th. the Read Red Robin converged on the garden of their fellow-Robin, Rodger Croker, in Llano.

Although Rodger said it was past peak bloom, no amount of describing can do it justice. It would take several days to investigate every "nook and cranny" of "Hems and Hers" superbly planned garden. It reflected the tender loving care of Rodger, Jimmie, and their two young sons, Shane and Christopher.

One stops at the entrance under a huge old tree and as you first see the riot of color everywhere all you can say is, "Oh! Oh! where do we begin?" Besides hundreds of daylilies there are more companion plants than I've ever seen in one place, everything is grown to perfection.

The curving outlines of the beds are pleasing and the curving, meandering trails are entrancing! You never know what gem of beauty you might come upon around the next bend.

My first surprise was a new daylily, GYPSY MAIDEN (Cruse), dusty rose with an extra large dark eye, wide petals, and an altogether pleasing shape. Going on, JEAN BECK (Wheeler, B.), went on my want list. It is a dark rich purple rose with a striking white midrib. All the time we were passing lovely familiar daylilies, I couldn't possibly have made notes of all the varieties. LITTLE PAPOOSE (Benson) small bright red, wide-petaled, and low growing is memorable.

Everywhere there are enhancing companion plants in all colors, Gerber Daisies, Shasta Daisies, Salvias, True Lilies, Cannas, miniature Roses, and clumps of Gladiolus. In the shady places - under trees and around shrubs - were unusual Coleus, Chocolate Plants, Ginger Lilies, Purple Lace Ajuga, and many other shade loving plants.

Artistic use was also made throughout the garden of interesting pieces of driftwood and ghostwood - large and small - and unusual rocks. One would have to spend hours and hours roaming the trails to really see everything.

The tetraploids have their own special section. EGYPTIAN SPICE (Reckamp), an amber orange blend with wide petals and MOON TEMPLE (Fay), light greenish lemon or sulphur both outstanding the day of our visit.

Most of the miniatures are in their own special section, also. If they are all in one area one can better control the amount of richness and water they get. Rodger's own introduction LITTLE ORANGE SLICES was still blooming daintily; BERTIE FERRIS (Winniford) was a lovely persimmon; Lankart's

GINGER PEACHY, a cinnamon was as pretty and dependable as ever.

In the beds on the other side of the yard were literally hundreds of blossoms and their pretty companion plants. I admired WOODS VIOLET (Maxwell), a lavender that was taking the sun admirably; MELANIE DAWN (Hughes), a low orchid pink that looked more a pastel pink to me than lavender.

Another requisite of the perfect garden is said to be the shining surface of water somewhere. Rodger has it in a large birdbath - surrounded by daylilies, of course. (Editor's Note: Rodger and the boys have also added a Water Lily and Iris Pool since this writing).

Maybe it is a good thing I did not get to Hems and Hers Garden at peak bloom and with more time, this write-up would have been far too long!

## ROGANVILLE RAMBLING

Albert Faggard

When you journey up to Roganville, then deep back into the woods, to Lucille Williamson's garden, you see the beauty of why the early folks settled there and why her daylilies are always winning awards. One trip never does justice to this homestead. On my first trip, I saw more new things such as WM 204, a "tyn-o-mite" one. It is a 2" red jewel 10 - 12 inches tall and carries a small gold throat. Another W-Min-6-6, made us go back and get the camera because it sure took our eyes. A deep green throated burgundy red, 3" flower with a slightly darker band surrounding the throat. It is low, 11 to 13 inches, and has a very distinct edging of buff mustard - so uniform in this rounded star like flower. We were stargazed, too. The nicest dark purple miniature was WM 22-2, carrying great breeding background, it was only 19" tall and a 3" bloom. It was dark to dark purple, very full ruffled, a tiny green throat, and a really black eye. This will stand out in everyone's garden once it gets there. Wow! W-Min 07-7 was beige tan, overcast rose, purple eye around the green throat. This 2 ½" miniature moved me instantly as it stood out on a small hill behind hundreds of beautiful daylilies. Named varieties such as SWEET THING, light yellow with maroon eye; LITTLE IDY, pink with rose pink halo; LITTLE ORANGE BIRD, deep orange with rose eyezone; and TAFFY TOT, tan buff with brown eyezone and green throat were added to our Fall list after seeing them. Seeing them is still the best way to buy a daylily, if possible. You get what you are looking for - even a dog. APPLE TART, a new red tetraploid from the Hughes Garden was bright, so nice, and perfectly named. You could name so many lovely flowers, but I will still get back to those seedlings that will soon be registered I'm sure.

A finished flower of red to rust-red (the new barn look) under number W-44-4 was ruffled, rounded as overlapping petals made it perfectly round. Only 4 ½" in size, 23" tall carrying 2 ½" petals, 1 ¼" sepals, a ruffled gold throat flower is also a garden stopper. W-909-74 was a small purple with a wide black band that grew only 15" tall with 1 ½" petals and 1" sepals. Another 4" flower W-81-74 from LITTLE GRAPETTE was somewhat odd in color, lots of ruffling, 25" tall, gold throat and a good new eyed flower with very noticeable ruffles. I liked a biscuit yellow that carried an old number, perhaps a doubt of goodness kept it there - W-505-72 - if there is any doubt it can come to my yard. Perhaps the best large flower was the apple rose blend with deeper rose veins and a full green throat seedling carrying number W-502-74. This flower is very full, ruffled, and lots of substance to carry our Texas sun. It reminded me of apples but only crab apples grow good on that farm. W-707-7 was a whopper of a daylily being a green yellow with thick ruffled parts. This daylily certainly needs a name. Watch out for the new one GRAPE EYES. We took lots of slides - perhaps you will be seeing some of them soon. It was a joy to walk and talk in this garden of so many lovely little daylilies, but the real joy came from learning so much that has never been written about Lucille Williamson's Garden.

## GARDENS WE VISITED

Mildred Kroulik

Early this Spring we visited the Paul Offer's lovely home and garden in San Antonio. Although it was a little early for daylilies she had several outstanding seedlings blooming. Her Bonsai collection is beautiful. It is the best private collection I have seen.

Then we visited the H. O. Johnson's "HoJo Hem Garden" in League City. It was simply breathtaking. They have most of the varieties, and so many beautiful seedlings you could hardly believe your eyes. I have my name on a lemon yellow one, that is so ruffled it looks like something else.

We made our first trip to visit the daylily gardens in Louisiana with the Ken Wheelers and Bertha Cone. It was a delightful trip. At MacMillan's we like MY PEGGY, cream blend with green throat; JADE CHALICE, cream green blend; SABIE, golden yellow with green throat; and AMY STEWART, a pale pink with green throat. At Monette's: OLIVIER MONETTE, purple self with yellow green throat; ANDREW VALLIEN, lavender self with green throat; and a seedling she referred to as "Viola Parker's Baby." Then we went to Elsie Spalding's Garden. She has so many outstanding daylilies it would be very hard to name just a few, but I will say, they have great color and the widest petals and sepals I have ever seen. We had a nice visit with the Durios. Without doubt, he has the most beautiful tetraploids in this part of the country. If you are interested in tetraploids don't miss his place next bloom season.

Last, but not least, the bus trip to the National Convention in Raleigh was the greatest - great company, great food, and the greatest bus driver in the world - Ken Miller. On the way to Raleigh we visited Meadowlake Gardens (Allgood) in South Carolina. A large garden with a lake. The daylilies were in full bloom and the Allgoods were most gracious hosts. Here I ordered two daylilies: IRON GATE GNOME (Sellers), a 3 ½" lavender with clover leaf red-lavender eyezone and green throat; and GERALDINE DEAN (Wilds), 7" bloom with three bands of color, pink, rose, and white. It's an old one and a little tall, but it was outstanding in their garden. Then to Iron Gate Gardens (Sellers) near Cherryville, North Carolina. Mr. Sellers grows many outstanding daylilies. As he said, "We grow the best from everybody." Here we liked FOLKLORICO (Lambert), rose with yellow throat, midribs and edging; GRAPE ARBOR (Maxwell), deep blue-purple self with green throat; MYRTLE BURNETT (Lambert), bright velvet red self with green throat; and LILTING LAVENDER (Childs), a lavender spider.

## MY BEST IN 1976

Carl Sauer

Cream - AMAZING GRACE (MacMillan), a beautiful, large, full-form clear cream that holds its size to its last blooms. Repeating (8-10) and fresh looking in 100° heat. Amazing!

Light lavender - CHOSEN LOVE (Maxwell), a consistently appealing cultivar, producing many 6" blooms of clearest hue.

Most used pollen parent - BERTHA ELLA CONE (MacMillan-Carpenter), BERTHA ELLA CONE has produced so many fine seedlings for Jack Carpenter, I just had to jump on the "band wagon." A most attractive, ruffled, large, creamy near-white.

Most consistent bloomer - BITSY (Warner), one of my earliest to bloom and continues on and on.

Most pleasing double - DOUBLE CUTIE (Brown, B.), a low, light yellow which deservedly won the National Award in 1975 as the Best Double. A runner-up to BITSY in continuous performance. Fast multiplier.

Nearest to white - LOVING MEMORIES (Spalding), lovely, creped and ruffled with a green throat for pleasing contrast.

Favorite pink - PEGGY MAC (Brown, B.), a medium shade with the fine characteristics of its parents: VIOLA PARKER x EDGAR BROWN. Recurved form, ruffled and green throat. Sunfast.

Best liked rose pink - BLESSED ASSURANCE (MacMillan), brilliant coloration with green throat

gives this 6 ½" beauty the super look.

Most improved - CHARLES BUCKMAN (MacMillan), this season consistently larger; 6 - 6 ½", with fuller, wider form and a clearer lavender color. Repeating 8/10.

Most exotic - MAGIC ROBE (Moldovan), clearest blue purple, distinguished with white edging. Black purple eyezone and yellow green throat. Sepals twist at tips. The somewhat narrow form offers a pleasing contrast to the wider forms presently in vogue.

My most acclaimed - VIV (Sauer), received favorable attention and comments in several gardens, correspondence, and in the Houston flower show. A very ruffled, greenish light yellow flower with an appealing look. Green throat.

## NOTES ON 1976

Bill Ater

With the 1976 bloom season virtually history we still have a few daylilies in bloom. My 70-228-2 a 6" recurved pink buff with lavender overlay and a deeper lavender eye gets prettier as the sun gets hotter and never burns.

Lynne's LITTLE DART started blooming extra early and has continued to send up new scapes. This 2 ½" light yellow surely is a joy for its long period of bloom. LOUISE MANELIS (Winniford), is a 3 ½" shrimp pink that sends up scape after scape. With its 2 ½" light yellow flowers CORENE (Hughes) seems to be the first daylily in view every morning. It is a consistently long bloomer and is always pretty. ANNIE GOLIGHTLY, a red tetraploid from Tom Hughes was new for us last Fall and is already establishing itself as a long bloomer. EDGAR BROWN (MacMillan), was so beautiful as a diploid that I decided to treat it, hoping to convert it to a tetraploid. As a tetraploid, it is a much better repeat bloomer. Every garden visitor stops to admire it. Bill Munson's PERSIAN PLUM is a 6" mauve plum self with a lime gold throat and repeats well. The unusual color has good holding ability in the heat as well as being able to withstand the rains.

One of the prettiest daylilies that I saw this year was Spalding's SPRINGTIME SONATA. This 6" bright yellow, heavily ruffled, and recurved flower is truly a beauty to behold. Elsie's 75-87 has been registered as QUIET MELODY. It is a full round, pink flower with a darker pink halo above its green throat. Her UNEXPECTED PLEASURE (73-58) is heavily textured with a green throat and a purple that should hold well in the sun.

At Bill Munson's, MON TRIOMPHE was a 5" silver orchid self with a cream throat with much appeal. One of the prettiest daylilies at Raleigh was FRED SPROUSE (Holman), a bright yellow. Jim Cooper had it planted along the driveway where it stopped each visitor as they arrived at his garden. DAVID HOLMAN (Holman), was another stopper. It is a large pale yellow with heavy scapes and high bud count. Van Sellers' new FROZEN JADE is a large lemon yellow of superior quality.

Repeat bloom is still coming in our garden and the heat hasn't reached the cooking stage as yet but after 17 days of continuous rain in July who can complain when the new growth and the many new divisions look like Spring. The beauty of so many daylilies was so nice that it is time to start planning for new additions to the garden for next year.

## THOUGHTS WHILE HEM-HOPPING

Margaret Kane

Add to my own garden: MOMENT OF TRUTH (MacMillan), very light cream with icy-green throat, heavy substance, creped and slightly ruffled. ART EXHIBIT (Unger), peach overlaid with palest rose, and a green throat. ROSADO (Spalding-Durio), vibrant pink, pale yellow-green throat. Petals have a lighter midrib and the sepals are purest rose pink. MYSTICAL DREAM (Offer), overall pink but the lavender overcast gives a beautiful haze-like quality to the flower. Purple eyezone enhances the soft coloring. NILE NIGHT (Munson), raspberry with a wide pale raspberry watermark, petals fluted and veined in darker raspberry. Golden throat. GYPSY EYE (Whipp), old rose with a deep maroon eyezone outlining a tiny golden throat. PAULA BALLARD (Griesbach), a velvety red with a golden

throat. BEIGE BALLERINA (Offer), creped, golden beige with a rosy tan eyezone and greenish-yellow throat. Beautiful shape, wide petals pinched at the tip. HEAVENLY PROMISE (Terry), add this for its shape (a wide spider effect) blooms very late, first blossom noted June 9th. KING ALFRED (Reckamp), a lovely double yellow. MISS ELEANOR (Ater), cream with a rose eyezone. MYRNIIE (Hughes), a beauty. Cherry red with a deeper eyezone that changes from near maroon through cherry to greenish yellow to chartreuse. CHARTREUSE GLOW (Gates), well named, with curved sepals and green throat that comes far out on the petals.

A REFLECTION OF 1976  
Rodger Croker

Our Hem season was the most splendid one yet, as they just seemed to try and out-do themselves.

A few were really distinctive and since I maintain such interest in the little ones, one can well imagine they caught my eye.

One of the most spectacular Hems was Cruse O22-72, a triangular, recurved rosy-red out of LITTLE LILA. A deeper eye prevailed, setting off a large green throat. Height was very low.

Another Cruse Hem that had a striking impact upon us and our garden visitors was the 5" coral GYPSY MAIDEN. The completely recurved wide segments are brushed in purple with a black-purple eye.

A deep yellow 3 ½" bloom with prominent ruffles and a green throat is YELLOW RIPPLES (Hughes). This 12" multiflora is an offspring of LOLABELLE and is a lighter, smaller version of that famous President's Cup Winner. It is different and eye-catching in a clump.

Nicely branched, LOUISE MANELIS (Winniford), is a 3 ½" shrimp pink with a deeper apricot throat, keeps blooming for a long period, only to be accented by many new scapes appearing.

Being less than 3", Edna Lankart's FAT ANGEL is a pale amber melon self with a green throat. Further enhancing it as a remarkable cultivar is its 14" scapes, wide segments, and a splendid piecrust ruffling of these segments.

Being of palest yellow, the number one registration of Pyrtle Garrison of Brownwood, DOROTHY GARRETT, is now sending up its third set of scapes. Heavily branched, DOROTHY GARRETT represents nearly ten years of line breeding from WILLIAM MUNSON, QUIET LIGHT, and HORTENSIA. The bloom is 5 ½ -6" on 28" scapes.

Stars of earth, these golden flowers;  
Emblems of our own great resurrection;  
Emblems of the bright and better land.  
Longfellow

DOUBLE TALK  
Naomi Carwile

In four years of breeding for doubles, I have at last gotten many clear colors in my seedlings. My goals are for good forms, clear colors, and for each bloom to be double.

DOUBLE CUTIE (Brown, B.), is a small lemon layer-on-layer, low growing, and keeps on sending up scapes - no wonder it is an award winner. DOUBLE WHAMMY is a huge deep gold and DOUBLE LOVE a pink that is performing better the second year.

CHUM (Childs, F.), is a coral glowing one. Joiner's TIBBLES, melon pink; and LOUISE MERCER is an extended blooming rose; and WHIRLING SKIRT (Grooms), yellow add to the glamour in my yard.

CRIMSON CREST (Hodges, D.), velvet red sometimes has single blooms, but his HOOSIER HONEY is a yellow consistent double. DOUBLE TALK (Wheeler, B.), vibrant orange is still the best formed double in my yard.

I have over 42 named doubles and 40 seedlings of mine so it was a thrill to see them perform this year. Those blooming on May 27th are POUTER PIGEON (McFarland), a rainbow of colors; GAY MUSIC (Childs, F.); and POJO (Winniford), both yellows, plus Clumm's DEVILS FIRE that really reminds you of fire.

I'm busy trying for double purples, mauve, lavender, blue, and violets using single pollen on the doubles crossing my fingers for luck.

## HAPPY TIMES

Pearl Howard

How time flies! If every month were May, I'd soon enjoy myself to death. Recent rains have made everything so lovely. What beauty in the local gardens this season!

Our oldies - ROSIE MEYER, SIDE SHOW, RUFFLED PINAFORE, RAVEN, SALMON SEERSUCKER, PAPPY GATES, ROSEMONT, and many others have put on a spectacular show. We all used sheep manure and regular barnyard fertilizer in January. It really paid off.

After scapes started, I started foliar feeding - first with OrthoGro and two weeks later with BR 61. That seems to keep blooms from getting smaller.

Several of us had trouble with aphids and spider mites, early. We sprayed with Malathion, dusted with sulphur, and sprinkled snuff. Now we only have a slight showing of thrip.

LITTLE ORANGE SLICES (Croker), has really put on a show, ten scapes furnish daily enjoyment. SUDIE (Spalding), is a lovely light pink; ROCKY FORD (McKeithan), is a big pink melon; GLOBETROTTER (Spalding), is a shrimp pink with wonderful texture. EARLY VICTORIAN and BRIGHT CLOUDS both Munson's are such pretty clear pinks, SYMPHONY IN RUFFLES (MacMillan), a lavender pink with purple eye is really ruffled. Seems like I went overboard with pinks in my last Fall's purchases.

My favorites are the green-yellows and gold. FOR PETES SAKE (Simon), is a large green yellow, very ruffled and a good bloomer. Old GREEN MOUNTAIN (Farris), always delights me. DOLLY ROCKER (Howell), a big green gold is proving to be good. Of course, I still love RASPBERRY FRILLS (Williamson), TAVORICH (Munson), and MARIE BABIN (MacMillan), but I must hush.

## LERA BARLOW WINS

Carl Sauer

Mrs. Jack Barlow (Lera), member of the Houston Hemerocallis Society, not only grows fine Hems but also hybridizes Louisiana Iris. Lera won the Catherine Lyman Cornay Award in the Lafayette Iris Show, April 12, for having the best seedling, a yellow with fourteen buds - four open. She also won the second best seedling award with a low purple, with nice branching and many buds. Her daughter, Molly, won the Junior Sweepstakes.

Congratulations, Lera and Molly!

## SOCIETY REPORTS

The first meeting of the Summer of the Big Country Daylily Society was held in the home of Frona Carpenter with twenty members and four guests.

An informative program, "A Perennial Border Featuring Daylilies," was given by Glenna Belle Osborn. Christine Short gave a detailed report on the Texas bus trip to National.

Several of our members showed off some of the newer daylilies in their gardens this year. The month of June was spent visiting members gardens.

Our final meeting will be "A Debate On Organic And Inorganic Fertilizers," given by Eleanor Large and Christine Short.

Frona Carpenter

The Corpus Christi Hemerocallis Society met in June at Mrs. E. E. Hoskinson's home. We had a covered dish luncheon and installation of officers. Mrs. Hoskinson's garden was beautiful with a large planting of LIME PAINTED LADY (Russell) in full bloom.

Nedra West

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society closed its garden tours with a visit to the gardens of Mr. & Mrs. G. R. Hilton, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Janoc, Mrs. Maggie Sheffield, and Mrs. Lucille Williamson.

We had a grand daylily season with an abundance of bloom. The highlight of our season had to be the flower show at Parkdale Mall in Beaumont. Our hybridizers brought trays of bloom and plants for sale. Special thanks to Mrs. Elsie Spalding and family who came and brought many, many blooms of hers and also donated plants for sale.

Mable Nelson

Daylily season 1976, is fast drawing to a close. Our plans for 1977 have begun, we are busy transplanting new cultivars, getting beds ready for new and guest plants, plus making plans for 1978, as the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society will be hosting the Region 6 Meeting.

Cora Hund

Summer, with all its withering forces, has arrived in Pleasanton. It has checked the progress of our Hems. Still our late bloomers like BABY JULIA (Tanner), pink; ROSY WREN (Trahan-Simon), rose red with cream washed pink bitone; PATRICIAN GRACE (Munson), cream flushed pink; and a few others are standing up under the attack.

In spite of nearly a month of dry weather, many new scapes are appearing on ROSIE MEYER (Alexander), ROSEMONT, RISING STAR, CAPRI, DOUBLE CUTIE (Brown, B.), and various others.

After a brief report from each of the six members, who attended the Regional, we settled down to listen to our speaker, Rodger Croker. His program was on "House Plants And Their Care."

Our project, the Triangle at the Northwest entrance to town has been a thing of beauty for about three months. Our Society is decorating a car to be in the city's Cowboy Homecoming Parade.

We thought the Regional Meeting was tops. The banquet was the best ever - especially the food, yum, yum!! Happy vacation days to all.

Pearl Howard

There are a lot of daylilies still blooming in Lufkin. We seem to have better luck with rebloom on our own seedlings. This year, we had lots of rain in July. Our seeds are planted.

While in Honolulu, Mr. Ted Okubo came by for me. He has a small but well kept garden. He had many fat seed pods and some seeds in the refrigerator. He had some pretty limes with very green throated seedlings. We visited Foster Gardens - you name it and it is growing there. I am glad Vivian Scott did not go with me, the way she loves Ferns, I never would have gotten her out of the Fern patches.

Three car loads of club members visited Spalding's in Iowa, Louisiana. She has the best daylilies we have found anywhere. We each bought several of her newer registrations.

Come Fall we will do some more planting at the Post Office, Mall, and Nursing Home.

Winnie Kennedy

## ROBIN REPORT - EXCERPTS

I attended the Round Robin Meeting at the National in Raleigh as your Region 6 Representative. We had a large number from our Region - the "Read Red Robin" having the largest number of any other group. I would be glad to hear from anyone wishing to join or form a new Regional Robin.

Lula Mae Purnell

Our most exciting daylily in the miniatures was a Cruse seedling 022-73, a recurved triangular rose red with a deeper eye and big green throat. I used this seedling on everything. Somehow, I intend to get some of these elusive green throats in my seedlings. GYPSY DOLL (Cruse), is a low, ruffled, recurved low with a purple eye. FAT ANGEL (Lankart), is a pinkish cream fat-petaled ruffled one. Winniford's BELLA MANELIS, LOUISE MANELIS, and TOMA have been great performers. POJO is our favorite double.

Rodger Croker

SILOAM PURPLE PLUM (Henry, H.), dark wine, purple has been one of the most outstanding new miniatures I have seen this season. POJO (Winniford), we have gone wild over - our favorite double. Durio had LITTLE INFANT (Monette) treated and growing - it was the best tetraploid I saw.

Sandra & Robert Turley

CELESTIAL LIGHT (MacMillan), a light cream was really a highlight in our garden this year - the branching was superb. BENDY (Hyer) 2 ¾" yellow with faint rose halo performed excellent this year. SUZIE WONG (Kennedy), yellow performed so well this year that we crossed on it. The prettiest new miniature I saw this year was SWEET BABY (Johnson), 2 ¼" yellow with purple eye and green throat. I thought JACK O'HARA (Johnson), a recurved pale yellow was pretty. RED EYE (Blakely, C.), pale pink melon with rose eye really does catch your eye attention and I liked the branching. I admired PARADISE QUEEN (Lewis, J.) a tetraploid that opened flat being a rose pink with greenish halo. HARRY BARRAS (Monette), a creamy yellow with green throat, good branching, and wide petals is a must have on my want list.

Betty L. Davis

PIXIE PRINCE (Barrere-Moldovan), grape purple blend and CHILD OF DESTINY (Simon), are both excellent. GATEWOOD PRINCESS (Goula), is a pink over cream white and a very thick textured pony. GOLDEN GLEN (Hughes), certainly has color and branching. MY BELLE (Durio), was an extra fine flesh pink with green throat.

Albert Faggard

## DISPLAY GARDENS

Lula Mae Purnell

Even though - not one single person sent in a report on Display Gardens as I requested - I did the best I could and sent in a report on public plantings from Region 6. We cannot count them or list them as a Display Garden unless we have a report each year, all plants must be labeled, the person's name who has charge must be given as well as directions to the location of garden, also a black and white picture should be taken during blooming time. A private garden may be listed as a Display Garden if you will meet all the requirements by AHS. I would like to hear from anyone interested in listing their private garden as a Display Garden and I will need up-to-date information about any public plantings made by any groups.

## TWENTY YEARS OF DAYLILIES

Claudia Fullen

It was a tired, but happy, group who cleared away the daylilies from the flower show and plant sale, the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society staged at the Parkdale Mall in Beaumont on May 29, 1976, from 10:00 am. until 6:00 p.m.

By 8:00 in the morning, members started coming in with daylily blooms, scapes, and plants for the plant sale. We had boxes and boxes of plants to sell, all donated by members and area commercial growers. It was not an accredited show, only a Display, but the following members did themselves proud in the Artistic Division: Mrs. Allie Swafford, Mrs. Maymie Dee Schulze, Mrs. Mable Nelson, Mrs. J. E. Lewis, Mrs. Nellie Fowler, Mrs. Ella Brewer, Mrs. Anna Matulik, Mrs. Cora Hund, Mrs. Fay Hilton, and Albert Faggard. We have over 100 members and almost all of them participated in one way or the other and many worked at the show, from 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. The commercial growers who belong to our Society sent plants as well as blooms and scapes; Mrs. Lucille Williamson, Mrs. E. A. Young, Mrs. Cora Hund, Mrs. Maggie Sheffield, the Edgar Brown's, J. L. Cruse, and Ed Janac. Mrs. Elsie Spalding of Iowa, Louisiana sent some lovely plants to sell and a group of blooms and scapes to be displayed. We were very proud to have Mr. & Mrs. B. J. Perkins attend our show and bring blooms.

Albert Faggard was our "live-wire" Chairman who worked very hard to make this show a success. He credits his excellent show committee consisting of: Mrs. Mable Nelson, Blooms; Mrs. E. A. Young, Plant Sale; Mrs. J. R. Swafford, Publicity; Mrs. H. E. Marks, Educational; Mrs. H. E. Hund, Display; and Mrs. S. S. Brewer, Arrangements; with making this a lovely show.

"Twenty Years of Daylilies 1956 - 1976" was the theme for the show, emphasizing the Club's study through new and old daylily varieties since it was started by Mrs. Maymie Dee Schulze of Port Arthur. A select group of seedlings from area hybridizers were on view. Highlighting the Miniature, Large Flowers, and Doubles on display were Betty Brown's DOUBLE CUTIE, a small double yellow that won the Ida Munson Award in 1975; her DOUBLE LOVE, a pink; and DOUBLE WHAMMY, a bright orange were "showy." LITTLE GRAPETTE, grape, winner of the 1975 Donn Fischer Award; BUFFY'S DOLL, 3 inch pink with rose eyezone; LITTLE IDY, pink with rose pink halo and green throat; and LITTLE CELENA, 2" rose pink self with green throat were on display for Lucille Williamson. J. L. Cruse sent blooms and plants from his "Gypsy" line.

Those selling daylilies commented after the Show that they had many people tell them, "I didn't know daylilies came in such beautiful colors!" So, we are happy to know that by staging this Display, we have made the public more aware of our "Perennial Supreme," the Daylily.

We had nice coverage from local TV stations who made and showed pictures of our Show. Our plant sale was a huge success and we plan to make this an annual event.

## NOTES FROM A FEW SHOWS

Betty Davis

Brazosport Hemerocallis Society had 108 scapes, 22 bouquets, and eight Styrofoams entered in their show "America The Beautiful" on May 8th. AHS Rosette winners were: SANDRA HUGHES (Unger), light cream tetraploid, Queen of Show and Rosette winner for Anel Unger. LITTLE FELLOW (Tanner), lavender with darker halo won for Stanley E. Hyer. Inez Tarrant won with LOUISE MANELLIS (Winniford) a shrimp pink. She was also Sweepstakes winner. DOUBLE WHAMMY (Brown, B.), a bright orange received many comments for Naomi Carwile. 3-71 a large yellow seedling won for Jean Wheeler. GLAMOUR QUEEN (Pittard, R.), a yellow with brown halo was entered by youth member Debbie Scruggs. Tricolor was awarded to Eileen Cooper for her arrangement "Youth Our Future." Debbie Scruggs won the Merit Award in the Youth Division for an arrangement entitled "From Sea To Shining Sea."

The Houston Hemerocallis Society and the Houston Area Society had 119 scapes in their show "Spring Beauty" on May 15th. Sweepstakes was won by Inez Tarrant. STACY BLAIR (Rupe),

lavender pink blend with lavender blue eyezone was Queen of Show as well as an AHS Rosette winner for Carl Sauer. Carl also won with DOUBLE LOVE (Brown, B.), pink and peach bitone, and his own 2-27A seedling. LITTLE IRONSIDE (Taylor, G.), blue gray blend was entered by Inez Tarrant. INK SPOT (Walker), oxblood red won again for Rena Humphreys. Sally Fox had the best bloom on the board of UNFOLDING DESIGN (MacMillan), rose. I asked Jean Wheeler to put my name on the waiting list for her 72-C-69, a completely rolled, wide-wide petaled ruffled intense persimmon.

May 21st, was the Regional Flower Show "Special Notes On Our History" hosted by the Austin Hemerocallis Society. Elizabeth Krebs, Regional Secretary, was Sweepstakes winner, as well. She received an AHS Rosette with the famous INK SPOT (Walker). Bill Ater had the Queen of Show entry of RADIANT DAWN (McMillan, M.), a pink bitone with rose pink halo; LOUISE MANELLIS, a shrimp pink; and POJO (Winniford) a yellow double won Rosettes for Bill. Lynne Ater won the Youth Section with her own registration, LITTLE DART, a pale yellow miniature. Tricolor and Sweepstakes Award in the Artistic Division went to Bill Ater.

Other shows were held that I was unable to attend.

#### MAIL BOX

I think the joy of growing daylilies is to add a few new ones every year. I had eleven new ones to bloom this year.

Nina Hill

My Mother (Mrs. Elsie Spalding) gave me several hundred seedlings plus a few of her named varieties for a start. I must say those first blooms were a sight to behold.

B. J. Perkins

This has been a rather unusual daylily season. We had a late Spring, with cold nights, so the blossoms did not open as well as they did later.

All my plants seemed to grow taller than usual and frequently most of the buds were near the top of the scape. I believe the bloom season was shorter this year.

Martha Montgomery

Warner's BITSY is usually the first to bloom in the miniatures here, but Rodger Crocker's LITTLE ORANGE SLICES, a light orange with reddish halo has really come to the top for blooming this year.

Mae Collie

I think almost everyone had aphids this year. I had them and the foliage turned brown, and the early bloomers did not bloom well. The midseason ones came on and did pretty good. Child's orchid with green throat was the most beautiful bloom in my yard this year; so delicate and lovely is CATHERINE WOODBERRY.

Faye Pate

Our Regional Meeting was really enjoyable in every way. The Austin folks worked so hard and it paid off with a fine flower show, and more fellowship than I ever dreamed I would get as I did not get to visit with anyone last year. This almost made up for it, as I surely tried to make up for lost time. The food was delicious, too. The auction was a nice surprise. Thank you Austin!

Gertrude Lanham, RPD

I still have not gotten over the great surprise. I love the little man! (Malcolm Collie Award)

Cora Offer

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### LOOKING AHEAD TO 1977

Margaret Johnston

The Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas are busy making plans for the National Convention which will be held next year in Dallas on June 9, 10, and 11. Those whose gardens will be on tour are battling successfully the drought and weeds, and will have a fine display of the latest and best introductions for visitors to see.

We invite Region 6 members to join with us in welcoming and entertaining our visitors; and we hope that you are making plans now to be with us next June.

IN MEMORY OF GUY D. GATES  
Mary Anne Ater

The members of the Austin Hemerocallis Society were deeply saddened at the death of Guy D. Gates on April 30, 1976.

His friendly smile and quick wit were sparks of joy to his many friends and Hem fanciers, for Guy and his wife, Jessie, attended many National Conventions and Meetings of Regions 6 and 13. They also visited many Hem gardens throughout Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas collecting new cultivars before they were introduced, thus having well established clumps of the newest for visitors to their garden to view and enjoy.

He is survived by his wife, Jessie, three sons, one daughter and several grandchildren.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Miss Edna Lankart of Tyler, in the loss of her father, Mr. Christopher S. Lankart - well known cotton breeder.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. A. L. Hammond of Angleton, in the loss of her son, James Earnest Hammond.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. STANLEY E. HYER  
Rodger N. Croker

On June 17th, Jessie Lee Hyer worked and walked through her lovely garden of three acres located in a wooded area near Sweeny. That night she took sick and she passed away on June 18th, while her daughter and husband were attending the National Convention in Raleigh.

Jessie joined the American Hemerocallis Society in 1966, and in her ten years she made many contributions and won many new friends through her sharing and trading of Hems.

During the late Mr. Martin McMillan's term as Regional Vice-President, she served as an area reporter. Then, in 1972 - 1973 she was Regional Publicity Director while I was Regional Vice-President. I gave her my deadline dates for news articles and before I could remind her, she had dozens of letters going out all over our Region asking for contributions of news for the Newsletter.

In 1968, she was Vice-President and Yearbook Chairman for the Sweeny Hemerocallis Society, and the next year served as its President.

She worked classifying shows, and in 1967 she was awarded the American Horticulture Society Bronze Medal. In 1970, she won their Certificate of Merit.

In six years of show competition, she won five Sweepstakes Rosettes and Seven Special Awards Rosettes. Twice she won Queen of the Show in the Houston and Brazosport shows.

In addition to her membership in the American Plant Life Society, she had great interest in Amaryllis and in Water Lilies, which she grew to perfection.

She carried on an avid correspondence with many Hem friends and with her family. She never minded the work to make anything a success, but preferred to remain behind the scenes and let others be in the limelight.

Two long-time friends stood, her pastor of many years and myself, to offer a tribute to a noble Christian woman whose friends of all colors and creeds filled the Sweeny Church of the Nazarene.

Impressive was a round easel covered in pale primrose satin and decorated with gold and yellow Marigolds and seedling Hemerocallis in these same hues from the garden Jessie so lovingly tended. This fitting and appropriate tribute came from the hands of Mrs. John (Naomi) Carwile.

"God gave us memory that we might have Roses in December." Somehow the way I want to best remember her was as she stood in her garden as the tour buses unloaded for the Brazosport Regional in 1973, for never was her garden more spectacular, nor Jessie any happier than greeting her many friends of Region 6.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. STANLEY E. HYER  
Naomi Carwile

I first met Jessie in 1967. I asked her and Stanley to join the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society. The very first Hemerocallis show she entered, she won the American Horticulture Society Bronze Medal. She knew how to grow anything better than anyone. She soon became an American Hemerocallis Society Judge and surely was one of the best.

Jessie's love were the miniatures. She was able to bloom her seedlings in one year. She never introduced any of her own because she was ever in quest of a tinier one. She had the smallest brown one I've ever seen and she was pleased that it stayed low.

God, in His wisdom, called her, but she will always remain in my Garden of Memories as a remarkable woman who was my best friend. She will be greatly missed by her husband, Stanley, our Regional Treasurer; Betty Davis, her only daughter, who is our beloved Regional Vice-President; her three sons - Grady, Lawrence, and Lonnie; as well as her five grandchildren and many friends.

INTRODUCTIONS BY INEZ TARRANT  
Route 1, Freeport, Texas 77541

LIFE IS FRAGILE - 25" - EMRe - 5" near white self with a lot of green, faint green throat. Ev. # 72-7, many buds. J.C. in 1973. (CHOSEN ONE x Seedling) ..... \$25.00

BOLD STREAKER - 29" - EMRe - 6" rosy orange blend with faint watermark and olive throat. Fr. Ext. Ev. #72-5 (HANDSOME LAD x Seedling) ..... \$15.00

INNOCENT CHARM - 27" - EMRe - 5 1/2" near white self with green throat. Ext. Ev. # 73-8 Branched well and many buds. (MOMENT OF TRUTH x Seeding) ..... \$25.00

MULE EARS - 26" - EMRe - 8" dark wine red with yellow green throat. Ext. Ev. # 70-18 ..... \$10.00

TEXAS BUS TOUR - 1976  
Emily Everett

W. D. and I had been hearing and reading of the fun bus trips the Hem Friends of Texas were having for years. After reading a resume of the one planned for this Summer, we sent in our deposit and crossed our fingers; hoping that we weren't too late to be included in the two week Bicentennial Special Tour. The letter from Mrs. Lula Mae Purnell, Tour Director, accepting our deposit was a happy sight and we started the countdown.

Finally, June 12th came and Inez Tarrant, W. D., and I left for Dallas to meet the other 35 people who were all packed and ready to start the trek on Sunday, June 13th.

The trip which covered 15 states and Washington, D.C., was planned around the National Hemerocallis Convention in Raleigh, NC, on June 17-19th. These three fun filled days will be covered by others, but to say an enjoyable time was had by all is not justly describing it. Those who were hosts and workers went all out to give us an inspiring Convention. Their friendliness and hospitality won't soon be forgotten. We all appreciated the preparation and work that had gone into those special days in Raleigh.

It was our privilege to visit two other outstanding daylily gardens. The Allgood Garden of Waltersboro, SC, and Van Seller's "Iron Gate Garden" in Kings Mountain, NC, were both outstanding. The Allgood's Garden and hospitality will always be an inspiration to try to duplicate in a lifetime what they have accomplished in just three years. The daylilies were superbly grown, as were the Japanese Iris and other plants. We hope to see the wildflower garden that Ruth and John have started.

The time spent in King Mountain, NC, at "Iron Gate" was just enough to wish we could stay there indefinitely. We spent a few precious minutes trying to get the special formula that could produce

such beauty. Words fail me to describe the beauty of his daylilies, especially his seedlings. Also, to mention by name those of which he is most proud would not be fair to all the other beautiful specimens. One must see them to believe it.

There were other gardens that we visited - the oldest one in America, Middleton Gardens in Charleston, SC, Cheekwood, Nashville, TN, (their daylilies were beautiful); and last but not least, Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. In trying to describe this garden, a comment comes to mind - "This is as near Heaven as I've ever been." The garden is immaculately grown. Every type of plant is displayed so perfectly that one does not feel at ease to use words like bugs, dieback, etc. in such a place! Even the gardens at Opryland are worth visiting from a horticultural viewpoint. But when you get on a train to view these gardens and sights, be sure that it is a train and not, "The Timber Topper" as was our experience.

Of interest to all good gardeners is good food and we had an abundance of that. The homemade treats brought by fellow bus friends were something else. Feasts at well known restaurants were special. These included a large variety from "Washington Ate Here" places, Greek Seafood dinners, to Dutch food in Pennsylvania. Buffet meals in recommended places, and our first experience in a Cafeteria Carousel (in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington) were real treats.

Speaking of the Smithsonian, what a complex! We spent several hours in the Building of History and Technology. We saw many places of historical interest. One that interested me was the Episcopal Church in which John Wesley started Sunday Schools. This was in Savannah, Georgia. Philadelphia had many inspiring moments - as did Charleston, SC; Williamsburg, VA; and Washington, D.C. As Inez Tarrant described it to our Brazosport Hemerocallis Society, "we came home with a deeper appreciation of our heritage and more humility and gratitude toward those who have contributed so much."

Our Sundays were days of special thanksgiving and worship. We were led by the Reverend F. D. Coppin of Waco in our worship services. He inspired us with messages using daylilies such as KING OF KINGS as the theme of his sermons. Clarice Foster led the singing.

The study of different peoples along the trip was most interesting. From the Amish in Pennsylvania to the people we met on our first stop in Waskom, Texas, the words to describe them were helpful, friendly, and interesting. Those of us who were lucky enough to be on this tour are appreciative of the work that the tour committee did to make this experience possible. Serving on this committee with Mrs. Purnell, were Mrs. Clarice Foster, Mrs. Dora Klenk, Dr. Truett Valentine, and Mr. Charles Cyrus.

It was with a feeling of sadness that we left those old and new friends that we had grown to love so much during these two weeks. But with enough memories to keep us inspired and looking toward next year, the National Convention in Dallas, and our trip planned in July, we said our good-byes.

## CONSIDER

It seems to me when Roses nod  
They are saying "yes" to God.  
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Nancye Rawlins Wood

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## FROM DISAPPOINTMENT TO JOY

F. D. Coppin

Before arriving in Meridian, Mississippi, for the night, members on the Texas Bus learned of a possible earlier arrival in Decatur, Georgia.

Remembering the lovely vegetable garden to the right of their garden patio, the beautiful daylilies - registered and unnumbered ones - that graced the hillside, and the gracious hosts that Frances and Clyde Davidson were, the question was why not call to verify a welcome.

But, we did not have the early arrival. The scheduled visit to Stone Mountain and Stone Mountain Plantation concluded at what appeared to be too late for a daylily garden visit.

Stepping from the bus, Helen Stewart asked about the possibility of a cab. The news spread. Inez Tarrant and Martha Montgomery were eager to go. Dr. Truett Valentine surrendered a trip to underground Atlanta for the visit. The writer made another call to the Davidsons.

Cab service was expected momentarily, but it was 8:20 p.m. before the driver arrived and we bargained for a flat rate instead of the increase at each 1/6 of a mile. Not knowing how far it was from I-20 at Chapel Road to 1215 Church Street, and what seemed the long way, plus the driver stopping for gas, hypertension was increasing as the evening shadows lengthened.

At 9 p.m. and only 30 minutes in which to look, it seemed that from the rear buzzer and the clanging bell, to the front buzzer, to taps on the window of the room where Clyde was busy at his desk, that we would never get to the garden of Hemerocallis.

Already found was T-75-202A of nearly perfect round form, open face and by flashlight a peachy rose.

How gracious and friendly were our hosts to such intruders at such a late hour!

Here was LOWBOY (Davidson), a very light pink overcast with yellow. DELITHA (Griesbach-Hardy), a repeating tetraploid being light green yellow with 2 1/2" petals; two of Marsh's tetraploid registrations CHICAGO QUEEN, lavender with purple eyezone, and CHICAGO STAR, an 8" light golden yellow commanded attention. DULCIANA (Griesbach-Hardy), was a showy lavender rose. Under flashlight, I found BRAVE CAPTAIN another Griesbach-Hardy registration that is a medium red self with a yellow green throat that was repeat bloom. SEGRAMOOR (Peck), was a very pretty plum purple. T-73-205A (Davidson), was a large wide-opened pink. Be alert for the coming of T-76, an 8" yellow and well rounded with the parentage of MARY TODD x CHICAGO STAR that may be known as DECATUR STAR.

Thank you for sharing your garden of joy with us, Frances and Clyde.

## WHAT A SPREAD OF DAYLILIES AT WALTERBORO!

Inez Tarrant

How landscaping enhances a daylily garden! Up the driveway at the John Allgood's were VELVET EYE and LOUISE BROADNOX along with several other named ones growing beautifully.

Near the greenhouse was a large clump of Lambert's JIM COOPER, a fiery red, with a green throat with a background of yellow variegated Lantana. Down one fence was a curved display bed of many colors of daylilies. The main attraction was a clump of Lambert's WUTHERING HEIGHTS, one of which cradled a tree frog. The color of this daylily is Burmese ruby, black overlay, with a yellow green throat, very eye catching. Red Hot Poker was in the foreground of this bed. Paralleling this long bed was a planting of the Kennedy's lavenders plus others.

In the Yancey bed, my favorite of all the daylilies that I saw, LIMON, a light low-growing yellow with a heavy substance, a green throat and round in form. Very pretty. BIG KELL was another big yellow one growing here.

Approaching the lake where the Chinese Geese swam and honked, as the bull frogs croaked, was an enormous planting of daylilies and a three-foot wide really long bed of Japanese Iris in bloom. I had never seen any of these before and they were certainly gorgeous. Time to turn to the right and view another massive planting of Hemerocallis. Around another corner was a huge clump of LITTLE

RUBY (Jordan, R.), a 3" light ruby red with green throat and well branched. Midway between this planting and the upper end of the lake was another bed of rainbow colors. Many of the not quite so new ones, but still very beautiful.

At the bridge across the lake was the house for the Purple Martins who were flying and talking. To the left were many more rows of named daylilies that I did not have time to admire.

Crossing the lake we saw the two long curving beds where KING'S CLOAK (Munson), a 6" wine rose blend, wine eyezone, yellow throat, well branched tetraploid was blooming in all of its glory. SHINING BEACON, a 5" bright deep red with soft greenish yellow throat; DAWN DELIGHT, a purple self both Pittard's were noteworthy.

Some Allgood registrations that I admired were: FOX GRAPE, a miniature purple; ALMOST HEAVEN, a 7" pale yellow cream infused with orchid-pink and an eyezone of orchid pink; PRESTER JOHN, a double 5 ½" orange-gold, hose-on-hose type; and ELIJAH, a 5" cream of tomato-soup red, velvety textured - very much an eye catcher and one I had purchased before my visit with the Allgoods.

There were many, many more, but you just cannot see them in such a short period of time. There were many seedlings, some of which will be introduced in 1976 and many more companion plants. The whistle was blowing so I had to run, thanking the gracious host and hostess for letting us enjoy their garden for a short while.

### DREAMS DO COME TRUE IN THE DAYLILY WORLD Gertrude Lanham

A number of years ago, the Texas Bus folks visited Van Sellers' Garden after it had been devastated by a severe hail storm. We enjoyed the delicious lunch Van and his sweet Mother served us, but we grieved with them for the ruined daylilies. We had dreams of returning to Van's again, and this year, on the way to Raleigh, our dreams came true. All of us drooled over Van's new "Iron Gates," the enlarged garden of winding paths, beauty stops with wrought iron furniture, and special plantings in circular beds. Indeed it is a lovely garden, and he grows Lilies, Hostas, and other plants to enhance a most astounding display of daylilies.

One could look all day and see something different every time they stroll around the paths, and stop to gaze at the seedlings, the newest and a few older diploids and tetraploids. We saw his garden on the way to Raleigh, and on the way home, and we still did not get to see all we wished.

People were everywhere in Van's garden, and they were all enjoying the shaded patio, or just looking or buying what they could get Van to dig for them. It rained, but who cared? It was not hail, and who could resist all this beauty? We were grateful we had the privilege of enjoying our dream come true.

I had promised Kate Carpenter I would visit her garden if I ever was close by, and this year, again, my dream came true. I was so glad I had Betty Acrey, and the Winnifords with me as they could back me up in my statements about all the beauty Kate had created in her outstandingly beautiful garden. I knew Kate bought all the newest ones and grew them so well, but I also was so glad to see how smart she was to use the oldies. She had a row of LITTLE WART (Spalding) by the side of her driveway, in full bloom, and the effect was charming.

We went on around and came to a full stop in delight at the sight of EDNA SPALDING MEMORIAL (MacMillan), a yellow green with 14 blooms on it.

SARI (Munson), had too many orchid blooms to count, and there were many more clumps with so many blooms that we could hardly believe it. I have heard the phrase, "Grown to Perfection," and I always thought, "Yeah, what is perfection?" I know now positively, that it is the way Kate Carpenter grows those daylilies. Much has been said about her miniature Begonias, Gloriosa Daisies, Hydrangeas, and many other companion plants and they were a real delight.

Of course, the friendliness helped too, or matched the beauty of all Kate's plantings even the vegetables she had growing away out under those tall trees. A handsome boat was anchored just

outside the garden wall along the pier, and I know Kate's charming husband and son enjoy all this beauty, too.

Thank you Kate and Van for helping our dreams to come true.

## IRON GATE GARDEN Allie Swafford and Thresa Holmes

I have received pricelists from the Iron Gate Gardens, and the Iron Gate was on the cover, but to my surprise when we arrived, there was an Iron Gate mounted out in front of the house near the road.

Thresa took the names and descriptions of her favorite daylilies, and I the companion plants. It takes daylilies to make a pretty garden, but it takes some companion plants to tie them together, so they don't look commercial.

Ken parked the Texas Bus in front of the Sellers' house. As we walked up the front drive, on the right was a beautiful garden of shrubs, annuals, and perennials, such as Astilbe, Marigolds, Peonies, Tritoma, and many other plants.

A clump of yellow daylilies made a good show with blue Spiderwort and rose Phlox. A well-branched Red Bud with maroon red leaves was very impressive. I had never seen this before.

As we walked on to the right of the house there were patches of daylilies not laid out as commercial gardens usually are. Some formal gardens with fountains, nice walks, and patios that make a lovely setting - corners and close places filled with Calla Lilies of several colors, Umbrella Palms and hanging baskets were plentiful. One was filled with Nicotinia, which was unusual.

We wandered on looking at beautiful daylilies in beds of different shapes and forms, like they were laid out by a real artist. We came to a shady bed bordered with John Burch Liriope. Beautiful Ferns of several kinds were growing here. Begonias, several varieties of Hostas, Acuba, Legularia, of three varieties, Bergaria Saxifrage, Lambs Tongue, Lambia, a ground cover, and many other nice plants. At the far end of this bed was a gazebo, a very restful and peaceful looking place; also another large bed of daylilies.

Here are the names of some of the choice ones; Mr. Sellers' three best whites, in my opinion were IRON GATE ICEBERG, IRON GATE GLACIER, and DRIVEN SNOW. I believe DRIVEN SNOW had wider petals and more ruffling. STINNETT (Rushing), 23", a huge, wide petaled pink blend with a nice flat form. SARI (Munson), 24" pink blend with extremely wide segments. There was a large clump here with many open flowers. BLESSED ASSURANCE (MacMillan), large pink with green throat. In the rosy tones, I liked STRAWBERRY VELVET (Kennedy) 28" rosy red bitone with a light yellow throat. FLAMING PEARL (Moldovan) 26" large coral rosy pink tetraploid with gleaming tangerine heart - outstanding. FOLKLORICO (Lambert) 30" rose with a yellow throat midribs and edging. GINNY BROOKINGS (Lambert) 26" unusual creped dark rose self with a green throat. BLUE HAPPINESS (Spalding) 21" dusty rose 5" flower with a green throat and is stitched near the outer edge of the segments with blue dots - something else. GLOBAL AFFAIR (Rushing) 30" medium rose with a deeper colored pencil mark halo of rose. LITTLE SALLY (Kennedy) 24" rose pink bitone round, full, and ruffled. ON STAGE (Pittard) rose pink with a large creamy yellow throat that extends into the segments.

Some lovely purples were; ROYAL WATER (Maxwell) 28" deep purple self with a nice green throat. A nice raspberry was JUNE WILLIAMS (Munson) 24" raspberry violet plum with pale yellow throat. Nice lavenders were: CLAIRVOYANT (Moldovan) 28" a large medium lavender self; GRAPE ICE (Childs) 30" blue lavender daylily with an icy appearance and green throat; WINE MERCHANT (Moldovan) 24" lovely pale lavender with a darker penciled eye; CHICAGO KNOBBY (Marsh) a pretty lavender tetraploid with a knoblike edging on all segments. Reds that I admired were: BAIL BOND (McKinney) 26" unusual deep red self with a striking yellow edging; MARGARET MARLOTTE (Lambert) 30" velvet red with yellow edging. Both were very pretty. CHERRY FESTIVAL (Yancey) 30" rosy red self with a nice green throat, recurves nicely. DALLAS SISTERHOOD (Winniford) deep red self with green throat, recurves, takes sun, heat and rain well. ED MURRAY (Grovvatt) 32" black red, velvety, ruffled flower with green throat. MUSIC MAN (Wild) a very different shade of red with green

throat; BAJA (Durio) 28" tetraploid that is bright red, broad, ruffled petals, good form and diamond dusted.

Some good yellows were - BONCLARKEN (Blakely) 30" round, ruffled lemon yellow with green throat; PERSONALITY PLUS (McEwen) 32" tetraploid, yellow with brushing of rose on tips of petals and throat; BUTTERPAT (Kennedy) small recurved yellow self; OLIVETTE (Whatley) 26" flat yellow with touch of rose and green throat; SINAI (Durio) yellow green, dusted cinnamon with green throat; MARSH LADY (Yancey) 30" large medium yellow with pale lavender eye; and PRETTY PAM (Gates) pale creped lemon yellow with green throat.

Peach, apricot and tangerine shades: SOMBRERO WAY (Reckamp) Tetraploid 26" round, flat tangerine pink self; BERTIE FERRIS (Winniford) 20" persimmon tangerine mini round and ruffled with a glowing throat; PERSIAN PEACH (Moldovan) tetraploid 26" large, wide petaled apricot peach color with bright pink tints; and LOUISE MANELIS (Winniford) pretty shrimp pink, small flower.

BOYD HORTON (Blakely) 23" unusual creamy and brown combination. FRED SPROUSE (Holman) 32" large flat gold self with green throat and wide petals. AMBER BLAZE (McKenney) 23" gold flower with an amber wash and corded texture. NOBLE SAVAGE (Wynne) 30" pretty burnt orange with red halo. RUSTY BABY (Winniford) small flower of a rusty orange color. Very striking.

## IRON GATE GARDEN REMEMBERED

Nellie Joe Trott

The trip to Iron Gate Garden was easily the highlight of our journey to the National Convention in Raleigh. Personally, it brought back memories of a family trip to my late Mother's birthplace made over seventy years ago. I remembered her reactions as we approached Thomasville which had been her Post Office and actual home site. This trip was made with Tom Hughes. We left Raleigh before other conventioners were up, had a very excellent breakfast across the highway from the motel and arrived at Van's before 10 a.m.

Comparisons are odious so none will be made, but we were impressed first at the shady starting point with its comfortable lounging chairs and then by the directional markers that provide assurance of seeing all the garden without retracing ones steps and also by the viewing areas interspersed along the wide paths. The garden itself is most artistically designed with very pleasing arrangements of cultivars to provide for grouping according to heights and colors, sometimes blending and contrasting colors. We spent almost four hours looking, taking notes, and "Oohing and Aahing." Then we had the nicest experience of the entire day, getting acquainted with Van's Mother. She is witty, very clever, and truly a Southern Lady. We shall long remember her.

The garden is a feast of beauty with the best daylilies from all parts of the United States. We saw in addition to the loveliest and most perfectly grown old, not too old, familiars from Texas, Louisiana, and middle America, but the best of Lambert, Allgood, and of course Sellers!

Neither DRIVEN SNOW nor IRON GATE ICEBERG were in bloom but ANGEL TEARS was so it was purchased, the only diploid I allowed myself. From Mrs. Sellers in addition to ANGEL TEARS seven tetraploids were ordered, after counting my money, I found I could afford four more making an even dozen. Some I had to have are: tetraploid PINK LIGHTNING; ETCHED IN GOLD; a melon pink with a deep crinkled edge of gold; KEBUTI, Munson's rosy lavender; STAGE STRUCK pink with lavender; and SOMEDAY MAYBE, another pink but different with its coral accents. Of all we saw SO SEEMLY (Peck) was the most outstanding to me. It was a vibrant light yellow green, or green yellow, with a very green throat. On display was Allgood's ELIJAH, tomato red with olive throat over which Tom and I drooled.

Hostas are featured as companion plants and are very interesting. Van has the greatest variety we had ever seen. Some I would like to try but the Texas weather may be too hot for them.

Returning to Raleigh was slow and hazardous because of rain. Only Tom's good driving and his unflinching good humor kept me from panicking. In retrospect it was worth it. Had I known anyone would have asked me to write on Iron Gate Garden I would have taken more copious notes.

## EDNA LANKART RECEIVES FISCHER AWARD

Rodger N. Croker

A standing ovation at this year's National Convention in Raleigh marked the awarding of the Helen Field Fischer Award for outstanding service to Miss Edna Lankart of Tyler, Texas.

Contributing her time, plants, seed, and her own private finances to support the various aspects of the American Hemerocallis Society, Edna has become well-known and might well be called the First Lady of Hems in Region 6.

She has served on the Board, where she spent several years serving as First Vice-President. She was Regional Vice-President for Texas and New Mexico and later served as Regional Publicity Director for the late Martin McMillan. She has been Associate Editor of the AHS JOURNAL and has contributed many articles to it, the Region 6 Newsletter, and guest articles for other Regional Newsletters. She has written many valuable guidelines and cultural helps for AHS.

Edna has given many programs and showed many slides down through the years. Her achievements in hybridizing have been far from meager, and she has maintained a show garden, displaying proudly her acquisitions and especially the latest things of Lucille Williamson's and the Edgar Browns.

It has been nearly ten years since I first met Edna in her Waco garden. The first characteristics one would notice would be her love of life and her keen sense of humor. And it doesn't take long to find out her favorite word is "doozy", especially when describing a daylily.

Miles traveled, time spent, hours shared with her daylily friends from one coast to the other, laughter, fun, and enthusiasm - these epitomize Edna Lankart and justify for her the honor so bestowed upon her.

REGION 6 is proud of you, Miss Edna, Congratulations! (Editor)

### NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

The Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas Fluorescent Unit sent \$50 and the Big Dee Unit sent \$25 honoring their members who have served as RVP: Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell, the late Mr. Martin McMillan, and Mr. Tom Hughes.

Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas sent \$10.

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TO A FRIEND  
MRS. JESSIE HYER

Once a day, and sometimes more,  
You knock upon my daydream door,  
And I say warmly, "Come right in,  
I'm glad you're here with me again!"  
Then we sit down and have a chat,  
Recalling this, discussing that,  
Until some task that I must do  
Forces me away from you.  
Reluctantly I say good-bye,  
Smiling with a little sigh,  
For though my daydreams bring you near  
I wish that you were really here.  
But what reality can't change  
My dreams and wishes can arrange.  
And through my wishing you'll be brought  
To me each day, a guest in thought.

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