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RVP's MESSAGE

Greetings again to all who receive this Newsletter. What threatened earlier to be a rather short Newsletter, has now developed into one of about normal length as interesting articles have continued to come in.

The Fall and Winter weather has not been favorable for gardening throughout much of the country, and some of us are behind with the things we need to do before bloom season. There are those who predict that the unusually cold weather will tend to control insect pests, but there are others who believe that the opposite will be the case. Representatives of both opinions have articles on these pages.

Dallas is moving toward a super Convention. They have provided us with a preview of the attractions there, but perhaps more important is the registration blank which I will include in this Newsletter. Early registration is always appreciated.

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas is as enthusiastic a group as I have seen. Their preliminary arrangements for the 1978 Regional Meeting are already in the advanced stages. In our next Newsletter we will talk more in detail of their plans and ways in which we might be of assistance to them.

This is going to be an exciting season of visiting good gardens and spending time with the many wonderful friends of Region 6, and of the other Regions of the American Hemerocallis Society.

Betty Lee Davis

REGION 6 WINS AWARDS

Rodger N. Croker

Region 6 seems to be getting her share of awards in 1976. For only the second time, a Region 6 Hem has won the Stout Award. This award went to GREEN FLUTTER (Williamson).

Gaining recognition also was Lucille Williamson's rose pink eyed LITTLE CELENA which was runner-up for the Donn Fischer Memorial Award.

Elna Winniford's POJO was runner-up for the Ida Munson Award for Doubles. It is a small-flowered gold of beautiful proportions that blooms consistently double. If you haven't tried any doubles, this is a must and is sure to start an avid interest in doubles.

Honorable Mentions went to Brown's large gold DOUBLE DOUBLOON, Edna Lankart's adorable, ruffled creamy pink blended FAT ANGEL, and Carl Sauer's exquisite heavily ruffled pale cream VIV.

Eight Regional Junior Citations were awarded to Hems giving promise as unintroducted cultivars: Hughes Garden's 17-74-T is a cross of (FAIR ANNETT x QUEEN ELEANOR) x treated LEE ANN HUGHES). Having a 6 ½" bloom with slight ruffling, this apricot beauty is enhanced by a rose overwash with strong rose veining on all parts and a hint of a halo. Excellent branching rounds out the 24" scape.

Lucille Williamson's WO-707-7 is a big clear very pale yellow. Being dormant, it has an 18" scape, nice foliage, and a round form like an Amaryllis. This 6" flower is somewhat slow to increase. It has proved very popular to garden visitors.

SUGAR SWEET (Lucille Warner), is a cross of tetraploid SUGAR x (tetraploid seedling x DREAM COME TRUE). Tetraploid SUGAR has the same breeding as PRESIDENT GILES. This Hem is a cream and pink blend, which blooms very early and then repeats. It opens flat with the segments being very wide, resulting in absolutely no spacing between the petals and sepals. This 4 ½" flower, ruffled and creped, is dormant and is of superb substance, resulting in a bloom which neither fades nor melts.

Marge Russell's 75-88 is a near white, edged in light pink to rose around its petals. This flat flower has overlapping segments that are smooth and of velvety texture. This one, with a 24" scape, is a cross of LOVING MEMORIES x her rose seedling 75-37.

Her 76-16, a cross of BROADMOOR WILMA x her seedling 75-37, is a coppery coral which sports a green throat and wide ruffled petals. The 4 ½" flower tops a 24-26" scape. This rebloomer is of velvety texture and very sunfast.

MY FRIEND BOB (Ury Winniford), a 6" near white, has 1 ¾" sepals and 3" petals. This tetraploid has a 36" scape and is a cross of EVENING BELL x VIRGINIA MILLER. The cultivar is named in memory of Dr. Robert Miller.

COCO (Elna Winniford), a 3" bright rose, grows about 24" tall with excellent branching. This diploid has double blood in its background.

Information was not available for Mary Cunningham's J. C. Winner, 76-7.

WINTERTIME IS STILL PREPARATION TIME

John Buettner

The fact that this Winter has started off bringing much colder weather to all of Region 6 and shows every sign of continuing, can probably be viewed as a mixed blessing to us Hem lovers. On the plus side, there are those of us who keep wishing that some of those lovely, though dormant, Northern daylilies that we see while on tour or admire from the pictures in the AHS Journal, would perform a little better for us here in the deep South. So much so that we keep buying them in the hope that the disasters we have experienced previously in growing them will not be repeated; that by some magic, those dormants have genetically improved so that they will bloom spectacularly with what, to them, is no rest at all in the Winter.

Well, this should be the Spring for it. Even the semi-evergreen varieties have been behaving like dormants here and the true dormants have gratefully retreated underneath the soil to ponder whether

this is still Texas or whether they have been shipped back North in resignation. In any event, it will be fun to observe the performance of true dormant Hems this Spring along the Gulf Coast to discover if the colder weather has really done for them here what it has always done in their native habitat.

On the minus side, I have a suspicion that the normal insect infestation in the Spring may be even worse this time around. For those of us who spray with an insecticide during the Winter, the best time has always been on those periodic warm, sunny days when the aphids would venture up onto the fans to find out if Spring was here and could be killed with a contact spray, which is the type most commonly used. With the cold weather, they are not interested in anything else but remaining comfortable down in the deep recesses of the plants, where it is much harder to reach them. Of course, the use of systemic sprays should work in this case, but here again, the metabolism of the plants has slowed down so much due to the temperature that I'm not sure you're any better off. At any rate, the cold weather isn't going to kill the little fellows, and the higher-than-average rainfall isn't going to either, so be forewarned. In the Spring, the insects will be where they have always been, down in your Hems, unless you do something about it.

WINTER CAN BE GREAT?

Edna Lankart

You may well ask "Great For What?" For me it is only great for hibernating and hopefully thinking this third very cold freeze by January 8th may kill all of those aggravating insects that start appearing very early in the Spring. If this doesn't do it we seem doomed to spraying, which I just about refuse to do, myself. I have a tree man that sprays my Pine trees for Pine Bark Beetles. He has a spray rig that can spray my whole yard in about four squirts. I will let him do it and leave town for a few days. That is the best advice I can pass on for spraying your yard. Now I am hoping for a few warm days in order to get off all the old, dead foliage and burn it as I feel many of those insects hide in it over Winter. This has about come to open warfare - and to top it off the yard is full of mole runs. The life of a gardener can be rough and especially when you are tired from all the years of "pushing fifty."

I read so much about those real early bloomers and I'm afraid they do not excite me a great deal. We usually have rather cold spells after the early ones start blooming and this can make them look pretty sad - in case you even want to venture out and look at them. Of course, we are anxious to see any daylily after Winter is over. I remember when old BLANCHE HOOKER (Stout), started the season for me - it looked gorgeous to me. Then when it repeated when the midseason bloomers were blooming, I wanted to dig it out.

We have just had 12 degrees in early January and it is hard to remember a yard full of daylily blooms. In trying to recall the late bloomers - and I do not mean repeat bloomers - I seem to recall that SHOWOFF (Brown), a very brilliant gold or orange tetraploid made a real splash of color. SOUTH SEA CORAL (Lankart), always makes a good late show when most have finished. BOZO (Winniford), makes a good show with many small rusty red blooms. GREEN FLUTTER (Williamson), canary self with green throat, always blooms fairly late for me, but it is one I will always grow. I really appreciated JOLLY PINK GIANT (Demarest), when the temperature was around 100 and over. It is a large very true pink with a green throat and stands any kind of weather. SMOKEY WONDER (Brown), is an odd changing color of purple that also stands any weather. These are just a few of the daylilies that lengthen the season in my garden and I consider them good garden subjects since they bloom during the hottest part of the Summer. Oh yes, SURE TOUCH (Pittard), a gold with brownish eyezone and yellow throat, is a goodie.

There are so many yellow daylilies on the market that one must really be something to get attention but, from an article in the last [AHS Journal](#), it seems yellows are still the favorites of the Awards and Honors Judges when voting on their favorite 15 daylilies at the National Convention. Actually, I think on such short notice, it is hard to really think it over clearly and since there are so many more famous yellows, these come to your mind first. From a commercial point of view, it was always harder to sell the yellows and golds as you would so often hear this comment, "I want something in a different color as my whole garden seems to be yellow and gold." Maybe the yellows

are returning to favor now , but as for me, I am now going for those with a greenish cast as they look so cool in the garden. I have one whole bed that I consider on the green side - many are my own from GREEN FLUTTER x ELSIE SPALDING MEMORIAL. One I have liked everywhere is GREEN GLITTER (Harrison, D. J.), a very pale yellow. A very good branched one in this color is GREEN WONDER (Blakely), it often has eight segments. A new yellow I like very much is Brown's SUNTIME, it is large and fluffy and will have 3 or 4 large blooms open on one scape. The Brown's very large and full chartreuse that caused so much excitement last season has been named ESTELLE WHITMIRE, it is the best I have seen in this color.

I have always remembered this old saying, "The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better off than those who try to do nothing and succeed." Well, I am coming to the fork in the road and am wondering which would be the easiest to follow. I thought I had a number of "doozies" last year but few experts saw them and it may be a case of - "To a mother, all children are beautiful." I hope some of you come by and help me decide, on the way to or from the Dallas Convention. I do know that all hybridizers need to get out and compare their results with those of other hybridizers.

I wasn't able to visit as many gardens in this area last season as I would have wished to visit , but one garden I would recommend you see is that of J. L. Cruse of Woodville, Texas. He has fields of daylilies and any type you would like except tetraploids. He is making great strides in the miniatures and has some unusual eyed daylilies.

Well, aren't we lucky to have the National Convention at Dallas this year? From all I hear, we are in for a real treat and there won't be one in the South again for many years so you be sure to plan to make this one. Then in 1978, the Gulf Coast area is planning the most fantastic Regional Meeting that should put some of the past National Conventions in the shade when it comes to tour gardens.

Many of you wrote me last year for a pricelist and I'm sorry to say, I have about retired and no longer have a list. Maybe if "someone up there" smiles down on my seedling patch again this year, I may introduce a few of them later, but on the other hand, if I lose my gardener, I may just take up knitting.

A GIRL FROM THE COUNTRY DID IT! Rodger N. Croker

In just twelve years a green country girl has astonished Region 6 and all the Hem world with her achievements. Making her debut in 1964, from an almost obscure location in East Texas, she won a J. C. in 1965, and in 1969 was the runner-up for the Annie T. Giles Award. In 1970, she aptly gained the honor of the Annie T. Giles Award, along with an Honorable Mention. The year 1973 did not go unheralded as she won the AHS Award of Merit, and our Bicentennial year was climaxed with her being the recipient of the Stout Silver Medal, the highest award given by the American Hemerocallis Society. (That is the equivalent of being named Miss America).

Yes, six or seven years ago, as I saw GREEN FLUTTER blooming in an established clump in our own garden, I remarked to garden visitors that her destiny was the Stout Silver Medal. I feel sure no parent was ever prouder of a child than Roganville's distinguished hybridizer, Lucille Williamson, is of her's and God's creation, GREEN FLUTTER.

Even more remarkable is the fact that GREEN FLUTTER is at this point the smallest cultivar to be so honored. She shares the small-flower class with only a few others: POTENTATE (Nesmith), PLAYBOY (Wheeler), LUXURY LACE (Spalding), and RENEE (Dill).

Her late-midseason bloom enhanced by the ruffled green-yellow, round form, excellent branching, and high bud count makes her the envy of any hybridizer.

So Region 6 loudly lauds the honor so bestowed on GREEN FLUTTER, which is only the second Region 6 recipient of the Stout Silver Medal, the first having gone to Mr. Hugh Russell's PAINTED LADY in 1951.

A GLANCE BACK AT THE NEWS BULLETIN

Dorothy L. Webber

On Sunday, January 18, 1977, the Hemerocallis Society of Dallas was given a very instructive talk by Mrs. G. B. (Doll) Miller on soil conditions for daylilies in Texas.

Here, we have a very alkaline soil which usually lacks iron. To make the soil more acid (which daylilies require), Doll said to use Iron Sulphate or spray with a liquid iron late in the afternoon.

If you are making a new bed, dig at least, 12-15" deep and fill the cavity with Doll's sure-fire recipe of the perfect fertilizer:

2 Qts. Cottonseed Meal	2 Qts. Superphosphate
1 Qt. Sulphur Soil	2 Cups Iron Sulphate
3 Qts. Fertilized Compost	

Apply 1 ½ cups of this compound to a large plant and continue for ten days. Gauge the amount for smaller plants. If your soil has too much clay in it, go light on the peat moss - add more sand and compost. Fall is the best time to put in new plants.

One usually starts feeding the plants in February but, if the weather is too cold and the ground is frozen, one sometimes has to wait until April. You can use more Nitrogen at this time than in late September or early October. Go light on fertilizer during the growing season in the warm months or you may burn your plants. Some say to use 6-6-6, others like 8-8-8. If the daylily leaves are pale green the plant either needs more iron or more sunshine. In the June 1974 AHS Journal there was an article on "Nematodes." The recipe given to overcome this pest: 1 level Tbsp. Dasanit, plus 1 heaping Tbsp. each of Benlate and Agri-Strep. With added water this makes a 3 gallon solution. Soak plants 30 minutes. This solution keeps for 7 days. When using any solution containing Dasanit be sure to wash off the leaves before they turn brown. For Crown Rot and Mustard Seed Fungus use 1 Tbsp. Terrachlor and 1 Tbsp. each of Benlate and Agri-Strep. These are all very good for any fungus condition attacking your plants. Osmocote was another good fertilizer mentioned. Mr. Ken Durio of Louisiana considers it an excellent well-balanced food which he uses in both Spring and Fall. If you are bothered with snails or slugs use Buggetta nuggets to spread around the plants. According to Mr. Rudi Fuchs of Denton, Spectracide is good to destroy aphids, though some just use ½ cup Clorox to 1 gal. water. Thus ended the lesson.

Our Society was honored on this same day to have as our guest, Mrs. Gertrude Lanham, who was advertising the Regional/National Convention to be held June 9-11 at the Hilton Inn in Dallas. We were asked to take charge of the Educational Exhibit Booth on June 9.

LEST WE FORGET

Naomi Carwile

Our first Hemerocallis came from China, where they grew wild. They were used as food. The buds were fried after dipping in batter and the whole flower used in soups and stews. I would not recommend using tetraploids. Dr. A. B. Stout grew and sold the first daylilies in America. He gave us our first double, ZELDA STOUT, yellow, which won a blue ribbon in our 1976 Brazosport Hemerocallis Society Flower Show. I still grow and cherish it.

How many of you grew the gorgeous Carl Milliken yellows, such as HIGH NOON, an orange yellow? It was the largest, widest, and thickest petaled daylily, then. Dr. Ezra J. Kraus and I corresponded until his death. He gave us the first red velvets.

I'M THE GREATEST and HUSH NOW were the passwords of our own Hugh Russell. He really knew his daylilies and I mourned the passing of this great man and his acres of beauties. I had the honor of being in Hooper Connell's yard in Louisiana during his time.. Who can forget his MARSE CONNELL? Everybody loved Miss Edna Spalding of Louisiana. She used KILLARNEY LASS, pink; and CARVED IVORY (Nesmith), light yellow; to start her own pink line. She also had the first white ones such as JOHN EDGAR HOOVER. Mrs. Bright Taylor of Florida, came up with such beautiful named ones that she inspired the famed Bill Munson to start his own line.

Dr. H. P. Traub was the first to try converting diploid daylilies to tetraploids. Do we remember to

say thanks to God and these wonderful hybridizers when we go out to our gardens to make our crosses? In fact, all of us are stepping on someone's shoulders when we hybridize.

We love our American Hemerocallis Society, for love is a treasured expression between people who remember and understand. It does not always speak in words. The new friends you've made are a gift which is one of life's most cherished possessions. Share your daylilies, for they speak for you of the wonder and beauty of love. Touch today with kindness.

GULF COAST HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY OF SOUTHEAST TEXAS
Frances Choate

As the new Recording Secretary of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society, may I tell you what a wonderful group of "daylily lovers" we have in our Society? 105 members at last count!

My daylilies are pathetic looking now, but I am so excited about our future plans, that I am not despondent or discouraged! We already have 40 signed up to go to Dallas in June. Albert Faggard is our Bus Chairman.

We will have another Park Dell Mall Daylily Show, which will include an auction of hand-painted plates, each with a daylily on it by Bessie Mackey. Our tour of Louisiana gardens will be May 19th. Allie Swafford is our Flower Show Chairman. Frances Burkhart is our Bus Chairman for our Louisiana trip.

We are hosting the Region 6 Meeting in 1978 and our Committee Chairmen are already working, led by our able Chairman, Mable Nelson.

Our December 4th meeting was in the form of a Christmas Party. Cora Hund received the Fuquay Trophy for her cultivar ARGILEQUE HUND - a celery green with purple veins and midrib plus a purple eye. Lucille Williamson received the Silver Tray for the best red which she named STEPHEN TRAY named in honor of the Revolutionary War soldier buried in Jasper County.

Brad Mosely, IV, one of our young members, who is working on his Masters Degree in Hearing and Speech at Lamar University, brought our Christmas music, which he interpreted in sign language. We exchanged daylilies instead of gifts. We sure had a good time.

NOTES FROM PLEASANTON
Pearl Howard

A couple of moderately warm days and a neighbor's peach tree in bloom remind us that Spring is approaching. This has been the coldest and wettest Winter I've seen in these 48 years of living in Pleasanton.

The dormant Hems have disappeared and most evergreens are yellow. I'm sure a few sunshiny days will change the picture. Late in December I found an abundance of aphids. Two sprayings of Malathion helped, so we'll try it again, soon.

It was such a disappointment to find APPLE TART (Hughes) and my other new ones infested with aphids. We've kept the newer plants partially covered with leaves during the Winter. As it gets warmer, we'll clean the beds and really make war on the bugs.

Happy Time Daylily Society has asked a local merchant to order sheep manure - all he can get - for us. Ten bags will be used on our Daylily Triangle and the rest on individual gardens as soon as it arrives.

Our Society's Christmas program was great in every respect. Then the January meeting all but surpassed the December one. A local ex-radio station owner presented a marvelous program of poetry from Early American and modern poets, closing with one of his own compositions.

Our group is one of the best, but we need some new and some younger members. Do any of you ever put on membership drives? Tell us about it! Editor's Note: This is a great idea which all of us can participate in - try it!

We can scarcely wait for the first daylily blooms which usually come around March 20.

Our group is really enjoying the good Newsletter. Thanks to Betty Davis! Editor's Note: Remember, the Newsletter belongs to each of you and is what you contribute.

BIG COUNTRY DAYLILY SOCIETY

Frona Carpenter

The Big Country Daylily Society will resume their regular meetings in June. We have a member that believes in working the year around - Mrs. Shy Osborn. She came up with the thought that a display bed would be wonderful to have in Abilene. Seeds were planted and members started thinking and planning for one.

Mrs. Floy Ballard and Mrs. Willie Witt were chosen as a committee from the Society. By August, they had obtained a bed, 60 x 75 x 40, from Abilene Christian University. The project was under way in October 1976.

A.C.U. prepared the bed removing the old soil and replacing it with new soil. Mrs. Witt, Mrs. Ballard, and Mr. Long furnished a load of sand each, which was tilled in.

The bed was then landscaped with Dwarf Holly and steppingstones of natural rocks. The larger and most beautiful rocks were used in the center of the bed as a focal point. The rocks were furnished by Mrs. B. P. Johnson, a rock collector, as well as a daylily grower.

Mrs. Gains Short, Mrs. Witt, and I planted shrubs and landscaped the bed, which was very tiring but, very rewarding, as we looked back over the bed - it turned out even nicer than we had hoped. Mr. & Mrs. Shy Osborn will start the bed off with the Stout Silver Medal Winners and all other members are sharing what Hems they have, which will be planted in March.

The bed will be maintained and sponsored by the A.C.U. Women's Club with the Big Country Daylily Society. We hope to add beauty and enjoyment to all of the A.C.U. and Big Country area for years to come by improving and adding to the display bed each year.

We are looking to Spring and great Hem blooms this season, We are also looking forward to being in Dallas in June.

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LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Doris Allen

The Lufkin Hemerocallis Society has a full and exciting year planned for 1977. In April we will have a workshop on crafts and getting our plants ready for the flower show and plant sale to be held in June.

We are looking forward to the yard tours. We travel about 300 miles each year to other places and, of course, we enjoy our local yards, too.

We will continue our work at the Post Office and anywhere else they will let us help beautify Lufkin.

HEMEROCALLIS GROWERS OF DALLAS - BIG DEE UNIT

Clara Murdoch

Almost the entire business period at the Big Dee Unit of the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas on January 13 was spent in discussing plans for the Regional/National Convention to be held in Dallas this coming June.

The Chairman of the Convention Committee, Miss Margaret Johnston, assured us that everything is under control. Everyone is looking forward to your visit with us.

The program for the day by Mrs. Catherine Vanek was a discussion and demonstration of the techniques of making miniature flowers from bread dough. Mrs. Vanek made a very difficult art seem easy and simple. She brought along some beautiful examples of her work. It was most enjoyable.

REMEMBER JUNE 9-11 IN DALLAS! We'll be looking for you.

REPORTING MRS. TED COOPER'S TRICOLOR AWARD

Bertie Ferris, AHS Exhibition Chairman

In my Exhibition Report in the December issue of THE HEMEROCALLIS JOURNAL, I inadvertently omitted the name of Mrs. Ted Cooper, Danbury, Texas, winner of the Tricolor Award in the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society Flower Show.

I offer my sincere apologies to Mrs. Cooper and to the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. F. A. WALDROP

Edna Lankart

The Central Texas Hemerocallis Society of Waco is saddened by the loss of a Charter Member and very enthusiastic gardener, Mrs. Pattye Waldrop, on December 18, 1976.

The local Society was organized in her home with twelve charter members. She lived for her large collection of daylilies that she loved so much and shared with others. At the age of 91, she was looking forward to getting out in her daylilies and working with them. She grew her daylilies much better than many of us who are much younger. Each time she planted a new daylily, she took out the old soil to a depth of one foot and replaced it with compost, sand, and fertilizer. She was a good friend and we will miss her and her lovely garden.

DISPLAY GARDENS

Lula Mae Purnell

I am sure you enjoyed reading and seeing the picture of the Mitchell Memorial Garden in the JOURNAL. I hope this will make you realize how important it is to send me reports as I have requested - more information is needed - but you must do your part - but, there are certain rules to be followed if you wish to have a Display Garden. Please let me hear from you.

ROBINS

The Robins will be honored at the AHS Convention in Dallas - Friday night will be our night. When you register be sure to let the Committee know you are a Robin. Our National Round Robin Director, Mr. Ned T. Irish, will be the featured speaker.

GIFT PLANTS

It has been asked that the following request be repeated here. As plants are furnished, a card should be attached stating which of the three following activities they are intended for:

Bus Gifts:

Mrs. C. Neal Meagher, Chairperson
11375 Rupley Lane
Dallas, Texas 75218

Region 6 Auction:

Mrs. Arthur L. Trott, Chairperson
7137 Westlake Drive
Dallas, Texas 75214

Scientific Fund Auction

Mrs. Elmore M. Klenk, Chairperson
5500 Northwest Highway
Dallas, Texas 75220

Please remember to designate if you wish your plants used for Bus Gifts, the Region 6 Auction, or the Scientific Fund Auction.

"Y'ALL COME"

Ken Durio

1977 ANNUAL MEETING - REGION 13 (Louisiana and Arkansas)
Shreveport, Louisiana - June 6-7

These dates have been selected in order to give those attending the Dallas Regional/National ample time to attend the Region 13 Meeting on the way to Dallas and still not interfere with the National.

HEADQUARTERS: Ramada Inn (I-20 at Monkhouse Drive, Shreveport, LA

REGISTRATION FEE: Adults - \$15.00

Youth (under 16) - \$8.50

PROGRAM: Monday night - June 6th - Slide Show

Tuesday morning and afternoon - June 7th - Garden Tours

Bill and Susan Stutson Garden

Melvin and Virginia McConnell Garden

Andrew and Loraine Sandidge Garden

Francis Frazier Garden

Tuesday Evening - June 7th - Region 13 Banquet

CONVENTION CHAIRMAN: Bill Stutson, 3045 Meriwether Rd., Shreveport, LA 71108

THE TEXAS BUS

Lula Mae Purnell

If you are coming to the Convention and would like to spend an enjoyable day on Sunday, June 12, be sure to make your hotel reservations for one more night and join us in the following fellowship:

Plans are being made for the Texas Bus to roll as usual this year, though it is a short trip - one that we hope will be as usual - lots of fun. On Sunday morning following the AHS Convention, with Ken at the wheel, the bus will arrive at the Hilton Inn, and we will head for Mansfield to visit the lovely Hughes Garden. Tom has been busy getting everything ready for us to have a really wonderful time. Following our visit there we will head for Cleburne for a buffet luncheon before taking the few blocks to the very beautiful Adams Garden. This outstanding garden takes in a whole block, and you will see not only gorgeous and well grown daylilies, but also many interesting companion plants. If you get tired you may go into the Conservatory and "Look at the Stars."

As we get back into Dallas we expect to arrange one more treat before our "get-to-gather" that night ends. We will show pictures and talk about our past trips and details for a trip to the Ozarks in early July.

If you wish to be included in the above trip - \$2.00 will hold your seat on the bus. If you wish to be included in the Ozark trip let us know and we will send you more details at a later date.

Looking forward to seeing you in June - in DALLAS!

TRIP TO THE OZARKS

We have scheduled eight full days and nights of enjoyable activities two and one-half weeks later. You are sure to like some things - we have such a variety.

We start our excursion about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday morning June 29. We will arrive in Oklahoma City around noon to enjoy the garden of Wilma and John Marley where we will share a picnic lunch in their garden. That afternoon we will have a guided tour of the Frankoma Pottery Factory at Sapulpa and visit their showrooms.

The second day we will start our excursions by visiting the Will Rogers Museum at Claremore, OK. By noontime we will be in Sarcoxie, MO. We will visit the Wild Gardens, then on to St. Louis.

On Friday morning, we will visit the gardens of Hadley, Pettus, and Finke. That afternoon we will

visit the headquarters of the National Council of State Garden Clubs and the Missouri Botanical Gardens. That evening we will board the excursion boat ADMIRAL for a dinner-dance cruise on the Mississippi River.

Saturday morning, we will visit the gardens of Harris, Whatley, and Gertrude Hardy. That afternoon we will see the Gateway Arch Museum, then back to the motel for a short rest before our evening's activities. This will be an evening at the Goldenrod Showboat Theatre on the banks of the Mississippi. They serve a delicious buffet dinner along with old-time movies, comic melodrama, and Vaudeville.

Sunday morning, we will leave St. Louis. We will have our "Devotional Services" on our way to Branson, MO. We will have our lunch at the School of the Ozarks. There, we will board one of their tour trains for a two hour tour of the grounds which includes a stop at the Dairy, the Ralph Foster Museum, the Chapel, the Hyer Bell Tower, and Point Lookout. Then we will go to our motel and get settled. Around 7:00 p.m. we will again board our bus for the "Shepherd of the Hills" country to see their pageant performed by 90 native Ozark people in their beautiful outdoor theatre.

Monday morning, we drive through the beautiful hills of Arkansas to Tahlequah, OK, hopefully visiting a Hem garden on the way. If time allows, we will drive to Muskogee to visit the "Five Civilized Tribes Museum." Monday evening, we will dine at the Restaurant of the Cherokees before seeing the Historic Outdoor Drama, "Trail of Tears," which is the story of the Cherokees from the 1830s to 1907 when Oklahoma became a state.

Tuesday, we will travel along the back roads of Oklahoma and see many interesting sights. We will travel the Talimena Scenic Drive to Mena, Arkansas, then South to visit with our friends, Mr. & Mrs. Luke Senior, Jr. Here we will have a picnic and see the rebloom in their garden. They have three lakes on the ranch and invite anyone that wishes to bring their fishing gear to fish.

On Wednesday July 6, we will end our trip with a tour of the Marshall Pottery Factory and "Old World Store" in Marshall, TX. After lunch we will return to Dallas.

We hope you will want to join us on our trip. If so send \$5.00 (nonrefundable) to reserve your seat on the bus and motel room to Clarice Foster, Rt. 3, Box 529-1, Conroe, TX 77301. You will then receive a letter detailing costs of the trip and motels where we will stay. \$5.00 will reserve you a seat on the bus for both trips. Be sure and state whether you wish reservations for both trips or specifically which trip you wish to make (this is very important).

Due to the rising cost of supplies and postage we have not mailed out letters this year, but hope you read your Newsletter and respond from that.

Clarice A. Foster

The plan for this tour was based on Mr. George Pettus' invitation to visit St. Louis. A generous invitation to visit their Regional had to be passed up this time as it would have conflicted with the Golden Wedding Celebration of one of our most ardent "willing workers" - the Charles Cyruses.

Lula Mae Purnell

A WORD ABOUT REGION 6 HISTORY Lula Mae Purnell

It was brought to my attention at our last Region 6 Meeting in Austin, that most of the early records had been lost. I decided to work up a scrapbook and bring our records up to date. "Once Upon A Time" is the beginning and next time we will cover from that time and include our organizational meeting. In another book I hope to have all of our Region 6 Newsletters. Anyone having programs or pictures for the scrapbook, I would be pleased to have them.

ONCE UPON A TIME

Lula Mae Purnell

Maybe this isn't a Fairy Story, but I think you might agree some of the events just might have been from the "Land of Make Believe."

So - "Once Upon A time" - the magazine *Flower Grower* had on its staff a lovely and charming lady, known as the "Flower Lady" - Mrs. Helen Field Fischer. This Fairy Queen for many years conducted a number of Robins for the magazine. One of these was a Hemerocallis Robin. Flower shows at the Henry Field Seed Company of Shenandoah, Iowa, had been discontinued during World War II, but by request it was decided to resume the shows and there was a strong feeling that there should be a daylily organization. So, over the daily half-hour program on Radio Station KDKP, conducted by Mrs. Fischer for the Henry Field Seed Company, plans and announcements were made for a show and meeting.

On Saturday and Sunday, July 13th and 14th, five thousand visiting flower lovers converged on the Henry Field Seed Company from Colorado, Montana, New York, Ohio, Texas, and Virginia, as well as from the nearby states. Hotels and private homes were filled, so a dormitory was improvised in the basement of the Congregational Church, and dubbed "The Robin's Nest." The Seed House became a Fairyland of Flowers, and everywhere one looked there was the flower in whose honor the show was held - the Hemerocallis. There were many lovely arrangements featuring daylilies and even a table of corsages.

On Sunday afternoon a meeting was held in the auditorium of the Seed House, and the "Midwest Hemerocallis Society" was born. All who joined that year were Charter Members. When the first yearbook was printed, there was a membership of 475 and in order to get the book printed they had to have 600. They decided to go ahead anyway, with the thought that the surplus copies would one day be Collector's Items, which they now really are. The first book was printed in March 1947, and in it are listed the names of five Charter Members from Texas - Mrs. J. D. Alexander, Mrs. Paul Kane, Mrs. N. D. Riddle, Mrs. M. J. Sheridan, and Dr. Lloyd H. Shinnars. By the end of the Charter year the membership numbered 757, 23 of these were from Texas.

In 1948, the Society really became National, so the name "Midwest" was dropped and it was known as "The Hemerocallis Society." It was not until the Meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, May 16-19, 1955, that it became the American Hemerocallis Society.

The above brief report was needed to bring us up to date before going into the Regional activities.

Soon after the Society was organized, the country was divided into ten Regions. Region 6 consisted of Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas, with Mr. F. E. Rice of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, as our first Regional Director, (as they were then called). Mrs. Paul Kane of San Antonio was appointed Region 6 Publicity Director. Mr. Rice remained Regional Director through 1949 and was followed by Mrs. W. R. Mathews of Shreveport, Louisiana, for the terms 1950-1952.

The second National Meeting was again held at the Henry Field Seed Company, Shenandoah, Iowa, on July 11-12, 1948. The third meeting was at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, with 770 delegates from 17 states present on June 25-26, 1949. In 1951, Oklahoma and Arkansas became Region Eleven, with Mr. D. R. McKeithan as their first Regional Director. In 1955, Louisiana became Region Thirteen. Mrs. Mary F. Stevens of Fort Worth, Texas, was appointed Regional Director for Region 6 for the years 1953-54. Region 6 was now Texas and New Mexico.

A few notes from a Newsletter sent out by Mrs. Stevens in December 1953: "Wichita Falls, Texas, - A Hemerocallis Club was organized September 1953 with 34 members. Mr. Paul Jones has been appointed Judge in this area and with his work and enthusiasm he will make an excellent one. This makes four judges in Texas. We certainly could use more."

"Houston, Texas - the Houston Hemerocallis Society was organized October 1953 with 40 members. They elected a temporary President, Mrs. E. W. Woods, and Secretary, Mrs. L. Z. Bean. They will elect officers in January 1954."

HEMEROCALLIS SURVEY

This survey was compiled by members of the State Garden Clubs of Texas. The number one daylily in this poll was MRS. B. F. BONNER. The following daylilies were listed as best for arrangements:

DAUNTLESS	NO SIESTA	SKYLARK
HIGH NOON	ON TOUR	SONNY
JAY RUSSELL	PATRICIA	TAJ MAHAL
JUNE ALCOTT	POTENTATE	TEJAS
LINDA	PSYCHE	TWILIGHT
MONTE	QUEEN OF GONZALES	
MRS. B. F. BONNER	ROSE OF TEXAS	

Most of these varieties remain open until 11 p.m. Those that open in the late afternoon will remain open until morning.

Mrs. Theodore F. Weber

Under "Garden Visiting in 1953" by Mrs. J. B. Clark - May 25, 1953, the peak is over in South Texas, but there is plenty of bloom here in Corpus Christi, yet. At the home of Mrs. B. H. Westervelt, I saw many fine clumps of Hems and some nice seedlings. In the garden of Mrs. Willie Ridenour, I saw a large ruffled seedling of light yellow that would do credit to any of the noted hybridizers.

May 26, 1953 - Now for a visit at the Russell Gardens, picture if you can acres and acres (30 or more) in all colors except pure white and blue. I walked until I thought I would drop getting more excited all the while, then Mr. Russell showed me some of the new, new ones. Here I saw a PINK - no salmon or orchid, but pink, and a perfect dream for it was ruffled, wide petals, and a beautiful form.

May 27, 1953, Mrs. Harrison of Corsicana has a lovely garden, growing many of the best in daylilies. JEWEL RUSSELL was a large and lovely clump of light yellow. Near it was FINK PETTICOAT making a nice picture.

June 10, 1953 - in Dallas there is much interest in hybridizing and some fine Hems for their efforts. Mrs. L. R. Nogg has many nice named clones to her credit. TRUE LOVE is a lovely pink. MINT JULEP was very lovely, a large pale yellow of unusual form. There were many more beautiful ones that will bear watching in the future. The McIver garden is a large one with many named ones as well as the seedlings grown by the hundreds. In the Butler's garden - COTTON BOWL was even nicer than I had remembered it, a near white with large ruffled flowers.

June 12, 1953 - Cleburne had its annual Daylily Show at the Myers Plant Company. Mr. James Myers is quite an enthusiast as well as a grower and does much to promote interest in daylilies in the vicinity. Memberships and plants were given as prizes to the growers of the prizewinning entries. Mr. Myers reports that there was a gain of about 25% more visitors than last year.

Fort Worth - At the Green Thumb Gardens, FOLLOW ME is a beautiful large rose red with a pronounced midrib which extends from a green-yellow throat. ENCHANTED EVENING is another beauty (a night bloomer), of light yellow, ruffled, and large. YANKEE is one of the reddest, with lots of branching and many buds.

The Popularity Poll is listed, with PAINTED LADY (Russell), 334 votes the winner.

Mrs. Stevens closes her letter by urging all to pay their 1954 dues promptly, suggesting a membership in the Society as a lovely Christmas gift, and with a wish that she might meet many from Region 6 in Valdosta, Georgia, next June.

The snow we had in mid-November caught our GOLD MEDALION blooming. It was so confused it didn't close for five days. Tom took it's picture covered in snow. Quite a sight.

Kirk Hughes

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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Mrs. James S. Radford - Alabama

Mrs. Mary Alexander - North Carolina

Editor: I appreciate the generous contribution from the Austin Hemerocallis Society for the support of the Newsletter and other activities of Region 6.

LAST CALL TO DALLAS

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - NATIONAL CONVENTION

JUNE 9, 10, 11, 1977

HILTON INN - 5600 NORTH CENTRAL EXPRESSWAY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75206

THURSDAY - June 9, 1977

8:30 - 2:00 Board of Directors Meeting
Board of Directors Luncheon
12:00 - 9:00 REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
2:00 - 5:00 Flower Show, "Hemerocallis in Dallas," and Reception honoring Miss Martha Hadley, President of the American Hemerocallis Society
Dinner not scheduled
8:30 Slide Show - Mr. Luke Senior, Jr., presiding

FRIDAY - June 10, 1977

Breakfast not scheduled
8:00 - 5:00 REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
8:00 -12:30 Tour of Gardens
1:00 Luncheon - Dallas Civic Garden Center
2:00 - 5:00 Exhibition Judges Clinic - Mr. B. F. Ater, conducting
4:00 - 5:00 Regional Vice Presidents Meeting - Mr. Clarence Crochet, presiding
5:00 - 6:00 Round Robins Meeting - Mr. Ned Irish, presiding
7:30 Business Banquet - Miss Martha Hadley, President, presiding
Scientific Fund Auction following banquet

SATURDAY - June 11, 1977

Breakfast not scheduled
8:00 - 9:00 REGISTRATION. DESK OPEN
8:00 -12:30 Tour of Gardens
1:00 Luncheon - Brookhaven Country Club
2:30 - 4:30 Scientific Meeting - Mr. Handy Hatfield, conducting
4:30 - 6:30 Region 6 Meeting - Miss Betty Davis, presiding
7:30 Awards Banquet - Miss Martha Hadley, presiding - Mr. Ned Irish, speaker

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule and subject to changes without notice.

REGISTRATION FORM

1977 American Hemerocallis Society National Convention

Mrs. Fred Acrey, Registrar
612 Cordova
Dallas, Texas 75223
Telephone: 214-321-3778

Please make check payable to: 1977 AHS Convention

Registration is enclosed as follows for the 1977 AHS Convention to be held at the Hilton Inn, 5600 North Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75206. Telephone: 214-827-4100, on June 9, 10, 11, 1977.

Name(s) to be shown on the official Convention badge(s):

_____ Address _____

_____ Address _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____ \$50.00 per person if received on or before May 20, 1977
\$60.00 per person if received after May 20, 1977
\$35.00 for AHS youth, eighteen years of age and under

Registration fee does not include Hotel reservations. Upon receipt of Convention registration, you will be sent Convention Hotel information from which you may make Hotel reservations direct. Convention registration fee refunds will not be made unless such requests are received prior to June 1, 1977.

*Round Robin Member(s) _____ Yes _____ No Name: _____

*Attending Judges' Clinic _____ Yes _____ No Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

*If registration covers more than one person, please designate to whom "Yes" answers apply.

PARTIAL REGISTRATION - for one day only, \$30.00

Convention Chairperson:

Miss Margaret Johnston
1608 Francis Street
Carrollton, Texas 75006
Telephone: 214-242-4180

WE ADVISE EARLY HOTEL RESERVATIONS, AT LEAST BY MAY 1, IF POSSIBLE

"HEMEROCALLIS IN DALLAS"

June 9, 1977

Hilton Inn, Dallas

The Regional Flower Show that opens the National Convention in Dallas is open to all members of the American Hemerocallis Society and we in Dallas are hoping for many entries from Region 6. In addition to AHS Awards, the Ophelia Taylor Medal and the American Horticultural Medal, the schedule will offer several trophies that winners may take home with them. The 16 page schedule will be ready about mid-April. To receive a copy by mail send your name, address, zip code and sufficient postage (28¢ third class mail, 46¢ first class) to the Show Chairman, Mrs. W. S. Lanham, 9906 Angora St., Dallas 75218, or the Schedule Chairman, Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd, 6706 Blessing Dr., Dallas 75214.

Entries will be received between 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. June 9. For entries in the Artistic Division reservations must be made no later than Tuesday, June 7, with the Artistic Division Chairman, Mrs. Clara Donnelly, 6038 Mercedes, Dallas 75206, Telephone 214-824-8986. If, after making a reservation, the exhibitor finds it impossible to keep it, every effort should be made to find a substitute.

Backgrounds for the Artistic Division are plywood easels 42" high, 29" wide, and with 16" wings, painted light gray-green. Additional backgrounds are permitted but must be attached in such a way as not to mar the permanent background.

The Tricolor Section, open to all members, has five classes, four entries in each class. The Novice Section, open to all members who have never won a blue ribbon in the Artistic Division in ANY show, has the same five classes, four entries in each. The Youth Division has the same five classes with separate sections for Juniors under 12 and Youths 12 to 18.

All classes must consist of all fresh plant material with HEMEROCALLIS DOMINANT. Accessories are permitted but emphasis must be on plant material. Bases are permitted in all classes.

- Class 1. DALLAS SKYLINE - A line arrangement
- Class 2. ALONG TURTLE CREEK - A naturalistic design
- Class 3. OLD CITY PARK, A SHOWCASE OF ANTIQUES - Arrangement using antique style container and/or accessories
- Class 4. FAIR PARK - A design inspired by any of the permanent facilities at Fair Park - i.e., the Aquarium, the Band Shell, the Cotton Bowl, Fine Arts Museum, Music Hall, Natural History Museum, etc. (MUST have explanatory card naming the facility)
- Class 5. DALLAS FREEWAYS - Interpretive design

SCALE OF POINTS FOR JUDGING ARTISTIC

Design	30
Color	15
Originality.....	10
Conformance to Theme	20
Distinction	15
Condition	<u>10</u>
Total	100

THE PINE TREE

You have been a lesson for me
Tall and stately, lovely Pine tree.
I have watched you through the gale,
Storm and wind, snow and hail.
I saw you bend but never break,
Through all the cold, tremble and shake,
Then when the snowy storm was gone,
I saw you standing straight and strong.
When the winds of life surround me,
And its icy gales blow around me,
May I bend, but never break,
May I learn to give and take,
May I claim life's victory
Brave and strong like this Pine tree.

Nancye Rawlins Wood

THE GARDENER

A garden grew and flourished where she went
With bright-hued blossoms nodding row on row,
And I can hear her singing as she bent
To chop the last wild weeds down with her hoe.

The narrow paths she rimmed with mossy stone
To lead the way to where the blossoms grew
She taught me how to walk the paths alone
And find the weedlings coming up anew.

Now winding over rocky paths I go
And make my way between the largest stones
Because the trails will lead me up I know
To where the flowers bloom and I'll be home.

REGION 6 SUSTENANCE FUND

Miss Betty L. Davis, RVP Region 6 AHS
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I will be happy to support the Newsletter and the other activities of Region 6.

My Contribution _____

Signed _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Are you an AHS member? _____ Name of your local Society _____