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This will be a rather short newsletter. I guess, folks have voiced all the comments they have on last season and are waiting for the bloom season which is at hand.

We attended the spring meeting of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas at Nederland. We had a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. We visited the yards of Mr. Albert C. Faggard and Mr. & Mrs. H. E. Hund in the afternoon and saw great preparations being made for the 1978 Regional Meeting. I wish it had not rained that day so we could have seen more. I am sworn to secrecy concerning much of what I heard at the meeting that night, but I can tell you I heard the most inspiring committee reports ever. Their Meeting plans contain many exciting innovations and a great deal of work is going on. Many of the committees reported their work 50 to 75% complete at this early date.

We were treated to a buffet supper fit for a regiment of kings. I don't know how so many good cooks happened to join one Society. This is a large Society with 100+ very friendly Daylily folks. I was presented with two giant fans of Colonel Simon (Simon), which I appreciate very much.

The horizon is ablaze with the great National-Regional at Dallas, June 9, 10, and 11. There are many lovely things to be seen as well as old friends to visit and new ones to meet. There are also a few chores we must not forget which will contribute to the success of the meetings. As has been mentioned in past newsletters, we will hold a Region 6 plant auction of Daylilies having a value of \$10.00 or more. If you have such Daylilies to give please get them to Mrs. Arthur L. Trott, who is in charge, 7137 West Lake Drive, Dallas, Texas 75214. Last year the auction was a success and all were pleased with the plants which they were able to buy.

As you photograph the things which interest you please remember our Slide Custodian, Mrs. Robert W. Schlumpf, 7803 High Star Drive, Houston, Texas 77036, who would, very much, appreciate good labeled slides for the collections.

We will be voting on four different awards at the Convention in Dallas. They are as follows:

THE ANNIE T. GILES AWARD which goes to a member of the host society for a numbered or named unintended cultivar seen in the tour gardens.

THE MALCOLM COLLIE AWARD (HEMMIE) which goes to a Region 6 hybridizer (other than the host society) for an introduced variety.

THE PRESIDENT'S CUP is presented for a named and introduced cultivar in an established clump seen blooming in one of the tour gardens.

THE FLORIDA SUNSHINE CUP is for the best small flowered or miniature by a Region 12 (Florida) hybridizer seen in an established clump in a tour garden.

All in attendance are eligible to vote on these awards and are encouraged to do so.

It is also time that all members remind themselves to be ready to cast their Popularity Poll Ballot at the end of this bloom season. Watch for the ballot which will be printed in *THE HEMEROCALLIS JOURNAL*.

I also hope that we will have a perfect batting average when the votes by the Awards and Honors Judges are counted this fall.

Good-bye for now - I will see you soon in Dallas.

GARDENS OF SIX DALLAS HYBRIDIZERS ON TOUR Harold C. Bryson

"Daylilies in Dallas" is the theme of the 31st. annual Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society in Dallas, June 9, 10 and 11, 1977.

This is the first time that the Society has met in Dallas since 1965. Headquarters is the Hilton Inn at North Central Expressway and Mockingbird Lane.

Make your reservation at the Hilton Inn now, advises Margaret Johnston, 1608 Francis Street, Carrollton, Texas 75006, who is the Convention Chairperson. "It is much easier to cancel a reservation at the last minute than it is to make one at the last minute," she points out.

Registrar for the Convention is Mrs. Fred Acrey, 612 Cardova, Dallas, Texas 75223. Please make registration checks to: 1977 AHS Convention.

June is generally the peak of the Daylily season in Dallas under normal weather conditions, so the gardens on tour should be a great show of color.

Some gardens have been redesigned to display guest plants to greater advantage. And what an impressive listing of guest plants! It reads like a "Who's Who" of *Hemerocallis* growers and hybridizers.

Listed alphabetically by growers, the six gardens on tour are:

Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Jr. (Bertie Mae), 4125 Turtle Creek. This is a typical English Manor House garden with broad borders and accents of statuary.

Beyond this English garden is another garden, partially shaded by a redwood trellis to protect the many seedlings Mrs. Ferris grows.

Across town, next to the Winniford's is another garden which Mrs. Ferris shares with Mr. & Mrs. K. H. Henson. A new garden enriched with sand and compost, it displays some of the prize plants which Mrs. Ferris has collected.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. (Virginia) Henson, 7124 Stefani Drive, are growing their display of Daylilies in a new garden which was a vacant lot only two years ago.

It is located on Hazel Road east of the Winniford gardens. The garden is laid out in a geometric design with broad sandy pathways outlined with native stones. There is a center bed punctuated with a contemporary statue about life size of a lady in a flowing skirt holding a bouquet of flowers across her breast.

The Hensons have been hybridizers for more than a decade and have more than 900 of their seedlings in this new garden, most of them originating from the MacMillan gardens of Louisiana.

Guest plants are located in the first triangle bed to the left of the entrance. It is bordered with a lavish display of miniatures. The tetraploids are featured in the southwest corner.

Mrs. William K. (Margueritte) Russell, 2115 Denton Drive, Carrollton, has two circular terraces bedded down with Daylilies plus a wide border of plants along the fences which enclose a vast expanse of lawn, separating it from a meadow with a sparkling lake.

This naturalistic garden is noted for its sculptured and picturesque mesquite trees which often look like giant bonsai plantings. Large groves of mesquite in the meadow serve as an ideal background for Daylilies since the fern-like foliage of the trees contrasts beautifully with the foliage of *Hemerocallis*. This is the only garden on the tour featuring native mesquite trees.

Four O'Clocks in a riot of colors are the featured companion plants with the Daylilies. What a sweet fragrance they have! Cannas and Daisies are also used as companion plantings plus a carpet of Portulaca.

Mr. & Mrs. I. D. (Natalie) Thompson, 203 Glendale, Seagoville, have a large garden with ample walking space. Although their interest centers on Daylilies, they grow many popular perennials and annuals plus vegetables, especially tomatoes.

Their flower beds are surrounded by a thick carpet of St. Augustine grass, a fitting foil for the flamboyant array of Daylilies and companion plantings of Petunias, Coleus, and Daisies.

The Thompsons are noted for having the first spring flowers and vegetables in the neighborhood. They get a jump on spring by using their greenhouse to produce plants large enough to set out as soon as the weather turns warm.

Mr. & Mrs. Jay E. (Lucille) Warner, 534 Aqua Drive, have planted almost every niche and corner of their front, side and back yards as well as both sides of the alley with more than 5,000 Daylilies, mostly the results of their hybridizing.

How aptly named is this garden - "Hem'd Inn." However, the beds and pathways are so well organized that you can easily move among the Daylilies without feeling hemmed in.

This is a true hybridizer's garden with the emphasis on tetraploids. The Warners plant about 2,000 to 3,000 seedlings annually, the results of hybridizing with colchicine. Three of the beds in the backyard are reserved especially for breeding. In the front yard are four beds with about 2,500 seedlings which have never bloomed.

The Warners have grouped their Daylilies by colors and sizes. Their No. 1 display bed features all their pastel favorites from '74-'75 blooming plants. The reds, lavenders and other colors are located in separate beds. Also, the small flowers and miniatures are set apart in special beds.

Guest plants are featured in a bed along the front of the house.

What a remarkable transformation the Warners have made with their home and garden since both were destroyed by fire only three years ago.

Mr. & Mrs. U. G. (Elna) Winniford, 7122 Hazel Road, have a series of well organized gardens with sandy paths leading from one to the other.

The Daylily beds are well marked, making it easy to identify the many doubles and miniatures of Mrs. Winniford and the larger tetraploids and diploids of Mr. Winniford.

When the Winnifords started with Daylilies about 20 years ago, they bought about 100 plants, but threw them all away after the first blooming season because they were so disappointed in their performance. Since then, the Winnifords have carefully selected their plants - one of the reasons why they are such successful hybridizers.

The Winnifords have enough space to allot the guest plants a special garden where there is plenty of room to display them.

THE DAYLILY COMES TO LIFE AGAIN

Cora Offer

My! My! We've had several days of beautiful sunshine after a long winter's nap and lots of rain for our Daylilies. They look great - if late freezes or hail does not get them.

The evergreen Daylilies have just grown right on all winter, while the fresh, green foliage of the dormant ones are up three and four inches and are in good shape.

It is great to have a broken wrist all healed up so that all the digging that should have been done in the fall can be done now. All the Daylilies ordered last fall were planted in cans with one hand and have now taken their proper place in the garden. Heaven knows, I cannot wait to see them put forth their lovely blooms. Some of these are such beauties as: MY PEGGY (MacMillan), cream blend with green throat; Tetraploid ORIENTAL SUNRISE (Hite), brilliant red self, green throat; MENO (Winniford), double dark red with green throat; PURE MAGIC (Monette), dark lavender; PARADISE PRINCE (Lewis, J.), lavender purple polychrome; BETTY BARNES (Stutson), lavender with green throat; Tetraploid PERSIAN PEACH (Moldovan), peach; MELVIN McCONNELL (Parker), deep yellow; and Tetraploid SOMBRERO WAY (Reckamp), a lovely orange pink.

Our San Antonio Hemerocallis Society has had some good programs this winter. One in particular was a slide program on the Popularity Poll winners; it was a delight to see these.

It was great to see that I had picked fifty-six of the 1977 Popularity Poll winners for our garden. I find the following great performers here in San Antonio: WINNING WAYS (Wild), greenish yellow; GREEN FLUTTER (Williamson), canary yellow; LITTLE WART (Spalding), lavender; PERENNIAL PLEASURE (Hardy), light yellow; BITSY (Warner), yellow; PASS ME NOT (MacMillan-Kennon), creamy orange yellow with maroon eye; JUMBO RED (MacMillan), red self; HEAVENLY HAVILAND (MacMillan), near-white with purplish red halo; and RASPBERRY FRILLS (Williamson), raspberry with deeper eye. Others should be in the list also, but they need a little more testing.

Now, I must watch closely for the aphids and get the systemic going or Black Leaf 40 in the spray can.

See you in the garden soon.

HEMING IN AND AROUND AUSTIN

Bill Ater

Here it is April and there are scapes on LITTLE DART (Ater, L.), pale yellow miniature; BITSY (Warner), yellow miniature; WILLIE BILL (Williamson), bright red; PURE MAGIC (Monette), dark lavender; KEN HENSON (MacMillan), lavender; and ahead of all of these are those near open blossoms on MATTIE MAE BERRY (Warner), light yellow mini. Every day will find new scapes not to mention the numerous seedlings that are already blooming. With the beginning of a new bloom season the Austin Hemerocallis Society came out of dormancy with the Daylilies on the first Thursday in March and their officers began a new year. Mary Anne Ater begins another year as President with Alyne Fisher returning as First Vice-President and Diana Reeves again as Secretary. Bess Fomby began her first term as Second Vice-President.

Bill Ater is Chairman of the Austin Areas Seventeenth Annual Hemerocallis Show scheduled for May 28, at the Austin Area Garden Center. Alyne Fisher will be serving as Co-Chairman of this year's show which has been titled "DAYLILIES: SUMMER SHOW-OFFS." The 1977 show promises to be a really super one, With the fantastic growth of the Daylilies the Horticulture Division should prove to be outstanding.

Do you remember those 28 arrangements that the Austin Group produced last year in the Artistic Division for the Regional Meeting? With topics like FireCracker, Dune Buggy, Petal Mettle, Sun Daze, Razzle Dazzle, and Good Earth we can expect some exciting arrangements for this year's competition. Why this just might be the year that one of the Austin Hemerocallis members brings the Mable Yaste Tricolor Trophy back to Austin, In recent years, a member of this group has captured this coveted trophy twice in succession and other members have won third place the last three years.

During peak bloom season the Austin Gardeners open their fine display of *Hemerocallis* for visitors to enjoy. This year the tour day has been set for Saturday, June 4. The tour begins about 8 a.m. this year at the garden of Zel and Harold Kilpatrick and ends at noon at Mary Anne and Bill Ater's garden when everyone enjoys their sack lunch that they have brought.

You all come and we will enjoy the Daylilies and finalize our plans to attend the National in Dallas, June 9, 10, and 11.

AN INVITATION
Cora Hund

I found my first Daylily bloom today (4-12) it is out of some of J. L. Cruse's 74-75 seedlings and was a rosy purple. I expect to see some good ones in that bed, sure lots of scapes and buds out there. I have several that will be in bloom tomorrow. I have ten or twelve beds of Cruse's cultivars. Some are under number and will be blooming for their first time in my garden. I had GYPSY DAZZLER (Cruse), a pretty red with a green throat, that won the Fuqua Trophy in 1975.

My #912-72 won the Fuqua Trophy in 1976. It is registered as ANGELIQUE HUND for our granddaughter. The Daylily is a celery with purple midribs and veining, very ruffled edging with a thin purple eye over a dark green throat. It is a cross of GYPSY MAIDEN X GREEN FLUTTER that makes a pretty show in the garden.

The Daylily is the city flower of Port Neches. It was an honor to register PORT NECHES BEAUTY, a rose with green throat.

Speaking of GYPSY MAIDEN, coral rose with deep red eyezone, it has been a long time favorite of mine. J. L. Cruse sure has lots of Gypsies. I've added GYPSY JEWEL, mulberry purple; GYPSY PRINCE, a good red; LITTLE GYPSY BRIDE, a small near-white; look for GYPSY FLIRT, rose pink; GYPSY DOLL, lavender; GYPSY SIREN, light rose; GYPSY MAGIC; and even a GYPSY DREAM.

GOLDEN PRINCESS (Cruse), large; 3 1/2" petals and 2 3/4" sepals, will be blooming in my garden for the first time this year. Others are LITTLE SKIPPY, light butter yellow with red eyezone, and PINK CHIEF, (Williamson-Cruse), bright pink is real pretty. I have many seedlings of my own that will be blooming this bloom season. I can hardly wait. I also tried the miniatures and doubles - DOUBLE CUTIE (Brown, B.), chartreuse; DOUBLE SUNSHINE; yellow gold; DOUBLE GRAPETTE, dark purple; DOUBLE PINK and others.

Just might come up with something. Come see.

THE LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY
Doris Allen

The Lufkin Hemerocallis Society held a workshop recently getting ready for our flower show. A luncheon, flower show, and plant sale will be held June 7, at our President's home-Mrs. W. T. Thomas. The public is invited.

We are making crafts for the Country Store to be held at the Angelina Mall in November. We discussed our pilgrimage for the year. We will visit Spalding Gardens in Iowa, Louisiana; Cruse Garden in Woodville; and Lankart Garden in Tyler.

The Lufkin Hemerocallis Society will host the Gulf Coast Society the latter part of May in Leota Largent's yard. They will be on their way to visit Lankart's Garden. Will also visit Lankart's the same day. (Lufkin members).

We are looking forward to seeing these friends and the beautiful gardens.

HEMEROCALLIS GROWERS OF DALLAS Lucille Warner

At the March meeting of the Fluorescent Unit of the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas, Tom Hughes gave a program on the new rules and regulations of the Environmental Protection Agency. These rules not only govern the commercial garden, but the plain old back yard gardener.

Tom took the school this past winter conducted by the EPA. It was not only interesting to hear this discussed, but it is of vital importance to all of us. He discussed not only the regulations, but gave us an insight to the relative toxicity of the insecticides and fungicides that are available to us.

I would like to see Tom do an article for the Region 6 Newsletter giving us a more comprehensive insight to this timely subject. Editor's Note: I think all of us would enjoy this. Will you?

ROBIN CHIRPING'S

I did guest PATIO ROSE (Saxton), it was a splendid performer with excellent rebloom last year, I love old brown QUILT PATCH (Maxwell-Westervelt), with its unusual eye. SEA WARRIOR (Pittard), is a love, too and so is the pretty brown mini PRETTY BABY (Alexander) Yes, it has a green throat.

Rodger Croker

YUM YUM (Lewis) is a delightful little true mini red. I have some rather good babies from LULA MAE PURNELL (Krause-Shilling), most are a true pink. I always worked to get low growers with as much multiflora bloom as I could get. I heard Miss Edna Spalding say she always crossed the lowest flower on the scape.

Lula Mae Purnell

LITTLE BALLERINA (MacMillan), is tremendous; its unique "tu-tu" form showing off beautifully. PIZZA (Warner), was my first Daylily out. Its sharp color could be seen all the way down the street. ED MURRAY (Grovatt) was fantastic-as always. For myself, it is the best dark red available, in any size. BOZO (Winniford) is an adorable red mini that reblooms for me.

Victoria Weston

I grow RAINDROP (Kennedy), light yellow that is simply beautiful in every way. Olive Fay says to get something better than any given cultivar is to self it - claims you'll get the same thing but better.

Sterling Innerst

I've seen Van Seller's LOOKAWAY in two gardens. It is a warm brownish orange with a reddish eye, wide petaled and with a good scape. Allgood's WOODBURN is a fine brownish tan. I ordered SPANISH EYES (Hailing), heard it once had 80 buds on one scape. The individual blooms are lovely, very light yellow with a pencil eye of rose and good substance.

Gene Crocker

We registered our first Daylily- ISRAEL, 4-41/2 " light yellow with ruffling, green throat, heavy substance, and flat form. It branches and reblooms. COUNTRY SQUIRE (Pittard), is an excellent full flat 4" light gold. DOUBLE CUTIE (Brown, B.) is a doll. POJO (Winniford) and DOUBLE CUTIE are my favorite doubles. MATTIE MAE BERRY (Warner), is an excellent rebloomer - nice little formed yellow flowers that remains open late.

Robert & Sandra Turley

Carl Sauer is high on CHOSEN LOVE (Maxwell), a lavender self with green throat. I'm sure high on his VIV, a cream self. I've "interfaced" the Daylily beds with vegetables for this season so they are really gonna create conversation. Albert Faggard

Sterling, you may well be correct in your supposition that a true brown will come from the Tetraploids due to a wider genetic field. Pat Adams

MAY MAY is a small flower, near white and a good rebloomer. Nancye Park

INTRODUCTION

BY

BILLIE HOLLIS

FRIDAY GAL

20" EMRe 5 1/2" pale yellow over white blend with deep green throat. Ext. Ev. # 73-18.
Stands sun excellent and blooms remain open late. \$15.00

Billie Hollis
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HEM'D INN

Lucille R. Warner

Jay E. Warner

SUGAR SWEET - J. C. 1976 - \$25.00

SUGAR SWEET - W 74-140 (TETRA SUGAR x Tetraploid Pastel Seedling. x DREAM COME TRUE) 24" E Dor Ext Re 4 1/2" flower; cream and pink blend; opens flat; heavily ruffled; full flowered; Excellent parent.

Our winter 1976 introductions are on page 95 of the December 1976 *THE HEMEROCALLIS JOURNAL*. Duplicate list on request.

The WELCOME MAT IS ALWAYS OUT - AT HEM'D INN
ESPECIALLY IN 1977 -Y'ALL COME!

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FREEDOM LAND

Linda Anderson

Freedom is the thing that fills the air,
It is around us everywhere.
In no other country can it be found,
For to each other it has bound.
So take your neighbor by the hand,
And sing a song to the "Freedom Land."

SHOW DATES 1977

Houston Area Daylily Show	May 14	Sharpstown Center Mall
Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Show	May 21	Parkdale Mall, Beaumont
Brazosport Hemerocallis Show	May 21	Brazos Mall, Lake Jackson
Austin Hemerocallis Show	May 28	Austin Area Garden Center
Lufkin Hemerocallis Show	June 7	Rt. 2 Box 214B, Lufkin
Regional/National Hemerocallis Show	June 9	Hilton Inn, Dallas

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ETHYL GLADYS COX Betty L. Davis

The Sweeny Hemerocallis Society, the City of Sweeny, and friends were saddened by the loss of Ethyl Cox in February. She will be greatly missed by all those who knew her. Mrs. Cox was voted the Woman of the Year in 1976 in Sweeny. She is survived by her husband, James Louis; her mother, Mrs. Renis Carter Pearce; and a brother, William Pearce. Our sympathy is extended to each who mourn her.

IN MEMORY OF J. L. CRUSE, SR. Cora Hund

On March 21, we were all saddened to learn of the death of Mr. J. L. Cruse, Sr. He was the father of J. L. Cruse, Jr.- one of our faithful members. It was always a pleasure to spend some time visiting with Mr. Cruse, Sr. when we were in the beautiful garden of J. L., Jr.

Mr. Cruse, Sr. was a good husband and father. He loved his family, his community, where for 82 years he made his home. Just outside the city limits of Woodville he enjoyed the freedom of space in which to do all the things he enjoyed. He was a very busy man, caring for his stock, the garden, and he gave of himself to his church and community.

One takes the greatest step he ever takes, other than that first step of accepting Christ as Lord and Savior, when he steps from this life into eternity to be with God.

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas extend deepest sympathy to Mrs. Cruse and family.

IN MEMORY OF AUGUST CHAUDOIR Emily Everett

The Brazosport Hemerocallis Society extends its sympathy to Mr. & Mrs. John Buettner of Lake Jackson in the death of Cathy's father, Mr. August Chaudoir, of Tioga, Louisiana. He was 95 at the time of his death. Her parents had enjoyed growing Daylilies for many years and were among the first to be honored by having a Daylily named for them.

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