

# AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER - REGION 6

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Dear friends,

The end of my tour as your Regional Vice-President is at hand. It is time to confess that I approached the tasks of this office with some misgiving, but with your help, encouragement, and inspiration I have survived. As I note the slate of officers who are to succeed us, I am excited about the future I see for our Region.

We look forward to the Region 6 Meeting for 1978 with great anticipation. You see, we have visited the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas and know something of what is in store for us there. I hope you will all plan to attend. I think the Regional Meetings are the most important of our functions. It will be a long time before we shall cease to re-live the two that have been held while I have been your Regional Vice-President - Thank you for them.

I now make my Thanksgiving resolution public. I shall devote my spare time, this Winter, to getting my yard in the best shape that is within my power to do. Thank you again for everything.

You all come.

Dear members of Region 6:

In January 1978, I begin a two year term as your Regional Vice-President, a time that I look forward to with great anticipation. Also serving with me will be:

Mr. Joyce W. Lewis, Regional Publicity Director  
Route 1, Box 78, Murchison, Texas 75778

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9208 Springwood Drive, Austin, Texas 78750

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Each of your Regional Officers will be eager to represent every member in Region 6, but in order to represent you we will need your continued cooperation in furnishing us timely information of your evaluations of Hemerocallis in your area. In the event that you are in an organized Hemerocallis

Society we want to publish items of interest to other members in the Region. We will need your Newsletter contributions by February 15 in order to get the Newsletter delivered to you by March 31.

We plan to have a section in the quarterly Newsletter which will be called FROM THE MAILBAG. In this section we will use only a sentence or two or maybe just a thought about daylilies of general interest and the contributor's name.

1979 is nearer than you think and we need a host group for our Regional Meeting. We want to visit areas of the state where we haven't been in recent years. If you are wondering if your club could be host, the answer is yes. Three tour gardens are adequate, a place for lunch, a time for our Regional Business Meeting, a plant auction, and a motel in the general area to house those who will be traveling some distance to attend. Gee, folks don't be afraid to invite us, because we are interested in visiting your area and seeing how our favorite flower is growing for you. I will be available to help any group who is interested in hosting the 1979 Regional Meeting or a later year.

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society is planning an unforgettable Meeting for us in 1978. They have two full days planned for us. This is the largest Society in Region 6 and they have many collections of daylilies to show us. Our Winter and Spring Newsletters will feature news items and registration information about our visit to Southeast Texas May 12-13. Begin planning now to attend.

Continue to tell your friends of the fun and joy we share as members of the American Hemerocallis Society and encourage them to send their dues to our new AHS Secretary, Mrs. Luke (Joan) Senior, Route 2, Box 360, DeQueen, Arkansas 71832.

When your friends and you join the American Hemerocallis Society encourage them to send a contribution to our Region 6 Newsletter Fund. In fact, why not just complete this little form and enclose a contribution for yourself while you are thinking of it now?

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail to: Mrs. Jack Fisher  
9208 Springwood Drive  
Austin, TX. 78750

Happy Gardening,

B. F. (Bill) Ater

## WINNERS IN HEMEROCALLIS SHOWS

### HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

Frances Schneider

The Houston Area Daylily Society held their show on May 14 at Sharpstown Mall. 168 scapes were entered, eight arrangements, three collections, and innumerable single blooms for display. Mrs. Bertha Cone was the Sweepstakes winner with six blue ribbons and a purple. Runners-up were Carl Saur and R. H. Lee.

#### CULTIVARS

ORANGE JAKE RUSSELL

INCREDIBLE

INK SPOT

74-77

DOUBLE GLOW

#### HYBRIDIZER

Russell-Saur

McMillan, M.

Walker, Mrs. T. A.

Johnson, H. O.

Wynne, Robert

#### EXHIBITOR

Carl Saur

Bertha Cone

Clarice Foster

H. O. Johnson

Inez Tarrant

Mildred Kroulik won the Tricolor Rosette for her arrangement "Another Galaxy." She also won the Creativity Rosette for "Shooting Star."

Literally thousands of shoppers viewed the show. Some of the overheard comments were, "It's so pretty, almost like an orchid!" "I have one like that at home, I should have brought it," "Are they all grown in greenhouses?" "I had no idea they came in so many colors."

Over 300 plants were donated by club members for sale at the show and we sold out long before the display was dismantled. Mr. R. H. Lee, the Show Chairman described the show as being very successful.

### BRAZOSPORT HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY SHOW

Inez Tarrant

The Brazosport Hemerocallis Society held its annual flower show on May 21, in the new Brazos Mall in Lake Jackson. It was considered by all members to be a very successful flower show as over a thousand people viewed it and many inquiries were made pertaining to the Daylily. Two hundred scapes were entered for competition. Inez Tarrant won Queen of the Show with SUNSET MAGIC (Monkhouse-Smith) which also won an AHS Rosette. Naomi Carwile won with GINGER PEACHY (Lankart) and DOUBLE EVA (McFarland). She also won the Tricolor Rosette. Maxwell's BABY BETSY captured a Rosette for John Buettner. Mr. H. O. Johnson walked away with three Rosettes. One for his own registration, MABEL ELLETT, one for CLARENCE SIMON (MacMillan), and one for his own ruffled 74-79. Stanley Hyer won Sweepstakes with 17 blue ribbons. Miss Debbie Scruggs won the Special Rosette in the Artistic Division for the Youth members.

### SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SHOW

Mrs. J. L. Fomby

The Austin Hemerocallis Society held its seventh annual show at the Austin Area Garden Center on May 28. The theme for this year was DAYLILIES: SUMMER SHOW-OFFS. Bill Ater was Chairman and Alyne Fisher served as Co-Chairman.

Bill Ater won Sweepstakes in the Horticulture Division. Winning AHS Rosettes were: YASMIN (Munson) exhibited by Mrs. J. L. Fomby; GREEN FLUTTER (Williamson) won for Elizabeth Krebs as did GINGER PEACHY.

Mrs. Guy Gates received a Rosette for her tetraploid 72-1. WINNING WAYS (Wild) was a winner for Mrs. Coleman Mills and DOUBLE CUTIE (Brown) was the Rosette winner for Mrs. J. L. Fomby.

Mrs. H. C. Kilpatrick received the Creativity Award in the Artistic Division. Bill Ater won Tricolor for "Firecracker," a design expressing motion.

## LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY SHOW

Mrs. Truman Largent

Lufkin had a really good unaccredited show June 7. There were 16 placements and everyone had beautiful arrangements. About 275 persons attended. We sold out all the plants and we couldn't have asked for it to be any better.

## HEMEROCALLIS IN DALLAS

Harold C. Bryson

About 500 specimen blooms were entered in the Horticulture Division of the Flower Show "Hemerocallis in Dallas," according to Mrs. W. S. Lanham, General Show Chairman.

The show was held in connection with the 31st annual Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society, which attracted nearly 500 growers and hybridizers from the United States, South Africa, and Europe. The show was sponsored by the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas and Region 6.

Mrs. Al Hammel of Euless and Mrs. I. D. Thompson of Seagoville won the most awards in the Horticulture Division - three each. Mrs. Thompson took the Sweepstakes and the trophy.

Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd took the Tricolor Award and trophy in the Artistic Division. Mrs. C. Neal Meagher won the Novice Award.

Other awards included: Cherry Ann Cochran Trophy to Ken Henson for HARRY LITTLE (Henson) and the Queen of Show Rosette and trophy went to the Hughes Garden for PAT HUSON (Hughes). Purple ribbons went to Jack Bradley, Paul Bradley, Mrs. W. S. Lanham, Mrs. C. Neal Meagher, Mrs. W. K. Russell and Mrs. Wilma Marley.

The AHS President's Cup went to Carl Sauer of Houston for a blooming clump of his hybrid, VIV, as seen in the I. D. Thompson Garden. The AHS Florida Sunshine Cup went to Tom Hughes for his PAT HUDSON.

## THE WINNIFORD'S GARDEN

Hugh Nourse

There are an amazing number of daylilies growing in the Winniford's garden, laid out in row upon row, completely filling the back portion of a city lot. This lot has to accommodate the commercial nursery as well as the seedlings hybridized by two enthusiasts. While Ury breeds the large and small-blossomed varieties, both tetraploid and diploid, his wife Elna concentrates on producing miniatures and doubles. Their introductions have earned reputations of good quality based on the individuality of the blooms as well as reliable growth habits.

A few later-blooming varieties put on a good show. First to catch my eye was SEA WARRIOR (Pittard), a large bloom which gave the color impression of brown upon brown, yet which on closer examination proved to be a copper overlay on yellow with a purple eyezone. It may sound wild but it certainly is attractive. BRUTUS (Winniford, U.) is another which you will enjoy despite its strange description. It is a large and round-petaled blossom of a pretty yellow suffused with a delicate green, and way out on the segments are blots of pink which are heavier on the sepals than on the petals. Close by was LITTLE HUGH, a small flower in a pleasing off-yellow with a reddish eye. Also, nearby was BARBI (Winniford, E.) a pretty yellow miniature with a pink flush. In the seedling rows, two sets of crosses attracted me - WG77/194d was a good small yellow of about 4" while WG77/O73D provided some miniatures whose shades were reminiscent of SEA WARRIOR, being copper toned with darker eyes.

Blooming appealingly in the shade of a small Pecan tree was a row of WILLIAM TRAVIS (Winniford, U.) which is a quiet red with an apple green throat on 5 ½" blooms. GREEN FLIGHT (Winniford) resembled GREEN FLUTTER (Williamson) in coloration but on a smaller flower. All on its own, near the house, was a small clump of DALLAS MISS (Ferris) blooming profusely. The color is a

very pretty deep apricot on 3 ½" blooms which are creped, ruffled and rounded, standing about 18" high. This plant won the Annie T. Giles Award for the best variety produced by a Dallas hybridizer.

As a special feature for the National Convention, the Winnifords had used part of a neighboring lot as an adjunct to their garden and in it displayed most of the guest plants around the perimeter for easy viewing. It was a most satisfactory way to arrange the guest beds, with the plants grouped by hybridizer. Mary Cunningham had a group of eleven seedlings and three named varieties right beside the entrance where they were a magnet to the visitors who admired the masses of blooms. LITTLE DUMPLING was a pale, pale gold only 9" tall. ELLA THOMAS RIGGINS, rose petals with a distinct pale edge, was taller at 15". CG-755 was a lovely lavender pink; CG-754 was a well-branched small purple; but it was CG-752 which drew the raves - a large clump, excellently branched, about 15-18" tall, of recurving rose-red.

MANDY POOH (Cox) was a lovely small gold, while Wilma Bryant's group included the last bloom on the near-white SNOW ELF, and the appropriately named SPANISH ECHO which is yellow with a purple edge. For the aficionados of doubles, there were A. D. Groom's yellow WHIRLING SKIRT and a good clump of the pale gold PRALINE. The serrated fringe effect on Howard Hite's golden CREEPY CRAWLER was evoking much interest though people did not care for its habit of near-horizontal bloom stalks. In the opposite corner of the garden, Ed Grovatt's introductions were garnering an adequate share of the spotlight, There was ED MURRAY, so dark a red that it was almost black; LUCY COX a fine gold; but overshadowing even this pair was the sparkling clarity of the yellow JENNIFER GROVATT. It made such a show and would be an advantage in any garden.

RALPH L. ALLEN  
Claudia Fullen

Region 6 and the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas lost one of its veteran daylily growers when Ralph L. Allen, of Vidor, died as a result of multiple injuries suffered in a traffic accident, July 6th.

He was 86 years of age, Mrs. Grace Allen, who was with him at the time of the car-truck collision, is recuperating at the home of relatives. They have been members of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society for many years. At our covered dish suppers, he was famous for his "lemon chess pie," which he prepared himself. Their garden was always open to "Hem bugs."

He was a native of Alto, but had lived in Vidor for forty-two years. He was very active in AARP, having been a National officer in this organization.

All members of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society join in extending to Mrs. Allen and their children, our deepest sympathy in our loss and theirs.

ONCE UPON A TIME  
Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell

Time Marches On

Yes, it really does have a way of just getting on down the road. It is now the years of 1955, 56, and 57, and the Board of Directors of the American Hemerocallis Society have appointed Mrs. F. D. Arthur of Houston to guide our "Good Ship Region 6" on its way. Edythe Arthur was already well known as a soil conservationist and organic gardener, being a charter member of the Houston Organic Garden Club, and was well known as a Garden Club, Radio, and TV speaker. She was one of the early Awards and Honors Judges, as well as Exhibition Judge of the American Hemerocallis Society, among her many other activities.

The first Yearbook of the American Hemerocallis Society (known as Midwest Hemerocallis Society) listed five names from Texas. (None from New Mexico). These five names are listed in the first pages of this story, but since they were to be Charter Members if they enlisted by the second annual (1948) the following other names are listed as Charter Members: Mrs. William H. Benners

(Dallas), Mrs. Emma Blum (Fort Worth), L. B. Brown, Jr., (Fort Worth), Mrs. W. I. Como (Houston), Mrs. Fred B. Cotlin (Weatherford), Mrs. Joe Goldston (Clarendon), Mrs. L. R. Hogg (Dallas), Mrs. L. P. Johnson (Abilene), Mrs. Laura R. Jones (Dallas), C. M. Nevitt (Dallas), Mrs. P. A. Rawlins (Dallas), H. M. Russell (Spring), Jacob Russell (College Station), Mrs. Gross R. Scruggs (Dallas), Mrs. Lulu A. Sheering (Waco), Mrs. L. S. Sooter (Fort Worth), Mrs. Mary Stevens (Fort Worth), and Mrs. Etherl Womble (Fort Worth) - a total of 23 Charter Members from Texas! Many more of us old timers joined after that, but of course were not Charter Members. And don't forget it was the magazine Flower Grower, with its Robin group that started the whole ball rolling.

During Mrs. Arthur's term of office Region 6 had several active Societies - among the very early ones we find listed Wichita Falls, September 24, 1953, with forty members. Houston and Corpus Christi were organized in the Fall of 1953; Gulf Coast, 1956. Dallas got itself organized at the home of Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell, with 17 Charter Members in January 1957. Mr. Paul Jones was appointed as an Awards and Honors Judge, and by now the groups were having annual shows. Mrs. J. C. Lamb, Exhibition Chairman, had gotten out the first Manual and was appointing new Judges. Each group was allowed one Awards and Honors Judge for each ten members of AHS. Among those early Judges, besides Mrs. F. D. Arthur, we find listed: Annie T. Giles (Austin); Ruth Tallman (Fort Worth); Betty Weber and Mrs. Barton Westerfield (Corpus Christi); Mildred Schlumpf, Nancye Woods, Mrs. May Del Flagg, and Mrs. Margaret Palmer, (Houston); Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. McIver, Eva Hogg, and Lula Mae Purnell (Dallas); H. M. and Jake Russell (Spring); Mrs. Charles Sill (Van); Robert L. Stepp (Trinity); and Mrs. Maxine Mills (New Mexico). Most of the above were also appointed as Exhibition Judges.

The Corpus Christi Society held a Flower Show on May 17, 1956, showing 285 scapes, and attracting hundreds of visitors.

Mrs. Paul Kane of San Antonio reported in June 1956, that District VII of the Texas State Council of Garden Clubs had adopted the Daylily as its flower and was featuring it on the cover of their cookbook.

Oh yes, there were plans made for a bus from Texas a number of years before it really happened. For the Omaha AHS meeting of July 1956, Mrs. Arthur made wonderful plans for a bus to make an outstanding trip, but it seems Region 6 folks were still a little bashful, and didn't "take hold" of the idea as they should have. Well, the next year she made plans again and even though the bus didn't make it, Austin sent the following members up to Dallas (by bus): Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt, and Annie T. Giles. In Dallas, they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Martin McMillan and Lula Mae Purnell. The bus driver gave us the honor of boarding the bus ahead of others, so as to reserve our own little section of the bus, and so on to Tulsa.

The Tulsa Convention was fine, but as a Region 6 Reporter, I would just like to say, "they knew we were there and that we wanted them to come to Texas next year, as we would be hosting the first Region 6 National Convention in Houston." Yes, Mrs. Arthur had prepared a large blue felt badge with a large "silver" 6 on it for each of us to wear.

Region 6 became fourth place in AHS membership in 1957, even then Mrs. Arthur was pushing for first place for us.

The dates May 15, 16, 17, 1958, are important dates for Region 6. Daylily lovers came from all over the country and Houston was ready for them. Not only were the Tour Gardens groomed and ready, but the whole city of Houston had large plantings all over the place and they saw to it that folks got a touch of Texas History by having one luncheon at the San Jacinto Inn with its Monument and Battleship Texas in the background. The South of the Border party around the pool let everyone know we were not only colorful but ready for fun. The Honor guest and speaker was none other than the "Old Dirt Dobber" himself.

The following gardens were on tour: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Schlumpf, the Earl W. Wood Garden, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Thibodeaux, Mr. and Mrs. Asbury Parks, and the Russell Gardens. There were many other gardens open to anyone who could grab a little time to go to see them, and a bus was sent out to Alta Loma to see the large plantings of

Mrs. J. W. Alexander. Not many of the visitors had ever seen such a sight as the 33 acres all in full bloom at the Russell Gardens. No, it was not a dream - it was real.

Mrs. Mel Thomas was the lucky Region 6 Supervisor over all this beauty, fun, and fellowship of this wonderful Convention - and on top of that, to have her beautiful city block garden on tour. The daylilies had a beautiful setting under the huge Oak trees. Jean Thomas had only grown daylilies since 1953, but now had hundreds of the newest and finest with easily read labels. The many outstanding companion plants, such as the 40 foot bed of Leopard Plant, the gorgeous Agapanthus, Creole Lilies, Crinums, and Centifolium, and the extra large Hoya in the hot house will ever remain a beautiful memory.

Mrs. Thomas was the last to be known as Region 6 Supervisor, for 1959 has arrived and Miss Annie T. Giles becomes the first Region 6 Vice-President of the American Hemerocallis Society. Yes, the same duties, the same honors, the same work, but under a different name. They had been called Regional Directors through 1951, Beginning with the year 1952 they became Regional Supervisors. Now in 1959, they were Regional Vice-Presidents.

Miss Annie T. Giles held this job for the years 1959-60, with Jewel Covington as her Publicity Director. Region 6 was growing fast. The year 1959 had shown forty-seven new members. So Annie set a goal of 500 - her motto "Everyone - Get One." She reports thirty-nine Awards and Honors Judges.

When Annie T. Giles and Lula Mae Purnell met for the first time at that bus station on their way to Tulsa, roomed together, and became good friends, those retired teachers began to make great plans for Region 6. They decided it was now time to get Region 6 really organized. Annie told Lula Mae that if she would get Dallas to host a Meeting that June, she would see to it that Austin would do likewise in 1960. So now the Region 6 begins not only to turn but to go!!

The second Meeting of Region 6 of the AHS met at the Tower Hotel Courts, Dallas, on June 11, 12, 13, 1959. That first program is included in the Regional Scrapbook. It was lots of fun and people came. On Thursday, June 11, seventy-five people registered and cars were sent to the Dallas Garden Center to see the Flower Show, hosted by the Dallas Hemerocallis Society and from 5-7 that afternoon a school for Exhibition Judges was held, with a Dutch Treat supper and brag night to follow. Friday morning buses loaded and the following gardens were visited: Mr. and Mrs. Milton Berry, Mrs. Richard Robertson, Mrs. Nata Young, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell - box lunch, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Norton, and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Wheeler.

At 7 o'clock Mrs. Hugu A. Purnell, Convention Chairman, called upon Mrs. J. W. Hoffman for the Invocation and Mrs. Richard Robertson for the welcome, with Mrs. A. M. Tallman of Fort Worth responding. Mrs. Purnell then introduced all of her committees, and then turned the meeting over to Miss Annie T. Giles, Regional Vice-President, to conduct the Regional business and final organization plans, inviting the group to meet the following year in Austin.

There was more to come - for on Saturday morning June 13, the buses loaded for visits to gardens of: Mrs. Mary Redman Irving, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McIver, Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Roquemore, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Jones with a chuck wagon barbecue. At 2:30 that afternoon a beautiful Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Royal A. Ferris. A number of other gardens were also open to visitors.

An exact quote from Annie's Newsletter sent out to boost the above Meeting: "The Annie T. Giles Trophy will be awarded for the first time at our Dallas meeting. This is a rotating Trophy awarded as a visitor's choice to a local seedling, voted best by the out of town members attending the Regional Meeting. The hybridizer of the winning seedling will hold the trophy for the period between our Regional Meetings."

The Annie T. Giles Trophy was won by Mrs. Raymond C. McIver on her 58-96, a beautiful green-throated, yellow, much ruffled seedling. She also had the runner-up.

It should be mentioned that an Awards and Honors Clinic and practice judging was held in the Norton Garden, conducted by Mrs. F. D. Arthur. Oh yes, and the Robins were there with all their chirps - 14 of them sat together at the Friday night banquet.

With all this enthusiasm behind us, we can look forward to a New Year and a new get-together in Austin in 1960.

During the year 1960, people everywhere were becoming Daylily fans. The large Russell Gardens (I believe then the largest in the United States) were advertising and shipping them all over the country. They put out a most interesting catalog (some parts of their early catalog can be found in the Scrapbook section). There began to sprout up other Commercial Daylily Gardens. Dollie Wheeler was not only selling from her large garden, but was shipping large quantities to nurserymen all over the country. Lucille Williamson was becoming known for her line of adorable "ponies." Mrs. J. W. Alexander was becoming well known. The Hughes Garden of Mansfield and Norton's in Dallas, at first better known for their Iris were beginning to be well known, to mention a few of the first commercial growers. Then, many began being known as "backyard hybridizers" and were also taking orders from their backyard gardens.

Then on June 3-4, 1960, the Austin Hemerocallis Study Group hosted the third annual Meeting of Region 6 of the American Hemerocallis Society. (This Study Group was organized as the Austin Hemerocallis Society, May 26, 1961). Headquarters were at the Villa Capri Courts. Starting with a Tea in the Tropicana Room, the group had a beautiful display of cut Hemerocallis and lovely arrangements. At 7:30, the Annual Dinner was held, with Mrs. Stanley Miller, Chairman, presiding. The Invocation was given by Dr. C. W. Hall, and welcome by Mrs. Cora A. Lewis, President of the Violet Crown Garden Club, with Mrs. J. B. Covington responding in behalf of the Region. Miss Annie T. Giles, Regional Vice-President, presided at the Business Meeting. This was the first time that AHS had asked the Regions to nominate their own Regional Vice-President and the name of Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell was presented for this honor. The "hat" was passed to help pay some of the expenses of the Newsletter and other Regional expenses, but it was suggested that if everyone would send Miss Giles fifty cents it would be appreciated. For the rest of the year a small amount was raised in this way.

Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell was the speaker for the evening. Her topic was "Something New In Hemerocallis - Miniatures and Dwarfs." Also some interesting slides were shown.

On Saturday morning June 4, buses took the group to visit the following gardens: Miss Annie T. Giles, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Crum, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rowe, and Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall. The group was then taken to Barton Springs where they were served a delicious box lunch.

As the Group bid each other good-by they were looking forward to meeting in 1961 in beautiful Corpus Christi.

#### HELP WANTED Mable Nelson

We of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society are finalizing our plans for our 1978 Regional Meeting. We need your help to make it the kind of Regional you want. We are doing our part getting our gardens in order, planning activities, making bonnets, and all the hundred and one things that go into a Regional with lingering memories.

Now it is your turn, First - We want your presence on May 12-13, 1978. Second - We want you to share a Gift Plant. Third - Think about bringing a plant for our Region 6 Auction. All of this money goes into the Regional Treasury to better serve us - you and me. Fourth - If you are a camera bug, load 25 of your best slides into a Kodak Carousel Tray and bring to show Friday night. This is a golden opportunity to pat ourselves on our backs, at the same time we are sharing our beauties with fellow members.

We only ask that the gift and auction plants be late introductions that you would be proud to give and to own.

Please let Mr. Albert Faggard, 3840 LeBleu, Beaumont, TX 77707, know as soon as possible if you will bring a plant to give or auction. This is necessary so we will know how many plants to expect.

Region 6 Gift Plants

I would like to donate the following plants to be used as gift plants at the 1978 Regional. Send a copy of this letter to Gift Plant Chairman, Mr. Albert C. Faggard, 1840 LeBleu Street, Beaumont, TX 77707.

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I will send plants prior to Meeting ( ) yes ( ) no

I will bring plants to Meeting ( ) yes ( ) no

I would like receipt for tax purposes ( ) yes ( ) no

Any other instructions, comments, or suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Region 6 Auction and Sale Plants

I would like to donate the following plants to be used as fund raising plants for Region 6. All proceeds go to Region 6. Send a copy of this letter to Gift Plant Chairman, Mr. Albert C. Faggard, 3840 LeBleu Street, Beaumont, TX 77707.

<u>Plant</u>	<u>Hybridizer</u>	<u>Suggested Price</u>
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I will send plants prior to Meeting ( ) yes ( ) no

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I would like receipt for tax purposes ( ) yes ( ) no

Any other instructions, comments, or suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

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## NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

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