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A CORDIAL WELCOME

We, the membership of Region 6, extend a cordial welcome to the following new members of the American Hemerocallis Society. Each of you is invited to call upon any of the Regional Officers or any of the membership of Region 6 whenever you feel that we may be of assistance to you.

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REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At last the 1978 bloom season is a reality. Those long cold days of Winter have left us and are forgotten when we look out and see all of the beauty that God has created around us. Let each of us be thankful for the natural beauty we enjoy and look forward to after each Winter's rest.

As we enjoy our garden let each of us make an attempt to visit at least one other garden this bloom season so that we can share their garden with them. Invite at least one person who doesn't know the beauty of the Hemerocallis to visit your garden and thereby introduce them to our favorite flower.

Each time that I walk among our daylilies to view the companion plants I notice another daylily with scapes showing and know that in a few days our occasional bloom will be replaced by ten, and a few days more those ten will be replaced by a hundred, and within a few weeks that hundred will have grown to thousands of brightly colored flowers adorning our garden. What a beautiful creation!

Our LITTLE DART is almost on schedule but what is so exciting is the four way branching with at least 25 to 30 or more buds per scape. The scapes on other varieties are also carrying maximum branching and bud count, as well. What a great bloom season that we have to look forward to.

Our staff is grateful to each of you who has taken the time to write a note of encouragement as well as those of you who have sent a message of good wishes by a friend. Our thanks to each of you.

Your donations are welcomed because we have to solicit your contributions in order to defray the costs of the Newsletter. Our first issue cost around \$500 because of the number of copies and the number of pages. So we continue to need your help whether you send cash, donate plants to the auction, or buy plants at the auction.

May 12-13 is the date of our Regional Meeting in Beaumont. This should be an excellent time to visit old friends as well as make new friends. By the time that you receive this Newsletter, the Meeting date will only be days away.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you along the daylily trails.

FROM YOUR REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Joyce Lewis - Murchison

Do you still get a thrill every time you pick up a newspaper or magazine and see the word "daylily" (Hemerocallis) printed somewhere between its covers?

Do your nerve-ends still tingle when you hear DAYLILY mentioned on the radio or see a picture of a Hemerocallis flashed on the TV screen?

If these things still happen to you, then you're a true "Hemeroholic" and want to share your feelings with the thousands out there on the other side of the fence. That fence has thin walls and the doors are open, but those eager thousands are going to continue passing by until we make them aware and they seek to enter our Hemerocallis Heaven. We have something good - let's tell the "masses" - that's what Publicity is all about!

Each of you reading this is a member of the Publicity Committee. Most of your local Society bylaws state that its purpose shall be to "Promote interest in the growing of genus, Hemerocallis." Most of you are doing a fine job, especially within the Society, but we can all do more.

Let's also walk through the doors and shout a little louder to those thousands outside - let's publicize our shows, our tours, our open gardens, and every Hem event in every news media available. We don't have to be a member of a local Society to let our local paper know that we have been to a Regional Meeting, a daylily show, or some other daylily activity - they are hungry for news, and every time the word "daylily" is seen, it becomes a part of the reader. Eventually that reader will find themselves wanting to share your thrills - they are ready to enter our Hemerocallis World, and it is you who planted that seed of thought in their mind. Feel proud, for you have done them and yourself a big favor - another Hem enthusiast is born, and the American Hemerocallis Society gets a new prospective member!

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We continue our offer to send the next issue of the Region 6 Newsletter to a friend of yours who you think might be a prospective member of the American Hemerocallis Society.

When you receive your copy you will know that your friend has received their complimentary copy, then it is time for you to go to work and obtain a new member for the American Hemerocallis Society.

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BERTA & H. O.

It was 1967 when the Johnson's attended their first Regional Meeting at Brazosport and fell in love with Hems. That love affair has been in full bloom ever since.

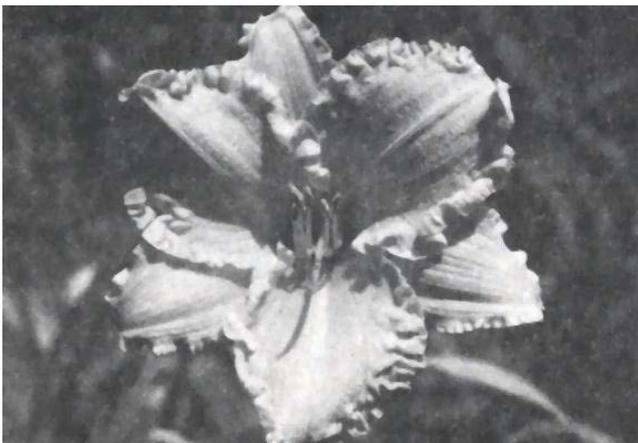
Berta insists that a daylily has to have more than beauty, it must have performance. The length of the scape, how close the bloom is to the foliage, and what the foliage looks like in relationship to the flower is important. These are some of the things that must be considered before the Johnsons consider a plant for registration.

H. O. spends a lot of time studying the background of his crosses. He is concerned about the parentage of his crosses.

The Johnsons are frequently called to give a program to garden clubs and to show slides of their daylilies. Sharing their knowledge of daylilies makes their hobby an even more enjoyable one. H. O. likes to tell about when he first began as a hybridizer in 1967, his health was not so good. When he was advised that it took three or four years for some hybridizers to get bloom, he started talking to the plants. "They tell me I'll have to wait three years to bloom - and this old man doesn't have three years - now, you get busy and bloom!" He planted seeds and when they had grown sufficiently he transferred them to the open ground. Would you believe that he had 50% bloom the first year and 90% the second year? Yes - H. O. still talks to the plants!

Berta wrote this Spring that H. O. is the hybridizer and at present is busy with the "Stud Book" and on the watch for aphids. His is well known in this area for his percentage of one year bloomers. He will bloom about 4,000 seedlings this Summer. He has some goodies as far back as 1971 - but most of the last 6 years the best things have come from FATSO and EDGAR BROWN pollen.

Berta says that daylilies have added dimension to their lives, and that getting caught up in their enthusiasm proves all the positive things that you have ever read or heard about hobbies. They work! To see what they've done and are doing leaves you with Robert Browning's thought, "God's in His Heaven - and all's right with the world." Plan a visit to the Johnson's garden this Summer.



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74-69 (LOVE THAT PINK x FATSO)

YES, THERE ARE HEM GROWERS IN NEW MEXICO!

Betty Roberts - Albuquerque

It was indeed a pleasure to receive a very newsy letter from Mr. Joyce Lewis, RPD, with a request for some news from our section of the country.

For nearly fifteen years, Mrs. Lowenstein and I have shared our interest in Hemerocallis. Actually our interest dates back some twenty years when Mrs. Lowenstein started growing Hems. I first became acquainted with daylilies through my mother-in-law who used them extensively in landscaping the grounds at the Middle Georgia College President's home.

Through the years Mrs. Lowenstein and I have attempted to spread the word about what a wonderful perennial we have in the daylily, but its popularity has not been as good here as it is in the South. We have frequently displayed blooms at our local Summer gardening clinics conducted by the County Extension Agent in cooperation with the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs. People have always been astounded to discover the wide range of colors available to today's daylilies.

We think we have made some progress in the last few years. In 1976 my garden club, Petal Pushers, staged the first daylily show, staged the second in 1977, and plan to continue with this service to Albuquerque growers.

In 1976 we had 77 horticulture entries and 23 artistic arrangements. Betty Roberts was the Sweepstakes winner, while Mrs. Lowenstein captured the Best of the Show award with WINNING WAYS. Mrs. Roberts entry of MARY TODD was the Best Single Bloom and her entry of THERESA HALL captured the Best Collection. Mrs. Roberts captured the best English Box and Best Arrangement Awards for the Artistic Section while Mrs. Dean Clark entered the Best Novice Arrangement.

Our 1977 show had grown to 113 scapes in the Horticulture Section and 14 artistic arrangements were entered. Sweepstakes went to Mrs. Lowenstein, while Mrs. William Odins entry of SUZIE WONG was judged Best of Show, and Mrs. Lowenstein won for her ETHEL BAKER scape as the Best Single Bloom. The Best Collection Award went to CURLS which was exhibited by Mrs. Lowenstein. Mrs. Roberts again was awarded the Best Arrangement while Mrs. Charles Haegelin won the Best Novice Arrangement.

Plans are already underway for the third Annual Hemerocallis Show to be held in Albuquerque on Saturday, June 24, 1978. This year we are planning to have even more participation by our Junior Garden Club members.

For the past two years the judging has been by the National Council Judges. We would like very much to have accredited Exhibition Judges from the American Hemerocallis Society to judge our show. Could you, would you, who are experienced in staging shows aid us in obtaining at least two or three Accredited Judges?

Let me hear from you if you are an Accredited Exhibition Judge and would like to visit Albuquerque and judge our show. Mrs. L. E. (Betty) Roberts, 8615 La Sala Grande NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87111.

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Folks in New Mexico we are glad to hear of your progress. Let us hear from you as to the results of your show as well as what your favorite plants are. We want very much for you to be an active part of Region 6.

Bill Ater, RVP

LET'S HEAR IT FOR TETRAPLOIDS

Lucille Warner - Dallas

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TETRAPLOIDS! TETRAPLOIDS! TETRAPLOIDS! RAH! RAH! RAH!

When Bill Ater was looking around for someone to talk about the attributes of tetraploids he thought of me. I wonder why? I have been singing their praises since 1961, which is nigh on to twenty years.

In the last Newsletter, there was an article by Rudy Fuchs referring to tetraploids' apparent resistance to drought and hot weather.

This has been my experience, too. I have had very little loss to crown rot in my tetraploids, some years no loss at all. Last year, which was the worst year ever for me, I had no loss in my tetraploid seedlings, no loss in the established tetraploid clumps, and I did not lose one guest plant.

When we first started getting "hooked" on tetraploids, Melinda and I wondered if it would be possible for a trait which we were working for in our hybridizing to be double in tetraploid breeding. Particularly did we wonder about tetraploid breeding with Tetra BITSY. Would we ever "double" that bloom factor of BITSY and get a tetraploid that would bloom even more than BITSY.

We have worked so diligently for early bloom. We wondered if that early bloom factor would ever be doubled. This year I was amazed to see BONUS BABY (which has BITSY in it 3 times) send up a scape ahead of BITSY. STOLEN BASE is scaping earlier than MATTIE MAE BERRY (one of its parents), a new tetraploid seedling (which I have not seen bloom) will be my first to bloom in 1978, a seedling from Tetra TERRACOTTA BABY, and it is 2-3 weeks ahead of TERRACOTTA BABY. Only time will tell if we are going to see even earlier bloom in tetraploids than in diploids.

A whole new ball game in hybridizing with tetraploids presents itself if this proves to be more than a possibility. It was always Melinda's theory that in inducing tetraploids (doubling the chromosomes from 22 to 44) it is possible in the process to double a specific gene.

I started growing daylilies initially not only because of their beauty, but because they were more resistant to our hot, dry Summers than any other perennial I had grown. In my garden, the tetraploid daylily is even more resistant.

TETRAPLOIDS REVISITED

Albert Faggard - Beaumont

After visiting and exploring the tetraploids last season in the Edgar Brown Garden, I chose to study and observe them more closely this season. Some people still fault tetraploids but little do they realize the many hours of work, research, and money that has gone into this wonderful advancement in horticulture. One must surely remember today's diploids would not be where they are today without the same type of dedicated hybridizers.

I was able to observe a few more tetraploids in my own backyard but let me tell you more about the place where tetraploid breeders would have a bonanza, looking over a continuous, productive garden. The tetraploids in the Edgar Brown Garden in Orange, Texas, were outstanding and it took more than one trip to see them all, as one would expect. Fortunately, I live only twenty miles away. It seems also that 1975 was a very productive year.

T-10-75-RO, a cross of FABULOUS PRIZE x GRAND PRIZE, is a blend of rose and yellow and very large. It has a large green yellow triangular throat extending wide into its cream midribs. It's 6 ½" enhances that dedicated desire for wide sepals and full form. Another seedling, T-7-76 RO (T-31-73 x T-65-73) was one of the best of the 1976 selections. Texture plus was the way that I rated it. It is a coral rose daylily carrying ruffled petals, full overlapping parts over a nice gold scalloped throat, with wide light cream midribs. This showy flower opens well and is a darker color than T-10-75-RO. Whether it is old rose, mulberry rose, or dusty raspberry, T-13-76-RAS was one daylily I certainly fell for. Perhaps this fine dark self, with a nice gold center, adds a new color break. If you add to this a different flower form, a dark band around the throat, and sun holding qualities, you must have a super new cultivar indeed. It is 25" tall and a 6" bloom. This cultivar will be named in 1978.

T-23-75-G was a golden ruffled creped self. It was also very full, very large (3" petals and 2" sepals), and strong in color. T-8-76-YE really stands out in the 1976 bed. It is a low, full 7" flower with segments that roll back somewhat. This flower is Supersonic as far as tetraploid breeding goes. Bill Ater of Austin and Mable Nelson of Port Arthur, visitors in our group, took pictures as I took notes, and can vouch for its beauty.

T-17-76-PEME was a heavy textured cream peach flower. This smooth, luscious beauty with flat form just needed a scoop of ice cream as it stirred conversation about "being good enough to eat." I like smooth creamy flowers.

Another nice ruffled pink daylily with lighter to cream sepals and light midribs was numbered T-11-76-PI. It is not very far from being a bicolor, which makes it very noticeable and somewhat unique. Lucille Williamson, the Grand Lady of Miniatures, remarked that it was her favorite. I still believe she is partial to pinks.

If you add these to noted favorites T-27-75-PE, T-28-75-OR, and T-29-75-G you would think you had them all, but it "taint so." This breeder continues to turn them out like Henry Ford. Even though I might ramble over years with seedling numbers, they are in order by years in each bed so you can see how much his breeding has advanced. I must also add that all ancestry is available in the Brown stable as good breeding records have been expertly maintained. Well, let's go on with those numbers, there are lots of them.

T-68-73-PI is still around and should be. This distinctive 1973 seedling was named PASSIONATE PRIZE and is a rather sweet rose, having a darker red eye over a chartreuse yellow throat with light midribs. This is a 5 ¾" flower with branching and is very fertile. Another smaller pink flower, T-18-74-PI had lovely color. It was also worthy of a name. Perhaps, I liked the watermarked pinkish eye and that ever popular ruffling.

T-3-75-G, now SUNSHINE PRIZE, is a bright yellow gold self that certainly has wide floral parts. It is a creped with yellow green throat. A 6 ¼" bloom, it sparkles in its FATSO form. Another that would be easy to take home is T-13-75-G. It also has a full flat form, medium height, and is lighter in color than the one previously mentioned.

I have also mentioned three 1975 numbers that everyone was wanting named and just waiting for stock to increase. Let me now try to describe them for you. T-27-75-PE is a very flat, 5 ¼" flower with ruffled edging on 2 ½" petals and is pink peach in color. It has a gold yellow radiating center. The bloom is full and round. It too has that creamy loveliness making it a fine tetraploid. I liked it in 1976 but more so this season. T-28-75-G is a dark orange with a gold throat. The bloom is flat but ruffled. This flower attracts attention across the garden.

Everyone's favorite has been SHOCKWAVE (T-29-75-G). It is a light golden yellow that is very well-branched and has reblooming qualities besides being over 6". Perhaps this super one has all the adjectives rolled into its lovely, full, ruffled form. The stock of SHOCKWAVE is limited and the waiting list of outstanding growers is long.

So far, over twenty tetraploids have been registered from the Brown Garden. All have strong new breeding traits - reflecting both progress and selective effort. Crosses of FABULOUS PRIZE have produced some fine seedlings. I now know that many more good daylilies will come forth from the hands of Edgar Brown. Yes, you can make a number of trips to this beautiful garden and have the experience of seeing thrilling new tetraploids on every visit. Many of the 1975 and 1976 tetraploid seedlings were registered in 1977 and still more will be registered in 1978. As Edgar Brown releases his accomplishments he is sharing his many years of hard work for serious tetraploid hybridizers to use in their programs for a better Hemerocallis for tomorrow.

Plan a trip to the Brown's fabulous garden with the Region 6 tour May 13.

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REGION ELEVEN ANNUAL MEETING

June 16-17, 1978

Headquarters:	Holiday Inn Northwest - 3535 N. W. 39th Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112
Registration Fee	\$18.00 until June 7 - \$20.00 after June 7 No refunds after June 12 - Judges Clinic \$2.00
Registration Chairman:	Mrs. Evelina Owen, 7917 Duane Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73132
Gardens on tour:	Estes, Bryant, Plato, Marley, and Campbell

SNEAK PREVIEW REGION 6 MEETING, 1978

Mable Nelson - Port Arthur

I will let you in on a few secrets that you will find in the gardens of the upcoming Region 6 Meeting, May 12-13, 1978.

In the Nelson garden you will find many beautiful cultivars from Durio, MacMillan, and Spalding. From Monette you will find the much sought after LITTLE INFANT as well as their new BLESSED TRINITY.

Mable has seedling 80-73 of J. L. Cruse, which is the only one in existence as he lost all of his stock last Winter. It is a deep pink with a burgundy eye. This really is a very beautiful cultivar.

At the Swafford's the spotlight has to be on her Leopard plants and other greenhouse plants that she grows to perfection, although half of her backyard is devoted to the best daylilies.

Cora Hund and Bo Bo Faggard when asked about something special in their yards, looked at each other and said to tell them to look for the BLACKS (whatever that means). I know that Cora has registered LETTI, a near black miniature. She has also registered SOJOURNER (Cruse-Hund) which is a large near black.

Of course you only have to look at our latest Journal to see a sneak preview of the Brown's garden. But here you will also find a Rose garden, as Betty and Edgar are also Rosarians.

Lucille Williamson is all excited about her new introduction which she has been watching for the last four years.. Ask her to show this beauty to you. Be sure to look for her LITTLE GRAPE EYES, also.

J. L. Cruse, Jr., has his GOLDEN PRINCESS, one of the best yellows that I have seen with completely overlapped petals. And of course all of his GYPSIES will be there waiting to greet you.

Ima and Charles will be happy to show you their garden features: Spalding's AGAPE LOVE (the only one on the tour), BLUE HAPPINESS, EARLY APRIL, LULLABY BABY, SPREAD EAGLE, ROSETTE, and MORNING BEAUTY, and be sure to look for the darling little wild Orchids that should be blooming.

Plan now to be with your Country Cousins come May 12-13, 1978.

P. S. Oh yes, Ladies, the bonnets are finished and are waiting for you.

COME JOIN YOUR COUNTRY COUSINS FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN AND FLOWERS!

Claudia Fullen - Beaumont

The Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas will host the annual Region 6 Meeting of the American Hemerocallis Society in Beaumont on May 12-13, 1978. The site of the Meeting will be the Red Carpet Inn, 55 Interstate 10N, Beaumont, Texas 77706.

Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Friday. National members from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Texas, and other states are registered for this Meeting. Those desiring to register, please contact: Mrs. H. E. Marks; 4701 Clermont; Groves, Texas 77619.

We suggest that you visit the Louis Nelson Garden, 4444 Griffing Drive, Port Arthur, 9:00-10:00 a.m. Friday; the J. R. Swafford Garden, 2021 Woodrow, Port Arthur, 10:00-11:30 a.m.; the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Hund, 826 South Avenue, Port Neches, 11:30-12:30 (lunch will be served here); and the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Albert Faggard, 3840 LeBleu, Beaumont, 1:00-2:00 p.m. These gardens will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. BUSES WILL NOT BE PROVIDED ON FRIDAY. Maps will be included in your program book.

PLAN TO DRIVE YOUR OWN CARS ON FRIDAY or it will be possible to make arrangements for transportation at the time you register.

Mrs. Royal A. Ferris and Mrs. W. D. Owen of Dallas will conduct the Exhibition Judges Clinic at the King Arthur Room, Red Carpet Inn, beginning at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

A slide show is programmed, with Mrs. Mildred Schlumpf showing the slides. Members may bring own slides. Please limit them to 25 in a Kodak carousel slide tray.

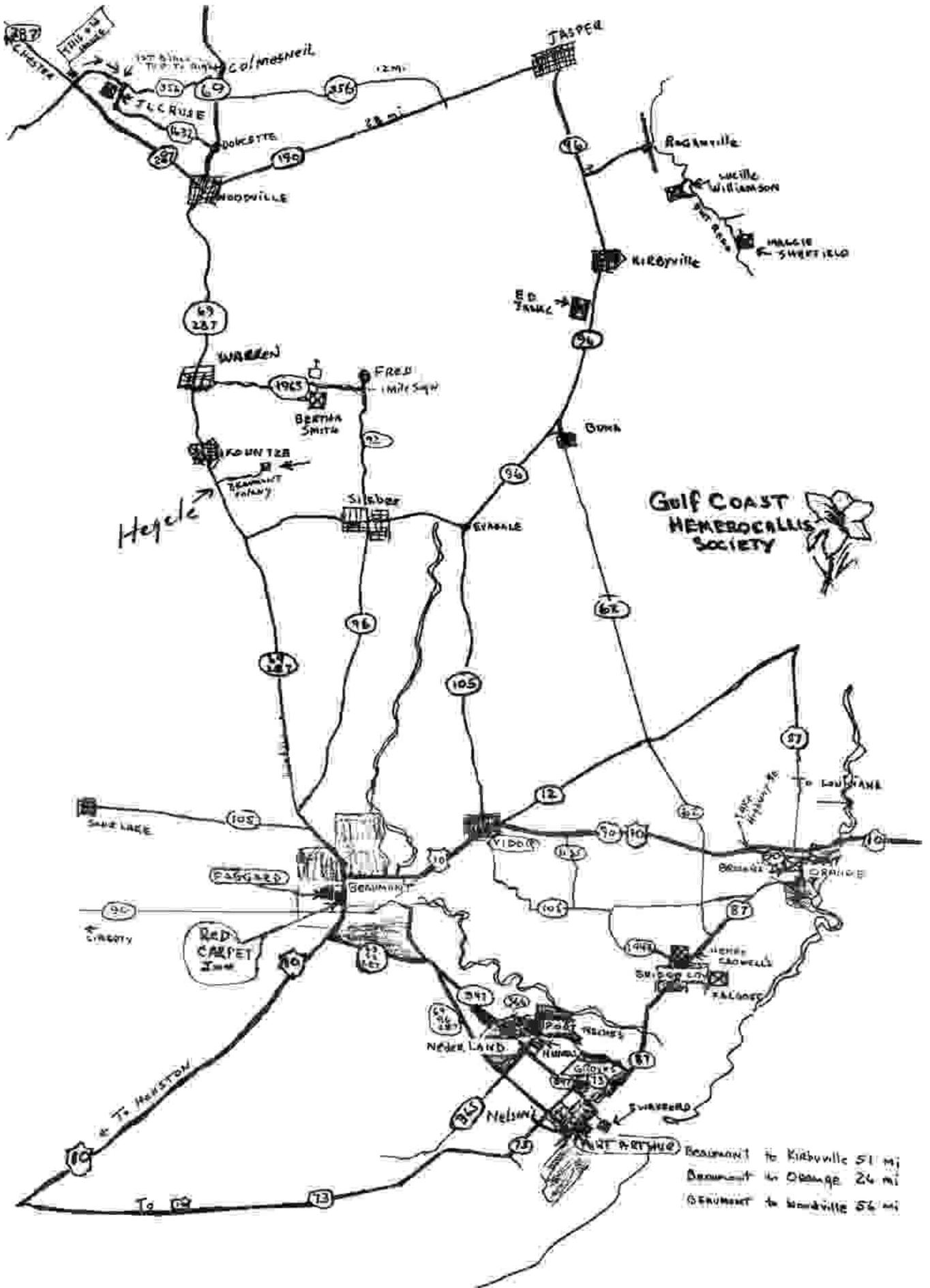
9:00 p.m. Friday evening is the time for the Region 6 **PLANT AUCTION**, with Bo Bo Faggard as Auctioneer. This is the time when we raise funds to help finance our Newsletter and other Regional expenses. Bring plants valued at \$5.00 or more to be auctioned. Put the value of the plant on the name tag, color and a description of the plant. We need plants to be auctioned as well as buyers. Leave the plants that you bring at the registration desk.

On Saturday, May 13, delegates will board buses for the garden tours at 8:00 a.m. We will visit the Edgar Brown garden from 8:45-10:45. We will serve lunch and give plants away on the buses en route to Lucille Williamson's garden at Roganville, arriving around 12:15. We will arrive at the garden of J. L. Cruse at Woodville by 2:30 p.m. On the return trip to Beaumont we will be stopping at the garden of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hegele near Kountze. We will arrive back at the Red Carpet Inn around 6 p.m.

Our Banquet and Business Meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Camelot I. Luke Senior, Jr., Treasurer of the American Hemerocallis Society will be our speaker.

Bill Ater, our Regional Vice President, will be presiding at the Banquet. A presentation of the Regional Awards will be made by Mrs. Cora Hund, President of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society.

This is your personal invitation to attend this all important Meeting.



GARDENING HINTS

Rodger N. Croker - Llano

By no means an expert, I pass on to you a few helpful gardening hints that I have come to a conclusion on after many years of observing. It is better to Spring feed Hems than to do it in the Fall. Fertilizing with as low a nitrogen content in late February (or after the major cold weather is ended) seems to work best.

Applications of peat moss five years ago in two particularly hard soil areas did much to correct the heavy clay-like soil, but it seems peculiar that these two areas are where my losses to rot occur. I have switched to using shredded bark and have noticed no problems from its use.

If our Summer persists in producing one comparable to last year's, I believe that it is also better to keep Hems in full sun on the drier side. Those that get some protection seem to do all right, but excessive watering of those in full sun will end with some losses.

I do not feed newly planted (Fall or Spring) until the Spring of their second season. An unconscious man cannot digest a steak; a Hem just starting to grow doesn't need a lot of fertilizer. I lost a number of new ones by fertilizing them, even though lightly, one year.

Unless you have some shade, Spring ordered Hems are best grown in pots. They drain better and can be moved to shady areas until they start to grow. By Fall the pot will be full of roots and the plant can be easily shifted to the ground without any disturbance.

Try a new companion plant or so every year or so to add interest to your garden. It is intriguing to grow them from seed. Somehow this makes them more personal.



CROKER GARDEN

FROM THE MAIL BAG

The Corpus Christi Hemerocallis Society had a successful plant sale at the Corpus Christi Festival of Flowers April 1 and 2. We offered red, pink, melon, purple, and lavenders since most of these were unknown to those buying. We believe that we achieved our aim of promoting interest in the Hemerocallis and in the local Society. A display of Hemerocallis is planned for the May Council of Garden Clubs Meeting.

Our members are reporting the following early bloomers in mid-April: APACHE BELLE, BITSY, BLANCHE HOOKER, DOXOLOGY, LADY EDNA, and ROSIE MEYER. We are planning our annual Garden Pilgrimage in May to the gardens of Mrs. F. A. Johnson, Mrs. J. T. Mahoney, Mrs. James H. Martin, and Mrs. Ruben Solis.

Jayne Martin, Corpus Christi

DOWN PLEASANTON WAY

Here it is April 6 and no daylily scapes, yet. One of our members had a seedling to bloom April 1, but that was the only one in town. We've all had an over supply of aphids, but seemingly they have not hurt the plants.

In February we sprayed with Chlordane. Followed then by a thorough spraying with Malathion, which practically wiped them out. My ROBERT WAY SCHLUMPF still had aphids, so we sprinkled it with Chlordane powder - no more aphids.

The date for our SHOW TOUR has been changed to May 20, 2-5 p.m. Gardens to be on the tour are: John Gonder, 215 Lantana Lane; H. G. Howard, 215 Fount Street; Rex Andrews, 1112 Maia; and C. L. Bell, Hwy 281 N. At each place there will be exhibits of blooms from other gardens. There will be a bit of refreshments along the way with specials at the Bell's, our last stop.

My garden isn't anything extra, but we'd be glad to have you visit us.

Pearl Howard, Pleasanton

I have never seen our companion plants pop out as fast as they did this year. The last two weeks in March turned us from Winter into full Spring. It is cleanup time and these Oak leaves are enough to drive a person "batty." I even took up a few of our stepping stones to make room for some new daylilies.

Cora Offer, San Antonio

THIS AND THAT FROM HOUSTON

May 20, the Houston Hemerocallis Society will sponsor the Daylily Show at Sharpstown Mall. The Houston Area Daylily Society will assist in this show. Each Society alternates with the show. Try to make your plans to be there. A plant sale will be held with the show. The two Houston Societies always put on a good show.

May 18, the Houston Area Daylily Society will have a bus tour. Gardens to be visited are: Crandall, Kroulik, Lee, Sauer, and Schlumpf. Bring a sack lunch and be ready to see the beautiful gardens. All members please attend.

As of April 8, BITSY is putting up scapes as are a few seedlings. Everyone is looking for a good bloom season. Many new daylilies will be seen for the first time. I'm lucky to be a member of both of the Houston groups as well as the Austin group (we're moving to Austin).

R. H. Lee, Houston

The Lufkin Hemerocallis Society was organized March 7, 1963. This makes our Society 15 years old, so we are planning on being very active this year (just like a 15 year old should be). We tour as a group and will be going to Hodges Gardens, Mildred Crossing, Carpenter's, Durio's, Spalding's, and a

later tour to Jefferson. Of course, we will be attending the Regional at Beaumont. Our flower show this year will be in the home of Mrs. R. W. Riley. Everyone is invited. There will also be a plant sale. Mrs. Truman Largent and Mrs. Jack Kennedy will have their gardens open on Thursday May 11, 9am-4pm, for anyone coming through on their way to Beaumont. Our members will be in the gardens to greet you and serve refreshments. We also have a large planting at the Post Office. Do plan to stop by.

Mrs. Robert Scott, Lufkin

In September we give two awards to our members. The FUQUA TROPHY goes to the Best Cultivar hybridized in our district. J. L. Cruse, Jr. was this year's winner for his C-356-6.

The SILVER TROPHY is given for the Best Red Cultivar hybridized in our district. The 1977 winner was Cora Hund's 04-74 which has been named GULFCOAST AFFAIR.

From left to right in the picture are Frances Choate, Kathryn Litchfield, Cora Hund, Leola Gennuso, Frances Burkhart, and Kathryn McDaniel.

We have heard of six of our members who plan to go to National on the Texas Bus: Ernest and Cora Hund, Kermit and Kathryn McDaniel, Allie Swafford, and Inez Young. We are really excited about the trip. The younger ones of the group are looking forward to the trip to Niagara Falls.

We are beginning to have a few bloom scapes and expect to have many ready for each of you when you come May 12-13. You all come!

Cora Hund, Port Neches

The Austin Hemerocallis Society has scheduled its 18th Annual Show and sale at the Austin Garden Center in Zilker Park on Saturday, May 27. The show will be open from 2-5 p.m. for visitors. Our members show a nice variety of all types of Hemerocallis as well as an outstanding Artistic Section.

Saturday morning, June 3, the Austin Society hosts its annual Garden Tour. This year's schedule starts at MaryAnne and Bill Ater's, 3803 Greystone, at 9 a.m. with several stops along the way and ending at Elizabeth Kreb's Garden, 1705 Cecelia; Taylor. Bring a sack lunch and enjoy the fun.

The Ater Garden always has something in bloom as does the garden of Mrs. Guy Gates, 3310 Big Bend; H. C. Kilpatrick 4514 Caswell; Julius Schutze, 5515 Shoalwood; and Mrs. Jack Fisher, 9208 Springwood. These folk will know of other gardens open for tour if you are in the area.

MaryAnne Ater, Austin



GYPSY JINGLE (Cruse)

When you travel take along the latest Membership Roster of the American Hemerocallis Society. Scan down the roster until you find a name that you have read about or just heard, give them a call and you will have made a new friend. It doesn't make any difference if you have heard of them or not, just call and you will hear a friendly voice and if you want to visit someone just ask who welcomes visitors.

Several gardens in the Waco area are open to visitors this year. If you feel that you need a guide, call F. D. Coppin or myself. F. D. Coppin, 2419 Parrott, Waco, 752-2108; Mr. & Mrs. Q. Perry Potts, 4909 Crestwood, 772-5635; Mrs. Ruby Martin, 2704 Windsor, Waco, 752-4560; A. F. Bennett, 3601 Windsor, Waco, 752-1133; Mrs. Phillip Fussell, 5836 Caldwell, 772-9657; Mrs. Charles Murphy, Rt. 4, Box 689, Waco, 799-7909; and Mrs. F. H. Haik, 2300 Colonial, 752-6282

We will be happy to have anyone who would like to come by.

Mrs. Charles Murphy, Waco

OUR SEEDLING SAFARI IN DALLAS 1978

We of the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas have been quite busy for the last 5 years getting ready, and making plans for the visitors from Region 6, and from the National for our Convention.

We have not had the time, nor have we taken the time, to visit all the gardens of our own members, especially the seedling patches. Some of us see these gardens each year, or at least we think that we do, but our seedlings, of course, bloom earlier than the other cultivars. So, most of the members do miss too much of the seedling bloom. This year we hope to start our Seedling Safari as the first part of the garden pilgrimage.

All our Safari participants will take along box lunches. We plan to get the Safari underway after Beaumont. We hope that our hybridizers will open their seedling patches to our visit. We plan to vote for the ten best seedlings seen in our gardens. We have to get the rules together later.

Some of the gardens that we hope to visit outside of Dallas are: Adams, Bradley, Hammel, Hughes, Lewis, Russell, Thompson & others. Some of those in Dallas are: Dodd, Ferris, Henson, Lanham, Meagher, Mosses, Perry, Purnell, Roquemore, Trot, Warner, Winniford, and anyone else who will invite us.

Oftentimes buses come to visit gardens in the Dallas area during bloom season. We hope that you will want to join us for our Safari. The Dallas Show is scheduled for Sunday, June 4, at the Dallas Garden Center.

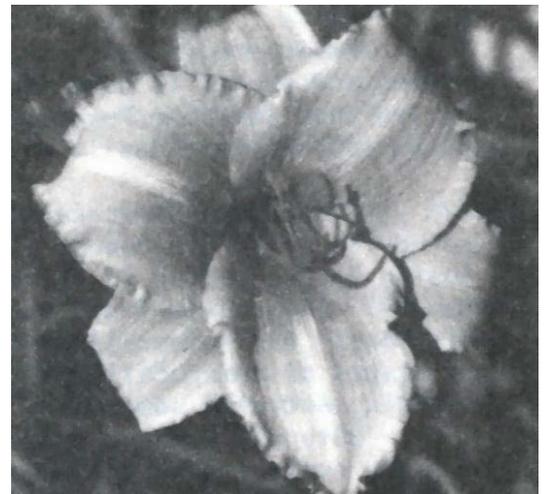
Gertrude Lanham, Dallas

I have replaced many of my older daylilies with new ones this Fall and Spring. I am looking for a great bloom season. I always welcome anyone who can visit my garden.

Loree Meagher, Dallas



GA GA NEAL (Meagher)



WG 74-079T (Winniford)



DALLAS ROSE (Ferris)

REGION 6 GIFT PLANTS

Before you start packing for Beaumont try to decide which plants you are going to take for the Auction. We need plants that have been registered during the last few years and have a retail value of more than \$5.00. Please be generous. The Auction is scheduled for Friday evening. We hope that each of you will find a chance to bid for something on your want list.

Leave your plants for the Auction at the Registration Desk.

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In Region 6 we have three ways for each of our members to help us financially. Some of our membership desires to assist by making cash contributions, while others desire to donate plants for the Auction, and others prefer to buy the plants that have been donated.

We suggest that an annual contribution of \$2.00 per Region 6 member be made and \$4.00 for out of Region subscriptions per year.

All of the ways to support the Newsletter are fine, so won't you mail a contribution today to our Treasurer:

Mrs. Alyne Fisher
9208 Springwood Drive
Austin, Texas 78750

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REGION 14 MEETING

According to Jack Caldwell, Birmingham is the place. The Quality Inn South is Headquarters, and June 9-10 is the time. If sufficient interest develops, a Judges' Clinic will be held on the 11th.

There will be a slide show, followed by the live auction Friday night, and a tour of five gardens in the Birmingham Metropolitan area, including the SLMA bed at Frances Watkins, on Saturday. Lunch will be served Saturday noon, followed by a Banquet Saturday Night. A Business Meeting will be sandwiched in someplace.

Registration fee is \$20.00 thru May 31, and \$21.50 thereafter.

Send reservations to: Doris Barton, Route 5 Box 74, Birmingham, AL 35125

Make Motel reservations direct with: Quality Inn South

Oxmoor Roat & 165

Birmingham, AL 35209

TOPS ON THE "WISH" LIST OF THE FLUORESCENT GROUP, DALLAS, TEXAS

Edna Lankart - Tyler

When speaking to this club on March I told them they had not been a great help with furnishing articles for the Newsletter, I love you anyhow folks. I passed out slips and told them to fill in with the top daylily on their wish list and disregard prices and friendship. I'm afraid some were influenced by the slides I showed, but you just try tackling this mind-boggling question. Some of the members are fairly new, some are hybridizers and some just daylily lovers.

Here is their list:

BETTY ACREY - Her favorite was SNOWDRIFT (Stutson) which is a pretty near white ruffled daylily.

JACK BRADLEY - The one he wanted was EGYPTIAN SPICE (Reckamp) a rich amber orange tetraploid of good form and size.

HAROLD BRYSON - He liked HEAVENLY ANGEL (Williamson-Lankart) a heavenly pink creped 3 - 3 ½" bloom. It was shown in an established clump which makes a difference.

MAYBELLE DODD - She voted for HEAVENLY ANGEL which is described below. It makes a great established clump.

BERTIE FERRIS - Bertie chose CLAUDINE HENSON (Norton) a gorgeous plum red with a deeper eye. I hear this is a real beauty and is one on my list.

PEGGY HAMMEL - Peggy liked my FAT IS BEAUTIFUL which is very wide and overlapping - a cream pink with rose overcast. I guess you would call it rose.

KEN HENSON - Here is a person that I consider an expert and he sees all the best. He chose AMY STEWART (MacMillan) a 6" glorious, wide-petaled super pink.

VIRGINIA HENSON - What nice lady - she liked my miniature LITTLE FAT DAZZLER and so do I. It is an odd shade of red with form just like its parent FAT ANGEL.

KIRKSEY HUGHES - Her favorite was COLONEL SIMON (Simon) which is famous for its fabulous branching and bud count. It is a large 7" yellow which we need to use for the bud count and grow for its long bloom.

TOM HUGHES - Tom's favorite was LITTLE FANTASTIC (Cunningham). He sure knows a good daylily as it was top J. C. winner. A darling miniature rose pink with great branching. Watch for this one.

MARGARET JOHNSTON - Her favorite was HEAVENLY ANGEL. This will be registered soon.

ALLYNE LEWIS - Her favorite was GREEN PUFF (Spalding) which I loved and helped name. It is low, very ruffled, and with a greenish look. Very good.

GERTRUDE LANHAM - Her favorite was AGGIE SELLERS (MacMillan) a lovely cream pink blend with green throat. I do not grow this, but have heard it is good.

JOYCE LEWIS - Now this brave fellow "chickened out" on me and wrote "IMPOSSIBLE" on his slip. Since I do not know a daylily of that name, I presume he just couldn't decide.

MARIETTA MOSSE - Marietta's another expert as she picked LITTLE FANTASTIC which has been described. A real little dilly.

MARGE RUSSELL - Marge wants ROSELLA SHERIDAN (Spalding) and she also has good taste as it is a lovely 6 ¾" ruffled pink, 3" petals and 2" sepals, and good substance like a Magnolia blossom. Guess I had better add that to my list, also.

WYNNALINE STINSON - Her favorite was MY BELLE (Durio), a large light pink of clear color and very wide petals and sepals. Add ruffling and a green throat and you have another "doozy" which is a good parent.

LUCILLE WARNER - Lucille has good taste as she chose JOAN SENIOR (Durio) which is a sensational white with beautiful form. It is from LITTLE INFANT, but is larger and prettier.

ELNA WINNIFORD - Another "Expert" as her favorite was JOAN SENIOR, which has been described.

URY WINNIFORD - Ury played it smart and wished for a converted LITTLE INFANT (Monette), a 4" white cream with green throat and heavy substance. It is the parent of JOAN SENIOR so I would wish for it and be a generation ahead, but I should live so long as to get just the diploid.

Since I am writing this I shall give myself three that I really want BADLY. I am more fond of diploids still, so JOAN SENIOR is on my list. For about three years Edgar Brown's SHOCKWAVE has been on my list, and foiled again - it is sold out for Spring. Virginia Peck's DANCE BALLARINA DANCE is such a gorgeous ruffled pink color that it looks good enough to eat. No chance of that, either. After this season of bloom, I shall pick myself some available favorites.

I am still fighting the battle of the weeds, but will get my yard boy back part time soon and maybe between the two of us we can win. In case any of you have your garden all neated up, you are welcome to come help me.

There will be a big Plant Auction at the Regional Meeting, SO, in case you don't give plants or buy plants, I'm sure we will need the money to finance the Newsletters. Bill is doing a good job so be sure he receives at least \$1.00 "a head." Some of the clubs send in a check for the club, but when I was RVP, this never came to enough for \$1.00 for each member, as it should. Actually, each person that sends in money should have their name listed (read on a few pages). We do have inflation, you know, so it gets more expensive all the time to get the Newsletters out.

I have much garden work to do so this is it for now. Oh yes, if you attend the Meeting, pick out a few of the very favorite daylilies you see and let all know what you liked. Be sure to look for branching as well as beautiful blooms.

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REGION 13 MEETING (ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA)

May 19-21, 1978

Registration Fee: ADULTS - \$16.00 - YOUTH MEMBERS - \$8.00

Fee includes: Business luncheon and banquet on Saturday, May 20

Breakfast and refreshments will be served in tour gardens.

Make checks payable to: Acadiana Hemerocallis Society, Rt. 1, Box 43, Opelousas, LA 70570
Belle Durio, Chairman

Motel: HOLIDAY INN NORTH - Highway 167 North of I-10, Box 3631, Lafayette, LA 70501

Note: The Downtowner Motor Inn in Opelousas is already booked.

Tour gardens include those of: Charjoy, Durio, Gatewood, Guidry, MacMillan, Monette, Simon, Spalding, and Tanner.

SPREAD A LITTLE POLLEN

Bill Ater - Austin

When a bug bites we begin to scratch and then begin to look for the bug. When the Hem bug bites we acquire as many Hemerocallis as we have the space to plant in our garden.

Soon after we begin to recover from the Hem bug bite the hybridizing bug begins to gnaw at us, just a little at first, and then before long we have become addicted. Often as not, we go out and cross the two prettiest blooms in the garden without thought of what kind of a flower the cross may produce. Let us stop for a minute and think.

To produce a new and better daylily is a challenge and an exciting thought. Few of the truly great Hemerocallis are the product of chance.

If you are going to hybridize, set a goal. Perhaps your goal will be to produce a better red. Then select three or four reds that have extra good qualities to begin your hybridizing program.

Avoid crossing two varieties that have common faults such as poor form, lacking in substance, fade early in the day, low bud count, only top branching, or weak scapes. Do not use plants that are lacking in vigor or those that do not grow well in your area.

Make reciprocal crosses. Some varieties will not cross both ways while some varieties do not produce seed. Other varieties do not have viable pollen. Breed for varieties that consistently produce vigorous seedlings and mature into well developed clones.

Keep records of each cross that you make as well as the results of that cross. Good records are very important to the serious hybridizer.

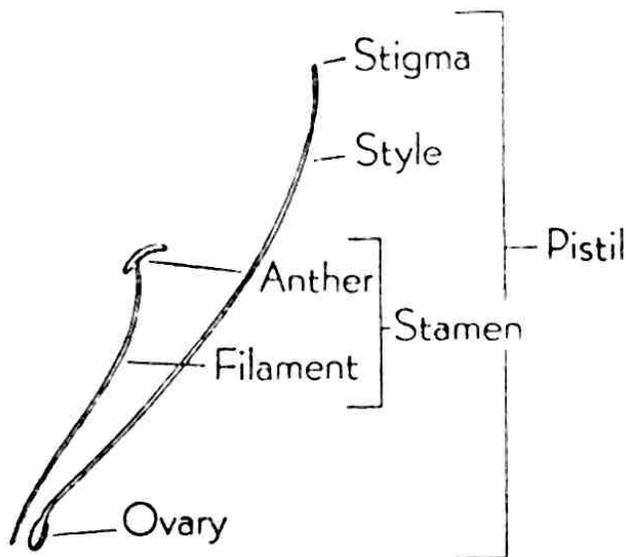
By line breeding and following the preceding guidelines you are gradually reducing the number of genes that carry unwanted characteristics and increasing the percentage of genes that carry the desirable characteristics.

Line breeding means: 1) that you select two parents and cross them both ways to create your first generation, 2) that you select the two best seedlings from your first cross and back-cross with the parents all four ways to create your second generation, 3) then you select the two best plants from the second generation. Evaluate these plants closely to determine what good characteristics that you have obtained. Determine what desired characteristics are lacking.

If one of the parents has a desired trait that you want, continue to use that parent for as many generations as is necessary to obtain the desired result. Anytime after the second generation it may be necessary to "out-cross" and bring in a new breeding line to obtain a newly desired characteristic.

A good way to get a head start with line breeding is to refer to the DESCRIPTIVE LIST OF HEMEROCALLIS CULTIVARS which is published annually by the AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY. Some hybridizers share this information and it is possible to locate the parentage of the cultivars that you are considering using in your hybridizing program. If you are interested in line breeding use this information.

INSURING THAT THE SEED SET



If you have difficulty in setting seed on a particular variety, open the tip of a new flower just before sundown and put a bit of pollen on its stigma.

By getting the pollen on the stigma early, the spores are ready to start traveling down the style as soon as the ovary is receptive.

It is best to gather pollen in the morning before it begins to dry. Store the pollen in a gelatin capsule. Gelatin capsules may be used to store pollen for a few hours, several days, or as the container in which to freeze the pollen. Whatever method that is used, insure that the pollen stays dry.

Be sure to get the pollen off of the anther because there is enough moisture on the anther to damage the pollen and keep it from setting. You may have previously stored pollen in the freezer which is an excellent way of assuring that you have pollen available whenever you are ready to use it.

To use the pollen from the gelatin capsule, just dip the pistil into the capsule and coat the stigma with the pollen.

Hybridize early because few crosses made after 10 a.m. produce seed. Crosses made after the days begin to get hot do not set easily at any time, no matter how early the cross is made. Remember that the pollen has a long way to travel from the stigma down the style to the ovary, so give the pollen ample time to make this long journey.

On a rainy day you may want to make an umbrella or cover for the pistil to insure that the pollen stays dry. An easy procedure is to cut a piece of foil about an inch square then roll it around a pencil or a kitchen match. Twist one end and you have created an easy cap to keep the pollen dry.

After you have made the cross be sure to tag it. I use paper tags with strings attached. These paper tags are available at office supply stores or at most local dime stores. Place the name of the pod parent on the tag first and the pollen parent second, i.e., Pod x Pollen

It takes about 14 to 17 days after fertilization to insure that the cross will set. If the seed pod is not going to set it may shrivel and drop off anytime during the first 17 days.

Let us assume that you have set a seed pod. Be sure that your plants are given adequate moisture during the time that you have seed pods set on them. In fact it probably won't hurt to give the plant weekly feedings of instant fertilizer (less than half strength) to insure that there are ample nutrients available to produce the seed. The lack of available iron can cause the foliage to turn yellow, the buds blast, and the seed to fail to mature.

When the green seed pods begin to lose their green color and crack it is time to harvest the seed.

PLANTING THE SEED

There are numerous methods of planting seed. I like to plant the seeds as they are harvested, however, some prefer to gather the seeds and store them in jars, coin envelopes, or any number of ways. If you decide to store the seeds, keep them in the refrigerator until planting time. The part of the country in which you live will determine at what time you plant your seed.

I plant my seed in gallon plastic buckets, using a planting medium that I mix using equal parts of compost, sandy loam (or washed sand), perlite, and vermiculite. This planting medium insures that a good root stock begins to develop as soon as the plant begins to germinate. A good root stock gives the plant a better chance for survival when it is transferred to the garden where it will bloom.

Scatter the seed over the surface of the medium and cover with more of the planting mixture to a depth of about a half inch. Be sure that the seeds remain moist during the germination period. If the soil temperature is at least 70 degrees during the germination period you can expect that the seed will begin to germinate within one to three weeks. The time period will depend on how long it takes the moisture to penetrate the outside coating and reach the germ.

Depending on the area in which you live, it may be necessary to modify this procedure by planting in a greenhouse, under lights in your home, or in a cold frame early in the Spring.

Using the late Summer or early Fall planting time I keep the seedlings in a shady area and water lightly each day. The seed may be transplanted into the garden where they are to bloom as quickly as your time and patience permits you to line out the tiny seedlings. Plant in rows spacing the seedlings no less than 4" apart and further if possible. Space the rows as far as your space permits.

Be sure to transfer the planting tags so that you will know the parentage; thereby enabling you to evaluate the seedlings of various crosses. In the South some of the seedlings may produce blooms the first year; however, the majority of us can expect to have bloom the second year after lining out the seedlings in the garden. How soon you have bloom will depend on how fast you are able to grow your seedlings to the blooming stage.

Plants, like people, need a balanced diet to develop. Every grower has to use their own knowledge and initiative and stick with successful practices if they want to obtain the best results from their planting.

We gratefully acknowledge the following who have made contributions to the Region 6 Treasury. If you have made a contribution and your name is not listed, please drop Mrs. Fisher a card so that we can include your name when we publish our next list.

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