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LUCILLE WILLIAMSON - 1978 WINNER OF THE BERTRAND FARR MEDAL

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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

Here it is August and for most Region 6 members it is a time to relax for a few weeks before we begin to prepare our gardens for the Fall planting of Hemerocallis. During these hot days we have an opportunity to review the various price listings available and determine how many new clones that we have space to plant in our gardens. Perhaps this is a time when we decide which of the daylilies on our "want list" can be squeezed into our budget.

I began the season with a trip to the Region 6 Meeting at Beaumont in May, and the season continued through the 32nd National Convention in Pittsburgh in July. With my travels this Summer I found the Hemerocallis before their peak or just in the middle of their peak bloom season. I wish that each of you could have been with me to enjoy the beauty of the blooms with me whether they were in gardens, shows, exhibits, or in our garden between Beaumont and Pittsburgh. Everywhere it was a great season and the blooms were spectacular.

I saw many of you promoting daylilies this year. It seems that we continue to receive calls weekly from persons wanting to talk daylilies. New people who are interested in daylilies are out there, so let them know where you are and that you are ready to talk daylilies.

At Beaumont, you overwhelmed us with your generosity of contributing and buying plants to support the Region 6 Treasury. I had planned to give each of you recognition for helping. It seems that no matter how much planning is done to avoid confusion at auctions, something happens. This time I didn't get home with the listing of donors of plants. Plant donors are important people! Please say "THANK YOU" to yourself if you contributed a plant or purchased a plant.

To those Awards and Honors Judges who need to renew this year - the Chairman of the Awards and Honors Committee will send you the renewal forms in the next few weeks. These renewals should be returned to the RVP, who will then forward them to the Chairman of the Garden Judges Committee around December 1 or before.

The RVP has application forms for those who are interested in becoming Awards and Honors Judges for the first time.

GLENNA BELLE OSBORN

Rodger N. Croker - Llano

Mrs. Shy (Glenna Belle) Osborn, of Clyde, passed away after a lengthy illness on April 17. A member of the all-Texas Read Red Robin, she was responsible for the selection of that name ten and a half years ago. It was she who suggested an annual meeting of the members and the drawing and exchanging of a birthday Hem each Fall. The annual meeting soon grew to be a tour of our garden in June, followed by a gathering at her garden a few weeks later. Then again, in the Fall, we met in the Brownwood area at the homes of Pyrtle Garrison, Marian Daniel, or leader Mae Collie. Her warmth and friendliness drew the group into a very closely-knit one. Her charm, wit, enthusiasm, and gardening wisdom made each Robin flight truly a gem.

Though small, her garden grew to perfection under her loving care. Friends and acquaintances left the home of this Christian Lady with plants, cuttings, or seed which she so generously shared with all who came.

No finer tribute could be given this member of the Big Country Daylily and Iris Society than that extended by her young minister who stated, "Most of us hurry through life, but Glenna stopped along the way to smell the flowers."

OUR COVER GIRL!

Lucille Williamson of Roganville is the 1978 recipient of the Bertrand Farr Medal. This Medal is a distinguished honor to members of the American Hemerocallis Society who have attained outstanding results in the field of hybridizing.

Perhaps Lucille's most noted achievement is GREEN FLUTTER, winner of the 1976 Stout Medal, as well as the 1970 winner of the Annie T. Giles Award. GREEN FLUTTER won a Junior Citation in 1965, an Honorable Mention in 1970, and an Award of Merit in 1973. GREEN FLUTTER grows well in all Regions. This beautiful greenish yellow cultivar has been used extensively by many hybridizers.

LITTLE GRAPETTE is another of Lucille's introductions that continues to grow in popularity. It is the 1975 winner of the Donn Fischer Memorial Cup, a 1971 Junior Citation winner, and a 1974 Honorable Mention winner. Here again, she has introduced a cultivar that is performing well in all sections of the country and it too is proving to be a fine parent when used in the hybridizing of purples and lavenders.

In selecting Hemerocallis for registration she has given special emphasis to cultivars that have clarity of color, form, texture, and substance. Her attention to the harmonious relationship to the size of the flower in scape height, strength, the number of buds, and branching continue to give Williamson cultivars "that something special" making her introductions stand out among the registrations of other hybridizers.

For many years I have followed her progress in the development of purples and pinks. Each year in her evaluation of the past year's results she always tells me of those which make this year's results better than the previous year's, and that is the way it should be for a progressive hybridizer! This is one of her ways to encourage younger persons to set goals in hybridizing and to begin to work toward those goals. Lucille continues to share her hybridizing knowledge with others who are interested in improving the Hemerocallis.

Today, we are beginning to see another of Lucille's creations rising to fame as MAMIE SCHULZE, a 1974 Junior Citation winner, becomes one of the most sought after daylilies.

Upon retirement Lucille and Willie returned to her ancestral home in a remote area of Southeast Texas to hybridize daylilies and to live with nature. Consequently, many Awards and Honors Judges are not able to visit her garden annually in order to evaluate her hybridizing achievements. Thus, many of the fine Williamson cultivars are not nationally known.

When Mrs. Williamson is complimented on GREEN FLUTTER winning the Stout Medal, she merely replies, "I did nothing, it was all of you who grew GREEN FLUTTER and promoted IT, grew IT, and voted for IT as an Awards and Honors Judge.

This year's Bertrand Farr Medal recipient is a hybridizer who has worked diligently for more than 35 years to bring all of us newer and better daylilies without focusing any of the attention on her attributes as a hybridizer. Lucille continues as one of the foremost hybridizers of miniatures, ponies, and small flowered varieties, just to mention a few of her outstanding achievements with the Hemerocallis.

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REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD

Charlyene Owen of Dallas was one of four people honored by the Board of Directors of the American Hemerocallis Society for outstanding service within Region 6.

The membership of Region 6 is very proud of Charlyene Owen for her many and varied contributions of service to her Region. Charlyene is always ready to accept responsibility, however, she accomplishes the task so quietly that many do not notice her presence. When her quietness is broken she is virtually a fountain of knowledge of the activities of Region 6, because she has been an important part of many of these activities.

We in Region 6 have come to rely on and assume that Charlyene Owen will assist in our annual Exhibition Judges Clinics and she does not fail us. She has also become an important part of the National Exhibition Judges Clinics. Charlyene is frequently called upon to serve as an Exhibition Judge in Region 6 as well as other Regions.

Charlyene was one of the first persons to organize the effort to collect funds to provide the retiring Region 6 Vice President with a Life Membership in the American Hemerocallis Society. In her quiet way she continues to promote this gesture of appreciation for the Regional service of others.

As an Awards and Honors Judge for the American Hemerocallis Society, Charlyene not only grows the finest in Hemerocallis in her own garden, but travels extensively throughout Region 6 and the United States to study the Hemerocallis collections of many hybridizers before casting this all important ballot.

She continues her endless work in the Dallas Hemerocallis Clubs and is one of the leaders in staging the annual Hemerocallis shows in Dallas.

Her interest in the artistic arrangement of Hemerocallis and other flowers is exhibited in her many years of study to become a Judge for the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

THE 32ND NATIONAL CONVENTION

The Hilton Gateway Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh was the site of the American Hemerocallis Society's 1978 Convention, July 13-15. The host, the Pittsburgh Iris & Daylily Society staged a beautiful show on the mezzanine of the Hotel which provided a beautiful setting for the opening day when old friends greeted one another as well as making new friends.

Thursday night President, Clarence Crochet, conducted the Business Meeting followed by a slide show. Friday and Saturday mornings, everyone boarded the buses for garden tours. The terrain is mountainous in the Pittsburgh area, therefore all gardens are built on hillsides in some manner. All of the gardens were beautifully landscaped using Hemerocallis and other companion plantings. There were so many fine daylilies that it was impossible to notice every one. The weather was cool which made the garden tours even more enjoyable.

On Friday evening the Gateway Clipper, a pleasure boat, took those attending the Convention for a river cruise, during which time dinner was served. Saturday night a delightful banquet was served at the Hotel. During the evening, Mr. Ned Irish presented the awards for the year. Among the winners was our own Lucille Williamson as recipient of the Bertrand Farr Medal. A Regional Service Award was presented to Charlyene Owen for her outstanding service to Region 6. Several Region 6 hybridizers were recognized and presented Junior Citations, Honorable Mentions, and Awards of Merit for cultivars they have hybridized. The Pittsburgh Golden Triangle Award competition at the Hooker Garden attracted considerable attention. Twenty six hybridizers sent 35 different cultivars of gold, yellow, and orange for the competition. The seedlings were numbered and the cultivar receiving the most votes will be registered as PITTSBURGH GOLDEN TRIANGLE. Howard Hite's #27 won the competition.

BEAUMONT 1978

From the time we arrived at the Red Carpet Inn on Thursday, May 11, until we left on Sunday, May 14, it was evident that Chairman Mable Nelson and the folks of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society had planned one of the most memorable Region 6 Meetings in history. Everyone was greeted with a friendly hello by one of the Country Cousins upon arrival and folks were ready to talk daylilies with over 170 people in attendance.

Thursday night at Don's Seafood Restaurant it looked like a mini-Daylily Convention with so many enjoying a seafood dinner.

Early Friday morning found everyone carpooling for the Friday Tour of the nearby gardens. Upon returning to the Motel after the garden tours our National Exhibition Chairman, Bertie Ferris, and her able team of Charlyene Owen, Maybelle Dodd, all of Dallas; and Wilma Marley and Evelina Owen of Oklahoma City; conducted a successful Exhibition Judges Clinic.

After a superb buffet dinner Friday night our National Slide Custodian, Mildred Schlumpf, of Houston, presented a fine slide program of the newer cultivars which was followed by a lively plant auction. Auctioneers BoBo Faggard and F. D. Coppin kept the bidding rolling until \$1,575 had been raised from the sale of the plants donated by Region 6 members for the Regional Treasury.

And believe me, the Officers of Region 6 are grateful to each one of you who donated a plant and also to each of you who made a bid. Your generous support of the Auction as well as your continued individual support assures Region 6 of a sound financial position until our 1979 Annual Meeting.

Saturday morning found everyone boarding buses for the Saturday Tour of gardens. We enjoyed a fine banquet Saturday night. Bill Ater, our Regional Vice President, presided at the annual Business Meeting during which time we were privileged to hear briefly from our National President, Clarence Crochet.

Following the Business Meeting, Mable Nelson, our Convention Chairman, presented Luke Senior, Jr., of DeQueen, Arkansas, who is the Treasurer of the American Hemerocallis Society. Luke was the featured speaker of the evening. The "Jolly Redhead" is a native of Texas having grown up near Rosenberg and attended Texas A & M University. Somehow, he crossed the border into Arkansas where he is a rancher specializing in cattle, fryers, and daylilies. Oh yes, his lovely wife, Joan is the Secretary of the American Hemerocallis Society.

During the Saturday night meeting, Mrs. Cora Hund, President of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society, presented Betty Brown the Annie T. Giles Award for her yellow seedling 1-78 G. The Annie T. Giles Award is given each year at the Regional Meeting for the best seedling hybridized by the host Society.

Mrs. Hund also presented Ury Winniford, of Dallas, the Malcolm Collie Hemmie Award for his introduction, LEESA DAWN.

THE NELSON GARDEN

Nell Crandall - Houston

There was a faint tinkling sound, but it couldn't be from the famous temple bells of Bangkok, because I had left Houston only two and a half hours ago. Also, there was the sound of falling water - so very pleasant. Where was I?

If you were at the AHS Regional Meeting on May 12, you will know that I was sitting on the patio at the home of Mable and Louis Nelson, Jr., 4444 Griffing Drive, Port Arthur, Texas. And I was soaking up wonderful sounds as well as seeing the beautiful sights.

The sounds came from the Nelson's collection of wind chimes and also from the fountain in the corner. Floating at the base of the fountain were many lovely daylily blooms.

I had been admiring the coloring of the Coleus plants and learned that Mable had ordered the seeds called "Oriental Splendor" from George W. Park Seed Co., planted them in December, kept them in the greenhouse until March and transplanted them to the garden about two months ago. They

were aptly named because indeed they provided a splendid show.

There were Orchids blooming in the greenhouse and bright red Salvia here and there in the flower beds to accent the daylilies. There were variegated Hydrangeas in bloom. In fact, beauty met my eyes at every turn.

The daylilies provided their share of the beauty, but not as much as they would have two weeks later. The potential was definitely there. There was an extra fine clump of DOUBLE CUTIE (Brown). Only one flower was open but there were a dozen scapes. I counted them twice, just to be sure!

In the named-variety bed, there were two of Spalding's introductions putting on a nice show. There was an established clump of her ROSE CHERUB, a vibrant rose with a darker veining and green throat, with three perfect blooms open. Also, blooming was Spalding's YELLOW FEVER, a deep butter yellow, a really warm color.

Two of Mr. W. B. MacMillan's were lovely. His DIVINE GUIDANCE was huge, heavily veined, and ruffled - a flesh color but darker than TWENTY THIRD PSALM. And his MY PEGGY was showing off, with 8 large segments and those beautiful lavender midribs. Mable Nelson's RO-N -76 was in bloom. It was a deep cinnamon with a yellow-green throat and was exceptionally nice.

The only guest plant that I saw in bloom was Cruse's PLEASURE CRUISE, buff-yellow with tan markings. At first I tried to think of a descriptive word besides tan, and then I decided that getting a tan on a real pleasure cruise was an exciting thing to do - so why not describe it as being marked with tan?

It was disappointing not to see a bloom on Cruse's C-80-73, the "only one in existence." But I did see a picture of it at the slide show that evening, and it looked like a winner.

All the Nelson family I met were so hospitable. Even their son, David, was a host at the refreshment table, along with his cousin, Laura Peterson. I had a brief visit with Mable and her mother just as I was leaving. I said she had so many beautiful flowers and wondered if she had a favorite. She answered "Daylilies" and smiled a great big smile - I wasn't a bit surprised.

OUR VISIT TO FANTASY ISLAND

ALLIE SWAFFORD'S YARD

Emily Everett - Lake Jackson

W. D. and I visited the open and tour gardens with the Texas Bus from Dallas. Two years ago, we had the pleasure of being a member of the Texas Bus Family. Allie Swafford was another who made that two week trip. So, it was fun to see old friends greeting one we had come to like so much. It reminded me of the TV show, Fantasy Island. For in our wildest wishes, we would have wished to make a visit to each other's garden and see the beauty that we work toward achieving.

We were also greeted by some beautiful Amaryllis around the cool Oak trees. Her immaculately groomed yard showed off her familiar plants as well as her unusual ones. The variegated Aspidistra and Leopard plant caught my eye. I immediately put them on my want list. The pretty Impatiens were set off by Wood Fern. All of her many plants were so well grown.

We enjoyed her greenhouse and the many varieties of plants. The Blue Bird Hydrangea was showing off - also, the dark red Hollyhock. I wonder what the secret to growing them is?

Then we came to her neat daylily garden. They were coming along, but, it wasn't their time. I wish we could have seen all of the pretty blooms that were shaping up. And, in the midst of them, was a pretty pat of lettuce. As lettuce was selling for \$1.00 a head, we really noticed that. The blue Stokesia and Salvia added to the color and beauty of Allie's garden.

If you've met W. D., you won't be surprised that he bummed her for a plant to auction off on the bus, and a cup of dirt to plant it, and a cup to put it in! So, thanks to Allie, I have a Euphorbia, which has been on my want list since I saw it at the Houston Men's Garden Club Show several years ago. I have a souvenir of her yard. The "Kitty" has \$2.00 more, and I have so many fond memories of a wonderful visit!

Our thanks to Allie and all those in the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society who worked so hard to

make the Regional a success and our visit a special treat.

P. S. After reading this, W. D. asked why I didn't mention the skull planted with cactus and the turtle with Bromeliad. So now, I have! There was so much beauty here, it is hard to mention everything that we enjoyed.

**MR. & MRS. ERNEST HUND GARDEN
PORT NECHES**

Peggy Hammel - Euless

It was a warm, sunny day on Friday, May 12. The beautiful daylily blooms, companion plantings, and pleasant hospitality of the Nelson and Swafford gardens had set the pace for the Hund garden.

The bus arrived at 11:30 a.m. Here, we would be entitled to feast our eyes on the beautiful daylily cultivars and our appetites on the delicious homemade sandwiches and desserts.

Beyond the tables laden with goodies, I could see LEESA DAWN, ruffled, crisp, and perky in the heat of the day, she really put on a good show. Her merits received the votes that allowed Mr. U. G. Winniford to take home the Malcolm Collie Hemmie Award.

A series of flower beds in front of the Hund home were in various shapes and sizes and contained Roses, Pansies, Snapdragons, Gladiolus, miniature daylily seedlings and large flowered seedlings bordered by variegated Liriope. Attention was given to a large, dusty mauve rose, with wine eye and veining. This was a worthy seedling from Cora Hund and was numbered H-33-73.

In the beds behind the house, Cora Hund offered views of the following:

RAINBOW BRIDGE, a low growing 8" bicolor of lavender purple and chartreuse with purple eyezone. ATHLENE BRYAN, a nice 6" light pink self with green throat.

CH-12-78 is a deep velvet red with a darker halo and yellow throat, good bud count, and branching. H-27-78 is a beautiful pink.

To the left of the back porch and patio, the beautiful blooms of FIRST SNOW were being enjoyed by many. The camera bugs were busy snapping this one! It is an outstanding 5" near white or very pale yellow.

A nice landscape clump of Cruse's PAINTED EYES caught my eye. This is a rose peach with a pronounced rose eye. Other Cruse cultivars seen in the Hund Garden that were very distinctive are: WC-37-71 a golden orange with beet red halo and veining complimented with a gold throat. LITTLE GYPSY BRIDE, a small, full form, pale yellow self with multiple buds and fantastic branching.

PLEASURE CRUISE, ruffled yellow 5 ½" bloom with green influence, brushed, and veined cinnamon rose.

Other noteworthy blooms that were enjoyed in this garden were DOUBLE CUTIE, DOXOLOGY, KYLE JONES, LITTLE RUSTY, PORT NECHES BEAUTY, and RED GYPSY PRINCE.

While tripping through the garden, taking notes, admiring particular cultivars, noticing bus companions sitting in the shade sipping their refreshments, exchanging "HOWDY'S" with friends, soliciting advice on the evaluation of blooms, exhausting my time and energy, I paused briefly - realizing I was having the time of my life. (and so were a lot of other people).

Each year we rely on Mother Nature to bring forth quality bloom at just the right time for the attendance of guests in our gardens.

No matter what the time or weather, the "fellowship" in Beaumont was in full bloom. Thank you, Beaumont, for an enjoyable time.



A VISIT TO BOBO FAGGARD'S GARDEN

Harold Kilpatrick - Austin

BoBo Faggard's profession as Utility Rate Accountant requires him to give expert testimony before many boards and commissions. He is no less an expert in his avocation of growing and selling Hemerocallis. Although a Hem grower since 1954, he only recently went commercial.

The neat Faggard garden features Hemerocallis, Louisiana Iris, and Amaryllis along with a variety of companion plants such as Salvia, Pansies, multicolored Nasturtiums, dwarf Marigolds, and Roses. The trees are Pines, Gum, and Pecans. BoBo gave up his vegetable garden this year for an orderly planting of guest Hemerocallis. These were quite well grown, but alas, none were yet in bloom at the time of the Regional Meeting.

Faggard has been a hybridizer of Louisiana Iris but he was in process of reducing space for Iris to make room for more daylilies. Planting of LUSCIOUS LADY and YELLOW FEVER attracted attention of Meeting visitors. A small golden seedling FL/E 1-76 also was admired by those visiting the garden.

The ebullient BoBo and his lovely wife, Anne, have twin teenagers who are also Hemerocallis enthusiasts. Son, Andrew, has been growing and hybridizing for eight years, and daughter Anita was a gracious hostess to Meeting registrants. BoBo himself is active in the Beaumont Men's Garden Club, as well as being an artistic flower arranger.

THE FABULOUS GARDEN OF BETTY AND EDGAR BROWN

Edna Lankart - Tyler

There is so much to see in this garden that one hardly knows where to start. If you are just a flower lover, you are sure to find something to please you here as there are the two large greenhouses filled with interesting plants, and a huge collection of Roses that are grown to perfection, the many tree form Hibiscus and last but not least, a very large collection of their own daylilies. You will first see Betty's many doubles and some of the new ones are just great and something you have not seen in doubles. Her DO-8-75 is a large mulberry rose, with a green throat and tiny yellow ruffles. One of the best is one that may be named DOUBLE WHOPPER STOPPER (DO-2-75) which is a rose pink with the widest segments and center doubling. This is my all time favorite double. DO-48-75 will be named DOUBLE ORANGE TEX and is the most brilliant large double and makes a great show. Of course, DOUBLE FLUFF is still a favorite in a pure pink. There are so many that it is hard to pick a few.

Next came the diploids which both Betty and Edgar hybridize. The most outstanding golden yellow I have seen is the Annie T. Giles Award Winner - Brown 1-78G. This is a full, large and ruffled beauty so watch for it in the future. One many liked was a large pure dark purple with a green throat, Brown 1-76-PU. Edgar announced that this flower would be named MOTOR MOUTH for a friend. I wonder who that can be?? One that is truly distinctive is Brown 21-78 lavender rose. This has a ¼" cream ruffle around all segments. Really unusual for those who want something different. Since I went back two weeks later, I can't remember what all was blooming for the Regional Meeting. But ESTELLE WHITMIRE is still one of the largest pale chartreuse daylilies I have seen. SUN TIME is a sight to see and has very good branching and large ruffled yellow blooms - one I love. These are just a few of the best diploids.

Now comes Edgar's tetraploids and I must say he has a lot of real beauties which get better each year. One I will always like and use for round full blooms is FABULOUS PRIZE. Of the new SHOCKWAVE - it is the best yellow tetraploid I have seen. The form is very full, ruffled, and slightly recurved which makes for a spectacular new tetraploid that will be hard to beat. Another I like very much is Brown T-8-76YE which is a fluffy ruffled full recurved pure yellow. Brown T13-76 Raspberry is a color I love. It is a rosy raspberry with a green throat. This is full, ruffled, and recurved. These recurved tetraploids will be good to use on some of those that do not open well or have a slightly trumpet throat - if you know what I mean. I find a lot of otherwise good tetraploids come up too far

from the throat before they open out. The bright colors appeal to me so I like Edgar's Brown T-7-77 Red. This is a bright clear red that is fairly full. One of his tetraploids looks like a beautiful diploid and that's a compliment coming from me - well after all, some of the best new tetraploids have converted diploids in them. The special one is Brown T-25-75 YE-CR which is also ruffled and pretty.

I believe that many of you will agree with me that this is the largest and most outstanding daylily garden in Texas. If daylilies are your thing, this is the place to see them - in addition you will enjoy the hospitality of two very nice people, my friends, Betty and Edgar Brown. I say this in spite of the fact that friendship ceases at a plant auction, where Edgar always raises my bids - once I even raised my own bid in all the confusion. Well, it was a real fun Meeting and a pleasure to see all the enthusiastic and friendly daylily folks again.

THE GARDEN OF LUCILLE WILLIAMSON AT ROGANVILLE

Mildred Schlumpf - Houston

Lucille is known throughout the country as the originator of many small and miniature daylilies. She has produced a number of the smaller type which she calls "ponies." Some of the best known are BUFFY, BUFFYS DOLL, GREEN FLUTTER, LITTLE CELENA, and LITTLE IDY. GREEN FLUTTER has won top honors in the American Hemerocallis Society.

The buses pulled up to her garden which usually is filled with bloom, but due to the lateness of the season this year, she had only a bloom here and there. Daylily people are very considerate and understanding souls and everyone took it in stride.

Lucille moved to Roganville a number of years ago to the family property consisting of 80 acres. She has only 4 acres in the area where her home is located. There is a red brick home at the center with semi-circular beds in the front and rear of the main house. She formally had many more beds but due to the inability to get capable help she has cut down on the number of beds. The brick home is now occupied by her son and his family. Lucille has a trailer home off to the side.

Lucille was very disappointed that her choice miniature was not in bloom for the occasion. I took a picture of W-Min-74, salmon buff, with a rose eye, and a green throat. I also took W-220, a red which she felt was one of her choice seedlings.

One thing that created a lot of interest was the little yard at the rear of the property with her "curly chickens." Everyone was taking pictures of them, myself included. They were most unusual and look as though they have had a permanent wave.

We all felt as Lucille did, but we enjoyed her companion plants. The Gerbera Daisies were lovely. One wished it might be possible to return in 10 or 12 days for the show of miniatures we know would be forthcoming.

As we know, "man proposes and God disposes." Ah well! There is always another year.

THE J. L. CRUSE GARDEN AT WOODVILLE

Cora Offer - San Antonio

Upon arrival at the Cruse garden, we had laid out before us a beautiful garden in four parts. The home garden was laid out with beautiful daylily beds and companion plants, shrubs, and trees everywhere.

The daylily beds were bordered with variegated Liriope, Snapdragons (in bloom) and Bearded Iris planted down the center of the beds. The Iris must have been something to behold when they were in bloom.

A lovely seedling in bloom, C-17-74, was a light peach, ruffled, and with lighter midribs and a green throat. It was about 6" in diameter, CM 012-76 was a beautiful 18" miniature pink with a rose eye, yellow throat, and green heart.

There was a very pretty purple daylily with a green throat, but the stake had been lost.

On one side away from the main house was a huge seedling and vegetable garden. On the

opposite side of the house was another large garden of fruit trees and more daylilies. Across the road was another huge patch of daylilies, with most of these being mature plants in clumps. It was in this area that J. L. had huge piles of sawdust that was over 30 years old. This had been removed from an abandoned sawmill.

Mr. Cruse had all of his beds mulched with Pine sawdust for water conservation and it certainly made the beds look attractive.

A week or two later would have found the entire three or more acres of daylilies in this garden in full bloom and would have been a joy to see - but then we can't do much about the weather - can we?

THE HEGELE GARDEN AT KOUNTZE

Jack Bradley - Fort Worth

Although Ima and Charles Hegele are not retirement age, they already have a dream of a home and garden at Beaumont Colony, a sparsely populated retirement development set neatly into the Big Thicket South of Kountze. (The boundaries of the Big Thicket are not official, and its limits vary according to who gives them. However, this area South of Kountze is in the bounds recognized by National Geographic).

After our bus turned off Highway 69 into the woods, we thought the development was somewhere ahead. Suddenly we realized we were in the middle of it. Occasionally we could get a glimpse of a house set back from the road deep in the lush natural growth.

Typically, the Hegele home is some 20 or 30 yards back from the road and can only be seen at the end of a circular gravel drive, if you are looking for it.

Charles still goes into Beaumont to his refinery job but looks forward to retirement some three years from now. We should all have such a garden spot awaiting us.

Their home is six years old and they assured me that the Ivy that has grown some 60 feet up the trunk of a Pine in the front yard, has made the full growth since they have lived there. Similarly, a Jasmine vine, in full flower in May, had climbed about 70 feet up the straight trunk of another Pine.

Raised beds in the loop of the front drive were in the good situation of receiving filtered sunlight through the branches of tall trees. Some of the front beds were bordered with Monkey Grass. In bloom were TOVARICH, GYPSY PRINCE, another deep red, and CREAM GIANT. Also, PONY RIDE, a low even yellow, the Brown's DOUBLE CUTIE, and EARLY APRIL, a short flower with hints of several colors in its makeup. And KEN HENSON, a large, flat lavender.

Some of the beds were bordered with railroad ties, and some with concrete blocks. Some of the walkways at the side and in back were composed of "burnt clay chat," that at first glance appeared to be crushed brick. But it is pelleted brick clay that is especially processed in the area to be used for walkways. Very attractive.

Beds along the East side of the house, outside a tree-shaded patio area, were laid out formally in squares. Daylilies were neatly labeled.

Although Charles said they had used Spalding daylilies mostly in their crosses, the garden contained new introductions from virtually all hybridizers in the Texas-Louisiana-Mississippi area, also Wilds. In addition to many newer things, the garden contained some of my old favorites such as curly and yellow EMPIRE and the rose GLORIA RICHIE. Sadly, the late Spring had made a telling mark on this well laid-out garden and there was only a sprinkling of blooms on the tour day. Directly in back of the house is a small daylily area, in squares, that seems to be the most recently developed. Most of their seedlings are in the yellow range.

The Hegeles have a small orchard area in back and near it is a Chinkapin tree that nature put there. Their garden has many companion plants: Ajuga, Moss Rose, Geraniums, Amaryllises, Cannas, Strawberries, and Mint. The patio area has the tropicals you would expect at a coastal area home.

Far out back was a vegetable garden surrounded by a high fence, and nobody had to be told that it was there to keep out the wild animals, for there was no fence at all between the Hegele property

and the Big Thicket expanse.

This Spring the deer had eaten heavily on their Roses. Squirrels and Quail are constant visitors. But the big problem from the wild came last year when Armadillos were nightly visitors to the daylily plantings. Digging them up. Charles made a determined effort to drive them away, staying up several consecutive nights with a gun and catnapping between forays into the garden. They finally left, but he claims no credit. He thinks they decided on their own to quit, and he hopes they won't come back.

The most impressive thing about the Hegele place is the amount of work they have so obviously poured into the surroundings to have such a spot, crafted to their needs, in this wild place. They lived in Beaumont on a small city lot until six years ago, and they have been into daylilies only about three years.

They obviously have not permitted themselves the luxury of relaxing a lot on their patio to soak up the fruits of their labors by viewing their accomplishments leisurely.

THANK YOU !

On the behalf of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas, the Region 6 Committee for 1978, and myself, I want to take this opportunity to thank each one who came and enjoyed our gardens with us, the ones who donated plants for the Region 6 Auction, the ones who sent guest plants, and particularly Mrs. Royal A. Ferris, Jr., and Mrs. W. D. Owen for conducting the excellent Judges Clinic, Mrs. Robert W. Schlumpf for the fine slide show. And all who wrote such beautiful letters after the Meeting telling how much you enjoyed being with us.

It was our pleasure to have each and everyone of you as our guest and we will welcome you back anytime that you are in the area.

Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society
By Mable Nelson, Chairman
1978 Region 6 Meeting

Closing Dates: First Quarter (Jan, Feb, Mar)
Second Quarter (Apr, May, Jun)
Third Quarter (Jul, Aug, Sep)
Fourth Quarter (Oct, Nov, Dec)

Close February 15, Release March 1
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Close August 10, Release September 1
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1. David Nelson & Laura Peterson



2. Nelson RO-N Rose



3. Hund CH-DO-10-77



4. Betty Brown 1-78G



5. Swafford Seedling



6. Brown 1-76PU



7. LIFE IS FRAGILE (Tarrant)

I LIKED THESE IN 1978

The question posed this Summer by Bill Ater and Joyce Lewis was to send a list of 3 to 5 Hemerocallis that the members of Region 6 liked best during 1978, and a few adjectives as to why they were liked. In the event that you didn't get the message, or forgot to send in your likes, go ahead and send them in, and they will be included in the next Newsletter.

Favorites at Pittsburg were: MOLOKAI (Whatley) - big flat ruffled yellow tetraploid with green throat. HARRY BARRAS (Monette) - really showed well with its cream yellow self and green throat. PASS ME NOT (MacMillan-Kennon) - that 6" creamy gold with maroon eyezone and green throat that defies anyone to produce a more eye catching Hem. It still stands as one of the best, in my opinion. NETSUKE (Moldovan) - cream blend with cream yellow throat. It hasn't done as well for me but, my pick of the smaller ones as seen at National among many beauties.

Favorites at Region 11 Meeting in Oklahoma City: MAVIS SMITH (Lennington) - 5" pale cream flushed pink with green throat. ROBIN COLEMAN (Lacy) - a soft yellow miniature with a green throat and excellent branching. AGGIE SELLERS (MacMillan) - a flat cream pink blend with a green throat that just may be my favorite Hem.

Now, the number one spot on my want list is none of these, but happens to be Jablonski's FAIRY CHARM as seen in Bryant Millikan's garden in Indianapolis, that will be on tour at National in 1979. It is a diamond dusted, round, flat, cream pink with a green throat on well branched 18" scapes. I am hoping to go to National in 1979, just for another look at this Hem.

Joyce Lewis, RPD Region 6, Murchison

It's been a long hot daylily trail this year, but fun in every turn of the road. Whether it was Albuquerque, Beaumont, Cape Girardeau, Columbus, Dallas, Indianapolis, Kountze, Oklahoma City, Orange, Pittsburgh, Port Neches, Roganville, or Woodville, HOME SWEET HOME, there is no place like it! Well, enclosed is my list of favorites. Most everyone knows that I like what my eye sees. I leave the bud count and branching to you hybrid boys. I've looked over all my notes and find YELLOW FROSTING (Spalding) a very ruffled Hem, and YELLOW FEVER (Spalding) also a yellow in all my notes except Pittsburg. ROBIN COLEMAN (Lacy) a yellow miniature; AGGIE SELLERS (MacMillan) peach with a green throat; LITTLE JOY (Lewis) a red miniature; MARVIN MAGEE MEMORIAL (Graham) bright gold blend with green throat; WHIRLING FURY (Parker) green yellow spider; and LEESA DAWN (Winniford) a near white with a pinkish tint, very pretty.

Allyene Lewis, Murchison

ONO (Johnson) - Beautifully creped and ruffled and my favorite color. HUBERTA (Johnson) - wide, ruffled petals, fabulous color. APPLE TART (Hughes) - looks like red velvet. I self-pollinated 3 blooms and got 3 seed pods, so it is fertile. SHADRACH (MacMillan) - beautiful lavender coloring, good blooming. Repeats. VIV (Sauer) - I call this a "cool" daylily, lots of green, good blooming. Repeats.

Clarisse Rasch - Houston

We cast our vote for VIV (Sauer). The bloom has beautiful shape, opens early, and does not fade in the sun. The plant is hardy and held 4 seed pods firmly even though it had been transplanted in the early Summer heat. Others that we like are: AZRAEL (MacMillan) and UNEXPECTED PLEASURE (Spalding).

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Taylor, Houston

TOVARICH - good texture, form, and color. BITSY - earliest, blooms from April until frost. TWENTY THIRD PSALM - color, form, and texture great. PAPPY GATES - huge, reblooms several times. WANETTA - beautiful color, good texture, fine medium height, good form. VIV - beautiful color, texture and form.

Martha-Ceil Lozo, Houston

GAUGUIN tetraploid - rich coral pink. Full bloom. Steady performer. Non-fading. VIV diploid - yellow, glowing green throat. APPLE BLOSSOM SUE - diploid, light pink, green to yellow throat. Looks like an Apple blossom. Early bloomer. BELLISSIMO - tetraploid, pink, early, and steady bloomer. CLARENCE SIMON - diploid, Pastel yellow. I love it. It has a unique bloom, always recognizable.

Mildred Smith, Houston

PAPPY GATES - I like it for its size of blossom, color, and length of blooming time. HUBERTA - Good size and color. BITSY - Blooms early and repeats. TWENTY THIRD PSALM - good color, size, and bud count. GLASS SLIPPER - large, very pale yellow color, recurved petals. VIV - beautiful color.

Sally Barnes, Houston

HUBERTA (Johnson) - Unusual color. Best bloomer. Good for pod parent. FATSO (Brown) - Good wide petals. Best for wide petals in other daylilies for pollen. VIV (Sauer) - My favorite near-white. Good branching. Good repeat. Good buds. Best all around. MOMENT OF TRUTH (MacMillan) - Good pod parent and lovely in bloom. ANDREW VALLIEN (Monette) - Orchid-purple, large blooms, good branching. Extra good. Sets seed good. Reblooms.

Mrs. Jack O'Hara, Houston

FATSO (Brown) - Pretty yellow. Wide petals. APPLE TART (Hughes) - a real pretty red. ANDREW VALLIEN (Monette) - Pretty orchid and a good bloomer. MOMENT OF TRUTH (MacMillan) - Good bloomer and makes good seed pods. VIV (Sauer) - I like it because it is a good bloomer and it is so near white.

Gertrude & N. H. McDow, Houston

DIVINE GUIDANCE - I like the veining and the green throat. LEESA DAWN - The ruffling and bud count are exceptional. Love that pastel yellow. ABSTRACT ART - Kind of tall but the peach-pink blend with the green throat and heavy diamond dusting is quite showy. TOVARICH - That lovely deep red is really eye-catching.

Frances Schneider, Houston

My favorites are: LOLA BELLE (Lennington), VIV (Sauer), IRONGATE GNOME (Sellers), BOLD STREAKER (Tarrant), and DREAM ONE (Dollie Wheeler).

Mildred Kroulik, Houston

My favorites are: CLARENCE SIMON (MacMillan), LITTLE BUSINESS (Maxwell), VIV (Sauer), LOLA BELLE (Lennington), and MY PEGGY (MacMillan).

Alfred Kroulik, Houston

Five Hemerocallis of merit: WINNING WAYS (Wild) - An old daylily introduced in 1966. A favorite of the new and the old fans. GOLDEN PRIZE (Peck) - Golden as its name. A clump in your garden is hard to beat. ONO (Johnson) - A beautiful daylily, with excellent substance and ruffling. VIV (Sauer) - Winner of the President's Cup at Dallas. A good bloomer. NUKA (Durio) - A very beautiful daylily. Paisley colors.

F. A. C. McCulla, Houston

BECKY LYNN (Guidry) - My favorite of the ones purchased this Spring. It is bright pink, ruffled, with a vivid green throat. It still has to prove itself in my yard, but is very beautiful in Abbeville, LA. LOLABELLE (Lennington) - My favorite of the small-flowered variety because of its unique shape. GREEN GALAXY (Sauer) - The greenest daylily I grow, and an excellent multiplier. I have seedlings of LOLABELLE x GREEN GALAXY and am waiting for blooms in the Spring of 1979. I want a green LOLABELLE with the nice foliage of GREEN GALAXY! LIFE IS FRAGILE (Tarrant) - From its name and its almost translucent ivory color, one might think it would be fragile, but it is a really tough daylily. It has withstood the 100-degree July temperature, and looks as fresh at 7:00 p.m. as it does at 7:00

a.m. It is the best branched daylily in my yard. LIME PAINTED LADY (Russell) - a real "oldie," but for garden color, it is my best performer. It started blooming in mid-May and is still blooming near the end of July. Last year I had blooms in September.

Nell Crandall, Houston

My favorite daylilies this season: APPLE TART - Tetraploid, Hughes - large very bright red with green throat. KENNETH JOHNSON - Guidry - lovely ruffled yellow. HARRY BARRAS - Monette - near-white, wide segments, green throat. BECKY LYNN - Guidry - lovely rose pink, wide segments, ruffled, green throat. DRUMMER BOY - Martin McMillan - tiny melon. LITTLE JOY - Lewis - dark red miniature.

Mildred Schlumpf, Houston

Daylilies I liked this year: HAZEL MONETTE (Monette) - Peachy cream, ruffled, heavy substance, and a velvety texture. Has everything we look for in a daylily. MORMON (Roberson) - Has all the adjectives that make it desirable, plus it is "BIG," 8-10", according to your cultural conditions. Not a spider, but opens flat and star shaped. Near-white, fragrant. APPLE TART (tetraploid) (Hughes) - The color red - red, gold throat. Best, repeats two or three times. Now, July 13th blooms are just as large as in May. Substance and texture is superb. MAC THE GREAT (Brown) - purple, green throat and looks as if it came from a royal banquet. Produces outstanding seedlings. SABIE (MacMillan) - Creping, width of segments, ruffles and hardy. If a better gold can be produced I can't envision what it would be.

R. J. (Jack) Roberson, Houston

On July 2, 1978 the Brazosport Group wrote the following letter:

Santa Claus
North Pole

Dear Santa: I am writing my letter early for two reasons. So that I won't forget and hoping that you won't forget to reserve one of these beautiful daylilies for me. I hope that you get to see them bloom up there. Be on the lookout for: BOZO, LITTLE BRONZENE, PARADISE PRINCE, PARADISE PRINCESS, and WINNING WAYS.

Mary Scruggs

Tarrant Seedling, WIND FRILLS, GREEN WHIRL (Tarrant), WONDROUS LOVE, and BLUE HAPPINESS

No Signature

WL7356, LITTLE DELIGHT, JOJO, BLUE HAPPINESS, GREEN WHIRL, AGGIE SELLERS
Shelly Graham.

AGGIE SELLERS (MacMillan), HARRY BARRAS (Monette), BETTY BARNES (Stutson), AMY STEWART (MacMillan), LIFE IS FRAGILE (Tarrant), GAILY YOURS, and GREEN WHIRL (Tarrant)
Inez Tarrant

DOUBLE DREAM, ESTELLE WHITMIRE, TUBBY, DOUBLE SANDY, INK SPOT, Tarrant Seedling, GREEN WHIRL.

Katherine Bush

LIFE IS FRAGILE (Tarrant), MORMAN (Roberson), FATSO (Brown), SARI (Munson), LITTLE GRAPETTE (Williamson), PRAIRIE SUNSET

JoAnn Park

GREEN WHIRL (Tarrant), PARADISE PRINCESS, WL7356, BLUE HAPPINESS, LD7453, PASSIONATE PRIZE

John A. Duke

PARADISE PRINCESS, LD7453, WONDROUS LOVE, HARRY BARRAS, GREEN WHIRL, JOJO.

Again, No signature.

These are the prettiest that I've seen all year (so far, that is). P.S. If daylilies don't bloom up there, let me know and I will send you a list where to find these.

Clever idea! But folks forgot their names - no daylilies in these stockings.

Daylilies that have performed well for me this Spring and have been outstanding: VELVET GEM, GREEN GLITTER, MARIE BABIN, BETH STANDARD, CHOSEN ONE, LITTLE WART, JULY FOUR, BOLD KNIGHT.

Ruby Whitfield, Devine

I gave Clarice Foster a list of the 10 daylilies that I liked best at the Meeting, but Joyce Lewis suggests we send you a list of those we have here, so I'll tell you about a few in my own garden. (Where is the list Clarice?)

I'll just have to put old PAPPY GATES at the top of the list as the best performer this season - for weeks an eye-catcher from the patio 50' away. It was so showy that it caught visitor's eyes first and has not been without a bloom since we came home from the Convention (August 7). Winniford's POJO did very well for me. Simon's APPARITION bloomed well and was showy in the garden. BETH STANDARD was outstanding and had a long blooming season. CHRIS RICHEY was one of the loveliest lemon yellows. NEW SATELLITE - a good yellow self with a green throat (Tanner). Pittard's SHINING BEACON was my prettiest red. Simon's COUNCELMAN RITCHEY was beautiful, and very showy - 7" - a rose red with large green throat.

Martha Montgomery, San Antonio

Some of my favorites this year: ABSTRACT ART (Unger), GREEN GALAXY (Sauer), LEESA DAWN (Winniford), STAGECOACH (Wild), WILLIE BILL (Williamson).

Mary Smith, San Antonio

APPARITION (Simon) a lovely 28" orchid-lavender with purple halo. Ruffled petals. BERTHA ELLA CONE (MacMillan-Carpenter) a 20" large near-white to cream, round, heavy-textured bloom with overlapping segments. Performs well. HAZEL MONETTE (Monette) a charming 6" pale pink bloom on a 22" scape. The bloom has a green throat. It is a full flower being quite ruffled with a strong scape and very nice foliage, too. KING OF KINGS (MacMillan) a husky 22" strong scape that forms a nice clump quickly. Then it is a real show with many scapes of lovely yellow blooms and a deep purple-red eye. SARI (Munson) this 20" daylily is an outstanding performer and grower. It has a lovely, large, bright pink bloom with ruffling and all the traits of a real daylily which is proven by the Awards it has won: J. C. - 1973; Achievement Medal - 1973; Presidents Cup - 1974; H. M. - 1975. (it is the scape that is 20" - 6" flower)

Cora Offer, San Antonio

VIV is my choice for #1, good color, form, height. Knowing Carl Sauer and his lovely wife makes me like the flower so much more. WINNING WAYS - a standout in my garden for about ten years. I never stop looking at this daylily every morning that it is in bloom. MAY COLVIN - tetraploid - a good pink, good branching, nice form, and sets seeds.

R. H. Lee, Austin (formerly Houston)

Here are 5 of my favorites: ART EXHIBIT, EVENING BELLE, MY BELLE, QUEENS GRACE, MOMENT OF TRUTH.

Mrs. Guy Gates, Austin

Let's try more daylilies from our Texas breeders: GOLDEN GLEN - a well formed medium yellow that increases, from Tom Hughes. It deserves more attention in the small flowered class.

WILLIS WATKINS (Audrey Lanier) a stunner! It creates a lot of attention. Fast increase, reblooms. ART EXHIBIT (Unger) beautiful, increases well, sends up scapes generously, and blooms for several weeks. MATTIE MAE BERRY (Warner) delightful miniature that blooms and reblooms. Ater's small lavender with an interesting eye-pattern. Less than 12" high. Different and should be registered. A dependable bloomer.

Zel Kilpatrick, Austin

EVENTIDE, I like the name, shape, and color; TINKERBELL, size and length of scapes for flower arranging; VELVET GEM, color and size; CORENE, small flowered, bright yellow.

Bernice Parker, Austin

GREEN FLUTTER - great substance, beautiful, eye-catching in the garden. POJO - consistent good bloomer, good double, low growth habit. WILLIS WATKINS - large, flat, wide petaled, and eyed. Low growing, persistent bloomer. SHADY LADY - prettiest large eye.

Audrey Lanier, Austin

TEXAS MAVERICK - by Mrs. Whipp, I liked it best because it was so striking and so different. I liked POJO because it is so different and cute and it makes a nice clump. WILLIE BILL very nice coral color - it is on my want list. WRINKLES AND KRINKLES a beautiful peach color, nice substance, great pod setter with huge pods, even in extreme heat. EGYPTIAN ELF gorgeous little clump of fiery color. Grows well at Jesse Gates.

Stephanie Buchko, Austin

SPECIAL JOY - it's so colorful and a good bloomer. BITSY - beautiful color, a miniature and a favorite of mine. HOPE DIAMOND - one of the prettiest daylilies that I have seen. I like the 4" bloom and the short scape.

Henrietta Clark, Austin

Some of my favorites are: LUSTY LELAND, VELVET GEM, and APPLE TART, all my shade of reds. MY FRIEND BOB and GOLDEN SURRY are special colors and are a size that I like in daylilies.

Anna Adcock, Austin

LITTLE DART (Ater) - Beautiful yellow miniature, constant bloom, good sized flower in relationship to the height of the scape. DOUBLE CUTIE - always double, a clear soft yellow, and repeats well. WILLIE BILL - a striking red, beautiful distinctive form with a red eye. Always an eye-catcher in the garden. LITTLE JOY - branching good, clear red color, sunfast, and always seen in the garden. PARADISE PRINCE - delicate lavender color, green throat, numerous blooms.

Elizabeth Krebs, Taylor

PINK HURRICANE (Durio) a 6" clear flesh pink with a green throat that has 3" petals which makes for a full flower that is always pretty at anytime of the day. HAZEL MONETTE (Monette) 6" pink self that is consistently pretty and has ruffling on the petals. CAROLYN CRISWELL (Harris-Petree) 4 ½" buff yellow self, flat form, nice ruffling on the petals and always pretty on a 22" scape. MILTON POWELL (Sholar) 5" bright yellow self that has a flat form and is showy anytime of the day. GRAPE MAGIC (Ater) 3" grape with a purple eye, 4-way branching, and a dependable repeat bloomer that holds well in the sun. We can count on having bloom for 2 months on GRAPE MAGIC.

Bill Ater, Austin

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FAVORITES FLOWERS FROM MY OWN YARD

Bess Fomby - Austin

Many of these are older daylilies, but very dependable and bloomed this season under very trying conditions. The bloom period started too late and the extremely hot weather started too early. They have also suffered from drought during most of the Summer.

Starting with the large flowers and grouping them according to color, our best near-whites were WINTER CARNIVAL, ICE CARNIVAL, and HOPE DIAMOND. WINTER CARNIVAL blooms very early. ICE CARNIVAL and HOPE DIAMOND are mid-season performers. EDGAR BROWN is my favorite from the cream group. Beautiful pinks are VIOLA PARKER, SUG (a lavender pink polychrome), and ETHEL BAKER (a rose pink). GERALDINE DEAN bloomed for the first time. It is an eye-catching rose of unusual form.

Best purple this year was PURPLE PIGMENT, dependable under almost any conditions. CHOSEN LOVE is a favorite lavender. I have included SARI in this group, although it is listed as orchid. PRAIRIE BLUE EYES is another pretty lavender with its interesting blue eyezone.

Starting with the light yellows, RUFFLED PANTIES, WINNING WAYS, and COMPOST are still on our list of favorites. LOLABELLE blooms well and has unusual form. SEA WARRIOR is an orange yellow with a purple eyezone and attracts attention. FOLKLORICO is a sunflower yellow, brushed red, that stands the Austin heat very well. POJO is a lovely gold, and COPPER MINE is our only bronze. It gives good seedlings.

Moving on to orange and red, ORANGE TEX is our prettiest orange. Its bloom is very dependable, also. Favorite reds are FLAGSHIP (very bright red), DAMASCUS ROAD (burgundy), and dark red MARGARET MARLOTT with gold edging. AMERICAN REVOLUTION is a black red that blooms well. BUDDHA is a dark red that I like for its oriental form. HEATHCLIFF is a very different black red with yellow green throat. GEORGE BAINSTER bloomed for the first time and is a lovely red bitone. All of these reds are planted in the shade.

TROPICAL LOVE is another bitone new to our yard this season. It is an eye-catching raspberry that really attracts attention.

My favorite large flower with an eyezone is SHADED EYES - a pinkish beige with purple eyezone.

The double daylilies that always bloom are DOUBLE CUTIE, DOUBLE WHAMMY (another lovely orange), DOUBLE TALK, and POJO. My newest doubles that bloomed for the first time are DOUBLE BOURBON (very pretty) and POUTER PIGEON. In my yard, this last one was a beautiful beige, brushed lavender.

Favorites among small flower and miniatures are almost too many to mention. These are the ones that grow best in our yard: GREEN FLUTTER (small flower), LAVENDER DOLL, BUFFY, BUFFY'S DOLL, LITTLEST ANGEL, BABY DARLING, LITTLE FELLOW, BUMBLE BEE, LITTLE ORANGE BIRD, BABY BETSY, LITTLE RAINBOW, LITTLE PINKABOO, RED MITTENS, BLACK PEARL, and GOLD THIMBLE. GOLD THIMBLE is last but not least - it gives such cute seedlings.

YASMIN and NEFERTITI are tetraploids that are still pretty, although not new. My favorite is NEFERTITI which is a shrimp pink with gold edging at times. My newest tetraploid is ORIENTAL SUNRISE which was so beautiful in Dallas. Hopefully, it will survive the Summer and bloom for us next Spring.

FROM THE MAIL BAG

The Austin Show was beautiful again this year. Some of the daylilies we especially enjoyed were the following: JOLLYVILLE SUNSHINE (Jesse Gates) a huge golden yellow tetraploid. LIMITED EDITION (Lambert) a pale yellow spider. Stella Whipp's seedling #XX-Q-T brownish with purple tinting, a purple eye, and canary throat. The judges gave it a special award. The lovely canary yellow miniature #GT-TT-I, from the Ater's which received the Best Seedling Award of the show. I must mention, SINAI (Munson). It's a beauty, and VIOLET CROWN (FERRIS) was gorgeous with its 5 ½" purple blend with a green throat, the petals and sepals all rolled back and it is aptly named VIOLET CROWN.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Offer, San Antonio

This and That from Houston - From little acorns giant Oaks grow! This best tells of new happenings from the Houston Area Daylily Society.

Francis Schneider's idea to obtain a bus and tour some of the local gardens in Houston was such an idea. The details were worked out for this tour with a no-cost to the members of the Houston Area Daylily Society.

A chartered bus left the garden center about 9:30 a.m. on May 18. Gardens that were visited included Crandall, Kroulik, Lee, Sauer, and Schlumpf. There was not a great deal of bloom in any of the gardens. All gardens were neat and trim showing a lot of love for daylilies.

A bus from Beaumont joined our group. So with two buses loaded we were ready to see daylilies when we left the Garden Center. A sack lunch and drinks were enjoyed by all who attended, to say nothing of the good time had by all. So, let's hope that this will be an annual affair. Maybe more groups from out of town will begin to visit their neighbors. So, you see from this idea great things can happen.

Another idea became a reality in Houston this year. I had always wanted a daylily award to be given at the daylily show each year. Now hear this, when I asked the daylily group about giving an award not one but two awards were decided to be given each year at the annual show.

We donated plants to be sold at the show and now have over \$300 in a savings account to help pay for the awards each year. Some day we hope to have enough in the account to use the interest only to buy the awards.

To each group or each person please let someone know your ideas that would help your group or the AHS.

I have moved and sold all daylilies from Houston. Thanks to all who helped me. Also, thank you to both Daylily Societies in Houston for a very wonderful time that I spent as a member. So, its Goodbye Houston and Hello Austin!

R. H. Lee, Austin

New officers for the Houston Area Daylily Society are: Clarice Foster, President; Frances Schneider, 1st V. P.; Nell Crandall, 2nd V.P.; Inez Tarrant, Secretary; Mildred Kroulik, Treasurer; Rena Humphreys, Historian; Mildred Schlumpf, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. L. A. Rasch, Telephone.

Frances Schneider, Houston

The Houston Hemerocallis Society and the Houston Area Daylily Society sponsored their annual Hemerocallis Show on May 20, in the Sharpstown Mall. There were 149 scapes entered and a massive number of individual blooms were exhibited. Several nice arrangements were also prepared for exhibition. Most who commented felt the show was outstanding and the public showed interest with many questions, excitement over such an array of color and purchase of the plants that were for sale. The following well grown cultivars were chosen as the best in their classes:

Class	Variety	Hybridizer	Exhibitor
Large flowered	SANDRA HUGHES	Unger	Jack Roberson
Small Flower	ROLLING TIDE	LaGasse-Denham	Inez Tarrant
Miniature	SHEER MAGIC	McMillan	Inez Tarrant
Seedling	#923	Sauer	Jack Roberson
Doubles	WHITE DOUBLOON	MacMillan	Inez Tarrant
Best in Show	SANDRA HUGHES	Unger	Jack Roberson
Sweepstakes			Inez Tarrant

There were many other near perfectly grown STARS IN YOUR GARDEN exhibited by enthusiastic daylily-lovers that could have just as well been the winners.

The Houston Area Daylily Society sponsored two special awards: one for Best in Show in honor of "Daddy Tom Hughes" awarded to Dr. R. J. Roberson for his entry of SANDRA HUGHES. The second award for Sweepstakes in memory of Neva Alexander given this year to Inez Tarrant. The first award was a beautiful silver compote and the Sweepstakes winner a much to be admired silver Revere Bowl.

The climax of our season now behind us - we, in Houston, are quite busy with gathering seeds from the very hopeful crosses made weeks ago. It is easy on the water hose, pray for no "crown rot," plan for new and better purchases this Fall, and prepare your beds a little better for next year's glorious display of sweetly scented gems - (Hems).

Jack Roberson, Houston

The Petal Pushers Garden Club again sponsored the Hemerocallis show in Albuquerque on June 24. The following awards were given this year:

Class	Variety	Hybridizer	Exhibitor
Large flowered	RARE TREASURE	Childs	Mrs. L. E. Roberts
Small Flowered	LITTLE RAINBOW	Reckamp	Mrs. L. E. Roberts
Miniature	RED MITTENS	Heinemann	Mrs. Bernard Lowenstein
Sweepstakes			Mrs. Bernard Lowenstein

Artistic Division

Tricolor - Mrs. William G. Odins

Seventy four scapes were shown, with some 250 - 300 viewers.

Betty Roberts, Albuquerque

The Austin Hemerocallis Society held its 18th annual show on May 27 at the Austin Area Garden Center. Show Chairman was Mrs. Jack Fisher and Co-Chairman was Mrs. J. L. Fomby.

The theme for this year's show was DAYLILY ENCOUNTERS, with such artistic classes as SKYWALKER (expressing motion), THE FORCE (line design), and MEETING OF THE THIRD KIND (pedestal type container).

Winner of the Tricolor Award was Mrs. Paul Parker for her arrangement, SKYWALKER. Artistic Sweepstakes was won by Miss Lillian Peek.

An estimated 200 people attended the show and one new AHS member was secured.

B. F. Ater was winner of the Horticulture Sweepstakes. Special Award Rosettes went to Don Ross for VELVET GEM (Large Flower Variety); B. F. Ater for BUFFY (Small Flower Variety); Elizabeth Krebs for CORENE (Miniature Flower); B. F. Ater for Seedling GT-TT #1 (First time to receive AHS Award); The J. L. Fomby's for WINNING WAYS (Popularity Poll Winner); and B. F. Ater for POJO (Double Variety).

Bess Fomby, Austin.

The June 4 show of the Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas lived up to its theme, "Happy Time is Daylily Time," in spite of the late bloom season. Held in the Garden Center in Fair Park, the show boasted close to 400 entries.

Many of the favorite flowers that appear regularly at Dallas shows were absent - they simply were not in bloom, yet.

The Queen of the Show Rosette and Henson Trophy were won by Mrs. Peggy Hammel with GOLDEN PIECRUST, which also was the Registered Introduced Large Flower Winner. She won the top award for Registered Unintroduced Flower with PAY ATTENTION and the National Popularity Poll Award for a single blossom of WINNING WAYS.

Joyce Lewis captured the AHS Achievement Award with his small-flowered deep purple seedling, #75-I. Registered Introduced Small Flower Award was taken by Mrs. Loree Meagher with MELANIE DAWN. She also won the Unregistered Seedling Award with Double M 78-I.

Best Collection of Five Blooms, Roquemore Challenge, was won by Ken Henson with COOPERS GOLD, MY BELLE, PURPLE GLORY, HARRY BARRAS, and MY CHILDREN.

Mrs. Hammel won the AHS Rosette for Registered Introduced Miniature with BETHEL, a heavily branched Hughes eyed yellow.

Mrs. I. D. Thompson won the Sweepstakes Trophy and Rosette.

The Cherry Ann Cochran Trophy for Best Single Bloom was won by Mrs. Bertie Ferris with SILOAM BETTY BARNES.

The AHS Rosette and Zelda Stout Award for Registered Introduced Double Flower was won by the Winniford Garden with DOUBLE SUNSET GLOW.

In the Artistic Division, Ken Moore won the Novice Award; Mrs. Paul Roehr, the Invitational; and Mrs. Clara Donnelly, the Tricolor.

Also winning Blue Ribbons were: Jack Bradley, Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd, Hughes Garden, Mrs. Elmore Krenk, Mrs. George Miller, Mrs. W. D. Owen, Mrs. Cecil Perry, Mrs. W. K. Russell, and Mrs. Nellie Joe Trott.

Jack Bradley, Fort Worth

The San Antonio Hemerocallis Society has installed the following new officers for the coming year: President - Col. Michael Conrad; Vice President - Mrs. Paul Offer; Secretary - Mrs. Ruth Allen; Treasurer - Mrs. Vance Hill.

After the installation, the gardens of Mr. & Mrs. Russell Whipp, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Montgomery, and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Offer were visited. The daylilies were reaching their peak season and were very beautiful in spite of the attacks of aphids which have plagued everyone, and the late Spring weather. The gardens were exceptionally well groomed with many companion plants and shrubs making a fine background for the Hemerocallis. Mrs. Whipp's GYPSY EYES and Mrs. Offer's MYSTICAL DREAM were among the plants that were performing well.

Several members have judged shows this year. Several were able to attend the Regional at Beaumont and five will be in attendance at National in Pittsburgh.

Ruby A. Whitfield, Devine

It was some ten years ago that H. O. Johnson came along with Mrs. J. to experience his first daylily meeting of any sort - the Region 6 Meeting here in Brazosport. In fact his first tour of a yard, but the seed of interest was planted and he went home to League City and crossed his first daylilies that day - determined to develop some of those beauties he had seen. They had lots of family names in mind to memorialize.

Since he claims to be our eldest member (two other members have checked birthdays with him) - he decided that they had to use all the know-how that they had gathered. He had to hurry them into blooming in one year. He claims talking to them and explaining the situation helped most. Well, the results, we're all enjoying. His ONO and HUBERTA on the cover of the December 1977 Journal have brought friends and communications from many states.

So, how can we express our appreciation for two fine folk? We can be thankful for their inspiration

and hope that we will have such an outlook on life. We held a "visit" for them in the Brazos Mall on May 6. We also dedicated our yearbook to them. We wish them many more happy years enjoying their new hobby.

Emily Everett, Lake Jackson

This has been one busy time for me - I went back to Brown's, Williamson's, and Cruse's two weeks after Regional. I must say that there was much more to see then. After I got home, mine were blooming good and since then about all I have done is hybridize, take pictures, and water nearly everyday as it takes ages to get all the beds watered. I have enjoyed quite a few visitors. I even had a few "experts" visit my garden this Summer. I guess that I'll spend the rest of the Summer trying to keep cool and watering the yard.

Edna Lankart, Tyler

FIRST INVITATION TO THE 1979 REGIONAL MEETING

Tom Hughes - Mansfield

"A turtle would never make any progress if he did not stick his neck out," so says an old cliché that comes to mind when I think of next year's Region 6 Meeting. The hosting of our annual Meeting seems to be a real problem for many of our fine daylily folks. It is their opinion that something SUPER-DOOPER must be done. Well, maybe the effort and long range planning is well received and admirable as well as appreciated, but all this throws the shadow of embarrassment over the event to the extent that only a few places will attempt it. This is a severe problem for the RVP, who must provide a host for each year's required Meeting, I know! I was desperate for just this reason when Bill Ater, speaking for the Austin Hemerocallis Society, came to my rescue. So you see, when he called me just two days prior to this year's Meeting (May 10, I had no choice but to acquiesce to his request.

Now the Region is committed to seeing the sights to be found in Jack Bradley's Garden in Forrest Hill and Tom Hughes' digs in Mansfield. Neither of these gardens will have any specially acquired plants brought in just for this event other than the normal additions that would have been made any other time. We both hope to show well-grown daylilies and with a bit of luck even some blooms!

I do not even want to talk about weather problems, because we have all had them, at least in this part of the woods. Thank goodness, most of you good daylily folks accept whatever nature throws at us and can even stay in a good humor when it is disappointing to us.

Let me say that this is an experiment in a "POOR BOYS" Meeting - it will be short, sweet, and to the point. If the term "POOR BOY" offends - then consider it a "MINI" - but don't forget us "POOR BOYS" that are doing it!



L to R - Ury Winniford; Joyce Lewis, RPD; Bill Ater, RVP; Bertie Ferris, AHS Director - stop for conversation at the Regional in Beaumont.



ONE OF THE FOUNTAINS IN THE NELSON PATIO, PORT ARTHUR



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