

# Region 6 Newsletter

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**A “MINI” VIEW OF THE HUGHES GARDEN  
AT MANSFIELD ON REGIONAL TOUR JUNE 9**

**AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY**

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A cordial welcome is extended by the membership of Region 6 to the following new members of the American Hemerocallis Society. You are invited to call upon any of the Regional Officers at any time that we may assist you with your plantings of Hemerocallis. The membership of Region 6 is ready to assist you as well.

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Please mail your generous contribution to: Mrs. Alyne Fisher, Treasurer  
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**WHAT PLANTS ARE YOU CONTRIBUTING TO THE REGION 6 AUCTION  
JUNE 8-9 AT ARLINGTON ?**

**WE NEED PLANTS AND BUYERS**

## REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I begin my second year as your RVP I am excited about the 68 new members which you have gained for the American Hemerocallis Society in 1978. I am grateful to each of you who invited these new members to share in the fun of growing Daylilies. Each of us must work together to secure additional new members in 1979. There are interested persons out there but we have to find them and sell the American Hemerocallis Society.

Accredited shows and Daylily displays in shopping malls provide a great background to advertise the Hemerocallis. Newspapers and television are also great media for advertising. However, the best advertising is the growing and blooming of a plant successfully in ones own garden. Share a plant!

Many people tell us that they have been interested in growing Daylilies for some time but they did not know that the American Hemerocallis Society was the botanical Society for Daylilies. Then came another search to find out how to join the AHS. Be sure to tell people that Daylilies are Hemerocallis.

Joan Senior, AHS Secretary, has an attractive brochure available to use to sign up new members.

During your presentations about Daylilies at garden clubs use this time to throw in a commercial for the AHS. It pays to advertise!

Near the end of this Newsletter is a long sad list of those persons who were AHS members in 1977, but did not renew their membership in 1978. We cannot continue to loose members at this rate and be a growing Society.

Joan Senior has sent each of these persons a card asking them to renew their membership for 1979. Will you contact those in your area and let them know that you want them to continue their membership in the AHS? It just may be your friendship that brings them back! Use a positive approach of care and concern.

As your RVP I am looking forward to meeting with the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society in Lake Jackson on March 11 at 2:30 p.m. and with the Happy Time Daylily Society of Pleasanton at 2:30 p.m. on April 9. If you are nearby I would welcome the opportunity to visit with you and introduce you to these Daylily Folk.

June 8-9 are the dates for the Regional Meeting at Arlington. Tom Hughes and Jack Bradley have planned two fun-filled days of Hems for your enjoyment. They are advertising a "mini" convention, but their plans sound "mighty" good. You'll start planning now to come on out where the West begins for June 8-9 to renew the fun and excitement with other Daylily Lovers.

Be sure to start thinking about who you are going to nominate for the awards this year. I will need your nominations during the Summer, but I will write more about which awards you need to write for in the May Newsletter.

I really appreciate the many fine folk who take the time to prepare the materials for your Newsletter. Keep up the good work!

For the Newsletter to be published in early May we want you to tell us where and when to find:

1. Gardens that will be open to visitors in Region 6 this Summer
2. Daylily Shows and Displays in Region 6
3. How you care for plants that you buy during garden visits
4. Let us hear from you on a topic of your choice.

### IN MEMORY OF MRS. DALE REYNOLDS

Mildred Smith - Hitchcock

On January 13, 1979, Mrs. Dale Reynolds passed away at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock, Texas, following a short illness. "Aunt Dale" was a collector and grower of fine Daylilies as well as a booster for the cause and a frequent lecturer at garden clubs in Galveston. Her ready laughter and twinkling brown eyes added to the pleasantness of many gatherings. The Daylily DALE ROCKETT was named in her honor and is still being grown in many gardens. Daylily growers all over the South will mourn her passing. She was a member of the Houston Area Daylily Society and the American Hemerocallis Society for many years, and will be remembered as the sister of the late Neva Alexander. She is survived by Mrs. Jim Watson, 1211 21st St. #906, Galveston.

## **CENTRAL TEXAS HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY**

F. D. Coppin, Historian - Waco

Twenty years ago Central Texas Hemerocallis Society was organized with twenty members. The roster now lists 43 persons from Waco, Riesel, Bryan, Donie, Coolidge, Mexia and Fairfield. These congenial members have one thing in common, an interest in Daylilies. Edna Lankart, the remaining Charter Member, was the honoree at the January meeting.

Being the last surviving charter member, Edna remarked that it made her feel about 90. We are happy to have Edna as a member because she has made significant contributions to our Society, Region 6, and the American Hemerocallis Society. Not only has Edna served Region 6 as Regional Vice President and Regional Publicity Director, but she has shared her time and her Daylilies, as well. I wonder if she knows how many Daylily programs she has presented or how many articles she has written for Region 6 Newsletters, THE HEMEROCALLIS JOURNAL or gardening magazines. She served on the American Hemerocallis Society's Board of Directors for six years as First Vice-President.

At our anniversary meeting members strolled down MEMORY LANE recalling many HAPPY HOURS. Mrs. Charles Murphy recalled highlights and changes made during this time. Having been historian these years, the writer read of many accomplishments and interesting items from the historian's book. To continue the stroll down MEMORY LANE, Edna showed slides of Daylilies popular at the time of our organization, and the writer showed slides of newer Daylilies from the American Hemerocallis Society Slide Library.

Two things were noticeable; namely, hybridizers had come a long way in the twenty years since organization, and some members who are more interested in a pretty garden liked many of the older Daylilies.

Continuing to promote public interest in Daylilies, the members share plants with one another, have auctions, plant drawings, and plant showers for our new members. The Central Texas Hemerocallis Society has its own popularity poll each year. Garden tours, picnics, and covered dish luncheons provide the social activities. The Society is fortunate in having members who will suggest interesting topics for discussion and will present most of the programs for the year.

To further promote public interest in the Daylily the Society sponsors four display gardens. The first project was supplying plants for two 10' x 45" beds at the entrance to the Veterans Administration Hospital. Mrs. John I. Cowell, Mrs. Ruby Martin, and F. D. Coppin with the assistance of hospital residents under the supervision of hospital personnel planted these beds. The beds are maintained by hospital residents.

Since about a third of our members live in the Coolidge area they help to maintain the Coolidge Garden Center where our Society designed a Daylily bed.

When charter member Mrs. W. L. Johnson died, many of her own hybrids and registered clones were planted in a memorial bed at the Nell Pape Garden Center where our Society meets regularly. A few of our members maintain this garden.

The fourth project was furnishing plants last year for a bed at the Central Texas Zoo. Their employees maintain this planting.

After five weeks of freezing and near freezing weather, it is hard to tell what beauty we shall behold this year. But, we are optimistic and look forward to our pleasures of the Daylily.

**REMEMBER HEM-TIME SEVENTY-NINE AT ARLINGTON JUNE 8-9**

## **INSECTS HAVE BUILT-IN ANTIFREEZE**

Joyce Lewis, RPD - Murchison

Most of us have wondered how all these bothersome insect pests can live through the type of Winter we have just experienced. Did you know that many insects make their own antifreeze? That's why cold weather doesn't kill many of them, according to John Durkin, Extension Entomologist at New Mexico State University. When temperatures rise, they're ready to start giving us trouble.

Although sub-freezing temperatures slow down insect activity, nature provides many pests ways to beat the cold. Some manufacture their own glycerol, an effective antifreeze similar to man-made antifreeze products. When temperatures drop below the freezing point, these insects gradually adjust to it. The glycerol they manufacture gives them the hardiness to withstand all but the most extreme cold weather. Certain species of aphids, cutworms, ants, beetles, and flies are among those that can make their own antifreeze. Some insects can be frozen in solid ice and still be fully active when thawed.

Nature gives insects another protection from the cold, also. Most go through a metamorphosis which includes a dormant period when they are completely inactive. If insects stay dormant in the pupae or larval stage during the Winter, they often survive the cold weather. Insect and animal pests, like man, have learned to live with their surroundings. Very cold weather rarely controls most pests effectively.

Although some beneficial species of insects have the same ability as the pests to survive the Winter, many are not as hardy. In addition, many pests, especially aphids, become active at much lower Spring temperatures than the beneficial beetles and bugs that feed on them. Therefore, pests are often more of a problem after a severe Winter than after a mild one, Mr. Durkin says.

We should certainly be a little more observant of our Hems this season regarding preventive and curative actions in controlling aphids, spider mites, and other insect pests.



Betty Roberts and Patty Clauser were Proud Winners at the Albuquerque Show, June 24

## WHY GROOM DAYLILIES?

Jack Caldwell - Alabama  
Region 12 Newsletter

Why groom flowers? Why not display them in their natural state? Would you show off your children to the visiting aunts, uncles, and godparents as they really are? - Only if forced to, would you do such a thing.

All American Hemerocallis Society members should have the latest Show Judges' Handbook. It may be a little tedious reading if you are not interested in being an Exhibition Judge, but at least you can get an idea about all the strange machinations in the Judges' minds. It ain't necessarily so that they hate you. There are valid reasons for point deductions, and grooming makes the difference.

Grooming should start in the garden. A few days before your show, study your clumps and pick prospective scapes. I hope you do not have a prized seedpod on the best scape, look carefully at it. If it is tall and branched, can it still be cut to the proper height for the show? (Seedlings excluded). Does it display its flowers well? Will it have one or more flowers open on show day? Do you really want to take that pretty thing out of your garden? A heartrending situation, but the lure of the "blue" is undeniable, almost.

The day before the show make your serious choices out of the selected group. Check carefully to see if there is excessive scarification on the scapes. In some cases this may be slightly modified. Chances are that the very best branched scape will have missed its sequence and will throw its blossom too early or too late. If you can possibly do it, start the grooming process now.

Since you pick spent blossoms every day there is no need to mention that. Gently remove all dead bracts, buds that aborted, bee pods, or pods that you have caused, if you wish to display that scape. Mark that scape so that you may return to it.

As shocking as it seems, it is best to cut scapes the evening or night before the show. Some people cut them about three o'clock in the morning of the show! If there is a threat of rain, you should cut the scapes and bring them inside before the buds crack.

Have your toting device ready. My favorite one is an old Coke crate with bottles partially filled with water and a nailed on bracket that braces the scapes and also acts as a carrying handle.

As you take up a scape, inspect it very carefully. Very slight scarifications may sometimes be improved by scraping lightly with the sharp edge of a knife. They will still be visible but not as bad. Be very wary of doing this. - You may cause more damage.

If this work is done the day before, take off the bloom, if any, before it wilts and possibly stains the new buds. Tear off bracts that are completely dead. With a sharp knife or razor, clean up the spot where the bract was removed, cutting away all browned material. With the same admonition as above in mind about the knife usage, pare the calluses at the stem ends from previous blossoms. Do not cut these stems off - remember that bloom potential counts.

Of course, the ideal situation is to be able to show the first or second bloom with all the other buds intact. With my luck the last or next to last blossom is displayed and the judges just sniff as they pass on by.

Be sure to wipe all raindrops or dew, if you work in the morning, from the scapes and buds. Cotton balls are good for the buds. If you cut your scapes the morning of the show, dew and light raindrops may sometimes be blotted up with cotton balls without leaving fade marks.

Should your bud look as if it would open against the scape or other buds, place a piece of cotton as a pad to prevent damage while it is being transported to the show site. If the flower is open, do this cautiously or you will snap something - maybe your temper.

A pair of cuticle clippers are excellent to shape bracts with slightly brown edges. With this operation you must worry more about your roommate than the judges.

Place the scape in its own holder. If it is like the one I use, pad it and tie it gently against the bracket. It is usually more convenient to use cotton around the flowers at this point. Continue with the next, and the next.

If the work was done the night before, the morning of the show you can pick the individual

blossoms you wish to display and you may find a scape that also should be used. You now have time to work since most of the work has already been done.

Are those cut last night opening? The best branched one didn't. Keep it home to look at tomorrow. You have just learned a little more about the idiosyncrasies of Daylilies.

After you get to the show, check your scapes again, mutter about the blossom you broke off just as you got there, and clean up the things you missed. A fluffed up piece of cotton is excellent for dusting pollen off the petal without causing damage. Remove the padding carefully, attach the show tag, smile at the placement committee. After all that work you do not want it ruined now.

Is it worth it? A resounding yes! All the things that I have suggested do not take very long. The love of the flower, the thrill of the competition, the fun of being with Daylily people, swapping ideas, seeing new flowers, all make the difference. - LOTS OF LUCK!

### **GUEST PLANTS NEEDED FOR 1980 REGION 6 MEETING**

The Houston Area Daylily Society and the Houston Hemerocallis Society have invited Region 6 to hold its 1980 Regional Meeting in the Houston Area.

One of the highlights of Regional Meetings are the tour gardens. Featured in the tour gardens are guest plants from Region 6 hybridizers. It is time to send guest plants so that they will have extra time to get established and to provide extra show in 1980.

Send your guest plants directly to the tour gardens:

Mrs. Billie Hollis, 845 Jackson Avenue (P.O. Box 805) Bacliff, TX 77518

H. O. and Berta Johnson, Box 359, League City, Texas 77573

Mr. and Mrs. N. H. McDow, Route 1, Box 438J, Alta Loma, Texas 77510

Mrs. Mildred Smith, Box 86, Hitchcock, Texas 77563

Mrs. Inez Tarrant, Route 1, Freeport, Texas 77541

### **JOIN THE AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY**

Youth Membership - \$3.00

Individual Membership - \$7.50 (membership on a calendar year basis)

With these memberships you receive four issues of THE HEMEROCALLIS JOURNAL and the NEWSLETTER published by your Region. First time members also receive the Checklist of registrations from the previous year, the current year's Roster of the American Hemerocallis Society membership, and THE BEGINNER'S HANDBOOK. This is far more value than the price of membership.

Order From: Joan D. Senior, Secretary  
Route 2, Box 360  
DeQueen, AR 71832

## **GROW A SUPERIOR SHOW BLOOM**

Mildred Smith - Hitchcock

It's never too early to start planning our entries for next year's Hem Show. In fact, if you will start planning in the Fall, two years before the show, you will have vigorous established clumps producing superior scapes with lots of buds. The kind of scapes and blooms that bring home the blue ribbons.

Nothing grows well in the heat of a Gulf Coast Summer. That leaves us with Spring (when we have one) and Fall (just a few weeks, if we're lucky). But that IS two growing seasons. This is when we must give our cultivars all the boost that they can tolerate, keeping in mind they can grow themselves to death in July if you give them too much boost in the Spring.

That is why I like to do all I can in the Fall for my Hems. If the foliage looks bad, and I pity the plant trying to support it, I cut that foliage, leaving 4 to 6 inches, then side dress with 12-24-12 and composted cow manure, and some DiSyston. One Fall we distributed 20% superphosphate because we'd noticed brittle scapes during the Spring. The results were still visible the second Spring.

A cultivar can do a lot of growing in the Fall where there is rain to take those nutrients down to the roots. You can help by hoeing. I have noticed the rototiller is cutting off the growing tips of the roots. That is where the feeder roots are. Without those feeder roots, your plant is in trouble. A cultivating rake to scratch in the fertilizer would do less harm to the root system.

For Spring, I like the date of February 20. But I noticed last year, our last good rain came about February 5. We watch the weather forecasts, guess and pray a lot, then side-dress 12-24-12, manure, and DiSyston. I know the directions on the DiSyston say once a year, but those aphids and spider mites can't read! They are there come Fall, Winter, and Spring. So the DiSyston goes on twice a year.

Foliar feeding is a must in plant growing establishments. That is how they get their plants to grow big, thick leaves. You can do it, too. Use 15-30-15, with trace minerals, at the rate of ¼ teaspoon per gallon of water and spray mist daily. Plant foliage will absorb enough of this nourishment that you can see results in two weeks or less. Once every 3 weeks, during the growing season, you can add a few drops of gibberellic acid (Wonderbrel is the trade name). Do follow directions on the container.

You know that hybridizers who grow Roses and Dahlias for competition, use every trick they know for producing fine blooms. Hem growers will not only be learning new things for themselves, but they will be producing superior blooms for their Spring Shows. He who never tries, never succeeds. So, let's get with it. See you at the Hem Show.

## **REGION 6 BUS TO NATIONAL**

Clarice Foster - Conroe

Plans for the Charter Bus to the National Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society are progressing nicely. We have contacted several gardens and places of interest. The trip will be between 7 and 10 days. Two gardens we will visit will be Schoonover and Mannoni Gardens in Kansas.

As usual we will have our fun and fellowship while on the bus - games, singing, visiting with our neighbors, and auctions for the kitty. We sometimes have an unexpected picnic on the bus. Always plenty of entertainment and things to enjoy. Check the last two Region 6 Newsletters for the fun of the 1978 trip.

Start making your plans now to join us for this exciting time and enjoy the beauty of God in Nature with us.

**WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR YOU AT ARLINGTON JUNE 8-9**

## **A MORE CONVENIENT METHOD OF DIPLOID CONVERSION**

John P. Buettner - Lake Jackson

Surprisingly, the enthusiasm of the Hem fancier for experimenting with conversion of diploid Daylilies into tetraploids through treatment with colchicine does not seem to have decreased in recent years. Even though the available supply of established tetraploids is now great enough that no one really needs to work with conversion techniques to assure themselves ample breeding stock, interest in this aspect of working with Daylilies remains high.

The only real deterrent most Hem hobbyists see in dabbling with such chemistry is their belief, whether true or not, that the care and skill required for success is so great that it is not possible for them to achieve any success. The explanations that have appeared describing the several methods commonly used, including the one I will be discussing in this article, seem so complicated and meticulous that many are discouraged from attempting the work.

So the purpose of this article is to describe the method I have used, that of injecting colchicine solution directly into the apex of the crown of Hem fans without any physical alteration of the plants beforehand. I also hope to describe it in terms that will convey how straight-forward the method is and thus to convince anyone who has been toying with the idea of converting diploids that the experimental preparations and technique required need not be difficult and that the chances for success are reasonably good.

### **PREPARATION**

In my opinion, the most important item when preparing to treat Hem fans is to make sure that the plants to be treated are well established in the ground, be it outdoor garden, pot, or whatever, where you intend to treat them. Preferably, locate them in the Fall where you want them so that their fine roots are growing and they are best able to survive the shock of the treatment when that time comes, usually March or early April. Realize that the effect of the colchicine on them is immediate and drastic, so that the better they are established, the better their chances of survival will be.

The optimum time to treat is in the Spring, just as the first rush of growth begins but slightly before the rapid upsurge of greenery that tells you the plant really believes that Spring is here. This is the time of maximum cell multiplication rate, which is the best time. In addition, if possible, try to keep the plants dry for a week or two prior to treatment, principally because it makes the treating operation itself go a little smoother. This is one reason for planting your fans to be treated in pots, you are not at the mercy of the elements. But I'll put a huge plastic sheet over my fans if the season is wet just before I am ready.

### **TREATMENT**

Do not remove any of the foliage just before treating. I honestly think this, too, enables the plant to withstand the shock of the treatment somewhat better. Scrape the dirt away from the crown as much as possible so that you can form a good opinion about the exact location of the apex of the crown. This is the point you will be trying to locate with the needle.

When you are ready, carefully make a pilot hole through the side of the fan, downward at about a 45° angle, terminating at the point you have selected as the crown apex. Do this with a needle that is just larger than the diameter of the syringe needle you plan to use to inject the colchicine. Using a solid needle for the pilot hole is quite important in that it enables you to take your time in making the hole and form some opinion as to the texture of the fan. (Note Figure 1 - using the solid needle to make the initial hole) When you begin to enter the colchicine into the pilot hole you have made, you can simply insert the syringe into the hole and control precisely the rate at which the colchicine solution flows into the opening. (Figure 2 - shows the syringe being inserted into the pilot hole). Do not make the pilot hole with the syringe or deepen it once made, this plugs up the syringe and runs the risk of making a hole all the way through the crown.



Figure 1

The solid needle makes the initial hole



Figure 2

The syringe inserts the colchicine

Let me talk just a minute about the colchicine itself. Some real scare tales have appeared in the Journal and some Newsletters regarding the dangers of working with colchicine. I have never read one of them that I thought was true. Colchicine is not for human consumption and one should not take a bath in it, but it is one of the more harmless chemicals if you will just handle it and work with it in a safe manner. Should you spill any of the solution on you, simply wash it off. If you get any of it in your eyes (it defies my imagination to figure out how this could happen), wash your eyes with a stream of water from the hose. The stream of water will irritate your eye and make it red, but the colchicine will be removed.

I use a 1 ml (milliliter) syringe with a detachable needle about 1 ½" to 2" long. They can be purchased at most drug stores. I use a 0.1% solution of colchicine for all my work. I get it from a chemical supply house, but many pharmacists will make it up for you. I try to get as much as 1 ml of the solution to go into the plant, but this varies quite a bit. You will find that the texture of the plant tissue varies widely, and this more than anything else, controls how much solution I get the plant to take. Some tissue is so loose that the colchicine soaks in almost as fast as you can put it in. When this happens, I satisfy myself that I didn't punch a hole all the way through the plant and then come back to that plant perhaps an hour later and put in another 1 ml.

Many of the plants are so tight that you can only get a very little in, the hole simply fills up and stays full. I note down on a marker how much solution the plant accepted, then come back a little later and put some more in. It may take 4 or 5 trips to get the job done, but I normally settle for less solution, say ½ ml, with such plants on the grounds that the solution will stay near the crown longer and not as much is required. At any rate, I simply line all the pots up on Treatment Day, go from one to another doing my thing as described above, and sooner or later it all gets accomplished. Don't rush anything, be patient, and it will go very smoothly. I might mention here that one good reason for keeping the plants dry before treating is to reduce the amount of water in the tissue. If the pilot hole fills with water as soon as you drill it, you might as well give up on that plant for the day. When you are finished with all of them, water them thoroughly and fertilize them lightly. From then on, it's only a matter of watching and waiting.

## AFTER TREATMENT

Normally you will notice a physical effect on the fan within a week. This takes the form of appreciable swelling at the point the colchicine was injected. The outer layers of tissue will split since they cannot contain the inner tissue. The fan will often tend to tilt over on one side, indicating that the injection was not made right at the apex of the crown. If I do not see some sign of effect within 5 to 7 days, I usually go back and drill a new hole, putting about ½ ml of solution into the fan if I can get it in. Once obvious process of cell division starts, I just try to keep the fan as happy as possible, moving it

inside if it gets too cold, keeping it from drying out, etc. The exact contortions that the treated plant will go through in resisting the effects of the treatment vary greatly. I've had some retire completely underground, only to come out finally and resign themselves to their new situation. A few have pulled some of their roots out of the ground in the process of swelling, these are placed into additional dirt.

The physical change in the plant continues for 4 to 6 weeks, then ceases. The plants often do not bloom for me the first year, but if they do, I use the pollen from the very first blooms, those have optimum chance to be tetraploid. I never use the treated plants as pod parents that first year, but I use the pollen as much as I can because there is always the possibility that, even if the conversion is successful, the fan will revert to diploid status the second year. And I've always felt that the simplest and surest method of establishing whether you succeeded in the conversion effort is the seed set you obtain with established tetraploids.

I've practiced this method off and on for almost ten years. Very few Hems have been lost as a result, something I consider one of the pluses of this method. Normally, almost 75% of the treated plants are converted the first year and 10% of those revert back to the diploid after that year. About 20% come through unaffected and perhaps 5% die. But, to me at least, the simplicity and convenience of the method make it well suited to the part-time hobbyist and dabbler and go a long way towards making the technique of diploid conversion less work and more fun. If I can help anyone interested in trying this out by elaborating on anything I have perhaps not been clear on in this article, please drop me a line or call.



Figure 3

The Clone 5 to 7 days after colchicine treatment



Figure 4

Clone 3 weeks after treatment

# YOUR THIRD "FIRST" INVITATION TO THE 1979 REGION 6 MEETING

Tom J. Hughes - Chairman - Mansfield

The Metroplex area of Fort Worth - Dallas with points like Arlington, Euless, and Irving in between, is looking forward to hosting this Meeting. We don't have very many committees planning this Meeting, but we sure have planned a lot of things for you to see and do while you attend the Region 6 Meeting this year.

Daylilies are the main course as they should be, but if you wish to include other interests, the attractions are available and the list is too long to mention here. If some of the family members are not as "nutty" about Daylilies as they should be, go ahead and bring them along because there are plenty of other attractions to keep them occupied while we enjoy our Daylilies and friends.

**PROGRAM** As you would expect at a mini-convention, the program is designed to be short, simple, and to the point. These activities are planned:

## Friday, June 8

Registration, Holiday Inn of Arlington	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Exhibition Judges Clinic - Arlington Room	2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Slide Show - Mrs. Robert W. Schlumpf, Presiding - Arlington Room	7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Region 6 Plant Auction - Arlington Room	8 p.m. - ?

## Saturday June 9

Board Buses for Garden Tours	8 a.m.
Garden Tours - Hughes & Bradley	8 a.m. - 12 noon
Luncheon - Holiday Inn's Riveria Room	12:30 p.m. - 1 p.m.
Region 6 Business Meeting	1 p.m. - ?

**BUSES** My first idea was not to provide buses, but as others heard of this and expressed their ideas, it became apparent that the fellowship and relief from driving duties was now an ingrained part of Daylilying. REALLY IT IS! So, now buses are very much a part of the Meeting.

**SLIDES** Mrs. R. W. Schlumpf, National Slide Custodian, will be in charge of the Friday night Slide Show. Mildred would like for you to send her your slides of named varieties (names on the slides) well in advance of the date, so that she can get the program organized. I would request that no slides be brought to the show, if by popular demand, they may be viewed after the plant auction.

**AUCTION** Plants to be auctioned for the Regional Treasury should be of good value, high quality, and varieties that are accurately named and have the usual retail price labeled on each plant. Accompany your donations of plants with a list of the plants so that a record may be kept and proper acknowledgement made to the good folks for their generosity in donating the plants.

Jack Bradley and I are very short on committee members so we ask each of you to do all you can beforehand to make this a marvelous Meeting!

**COST** The registration fee will be \$15. This will cover any or all of the programs, bus tour, and Saturday lunch. If there is a surplus after all the bills have been paid it will be the property of the Region 6 Treasury. The registration fee after May 25 will be \$18.50. So, remember to register early so that the accommodations can be arranged for your good time.

**MOTEL** You must make your own motel arrangements at the Holiday Inn of Arlington, where our headquarters will be located. Their address is: 903 North Collins Avenue, (Highway FM 157), Arlington, TX 76011. Rates are: Single \$28, Double \$34, Triple \$39, and Quadruple \$44. Be sure to tell them that you are attending the Region 6 Hemerocallis Meeting because these are special rates.

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## REGISTRATION BLANK

Tom J. Hughes, Chairman  
Rt. 3, Box 127-C  
Mansfield, Texas 76063

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$15 for each adult before May 25 and \$18.50 after) This covers the registration fee for \_\_\_\_\_ persons for the 1979 Region 6 AHS Meeting.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## A GARDEN OF JEWELS

Gertrude Lanham - Dallas

With so many beautiful Hemerocallis growing at the R. L. Morgan Garden in Dallas it reminds me of a box of jewels. This garden is truly a GARDEN OF JEWELS. With the many large clumps of Daylilies, the 40' x 70' area seems small but when one stops to think, in this garden there are undoubtedly many of the most beautiful Daylilies that are grown anywhere in the world.

Not only does R. L. grow the loveliest of the Spalding introductions, but there are the best cultivars from many of the leading hybridizers in the country. To give you an idea of the range of his collection I have used my notes from my visits on May 30, 31, and June 3, last Summer to describe a few of the varieties that I kept returning to view.

AGAPE LOVE is a huge 7" ivory pink cream with a soft yellow throat on a 15" scape from the Spalding collection. CONTRIBUTION is also from Spalding. It had five 7" blooms open on 24" scapes. This clump was purchased several years ago under number, and OHH what a lovely clump it is of rose pink with a deeper eyezone.

Also, catching my eye was AGGIE SELLERS (MacMillan), a 5" flat, round cream pink blend on 21" scapes. Then there was Durio's ALIBI, a 6" round light yellow self (it may be a near-white later in the day) and with its diamond dusting it was dazzling. AZRAEL had huge 6" soft yellow self blooms atop 36" scapes and it was absolutely fabulous in a clump.

Also, catching my eye were breath taking clumps of cultivars like BETTY BARNES, BLOND RINGLETS, BRYAN SOLOMAN, CARMEN MARIE, CLARICE AVANELLE, DEBBIE DURIO, JADE TIP, JOYFUL OCCASION, KINNARD (lovely red), LITTLE VANDAL, MARILYN SEYMOUR, MARVIN MAGEE MEMORIAL, RICHLEY BLESSED, SHIBUI SPLENDOR, SILOAM LITTLE GIRL, STOLEN LOVE, and many, many more.

I must mention a couple of others that I had written notes on because of their gorgeous coloring: PIXIE PARASOL, (Hudson) was absolutely charming in a clump of perfect proportions with its 2 ¼" apricot peach pink blooms. There were 27 darling flowers open at the same time on 14" scapes. SENT FROM HEAVEN is another Spalding introduction, the 6" light pink self blooms looked like pink whipped cream and its wide, ruffled, blooms were perfect in every way on the 18" scapes - OOOH!!!

Recently R. L. told me that he added 94 new cultivars to his garden last Fall. Among these beauties are UPLAND and DOWN EAST by Van Sellers; CINDY MARIE and JOAN SENIOR from Durio.

He is excited about his latest cultivar from Elsie Spalding which he describes as the most beautiful pink that he has ever seen. It was obtained as a seedling, but it has now been registered as ROSE SWAN.

MAJESTIC SWEETNESS a 6 ¼" light yellow with a green throat blooms on a 23" scape is another that he mentioned adding from the Guidry-MacMillan introductions.

R. L. Morgan's garden has numerous companion plants, but the visitors are often so busy "drooling," exclaiming, and enjoying all the Daylily blooms, that these are oftentimes overlooked. His Daylily clumps are so unusual and well grown that it is a real delight to any Daylily lover to visit this garden.

R. L., as well as other gardens in this area, will provide us with maps and instructions to visit their gardens when we come to the Region 6 Meeting in Arlington June 8-9.

There is another garden that beckons the lover of Hemerocallis in this immediate area. It is a spot of Daylily beauty that all of you will enjoy. The garden of Peggy Hammel in Euless is easy to find. In my opinion, Peggy grows Daylilies as they should be grown and when you see them growing with her special touch, I think that you will agree that this is one of the most interesting gardens that you will ever see.

Remember - Arlington, June 8-9.

## REGION 6 HYBRIDIZERS GAIN HONORS

Rodger N. Croker - Llano

To see Ury Winniford's BERTIE FERRIS, that attractive persimmon ruffled miniature, as a runner-up for the Stout Medal brings great delight to those of us who have such a soft spot for these little ones. Additional honor comes to this same hybridizer whose LITTLE GREENIE was the recipient of the Annie T. Giles Award for the top small flower of 1978. Is LITTLE GREENIE trying to upstage GREEN FLUTTER, one of its parents?

Seven Region 6 Hems received Honorable Mentions. Leading the list were the Winnifords with Ury's BRUTUS and tiny yellow SWEET PEA, and Elna's double red MENO.

Betty Brown had PEGGY MAC and her lovely small-flowered raspberry-purple blended FORGET ME NOT on the list. The latter was one selected and introduced by Edna Lankart.

Hughes Garden made the list with their most distinctive small-flowered dwarf, YELLOW RIPPLES. If one may interject a personal note, I consider it one of the best produced in the garden and certainly one of the most recognizable because of its distinctive characteristics.

Concluding the list was my own LITTLE ORANGE SLICES. I was surprised to learn I had that many friends. Apparently its reblooming qualities have attracted the eyes of many, if one may have a moment of seriousness.

Nine Junior Citations were received by Hems from our Region:

Betty Brown's DO-2-75-RO is now DOUBLE BREAKTHROUGH and is a huge, creped, dusty rose flower with a wide, rounded, full flat outer pattern and a large full peony center. Low of scape, this wide-petaled beauty is a show-stopper.

Edgar Brown received recognition for his MOTOR MOUTH and SUPERSONIC PRIZE. The latter is a bright intensive yellow 7" ruffled bloom with a green throat. Wide petals and sepals recurve atop a 30" scape. It is a tetraploid. MOTOR MOUTH, named to honor a Region 6 member, so I understand, is a dark purple from FABULOUS FAVORITE x MAC THE GREAT. This 6 ½" purple has a darker edge, a green throat, and takes the sun well. Wide segments, 25" scapes, and full ruffled form are indicative of its choice as a winner.

Bertie Ferris' DALLAS LIGHT was another voters' choice. It is a buff-melon blend with a faint undertone of blush pink. The throat is pale green as it enhances the 6" bloom. It is a child of EDGAR BROWN and one of her white seedlings. Ruffled, round, and flat, it has moderately heavy substance, a velvety texture with diamond dusting, and 22" scapes.

Edna Lankart's L-74-81 (a cross of LITTLE DAZZLER x LITTLE BUSINESS) is a 2 ½" - 2 ¾" very brilliant recurved red. Thick substance makes it sun-fast. Blooms are produced over a long period on 15" scapes. Personally, it is one of the best red miniatures that I have seen.

Joyce Lewis, our RPD, received J. C.'s on his GINGER JAR and TEXAS CHARMER. The former is a semi-evergreen, late mid-season 2 ¾" henna bloom with a green throat on 24-26" well branched scapes. A high bud count further increased its attraction. In the Dallas Show it won an American Hemerocallis Society Achievement Medal, which was only one of four awarded in the thirty shows held in the entire United States.

The latter is also a semi-evergreen, 18" scape, late mid-season with a 2 ½" light yellow blooms with a rose eye and a light yellow throat. This one was readily a favorite of garden visitors - enough so that there is a waiting list for it.

Marge Russell's 78-5 received a J. C. Though insufficient stock prevents its release in the near future, this light yellow is ruffled and creped and was exclaimed over by many.

Lucille Williamson's W 55-5 is a 5" lavender with 3" petals and 2" sepals. It is recurved, has a green throat, and is only 20" high. Evergreen, this Hem is a cross of DARK HOURS x OLIVIER MONETTE, and it may just be named to honor that same "quiet" lady who was brought to mind by the naming of MOTOR MOUTH. She's also the same Tyler resident who bought herself a new mink coat and then spent the rest of the Winter praying for it to be cold enough to wear it. So you know who to blame for this atrocious Winter.

## THE AWARDS AND HONORS JUDGES

The success of the Awards and Honors Program depends almost entirely on the ability and sincerity of each Awards and Honors Judge. The program cannot function effectively without a representative number of capable, hard-working, and conscientious individuals serving in this capacity. Without the sound advice of these Judges, the bestowal of meaningful awards and honors would be impossible.

The duties of the Awards and Honors Judges consist of much more than merely filling out a ballot once a year. Their work is not easy, for it consists of growing and evaluating modern Daylilies, making performance studies, visiting the gardens of other growers, and in consulting with various growers and hybridizers. Then, their accumulated knowledge must be recorded, analyzed, and finally placed on the official ballot.

The Awards and Honors Judges program was further discussed in the Vol. 32, No. 2 (June 1978) issue of the HEMEROCALLIS JOURNAL, pages 25-31.

In Region 6 we are fortunate to have these folks representing us as our Awards and Honors Judges:

B. F. Ater - 80	Mrs. Tom J. Hughes - 79	Hugh A. Purnell - 79
Mary Anne Ater - 81	Mrs. H. E. Hund - 79	William K. Russell-79
E. W. Brown, III - 80	Mrs. Stanley E. Hyer - 79	Phil Sanderson - 80
Mrs. Bertha Cone - 79	Mrs. H. O. Johnson - 80	Carl W. Sauer - 80
F. D. Coppin - 80	Mrs. W. S. Lanham - 80	Mrs. R. W. Schlumpf - 79
Rodger N. Croker - 79	Edna Lankart - 80	Mrs. Robert Scott - 81
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Mrs. E. L. Cunningham -80	Allyene Lewis - 81	Mrs. J. R. Swafford - 79
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David James Flesh - 80	Mrs. L. A. Nelson, Jr.-79	Stella W. Whipp - 79
Clarice A. Foster - 80	Mrs. Jack O'Hara - 79	Mrs. W. G. Williamson - 81
Mrs. W. B. Fullen - 81	Mrs. Paul J. Offer - 81	Ury G. Winniford - 80
K. H. Henson - 81	Mrs. C. R. Owens - 80	Mrs. U. G. Winniford - 80
Tom J. Hughes - 80	Mrs. W. D. Owen - 79	Mrs. Inez B. Young - 79

### ARE YOU POTTING YOUR PLANTS FOR THE REGIONAL AUCTION ?

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#### FROM THE MAIL BAG

EDNA LANKART, Tyler - Your last Newsletter came and I must say it was excellent. It had a good balance of material - something for everyone - which is what most strive for but few achieve. Even your RVP message was most interesting, and for me that's good, as I usually skip these in most Regional Newsletters. Your cultural notes on Daylilies was most helpful to beginners and older members. I feel our Region has done their part to offer something for those with a limited budget and for the beginners. I do hope others will send in names of old established clumps that make a great garden show. Mamie Hill of Tyler called me last night and said that with having numerous heart attacks in the last few years, she has been unable to keep up with the new things, but told me how beautiful the large clumps of older varieties had been in her garden. I will attempt to add something about her favorites in my next article. It is true that you can have garden beauty and not spend a fortune -the main thing is to let them grow into a good size clump.

JOYCE LEWIS, Murchison - Incidentally, one of the people that I ask you to send a copy of the Newsletter has joined AHS. It seems the main thing we need to do in securing new memberships is giving people an opportunity to join. Since we are Life Members, I sent her my renewal notice from

the Journal, marking out "renewal" and adding "New" and wrote to her that we needed a member in Greenville.

MABLE NELSON - Beaumont - The new officers for the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of Southeast Texas are: President - Albert C. Faggard

First Vice-President - Mrs. Mable Nelson

Second Vice-President - Mrs. Ann Marks

Recording Secretary - Mrs. Frances Choate

Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Marion Mosley

Treasurer - Mrs. Frances Burkhart.

We are looking for a good year this year. I hope that it will be back to a normal one for the Hemerocallis.

MILDRED KROULIK - Houston - I never thought I would be interested in converting diploids into tetraploids until John Buettner of Lake Jackson gave us the most stimulating program on this subject. Along with slides, he showed us exactly what to do. It was one of the best programs we have had in a long time. I may try it this coming season!

VIRGINIA WINKLER, Deerfield, Illinois - I would like to say hello and wish all my friends in Region 6 the very best of the New Year, and I'll be looking forward to seeing them in Indianapolis in July. I'd also like to extend an invitation to you Region 6'ers to stop by and visit my yard (Mrs. Kevin Winkler 670 Pine Street, Deerfield, Illinois 60015) as well as the other gardens in the Chicago area. This is a personal invitation from me, and the Chicago Daylily Society asked me to extend their invitation to your Region.

NELL CRANDALL, Houston - I thought I'd let you know about our flower show because all of you are invited to attend:

Houston Hemerocallis Society and Houston Area Daylily Society present:

An Annual Hemerocallis Show at Sharpstown Mall, Houston, Texas, Saturday, May 19, 1979

An open show and free to the public from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be Daylily plants for sale. Mildred Smith is the Chairman. By the way, Houston Home & Garden Magazine will have a nice coverage of Daylilies in their April issue.

Attached is a notice of an upcoming program for April 28, 1979, at the Garden Center which is sponsored by both of the Daylily Clubs in Houston. We are working diligently to make the public more aware of Daylilies and their possibilities in landscaping. We are hopeful that many people will attend this free program. We think that we have planned a very interesting program. All of you, Please Come!

RODGER CROKER, Llano - In cleaning up the beds, I've had crown rot or Winter freezing - lots of damage. The Hems were growing well when Winter came with sleet and freezing rain - so I just don't understand why all the damage.

PEARL HOWARD, Pleasanton - We are planning our Show on May 19 - it's just a "Fun Show," but I feel like all of our membership will enjoy it. We have 2 or 3 who are interested in hybridizing, and the others are interested in having beautiful Daylilies in their yards. Our members are interested in insect control and fertilizers that will make the Daylilies better. We have very little crown rot. Red Spider Mites are our worst enemies.

BETTY L. DAVIS, Sweeny - Everything around here is dormant - even the evergreen Daylilies. We are finally getting some much needed rain. Hope that this cold weather freezes all the insects. We haven't done any work outside this year.

We are planning to go to the Regional this year. I've asked to be off work already.

Officers for the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society are:

President - John P. Buettner

1st Vice-President - Mrs. Inez Tarrant

2nd Vice-President - Mrs. S. D. Stratton

Treasurer - Mrs. Melvin Parks

Secretary - Miss Betty L. Davis

Happy Gardening, everyone!

LOREE MEAGHER, Dallas - Neal and I think that the Newsletters are just great. We went to Hawaii this past Summer and met Ted Okuhu, who is a member of my Robin. He showed slides of his Daylilies. He really has some beautiful seedlings. He says that Daylilies bloom practically all year there.

I crossed ROBERT BRYCE with all the lightest ones I had (CELESTIAL LIGHT, HOPE DIAMOND, LEESA DAWN & some light pink seedlings) to carry out the idea of dark on light, sent out by Mr. Kasha of Florida. The seeds are already up and since I had done the same thing last year I should have about 50 plants to bloom this year.

ALICE ABBOTT, Greenville - (Alice is the New Member that Joyce Lewis invited). Thank you for the membership invite. I joined and I am sure that I will enjoy being a member of AHS.

I'm afraid my garden suffered a bit last year but it was so hot I didn't work it very well. However, I did enjoy beautiful blooms from the daylilies that you gave me. It will probably be Spring before we are completely cleaned up from this terrible ice storm, but I am ready for Spring and eager to start gardening again. You'll stop by to see us!

Alice, we are glad to have you as a new member.

MARTHA MONTGOMERY, San Antonio - My yard looks very sad at this time, but a few days of sunshine will work wonders. I believe that this has been one of our worst Winters, but the sun is shining today, (February 12) and "if Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?"

WILMA LAGASSE, Lake Jackson - Nature is surely awakening. I walked out in the yard today, February 12, and the tiny Jonquils are blooming, the Daffodils budded, and the Daylilies are exploring daylight. I've lived in Lake Jackson 34 years and this is the most somber Winter I've seen, colder, yes, but never so brown. Lawns are still in a state of shock. We had a damp, warm Fall so everything started growing after the long, hot, dry Summer. In early December we dropped from 70° to 20° and the shock was too great. Few Daylilies go dormant here - well, even the evergreens were dormant this year. Some may not recover. I have many new ones so I am eager to get this bloom season going.

MRS. WILLIAM L. SMITH, San Antonio - For the Gripe Department. This is something that bugs me. I have noticed all the Daylilies that give up-the-ghost for me are ones mailed in plastic bags or waxed paper. These wrappings cut off all the air and cause heat buildup.

This method of packaging may be more the fault for Daylily kill than crown or root rot. Seven plants were lost the last two seasons.

Old newspapers are a far cheaper material for packing and they absorb the excess moisture. One sheet between each layer of plants is sufficient. The dryer the plant upon arrival the better it performs for me.

By the way, all those seven plants were in the \$25 to \$50 price range. Now all soggy plants are returned to the sender.

### **"DAYLILY FINDINGS"**

Mrs. Paul. J. Offer - San Antonio

I have found several things that might be of interest. It is my opinion that Daylilies - no matter how good or lush - when packed and shipped right after washing roots and tied up in plastic bags - have a tendency to just die away and not grow. This is caused by them getting too hot and sweating in shipment. If they are well dried and wrapped in paper toweling or newspaper, this does not happen.

I have received Daylilies - very small and dried up that I almost discarded but decided to see what would happen if I planted them. "Bless Pat," they grew and bloomed the second season. If the roots get very dry, it is well to soak them in water with a few drops of "Superthrive" (according to directions) for a couple of hours before planting.

Here's something else - generally speaking, plants from the deep South seem to get the so-called crown rot in August and September when they are in a dormant stage and we get heavy rains.

Soil and trash gets washed around the crowns where snails, pill bugs, etc., hide from the heat and have their feasts on the crowns thus causing a fungus to start or a rot to begin. If this was a regular

crown rot, daylilies would be more likely to get it in one area. I find one here, and one there, rarely do I find an entire area wiped out. The infected plants always seem to be the newest and best ones in the garden.

I have never had a tetraploid Daylily to get any kind of rot. I do hope that this will continue. I would like to hear other opinions on these two findings. Write me at 237 E. Summit, San Antonio, TX 78212.

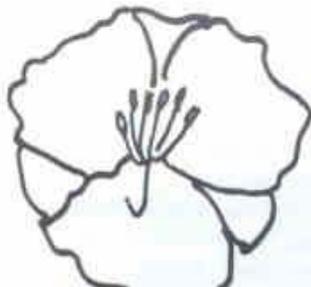
Cora, I'll bet that you didn't expect to get reactions so quickly. But here is your first, an excerpt from a note from Rudi Fuchs at Denton to Joyce Lewis. "I lost 75 plants in 1977 and over 80 in 1978. I cannot attribute it to anything except too much heat, and if watered when too hot, from crown rot. I'll never get new ones in the Spring again unless I can provide shade for them all Summer. I lost 18 expensive new tetraploids!"

Reaction #2 - Bill Ater, Austin - It is most unusual for me to lose an established clone to crown rot. For me the time of day that I water seems to be important. Letting the soil dry out below the crown area before watering may be a solution. The time of day that water is applied may be another. I water after 6 p.m. but early enough so that the foliage dries before nightfall. Watering earlier in the day (or having moisture in the crown area) may permit the heat to literally cook the plant or may permit any fungus present to begin to grow and the plant is on the way to destruction before it is visible to us. And then it is too late to save it. Gardening practices may be a solution to some of our problems rather than the use of chemicals. THINK!

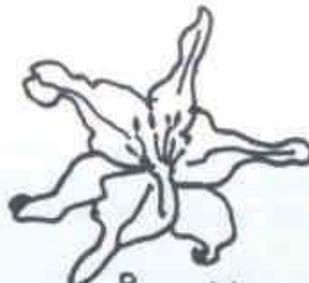
Van Sellers, Kings Mountain, NC - A few suggestions on planting:

1. Plants which arrive during extremely hot weather should NOT be planted in hot sun and then watered. Hot steam will cause them to rot.
2. Make a sand pile under a tree. When plants arrive, place them in this until cool days and nights, then place in a permanent bed.
3. Excess water and fertilizer during hot weather can be dangerous to plants.
4. I think that the best way to ship plants is VERY dry. I think that a damp plant in a hot box is harmful to the plant and causes rot.
5. If you do plant in hot sun, do not water, assuming that there is even a little dampness. A little mulch around the plant will be sufficient.

It is better to NEVER water than to water EVERY day. I water newly set plants once, in the late afternoon of the day the plants were set. My Mother never waters.



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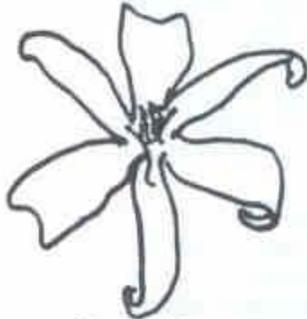
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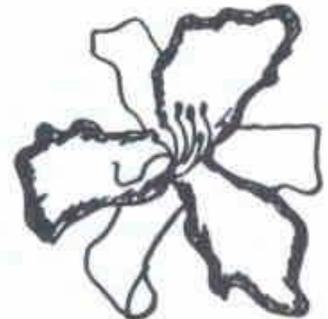


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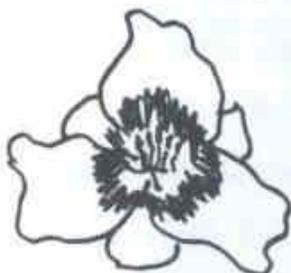
## SPECIAL PROGRAM ON DAYLILIES

SAT. - APRIL 28, 1979  
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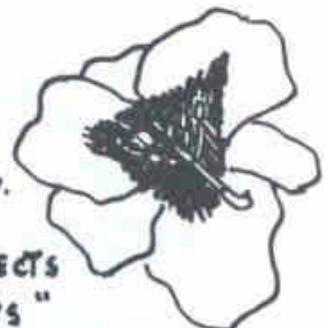
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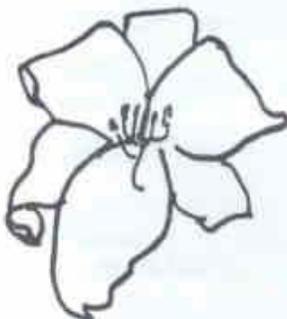
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## TOP PERFORMING DAYLILIES THAT SELL FOR LESS THAN \$5

Joyce Lewis, Region 6 Publicity Director, and I sent out numerous letters and telephone calls to Region 6 Members asking for TOP PERFORMING DAYLILIES THAT SELL FOR LESS THAN \$5.00 AND MAKE GOOD GARDEN CLUMPS. We want to know what the reliable performers are in your area so that those just getting started or those on limited budgets can get the most beauty for their money and not "spend a bundle" in doing so. We want every garden to have 5 top performing Daylilies. This is another part in our effort to spread the Daylily in Region 6. Last year Region 6 gained 68 new members for the American Hemerocallis Society and let's make it more than a 100 in 1979 and keep all those who were members in 1978.

If you didn't get the message to send in your list and still want to participate, just drop me a card and I will publish your list in the next Newsletter. Some clubs sent in a list for their entire membership while many individuals sent in lists.

I have tried to accumulate all the lists from one area, however, some are out of order since New Mexico and Texas cover many square miles and I don't know where all of the towns are located in relationship to one another. It is fun to read the list and remember how pretty some of the Daylilies were when I grew them and wonder why I don't have them anymore. We asked for 5 but who could stop at only 5?

Petal Pushers Garden Club, Albuquerque, New Mexico sent in this list: BONNIE BARBARA ALLEN, CURLS, FULL REWARD, GOLD COACH, GOLDEN DEWDROP, HORTENSIA, JAKE RUSSELL, LADY INARA, LAVENDER FLIGHT, LITTLE RAINBOW, MARY TODD, MAY HALL, MELON BALLS, PERENNIAL PLEASURE, PINK LIGHTNING, SEAGOLD, SUZIE WONG, SWISS STRAWBERRY, VIOLA PARKER, WINSOME LADY

Mrs. William Wade, 6103 Knoxville, Lubbock - ANTEBELLUM, BITSY, CHANTILLY LACE, DELTA GIRL, GRECIAN GIFT, SANDALWOOD,

Mrs. E. J. Exum, Route 3, Box 70, Lubbock - CLARENCE SIMON, HOPE DIAMOND, HORTENSIA, KINGS CLOAK, MARY TODD, PERENNIAL PLEASURE, PROMISED PINK

Mrs. Hugh Anderson, 3607 23rd Street, Lubbock - LADY INARA, SUZIE WONG, WHIR OF LACE

Jonelle & Reid Warner, Lake Ransom Canyon, Lubbock - BITSY, BITSY'S BABY

Mrs. Charles (Bobbie) Benson, 2601 26th Street, Lubbock - COSETTE, EXUM SEEDLING #218, JAKE RUSSELL, MARY TODD, SURE TOUCH, WINNING WAYS

Mrs. Grady Knight, 2820 24th Street, Lubbock - ARDENT PINK, CLARENCE SIMON, MARY TODD, SWEET GEORGIA BROWN, WINDSOR CASTLE,

Mrs. E. E. Patton, 2517 28th Street, Lubbock - GILDED, JAKE RUSSELL, MARY TODD, WEALTH, WINDSOR CASTLE, WINNING WAYS

Mrs. Charles Howard, 3604 43rd Street, Lubbock - CHIPPER CHERRY, GLORIA RICHEY, GRANDFATHER TIME, GREEN VALLEY, HAYMAKER, LOVE THAT PINK, MARY TODD, PEACH PINWHEEL, PRAIRIE SUNSET, SATIN GLASS

Mrs. David Whitfield, 1510 41st St., Lubbock - CLARENCE SIMON, JAKE RUSSELL, MARY TODD, WINDSOR CASTLE, WINNING WAYS

Mrs. Virginia Hodges, 3603 43rd Street, Lubbock - BITSY, DOROTHY, MARY TODD

Mrs. Vernon Keese, 3620 21st Street, Lubbock - JAKE RUSSELL, PLAYBOY

Mrs. B. J. Robbins, Route 1, Box 86, Idalou - AMERICAN DREAM, BETH STANDARD, GREEN FLUTTER, GREEN GLITTER, PERENNIAL PLEASURE, ROBIN COLEMAN, SHINING BEACON

Mrs. C. W. (Doris) Presswood, 1901 University Blvd., Abilene - APPARITION, GREEN FLUTTER, SOUTH SEA CORAL, TEXAS RANGER, WINNING WAYS

Pyrtle Garrison, Brownwood - DADDY TOM, HOPE DIAMOND, GREEN FLUTTER, MOMENT OF TRUTH, SOUTH SEA CORAL

Nat Thompson, Seagoville - ARTS AND RUFFLES, AZRAEL, CHOSEN ONE, PASS ME NOT, PRAIRIE BLUE EYES, SEA WARRIOR

Gertrude Lanham, Dallas - AMAZING GRACE, CHARLIME, CHOSEN ONE, CLYDE HYDE, GINGER PEACHY, GREEN FLUTTER, LITTLE CELENA, LITTLE GREENIE, MARY TODD, MELANIE DAWN, MORNING ANGEL, PRAIRIE BLUE EYES, PROMISED PINK, TEXAS RANGER

Mrs. George (Doll) Miller, Dallas - AMAZING GRACE, CLARENCE SIMON, ETHEL BAKER, GOLDEN SURRY, GREEN FLUTTER, MARY MAE SIMON, MARY TODD, PRAIRIE BLUE EYES, SEA WARRIOR, SHADY LADY

Peggy Hammel, Euless - BETHEL, CELESTIAL LIGHT, CHOSEN LOVE, CHOSEN ONE, COMMANDMENT, ETHEL BAKER, GINGER PEACHY, GOLDEN PIECRUST, GREEN GLITTER, HEAVENLY HAVILAND, JOYFUL HEART, KING OF GLORY, LEE ANN HUGHES, LITTLE BUSINESS, LOVELY GIRL, MARTIN STANDARD, MELANIE DAWN, WINNING WAYS

Rudi Fuchs, 3112 Donna Road, Denton - APPARITION, ASTRONAUT GLEN, BABY DARLING (my best), BILL STUTSON, BRETT BARRON, CAJUN CAPRICE, CHOSEN LOVE, CLARENCE SIMON, COPPERHEAD, DUNE DARK EYES, EDGAR B. JOHNWICK, EVENING ECHOES, GLAMOREENA, GLORIA RICHEY, HEAVENLY HAVILAND, JEWEL CASE, LEMON PIE, LITTLE BUSINESS, LITTLE GREENIE, LITTLE IDY, MARIE BABIN, MARY TODD, RASPBERRY PIXIE, SANDRA MILNER, SUNBLEST, TAHITIAN ISLE, TEXAS RANGER, TODD GROVATT, VELVET APPLE, VIV, WOODS VIOLET

Ted F. Robinson, Box 175, Marietta (that's half way between Longview and Texarkana) - CHARBONIER, CHARLES BUCKMAN, FABULOUS FAVORITE, GOING MY WAY, GREEN FLUTTER, JOHN EVERETT RHINEHARDT, LEE BRYAN PARKER, MASTERS TOUCH, MOMENT OF TRUTH, PRETTY PAM, RIPPLING SNOW, SEA GOLD, WHITE ZIRCON, WINNING WAYS

San Antonio Hemerocallis Society - ANNIE WELCH, BETH STANDARD, BLACK PEARL, BLAZING BEAUTY, BRIGHT DANCER, CLARENCE SIMON (3 votes), DOUBLE CHARM (3), DOUBLE DECKER, DOUBLE TALK (2), GINGER PEACHY, GREEN FLUTTER, HEAVENLY HAVILAND, INK SPOT, KINDLY LIGHT, LOVELY GIRL, MATTIE MAE BERRY, NEW SATELLITE, PAPPY GATES, PINK FLUFF, POJO, PRAIRIE SUNSET, RASPBERRY FRILLS (3), RUFFLED PANTIES (3), SERENADA, TINKER BELL, TOVARICH (2), VELVET GEM, WILD TEXAN

Happy Time Daylily Society, Pleasanton - CITATION, CLARENCE SIMON, EVENGLOW, LAUGHING CLOWN, LUSCIOUS CREAM, MARIE BABIN, PAPPY GATES, PINK PAGEANT, POJO, RED BANTAM, ROSY MEYER, TOVARICH

Mrs. Coleman Mills, Austin - ANZAC, CORENE, BUTTERPAT, JAKE RUSSELL, JUBILEE PINK, OH PROMISE ME, VELVET GEM

Bess Fomby, Austin - BABY BETSY, BLACK PEARL, CHOSEN LOVE, COMPOST, COPPER MINE, ETHEL BAKER, GOLD THIMBLE, GREEN FLUTTER, HOPE DIAMOND, ICE CARNIVAL, LAVENDER DOLL, LITTLE RAINBOW, LITTLEST ANGEL, LOLA BELLE, NEFERTITI, PRAIRIE BLUE EYES, RED MITTENS, RUFFLED PANTIES, SEA WARRIOR, YASMIN

Alyene Fisher, Austin - GLORIA RICHEY, GREEN FLUTTER, MARIE BABIN, MARY MAE SIMON, TEXAS RANGER

Audrey Lanier, Austin - CHERRY CHIMES, GREEN FLUTTER, POJO, SQUEAKY, VELVET GEM

Zel Kilpatrick, Austin - ANN CLAUDET, CELESTIAL LIGHT, CHERRY CHIMES, INK SPOT, MATTIE MAE BERRY, OZARK TROPHY, SPANISH BEAUTY, TALL TOM, VERDE PLATA

Mrs. Guy Gates, Austin - BIG SISTER, CHARTREUSE GLOW, CELESTIAL LIGHT, CLARENCE SIMON, HOPE DIAMOND, JOLLYVILLE LIGHT, MARIE BABIN, MOMENT OF TRUTH, OH HOLY NIGHT, POJO, RASPBERRY FRILLS, VELVET GEM

Mrs. Julius (Bill) Schutze, Austin - BUTTERMILK SKY, CURLS, INK SPOT, LILLIAN WYRICK, LITTLE DART, MARIE BABIN, PAPPY GATES, PASS ME NOT, QUILTED GOLD, WILD TEXAN

Bill Ater, Austin - AVA MICHELLE, CELESTIAL LIGHT, CORENE, GINGER PEACHY, GREEN FLUTTER, INK SPOT, LITTLE DART, TALL TOM, TEXAS RANGER, WILD TEXAN, WILLIE BILL, VELVET GEM

Elizabeth Krebs, Taylor - DOUBLE CUTIE, INK SPOT, LITTLE DART, MARIE BABIN, POJO, WILLIE BILL

John Buettner, Lake Jackson - CLARENCE SIMON, GREEN GLITTER, HOPE DIAMOND, MARY MAE SIMON, WINNING WAYS

Betty L. Davis, Sweeny - CELESTIAL LIGHT, HOPE DIAMOND, INK SPOT, TENDER LOVE, VIV

Emily Everett, Lake Jackson - CHARLES BUCKMAN, DOUBLE CUTIE, INK SPOT, MARIE BABIN, TOVARICH

W. D. Everett, Lake Jackson - ANNIE WELCH, CHARLES BUCKMAN, CLARENCE SIMON, GRECIAN GIFT, MARIE BABIN

Pearl Hammond, Angleton - CLARENCE SIMON, HOPE DIAMOND, MARIE BABIN, PINK FLUFF, VIOLA PARKER, VIV

Rena Humphreys, Angleton - DOUBLE CUTIE, DOUBLE TALK, MARIE BABIN, POCO VINO, POJO,

Stanley E. Hyer, Sweeny - CLARENCE SIMON, GREEN FLUTTER, HOPE DIAMOND, TWENTY THIRD PSALM, WINNING WAYS

Gladys Keener, Angleton - CLYDE HYDE, JOHN BUETTNER, MYRA HINSON, POCO VINO, WINNING WAYS

Wilma LaGasse, Lake Jackson - CLARENCE SIMON, COMANCHE CHIEF, INK SPOT, KING OF GLORY (KING OF GLORY amazes me - it multiplies like mad, plants look like broom straws, but oh, how it blooms!), SHADED EYES, VELVET GEM.

Mrs. A. W. Patterson, Sweeny - BETH STANDARD, LITTLE BUSINESS, MOMENT OF TRUTH, PINK FLUFF, VIOLA PARKER

Polly Smith, Rosenberg - COMMANDMENT, GREEN FLUTTER, LITTLE BUSINESS, MARIE BABIN, PRAIRIE BLUE EYES

Inez Tarrant, Lake Jackson - AMAZING GRACE, CELESTIAL LIGHT, GREEN GLITTER, INK SPOT, POJO

This group came from the Brazosport Hemerocallis Society but didn't give any names: ARKANSAS ROSE, BABY JULIA, BETH STANDARD, BITSY, CAJUN CAPRICE, CANARY SONG, CLARENCE SIMON, GREEN FLUTTER, HOPE DIAMOND, INK SPOT, JOHN BUETTNER, JULIA TANNER, KING OF GLORY, LITTLE FELLOW, LOVELY GIRL, MAC THE KNIFE, MARIE BABIN, MARY ROSE, MISSY BEARDEN, NEW SATELLITE, PAPPY GATES, PINK FLUFF, PRAIRIE SUNSET, SHADED EYES, SOMETHING, SUMMER INTERLUDE, SWEET HALLIE, TOVARICH, VIV, WAR EAGLE, WHISPER LOUISE, WHITE FORMAL, WINNING BABY, WINSOME LADY, WOODS VIOLET

The Houston Area Daylily Society - MARIE BABIN - 12, CLARENCE SIMON - 9, BOLD STREAKER - 3, DOUBLE TALK - 3, LITTLE WART - 3, LOLA BELLE - 3, PAPPY GATES - 3, RASPBERRY FRILLS - 3, WINNING WAYS - 3, BITSY - 2, DOUBLE CUTIE - 2, INK SPOT - 2, LITTLE BUSINESS - 2, POJO - 2, ROSIE MEYER - 2, TOVARICH - 2, TWENTY THIRD PSALM - 2, ABSTRACT ART, AMAZING GRACE, AMY ROBERTS, BAYOU PINK, BOTTECELLI, CELESTIAL LIGHT, CHOSEN LOVE, CURTIS COMPTON, ELEGANT EMBERS, ETHEL O'HARA, GRAND CANYON, GREEN GLITTER, HAWK, HOPE DIAMOND, JACK OHAR'A, KINGS CLOAK, LITTLE CELENA, NOW, PASS ME NOT, SILVER DOLLAR, SWEET GEORGIA BROWN, SWEET SUCCESS, TEXAS CARDINAL, TRACY HALL, TREE TOP TALL

The Houston Hemerocallis Society - GREEN FLUTTER, LITTLE BUSINESS, MARIE BABIN, RASPBERRY FRILLS, TOVARICH

Lucille Williamson - Roganville - BONNIE LASSE, GREEN FLUTTER, LITTLE GRAPE EYES, LITTLE GRAPETTE

Mrs. Thelma Mimms, Kountze - DOUBLE LOVE, FANCY FOLLY, INCA IDOL, RED SIREN, WHITE ZIRCON

Mrs. Claudia Fullen, Beaumont - DOUBLE CUTIE, JUMBO RED, LITTLE JONIE, MARTIN STANDARD, PRAIRIE BLUE EYES

Inez B. Young, Beaumont - DOUBLE CUTIE, LITTLE JONIE, MOMENT OF TRUTH, POJO, PRAIRIE BLUE EYES

E. A. Young, Beaumont - CHRISOM WHITE, DOXOLOGY, FANCY FOLLY, RED SIREN, WHITE ZIRCON

This group came from the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society of South East Texas:

Frances Burkhart - CLARENCE SIMON, SALMON SHEEN

J. L. Cruse, Jr. - GYPSY MAIDEN

Bertha Smith - AMAZING GRACE, FANCY FOLLY

Maggie Sheffield - BITSY, HEAVENS JUBILEE, JOURNEYS END, MISS OZIE

Ima and Charles Hegele - AMAZING GRACE, CHARBONNIER, HOPE DIAMOND, LITTLE JONIE, TOVARICH

Allie Swafford - AMAZING GRACE, DOUBLE CUTIE, KING OF KINGS, MASTERS TOUCH, MOMENT OF TRUTH, WHITE ZIRCON, WILLIE BILL

Mable Nelson - CELESTIAL LIGHT, CHOSEN ONE, DOUBLE CUTIE, GYPSY JEWEL, RASPBERRY FRILLS, TOVARICH, WHITE WINGS

Francis Choate - AMAZING GRACE, GOLDEN DEWDROP, GYPSY MAIDEN, LADY EDNA, PRAISE BE THINE

Bertie Ferris, Dallas - FORGET ME NOT, GRAND CANYON, HEAVENLY HAVILAND, HEAVENLY PROMISE, LITTLE EMILY, LITTLE GRAPETTE, JAKE RUSSELL, MARIE BABIN, PASS ME NOT, SIR PATRICK SPENS

## DEAR MEMBERS OF REGION 6:

The following is a listing of the people who were Region 6 members of the American Hemerocallis Society during 1977 but for some reason did not renew during 1978. I need your help to personally contact all of those persons in your area and invite them to once again share the joys of AHS.

Having a friend who cares about them and to share the joys of our flower may just renew some of their interest. Please help me!

Thanks for caring about those persons who did not renew. Each will receive this issue of the Newsletter so they will be expecting to hear from all 516 of you Region 6 Members. Thanks, Bill

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