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new ARRIVALS



It is with much pleasure we welcome the following new members to our Region 6 daylily family. Please feel free to call on your Regional officers if we can be of service to you. May we urge other members in your area to "get in touch" and become acquainted as Hem neighbors should.

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FROM THE RVP

As this is written, the first hurricane of the season, Alicia, has just moved out and we haven't heard from our daylily friends along its path, but we're sure she did her damage and our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Personally, this has been a great daylily season. My only regret is we didn't get to visit a lot of areas in Texas we had intended, but time just ran out. The National Convention in Birmingham was a great one, but like every other place we visited peak bloom was about two weeks late. Most of the complaints though were from the hosts, for this did allow us to study those in bloom more thoroughly and to view the gardens and companion plantings more closely.

The highlight of the season would have to be our own Regional Meeting in Albuquerque. Most Regionals find Hems lined out as a maternity ward, but here daylilies were used in the landscape to perfection - full clumps to highlight certain nooks and corners, just enough to make every garden beautiful. For those who failed to go, I'll just say you missed one of the most memorable ones we've ever had - you just "shuda went!" The greatest news from New Mexico is that the Albuquerque Daylily Society is now a reality! Garden clubs are great but a Local Society is needed also to give its undivided attention to promoting the daylily and opens the door to Hem enthusiasts who otherwise couldn't join. You'll read about this and other happenings elsewhere in this Newsletter.

We still have openings for a few new Awards and Honors Judges and we certainly need to fill our full quota. If you are interested and have been an AHS member for 3 years, write your RVP for an application. They have to be in before December 1.

We would like to ask all "Youth" members to write Patsy Lepper, our Youth Director, giving her your name and age, what your hobbies are, your interest in daylilies, why you joined AHS - just really sound off about yourself, any and everything you can think of.

We wish to thank all of you who donated plants for the Regional Auction and we wish to thank those of you who purchased the plants. This not only proves to be very entertaining, but also is our only way other than direct monetary contributions for financing our Region and printing the Newsletters. We do receive 60¢ per AHS member from National, but this is used in Newsletter costs covering the National staff, Board members, Committee Chairmen, etc.

Back cover, courtesy Jim Kyser and Martha Sullivan.



Enchantment in Albuquerque

by Nell Crandall



Some of us arrived in Albuquerque a day early, June 30, in order to see the sights. After checking into the Marriott Hotel around noon, six of us rented a car and drove 59 miles to Santa Fe. It was fun to look in, as well as buy in, the shops around the old square. Lunch was at the La Fonda Restaurant, and it was delightful even though the sopapillas were cold.

On Friday, July 1, the Registrar, Mary Fry, and her helper, Helen Dolan, were ready to register us, and give us our tote bags. I was especially glad to get the little sewing kit. Thanks, Christine Matalucci and Jan Helmick. Mary Fry, calligraphy expert, had done our name tags beautifully.

Then off I went with the other Judges to the Garden Center for a delicious lunch prepared by Beth Orner and her staff of good cooks. Beth, one of the hostesses for the Meeting, is also President of the Petal Pushers Garden Club.

The natives informed us that the Flower Show was smaller than usual because there had been damage from a recent hail storm. Nevertheless, there were some very good specimen blooms. Bonnie Lowenstein won Queen of the Show for her well-branched and budded scape of LITTLE GRAPETTE. How I wish it would grow that well for me. Bonnie also won Best Small Flower for LUXURY LACE and Best Large Flower for LIME PAINTED LADY. If you made a really wild guess that Bonnie won Horticulture Sweepstakes - well, you would be right.

The theme of the Flower Show was "Daylilies in Three Cultures" and was depicted so well on the Show Schedule and also on the Meeting Handbooks by Lynne Healer's drawings of a 1) Modern home, 2) Indian dwelling, and 3) Spanish adobe house with a big daylily shown in the center of the three.

The arrangements were all creative and showed much ingenuity. First prize went to Mrs. Donald Wood for her arrangement entitled "Fiesta." For her lines, she had used Red Hot Poker blooms, with red and yellow daylilies, along with two dancing figures.

First prize for Table Arrangements went to Mrs. Donald Wood, also, for her arrangement "Pueblo Feast," in which she had used Fasciated Mullein, Pinon Pine blooms, orange daylilies, a San Juan pot, and a gourd shaker, with a Navajo rug as the background. Mrs. Wood won Sweepstakes with the most blue ribbons for arrangements. She was also the Flower Show Chairman, which meant she was a very busy lady.

Cal Iskra was Chairman of the Educational Exhibit, and it looked as though she had dug up several daylily clumps to use as the nucleus of her interesting and instructive exhibit.

Friday evening, we rode on the longest tramway in the world, 2.7 miles to the top of Sandia Peak. The tram holds about 45 people, which makes it look quite large to be gliding along on such small cables. On the way up, Allyene Lewis (a nurse) said to Rodger Croker (a minister), "Well, if anything happens, I'll administer first aid and you can pray." Rodger replied "In which order?"

We arrived safely at the top and had wonderful food at the High Finance Restaurant. "Liquid assets" were also available. And what a magnificent view! It reminded me of the song, "On a Clear

Day, You Can See Forever." The total viewing area covers about 11,000 square miles. And to think all those mountains had once been under water millions of years ago.

After the exciting trip down the mountain, eight of us went by Betty Roberts' home to help groom her daylilies for the tour the next morning. She was the Regional Meeting Chairman, and needed to be at least three people to do all the jobs she was doing. After picking off all the day's blooms, we left her husband, Ned, holding two bags of blooms with a very puzzled look on his face, saying, "What do I DO with all these?"

Saturday morning was garden tour time, and buses took us to the gardens of Bonnie Lowenstein, Betty Roberts, and Kathryn Neely. Bus hostesses were Anna Mulkey and Barbara Sandoval. More about the gardens can be found in another part of this Newsletter. Remember that wonderful icy punch at Kathryn Neely's garden? Everyone was raving about it, so we talked Gerry Alls into giving us the recipe. You will find it at the end of this write-up. Thanks, Gerry.

At Betty Roberts' garden, we learned that she had just returned home from the emergency room where she had been treated for a near concussion after a fall while sweeping her patio. She bravely greeted us and never gave in to her pain.

Several people had donated daylilies for the plant sale which was held in Betty Roberts' garage. We daylily lovers clustered around the sale table as if we would never again have a chance to buy daylilies!

Lunch on Saturday was at El Pinto's, a famous Mexican restaurant a few miles out of Albuquerque. While waiting for lunch to be served, tickets were drawn and several lucky people won daylily plants as prizes. These had been brought by Bobo Faggard and were some of his own miniatures as well as some of the introductions by Edgar and Betty Brown.

After the very fine lunch, we had an unexpected treat in the form of a special daylily slide show put on by Sam Rose. I do mean SPECIAL, because three projectors were used simultaneously, and the daylily images would fade into one another, getting larger or smaller, or going from a single bloom to a clump. It was truly magical.

Pauline Gubbels was the Co-Chairman of the Meeting, but had a family emergency which prevented her being with us from Saturday noon through the banquet. Betty was generous in her praise of Pauline, telling us what an able and marvelous assistant she had been.

On Saturday afternoon, some members attended the Judges Clinic which was directed by Bertie Ferris and Cal Iskra. Others toured historic Old Town and wandered through the interesting trading posts and specialty shops. Old Town dates back to 1706 when 30 families established the Royal Villa of San Felipe de Albuquerque on the banks of the Rio Grande River.

The Awards Banquet was held Saturday evening at the Marriott Hotel. The food was extra nice. In fact, everything at the Marriott was extra nice - the free coffee in the mornings before 6:30, the free transportation to and from the airport, the courteous drivers, the good service at mealtime, etc. Thanks, Patte Klecan, for arranging for us to stay there.



At each of our plates at the banquet, there was a small black pot. There were different designs, but mine was a miniature Indian Wedding Vessel (like the one at left). The beautiful daylily arrangement for the head table was made by Christine Matalucci.

RVP, Joyce Lewis, called on Margaret Johnston to report on the results of the Nominating Committee. Margaret, Chairman, along with JoAnn Park and Ann Faggard had nominated Mable Nelson of Port Arthur, Texas, to be the next Region 6 Vice President. She was voted in by acclamation. Her name will now be submitted to the AHS Board of Directors for final approval.

Patsy Lepper, head of the Youth Group, announced that the Youth Award of \$200 had been won by Nelson Ward, of the Brazosport Daylily Society, for his outstanding work with daylilies and for the club. This award was accepted by Inez Tarrant because Nelson Ward had a new job and could not be present at the Meeting. Nelson is interested in tissue culture.

Rodger Croker made the motion that, starting next year, there will be no Malcolm Collie or Annie T. Giles Awards given unless there are at least two clumps in bloom in each category. Motion passed.

The Malcolm Collie Award for the best unintroducted seedling or named variety was won this year by Joyce Lewis for his seedling L-C-2 which will be registered as ALBUQUERQUE MEMORY. There was no Annie T. Giles Award this year.

Lucia Bjorkman issued an invitation for Region 6 to hold its Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, the second weekend in May 1984.

Joyce Lewis announced that Ury Winniford had donated to Region 6 the proceeds of the sale of seven of his new daylily collections. This amounted to \$1,425, and a big ovation was given for Mr. Winniford's generosity.

Bobo Faggard and Peggy Hammel were the auctioneers for the daylily auction. Joe Boudreaux was their "ring" man. Peggy Hines, Virginia Henson, Margaret Johnston, and Betty Acrey kept track of the sales. And Allyene Lewis took care of the plants for sale. By 11:30 in the evening, a little more than \$1,600 worth of daylilies had been sold. That, plus \$1,425 from Mr. Winniford, puts Region 6 in good financial shape.

Thanks, all you nice people in Albuquerque who worked so hard to show us a good time and make our Region 6 Meeting a big SUCCESS.

And now for the recipe I promised of that delicious punch served in the Kathryn Neely garden:

PUNCH FOR A HUNDRED

- 2 5-oz boxes Jello (any flavor - depends on the color you want. We had apricot.)
- 4 cups sugar
- 4 cups boiling water
- 2 cups cold water
- 2 46-oz cans pineapple juice
- 2 46-oz cans orange juice
- 2 12-oz cans frozen lemonade

Mix all together and freeze in 6 large containers.

When ready to use, use 1 container of frozen mix to 1 quart of 7-UP.





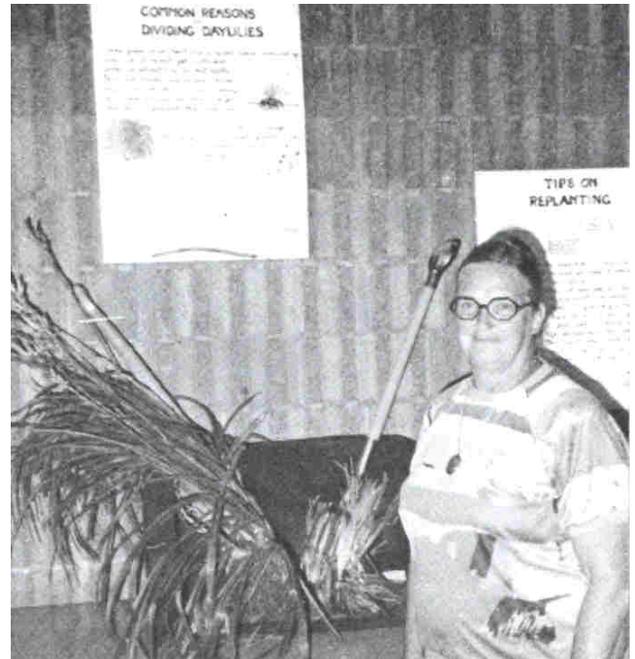
Registrar Mary Fry, and her helper Helen Dolan. Mrs. William Owen and Rodger Croker in the background



A study in concentration
Betty Roberts, Meeting Chairman



Bonnie Lowenstein won Queen of the Show and also Sweepstakes at the Flower Show



Cal Iskra, Educational Exhibit Chairman at the Flower Show



Flower Show Judges: Top Row, Left to Right

Grace Alexander, Inez Tarrant, Nell Crandall, Cora Offer, Bertie Ferris, Rodger Croker, Allyene Lewis

Seated: Left to Right

Betty Roberts, Meeting Chairman; Kathryn Neely; Pat Turner; Mildred Schlumpf; Bonnie Lowenstein; Charlene Owen



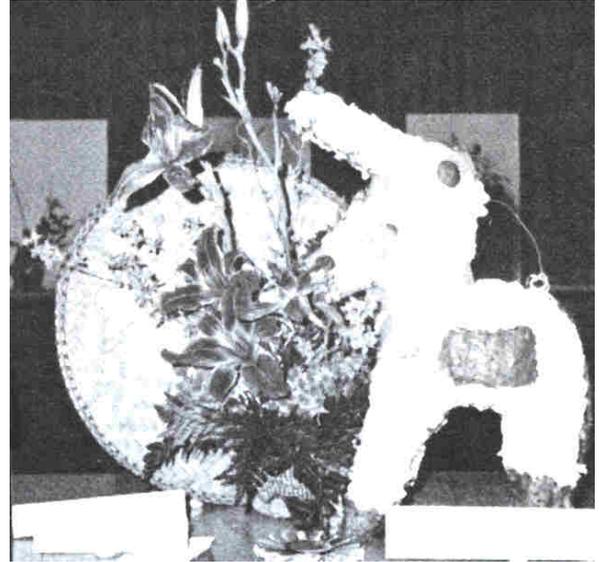
Beth Orner, Meeting Hospitality Chairman, and President of the Petal Pushers Garden Club



Meeting Chairman, Betty Roberts, and RVP, Joyce Lewis, at the Albuquerque Garden Center



June Wood, Flower Show Chairman,
with her arrangement "Celebration."
She also won Sweepstakes
in the Flower Show Artistic Division.



Anna Marie Matalucci's First Prize Winner
in the Youth Division entitled "Piñata Party"



June Wood's First Prize arrangement,
Section C, entitled "Pueblo Feast"



June Wood's First Prize arrangement,
Section A, entitled "Fiesta"



Cora Offer took one look at the tram and said, "I wouldn't go up in that for ANYTHING!" But she did. It took 15 minutes to reach the top of Sandia Peak, and what a magnificent view.



Joe Boudreaux staging a "sit-down strike" because Bobo wouldn't speed up the auction. Joe kept track of the bids.



Peggy Hammel and Bobo Faggard were the auctioneers.

The lovely daylily arrangement was done by Christine Matalucci.

THE LOWENSTEIN GARDEN

Mildred Schlumpf

Bonnie Lowenstein's garden was the first garden on our Albuquerque tour. As we arrived in front of her turquoise stucco home, our attention was called to a beautiful clump of LITTLE GRAPETTE.

Bonnie is quite a gardener. Her interests are very widespread. In addition to her daylilies, she grows some 300 Bearded Iris, among them many miniatures. How I wish I could see them at bloom time.

She also grows around 50 Roses, many Chrysanthemums and companion plants such as Shasta Daisies, Salvia, etc. I was interested in a plant with blue blossoms, and she said it was a form of Salvia which belongs to the Mint family and crops up most anywhere in her garden. The wall along one side of her back garden was covered with Boston Ivy which has a large leaf and produces lots of red berries which she says the birds love to eat.

The daylilies I noticed especially in her garden were: BAMBI DOLL, (a large bicolor) JAKARTA, LITTLE GRAPETTE, LOLABELLE, MISS JESSIE, PARADISE PRINCESS, REGAL AIRE, SEBASTIAN, and WIND CHIMES.

There was a lovely white Clematis vine on the fence at the left side of the garden as one entered, and two tree Wisteria in the front near the curb. We asked about a tree in the back garden and were told that it was a Bing Cherry.

It was a lovely garden, and we all enjoyed our visit there.



Bonnie Lowenstein,
a favorite spot
in her garden



BETTY ROBERTS' GARDEN

Jack Bradley

Feverfew is a tiny Daisy (Matricari) with clusters of blooms, looking like so many dime-sized Shastas. It was blooming grandly throughout the borders the day Betty Roberts' garden was visited.

Although she had hundreds of daylilies and dozens of Roses (she also is a member of the Rose Society), Betty's garden can best be described as diversified. There is room there for many things to grow well together.

One of the first things I noticed was a Clematis vine on the side of her garage, but rounding the house to the main patio area, there was a magnificent cloud of purple blooms on a Jackmanii, probably the most free-flowering of all Clematis.

Roses were everywhere: a range of single-flowering varieties and small-flowering ones, including the appropriately named "Popcorn." Dominating the center of the backyard was an apple tree, hanging full of green fruit. And against the back of the house was a shade garden containing several varieties of Hostas.

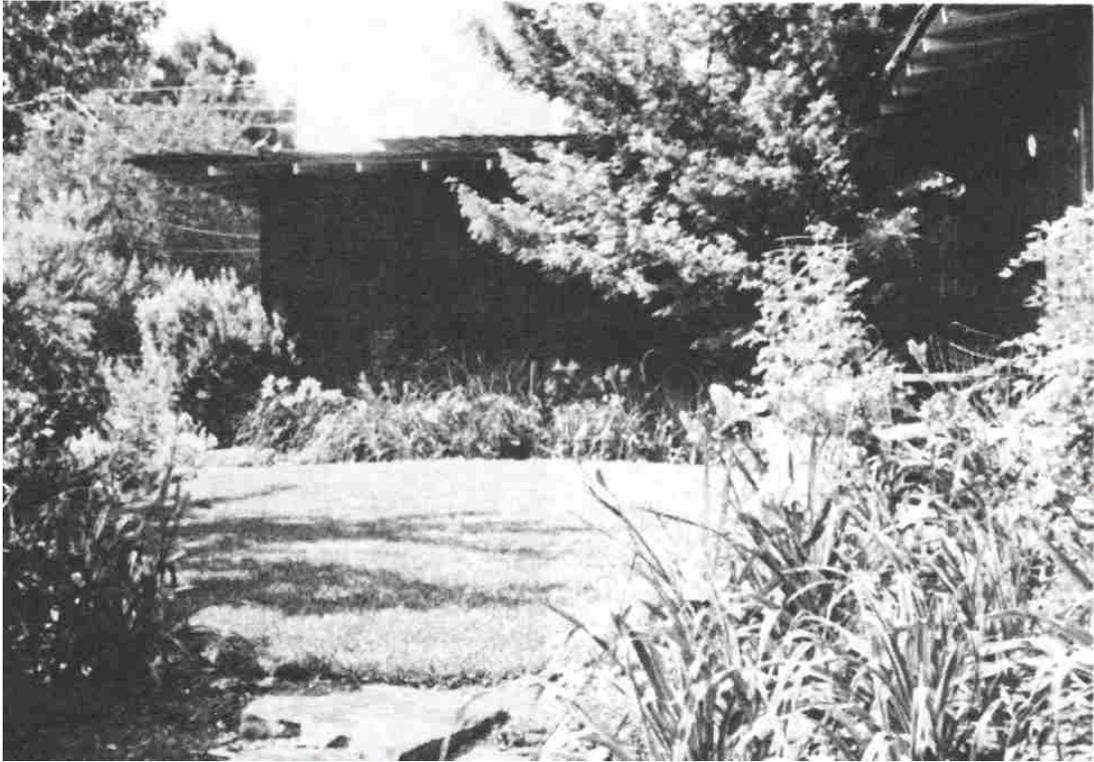
Other things: Violas, Petunias, Vitex, Rudbeckias, Coral Bells, Shastas, Hollyhocks, Gloriosa Daisies, Yarrow, Larkspur, Alyssum, Chrysanthemums, Creeping Ranunculas, Marguerites, and Heliotrope.

Daylilies were in bloom well everywhere, too, along the front driveway and all around the house.

There was a collection of Winniford seedlings, lined out in the main patio area. There was the daylily, BETTY ROBERTS (Winniford), pink with a green throat, planted by the front walk.

Some of the daylilies: BOLD ONE, BUTTERSCOTCH, COLONEL SIMON, MOON VALLEY, RAINDROP, SPENCER, SQUEAKY, VIV, WINNING WAYS, all in the yellow range; ORANGE SLICE, waxy orange-gold; LITTLE FELLOW, grape purple; RUSSIAN RHAPSODY, yellow with purple eye; LITTLE CELENA, ORIENTAL SILK, PAPAL COURT, all purple range; ADDIE BRANCH SMITH, NORMA GATES, RASPBERRY PIXIE, and SECRET GARDEN, all raspberry range; ETHEL BAKER, HALLELUJAH CHORUS, WINSOME LADY, pinks; CRANBERRY CHALICE, deep red; BUFFY, eyed miniature; KENNETH JOHNSON, melon; and the long-popular pink-banded HEAVENLY HAVILAND.

Betty said she has been growing daylilies for 20 years and has lived at the 8615 La Sala Grande NE address for 16 years. Directly across the street from her house were crisp green lawns of a city park.



Beauty around every corner - Roberts' garden



Dr. Bernard Lowenstein poses beneath a Cherry tree with Iris and daylilies in the background - Lowenstein garden

KATHRYN NEELY GARDEN
Peggy Hammel

Happy people arriving at the Neely Garden at 7008 Del Oso Ct. NE, on July 2nd, were even happier on their departure. The beauty, serenity, and tranquility of this garden inspired a spiritual and physical contentment.

Anticipation was mounting as the bus neared the Neely Garden. Earlier the same morning, my visit to the Bonnie Lowenstein and Betty Roberts gardens had opened my eyes to the fact that these women in Albuquerque were serious and dedicated gardeners with the ability to create distinctive gardens.

The entrance at 7008 Del Oso Ct. NE, was cool and inviting with the use of various Junipers, Spruces, and William Penn Barberry. The path leading into the garden had plantings of Alberta Spruce, Bird's Nest Spruce, Mugho Pine, Marshall's Juniper and Blue Rug Juniper, daylilies and yellow Phlox. The use of some of these evergreens was repeated throughout the garden and around the quiet pools and ponds.



Against the wood fence were plantings of Coral Honeysuckle and Clematis. A large clump of KINDLY LIGHT was in full bloom, complimented by yellow Trumpet Lilies and purple Clematis in the background. DOUBLE CUTIE and LOUISE MANELIS were making a beautiful show of bloom along with Lobelia, Roses, and "Basket of Gold" Alyssum.

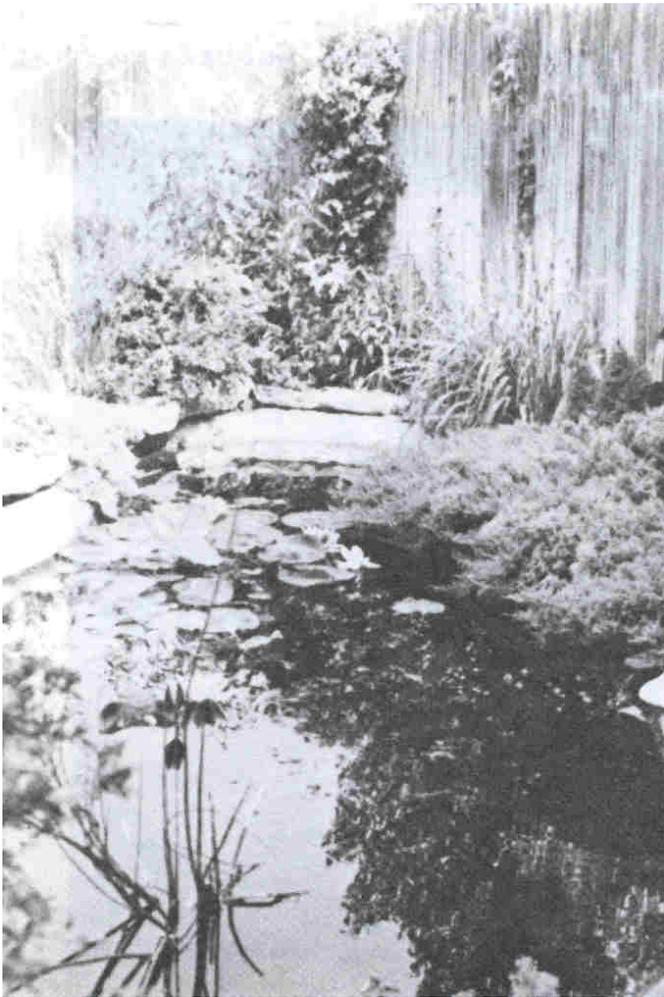
Whether a person would choose the secluded swing covered with a living canopy for shade, the lull of running water from the nearby pond, the patio with a corner pool and lush hanging baskets, or the open area for the sun lovers - there was something for everyone.

My dilemma was I LOVED IT ALL! I just couldn't be everywhere at the same time. You can bet your best daylily that I gave it a try.

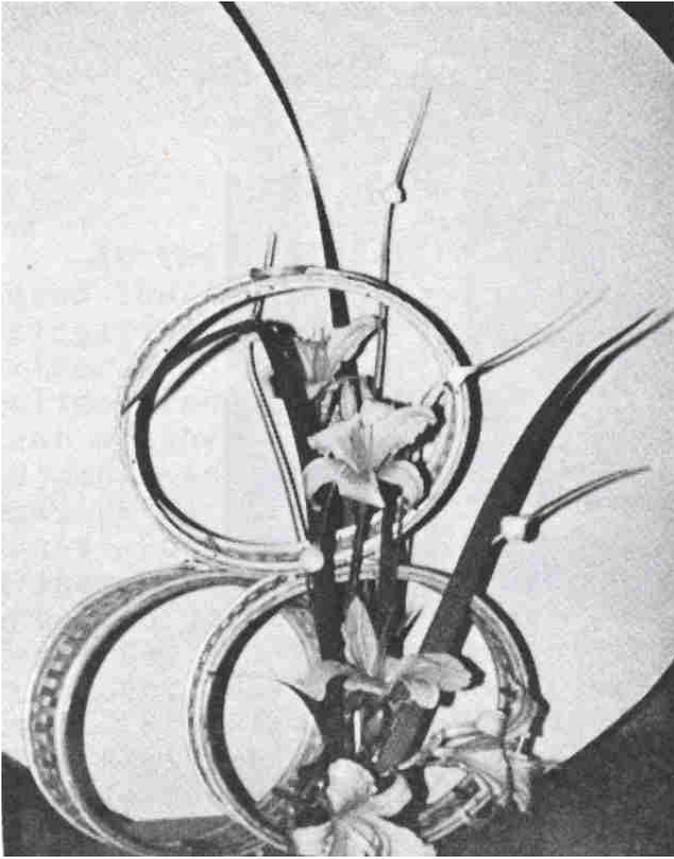
Thank you, Kathryn, for allowing all of us in Region 6 to be your guests.



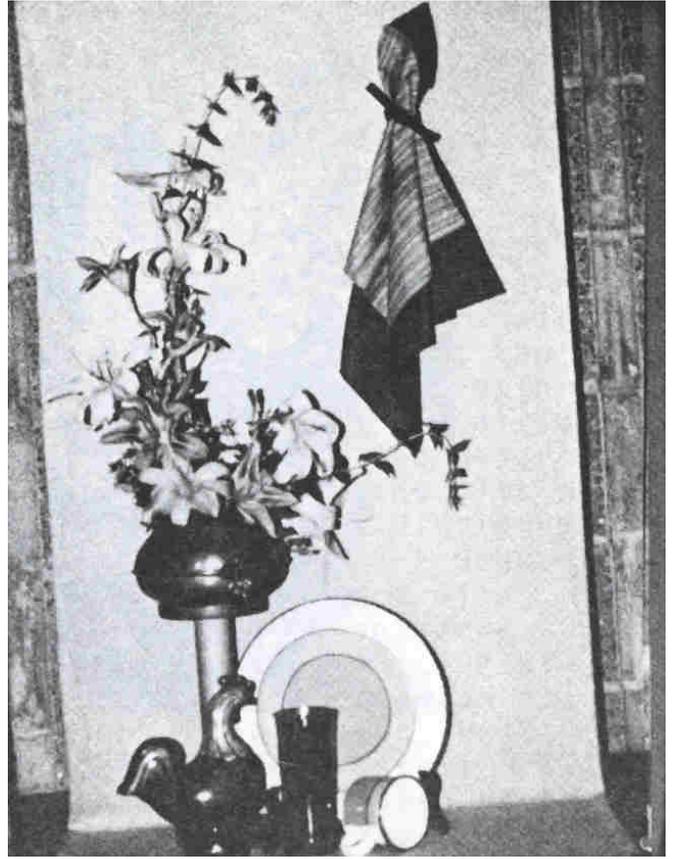
Marie Sullivan relaxes in Neely garden



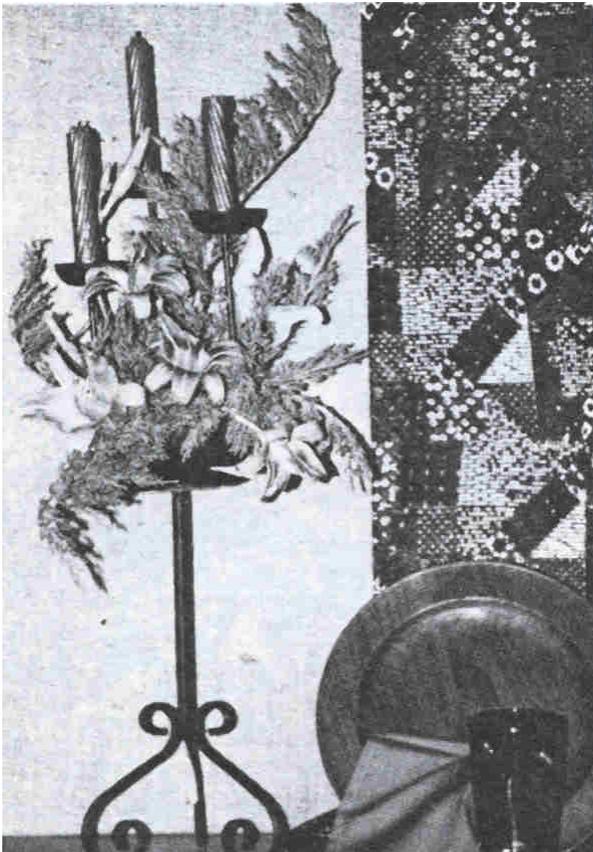
"As close to the Garden of Eden as I've ever been,"
one person was overheard to say in the Neely garden.



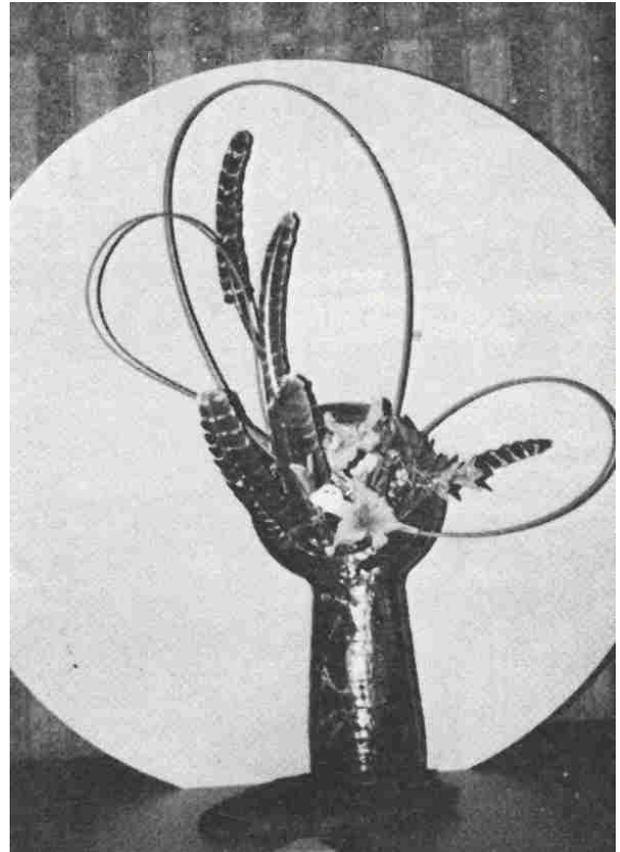
"Hoop Dance" - Christine Matalucci



"Pot Luck" - Pauline Gubbels



"Pot Luck" - June Wood



"Hoop Dance" - June Wood



First Impressions

Following are comments from some of the people who attended a Regional Daylily Meeting for the FIRST time.

Left to Right:

Margaret Kopczynski, Betty Clifford, and Marie Sullivan, all of Houston

Margaret Kopczynski: The Region 6 Daylily Meeting in Albuquerque on July 1-2 was very exciting. The gardens we visited were very beautiful - a real sight to see. Our trip in the tramway up the Sandia Peak was breathtaking and enjoyed by all. We also took a trip to Old Town. I had a very good time and have many good memories to keep from my trip to the Meeting.

Betty Clifford: My first Regional impressions, eh? In a word - awesome! But, to elaborate a tad, I gained quite a bit of knowledge in general about our beloved daylily, but know it's the proverbial tip of the iceberg on the subject, in general. High spots of the trip (pun) - the tramway ride was exhilarating - side jaunt over to Santa Fe and realization how much I don't know about our Indian heritage - the three gardens, studies in loveliness.

All in all, I'll paraphrase an old song, "I Love Those Dear Hearts and Gentle People who 'Dig' in My Home Town" - or Perky Albuquerque.

Marie Sullivan:

WAS IT WORTH IT?

I missed my plane and in the rush I forgot my toothbrush, lipstick, and favorite blush.

Is it worth it?

I'll come home to 20 calls, miss some business, I hope that's all.

Is it worth it?

Then I met my first sweet friends, "We're here for the Hem meeting, what about you?"

I saw gardens with Hems invited, too, wasn't that a surprise?

I saw a daylily ballet, a mountain view, Hem designs, silver, too. I asked a million questions and got answers with a smile.

Thank you, Albuquerque. You made my first meeting a special July.

IT WAS WORTH IT!



Daisy Burress

Daisy Burress: Houston, Texas

These are some of the things I remember about my first Regional Meeting:
The friendliness of the people,
The wonderful service in the hotel.
The beautiful gardens we saw with the different flowers, besides daylilies,
flowers I had heard of but never seen.
The lunch at El Pinto and the daylily slide show, the bus tour of Old Town,
getting to see a wooden Indian, and hearing the music in the Park.
The view from our hotel. Our window faced the mountains, and I had
never seen the sun come up over mountains before.

Andrea Croker: Llano, Texas

Through the eyes of a first timer, I saw beauty through God's Handiwork. I saw people and flowers helping each other, beautiful people giving love in labor and appreciation to the flowers, and in return the beautiful flowers giving love and appreciation to the people who grew them.

Everything was so harmonious. It was a really marvelous experience for me, one I'll never forget.



Rodger and Andrea

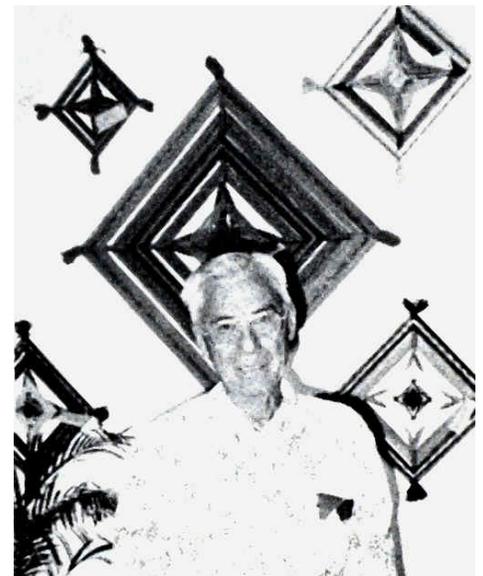
Walter Kaelin: Las Cruces, NM

I was quite surprised when Nell Crandall, on learning that I was a new member of the Hemerocallis Society and attending my first Region 6 Meeting, asked if I would share my first impressions with you. Since I live in Las Cruces, NM, and am far removed from the daylily growers' world, I felt like an alien from another planet. However, this feeling was soon dispelled by the cordiality and friendliness of those I met. Everyone was so helpful and seemed to enjoy making me feel at home and part of the family. For this, I was most grateful.

I thought the Meeting itself was very well organized and those responsible are to be congratulated. The tour of the gardens was the high point for me. I noted so many daylilies I want to grow that the list seems endless. Each garden was immaculate, and in spite of the hail at the Neely garden it was barely noticeable to me.

I especially enjoyed the Exhibition Judges Clinic and Mrs. Ferris' patience and understanding in my feeble attempt to evaluate the qualities of various daylily scapes.

Finally, the banquet was once again a time to make new friends and enjoy the company and friendship of so many wonderful people. I hope to see you all again next year at the San Antonio Regional.



Walt

News and Views From Around Region 6

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President: Mrs. Betty Roberts

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This is a newly formed club. More details in another part of this Newsletter.

Daylily Growers of Dallas

President: Mrs. Natalie Thompson

203 Glendale, Seagoville, TX 71159

Big Dee Unit (day group)

Chairman: Mrs. Ruth Ratliff

Fluorescent Unit (night group)

Chairman: Mrs. Bertie Ferris

From Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd, Dallas, Texas

Our annual show, held in the Dallas Civic Garden Center auditorium June 5, 1983, was smaller than usual with only 255 horticulture entries. Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd was Show Chairman. Despite a rock concert in the park on the same afternoon, the attendance was excellent and resulted in five new members for the American Hemerocallis Society and sixteen for Daylily Growers of Dallas. The sale of plants and baked goods for the Albuquerque Bus Fund was very productive.

Winners were:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Hybridizer</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Large Flower	TEXAS CHIEF	Winniford	Mrs. Al Hammel
Small Flower	SILOAM BO PEEP	Henry	Mrs. Royal Ferris
Miniature	CORENE	Hughes	Mrs. C. Neal Meagher
Double	POJO	Winniford	Mrs. W. D. Owen
Seedling	H-14-79	Henry	Ken Henson
Queen of the Show	TEXAS CHIEF	Winniford	Mrs. Al Hammel

Sweepstakes Winner, Mrs. Al Hammel

Artistic Division Tricolor, Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd

Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society
President: Mrs. Ann Marks
4701 Clermont, Groves, Texas 77619

From Bobo Faggard, Beaumont, Texas

Our Flower Show was held on May 28, 1983, at Parkdale Mall, Beaumont. There were 181 scapes and 354 blooms. Show Chairman was Bobo Faggard. Show title was "Memorial Day Beauty."

Winners were:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Hybridizer</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Large Flower	GRACEFUL EYE	Spalding	Elsie Spalding
Small Flower	LULLABY BABY	Spalding	Charles Hegle
Miniature	LITTLE JOY	Lewis	Anna Rosa Glidden
Double	DOUBLE ORANGE FLIP	Brown	Charles Hegle
Seedling	SH-83-9	Guillory	Shirley Guillory
Best Registered Bloom	WHOPPER STOPPER	Brown	Bobo Faggard
Best Seedling Bloom	81-98	Perkins	Hilda Perkins
Reg. Unintroduced Flower	MUY PRONTO	Granger	Marvin Granger
National Popularity Poll	RUFFLED APRICOT	Baker	Anna Rosa Glidden
Regional Popularity Poll	APPLE TART	Hughes	Mable Nelson
Queen of the Show	GRACEFUL EYE	Spalding	Elsie Spalding

Sweepstakes Winner, Anna Rosa Glidden



Shirley Guillory with
 Queen of the Show Winner
 GRACEFUL EYE, exhibited
 by her mother, Elsie Spalding



Anna Rosa Glidden
 Sweepstakes Winner

Austin Hemerocallis Society

President: Mr. B. F. Ater

3803 Greystone Drive, Austin, TX 78731

From Mrs. J. L. Fomby, Austin, Texas

Our Society held its 23rd Annual Show on May 28, 1983, at the Austin Area Garden Center. The theme was "Hems 'N Holidays." Allyne Fisher was General Show Chairman and Elizabeth Krebs, Co-Chairman. Show attendance was estimated at 500.

In the Horticulture Division, the show was judged by the following AHS Exhibition Judges: Rodger Croker, Llano, Texas; Bertie Ferris, Dallas; Peggy Hines, Dallas; Cora Offer, San Antonio; and Paul Offer, San Antonio. Total number of scapes in competition was 76.

The Artistic Division was judged by the following National Accredited Flower Show judges: Mrs. V. L. Conrad, Austin; Mrs. Tommie Harris, Austin; and Margaret Hester, Lexington, Texas.

Winners were:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Cultivar</u>	<u>Hybridizer</u>	<u>Exhibitor</u>
Large Flower	CELESTIAL LIGHT	MacMillan	Bill Ater
Small Flower	LITTLE GENERAL	Williamson	Bill Ater
Miniature	YELLOW BABY	Tarrant	Bill Ater
Double	PRESTER JOHN	Allgood	Julius Schutze

Horticulture Sweepstakes Winner - Peggy Krebs, Taylor, Texas

Artistic Division Tricolor - Elizabeth Krebs, Taylor, Texas for her entry entitled "St. Patrick's Day"

Creativity Award and Artistic Division Sweepstakes - Peggy Krebs, Taylor, Texas. Her winning entry was "Independence Day."

Brazosport Daylily Society

President: Mrs. Pearl Hammond

Route 4, Box 167, Angleton, TX 77515

From Mrs. Pearl Hammond, Angleton, Texas

The trip to Louisiana by our club members in May was just great. There were seven cars of us, and none of us got lost. We saw the gardens of Guidry, Monette, and Spalding, and I bought daylilies in every garden where we stopped, and planted them all the evening we got home.

Our club Flower Show was scheduled for May 14, but had to be cancelled for lack of blooms.

Houston Area Daylily Society
President: Mrs. Nell Crandall
721 Ourlane Circle, Houston, TX 77024

Houston Hemerocallis Society (night group)
President: Mrs. Mary Gage
25150 Gosling, Spring, TX 77379

The biggest news from both Houston clubs is that we have received a letter from Mrs. Ruth Allgood, National Convention Chairman, dated July 9, 1983, with the news that the AHS Board of Directors has accepted our invitation to hold the National Convention in Houston in 1988. You all start making plans to come!

Our joint flower show scheduled for May 21, 1983, at Northline Mall had to be cancelled because a tornado damaged the mall two days before the show, and the mall was closed. However, we were pleased that one of our members, Anna Rosa Glidden, was asked to enter the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society's Show in Beaumont and came away winning Sweepstakes.

MILDRED SCHLUMPF WINS HELEN FIELD FISCHER MEDAL
Nell Crandall



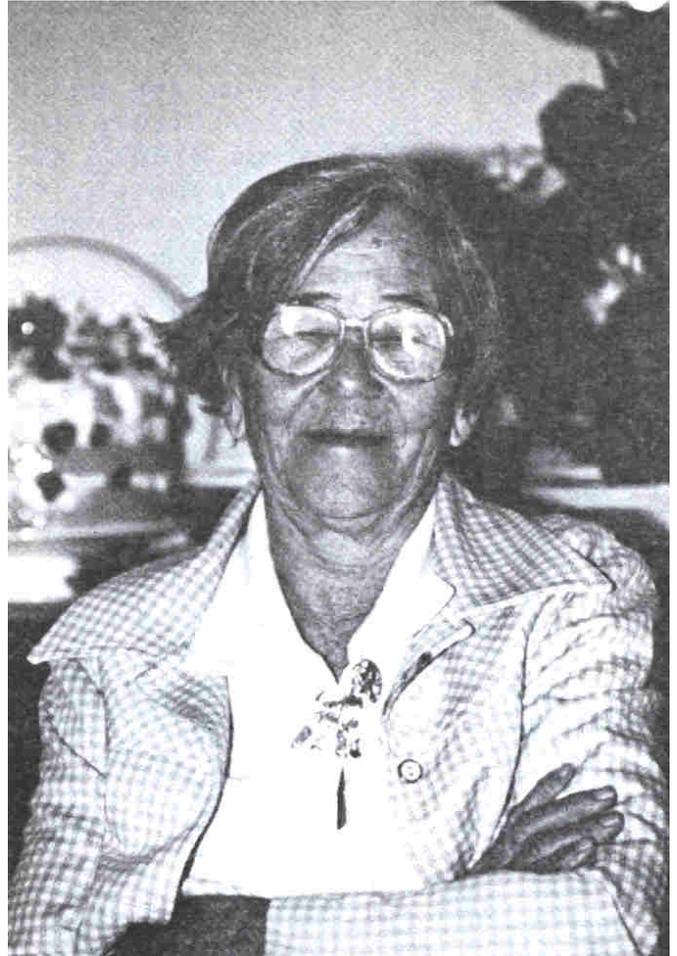
It was announced at the National Convention in Birmingham in June that Mildred Schlumpf of Houston was the 1983 winner of the American Hemerocallis Society's highest honor, the Helen Field Fischer Award. This award is given in recognition for distinguished and meritorious service rendered the Society by a member.

The Helen Field Fischer Award was first given in 1950, and since that time only four others from Region 6 have won this award. Mildred joins the ranks of some prestigious people. The other four were:

- Hugh M. Russell 1957
- Lula Mae Purnell 1966
- Bertie Ferris 1970
- Edna Lankart 1976

Mildred served on the National Board for six years as the Slide Custodian. In 1970, she established the Robert Way Schlumpf Award in memory of her late husband, who was a fine photographer. She gives two silver trays each year to the winners of the best slide for an individual daylily bloom and the best slide for a landscape featuring daylilies. All entries become the property of the National Slide Library. The slide of the individual bloom must be of a cultivar registered within the last six years, and in this way the slide library is updated with slides of the newer daylilies.

Mildred still photographs daylilies and sends slides to Mr. Paul Botting, the current Slide Custodian. She is also the Official Photographer for the National Journal, covering Region 6 and Louisiana.



Ury and Elna Winniford
"Now when Elna and I first married...."

URY WINNIFORD WINS BERTRAND FARR AWARD
Joyce Lewis

This year's recipient of the coveted Bertrand Farr Medal, announced at the National Convention in Birmingham, is our own Ury G. Winniford of Dallas. This Medal is awarded by the American Hemerocallis Society to one person each year as "A distinguished honor for members who have attained outstanding results in the field of hybridizing." Mr. Winniford becomes the third recipient from Region 6 since the first award was presented in 1950, the others being Hugh M. Russell in 1958, and Lucille Williamson in 1978.

As a tribute to Ury and his wife, Elna, who shares side by side in the Winniford's hybridizing endeavors, we would like to quote from a few of the many comments in letters your RVP has received since the National Convention.

MAYBELLE DODD - In the current issue of the Journal, President Ned Irish mentions a hybridizer whose introductions were all planted in the same bed in a tour garden and most of them proved to be alike except for minor variations.

This could never in the world happen to Ury Winniford. He has produced outstanding cultivars in both diploids and tetraploids; all sizes from miniature to giant; colors from almost black through red,

orange, yellow, pink, lavender, etc. to near-white. His BERTIE FERRIS has proven of such value in breeding that it would assure him permanent status even if he had quit there and achieved nothing else. Congratulations, Ury. The Bertrand Farr Medal was never more richly deserved.

RUTH RATLIFF - Ury Winniford - "Mr. Daylily." A man of patience, kindness, and a temper, too. I am glad to be in his world. It is surrounded with beautiful daylilies. He is one of the most generous persons I have ever known. He always takes time to answer questions. (I know sometimes he must think they are pretty dumb.) Thanks for being my friend, Ury.

PATSY LEPPER - Everyone was going crazy over Mr. Winniford's new introduction, BERTIE FERRIS! This was my first Region 6 Meeting and I was so excited just being there! Someone introduced me to Ury and he told me he was giving ME a plant of BERTIE FERRIS. I was shocked and felt like a kid at Christmas! So, because of Ury, I started my daylily life off with a bang, and I know he has helped a lot of other beginners get a good start in the daylily world.

GERTRUDE LANHAM - The first time I met Ury and Elna Winniford was on a chartered bus to the National Convention. Ury was always telling jokes and how we laughed! His singing, though, was enjoyable, too. I remember Karen Metzger said, "Please sing more - I know there is more!," when he stopped after the first verse of some song.

I have enjoyed the fellowship of Ury and Elna on many occasions, but, of course, his skill at hybridizing gorgeous daylilies gives us all a big thrill when we walk into his garden at bloom time. What a treat!

PATSY KYSER - Jim and I still consider ourselves novices in the daylily area, but with friends like Ury Winniford helping us we have the possibility to come up with some beautiful flowers. He is a caring person and wants to see young people active in the AHS and in hybridizing. He wants to see that daylilies will continue to produce new colors and types. He has taught us techniques of hybridizing, storing pollen, and things most people take for granted.

Yes, Mr. Winniford is a patient man. He takes so much precious time to show us which type of flowers are the best to work with to produce certain desired results. He is a generous man in giving much of his time and care to the Local Society and the Region, always ready and willing to donate plants for the auction, bus fund, or sale.

Mr. Winniford is a special person to us, and Jim and I are both so proud to have daylilies named for us that he hybridized. Maybe Judith will be remembered, too.

We are all proud to be part of Ury's daylily family!

Yes, Ury we are proud of you and Elna - your creations are represented in most every garden where daylilies are grown. Congratulations from all of us in Region 6 for a most deserved recognition.

**EDNA LANKART
RECEIVES REGION 6 SERVICE AWARD
Rodger Croker**

We in Region 6 were delighted about the recognition given to our own Edna Lankart as she was awarded the Regional Service Medal this year.

Through the years she has traveled, spoken, encouraged, and promoted our favorite flower. She has written probably more copy for the Newsletters and Journals than nearly any other individual. In fact, neither publication seems to be quite intact without a sample of her keen wit and knowledge.

In the 1960s she served as RVP for three years and then RPD for five. For six years she was on the National Board where she was First Vice-President and in charge of the RVPs.

Being a photographer of note, she has won the Schlumpf Award four times, and in 1976 Edna was awarded the Helen Field Fischer Award for outstanding service.

She is a life member of AHS, Exhibition Judge, and an Awards and Honors Judge, and has conducted many Clinics on both Regional and National levels.

Miles traveled, time spent, hours shared with daylily friends coast to coast, lengthy telephone conversations, laughter, fun, wit, and enthusiasm - these epitomize Edna Lankart and justify for her another honor so deservedly bestowed upon her.

Editor's Note - Your RVP would like to add that Edna has had seven daylilies named after her, and this must be a record.





**NELSON WARD WINS
OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD
Patsy Lepper**

Congratulations to Nelson Ward for earning the Outstanding Youth Award for 1983! And THANKS goes to so many of you for contributing to the award. Because of your generosity (\$200) we had a lot of excitement going! Way to go Region 6!!

Thanks also to Albuquerque for hosting the Region 6 Meeting in such a youth oriented place. The indoor pool, saunas, whirlpool, weight room, game room, theater, shopping mall, restaurants, and tennis courts all within a couple of blocks to the hotel are just what young people go for. After a long day visiting gardens, we "oldies" just can't wait to get back to the hotel room but these kids are ready for "something to do," and you provided it all!!

Youth members attending the Regional Meeting were Gerald Boudreaux, Jenice Lepper, Wesley Lepper, and Jeff Roberson, along with Jimmy

Hammel, Judith Kyser, and Jill Roberson, who joined AHS during the Meeting. We are all looking forward to seeing what fun things we will find in San Antonio in 1984.

We also have Amy Sullivan of Marshall, and Brian and Todd Sperry of McKinney joining our Youth Group. Altogether we now have sixteen Youth Members, which we think is outstanding. Wouldn't it be great if we could all meet in San Antonio next May - Go for it!

YOUTH SOUND OFF

When I first became aware that I had been chosen as this year's "Outstanding Youth," I was extremely excited. I felt honored and privileged to receive such a title. Even as I write, I cannot totally believe that I was chosen, because if I were given the opportunity to chose one person from Region 6 whom I most admired, I would never be able to make that decision, for I admire each and every one of you equally. Thank you, so very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Nelson Ward



**YOUTH GROUP
SUPPLEMENTS DONATIONS
TO YOUTH AWARD**

Manning a "Buy a chance" booth for a drawing of the new daylily, ALBUQUERQUE (Lewis), at the registration table of the Regional Meeting, the Youth Group was able to add \$100 to the \$100 which had already been donated toward the Outstanding Youth Award, bringing the cash award to \$200.

Mrs. Jack (Jo) Roberson of The Woodlands, Texas was the lucky winner.

Inez Tarrant buying a \$1.00 chance on the new introduction that Joyce Lewis has named ALBUQUERQUE. Paul Offer, Grace Alexander, Patsy Lepper, and Wesley Lepper look on.

Donations for the first \$100 were received from Brazosport Daylily Society, Nell Crandall, Jo Crisp, Rodger Croker, Jewel and Vera Franklin (Sulphur, LA), Wilma LaGasse, Patsy Lepper, Mildred Schlumpf, Mildred Smith, Celestine Stratton, Inez Tarrant, and Marshall Wheeler.

Heaven knows Texans have their problems with our climate, but at least we don't have to wrap up our daylilies to bring 'em through the Winter. However, there are a few things we can do to aid our favorite plants from Fall through Spring.

Take off old foliage that has turned brown. Some think it insulates the plants and perhaps keeps them from receiving enough cold to encourage dormancy. While you have your gloves on, feel around - deep in the center there may be snails preparing to take up residence for the Winter. In some areas, we find a large round snail that is a comparatively newcomer. We suspect it nibbles on the emerging growth and perhaps the dormant crowns. We do know it comes out during mild weather and attacks any nearby companion plant. Dust a little Malathion or Diazinon into the center to combat the pest. Remember, bait will not attract snails until the temperature reaches the 70s.

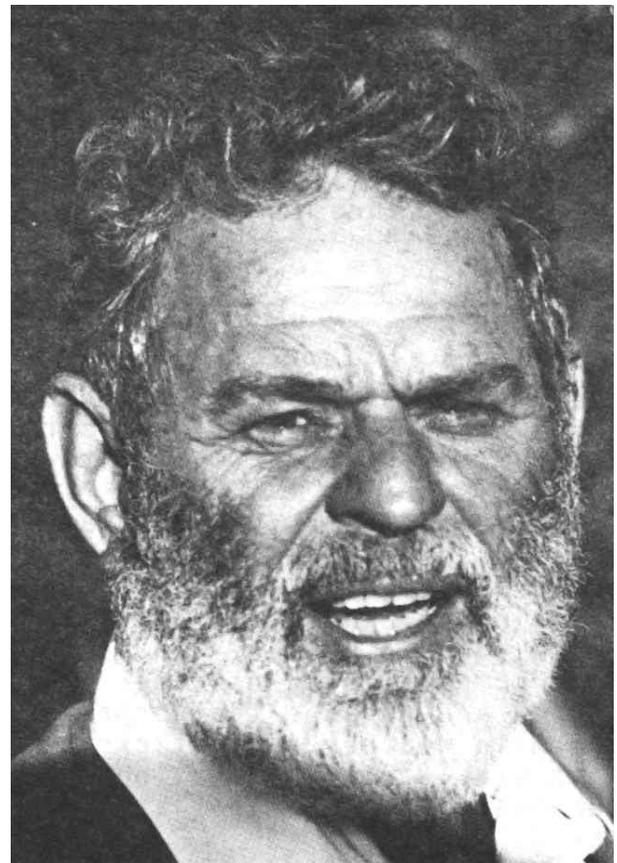
After gentle cultivation, stir in some superphosphate. This helps the plant to set buds, and since it does not become available for several months (some authorities say six months), now is the time to sprinkle it around. If you have some rich compost to cover the superphosphate, use it, but don't get so enthusiastic that you bury the crown too deeply.



Patsy Lepper, Youth Director, with children and AHS Youth members, Jenice and Wesley in Neely garden.



Judith Kyser, Region 6's youngest AHS member with her mother, Patsy, a Dallas County Deputy Sheriff



Joe Boudreaux, Jr. from Crowley, LA
" ... in love with Region 6"

A NEW SOCIETY FOR REGION 6 by Betty Roberts

July 18, 1983, proved to be a red-letter day for Albuquerque daylily lovers when a group of thirteen gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Lowenstein to organize the Albuquerque Daylily Society.

The Roberts twins practiced their recently acquired calligraphy skills in preparing nametags, while everyone took a tour of Bonnie's beautiful garden. As each person signed in, they were given a daylily from Betty Roberts' garden.

The group discussed the naming of the new group, meeting times, daylily sales, Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs membership, dues, and a flower show already scheduled for July 7, 1984.

The newly elected officers are as follows:

President - Betty Roberts

Vice-President - Bonnie Lowenstein

Secretary - Christine Kavanaugh

Treasurer - Faye Detry

Council Representative - Lila Pariza

Plant Chairman- Kathryn Neely

Mint lemonade and brownies made by the twins and cheese straws prepared by Bonnie were served following the business session. All remaining daylilies were distributed, and the group became acquainted as there were people in attendance who were not members of a garden group. Surprisingly, not everyone knew each other, but as with all daylily enthusiasts, this was a congenial and enthusiastic group. Excitement ran high for the future!

Those in attendance besides the new officers were Barbara and Ralph Carrington, Bernard Lowenstein, Harold Neely, Betty and Ellen Roberts, and L. E. "Ned" Roberts. Unable to attend but wishing to join are Stephanie Armstrong, Marcia Chown, Eileen Clifford, Pauline Gubbels, Cal Iskra, Ouida McPherson, Martha Odins, Ouida Peters, Virginia Romero, Pat Turner, Inez Turrietta, and June Wood.

P.S. For helping to nurture us along . . .
Thank you, Joyce and Allyene Lewis!
Thank you, Bertie Ferris!
Thank you, Charlene Owen!
Thank you, Ury and Elna Winniford!

AND thank you Bill, Bobo, Clarice, Inez, Nell, Peggy, Rodger, and all you other wonderful people in Region 6 who helped inspire us to organize through your generosity, enthusiasm, and dedication to the daylily!



ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

Bonnie Lowenstein, Vice-President
Betty Roberts, President
Faye Detry, Treasurer
Chris Kavanaugh, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP ACQUISITION - ALBUQUERQUE STYLE

Joyce Lewis

The norm, after hosting a successful meeting, is to sit down, relax, reflect in the praises of others, and say "We did it!" Not so with the group in Albuquerque - even before we left the meeting we heard rumors of organizing a Local Society that could offer membership to everyone interested in the daylily.

Sixteen days after the Regional Meeting, the Albuquerque Daylily Society was born. Within a month they have already had a daylily sale (netted over \$300) through the courtesy of Stromberg's, a Winrock Center merchant who sponsors Community days whereby groups are provided space in their store for promotion of activities, sales, or what have you. A daylily exhibit was manned for two days by different members at the Master Gardeners Fair at the Garden Center promoting membership acquisition, and the last report we have was already above the 30 mark.

I hesitate to predict a population explosion for AHS in New Mexico within a short time, but that is what is appearing more clearly in the old "crystal ball." The rest of us in Region 6 wish to congratulate you, Albuquerque, on your accomplishments - we are watching you and taking notes, your enthusiasm just may become a part of us and give us the incentive to get to work ourselves



Betty Roberts flanked by twin daughters, Ellen and Betty, at Master Gardeners Fair

Lower display reads:

"No, Hemerocallis is not a contagious disease; it's a Daylily. You can learn more about this amazingly prolific perennial when you join the newly organized Albuquerque Daylily Society."

For more information call Betty Roberts at 298-1294

ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

HOW EXCITING
Patsy Kyser

How exciting! Jim's, Judith's, and my second Region 6 Meeting and this one in Albuquerque! Judith has looked forward to this trip on the Big Bus for a year (and so has Mommy!)

We got to know so many people of Region 6 so much better and really enjoy everyone.

The side trips made the bus trip even more pleasurable. Billy the Kid's Grave and the Palo Duro Canyon added some history to our trip. The Albuquerque flea market was another fun filled event.

Of course, the real joy of going to Albuquerque was the show and the gardens. I couldn't believe the beauty and the greenery in the yards we had seen. Several years ago I thought there wasn't even grass growing in New Mexico!

All in all, it was a real nice trip! The banquet was really good, the tram was neat, and the luncheon was great! Judith did really good in Old Town; 4 bracelets, 2 necklaces, 2 rings, and a dress.

"Judith, dear, no you can't bring home the Alamo! (even though grand-mommy would try to buy it for you if you wanted it)."

San Antonio, Here We Come! See ya in 1984!

LOVE NOTE TO ALBUQUERQUE
Elaine Boudreaux

I just want the 14 Albuquerque Meeting Chairmen, the women in charge of the daylily sale, and the Garden Hostesses: La Noche, Petal Pushers, and Uptown Garden Clubs to know:

Never has a better or more gracious Regional been hosted. The garden tours, flower show, banquet, and plant auction were great. Also, a big thanks to all the husbands and family members I feel sure helped to make the Regional such a success.

The six of us in Albuquerque, NM, from Louisiana, who by National headcount are considered Region 13 members, are actually members of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society and consider ourselves Region 6 members, Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society being the nearest to us, and others from Sulphur and Lake Charles, LA. National and Region 13 may claim us, but our hearts belong to Region 6 (and we are registered as members in the Gulf Coast yearbooks).

To our many good friends in Albuquerque, NM, thank you for a most gracious and enjoyable meeting from start to finish. We love you and look forward to seeing you in San Antonio, TX, in 1984

EXPERIENCE - BUS TRIP

I was wandering down N.W. Hwy and came upon this bus that said "Chartered." I always wondered where "Chartered" was. I got on the bus for a closer look; since they didn't ask for a ticket, I just had a seat. Well, there was a group of folks got on that bus and it started off. They were all talking about going to "Al be kirk kee." So I thought that sounds pretty good. So I just keep my seat and keep on riding. Out about Fort Worth they started passing out rolls and coffee. Then I heard all this talk about "Hem Nuts." From what I could see, there was a lot of "She Nuts" and couple of "Kid Nuts," too. I figured that they must be a pretty good group, so I just sat there enjoying the passing countryside plus all the chatter. Here came a lady passing out goodies. One goodie passer didn't get seated until another goodie passer was up and down the aisle with more treats. One thing for sure these folks ain't "dieters." Then about noon that big bus pulled off the road and everyone started spreading food on a table long side the road. You ain't never seen so much to eat; and it wasn't Thanksgiving or Christmas. I am liking these folks more all the time. We get over into New Mexico before dark. They have another feast before bedtime. Still haven't really figured out this nut business cept they sure eat a lot.

Next day we head West again. Stopped off to eyeball Ole Billy The Kid's resting place. It has a cell around it so he will feel right at home. Nice of these folks to think of that. Lots of pretty cactus in bloom along the way. More eating and riding. We come to "Al be kirk kee." We pull up to the "Big Hotel," really uptown and "floozy." Then they take us to a Garden Center for a flower show. Well, at last, I have found that these are a group of Daylily Folk. Nice show and beautiful arrangements.

Then they take us out to this big ole mountain. We all get into this cage and they pull us up that big pile of rocks. It was so high the Ravens were soaring beneath us. On top, there was a high class cafe. And I'll tell you it was some good food. The next day we rode buses to look at dayilies. We visited three lovely gardens. The flowers were beautiful and the folks were all so friendly. They didn't mind all those bus folks tromping around in their gardens. More food and drink. Then a luncheon stop at an interesting place named "El Pinto." More good food. A slide show set to music, now that was a real treat.

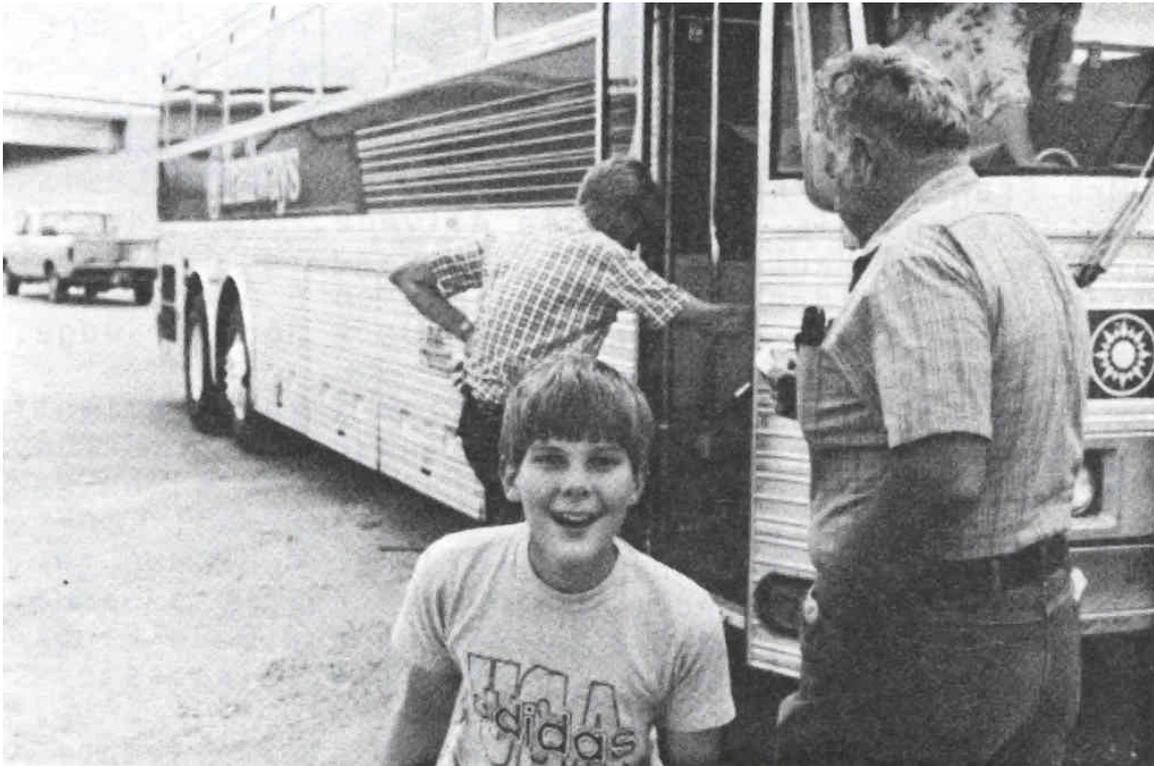
Then we either went to a Judges Clinic or Old Town. Since I didn't want to see no sick Judges at a clinic, I went to Old Town. And it is an Old Town with Old Buildings and Old Indians sitting around selling new beads and bangles. It was an experience and a nice one.

Saturday night came and we all went to a Banquet. They served a nice meal and everyone ate and ate. Then they said to stick around for the fun. They had some people make a few speaks. Then two clowns got up there and started talking about these exciting daylilies. So folks started yelling out numbers and raising their hands in the air. It looked like so much fun, I joined right in.

Some folks take this real serious. I finally out-yelled and counted higher than some of them a couple times. Brought those pretty plants home, potted them, and they are on the way. .One likes me so good it is getting ready to bloom.

Next day we had to start back home. Won't bore you with the eating and stopping on the way back. It was a fun time. If I can find Ole "Charter Bus" again, I will probably get right on. Who can't use a few more pounds? By the way "Charter" must be N.W., that's where we ended up.

Editor's Note - I received this note with no name, no return address, no "nuthen," and the postmark was blurred. It is our policy to not print unsigned material, but we seldom adhere to policy anyway - what the heck!



Jimmy Hammel, AHS Youth member, along with Morgan Tittle, and his dad, Al Hammel., board the bus



I tried it and I liked it!!

**MOTHER GREYHOUND #8877 & HER PUPS
WITH THE GULF COAST HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY MAKE
NATIONAL MEETING IN BIRMINGHAM A SEVEN DAY TOUR
by Joe Boudreaux, Jr., Sulphur, LA**

At the crack of dawn on Wednesday, June 8, 1983, Mother Greyhound #8877 departed Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Bridge City, with a delegation of Texas and Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society members, with driver John D. Roberts in command. After a brief port call at the Holiday Inn in Sulphur, Louisiana, to pick up the Louisiana contingent of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Club, a prayer asking for divine guidance and protection during the trip was led by Capt. Joe Boudreaux, US Navy, Retired. Then the entire group headed for the 37th Annual Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society in Birmingham, Alabama. Tagging along behind was the car of Eddie and Mary Gage, who also joined the caravan in Sulphur. The bus was loaded with Texas Daylily VIPs. Some of the VIPs aboard were Mrs. Ann Marks, President, Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Club; Allie Swafford, Vice President; Mrs. Francis Burkhart, Treasurer; Mr. Joyce Lewis, Region 6 Vice President and his lovely wife Allyene; Mrs. Inez Young; Mrs. Inez Tarrant; Mrs. Mable Nelson; Bobo Faggard; Clarice Foster; Mrs. Anna Rosa Glidden; and Mildred Smith, all Region 6 Awards & Honors Judges, and Mr. Marvin Granger, Region 13 Awards & Honors Judge.

The first stop on our journey after a most delightful morning drive, was at the Carriage House Restaurant in colorful Natchez, Mississippi. A delicious lunch of Southern Fried Chicken or Baked Ham with hot biscuits and all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. After a brief walking tour of the gift shop and gardens about the restaurant and home, our journey continued. Again the bus group was continuously entertained by the antics of Joe Boudreaux and Bobo Faggard as we journeyed to No Mistake Plantation in Satartia, Mississippi.

At No Mistake Plantation we were first greeted by the flock of Canadian Geese who make their home on the lovely two acre pond on the plantation. Then as we all departed the bus, Ethyl Smith, owner, and Earl Barfield, her nephew, who live in a beautiful reconstructed log cabin on the plantation adjacent to the majestic main house, were on hand to extend their cordial Southern welcome. Happy Hour had already started when our bus arrived so liquid refreshments were immediately served to all. After a delightful tour of the beautiful gardens filled with many named cultivars and a large number of their own seedlings, we were treated to a tremendous buffet supper on the grounds. This spread of food had about everything a body could ask for from barbecued chicken to finger sandwiches. This was Southern eating at its best and the huge dessert table prepared by some of Ethyl's friends was a culinary work of art.

Several other Gulf Coast and Texas groups had arrived at No Mistake Plantation earlier by their own private vehicles and these joined the caravan as we departed. Edgar and Betty Brown and Edna Lankart were in Brown's motor home and Mildred Schlumpf and Nell Crandall were in Mildred's car.

After the delightful time at No Mistake Plantation, Mother Greyhound with her pups (Gages & Schlumpf) continued to the Days Inn in Jackson, Mississippi. The Inn was a little evasive but it was finally located after several wrong turns on the freeway.

After a few hours of wonderful fellowship and a very restful night's sleep, all the group met Mother Greyhound and was led in their morning prayer by Joe Boudreaux before journeying to the lovely home of Mynelle Hayward in Jackson, Mississippi. Here we saw a very dainty but complete daylily garden. It even contained a small, well planted Goldfish pond. We saw many well grown cultivars from top hybridizers as well as many lovely seedlings of Mynelle's. We enjoyed a light breakfast of juice and coffee with sweet rolls, doughnuts, and coffee-cake, as well as the delightful company of our hostess and her lovely daughter.

From Mynelle's garden, Mr. Earl Barfield led the way in his auto to the garden of Rose and Newell Howell at 5229 Popular Springs Road in Meridian, Mississippi. This beautiful garden sits on the side of several rolling hills. The daylily plantings consisted of many well-known cultivars and were complimented by companion plantings of Hosta, Daisies, Hydrangeas, Impatiens, Ferns, and other varieties that blended in well with the colorful daylilies. A most satisfying lunch was served under the beautiful Oaks on the grounds, and good fellowship was enjoyed by all who were present.

At this point Mother Greyhound and her caravan of pups, increasing as we progressed on our way, made our way to Birmingham and checked into the Hyatt Hotel and the headquarters of the 37th Annual Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society.

Thursday evening, June 9, 1983, an extensive slide show of new introductions from a number of well-known hybridizers was enjoyed by a capacity crowd.

On Friday, June 10, 1983, garden tours started at 8 o'clock in the morning. A delightful lunch was served at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens Auditorium. We toured the beautiful Langdon Garden, Wallace Bullock Garden, and Birmingham Botanical Garden. Friday afternoon an excellent program was presented by the Scientific Forum and the Chairman of the Round Robin section. This was followed by the annual Business Meeting of the Convention and the President's Banquet.

Starting early again Saturday, June 11, 1983, the garden tours were continued with the group stopping for a delightful luncheon at the Birmingham Celebrity Dinner Theater. The gardens toured this day were the Bonnie Burns garden, San Jamar gardens of Roy Scott and Jack McRee, and the Francis Watkins garden. Francis' plantings consisted almost entirely of miniatures and small flowers and was a delight to see.

Saturday evening the Youth Group met and our Gulf Coast Club was ably represented by Gerald Boudreaux and Eddie George, Jr. That night the Awards and Honors Banquet was held. Since the awards will be amply publicized in the National Journal, I won't list them here.

The Banquet was followed by a very active plant auction and it was at this point that our members started what was to later become a bus full of daylilies.

Sunday morning, June 12, 1983, everyone checked out of the hotel early and the morning prayer was led by Joe Boudreaux, Jr., who also presented a mini-sermon on God's Love. Dan Tau and John Yonski joined the caravan at this point as we journeyed to Laverne, AL, and the lovely garden of Hugh and Sara Sikes. This garden was well-planted and reflected much love and tender care. Hugh drove into town and picked up fried chicken box lunches and cold drinks for all to enjoy on their large shaded patio. Mother Greyhound started weaning pups at this point as several went their own way while we traveled to Flomation, AL.

At Flomation we visited the large garden of Dan and Cody Wedgeworth. While their garden was only three years old, it was beautifully done and contained many new cultivars and loads of their own cultivars that put on a breathtaking display of color on the side of a rolling hill. After enjoying refreshments in the shade of the garden the group made their way to Hem Haven, Fairhope, AL. We walked down the quarter-mile lane to the garden as John eased Mother Greyhound through a narrow tree-studded lane to the parking area in front of the house. Here we all enjoyed an excellent old garden, under new ownership of Dr. and Mrs. John Falck. Again our members madly bought many cultivars to be added to the already cascading numbers on the overhead racks of the bus. After this leisure stop we made our way to the Days Inn in Mobile, AL.

This evening John bused us into Mobile where we had supper at Randolph's Seafood Hut. Randolph's specialized in a style of cuisine unique to the Gulf Coast, called Dauphin Island cooking. Randy Collier, the owner, has taken family recipes and added his own touches to the steamed platters. I was born and raised on the Gulf Coast and I have eaten in a lot of places there but I have never eaten in a better one. If you don't believe me just ask Joyce and his wife, Allyene, or any of the rest of the group that enjoyed the evening there.

Early Monday morning Charles Pierce met the bus at the Days Inn and after prayer, led us to the gardens of he and his wife at 2369 East Road, Mobile, AL. Here we saw FAIRY TALE PINK growing at its best and I think we just about bought him out before the bus continued on its merry way. Another pup was weaned as the Gages left.

Our next stop was Prairieville, LA, where we visited the garden of Lee Gates. Here we saw many of the best tetraploids growing. Fact is Lee grows nothing but the finest tetraploids. After enjoying refreshments with Lee we started the last leg of our journey home and the end of one of the most enjoyable weeks of touring it has been my good fortune to take.

At this point in our travels, Joe Boudreaux got the attention of the group and then proceeded to present VISUAL PLEASURE, a beautiful purple tetraploid from the garden of Lee Gates. Mable had admired it in Lee's garden during the Region 13 Meeting earlier so I knew she wanted it. It had been purchased during the tour to be presented by the group in appreciation of all the hours of hard work she had put in to schedule a flawless trip. The entire trip from start to finish was a tremendous success. We then had a plant drawing from which everyone on the bus got at least one good cultivar for their garden. As we approached Sulphur, and the first stop on the end of our trip, everyone was in agreement that it truly had been a very special and wonderful daylily week and all felt a little sadness to see it coming to an end.

RAMBLING THOUGHTS
Edna Lankart

It's unhappy time again as the daylilies are dwindling down to a very few. No matter how often I water, I still have very few repeat bloomers. I know my problem, but refuse to do anything about it - it is my belief that I must load down the best daylilies with seed pods, even though I know they will sap the plant and I will have less bloom the following year, but I refuse to remember this when it is crossing time. You would think many of those that aren't good enough to cross would at least repeat, so maybe my thoughts on this are not true. With all the rain, everyone should have had a good season but maybe some had too much - like I used to say, "Into each life some rain must fall, but who needs floods."

Before bloom season much of my foliage grew so large that I thought I might have a bumper corn crop. Guess some got more fertilizer than usual. If the blooms had lived up to the foliage size, I should have had some jolly giants, but actually they just grew taller. I remember years ago when someone described one as being a 12" bloom. It is still my opinion that they measured around the bloom instead of across it. That does make for giant blooms so if things don't change, I may start measuring mine like that.

Visiting the Gulf Coast area was my "trial run" to see how much walking I could do after the years I had spent sitting or in bed mostly. I made it fairly well, but was drawn to seats in the shade more often than I used to. Having come through this one, I decided I would try for the Birmingham National, but

there is no way I would have gone if Betty and Edgar Brown hadn't asked me to go with them in their super motor home - that's the way to go! I will be forever grateful to them for making it possible, but I had forgotten that some of the gardens called for a bit of mountain climbing. I was so thankful that my garden is flat as a pancake, as I could not talk myself into that every day, so there might be a lot less seed pods set. When I started huffing and puffing, I located a seat in a shady spot and an overall view of the gardens and talked to nice daylily folks, and aren't there a lot of them!

Our first stop and headquarters was with Betty and Edgar at Orange, and what a pleasure that always is. It is mind boggling to walk into this huge garden and try to decide where to start. I had rolls of 36 in each camera, but let me advise you not to get 200 speed film as it is too bright to get a reading when one usually takes pictures. I can remember how a daylily looks if I have slides, but wouldn't you know that my first roll was put in the camera wrong - by "experts" at our local camera shop and not a single slide came out. This being the case I must rely on my memory of this large garden and that is not all that good. I am thankful that the other camera was okay. But some of the best were in the other camera. Betty had so many doubles that were very good and it was hard to decide which was best. I did like one that was numbered and marked "Edna's Cross." How come I can hybridize better down there? Anyhow, I do think her DOUBLE BREAKTHROUGH is an all time great that will be hard to beat. It is larger and has wider segments than most doubles. It is a dusty rose and is very creped. This is a must for all serious double hybridizers. Others are coming up with good doubles, but not as many, as Betty has large areas of them and crosses the best doubles with the fullest and best singles. It is a long road to go, but this was the best way to get full doubles. I do not have the patience to hybridize for good doubles as they are the hardest to come by.

Edgar had some very good red tetraploids and other colors also, but the red caught my eye. I have a slide of his T 12-81 that looks real good, but I may have had better in my ruined roll. I must tell you though that I had a large very good red that I thought was a diploid, but after using all diploid pollen, not one pod set, so I am beginning to think I may have a good tetraploid. It was moved from back seedling patch and I just put on one of our old and numbered heavy rubber cow identification tags, so I guess I forgot to put a "T" on it. Anyhow, you tetraploid breeders better watch out for me. Ho Hum! It seems Edgar had more new - to me - red tetraploids that looked very good and of course his golds are great. His all time great has to be SHOCKWAVE. This will be hard to top as it has everything. The light gold blooms are large, full wide segments with good branching. It is repeating in my garden now in the last days of August. A must have for tetraploid hybridizers.

In diploids their MERRY MIST caught my attention as it is a real beauty. I must have liked it as I kept going back to get another picture of it. It is a large full bloom of maybe a lilac pink with a large center of cream going into a green throat. This large daylily makes a lovely clump and is sheer perfection to me. They had three large, very fat, in different shades of light gold and nearly a half inch of ruffling bordering each segment - it was hard to choose the best. Guess what? Edgar is threatening to name one FAT EDNA - that is why I hasten to say it is the daylilies that are FAT. I can't forget SLADE BROWN, a 9" chartreuse that is a real shocker. Blooms get larger as the clump increases. One parent is ESTELLE WHITMIRE which has been a very good parent. One thing that was interesting to me was a comparison of Brown's PURPLE PIXIE and Dove's SUGAR TIME. They were very similar in color and size but maybe SUGAR TIME will increase in size with age.

The next day a bus load of very nice folks from the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society came by to view the Brown's garden. What fun to see so many old friends again and to receive so many friendly hugs. Real nice folks. We then went to Lucille Williamson's garden for dinner on the grounds and another tour. A new for me was stuffed plover eggs - I think. Real cute. I went on a tour of Lucille's garden where she had very good named daylilies from all over. I know I missed a lot as Lucy usually tells you what is the best and she was digging seedlings as fast as she could. They love to buy the

pretty seedlings and Lucy had them. I noticed three "real doozies," but they were not numbered. I hope she kept them. From here we went a short distance to Maggie Sheffield's and it was good to see her again. She has row after row of good daylilies and it was again a paradise for those wanting plants so Maggie too was busy digging. By this time it was some hot and I wondered how one could tell when they had a heat stroke. I saw one I really liked and asked Maggie if I could buy it. She dug me a small clump and refused pay "because we had been friends for so long. See why I love these Gulf Coast folks so much. I thank you again Maggie for being so generous to an old friend. We saw MAGGIE SHEFFIELD (Williamson) and is it ever a beautiful miniature. If you don't have it - get it. Later we congregated in the shade as Maggie had dug a lot of plants for a drawing. So ends another perfect day.

I must tell you a bit more - Lucille's cute bright light red miniature LITTLE TEXAS FLAME is still blooming for me at home. About 12-14" tall and has grand branching. You will like this one. At home I had a long bed bordered in LITTLE GRAPETTE and up close it was a show, but at a distance, purple does not carry well. Another border of her GREEN FLUTTER could be seen at a distance. I now have enough RED RUM (Pittard) and my LITTLE FAT DAZZLER - Also Edgar's very large brilliant gold tetraploid which would be great in the background, only I do not have room up front or in the back unless I do a lot of juggling.

The next day we went to the plant sale and flower show in a large mall. Never have I seen so many good plants for sale. I am happy that Curtis, the Brown's gardener, took all of their plants over early. Since there was a car load of plants, we could never have managed to get there with them in time. This club raised so much money that they were able to charter a bus and took a load of members to the National free of charge. How about that? I'm sure someone else will write about their flower show - it was a real nice show.

I had one problem down there - the boy that works for me drove me down there and everywhere we went everyone would ask who the good looking boy was. Let me say that it never pays to tell them these things or they will think they were meant for better things - like the movies maybe. Anyhow, on the way home he casually mentions to me, "Since I am so good looking, I may take off for awhile and just have fun." Glad to notice it wasn't long before his head had gone back to its normal size again. He has worked real hard and I may have the best manicured yard in Texas, and this isn't easy as I have every known weed and insect. All of the red spider mite foliage is cut off to around 10 inches and burned. That's one way to get rid of them for awhile. Beds are all weeded, chopped up, watered, and sprayed with Treflan. I guess I must have fertilized more and we had more rain as foliage was better and many blooms looked better than they ever had. In fact I hardly recognized them.

Having this large foliage reminds me of a long row of tomatoes I planted years ago at Waco. They looked great and soon I had to get the farm workers to put up about four foot poles to tie them on. They grew and grew clear to the top and not one tomato did I see. I was so aggravated that I had them all removed - plants and stakes, and never planted another tomato. When I get fed up, I get fed up! I think now they must have had too much nitrogen, which would give large plants but nothing else. They put all their strength into growing, so won't produce! I think this may be true of daylilies, also. I had a short visit at home and had pretty good bloom by then, so I went around madly hybridizing. Now that I am gathering seed I hate myself. It was soon time for Betty and Edgar to arrive. I'm sure my seedlings didn't look all that good to them after seeing their own, but by this time I had about forgotten how great theirs were and mine were looking good to me. Next morning we were off on our way to Birmingham by way of Ethel Smith's garden at No Mistake Plantation in Mississippi. This is as much fun as a Regional Meeting, as the bus load of jolly Texans were there. We were all rushing around in this large garden, afraid we would miss something. After awhile my back and ribs were wishing I had Ethel's golf cart to view them from. Yes, Ethel does this - isn't that class? This is out for

me, as with all my trees, I would have a head-on the first day out. After this we were all ready for the delicious catered meal that was served on the grounds. Ethel and Earl sure know how to do it up right. Let me tell you that Ethel has some very good seedlings, one is being named YAZOO LIME FIZZ (Smith 82-157) and the other is a very pretty double named MYNELLE (Smith 82-350). I must get real busy as I can't afford to let her get too far ahead and she already has a good head start.

Imagine when I woke up the next morning, Ethel said someone had stolen her car that was parked in front of her house. What a revolting development that was! Now that would really make me mad. Shortly after Betty, Edgar, and I headed toward Birmingham and we arrived early, due to my good job as navigator. All in all it was a jolly season. I wish you had all been with us, if for nothing else than to bid on some of the plants I was successful in bidding on. That Bobo could get \$10 for old KWANSO.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1984 Region 6 Meeting - San Antonio, May 11-12
1984 National Convention - Orlando, FL, May 17-19

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR RPD
by Nell Crandall**

This message is about BEING PREPARED. More specifically, it is about BEING PREPARED for a Flower Show.

Two years ago, I decided to try to compete with Inez Tarrant and Anna Rosa Glidden. One of these ladies usually comes away from our Houston shows with all the top awards. So I found out how many entry cards they took, and I asked for the same number.

The night before the show, I was out trying to find some tall bottles and cartons, so I could carry all my scapes to the show. I will never forget the looks on the clerks in the grocery stores and 7-11s when I asked if I could buy some EMPTY bottles, preferably tall and preferably in a wooden case. They looked at me as though I had lost my mind, and I wondered before I got home that night if I really and truly had.

I did get the bottles finally, and I did get a number of blue ribbons, but I still came in THIRD. The year of 1983 was to be different. I saved all tall non-returnable bottles for months. The lady at a friendly liquor store let me have several really sturdy cardboard cartons with dividers so that the bottles wouldn't hit against each other. I came home and covered these cartons with contact paper so it wouldn't look as though I were advertising liquor.

There was a piece of countertop left over from a kitchen remodeling job that was perfect to put on the back seat of the car to put the cartons on. It was perfect, except it angled up about 30 degrees. So I stuffed newspapers under the back side, and put large plant containers plus an old Sears catalog and some magazines under the side that hung over the space between the front and back seats. Then I took the rubberized mats off the car floor and put on the countertop, so nothing would slide. I tried out my cartons on the mats, and they were steady as a ROCK!

Thursday before our show scheduled for Saturday, I cased the yard, figured out which blooms would likely be ready, came in and started typing out my entry cards, looked up all the hybridizers, etc. This year I was going to BE PREPARED.

About 2:30 a.m. on Friday, a front moved through Houston with driving rains and winds. A tornado touched down and damaged the mall where our show was to be held. The mall was closed for repairs, and our flower show was cancelled.

So instead of entering the flower show and winning Sweepstakes, I spent Saturday unloading the back seat of the car and putting my cartons of bottles in the attic.

There is always 1984! And I'm going to BE PREPARED.

GUEST PLANTS FOR 1985 REGIONAL

Mable Nelson has announced that the Malcolm Collie "Hemmie" and Annie T. Giles Region 6 Award beds for the 1985 Region 6 Meeting will be in her garden, which is in shape and ready for plants anytime after September 15, 1983. Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society is hosting the Meeting. Send "guest" plants to:

Mrs. Louis A. Nelson, Jr.
4444 Griffing Drive
Port Arthur, TX 77640

The Malcolm Collie or "Hemmie" Award, goes to a Region 6 hybridizer (other than a member of the host Society) for the best numbered or named unintroducted cultivar as voted by those in attendance.

The Annie T. Giles Award, goes to a Region 6 hybridizer who is a member of the host Society for the best numbered or named unintroducted cultivar as voted by those in attendance.

In both cases the cultivar may be large or small flowered or a miniature. It is suggested to the host Societies to have all "Hemmie" entries together in a special bed for viewing and judging. This is also preferred in regards to the Annie T. Giles Award so all hybridizers of the host Society may enter, but if not practical, eligible cultivars should be well marked in each tour garden.

**1984 REGION 6 MEETING
Margaret Kane**

Buy a bright red pen to encircle May 11th and 12th as soon as the first 1984 calendar arrives. (I staple a note to the last page of the current calendar so the dates can be entered before the new calendar is hung).

These dates represent the first Regional Meeting ever held in San Antonio - hopefully it will be as outstanding as those enjoyed in other cities.

The meeting place -The Sheraton Motor Inn, 1400 Austin Highway, San Antonio, Texas 78209, (512) 824-5371.

Present plans include touring the gardens of Lucia and Sig Bjorkman, Michael Conrad, Cora and Paul Offer, Mary Smith, and the Botanical Center. We have reserved several days of beautiful weather so members can enjoy meeting old and new friends, talking over our favorite subject, and visiting San Antonio - an All-American City.

More about the program, reservations, etc. in the 1984 Spring Newsletter.

There is still time to send "guest" plants for the gardens and "Hemmie" Award entries (unregistered seedlings or un-introduced registered cultivars of Region 6 hybridizers) for the Awards bed. Send to:

Mrs. S. D. Bjorkman
13130 Hill Forest
San Antonio, TX 78230



A break during
Albuquerque
Show

Beth Orner, B. J.
Hosking, Barbara
Sandoval, and
standing, Marie
Kellerman



Dr. Darrow and Joyce Lewis reminiscing during a tour of the Nancy Keeran Garden, Oakton, VA, 1980

In Memoriam

**Dr. George M. Darrow
Joyce Lewis**

"Bring a little girl in from the yard where she has been making mud pies, wash her face and hands, and put on her a party dress - you have a tetraploid!" I'll never forget those words for they came from George Darrow when he was singing the praises of the tetraploid over the diploid to me when I was a struggling fledgling in the world of tetraploids.

Dr. George M. Darrow died of cardiac arrest June 9, 1983, at his home in Glen Dale, MD. He was 94 years old and was Principal Horticulturist during his 46 year career with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Dr. Darrow was born in Springfield, VT. A graduate of Middlebury College, he earned a Master's Degree at Cornell University, and in 1927, a Doctorate at Johns Hopkins University.

He joined the Department of Agriculture in 1911, and during his career became one of the top small fruits experts of the world. He was one of the leading breeders of strawberries and blueberries, and helped develop varieties suitable for large-scale commercial marketing. The BLAKEMORE strawberry was one of his developments and a disease resistant strawberry cultivar was named DARROW in his honor. The DARROW blueberry, free of ringspot virus, was also named for him and the popular DARROW blackberry is being crossed with the BRAZOS in a lot of the experimental work resulting in new varieties being released by the Arkansas, Texas, and other Experiment Stations and Universities. Dr. Darrow was a Research Consultant after his retirement and helped develop the popular Rabbiteye type blueberry (crossing the native Rabbiteye of Georgia with the Northern type) that has now given the commercial blueberry a home in the acid soils of the South.

In 1954, Dr. Darrow received Agriculture's Distinguished Service Award. His book, "The Strawberry - History, Breeding, and Physiology," was published in 1966. While serving on the Board of the American Hemerocallis Society, Dr. Darrow was Co-Editor of the Daylily Handbook, a special issue on Hemerocallis, published by the American Horticultural Magazine, Spring 1968. This valued book also served as one of the Journals of the American Hemerocallis Society.

Much of Dr. Darrow's retirement time was spent in hybridizing Azaleas and daylilies. His Olallie Series are well known not only for their bloom, but for the quality of the whole plant. These will be around for years to come, because they were bred for vigor and other qualities as well as beauty. He did a lot of the early research on indeterminate flowering, now commonly referred to as "bud builders."

George Darrow has helped me through the years. We joined the Pollentema Robin the same flight and became very close friends. He sent me seeds of OLALLIE ALL SUMMER while it was still a seedling and most of my first tetraploids were from seed of his crossing. He sent a CHE, a member of the Horse-Apple, Fig, and Mulberry family, he had brought from China. I've planted and tested thornless blackberries, blueberries, and other things, through his generosity. He told me about the virtues of the Rabbit-Eye blueberry and that it should thrive in our area long before it was released by the Georgia Experiment Station. George (he shunned the Dr. title) spent his entire life helping others - every strawberry, blueberry, blackberry, or other small fruit we eat, we may not realize it, but most will have a part of his knowledge and work in its background. I am proud to have known George Darrow and to say that his life and friendship will always be a part of me.

Dr. Edith Box of Dickinson, TX, is a member of Region 6, one or four surviving children, and grows most of Dr. Darrow's daylily introductions.

SEPARATING DAYLILIES **Margaret Kane**

(Reprinted from Pots , Plots, and Plants column of the North San Antonio Times, October 21, 1981, - still very pertinent today)

Daylilies can be separated now, if necessary. Fall division gives the roots time to become reestablished before cold weather arrives, and any wounds will heal without being exposed to the numerous viruses and harmful bacteria that are so prevalent in Summer.

If the weather is unusually hot and dry, postpone the operation for a few days.

Encourage new root formation and give daylilies a firm foundation for bloom by improving the soil. Add peat moss, vermiculite, and other water-retentive materials to good garden loam.

If the ground is heavy clay, addition of coarse sand may be helpful - while daylilies can endure more moisture than most perennials, they should not become water-logged.

Addition of superphosphate (one tablespoon to a division) will spur bud production. This material dissolves slowly, feeding the plant over a long period as do the pelleted plant foods such as Mag-Amp and Osmocote that are formulated for gradual release of their nutrients.

Any plant food should be placed below the roots and covered with a layer of soil to prevent immediate contact with the new roots that will sprout soon after division.

Do not set the divisions too deep. One inch of soil over the crown (the spot where roots and stem meet) is quite sufficient. Daylilies often cease to flower when the crown is too far beneath the surface. This can occur when fresh soil is added to the flowerbed; over a period of years the daylilies get too deep.

Local nurseries often have daylilies to offer - varieties range from 2" miniatures to 8" beauties in colors from all tints of yellow to gold, pink through lavender to maroon, occasionally bicolors, and doubles.

There are many mail-order companies that specialize in Hemerocallis (the word means "beauty of the day") as daylilies are botanically known.

Membership in the American Hemerocallis Society is open to all. Dues of \$12.50 yearly include four Journals (illustrated in color), Regional Newsletters, Handbooks, and the opportunity to participate in Regional Meetings and National Conventions with garden visits, clinics, etc.

Editor's Note - Membership is on a calendar year basis.

Send dues to: Joan D. Senior, Rt. 2, Box 360, DeQueen, AR 71832

Photographing Daylilies *By Ansol Holiday* Part II

In the last issue we discussed getting started with equipment to photograph daylilies. Now, we will explore the basis of all photographic principles. Everything is a compromise! If you close down or stop down a lens, you lose speed. If you increase shutter speed, you lose depth of field by opening up the lens. As most lenses are sharpest at approximately midrange of their f-stops, you would lose maximum depth of field to obtain maximum sharpness.

Most Macro lenses start their f-stops at f-4 and go to f-32. Most lenses will be sharpest at f-8 and f-11. If you shoot at f-4 or f-5.6, you will be able to blot out distracting backgrounds. If you go to f-11 to f-32, you will obtain maximum depth of field, but your photograph will clearly show any distracting background. This subject alone can be discussed book-length. Each of you should experiment and keep notes as you do so.

The outdoor photographer's worst enemy is probably wind. You seem to get a small gust of wind each time you start to trip the shutter! If the wind movement is very slight, you can get by with a shutter speed of 1/125 of a second or faster. If fast shutter speeds are not possible, you need to find some help.

Go to an Art Supply store and purchase some hard cardboard poster boards. Get these in at least 3' x 3' size, white on one side and black on the opposite side. Fold this cardboard in the center and open up to a "Vee" shape. It will now be self-supporting. Place the board between the flower and wind direction. If you turn the white side toward the flower, you will now have a light reflector as well as a wind screen. If you are photographing in bright sunshine, turn the black side toward the flower and you will have a subtractive light and wind screen. You can purchase these boards in blue or green colors and use them for a background, also.

Related to all this is the condition of very low light on the subject flower. You can use a mirror with a handle to reflect light to a shaded flower. This will usually give you one extra f-stop of shutter speed. The use of white cardboard or cloth surrounding the subject flower will increase light. You can also use fill flash to erase shadows from a shaded subject. Your flash unit must be capable of being turned down to a low output for this.

During the "forbidden" time of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (discussed in the last issue), there exists a harsh light. Not only is it harsh light, there is usually too much light for flowers directly exposed to it.

You need to soften and diffuse, and in some cases subtract some of this light. This is assuming that there is no cloud cover, and the flower is exposed to direct sunlight.

Probably the best way to soften and diffuse this light is to hold a white photographer's umbrella over the flower. You can also use cheesecloth in layers held over the flower. Putting cheesecloth on a long-handled fish-landing net works wonders. It also mandates the use of an assistant to hold it in place. All flower photographers need an assistant anyway! They are handy for carrying equipment, taking notes as you photograph, and bringing cold drinks! After researching this subject, I find the cheapest assistant is called a "spouse."

Sometimes nothing seems to work as you try to photograph a particularly pretty flower. Either you are unable to stop the wind shake, or you simply can't get close enough to the flower. The following is the ultimate solution if it's your flower, or you can get permission from the owner to remove the flower from the scape. Use a 1/4" wooden dowel rod, painted dull green, with a piece of flexible wire fastened to one end, and protruding approximately one inch. Sharpen the other end of dowel rod. Now impale the flower on a piece of wire and "plant" the dowel rod where you want it! You can use some existing daylily foliage for a background, or you can keep a daylily planted in a flower pot, and set the pot where you need the background. If you adjust the flower and background carefully, no one can tell where it was photographed.

The next logical step is photographing daylilies indoors. We will explore this subject in the next issue.

Editor's Note: Ansol Holiday is a member of the Houston Hemerocallis Society.

DAYLILIES FOR FALL 1983
After September 15th

ABBEVILLE SUNSET.....	\$ 2.00	MAY EVENING.....	4.00
ACADIAN HERITAGE.....	1.00	NOTORIOUS FLING.....	15.00
AMY STEWART.....	7.00	OLIVIER MONETTE.....	4.00
ASIAN ARTISTRY (tetraploid).....	10.00	ONO.....	18.00
BEST OF FRIENDS.....	3.00	PARADISE PURPLE.....	3.00
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GLEANINGS FROM THE GARDEN

RUTH RATLIFF - Dallas (July 26): What a great time I had at the Region 6 get-together out West! Those gals out there know how to put on a two-day fun-fest!! They really know how to put flowers together in various size and shaped containers - the results were amazing. They had really interesting events planned - the tram ride alone was worth the trip. The food at the top of the mountain, oh the food! And the view coming down was beautiful. And the gardens, I could go on and on, but I'll just say I'm already ready to go back.

RODGER CROKER - Dallas (July 27): I thought the Regional was terrific. Albuquerque was great, and we enjoyed our trip on to Santa Fe before we returned home. Andrea thoroughly enjoyed the gardens, and even more, the people. We've had lots of rain, but it's dry and impossibly hot, now. In spite of this we have rebloom on BRUTUS, CHA CHA CHA, FAT ANGEL, GLORIA RITCHEY, old GOLDEN CHIMES, GYPSY MAIDEN, JEAN WOOTEN, PEARL HOWARD, RASPBERRY FRILLS, RED BANTAM, RED SIREN, SI, SMARTY PANTS, THUMBELINA, my newly registered ALBUQUERQUE MOON, and several others.

MARSHALL WHEELER - Austin (June 16): I have never had such an excellent early bloom season before - or such a wet one! From crosses of various purples and various creams and near-whites (for Kasha-style hoped-for blues), I have an amazing array of offspring: none are purple, several are near-white (one being the best I have ever seen), many are pinkish to lavender, several are true creams, and several are just too hard to describe. From crosses hoping for Spiders, more than half have produced Spiders - some are good or at least interesting. From crosses made with the hope of getting more, and prettier-doubles, very few have given me doubling in this generation.

JACK BRADLEY - Fort Worth (July 25): The cool, wet Summer has kept my July garden looking like June, except for the daylilies themselves. Even there, I have more than the usual number in rebloom and extended bloom.

MRS. J. M. BLUHM - Goliad (June 29): Reading the Newsletters is very helpful and interesting to those of us who for health or other reasons can't get to the meetings, shows, etc. I really enjoyed reading about the Youth Members and their interest in growing and pollinating daylilies. The Hybridizers Issue 1982-83, was most interesting, their experiences, and how they became hybridizers. I have daylilies from several of them. Fifteen years ago I did a bit of pollinating and it was fun. There were some very nice seedlings and again others landed in the compost. I want to try a few this Summer - for my own pleasure - to see what can develop.

JOE BOUDREAUX, JR. - Sulphur, LA (August 4): We have had a wonderful Hem year - made lots of new friends, picked up over 400 new named daylilies, and saw lots of new places. We've potted the Summer arrivals and have them in the shade of a large tree. They are doing great and most are reblooming. Elaine and I are making 3 X 5 cards with description, hybridizer, etc. for each daylily we have as it is getting too hard to remember what we do have, and I wind up buying duplicates at the auctions, plant sales, etc. One solution, of course, would be just don't buy any more, but we see so many that we like that would be impossible to do.

