

Region 6 Newsletter

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FROM YOUR RVP AND EDITOR

1983 was indeed a year of unusual weather. In southeast Texas sun, rain (about 25 inches above normal), hail, a storm so bad 90% of our homes received new roofs. Tornados (one demolished our new airport and took one life) and Hurricane Alicia paid us a visit.

December brought record temperatures which lasted over one week, below freezing. We even had a few snow flurries on Christmas Day. This was extremely damaging to our daylilies. I certainly hope 1984 will be much better weather-wise.

We in Region 6 have so much to be proud of. Our own Bill Ater is our new AHS President and we have an excellent slate of Officers and Regional Reporters. Our Officers and Reporters are ready and willing to work for our Region. So every one of you help them do their jobs.

We are growing and we are cooperating. Albuquerque, with their first Regional, and the San Antonio Society with their first Regional this year. This is what it takes to have a strong Region.

Let this be an example to the Societies who have never invited us to their area for a Meeting, or any overdue ones. You don't need a lot of members or lots of gardens to have a good meeting. This was proven by Albuquerque, who at that time did not have a Daylily Society, only a few willing workers. We have Gulf Coast for 1985, Austin in 1986, and Houston with their National in 1988. Who will it be in 1987?

Within the Newsletter, you will find several Departments. SIX SOUNDS OFF, is for you the members to use. Write about anything you would like. DEAR ALBERT will be a question and answer column on the order of Dear Abby. Bobo Faggard will do this column and it should be fun.

News FROM THE YOUNGER SET is for our young members. Then we have the regular ones - New Members, Awards and Honors, and our Memorial Column.

The SPOT LIGHT will feature our Senior Members. If you know of a Senior member you would like to spotlight, let me know and we will certainly spotlight them.

We will have Area Reporters to cover the activities of the local Societies and surrounding areas. This by no means is intended to leave anyone out. You out there at large, please write and keep us posted on your activities, also take advantage of the departments.

As you know, everything is going up in price, the Newsletter included. I will do my best to put out four Newsletters, but if I see the cost will be too great, I will cut back to three. Individual and club contributions, plant sales, and auctions are necessary.

Please send in your articles and comments. Remember this is your Newsletter and it will be as good as we make it.

We are looking forward to our Regional Meeting in San Antonio May 11-12. Lucia had told me they will have a silent auction. You will receive a list of plants on arrival and will fill in your bid and turn it into the committee. This will give us time to enjoy more of San Antonio. Please be generous on your bids and plants. I believe they will also have plant tables for the cheaper ones.

Let us take this opportunity to thank Joyce and his Officers for an excellent two years. I hope we can do as well. I already feel the tremendous dedication they have for our Region.

Since this is our first endeavor at putting together a Newsletter, I'm sure we will make many mistakes. Please let us know and we will happily correct them in the next issue.

See you in San Antonio May 11-12.

Welcome Our New Additions



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ALBERT "BOBO" FAGGARD NEW REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Albert "Bobo" Faggard, our new Regional Publicity Director, is fifty-five years old, father of eight children, five of whom are married. He now has one goddaughter. He was raised at the beach resort town of Gilchrist, educated at High Island, Lamar Junior College, and the University of Texas. He is presently Assistant to the Manager of Regulatory Affairs at Gulf States Utilities Company in Beaumont, where he has accumulated 33 years of service.

He is an avid Spring bulb enthusiast, a plant breeder, and began a commercial daylily garden program with the introductions of his daylilies and those of Edgar and Betty Brown of Orange, Texas, about four years ago. He is a highly qualified Awards and Honors Judge and an Exhibition Judge with the American Hemerocallis Society. He is also a Horticulture Judge for local garden club shows, and a longtime member of the Men's Garden Club of Beaumont. He has been active in the Society for Louisiana Iris and has registered nine varieties, some of which have won top awards in the annual Iris show in Lafayette, Louisiana. He was into Iris breeding before his taking to daylilies.

He has now registered sixteen daylilies, mainly his love - the "little ones." BARNACLE SCRAPER, a good dark red; KISSELPOO, a unique tan; and TWIN TIME, a fine double; account for his present big ones. The little ones are finally being recognized as being different, delightful, and each have a separate personality from the other small ones on the market. Such names as GLADYS CITY DOLL, LITTLE GRANNY, LITTLE HAYMAKER, LITTLE SOFT KISS, LITTLE SWEET TALK, MAMBO MAID, MELON MOONBEAM, NECHEZ GOLDIE, RIP OFF RASCAL, RUSTY DUSTY, SOCKEYE SWEETIE, SPOON-FED, and TINY GRIT, are being seen in all the gardens as stock permits their guesting for Regionals and National Conventions.

Bobo has been in charge of a number of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Flower Shows at Parkdale Mall, all of which have been highly successful, especially the plant sales. He truly loves to compete, beating the best. If you have been to a Texas Regional lately you would have seen him raising money to keep it going at the Auctions that last late into the night. He has also helped out at the National Conventions, too.

His garden is a lovely sight at Springtime and his lovely wife, Anne, makes you welcome at all times. Perhaps, it's her loveliness and patience that's reflected in his work and garden.



photos by Muriel Roll

**JEFF ROBERSON
YOUTH DIRECTOR**

I am 14 years old and in the eighth grade. I have one sister, Jill, who is sixteen. Some of my hobbies are horses, basketball, and drawing. I also work with my Dad at our daylily farm. I've registered and introduced one red miniature daylily, LITTLE SWEET SUE (named for my dog).

My most admired person or idol is Goose from the Globe Trotters. When I go to college, I hope to be either a Veterinarian or a Cartoonist.

Last year (1983), I enjoyed my Science Fair Project. I put Ortho Novum (birth control pills) on Ferns and daylilies. It had a very positive effect on the daylilies, and a slight change positively on the Ferns. At my school, I won first in my division, second in art display, and "Best of Show" (best project overall). At the Houston Fair, I won second in my division (Plant Biology).

Presently, I'm working on this year's Science Fair project. I'm putting Digitalis (a drug used to stimulate the heart) on daylilies and Tomato plants. The results aren't totally in, but it's looking hopeful!

We in Region 6 are Extremely fortunate to have this most intelligent young man as Youth Director. - MN



**MILDRED SMITH
SECRETARY**

Due to the untimely death of Arlon Smith, Mildred will be formally introduced in our next Newsletter. - MN

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

A contribution has been made in memory of J. Arlon Smith, designated for the Youth Fund for Region 6 by Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Nelson, Jr.

**PEGGY HAMMEL
TREASURER**

Known by most of the Region 6 members because of holding previous Regional offices of Secretary and Treasurer. For the benefit of new members, we would like to introduce your Treasurer, Peggy Hammel, as a wife, mother, grandmother, dedicated daylily grower, and member of both units of the Daylily Growers of Dallas.

She lives in Euless, Texas with husband, Al, and her thirteen year old son, Jimmy.

In the professional world, she has been successful as an innovator in the use of daylilies by landscape architects in residential and commercial garden designs.

Peggy is dedicated to Region 6 and the American Hemerocallis Society. She has served as "Ways and Means" for Big Dee and the Fluorescent Units, using public sales and unit auctions adding to their treasury. She also works very hard raising money for the "Bus Fund." We owe our nice amount in our Regional Treasury to her efforts as "Auctioneer" at our Regional Meetings.

She began experimenting with gardening almost 25 years ago, but it was only within the last six years that she decided to concentrate her energies upon the propagation and hybridization of her favorite flower, the daylily. After six years of hybridizing, Peggy has registered only three varieties: BETHEL'S BABY, BROADWAY BONANZA, and PAY ATTENTION.

In the April 1983 issue of Texas Homes, there was an excellent article all about our Treasurer, Peggy Hammel.



AN IRISH BLESSING

May there always be work for your hands to do,
May your purse always hold a coin or two,
May the sun always shine on your window pane,
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain,
May the hand of a friend always be near you,
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer

AWARDS AND HONORS CHAIRMAN RODGER CROKER

Rodger N. Croker of Llano, Texas, will be serving as the Awards and Honors Chairman for our Region. He has formally served as RVP (1972-1973) and has been a member of the AHS Nominating Committee and the Region 6 Nominating Committee numerous times.

An Awards and Honors Judge and also an Exhibition Judge, he has judged many shows and aided in a number of Judges Clinics. He also is a member of the Texas Read Red Robin and is leader of the First Miniature and Dwarf Robin. He joined AHS in 1966.



His hybridizing efforts have existed for nearly ten years and resulted in the registration of: L ALBUQUERQUE MOON, APPLE DUMPLING, JELLYBEAN, ITTLE BROWN KOKO, LITTLE ORANGE SLICES, PEARL HOWARD, and RED BANTAM. Currently his interests are centered around breeding red miniatures, exclusively.

An ordained Baptist Minister for 25 years, and a High School Teacher of Speech, English, and American History are his two professional fields.

Hobbies include music, reading, collecting antiques, gardening, and genealogy. He has taught genealogy workshops, as well.

Besides AHS, where he holds a Life Membership, he is also a member of the American Iris Society, Kappa Delta Pi, a Life Member of the Texas State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, the Llano County Ministerial Alliance, and the Llano Community Chorus. He holds a B.A. and a M.Ed. from Howard Payne University.

ANNA ROSA GLIDDEN MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

Always a hobbyist in the garden, Mrs. Homer H. (Anna Rosa) Glidden, our new Membership Chairman, has lived at her present address, 714 Benbrook, Houston, TX, for thirty-four years. At least 25 of those years of gardening have included daylilies. Homer and she had many older, unidentified varieties given them by friends, when one day Homer took her to Wheeler's Daylily Farm, not two miles away. They came home with 10 new daylilies, most of them named, all costing \$1.00 each. Anna Rosa remembers BLACK PLUSH, GOVERNOR MIRIAN FERGUSON, and SALMON SHEEN, all of which she later discarded.



Soon afterwards they began to buy from the Harrisons, who taught them to hybridize. They bought many daylilies from Mr. Bob Lee when he moved to Austin. In 1982, they purchased almost all of Jack Carpenter's stock (from Center, Texas), even to seeds. Jack kept a few for his own pleasure. Anna Rosa is busy studying and registering the Carpenter seedlings, now.

She also is acquiring a collection of Spiders for the people who like them. She wants Glidden Gardens, opened in 1976, to be truly varied in content.

Anna Rosa's experience with daylilies involves Homer and Thom, her youngest son. Homer is forever searching for one she sees and likes. She began hybridizing in 1970, and to date has named about 40, "not all of them good." She and Homer have bought the houses and lots adjoining their home, and grow daylilies in raised beds on all of the space, except for one front yard, a concession to a renter.

Anna Rosa's aim is to continue improving their garden, and aid in any way she can those new to daylilies. She recruits new members for both the local clubs and National when the opportunity presents itself. Being a member of the Houston Area Daylily Society and the Houston Hemerocallis Society, she is currently serving the Houston Hemerocallis Society as 2nd Vice-President. She and Homer donate daylilies generously to the local, Regional, and National organizations, and try to acquire some really new daylilies each year to stimulate interest in their garden.

A Junior College graduate of Lon Morris College in Jacksonville, Texas, (where she met Homer), she has three sons who are Rice University graduates: one an Engineer, one an Orthopedist, and one a Teacher in quest of a Law Degree. These three, plus two lively grandsons, are her finest seedlings.



FROM THE YOUNGER SET



SYNOPTIC ABSTRACT

"The Effect of Ortho Novum on Ferns and Daylilies" Plant Biology

Does Ortho Novum hormone effect the growth of Ferns or Daylilies?

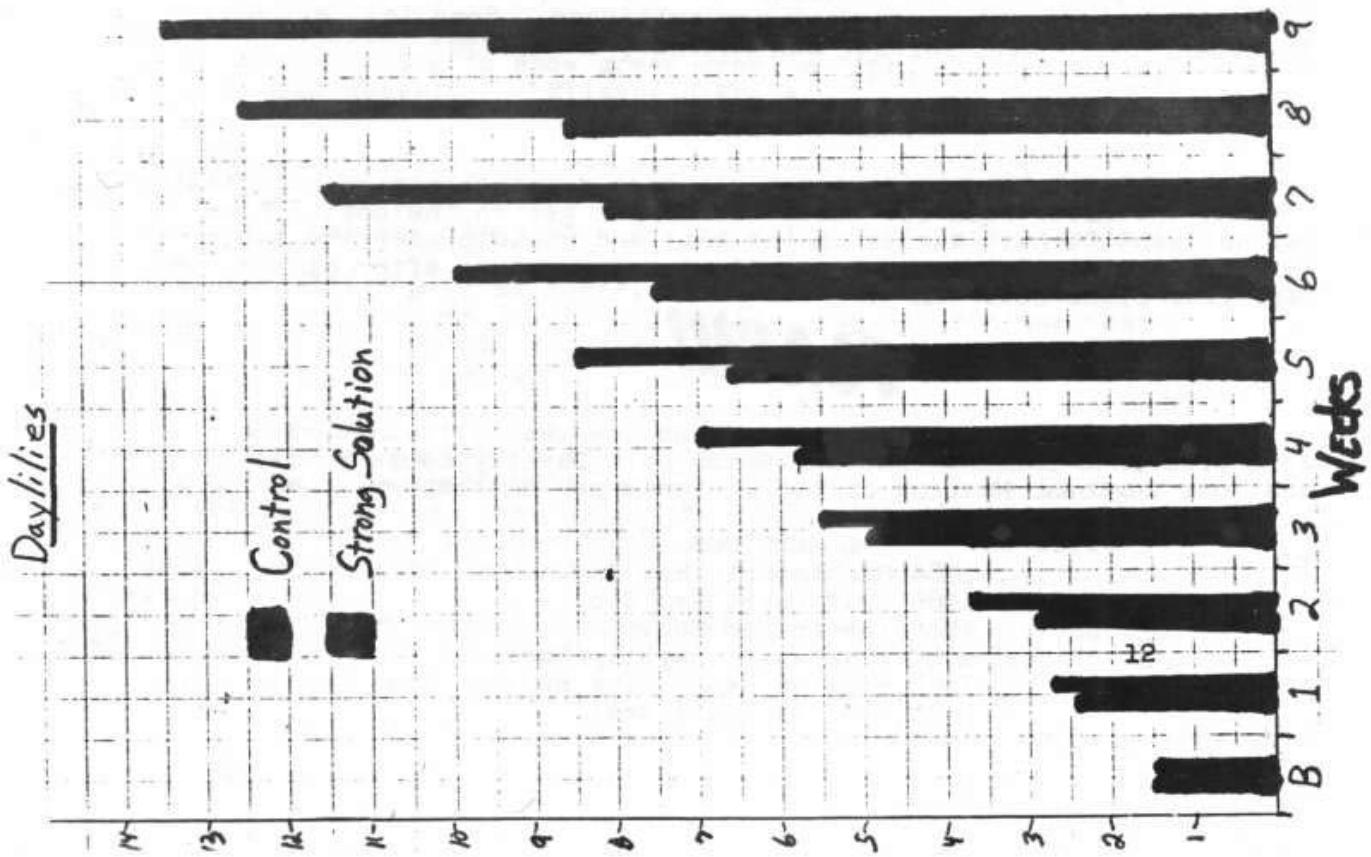
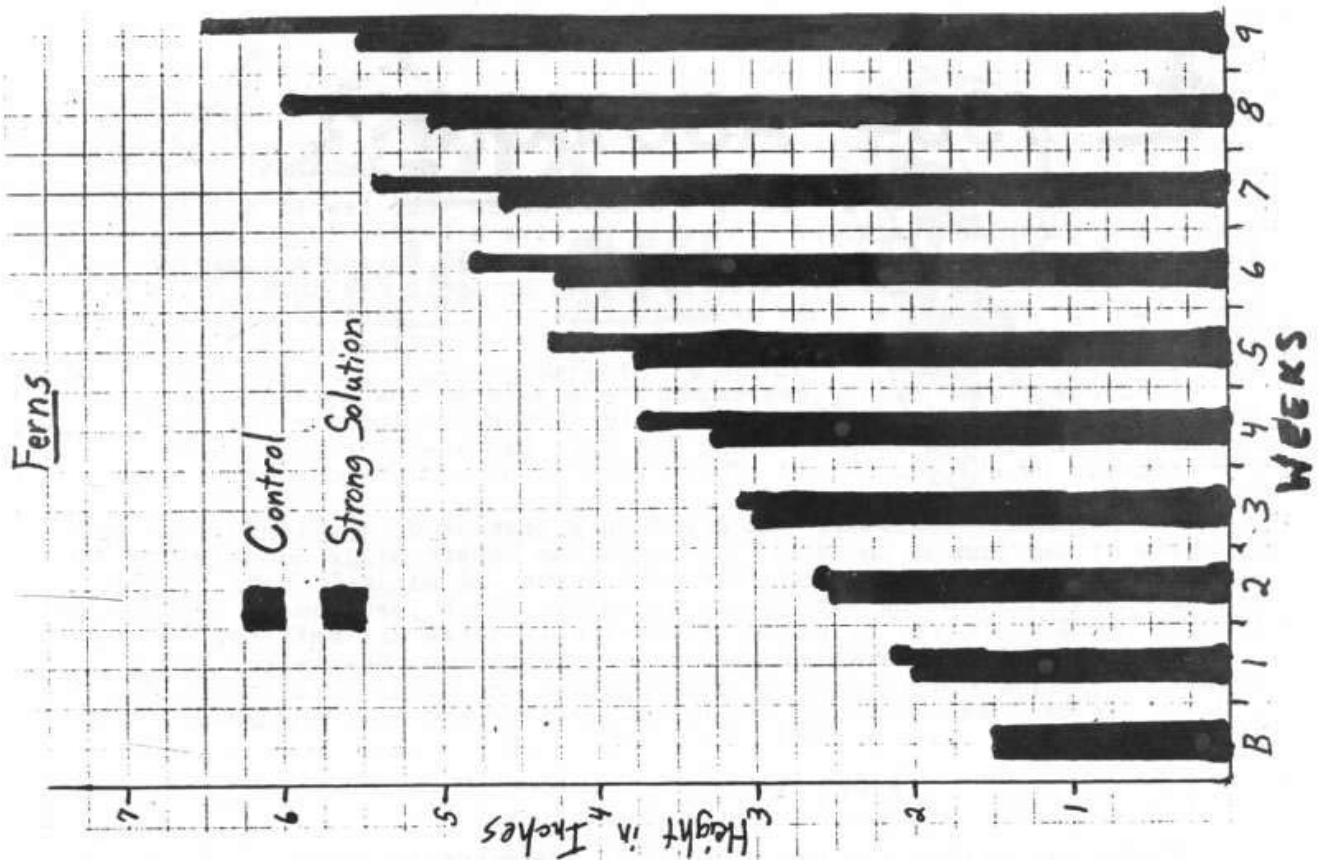
Purpose: to determine if Ortho Novum hormone effects the growth of Ferns and Daylilies.

Procedure:

1. Gathered Materials
 - a. Visited tissue culture laboratory
 - b. Selected tissue culture "baby" Ferns and Daylilies
 - c. Bought sterile soil, flats, 4" pots, and Ortho Novum
2. Potted plants
 - a. Potted each single plant in 4" pot of sterile soil
 - b. Separated each type plant into four categories (A, B, C, D) with five plants in each category
 - c. Placed all plants in controlled conditions of 75 degrees and under Gro-lux lights
3. Watering Schedule
 - a. Mixed three Ortho Novum test solutions
 - (1) Strong (1 pill per 1 qt. water)
 - (2) Medium (2/3 pill per 1 qt. water)
 - (3) Weak (1/3 pill per 1 qt. water)
 - b. Used plain water for one set (control)
 - c. Administered equal amounts of the appropriate solution to each plant weekly
4. Observed results, photographed plants, and charted growth on graph

Results: Ferns - A slight measurable difference in growth in test plants A, B, & C (see graph)
Daylilies - An observable change in height, depth of color, and base diameter in test plants A, B, & C; proportionate to the amount of Ortho Novum. (see graph)

Conclusion: Ortho Novum hormone has a slight positive effect on the growth of Ferns, and a more significant positive effect on the growth (height and diameter), and depth of color in Daylilies.





1984 AUCTION!



Hybridizers! Growers! Lucia Bjorkman needs your newest and best plants for our plant auction. You will receive a letter from her shortly, if not already, concerning this. These will be compiled on a list and will be in our Regional Meeting packet on arrival. We then will place our bid beside the plant we would like for at least one half the list value, and turn the bid back to the auction committee. The highest bid wins.

Everyone please bring less expensive plants to the Meeting and these will be placed on tables to be sold throughout the Meeting until all are sold. If you cannot attend, I'm sure Lucia will except names for cards to be shipped later. These will be bid on or bought the same as live plants.

Our Regional Newsletter can exist only because of the funds received by means of our annual auction. The American Hemerocallis Society supplies mailing address labels for each issue and minimal funds toward the expenses of printing two issues annually. Each issue costs between \$600 and \$700 for printing, picture half-tones, and mailing.

Another method of obtaining funds to pay for our Newsletter is by member donations, out-of-Region subscriptions, and local club donations.

So please come and bring your plants, and pocket books, and make those bids.

SLIDES NEEDED FOR SLIDE SHOW

Slides are needed for the slide show. Hybridizers please send Ten slides with names of daylilies and descriptions. This is an excellent way to introduce your new cultivars. Send to: Mr. S. D. Bjorkman, 13130 Hill Forest, San Antonio, TX 78230

DINNER ON THE RIVER

Lucia has informed me that she has made arrangements to have tables along the River Walk for those who do not get on the boat. Some may not want to have dinner on the boat and would prefer the table. This is very nice as you can stroll along the river after dinner. So make your plans now. - MN

FLASH!

It gives me great pleasure to announce that I just received word from Inez Tarrant that the Brazosport Daylily Society will host our Regional Meeting in 1987. Thank you Brazosport. - MN

REGIONAL MEETINGS:

- 1984 San Antonio Hemerocallis Society
- 1985 Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society.
- 1986 Austin Hemerocallis Society
- 1987 Brazosport Daylily Society
- 1988 Houston Hemerocallis Society & Houston Area Daylily Society
- 1989 ?????? Who's Next?



My introduction to daylilies came through Bonnie in 1957. She had read an article about "Daylilies, the Lazy Man's Flower." After searching for a place to buy them, we finally got an attractive catalog from Russell's Gardens.

We nearly went wild buying at 35¢ to \$1.00. We were so delighted with our blooms. Soon my neighbors and friends here became interested, we found other sources and several would pool our orders and get some good bonuses.

We traded and shared and pretty soon daylilies were blooming nearly all over Pleasanton - mostly in the lower prices. A few of us dabbed a little pollen.

In 1969, Louise Oliver and I attended the Regional Meeting at Houston and nearly enjoyed ourselves to death (I was on crutches then).

There we met Martin MacMillan, then RVP, and made arrangements for him to come and organize a Society here. He and his wife came October 12, 1969. Sixteen people came to our house and became members.

They elected me President, and I served two years. Since then I've held various offices and been on many committees. From 1969-1980 I never missed a Regional Meeting, and of course attended the National at Dallas.

I was Vice President this past year. At one time I was growing 700 kinds of daylilies. Our health has forced us to cut out some beds, but they are still my first love in the plant world (all my life I've loved plants). I just love to share my plants and delight in giving them to new people.

Oh yes, I'll be 93 next August 24. Mr. H. is already 93. When I'm able to go, I never turn down a daylily tour. One time we went to MacMillan's at Abbeville, LA, and Spalding's, also to Mrs. Simon's garden. We enjoy the gardens in San Antonio. Bob and Billy Dove live here, now, and are so good to come get me and take me to their lovely place.

I have found that daylily lovers are the best people in the world.



RVPS TO INTERVIEW NOTED HYBRIDIZERS

Bill Munson and Ida Munson have accepted an invitation to be the subjects of the Regional Vice Presidents' Interview at the AHS Convention in Orlando. The meeting will take place on Saturday, May 19, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

The RVPs extend an invitation to anyone interested to attend this event. The meeting is expected to be lively, informative, and very enjoyable as the RVPs take advantage of the opportunity to question two of the Society's Very Interesting Persons!

The regular RVP-RPD meeting will be held on Thursday, 6:00-7:00 p.m. where a demonstration on Newsletter techniques will be given. All RVPs, RVP-Elects, RPDs, and Newsletter- Editors should attend this meeting.

Sarah Sikes, Chairman Regional Vice Presidents



News of Local Clubs



ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

Betty Roberts

We look forward to our first season as an organized Society. Our first activity will be a plant sale at the Council of Albuquerque Garden Club's GARDEN FAIR on April 14. Mid-Summer activities will consist of tours of local gardens, and we'll be planning our flower show which will be held on Saturday, July 7, at the Garden Center.

At present there is a task force working on plans for a botanical garden. Our Society was contacted, and we'll hope that daylilies will play an important role in the future of this endeavor!

AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Elizabeth Krebs

The club's annual Christmas party was held on December 4, in the lovely home of Bill and Mary Anne Ater. Members and guests enjoyed a delicious, festive buffet of holiday treats and exchanged daylilies.

The following officers were installed:

President - Mrs. Beth Zimpelman

First Vice President - Mrs. Coleman Mills

Second Vice President - Mrs. Julius (Bill) Schutze

Secretary - Mrs. Eugene (Betty) Randig

Treasurer - Mrs. Jack (Alyne) Fisher

Reporter to Austin Area Garden Council - Mr. Julius Schutze

By unanimous vote, an invitation was issued to host the 1986 Region 6 Meeting.

GULF COAST HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY'S PLANS FOR 1984

Frances Choate

The executive officers of the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society met January 7, with our First Vice President Dinah Martin to make a tentative schedule for our coming daylily season.

May 16 - We will visit gardens in our immediate area

June 6 - We will go to Bridge City, Orange, and Sulphur, LA

May 23 - We go to Buna, Newton, and Roganville

May 30 - We will take a bus tour to the Brazosport area

June 2 - Is our accredited Flower Show in Beaumont

A chartered bus will take our members to San Antonio for the Region 6 Meeting, May 11-12. We will visit Bob Dove's on Sunday, May 13, on our way home. A group of our members will fly to Orlando, Florida, for the AHS Convention May 18-19.

We would invite daylily lovers to come and join us in any or all of these activities.

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS PRESENT THEIR 1984 OFFICERS

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Mr. Joyce Lewis

Vice President>Show Chairman

Mrs. I. D. Thompson

Secretary

Mrs. Wynelle Clifton

Treasurer

Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd

Librarian/Historian

Mrs. Alvin Mosse

Parliamentarian

Mrs. W. S. Lanham

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Mrs. M. J. Ratliff

First Vice Chairman/Program

Mrs. W. S. Lanham

Second Vice Chairman/Membership

Mr. Morgan Tittle

Secretary

Mrs. Wynelle Clifton

Treasurer

Mrs. W. Shelbie Dodd

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First Vice Chairman/Program

Mrs. C. Neal Meagher

Second Vice Chairman/Membership

Rev. Francis Craig

Secretary

Mrs. M. J. Ratliff

Treasurer

Mr. Jim Kyser

Parliamentarian

Mrs. Royal A. Ferris

Our programs have already been highly interesting with slide shows given by Ken Henson and Joyce Lewis. We expect to learn about growing daylilies when Peggy Hammel presents her players in a skit entitled: Growing Daylilies with Peggy Hammel. Lucille Warner will present a program entitled: Gems of Daylily Growing. These are just a few of the exciting and entertaining programs we will have in our respective units. Many of us in Dallas are members of both units, so we don't miss any of these fine programs.

We have fifteen new members who joined at our show last year, and we are looking forward to having them in our Daylily Growers of Dallas Society.

HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Mary Gage, President

and

HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

Nell Crandall, President

Committees of four members from each of the two Houston Daylily Societies met on January 29, 1984, to discuss the National Convention to be held in Houston in 1988. Dr. R. J. Roberson was selected as the Convention Chairman, and Gene Childers was selected as Co-Chairman. Jeff and June Stagg were chosen to be the Treasurer and Registrar, respectively. It was voted to establish a Convention Fund. A daylily plant sale will be held on May 26, 1984, in conjunction with the Annual Flower Show, sponsored by the two clubs. All of the proceeds from the plant sale will go into the Convention Fund.

The Flower Show will be held in the Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Drive, and will be open, free to the public, from 1:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon of Saturday, May 26. There will be plenty of free parking, so we hope all of you Region 6 members will attend.

Nell Crandall, Area Reporter

HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY OFFICERS

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| President | Nell Crandall |
| 1st Vice President | Mildred Schlumpf |
| 2nd Vice President | Martha-Ceil Lozo |
| Recording Secretary | S. J. Derby |
| Corresponding Secretary | Martha-Cell Lozo |
| Treasurer | Joan Oglesby |
| Historian | Rena Humphreys |
| Telephone & Sunshine Chairman | Clarisse Rasch |

Flower Show and Plant Sale - May 26, 1984

Flower Show Chairman: S. J. Derby

LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY OFFICERS

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| Second Vice President | Mrs. Jack Evans |
| Secretary | Mrs. Robert Scott |
| Treasurer | Mr. Truman Largent |
| Parliamentarian | Mrs. John Fleming |
| Librarian | Mrs. Jesse O'Quinn |
| Reporter | Mrs. W. T. Thomas |

May 21 through May 26, 1984, yards are open

May 26, 1984 - 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Flower and Plant Sale at Angelina Mall

Gladys Thomas

CORPUS CHRISTI HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Members of the Corpus Christi Hemerocallis Society are busy removing dead material from gardens after one of the coldest Winters in recent times. Evergreen daylilies froze to the ground, but they are recovering nicely and growing well during these past warm days.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Hem bloom season and also to a garden tour and luncheon to be held at the home of Pauline Bluhm of Goliad on May 17th.

Several of our members are planning to attend the Region 6 Meeting in San Antonio, and one member will attend the National Convention in Orlando.

We have members in the Corpus Christi area and also in Portland, Goliad, Riviera, and Sinton. Come visit us when you are in our vicinity.

Marie Marburger

A WORD OF THANKS FROM YOUR RVP

I wish to thank all who donated or renewed their Newsletter subscription.

I hereby dedicate this issue to you ---

Especially thanks to out of the Region subscribers. We are proud of our Newsletter and are glad you enjoy reading it. Please share it with your friends.

Region 6 people who subscribe, but do NOT belong to National, please join the AHS and also enjoy the DAYLILY JOURNAL. - MN



photo by Muriel Roll

Mable Nelson - RVP Region 6

Sarah Sikes - 1st Vice President,
American Hemerocallis Society

Sarah Sikes, from Luverne, Alabama, was the guest speaker December 3, when the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society met for its annual Christmas party.

This charming lady showed slides of the Windmill Gardens, taken the four seasons of the year. We saw this garden at its peak when we went to the American Hemerocallis Society Convention in Birmingham in May. The beauty of the daylilies was enhanced by Begonias and other companion plants. When we saw the slides of Winter ice and snow, we could not believe this was the same place. We then saw ground broken and ready for seedlings. The new growth in Spring showed a promise of great beauty to come. Then we saw a slide that showed peak growth, and we enjoyed this garden again.

Sarah is 1st Vice President of AHS, as well as a Director. This fantastic lady is a compliment to the Society and will be invited to visit our area again.

Frances Choate

P. S. We had the pleasure of Anna Rosa and Homer Glidden, also Eddie Gage from Houston to join us for Sarah's visit. - MN

"SUCCESS IS A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION"

SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

Margaret Kane, January 26, 1984

Times a'wasting! If you haven't sent in your registration for the 1984 Region 6 Meeting, do it today.

In the last issue of the Newsletter there was a short report on the Offer and Smith gardens. Here you will see BODY WHITE, CELTIC SUNRISE, FINEGALS CAVE, HARRY BARRAS, LIZ, LUCIA MAE, MERLE KENT, and many other new varieties as well as time-tested favorites.

Other gardens on tour include Michael Conrad's tree-studded site with a collection of registered and seedling beauties set off by colorful Daisies, Ornamental Peppers, and interesting native plants.

Lucia Bjorkman's small garden holds the jewels of the daylily world. Included in this shady garden are some of the latest introductions, grown to perfection in raised beds.

Hopefully, these may be in bloom ADELE MCKINNEY, BETTY WOODS, GENTLE SHEPHERD, JOAN SENIOR, JUNE WINE, LADY LUCIA, LADY'S TORCH, LITTLE BRANDY, ORCHARD SPRITE, PA PA GULINO, SHOCKWAVE, SILOAM JIM COOPER, TOP HONORS, plus many other new ones.

After a very cold Winter any Hems that prefer a cool climate should flower better than usual, and the evergreens will be ready to put on a display to gladden the eye. Daylily lovers are thankful that their beloved perennial blooms late enough in the year that cold weather does comparatively little damage.

AWARDS & HONORS

Rodger Croker



SHOCKWAVE

Award of Merit Winner

Edgar Brown

Though not faring as well as in previous years, Region 6 did bring credit to itself with a number of awards being given to daylilies that originated here in our own Region. Winning an Award of Merit was Edgar Brown's huge, full golden yellow tetraploid, SHOCKWAVE, that somehow always seems bigger by far than it measures.

Unger's creamy tetraploid, SANDRA HUGHES, highlighted by orchid midribs was a runner-up.

Five Region 6 Hemps received Honorable Mention:

DALLAS LASS (Ury Winniford), a 2 ½" apricot

DOUBLE BREAKTHROUGH (Betty Brown), a double dusty rose bitone with light gold throat

DOUBLE FIRECRACKER (Betty Brown), a bright red double with a green gold throat

EIGHTEEN KARAT (E. W. Brown), a golden tetraploid that fairly glows in the garden

SUPERSONIC PRIZE (E. W. Brown), another stunning yellow tetraploid that attracts attention where it is seen.

Nine made the Popularity Poll. Represented in this listing was Lucille Williamson's GREEN FLUTTER and LITTLE GRAPETTE which placed 18th and 20th.

APPLE TART (Hughes), BERTIE FERRIS, (Ury Winniford), BITSY (Warner), DOUBLE CUTIE (Betty Brown), FABULOUS PRIZE (E. W. Brown), POJO (Elna Winniford), and SHOCKWAVE (E. W. Brown), were others to be found on the list.

Our own Regional Popularity Poll contained, ONO (H. O. Johnson), that low, beautifully ruffled pale yellow; and the bright red showy APPLE TART (Hughes). Three Louisiana Hemps - AMY STEWART (MacMillan), ATTRIBUTION (Spalding), and HARRY BARRAS (Monette), also made the Region 6 Popularity Poll.

BERTIE FERRIS was noted to have made the Regional Popularity Poll for Regions 2 and 4, while APPLE TART was on the list for Regions 7 and 10, and GREEN FLUTTER was listed on Region 10's.

J. C. descriptions are not given because information was not available at the time of the Newsletter deadline.

Winners were:

AL HAMMEL - Ury Winniford
BETTY ACREY - Mrs. Ury Winniford
DALLAS DANCE - Mrs. Royal A. Ferris
DOUBLE KONA SUNSET - Mrs. Homer Glidden
NEW AWARENESS - Mrs. E. L. Cunningham

(The minimum vote was raised to 10 votes this year and this left out (I'm sure) other promising cultivars. This is why it is so important to get your seedlings to the Awards bed at our Regional Meetings and National Conventions). - MN

REGION 6 POPULARITY POLL

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Cultivar</u> | <u>Hybridizer</u> | <u>Votes</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 | ONO | Johnson, H. O. | 23 |
| 2 | HARRY BARRAS | Monette | 22 |
| 3 | AMY STEWART | MacMillan | 19 |
| 4 | ATTRIBUTION | Spalding, Elsie | 19 |
| 5 | APPLE TART | Hughes | 18 |

Of the 417 members in the Region, 80 cast popularity poll ballots, giving a voting percentage of nineteen.

Luke Senior, Jr.

I believe we in Region 6 can bring up our percentage of votes. Everyone of you National members take time and vote this year. Let's try for 100% in 1984. - MN

NOTICE

Bloom season is all most here. We in Region 6 have an active Youth group, but we need your help.

Please make a few extra crosses of top daylilies, keep records of the parents, and send the seed to our Youth Director. This will give our Youth an incentive to become more active as daylily growers. Also send names of all Region 6 Youth to Jeff so he can correspond with them.

I'm sure Jeff has some great plans for San Antonio. So all you guys and gals get to the Regional Meeting. Send Correspondence to:

Jeffery Dan Roberson
P. O. Box 7008
The Woodlands, TX 77380

1984 AWARDS & HONORS JUDGES

Texas 444 members

Grace P. Alexander 86
B. F. Ater 86
Mrs. B. F. Ater 84
Lucia Bjorkman 85
Betty Brown 86
Edgar Brown 86
Mrs. Bertha Cone 85
Mrs. Nell Crandall 84
Naida Crisp 84
Rodger N. Croker 85
Mrs. E. L. Cunningham 86
Emily G. Everett 86
Albert C. Faggard 85
Mrs. Royal A. Ferris
Clarice A. Foster 86
Mrs. W. B. Fullen 84
Eddie Gage 86
Mary Gage 86
Mrs. Anna Glidden 84
Mrs. Peggy Hammel 86
K. H. Henson 84
Virginia Henson 86
Tom J. Hughes 85
Mrs. Tom J. Hughes 85
Mrs. H. O. Johnson 86
Jim Kyser 86
Pat Kyser 86

Mrs. W. S. Lanham 86
Patsy Lepper 85
Edna Lankart Honorary
Mr. Joyce W. Lewis 84
Mrs. Joyce W. Lewis 84
Ruben Morgan 86
Mrs. L. A. Nelson 85
Mrs. Paul J. Offer 84
Mrs. W. D. Owen 85
Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell Honorary
Ruth Ratliff 85
Mrs. William K. Russell 85
Mrs. R. W. Schlumpf 85
Mrs. D. Gaines Short 85
Mildred Smith 86
Mrs. Inez Tarrant 84
Mrs. J. R. Swafford 85
Jay E. Warner 84
Mrs. Jay E. Warner 84
Mrs. W. G. Williamson 84
Ury G. Winniford 86
Mrs. Ury G. Winniford 86
Mrs. Inez B. Young 85

NEW MEXICO 9 members

Betty Roberts 86

All Awards & Honors Judges MUST renew membership in AHS by March 1st each year, MUST vote the Popularity Poll, and return their Awards & Honors Ballots to Frances Gatlin by August 25th each year or they will be dropped as Awards & Honors Judges, if they fail to vote in time. They can write a letter to their RVP concerning the reason for failing to vote (such as illness, death in family, other family crises, etc.) and be excused.

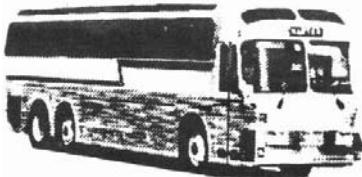
To be an Honorary Judge, please read your Judges Handbook. You must have served twelve years as an Awards & Honors Judge. A person must be found not able to keep up the garden visits, or if they are in bad health, have a member of the family that is ill, and will prevent them visiting gardens, or if a member can no longer find the transportation to visit gardens.

GUEST PLANTS FOR 1985 REGIONAL

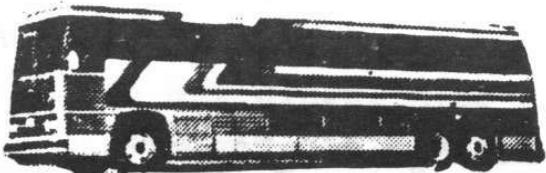
Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society will host the Regional Meeting in 1985. Our guest bed is ready and you may send plants this Spring.

Send both Malcolm Collie and Annie T. Giles Awards plants to:

Mrs. Louis A. Nelson, Jr.
4444 Griffing Drive
Port Arthur, TX 77542



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GULF COAST HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY BUS TRIP

Our club is taking a bus to the Regional Meeting in San Antonio May 11-12. The cost is \$30 per person for transportation, only. If you are interested or anyone you know, please let me know, as you would be on "standby" until all our club members have been notified. Pickup and Drop off:

Beaumont - Gateway
Groves - First State Bank
Houston - Ramada Inn West I-10
Sulphur, LA - Holiday Inn

Sincerely,
Vera Peterson
4401 Clermont
Groves, Texas 77619

P. S. Mr. Bob Dove of Pleasanton has invited our bus to tour his garden on Sunday, May 13, 1984, on our return home.

Vera

Clarice Foster takes a bus to the National Convention and Region 6 Meeting. At the printing of this Newsletter, I don't know if Clarice's bus is full or not. Anyone interested in a 10 day fun-filled bus trip to many daylily gardens and the Worlds Fair, contact Clarice A. Foster, Route 3, Box 403, Conroe, Texas 77303, 409-264-1303

I just learned that Dallas is taking a bus to the Regional Meeting in San Antonio. Anyone in the Dallas area that may be interested in taking a fun trip to a great Daylily Meeting in May contact:

Mrs. Natalie Thompson
203 Glendale Ave.
Seagoville, TX 75159



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Tell us what you think, write a letter to the Editor

Daylilies sure are looking good. The ones I put in buckets after our trip to National and Albuquerque last year fared worse than the ones I just heeled in on the compost pile after an auction in November.

Grace Alexander

Gardens all look dreadful - especially the evergreens - but I don't think we've lost many. Lots of water, sunshine, and prayers can do wonders before May 11th.

Lucia Bjorkman

How did the daylilies survive the Big Freeze? The ones down here look a little stunned and puny. I believe that they will all come out of it alright.

Alyne Fisher

We have been enjoying some warm weather the past few days and the daylilies are beginning to show green growing tips. Surely Spring can't be too far away!

Elizabeth Krebs

"February Gold" Daffodils and "Jet Trail" White Quince are almost in full bloom. The Rose Spirea and White Flowering Almond will soon be in full bloom. Pansies and Johnny Jump-Up's are starting to bloom.

The cold killed 9 of my Roses, but I don't plan to replace them. I'll turn it over to Hems as the Roses die. The old Antique Roses I got from a California Company all survived, but the modern ones went down the drain for the most part.

Rodger Croker

These remarks were heard at a daylily meeting, and I suggested that I would send on anything they wished to say, so here it is: Most of the fun the last evening of the Regional Meeting is the live auction. We have fellowship on the buses and in the gardens all during the Regional Meeting. On to something exciting, as a farewell gesture!!!

The financing of the Newsletter has been the reason for any auction, and I personally think it should follow the lines already laid out.

Gertrude Lanham

I heard from a daylily friend in Corpus Christi just yesterday; she was very upset about the appearance of her daylilies. Mine froze back completely (we had 10 degrees Christmas Day), but most have already come out nicely since then with new growth about 6 to 8 inches high.

Marie Marburger

Our daylilies look terrible. The freeze was awful. I lost all my Christmas Cactus plants and everything else in my greenhouse. We'll see how those daylilies and aphids survive.

Gertrude Lanham

AN INVITATION FROM REGION 13

REGION 13 Meeting

May 25-27, 1984

Headquarters: Holiday Inn CENTRAL (Holidome)
2032 N. E. Evangeline Thruway
Lafayette, Louisiana 70501
Telephone: (318) 233-6815

PROGRAM

- FRIDAY EVE, MAY 25: Business meeting and slide show.
SATURDAY, MAY 26: Bus tour to Durio, Guidry, and Spalding gardens. Breakfast, lunch, banquet, and plant auction included in registration fee.
SUNDAY, MAY 27: Gardens open
Durio, Guidry, Monette, Spalding, Tanner

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration fee of \$42.50 includes:
Friday evening - Business Meeting and Slide Show
 Saturday - bus tour to gardens;
 breakfast, lunch, banquet, and auction.

Please make check payable to:

ACADIANA HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY
Send to Belle Durio
Route 7, Box 43
Opelousas, LA 70570



Garden Tips



The following article was printed in the Region 3 Newsletter and also in the Daylily Journal in 1979. I am reprinting it below.

At the National Convention in Pittsburgh, I saw the results of this fertilizing method. I was amazed at the lush green foliage and not a bug to be seen.

The following year I began using a modified version. Within 2 or 3 days, I saw the results in my own garden. I have used a form of this method every year since. All with excellent results.

I could not find a 2 lb. coffee can so I used two 1 lb. coffee cans. I did use Peter's fertilizer one time, but used other water soluble fertilizer like Rapid-Gro, BR 51, and K-Mart brand, with equal results.

I used Cygon at times and I have used a variety of other insecticides with equal success. Make sure it is the same ratio as Cygon. I always use Epsom Salts, Iron Chelate, and Fish Emulsion. Although I seldom use as much Fish Emulsion as Mr. Hooker called for, simply because I ran out or couldn't find enough at the store. This seemed not to matter too much but I always used as much as I could.

I use 1 cup (8 oz.) of stock to my water buckets and pour the mixture between the rows or clumps. Since I do all my gardening, I did all the work. I must tell you it's quite a job, but worth all the effort.

I only use this mixture once, between March 1 and 15, depending on the weather. I would like to use it a 2nd time, but I never seem to get to it. I do try to use some other form of fertilizer, generally solid like 13-13-13, between the rows and clumps. And watch for aphids and spider mites. I also put slug bait out several times during bloom season. I have also found roaches eating opening flowers during the night.

Try this I think you will like it, add your own formula and make your own brew. Be sure you have a strong back.

Mr. Hooker died before the 1979 Convention, but left his excellent Philosophy of Fertilizing for us. - MN

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PHILOSOPHY OF FERTILIZING

by George Hooker

Long ago I gave up on the use of solid fertilizers and adding the individual ingredients to each plant. It is a tedious, time consuming method, and there is no way to get even distribution throughout the plants' root systems. Finally, adding solid materials through a two inch mulch is a pain in the neck.

The dilute solution I use distributes itself nicely throughout the root area of the plant. An important point - no part of the root system is in contact with strong fertilizer solution which can cause fertilizer burn. Although the fertilizer solution is available at once, the plant takes only what it needs and the bulk of the fertilizer material is absorbed by the soil particles, and stored for future use. This stored fertilizer will be leached out by subsequent rains or watering and thus be available to the plant in solution form. Always remember that the roots of a plant can drink, but cannot eat.

For 15 years I have grown more than 500 plants, Roses and daylilies, and recently it has been more than 800 plants. Therefore, I need an efficient and orderly fertilizing system to keep the time and labor down to a reasonable figure, and at the same time add the desired amounts of material to each plant

FERTILIZING METHOD

Make up 5 gallons of stock solution

1 - 2 lb coffee can of Peter's 15-30-15

1 - 2 lb coffee can Fish Emulsion

1 - 6 oz can Epsom Salts - Magnesium Sulfate

1 - 8 oz can Cygon

1 ounce Sequestrene - Iron Chelate

These materials are all water soluble. Water is added to the 5 gallon mark while stirring. One 12 oz can of stock solution contains the desired amount of each ingredient for 1 large Rose bush or 1 daylily clump. For miniature Roses or a small 1-2 fan daylily clump I use a 6 oz can of stock solution. The 5 gallons (640 liquid oz) is enough for 53 plants (12 oz can each) or 106 plants (6 oz can each).

NOTE: I do NOT, repeat do NOT apply the stock solution to the plants

THE ACTUAL PROCEDURE

In practice the job is best done by two persons - 1 easy job and 1 active job- A large garden cart (or wheelbarrow) near the bed, contains the 5 gallon can of stock solution, 3 or 4 ten quart pails, a 12 oz. can and a 6 oz. can. Person #1 (easy job) holds a running water hose (fast enough to fill up a 10 quart pail in a minute or less) and also dips (rubber gloves) a can full of stock solution into each pail.

Person #2 (active job) lifts the full pails from the cart

and pours the dilute solution into the soil at the base of each plant. By working hard it is possible to fertilize 100 plants per hour, but 50-60 plants per hour is an easy pace and will take care of my 800 plants in two days.

But in those two days the plants

1. have been watered
2. and have been fertilized for the next six weeks and
3. have been protected from sucking insects for a month to six weeks.

Of course for the system to work the soil should be loose and friable, as it should be anyway, so the solution will soak into the ground and not run off. Sometimes if the soil is hard I cultivate around the base of the plants before starting to fertilize. Usually this is not a problem for I like to add cow manure in the Fall or Winter and also use a ground corn cob mulch. So the ground is receptive and the solution goes right through the mulch (no problem). Also, I pour the dilute solution right into the center of a daylily clump with no harm to the foliage.

PURPOSE OF THE COMPONENTS

The 15-30-15 soluble fertilizer is a good growing composition and the high phosphate corrects a general phosphate deficiency in the Pittsburgh area soils. Not only that, but the solution distributes the phosphate throughout the root area, which solid phosphate fertilizers cannot do. If you think this is too much nitrogen, change to 9-45-15 plant starter for May 15 and July 1 application (40% less nitrogen).

The Fish Emulsion adds hormones, vitamins, and promotes vigorous growth. The Epsom Salts supplies Magnesium, in soluble form, required in photosynthesis. The Sequestrene supplies iron required in photosynthesis. Iron also gives deeper and richer colors, desirable in most cases, notably lavenders, purples, and pinks. Too much iron, however, does not improve bright scarlet Roses and daylilies. The resultant deeper red is not nearly so bright. The Cygon protects Roses and daylilies against sucking insects like aphids (deadly) and thrip. Roses are protected against Rose Midge. Cane Borers often start to drill a Rose cane protected with Cygon and quit after about $\frac{1}{4}$ " without laying eggs. Maybe they do not like the taste of Cygon.

Sometimes I add a growth hormone, or a soluble seaweed to the brew. You can add your own magic components.

Time schedule for Pittsburgh climate (Just a reasonable guideline.)

Daylilies

March 15 - April 1

May 15

*July 1

Roses

March 15 - April 1

*June 1

July 15

*September 1

* About 2 - 3 weeks before show time.

This is my system. It works for my conditions. The plants grow luxuriously. It is not a rigid system so you can modify it for your conditions. Good Luck.

HONOR THY SERVANTS
Frances Gatlin, Chairman
AHS Awards and Honors Committee

IT TAKES LESS than one set of fingers to count the number of paid jobs in the American Hemerocallis Society. Our members work for love, not money. Some of them work very hard. Each year we try to say "thank you" to a few special people by awarding a limited number of Service Awards at the Annual Awards Banquet during the Convention. The specific awards are:

HELEN FIELD FISCHER GOLD MEDAL for meritorious service to the Society. It is the highest Service Award given.

BERTRAND FARR AWARD for outstanding contributions in the field of hybridizing.

REGIONAL SERVICE AWARD for outstanding service rendered at the Regional level. Up to 5 of these may be given annually.

Have you ever wondered how these people are selected? Well, the Board of Directors makes the final decision, but it is based on your nominations and the information you supply to support your candidate. Now think a moment, Isn't there someone you would like to see honored for outstanding service to the Society? Or to your Region? Don't wait for your neighbor to do it; nominate them today. Let me tell you how:

Send a letter to your RVP naming the person of your choice for whatever award and state their qualifications. Try to be specific - not just, "They are a nice person." It is the weight and number of qualifications, not the number of letters received for a member, that are the deciding factors. You may nominate more than one person - for instance, a candidate for each award. In this case, please use a separate sheet of paper for each. (It helps me with my sorting). Your RVP will add their comments, send your letter to me, and I will then present it to the Board at the Fall Meeting.

There is a deadline. Letters of recommendation are supposed to be in my hands by August 25th. I confess I was accepting them right up to the night before the Board Meeting last year, simply because I had only one letter at deadline time. But why give me an ulcer? From now on, August 25th it is!

Before championing your nominee, it is a good idea to check the Cumulative Awards List to make certain they haven't already won. Until 1982, this list was published annually in the Summer Journal. Now it is printed with the Check List Supplement, (listed as Cultivar Supplement), available for \$2 from our AHS Secretary, Joan Senior.

There is an unwritten rule (at least I can't find it recorded) that disqualifies Board Members from receiving the Helen Field Fischer Awards until said member has been off the Board for one year. I was well into my first year as Awards & Honors Chairman before I learned this. But now it is in print, if not in the rule book, and will perhaps spare you disappointment.

Do look around and take this way of saying "thank you" to a deserving person.

Garlic as A Cure-All, For The Organic Gardener
(From an article which appeared in a 1972 Houston Post, written by Robert Rodale)

Garlic is far more than a potent culinary sparkplug. It is an amazingly versatile plant with values far beyond the kitchen and the salad bowl.

For example, garlic and the oil it contains have been used for centuries as a natural medicine against a variety of ailments. Only in recent years, however, has the scientific basis for garlic's therapeutic effects been discovered.

Most exciting is garlic's recently discovered potential as a safe and natural insecticide. Researchers around the world have found that garlic has an uncanny ability to kill some of the most bothersome insects and their larvae.

Emulsified oil of garlic killed 89% of pesky aphids and 95% of onion flies in field trials, English Researcher, David Greenstock, reported recently. He got the idea to try garlic as a bug killer after observing that garden attacks by the onion fly was very much reduced when garlic was planted between the rows.

But, there is some evidence that not all garlic is alike. For example, Greenstock found that only garlic grown where the soil is rich in fungi and other microorganisms was truly effective as an insecticide or bactericide.

Lawrence Hills, Director-Secretary of the Doubleday Research Association, speculates: "Commercial garlic bulbs could have the wrong mixture of allylsulfides because they were grown with chemical fertilizer and not enough humus to support the fungi, while David Greenstock's own - or those from local farmers - would have plenty."

If you would like to grow your own stock of garlic for cooking, buy bulbs from a grocer or health food store, split them into their six to ten individual cloves, then plant them with their pointed noses just below the surface. Lift the plants when the foliage dies, and store in an old nylon stocking hang in a dry shed, just as though they were onions.

I do not know how to prepare the emulsion, or where to obtain any. Maybe one of our members would and would let us know. - MN

**1984 AHS Convention
Orlando, Florida
Holiday Inn - International Drive
May 17-19, 1984**

Plan to come early and/or stay late at the 1984 AHS Convention in Orlando, Florida. Besides the lovely daylily gardens, there are many other enjoyable things to do and sights to see in the Central Florida area.

Dear Albert



Question: Is the Faggard Daylily Garden open for visiting for one or two persons at a time, or only for groups?

SOMETIMES PASSING BY

Dear Passer: Yes, the gates are always open, the dog is penned, and the shovel is hidden. Really, Mr. Faggard works and likes to arrange visits for groups and friends, preferably on weekends and evenings. Vacation time helps, too.

Question: What time do you first fertilize your daylilies? And what kind of fertilizer? When is the last time you fertilize them and what kind of fertilizer?

The Lufkin Hemerocallis Society

Dear Lufkin Hems: This is one for every area of our Region - perhaps when you read this you can drop the group a note about your area. I never fertilize until the danger of frost is over, generally about March 1st for the first fertilizer. Since I reset a lot of daylilies each year, this is when I add the fertilizer and till the soil well before resetting. Still I add more in early Spring (fertilizer, mainly 12-12-12 or 8-8-8). Some folks like more nitrogen than I use. A light application of the same ingredients is applied in April, time permitting. Sometimes I might add manure rather than a balanced commercial fertilizer. Since your area gets drier and colder than the Gulf Coast it's best to delay the Spring and speed up the Fall program in your area. Also, you have a fine group that's been growing them for a long time. Experience is a great teacher. I wished I would have added more mulch this season.

Question: What do you get if you cross RAINDROPS with LITTLE PALE FACE?
Pat

Dear Pat: A WET INDIAN

Question: It has been a puzzle to me that a clump of daylilies will bloom one year, and the next year it will just sit there and not send up a single scape. It can be surrounded by other daylilies that are blooming, and all have been treated with the same fertilizer, etc. This happened one year to AMAZING GRACE, which had always been a good bloomer. Can you shed any light on this?

PUZZLED

Dear Puzzled: Perhaps that older variety has done its day in your garden. I suggest you

lift it, re-till the soil, add humus, and fertilizer, say grace over it, and eat the blooms next season.

Question: Why does a worm squirm?

WONDERING

Dear Wondering: If you were full of decomposed material you would squirm, too. Worms convert decayed vegetable matter into humus that is really healthy for the soil..keep them around - it's Mother Nature's poor mans shredder.

Question: Is there any way to save a clump of daylilies that begins to turn yellow? Then all the fans rot.

WINNIE

Dear Winnie: Shucks, you asked the hard one. Most of us think you can, but most of us don't have a constructive answer. I've heard that digging, cleaning, and using a solution of light Clorox water helps sometimes. Let harden first before planting. All I know is they really go in a hurry sometimes - too you smell like rotten potatoes and Clorox.

Question: How long does it take bone meal to work in helping a daylily bloom?. Someone has suggested "about 50 years" - which must be an exaggeration. What is your opinion?

BONE MEAL FAN

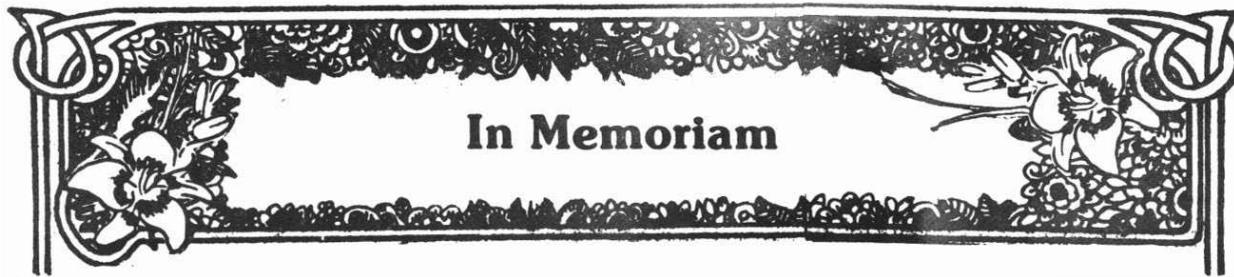
Dear Bone meal Fan: Should I say Bonehead Fan? How can you be a fan of something that takes fifty years to work - gosh, that's a twice-in-a-lifetime proposition. Really bone meal is slower acting than we like for daylilies...It takes one to three years for the elements to become available to your plants. Bone meal is extremely high in phosphorus, thus good for plant and foliage color. It's expensive, try a good 8-8-8 or 13-13-13.

Question: I spent the mild Winter of 1982/83 observing all my evergreen daylilies. In 1983 (Summer). I registered 25 daylilies (which cost a bundle). Of course, they were registered as evergreens. The Winter of 1983-84 proved them all dormant. I can't afford to pay \$7.50 each to correct the checklist. What can I do?

IN A DELIMMA

Dear Dilemma: Sounds like you needed to test them a little longer or perhaps the Winter this season made even the evergreens a little shorter and your bifocals need adjusting. It has been said that some dormants go down early, others later, still some extremely late. Last season was not real testing weather. AHS prefers this be corrected. You're still lucky to have that many dormants. Also, dormants tend to point as they lose their foliage, watch for this, too.

Please address all Dear Albert questions to: Mr. Albert Faggard, 3840 LeBleu, Beaumont, Texas 77707. - MN



JAMES A. SMITH, JR.

Arlon Smith passed away January 24, 1984, at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, Texas. "Smitty" was a member of the Houston Area Daylily Society and the American Hemerocallis Society since 1975.

He enjoyed the daylilies very much, but especially liked the trips to the Regional Meetings and National Conventions. He and Mildred were very happy they were able to attend the 1982 San Diego Convention because they also got to visit their son in Washington before returning home.

Arlon wasn't able to go to Birmingham in 1983, but he insisted on driving Mildred to Beaumont to board the Gulf Coast Hemerocallis Society's bus so he could visit with his daylily friends.

I know all of you have enjoyed reading Mildred's articles about the "goings-on" at Jennifer's Daylilies in Hitchcock. Perhaps like me, you have had the pleasure of enjoying the beautiful daylilies, then relaxing in a rocker, sipping a cool drink, and visiting with these lovely people. I have spent quite a few Sunday afternoons there and plan on spending quite a few more, but I sure will miss Arlon being there.

Grace Alexander

LEONA HILL

The San Antonio Daylily Society lost one of its valuable members on December 25, 1983. She was our Treasurer for a number of years and always a beautiful hostess for our meetings, from time to time. Our sympathy goes to her husband, Vance P. Hill, and their families.

MRS. RANDAL (LUCILE) CLARK

On January 25, 1984, the mother of our Lucia Bjorkman passed away. Her mother, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, would have been 90 years old in April. The San Antonio Daylily Society extends its deepest sympathy to one of our dearest members and her husband, Sidgard Bjorkman, and their families.

Mrs. Paul J. Offer

IN MEMORY

Ida Harrison

Many members of the Houston Area Daylily Society and the Houston Hemerocallis Society were saddened by the death of Ida Harrison on December 18, 1983. She had been ill for many years. Our younger members probably do not know her, but she was a first cousin of Lucille Williamson. Lucille, and also Maggie Sheffield, her sister-in-law, aided her in the start of growing and selling daylilies. In the 1960s and early 1970s, she developed and registered many beautiful daylilies, for which she won many ribbons.

Her husband, Jerry, was very active in developing the beautifully landscaped "Harrison Daylily Garden" at their home on Gulf Bank Road in Houston. The best of daylilies, companion plants, and much warm hospitality greeted you there. Our garden club often enjoyed picnic lunches on the spacious lawn in the cool shade of the hugh Pecan trees.

"Miss Ida" as she was so affectionately addressed by Mr. Harrison, was 83 years of age at her death. She is survived by her husband, a son, and a daughter.

Clarissee Rasch, a close Friend



Oh God, We thank Thee for Nature and the Beauty therein. Keep us from Pettiness. Let us be large in thought, in work, and in deed. May we keep the garden plots of our Hearts free from weeds, and may we see Thy Beauty in every living thing. AMEN.

Groves Texas Garden Club Prayer

REGION 6 MEETING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY 11-12, 1984

FRIDAY - May 11, 1984

- 10:00 - 8:00 Registration Desk Open
1:00 - 4:00 Judges Clinic
5:15 - 8:00 Mexican Dinner & River Barge Trip (Optional \$15)
8:15 - 9:15 Slide Show

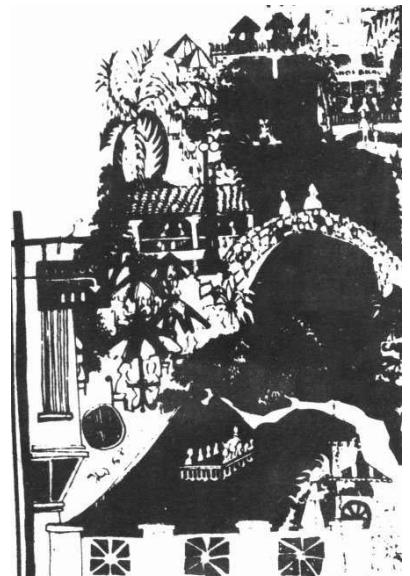
SATURDAY - May 12, 1984, Breakfast not scheduled

- 7:00 - 8:00 Registration Desk Open
8:00 - 12:00 Bus Tour of Gardens
Mrs. William L. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Offer
Col. Michael Conrad
Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Bjorkman
12:30 - 1:30 Luncheon - Canyon Creek Country Club
1:30 - 4:00 Tour - Mexican Market, Downtown Sightseeing, Botanical Gardens
6:00 - 7:00 Presidents Reception - Open Bar
7:15 - 10:00 Banquet
Region 6 Meeting

SUNDAY - May 13, 1984

Post-Regional Garden Visiting and Sightseeing on own.

Regional Meeting Chairman: Lucia Bjorkman, Telephone (512) 492-9687



**REGISTRATION FORM
1984 REGION 6 MEETING
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, MAY 11-12, 1984**

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
1984 Region 6 Meeting Fund

MAIL TO:
Mrs. Paul Offer, Registrar
237 E. Summit
San Antonio, TX 78212

Registration is enclosed as follows for the Region 6 Meeting, to be held at the Sheraton San Antonio, 1400 Austin Highway, San Antonio, TX 78209, Telephone (512) 824-5371, on May 11-12, 1984.

Name(s) to be shown on the official Meeting badge(s):

Name _____ Name _____
Street Address _____ Street Address _____
City, State, Zip _____ City, State, Zip _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____ \$35.00 per person if received on or before May 1
\$40.00 per person if received after May 1, 1984
\$15.00 per person if taking the Mexican River Barge
Trip on Friday evening, May 11, 1984

Registration fee does not include Hotel reservations. Upon receipt of Meeting registration, you will be sent Hotel information from which you may make reservations direct.

Meeting registration fee refunds will not be made unless such requests are received prior to May 1, 1984.

Attending Judges Clinic: Yes ____ No ____

Meeting Chairman: Mrs. S. D. Bjorkman
13130 Hill Forest
San Antonio, TX 78230
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DINING ON THE RIVER

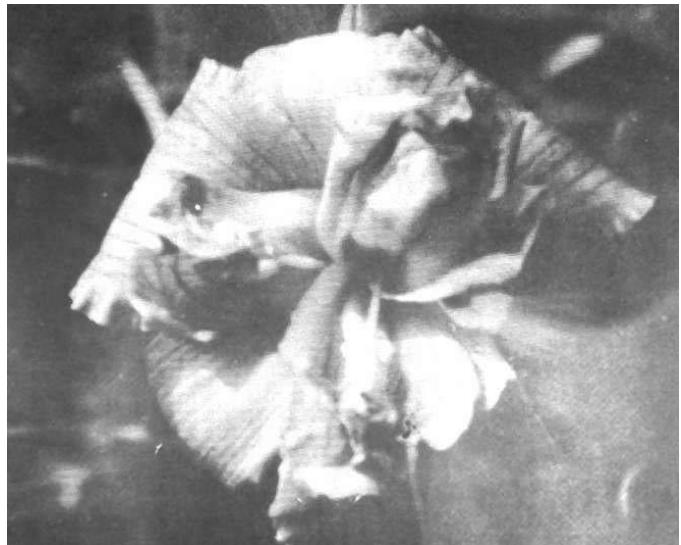
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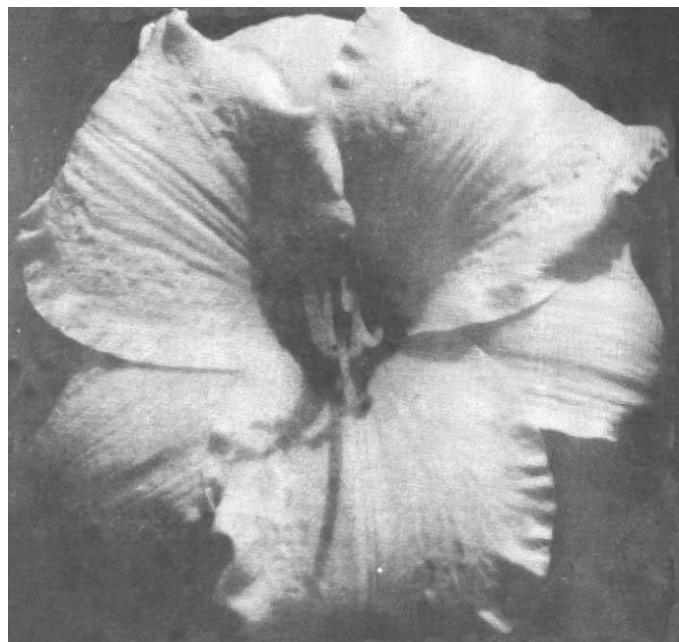
MEXICAN MARKET



DOUBLE BREAKTHROUGH
Betty Brown
HONORABLE MENTION
(photo by Mable Nelson)



DOUBLE KONA SUNSET
Anna Rosa Glidden
JUNIOR CITATION
(photo by Nell Crandall)



EIGHTEEN KARAT
Edgar Brown
HONORABLE MENTION
(photo by Mable Nelson)



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HONORABLE MENTION
(photo by Mable Nelson)

THE MAGIC OF LOVE

Helen Steiner Rice

"Love is like magic.
And it always will be,
For love still remains
Life's sweet mystery:

Love works in ways
That are wondrous and strange
And there's nothing in life
That love cannot change:

Love can transform
The most commonplace
Into beauty and splendor
And sweetness and grace:

Love is unselfish,
Understanding and kind,
For it sees with its heart
And not with its mind:

Love is the answer
That everyone seeks
Love is the language
That every heart speaks

Love can't be bought,
It is priceless and free,
Love like pure magic
Is a sweet Mystery."



The joys and laughter - the love
and inner contentment - may all
things that say "Easter" be yours.

