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September 30

Mail-in Auction Plant List Due to Art Imperial

October 4

North Texas Daylily Society Plant Sale

October 4

Plant Sale, Daylily Growers of Dallas, Northhaven Gardens

October 11

Plant Sale, Gulf Coast, Central Mall

November 8

Fall Seminar San Antonio

May 1998

National Convention, Lafayette, Louisiana

June 4-6, 1998

Region 6 Meeting, Dallas

May 1999

Region 6 Meeting, Nacogdoches

May 2000

Region 6 Meeting, Lake Jackson

May 2001

Region 6 Meeting, Austin

Region 6 RVP, Rich Rosen

motivated by a great daylily season

Hello daylily fans. I hope that all of you have had a great bloom season. Writing this in late June, each day I continue to enjoy a rainbow of color in my garden and the smiling faces of individual daylily blooms. Some cultivars have been better than usual, others worse; thrips have been better, slugs worse, but all in all it has been a great daylily season. Having seen all the beautiful blooms at both the Regional and National garden tours, my wish list has grown by leaps and bounds. It has motivated me to work a little harder on preparing a new flower bed in my back yard to make space for new acquisitions next Spring. I already have too many in pots waiting for a permanent home in the garden.

- 1) **First order of business is sending sincere thanks to Mable Nelson and the Gulf Coast Daylily Society for a great Region 6 Meeting.** The gardens were lovely and everything ran smoothly. I know everyone had a super time. Unfortunately, most of you reading this did not attend. The only way to fully understand the pleasure you are missing is to attend next year's Region 6 Meeting in Dallas. Also, the AHS National Convention is close to home next year in Lafayette, Louisiana. So start putting those nickels in your piggy bank for next year.
- 2) **Thanks to Sue and Zak Jackson** for the exceptional job they did, organizing the daylily auction. This is the most important money raiser we have for Region 6, covering about half of our Region's annual costs. Thanks also to all who generously donated plants and purchased plants.
- 3) **Congratulations to many Region 6 members.** Our Editor, Keith Kinney, was awarded the AHS Outstanding Newsletter Award. Annie Weinreich of Amarillo won the Helen Field Fischer Award, our Society's highest honor for lifetime service to AHS. Kathryn Neely of Albuquerque was presented

our Region 6 Service Award. Betty Randig of Taylor won the National Tricolor Award (photo of the arrangement is on the back cover of the Summer 1997 *Daylily Journal*). Makes one proud to be from Region 6.

- 4) **Thanks to the San Antonio Daylily Society and Bill Ater** of Austin for putting together the **Region 6 Fall Seminar**. As you know, San Antonio is a great place to visit with many exciting things to do for the entire family. And Bill has lined up an interesting slate of speakers on daylilies and other gardening subjects. The registration form is in this issue; send it in today.
- 5) **Thanks to Dr. Art Imperial** of Lake Jackson for agreeing to put together the Mail-In Auction. Please notice the request for donations of auction plants in this issue, and give Region 6 your generous support. The actual Auction will appear next issue, in time to do some Christmas shopping.
- 6) **Congratulations to Sue Jackson**, who was elected AHS Region 6 Vice President for 1998-1999. More on that, next issue!
- 7) **Attention hybridizers.** If you have any daylily seeds that you can spare, please send them to Roswitha Waterman; 555 Snowball Dr.; Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724. Roswitha is our International Secretary. She sends seeds to other countries which are used to promote the daylily, for instance school children in Hamburg, Germany. She asks that you indicate the names of the parents and that the seeds be relatively fresh.
- 8) **If you come across articles about daylilies or daylily people** in any LOCAL publications such as newspapers or regional magazines, please send them to our AHS Archivist: Nancy Allison; Anderson Horticultural Library, P.O. Box 39, Chanhassen, MN.

It's that time again... Popularity Poll!!!

by Region 6 Publicity Director, Sue Jackson

It is that time again. So, I hope you have already been taking notes and deciding which of your daylilies are your 25 favorites. Rita Legé and Bill Jacobs' votes arrived on the same day, just a couple of days after the Region 6 Meeting. I was so excited! I have received several to date and I hope that ALL OF YOU will take a few minutes to send me your votes.

As I have mentioned before, this is your only chance to voice your opinion on your favorite daylilies. The other awards (Stout Metal, etc) are voted on by the Garden Judges. We still need to be able to show the rest of the Regions what we all consider to be the best daylilies in Texas and New Mexico. I remember last year I did not get a very good response from New Mexico. I understand your growing conditions are sometimes a little different, especially from those on the Gulf Coast of Texas. Please let me hear from all of you this year.

I really enjoy this part of my job. It is so much fun hearing from each of you and seeing what you grow and enjoy. PLEASE VOTE!! NO MATTER HOW OLD OR HOW NEW - VOTE!!!

I want to thank all the members of the Gulf Coast Daylily Society for a wonderful "Touch of Heaven

In '97." It was an outstanding experience. The gardens were not only beautiful, but there was no doubt how much hard work had gone on in each one to make them extra special for us to enjoy. Each garden was an example for each grower's personality. The food was delicious and the downfall for my diet. I enjoyed seeing so many old friends and meeting some new ones. It is experiences like these each year that make our Society stronger and increasing in size. If, for whatever reason, you feel that the Region will not miss you at these Meetings, or that you have "seen it all" please believe me that this is not true. I had just returned from National in Florida and needless to say - everything there was the newest and the best. I still enjoyed the newest and best in our Regional gardens and enjoyed seeing how our growers are growing the same things they are growing in Florida.

Please put the Fall Seminar in San Antonio on your calendar. You will not be disappointed!

One last note. I have tried for years to make my neighbor Jim Caldwell believe he is doing some special things with his daylilies and Louisiana Iris. When Jimmy won the Edna Lankart Award at the Awards Banquet, I could not have been more excited if it had been my seedling that had won. If you are in our area please make plans to visit Jennie and Jim Caldwell and the acres of daylilies. They have a beautiful yard and each Spring they hold an "Open Garden" that is the event of San Jacinto County.

3rd Annual Mail-In Auction Fall/Winter 1997

The Mail-In Auction helps offset the Region 6 annual pledge of \$1000 toward the W. E. Monroe Endowment Trust Fund. We have succeeded in the two previous auctions and anticipate no less this year. But we couldn't do it without your daylily contributions. Please phone or send a list of cultivars that you will donate to Dr. Art Imperial

with cultivar names, number of fans, and your name and address by September 30. Mail to:

Dr. Arturo Imperial, Region 6 Auction
33 Lake Road
Lake Jackson, TX 77566
409-297-9727

Record Auction!

by Zak Jackson

I only know what I've been told. Have you heard that statement before? Well, in my case this is so true. I was not able to attend the Regional Meeting in Port Arthur. I was very sad about these events because there had been so much planning that had gone into the auction. But, Sue assured me that she would do her best to pull it off without me. As I understand with Jay and Judy Farquhar's help and a lot of other special people, Sue did a very good job.

I want to thank all of you that helped. Many thanks for an exceptional auction to our auctioneer, Glenn Tolar. He really keeps an auction moving and he moved a record number of plants in a short amount of time. We had a record auction total! Thank you, Glenn. Also, thanks to Warren Goza, Virgil Cain, Scott Henry and Jo Crisp for all the behind the auctioneer help. They made keeping the plants moving look easy. (At least this is the blow, by blow account I got from my on the scene assistant). Another thank you to Betty Burton for keeping the main tally sheet. I really do believe without this we would have been lost. Thank you to Eddie Gage and David Burton for spotting. Last but not least, the keen eye and eared ladies at the tally table. That is one job that is so important, but so overlooked. The end result came down to Helen Reynolds and Mary Houston keeping up with the bids and the money. All in all I hope everyone had a great time and I'm sorry that there was only one MAGIC OF OZ. Just think of the fun we would have had with two.

Special thanks also goes to all the people who so generously donated plants to the auction. The Gulf Coast members really gave until it hurt. Mable Nelson, Genevieve Smith, Anita Harman, Betty and Scott Henry, Marie Dattalo, Virgil Cain, Sue and Zak Jackson, Nancy and Gene Orgeron, Mary and Eddie Gage, David Brown and Dennis Davis, Eddie Raye Andrews,

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Board Announces New Appointments

Kay Day

As we approach 1998, the opening line of Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* comes to mind. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the Spring of hope, it was the Winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way. . ." The best of times is, of course, the development of AHS and its very rosy future. The worst of times is that we will face significant changes in three staff positions.

During Frances Gatlin's term as Editor of the *Daylily Journal*, we have had access to a first rate *Journal* and subsidiary publications. Her resignation as Editor could be the Winter of despair, but with the her agreement to continue as Special Publications Editor and the selection of Claudia Schroer as Editor of the *Daylily Journal*, we should look forward to the spring of hope. Pat Mercer, currently Region 5 RVP will replace Elly Launius as Executive Secretary - that is Pat will be responsible for the function Elly has performed in the past. Elly has been a pillar that we cannot easily replace. Bill Monroe, who graciously has served as Registrar since the death of his father, the first AHS Registrar, has also resigned. This could be viewed as the season of darkness, but with the appointment of Binion Amerson, it surely will be the season of light and we will have everything before us. Other changes have and will occur. As we look forward to the future, take time to thank Frances, Elly and Bill for what has been the best of times and the age of wisdom.

With your continued support of the basic goals of AHS, we can be assured that we are headed direct to heaven and not the other way.

Annie Weinreich Receives Highest AHS Service Award

by Earlene Garber

I think we can say that the high point in the AHS life of this member was the time she served so honorably as National President, during 1988 and 1989. But Annie had been very active prior to that time. Joining AHS in 1972, she served as an Exhibition and Garden Judge, helped plan two Regional Meetings and the 1978 Convention, and had been RVP of Region 3 before serving two terms as a member of the AHS Board.

During her tenure on the Board, Annie was Special Services Chairman, Round Robin Chairman, RVP Chairman, and a member of the Publications Committee. In fact, she helped discover Frances Gatlin and Elly Launius, so we are especially indebted to her for that!

After leaving the AHS Board, Annie served as Region 15 Exhibition Judges Liaison, and is presently a member of AHS's Regional Newsletter Award Committee.

Just recently she held the offices of President and Vice President of the Golden Spread Daylily Society and is also on the Exhibitions Judges and Clinics Committee and has served as Region 6's Exhibition Judges Liaison.

Annie has shared her knowledge through the many articles she has written for local, Regional, and National publications. Several Regions have benefited from her presence and assistance, the entire Society indeed owes much to her untiring work for AHS and the daylily.

The medal we present you with tonight is our official recognition for distinguished and meritorious service rendered the Society on the National level. It is our very great pleasure to honor you with the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal.

Regional Service Award Recipient

by Kay Day

Region 6 continues to recognize those individuals who provide significant support to AHS, the Region, and their local community. Kathryn Neely, this year's recipient of the Region 6 Service Award certainly deserves this recognition. Kathryn is one of the founding members of the Albuquerque Daylily Society and has served as President and Vice President. She is a Master Gardener and performs soil tests for gardeners at the Albuquerque Garden Center. Kathryn has supported the AHS goals with her instrumental efforts in the planning of the Stout Medal, Lennington, and Peck Gardens at the University of New Mexico and the development of the daylily garden at the Los Ranchos de Las Golondrinas Living Museum near Santa Fe. She continually donates plants to St. Martins Homeless Shelter, Pueblo Indians Cultural Museum, and the Albuquerque Garden Center. Currently, she is President of the Albuquerque Council of Garden



Clubs comprised of 28 garden clubs and plant societies. Of course, Kathryn is an Exhibition Judge and Clinic Instructor. She and her wonderful late husband, Harold, hosted the Region in their garden in 1995. Region 6 is truly blessed to have Kathryn and we thank her for all of her work.

Hemerocallis Herptiles or

LEAPIN' LIZARDS in the Daylilies

by Rich Rosen

When working in my own garden or visiting others, I often notice little animals that I really don't know much about - reptiles and amphibians (herptiles). With the exception of snakes, I find these little creatures cuter than the dickens. But what are they doing in the daylily garden; what are their lives like? I looked through past *Daylily Journals* and Regional Newsletters, but could not find any articles on this subject. Plenty has been written about beneficial insects, but not much on beneficial vertebrates. So, I have done a little research, found the subject to be very interesting, and want to share some information with you.

I am going to discuss herptiles found in Region 6, with the exception of crocodilians, which I hope you don't find in your daylilies; turtles, which I haven't seen in daylily gardens; and snakes, which would make this article much too long (and I don't like looking at the pictures). The information I was able to find included a book on Texas species, which I hope includes many of the species found in New Mexico.

AMPHIBIANS

Amphibians are grouped into 3 orders: Caudata (salamanders and newts), Anura (frogs and toads), and Apoda (legless caecilians). All the books I read say they evolved from fish. But hey, what do scientists know. All amphibians are ectothermic, that is they have a variable body temperature that fluctuates with the environment. In cold weather or temperate climates their metabolism slows down to a state of hibernation, enabling them to survive unharmed inside underground burrows. Fresh water is critical to their survival since they need it to breed and undergo larval development. They cannot tolerate the salt content of sea water. They hatch from shell-less eggs, metamorphose through a larval stage, and mature into adults.

Mucous glands all over their bodies produce a slimy secretion that keeps their skin moist. (Kind of like Oil of Olay.) Some species have separate glands that secrete poison (no Texas species). Other species lack lungs, and even those with lungs, breathe through their skin. The largest species is the Chinese Giant Salamander which grows to six feet in length. (Texas doesn't always have the biggest, thank goodness!) Most species are nocturnal, active at night. All adult amphibians are carnivores with a diet consisting of worms, crustaceans (pill bugs), insects, and spiders, which they usually catch with a large mobile tongue. **CONCLUSION:** *amphibians are our gardening friends!*



Eastern Tiger Salamander

SALAMANDERS - have long bodies and tails, and four equal sized legs. They have smooth or warty skin, but no scales and no claws on their feet. Most species lay their eggs in water, which hatch into aquatic larvae that breath through external gills that are lost during transformation to adults. When mating, males may take on bright colors and perform nuptial dances to stimulate the females. At climax the males emit masses of sperm wrapped in gelatin onto the ground, which is retrieved by the female's cloacal lips, resulting in internal fertilization. The cloaca is a cavity into which the intestinal, urinary, and genital tracts open. (If you aren't getting this, look it up. This is a family publication.) I have not observed salamander or newt species in daylily gardens, but they might be present after dark.

FROGS AND TOADS - have short compact bodies, no necks, no tails in the adult phase, and hind legs longer than the front. Each species has a distinct voice and acute hearing for mating purposes. That soft looking round spot behind their eyes is actually their ear drum. Toads have warty skin while frogs are smooth. There is no truth to the old spouses tale that you can get warts from handling a toad. And there is only anecdotal evidence that if a beautiful maiden, pure of heart, kisses the right frog he will turn into a handsome prince. Toads have shorter hind legs than frogs, so toads sort of hop whereas frogs can leap great distances. The leaping and swimming motion of frogs is the same. Their webbed feet allow them to “push off” from the water behind them just like they push off from the ground when leaping.

In courtship, unlike salamanders, frogs and toads don’t dance. (I’m a toad.) Instead they call and sing to the females. The male then jumps on the back of the female, embracing with the forelimbs (froggy style), and sprays sperm over the eggs as they are being emitted by the female! The eggs are laid into water, onto moist ground, or inside of foam nests. Whereas salamander hatchlings are similar to adults, frogs and toads hatch as tadpoles with long tails. In about one month they gradually mature into adult form.



Woodhouse’s Toad

Woodhouse’s Toads make themselves at home in

the loose sandy soil of my daylily beds. Found in central and north central Texas, these chubby little rascals grow up to five inches long, and come in various shades of brown with dark blotches. Being nocturnal, I sometimes find them at dusk, making ready for their evening meal of insects. During mating season they have on occasion shown up in large numbers, unfortunately sometimes in the swimming pool. Life span is up to an amazing 20 years.



Green Tree Frog

Green Tree Frogs live in the Eastern third of Texas. I have observed them in Mary and Eddie Gage’s garden in Spring, Texas. They only grow to about two inches, have smooth bright green skin, sometimes with small gold flecks on the back and a pale stripe from the mouth and down the side. At least one Green Tree Frog found a comfortable place for a nap in the throat of a bloom of GOOD FAIRY. It gave the term “green throat” a whole new twist! They like the edges of ponds with vegetation and around houses with appropriate conditions.

This article will conclude with the subject of REPTILES in the next issue of the Region 6 Daylily Newsletter.

Photographs from *Texas Monthly Guide to Texas Reptiles*

Orgeron and Caldwell Win Annie T. Giles and Edna Lankart Awards



Annie T. Giles winner DO-138 from Gene Orgeron.
Pink double. SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC x YAZOO
SOUFFLE



Edna Lankart winner from Jim Caldwell - Caldwell
Nursery. Pink. Seedling x AMERICAN PRELUDE

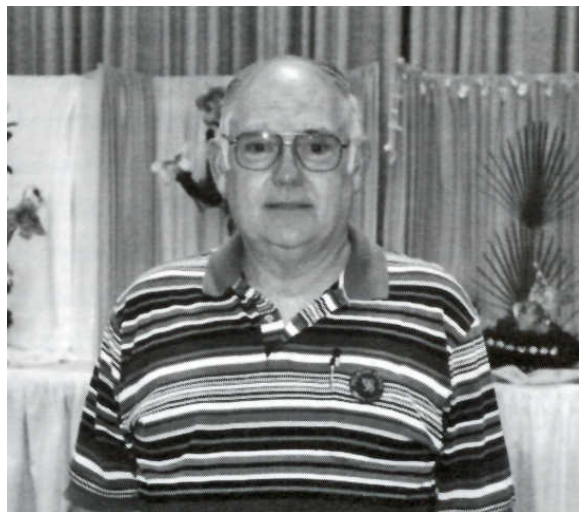
The Dedicated Exhibitor

by Nell Shimek

This is a story about the dedicated exhibitor. He first showed up on Houston's South side at the Lone Star Daylily Society's second flower show. Not only did he travel 90 miles from Beaumont to Houston, but he carried his daylilies with him and won! He won the Best Double in our show with a big orange named FEISTY (Gates '91).

Later on that month, he turned up in Tyler and he won again! This time the winning entry was the double flower OLIN FRAZIER (Crochet '88). The very next day was the Houston Area/Houston Hemerocallis Daylily Show. Here he comes - MR. EXHIBITOR! Guess what? He got on the winner's table with, yes, another double - BETTY WOODS (Kirchhoff '80).

My story being finished, or so I thought, I was informed that HE again exhibited and won in the Cenla Daylily Club's first flower show in Alexandria, Louisiana, Region 13. There he won with MADGE CAYSE (Joiner '91). You guessed it - Best Double in the show.



I applaud Mr. Fred Rice and his dedication to exhibit our favorite flower at so many of our Region's flower shows.

We ALL hope to see you in our 1998 flower shows. May you always bring with you winners.

Tour Gardens

in retrospect

Incorporating ideas from the

Orgeron Garden

by Shirlene Holt



PORT NECHES, TEXAS - Our last stop of the day was the lovely garden of Nancy and Gene Orgeron. This is not a large garden, but the arrangement made it appear much larger. A swimming pool and large patio area were contained in the back garden along with many plants and beautiful daylilies.

In the front lawn area a large clump of EIGHTEEN KARAT was in full bloom accented by green shrubs and assorted bedding plants. SIERRA BANDIT (Guidry '87) was in bloom as well as the beautiful yellow THERESA RYAN (Orgeron '93).

The wooden fence surrounding the back lawn area was decorated with hanging baskets of Staghorn Ferns, Bleeding Heart, and decorative garden ornaments. One complete side of the fence was covered by a miniature red Rose in full bloom.

Variegated Lace Cap Hydrangea and a Vitex tree with purple blooms were very attractive. Mixed with the old and new daylilies along the back fence were Chrysanthemums and Variegated Ajuga. One plant that caught my interest and many other visitors was a delicate vine with small yellow blooms that resembled tiny butterflies cascading up a large tree in the back lawn area. Also beautiful as always was FAIRY TALE PINK (Pierce '81) and PURE AND SIMPLE (Salter '94) blooming in the same area. Decorating the patio area where everyone was enjoying refreshments was an unusual potted plant, Thumbergia Erecta, with small purple blooms covering the entire plant.



We all love to incorporate ideas from the gardens we visit and the Orgeron garden was no exception. Thanks for sharing your enthusiasm with Region 6

A Beautiful Neighborhood Garden

Created by Marie and Charles Dattalo

by Barbara Picou

PORT NECHES, TEXAS - As our bus drew up to the home and garden of Marie and Charles Dattalo, I spotted a handmade, hand-painted, cutely dressed crow pointing us toward the house and garden.

We are going as the crow flies. A fifteen foot perfectly formed Bradford Pear brightened the right corner of the front yard that everyone was admiring. A small 2 x 5 bed in front of the curved sidewalk held seedlings. One seedling was MD100 and it was wrapped with a pink gift package bow. The seedling was raspberry with an edging. Along the brick wall on the right side of the house, the Dattalos have another seedling bed and again Marie packages her special seedling with a white gift package ribbon. Its number was MD103 - peach with a wine eye. MD104 was pale cream with a gold edging and lavender markings. Marie will have trouble making up her mind which daylily will be registered. HELLO DARLIN' is a name held in reserve for her when she does decide to register her daylily in the future.

As we hesitatingly left the front to go the back yard, as the crow pointed the way, the garden became more than just daylilies. Although space is limited, Marie and Charles have developed a beautiful garden. A square wooden lattice work arbor sat in the middle of the back yard with cement benches below and surrounded by flowering pots. The covered patio was laden with tables of food and drinks. Again a quiet place to repose when it isn't teeming with Hemerocallis admirers. I was just trying to be quiet and listen to the Ohhs! and Ahhs! around me coming from

some of the visitors for the beautiful daylilies. Some of the names I heard were: FORTY SECOND STREET (Kirchhoff '93), RED HEAT (Benz '92), and Betty Pischel and I made the same sounds over DANNY BOY (Kirchhoff). EDGE OF EDEN was also quite beautiful.



Dattalo seedling with 5-way branching

As we examined the many blooming and beautiful hanging baskets which were hanging up and down the back wooden fence, we had to turn away and divert our attention to the award beds. A small bed against the back fence to the extreme right of the back yard held many entries. Marie was raising plants for the Annie T. Giles Award. It was hard to have to decide on which seedling should win. They were all so beautiful and unique. We had to also observe the Edna Lankart Award Bed up against the back of the house. Again we sampled the work of many of our known friends and hybridizers. I couldn't brag on just one . . . and I was wondering to myself, how do you get so much done in so little time.

I am overwhelmed sometimes by the beauty, the work and progress that goes on from year to year by these persons that call themselves daylily people. Maggie Koon said to me on the way back to our hotel room, "Daylily people are good people because we dig in the dirt." I had a good chuckle . . . but you see it's true, most of us seem to enjoy nature. Marie and Charles - you are good people. You have really worked hard and it shows. Thank you both for giving daylily lovers "A Touch of Heaven in '97." Marie says, "She has fun and will continue to have fun, doing what she likes best, raising daylilies."

The Lusignan Garden - A very special touch of heaven

by K. C. Dignan

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS - From the street, the front of the house looks like a very pleasant suburban home, deep red, confident and secure. But should the visitor be invited to the back of the house, a very different picture is exposed – a wonderful, gracious vista of cool greens, vibrant colors and unlimited textures. The blend of natural and man-made materials blend in perfect harmony, reflecting the gracious hospitality and artistry of the owners Red and Kathryn Lusignan.

Since we were there to look at the daylilies, I must tell you that the Lusignan's garden was alive with the color and joy which is unique to these plants. When I asked Kathryn which was her favorite, she replied, "Whatever is in front of me." Red stated that he liked whatever was in bloom. Among the many daylilies in this bit o' heaven were MASK OF TIME, DARING DILEMMA, and PURE AND SIMPLE (Salter); BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS and CINNAMON SUNRISE (Copenhaver); ANITA HARMAN (W. Harville); WINGS OF CHANCE (Spalding); CHINA BRIDE and GINGHAM MAID (Guidry); and PRINCE MICHAEL (Hansen). Red said he has acquired most of his plants at plant sales and trading with friends. For example, friend Gene Orgeron and Red combined their resources to get CINNAMON SUNRISE (Copenhaver), which was quite expensive (about \$50) at the time. He says it is still a favorite.

Just as it is the little things which make a house a home, it was the graceful details which made a list of plant materials a garden. Some of my favorites

were the collection of hanging pots filled with Begonias on the fence, turning a stretch of basic cedar fence into a winsome vertical garden. What about the "pixie staircase of mushrooms" growing on a small stump which was topped with a flowering plant? Lucky pixies! Ever mindful of the visitor, the beds were edged with wide walks and Monkey Grass. After visiting the riot of colors of the daylilies, the eyes were "cooled" with bunches of Caladiums. In the center of the garden

is a circular bed with yellow daylilies which is surrounded by Monkey Grass and white and green Caladiums and edged in brick. However, the piece de résistance of the garden was the swing. The swing is in its own arbor, gently shaded, gently moving with the breezes. Kathryn and Red sit there every evening at 5



Red and Kathryn relax in a backyard swing

p.m. and reflect on their garden, life and 40 years together.

As you read this, the Lusignans have moved into their new home. They vowed to take only 50 of their many daylilies. When asked which 50, and how were they going to pick, neither seemed able to say. But in the new home, they wanted to start fresh. There is an old sentiment that a garden is never done, that when it comes close to perfection, the gardeners must move, leaving the perfection to the next gardener and start again. True gardeners, such as Kathryn and Red are ever ready and require new challenges. Perhaps that helps explain why the Lusignans are moving - they got close to heaven in '97.

Genevieve Smith Incorporates Many Perennials in Her Garden

by Betty Phelps

BEAUMONT, TEXAS - Daylilies have been an important part of Genevieve Smith's life since 1981, when her garden was established on a standard size lot in Beaumont, Texas. Her landscape design very effectively incorporates the use of many perennials which enhance the lovely daylily.

Initially, Genevieve grew Spalding cultivars. Her interest in the daylily and its place in horticulture history increased, and today her garden reflects the hybridizing expertise of the Stamiles, Petit, Copenhaver, Crochet, Kirchhoff and many others. She grows between four and five hundred cultivars, both diploids and tetraploids and derives much satisfaction from her own hybridizing efforts. Her enthusiasm and love for gardening are apparent from a stroll through her garden.

The front yard beds extend the length of the property in "L" and "U" shaped beds. These beds are bordered by pink Begonias and implement the use of the Stokes Aster and blue Delphiniums. These plants are highly complimentary to the daylily and present a breathtaking visual combination. Nearby circular-planted beds are bordered in pink Petunia and blue Salvia which results in a striking color combination. These daylily beds are home to some of the best daylilies

introduced into commerce. Those blooming beautifully on tour day included: WILD MUSTANG, AWAKENING DREAM, LAST PICTURE SHOW, BROADWAY ANGEL, LINDAN TOOLE, CREOLE BLUSH, MORNING CHEERFULNESS, JIM MCKINNEY, BIG PEACH MAMA, FESTIVE ART, MARTHA ADAMS, SUPER RED EYE, and WAIMEA CLIFFS.

Meandering through established paths into the back yard, one has the opportunity to savor many moments of breathtaking beauty. Near the patio a mammoth Plumeria, flanked by Hostas, Hydrangeas and daylilies, beckoned one to refreshments and conversation with friends and new acquaintances. Backyard beds are all bordered in red Begonias and incorporate the use of Hostas, Gingers and other tropicals to form balance, texture and contrast in a skilled landscaping design. A delightful focal point in this backyard fantasy is the collection of Wood, Golden Boston, and Fishtail Ferns nestled among trees with available seating where one can spend a moment of quiet reflecting enjoying the wonders and beauty of nature and be reminded of the labor of love and gracious hospitality Genevieve Smith extends to all who come her way.

Blooms in the Smith Garden



SUPER RED EYE



WAIMEA CLIFFS



MORNING CHEERFULNESS

Anita and Don Harman's Touch of Heaven

by Judithe S. Savely

BEAUMONT, TEXAS - Cool weather, a breeze, and low humidity greeted visitors to Anita and Don Harman's garden. This garden exemplified the "Touch of Heaven in '97" theme of our AHS Region 6 Meeting. Every plant was a specimen - beautiful, well cared for, and displayed in two-year clumps!

With space at a premium, the Harmans try to keep cultivars that perform well in their locale. They are particularly partial to the Stamiles and Salters as hybridizers, but also feature recent cultivars from Jack Carpenter, Carr, Copenhagen, Gates, Kirchhoff, Loughry, and Talbott. Each year Don and Anita try to upgrade their listing with newer plants from different areas of the United States to enable them to keep abreast of progress being made in the field.

Among the daylilies blooming beautifully the day of our tour were ANGEL'S SMILE, CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN, CHRIS SALTER, ED BROWN, ENCHANTED ILLUSION, JEDI CODIE WEDGEWORTH, KAREN MY LOVE, MASK OF TIME, ONE STEP BEYOND, PERFECT PIE, SEMINOLE WIND, and VOLCANIC EXPLOSION.



JEDI TEQUILA SUNSET



KAREN MY LOVE



MOONLIGHT KISSES



REBA MY LOVE

One highlight in this garden involves the angels which represent the "Touch of Heaven in '97" theme. As one enters the garden, a small angel sits along the lower fence blowing kisses. Between the angel and paved flagstone path is a daylily bed of varied width and short distance, at the end of which one encounters a small greenhouse with a short trellis of blooming Confederate Jasmine - this bordered by a tall, thin birdhouse, under which is a spigot for water. Another side of the greenhouse features an angel and a trellis with Jasmine abloom. A built-in padded bench is on the third side with a small pond. All of this was accomplished in a very small amount of space by a meticulous planner, agile carpenter, much labor and love.

Along a side fence with a flagstone path (opposite the greenhouse) is a small fenced storage area with a "Welcome to My Garden" plaque on one end and a charming gnome, potted Petunias and Sprenger Fern, along with other plants on top.

There were numerous other accent pieces in the garden, among which was a large wooden wagon filled with blooming red Geraniums. These people set the standard for the complete daylily garden!

Anita's first daylily registration, named MOONLIGHT KISSES, a light purple with chalky eyezone and green throat, had numerous blooms the day of our visit and generated many favorable comments! Anita generously donated a double fan of MOONLIGHT KISSES to the Region auction.

Daylilies that have performed particularly well for the Harmans this year include ED BROWN, MASK OF TIME, MOONLIGHT KISSES, ONE STEP BEYOND, and REBA MY LOVE.

Companion plants effectively accenting the garden include hanging baskets of lavender Verbena (on the fence) and pots of blue Plumbago.

For added interest, Anita and Don change some of the designs in their garden each year. They enjoy growing daylilies together and sharing with family and friends.

This garden was truly one of inspiration, great beauty, and a joy for those of us who had the opportunity to visit. Thank you, Anita and Don!

Rita and Rudy Lege's Garden A Family Affair

by Carolyn Jackson

GROVES, TEXAS - Did you know that a garden can be a family affair? Rudy "the dad" built a decorative angel fence to display some colorful plants to welcome guests. It held a beautiful collection of plants in clay pots, such as: Ivy Geranium, Double Impatiens, Bromeliads, Jade Plant and Salvia. There was one angel pot carrying out the theme "A Touch of Heaven in '97."

There was a wreath with a welcoming garden angel on the front door. In a niche nearby, there was a shady garden. It had a feeling of reverence with its beautiful plants, such as Bird Of Paradise, Ferns, Bromeliads, Coleus and herbs.

Ella Bytes, an adopted grandmother, 90 years of age, hand-painted an angel resting on a corner of the back fence. The family and friends all pitched in to make such goodies as peanut brittle and cookies to serve on the patio. This is an activity

that all the family must enjoy.

Daughter-in-law, Diana Legé, designed an adorable angel with a halo of Spanish Moss. It bore the inscription, "May all your weeds be wildflowers." It was surrounded by a collection of



MANDALA (Morss '88)

well-grown daylilies. In the area there was a cultivar with only the number, H1901, a lovely peach blend with generous ruffles. One day it will be registered with the name "Kelsey and Megan" in honor of two sweet granddaughters.

Excellent care had been given to the many named daylilies, such as: MANDALA (Morss); WHEN SPIRITS UNITE, WYNTON, DRAGON'S EYE and CIMARRON KNIGHT (Salter); JUMP START (Weston); and RUFFLED LEMON LACE (Munson). What a friendly family affair we attended - truly a "Touch of Heaven"!!

Nelson Garden - An Artistic Masterpiece

by Martha Gayle



PORT NECHES, TEXAS - As we arrived at the Bud and Mable Nelson garden, it was like viewing a magnificent French Impressionist painting, complete with a chateau style home nestled among beautiful gardens. The two American flags displayed on either side of the front doors, reminded us that it was Memorial Day weekend in Gulf Coast America - not France.

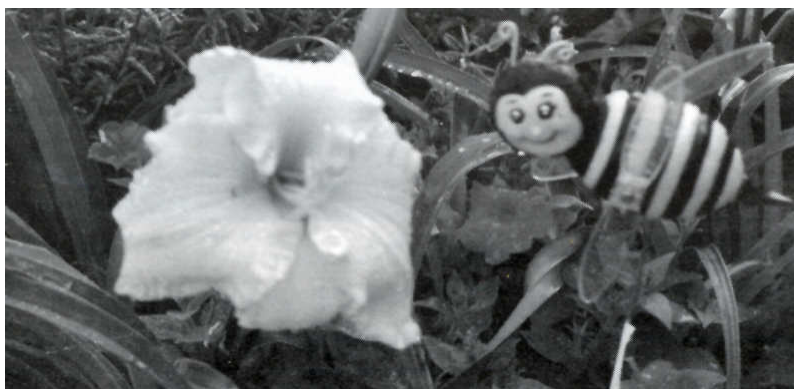
The front garden, which wraps the corner lot, was in full color with numerous island beds displaying many of the most current daylilies on the market today, including Mable's introductions and many of her seedlings. Her EXQUISITE EDGE and APRICOT LACE were lovely and in full bloom. I learned from Bud that he leaves the daylily world to Mable while he sees to the manicured lawn and the other interesting plants in the garden. In early Spring, over 500 Tulip bulbs are planted in these front beds for color before the daylilies bloom.

Attracting a great deal of attention were blue ribbon quality blooms of ADMIRAL'S BRAID, ANNALEISA, VICTORIA'S SECRET, SOMETHING WONDERFUL, SEMINOLE WIND, FORTUNE'S DEAREST, GLACIER BAY, BURNING INHERITANCE, CARIBBEAN FRANK LEAGUE, OVER THE EDGE, MAGIC OBSESSION, SEA SWEEP DREAMS,

MOONLIT CARESS, AFRICAN DIPLOMAT, and hundreds of other current cultivars.

As I strolled toward the back garden, Mable was standing near the gate to welcome guests into their New Orleans style patio garden. I could not resist taking a picture of Mable silhouetted against a beautiful, twenty foot high, double lavender Althea tree in glorious bloom. A variety of interesting plants were growing in this charming, compact setting. Espaliered on a brick wall of the patio was a fifteen foot tall specimen of Opuntia of the cacti genus, adding outstanding vertical interest. I learned that the lovely green painted antique shutters, which added further vertical interest, came from an old Ursuline convent which was originally in Galveston and was later torn down. Fifteen large pots of the small red daylily LITTLE SWEET SUE were artistically placed for spots of color. Also, attracting attention was a large and beautiful Gloriosa Lily.

The focal point of the back garden was a lovely fountain encircled by a mass planting of Mable's 1992 introduction GO FOR GOLD, with Begonias, Portulaca, and Petunias sharing the spotlight as companion plants. Several oversized garden art bumble bees added a whimsical touch to this attractive spot. GO FOR GOLD was Mable's last introduced diploid and will always remain one of her favorites. Her hybridizing efforts are now concentrated on tetraploids.



GO FOR GOLD with a B-Z-B

As the whistle blew and I was headed for the bus, someone said, "Be sure to look behind the garage." Fully expecting to see what most of us keep behind the garage - empty pots, a rusted watering can, or a pile of mulch, I was amazed to find another beautiful daylily garden, the only spot left for Mable's seedlings. There were some outstanding beauties back there waiting to become a future Nelson star.



For those of you who missed the Region 6 Meeting and garden tours, it would be well worth the trip to visit these gardens next Spring. Our warmest thanks go to all of the garden hosts - and especially to Mable Nelson for creating and sharing her fabulous garden, for serving as President of the Gulf Coast Daylily Society, and most of all for chairing this outstanding 1997 Region 6 Annual Meeting.

The Garden of Anne and Bobo Faggard

by Clifford Lee

BEAUMONT, TEXAS - Entering the garden of Anne and Bobo, I was greeted by a round bed of LITTLE ORANGE TEX (Faggard '85). Also looking wonderful in front were Copenhaver's pastel yellow and pink BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS; and Bobo's small flowered, bright orange MAMBO MAID was choice. Jack Carpenter's JOSEPHINE MARINA was huge!

Along with daylilies there were many Louisiana Iris hybridized by Bobo and other companion plants. Platter sized blooms of several Hibiscus varieties exploded in the island beds on the South side of the property. Beautiful Alstromeria filled a corner in the back yard.

In newly made beds in the back yard, I was greeted by BUG EYED BO (Faggard '84) and Pat Stamile's OLYMPIC SHOWCASE. Also impressing visitors was Salter's MEDIEVAL SPLENDOR and PIRATE'S PATCH. One of Bobo's double seedlings, pink with a bright red

eye, caught a lot of attention.



Bobo chats with Bill Ater and others

Asked what his favorite was, Bobo replied, "If I don't say LITTLE ANNE FAGGARD, Anne will kill me!" Two thumbs up for Anne and Bobo.

Pinehurst Garden

of David Brown and Dennis Davis

by Scott Henry

ORANGE, TEXAS - As we approached the selected site of our lunch, the Brown Center, we marveled at the sight of this elegant classically Southern estate and the palatial mansion. Inside, the hostess informed us that this was formerly the residence of E. W. and Betty Brown, but was now run by Lamar University. As we waited in the buffet line, we could appreciate the interior furnishings of the mansion, but I was not prepared for the breathtaking beauty and grandeur of the solarium that was set as the dining room. The food, although delicious, could not match the splendor of the setting.

After lunch, we boarded the buses and rode to the adjacent gardens of David Brown and Dennis Davis. As the bus traveled down the daylily lined driveway, I wondered just how large this garden was. I was informed that the gardens covered about ten acres, with about one and a half acres of daylilies. I would have guessed more area than that as we arrived at our stop.



DOUBLE SHERBERT (Betty Brown '84)

We disembarked the bus and stepped around a hedge. Wow! There was a sea of bright colors. The daylilies were blooming so heavily that there did not seem to be any room between the individual blossoms. After taking several landscape photos, I began walking down the spacious gravel walkway admiring many of the double daylilies hybridized by Betty Brown. There, I met David Brown and asked him some

questions about the garden and his future plans. However, our conversation was constantly interrupted by tour visitors complimenting him on the garden with exclamations like: "It's like you died and went to Heaven," "Its absolutely gorgeous! . . . and the carousel and the horses . . . Oh! Just exquisite!," "Thank you. This garden made the whole trip worthwhile." So I quickly decided to make a beeline to all the different attractions I had just heard of.



Carousel with topiary horses

Behind the daylily beds I found a path that led through the woods to a fantasyland. I came to a clearing with a giant chessboard with chess pieces half as big as the kids playing on the board and behind the chessboard there was a carousel with topiary horses and behind them were larger topiary elephants. I ventured down the next path and found a beautiful blue and white cart full of brightly flowering potted plants and then further down the path, the mood of the garden changed with statues and small ponds such that the mood was more serene and tranquil. As I ventured further down the path, I found a formal English garden. However, I had not really seen but a small section of the daylily garden, so I hurried back to see as many daylilies as I could before that dreaded whistle blew.

As I surveyed the numbered seedling beds, I spied a bed of enormous yellow daylilies. Here was a bed full of SLADE BROWN and each and every flower looked like it was at least eight inches across. I pried myself

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Everything Was Coming Up Daylilies

in the Tullier Garden

by Jean Consford

NEDERLAND, TEXAS - Everything was coming up daylilies, (over 300) and Gingers, Crinum, Hibiscus, Bougainvilleas, Crotons, Plumerias, etc., etc., in the exuberant garden of Joe and Earline Tullier. The cool, inviting shade of this retreat was the location for our Garden Judges Workshop.

Street numbers on a Cypress “sculpture” at curbside were encircled by a striking bed of red Salvias. Immaculate green grass surrounded raised and neatly bordered beds of daylilies and other perennials, tropicals and annuals, all of which were punctuated with birdbaths, statuary, a gazing ball and my favorites, Cypress “sculpture” pieces (my mother calls mine stumps).

An archway covered with Coral Vines, lattice screens supporting Clematis and a number of hanging baskets added colorful vertical interest to an array of perennials and trees, most notably a Vitex (Chaste) tree that, with its prolific lavender blue blooms, makes me think of a Salvia tree!

The Tulliers grow 80 of Jean Barnhart’s introductions. Garnering attention were: LOIS DEWS (‘88), LADY IN QUESTION (‘92), and JESSICA ROSS (‘92). NACOGDOCHES PANSY (‘86) was showing off with seven blooms and KATI VANDUNK (‘95) was gorgeous with four blooms open. The “Barnee Bed” was complete with its own resident armadillo, reflecting Barnee’s genuine affection for the little fellas.

A huge clump of SCARAMOUCHE (Munson ‘74) was sporting ten open blooms, NOTORIOUS FLING (E. W. Brown ‘78) had seventeen, and I admired a fine clump of MORNING CHEERFULNESS (Graham ‘82).

A garden sign read, “An Hour in the Garden Puts Life’s Problems in Perspective.” With an abundance of TLC, the Tulliers have created their own little flowering oasis, a garden as gracious

and welcoming as its owners. Region 6 is fortunate to have shared it with them. Thanks, Joe and Earline.



Jean Barnhart views her namesake bed



KATI VANDUNK

My SECOND Favorite Perennial

by Virginia (Jenny) Kesel



BEN WHEELER, TEXAS - Cannas are my second favorite perennial after daylilies. There are several reasons I like them. They are never out of bloom from May to November. The flower colors are beautiful, ranging from a near-white to a black red, some with contrasting edges and spots. The flowers hold up well in a vase. They grow from as short as 18 inches to as tall as 7 feet. The large foliage has a tropical look and comes in a wide range of color including stripes and solids. I grow 23 different varieties including species and seedlings. Three of my favorite Cannas, which I highly recommend are: BLACK KNIGHT - 30 inches, beautiful red foliage and dark red blooms; CLEOPATRA - you never know what combination of red and yellow speckled blooms will appear; AIDA - 32 inches, very soft baby pink color.

Here in the Tyler area, I grow them in the same type of soil that I use for daylilies. Cannas love fertilizer, and I use 8-8-8 every 4 to 6 weeks, and Miracle Grow is a great foliar fertilizer. Water thoroughly once a week. Once the flower has bloomed out, it does look ragged, so cut the stalk out, even with the soil line. This forces the bulb to put up more stalks, with more flowers. Once frost hits, cut the Cannas off to the soil line and lay the foliage across the bulbs for Winter protection. In late February when they start coming up, remove the old foliage. Plant bulbs 2-3 inches deep and 12-16 inches apart in the early Spring in a sunny location. Clumps can be thinned every 2 to 3 years. I have experienced one pest, a leaf caterpillar which can be controlled with Malathion, Sevin, or Merit which I use in the Spring and late Summer. Also bait for slugs when the young leaves emerge to prevent holes in the leaves.

Very few people are hybridizing Cannas, mostly back yard gardeners. There is no Canna Society or newsletter at this time, but efforts are being made. If you are interested contact Donnie Hallman, 228 Deer Springs Trail, Lexington, SC 29073 or myself, Virginia Kesel, Rt. 1, Box 98, Ben Wheeler, TX 75754, Phone 903-852-6355.

Pinehurst Garden continued tram page 17 from this section and went looking for the more recent daylily additions to this AHS Display Garden. I did not get very far before I met Curtis Wilson. He told me about the garden and having worked there for fifty some years and how David Brown had always been interested in daylilies, but that David liked other plants too and that he had brought in just about something of everything since he bought the place. The dreaded whistle

sound concluded our conversation and I really had not covered but a small section of this garden.

We are very fortunate that David Brown and Dennis Davis have decided to share this garden with us. They have created a showcase for David's parents creations and have added their own special touches that are truly wonderful. Thank you for sharing it with Region 6.

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Seedlings Needed for Awards Beds

Brazosport Daylily Society has begun making plans to host the AHS Region 6 Meeting the third weekend of May, 2000. Hybridizers are invited to send seedlings for the Edna Lankart Award bed as early as Fall 1997 to assure clump status. Send seedlings to:

FAYE REEVES
RT. 1, BOX 72
SWEENY, TX 77480
Phone: 409-245-2621

Seedlings for the Annie T. Giles Awards Bed for hybridizers in the Brazosport club will be the subject of a future announcement.

For more information, please contact:
Joanne Berry, Meeting Chairman
or Eddie Raye Andrews, Co-Chairman

Seedlings in 1998 Awards Beds Are Lonely

There's still time to get your seedlings to the Castlebury's for the 1998 Awards Beds. Many gorgeous seedlings were growing in the tour gardens and surrounds this Spring in the Gulf Coast area. PLEASE send your entries to Aileen Castlebury by October 1 so that everyone who attends the Region 6 Meeting in the Dallas area next year can see them! Her address is:

AILEEN CASTLEBURY
ROUTE 1, BOX 93
BROOKSTON, TX 75421

About Our Speakers at the Region 6 Fall Seminar in San Antonio November 8, 1997

We have tried to put together an exciting program for your enjoyment at the Region 6 Fall Seminar in San Antonio.

Bob Carr lives in Ocala, Florida. While he registered his first daylily in 1993, he has chosen popular plants with which to hybridize and the results are outstanding. We are seeing a fantastic depth of color in his introductions as well as exciting edges, near perfect form, eyezones, watermarks, ruffles, only to mention a few of the attributes that give his plants overall distinction.

Jack Carpenter has now retired from teaching and is devoting full time to developing daylilies of distinction. Jack continues to choose the plants used in his hybridizing program that he feels have the potential to produce seedlings which will produce that extra quality. Jack's garden is always open during bloom season and is enjoyed by hundreds of daylily enthusiasts each bloom season.

Rich and Anna Marie Rosen visited numerous gardens this bloom season and Rich will be showing slides of introductions from many popular hybridizers.

Spring Daylily Show Winners

	Albuquerque Daylily Society	Brazosport Daylily Society	Daylily Growers of Dallas
Number of Entries	132	210	201
SECTION 1 Registered Large Flower Entered by:	CHESTER CYCLONE (C. Blakely '72) Donna & Richard Peck	BLACK AMBROSIA (Salter '91) Patsy Tarrant	EMPEROR'S DRAGON (R. W. Munson '88) Robert Hagen
SECTION 2 Registered Small Flower Entered by:	GREEN FLUTTER (Williamson '64) Linda Kellerup	FAIRY FILIGREE (E. Salter '90) Paula Payne	LITTLE CADET (D. Durio '79) Richard Miller
SECTION 3 Registered Miniature Entered by:	SILOAM TOM HOWARD (P. Henry '85) Courtney & Jim Petty	FAIRY FIRECRACKER (Hudson '84) Paula Payne	LYTTLETON (Kennedy '80) Kay Day
SECTION 4 Registered Double Entered by:	KWANSO (Stout 1917) Maple Lavine	VIRGINIA FRANKLIN MILLER (Kirchhoff '90) Paula Payne	CARPENTER SHAVINGS (Kropf '76) Eloise & Gene Koonce
SECTION 5 Registered Spider/Variant Entered by:	JUST FOR LAUGHS (Lane '90) Donna & Richard Peck	YABBA DABBA DOO (Hansen '93) Diane McRae	LACY MARIONETTE (Tarrant '78) Eloise & Gene Koonce
SECTION 6 Regional Popularity Poll Entered by:	NONE AWARDED	NONE AWARDED	WIND FRILLS (Tarrant '78) Robert Hagen
SECTION 7 Youth - Registered Flower Entered by:	NONE AWARDED	NONE AWARDED	NONE AWARDED
SECTION 8 Unregistered Seedling Entered by:	NONE AWARDED	NONE AWARDED	D-1-97 (Joyce Lewis) Joyce Lewis
BEST IN SHOW Entered by:	GREEN FLUTTER (Williamson '64) Linda Kellerup	VIRGINIA FRANKLIN MILLER (Kirchhoff '90) Paula Payne	LITTLE CADET (D. Durio '79) Richard Miller
SWEEPSTAKES	Donna & Richard Peck	Art Imperial	Bonnie & Hooker Nichols
ARTISTIC TRICOLOR	NONE AWARDED	Nell Shimek	Wynelle Clifton

East Texas Daylily Society	Houston Area & Houston Hemerocallis	Lone Star Daylily Society	North Texas Daylily Society
176	191	175	232
OLYMPIC SHOWCASE (Stamile '90) David Burton	MOON DAZZLE (Stamile '89) Paula Payne	CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE (Chesnik '85) Paula Payne	AUGUST MOON (Carpenter '95) Bonnie & Hooker Nichols
NEW BORN BABE (Joiner '90) Elizabeth Hoover	ENCHANTER'S SPELL (Hudson '82) Paula Payne	GUINIVER'S GIFT (E. Salter '89) Carolyn Jackson	SUNNY EYES (E. C.. Brown '94) Bonnie & Hooker Nichols
TEXAS SUNLIGHT (Lewis '81) Joyce Lewis	TEXAS SUNLIGHT (Lewis '81) Anna Rosa Glidden	JASON SALTER (E. Salter '87) Doris Rome	JASON SALTER (E. Salter '87) Vernon Wallis
OLIN FRAZIER (Crochet '88) Fred Rice	BETTY WOODS (Kirchhoff '80) Fred Rice	FEISTY (Gates '91) Fred Rice	CARPENTER SHAVINGS (Kropf '76) Vernon Wallis
KINDLY LIGHT (Bechtold '49) Elizabeth Hoover	GREEN WIDOW (Temple '80) Paula Payne	RED RIBBONS (Lenington '64) Paula Payne	GARDEN PORTRAIT (Bechtold '49) Sam Morris
WIND FRILLS (Tarrant '78) Jean McNutt	NONE AWARDED	WIND FRILLS (Tarrant '78) Harvey Shimek	NONE AWARDED
SILAM BO PEEP (P. Henry '78) Beth Dungan	NONE AWARDED	SHADOW DANCE (Morss '86) Amber Sheffield	NONE AWARDED
EH 93-29 (Elizabeth Hoover) Elizabeth Hoover	(Paula Payne) Paula Payne	NONE AWARDED	CR-TW (Peggy Williams) Peggy Williams
NEW BORN BABE (Joiner '90) Elizabeth Hoover	MOON DAZZLE (Stamile '89) Paula Payne	GUINIVER'S GIFT (E. Salter '89) Carolyn Jackson	JASON SALTER (E. Salter '87) Vernon Wallis
Elizabeth Hoover	Paula Payne	Paula Payne	Bonnie & Hooker Nichols
NONE AWARDED	Nell Shimek	Nelma Martin	NONE AWARDED

RVP Makes Song Writing Debut

by Rich Rosen

I had been a Jerry Jeff Walker fan for more than a decade before my job with 3M Company moved me from St. Paul, Minnesota, to Austin, Texas. One of his bands most popular songs is called “London Homesick Blues,” written by Gary P. Nunn; and it has been the theme song for the TV show “Austin City Limits” since the beginning. Some of you may know it as “I Wanna Go Home With The Armadillo.” I still travel to the North Star State from the Lone Star State for business and to visit family, but the dreary, nay miserable, weather often makes me homesick for Texas. It reminds me of Jerry Jeff’s song, so I have penned the following lyrics that can be sung to the tune of “London Homesick Blues.” (Normally we wouldn’t publish such nonsense, but it’s one of the benefits of being RVP! No offense intended toward Region 1; after all, that’s where the AHS got started.)

Hemerocallis Homesick Blues

Well when you're out on the road, with a heavy work load,
In St. Paul you're a lost one.
Even 3M Co. has packed their bags,
And moved South down to Austin, and I know why.
It's because the Winter weather, lasts just about forever.
It's enough to make a gardener cry.
Though it's the month of May, it's still a cold gray day;
I can't wait to catch my plane and fly.

Refrain:

I wanna go home with the Hemerocallis;
Daylilies abloomin' from Houston to Dallas and Abilene;
With the friendliest people and the prettiest gardens you ever seen.
Well it's cold up here; and I swear, I wish they'd turn the heat on.
How can you have any fun, when there ain't no sun?
I'd settle for a seat on, a bus back home.
A billion mosquitoes buzzin', really gets me a cussin',
As I wander from yard to yard.
If daylilies could be seen, they wouldn't be evergreen,
But boy they know how to grow rhubarb.

Refrain:

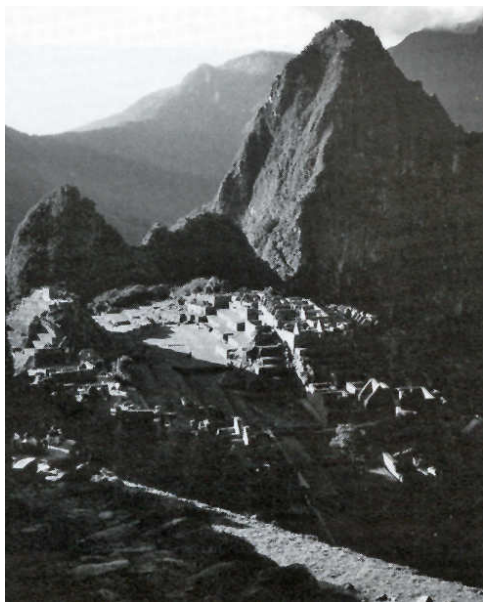
Well I decided that, I'd wear a stocking cap,
And find the Landscape Arboretum.
I looked left and right, no daylilies in sight.
I think the good Lord did cheat 'em, that's for sure.
And those Yankee eyes, were all eyein' a prize,
Called the Region 6 Daylily Newsletter.
Well they've got one too, but they're still feelin' blue,
'Cause they know ours is a darn sight better.

Refrain:

Yes, Virginia - There are Daylilies in Machu Picchu

by K. C. Dignan

In August, 1996, my husband and I were asked to speak at a conference in Arikupa, Peru. This was an exciting proposition in many ways; a reunion with an old friend, a chance to travel to an exciting and foreign land, and a chance to explore ancient



Inca ruins. What I did not expect was to encounter daylilies in Peru. More on that in a few minutes.

After flying all night, we arrived in Lima at 5:00 a.m. A brief morning nap, and we set off to visit the Museo de Oro (Museum of Gold). This the largest collection of gold and is held by a single family. It is fascinating in many ways, but the trip to the museum was that start of the “flora and fauna” aspect of the trip.

In the metropolitan areas of Peru, most people do not have cars, preferring to take taxis. This is very sensible since the taxis are cheap. It also, appears that in Lima (a city of about 8 million) there are only 20 or so, traffic lights and even fewer stop signs. (I think people drive by intuition). Taking a taxi leaves the driving to the “experts.” So rather than concentrating on the wild traffic, I watched the enchanted city pass by the window.

Outside my window I saw that not unlike New York, Peruvian cities have various “vest pocket” parks and/or plazas all over the city. These are parks which range from quite small to very large and are surrounded by housing, businesses and other types of development. Each of them were very carefully (and colorfully) planted and maintained.

That first morning, I was tired, excited, and slightly apprehensive (It had been 20+ years since my high-school Spanish classes.) But then an event occurred which was both calming and exciting: a first hint of a tell-tale shape whizzed by. I admit to doing a double-take - DAYLILIES in PERU! In several of the small plazas I saw yellow daylilies. It was not possible to get out of the taxi and look at them. The flowers seemed to be of an older variety. By that I mean, the flowers were somewhat conical in



shape, with somewhat narrow petals, and no ruffles or other types of variations. The flowers were set in colorful displays with other flowers. The yellows were set off against the brilliant purples, gleaming oranges and vibrant reds. All of this in the middle of

Winter in South America! Further explorations revealed flowers of somewhat different characteristics, but for the most part all were in the yellow and orange ranges.

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Harman's Recipe for

Daylily Success

by Judithe Sanely and Anita Harman

Everyone attending the Region 6 Meeting this year was very impressed with the garden of Anita and Don Harman in Beaumont. Not only was the garden beautiful overall, as were all the gardens on tour, but the daylilies seemed to be especially well grown. The foliage seemed healthier, and the flowers seemed larger, with excellent substance and color. Getting back on the bus, several people were wondering, what is their secret? I asked Anita if she could share their recipe for success. She was a little taken aback because, "we don't do anything special!" But she was kind enough to give it further thought and sent a nice letter describing the process she and Don use to get their daylilies to perform at their peak. Here are some excerpts from Anita's letter:

What works for one gardener does not necessarily work for another. In the beginning I went with my grandmother's advice. I have tried several ideas offered by others, but have returned to her practices, adding some of my own.

Usually we dig everything up each Fall and replant. Due to the Region 6 Meeting, this year we let the cultivars clump up. These were two year clumps. Late October to November is the time we rework the beds. First, all the mulch is raked off. The old soil is tilled. New top soil, alfalfa pellets (have a growth hormone), and organic matter are added and tilled. The clumps are divided leaving 8 to 10 fans. The plants are fanned back, cleaned, and trimmed. The newer ones may only have 2 or 3 fans. By doing this it helps keep down insects and fungus for next year. The plants are reset, watered as needed. In 3 weeks mulch is applied. I keep my eyes open to make sure they are all growing OK. A good application of 8-8-8 is given. From Fall planting until February, I continue to water as needed.

The mulch is left alone until March - we have cold spells as late as Easter and it provides warmth.

We fertilize with 8-8-8 in mid to late February. Fish emulsion (nitrogen and potash) are applied at the end of April. Hooker formula* is applied on first scaping of any plant. Daylilies love water and rain. I used to water too much and lost quite a few by watering in the steamy months when I shouldn't have. Mulching with pine bark retains moisture. I've tried using pine needles, but the spider mites are worse then. Raised beds do better than in the ground. Daylilies like good drinks of water, but do not like to sit in water.

When aphids appear in February or March we spray with Malathion or Orthene. Spider mites cause a lot of leaf damage, making the plants look sick, giving the appearance of crisp leaves on the bottom and whiteness underneath. I trim the leaves back and spray heavily with water. Spider mites do not like to be sprayed with water. Spider mites attack under the leaves, spray there. If it gets really bad, I spray with Fertlome Spider Mite Spray, and this year I sprayed in May with AVID.

This year we will cut our list of cultivars from 300 to 175. By keeping cultivars that do well in our locale and by upgrading our list each year, we can enjoy the progress being made with daylilies. By fertilizing, watering, grooming, and giving constant love and care to the daylilies, we find that they continually provide us with much enjoyment.

* **Hooker Formula** is 10 oz 15-30-15 Miracle Grow, 2 cups Epsom Salts, 2 cups liquid iron, 2 cups fish emulsion, 1 cup Cygon systemic insecticide (optional), mixed in 30 gallons of water. Apply 2 to 4 cups per clump.

Texas and New Mexico Club News

Albuquerque Daylily Society Cal Iskra, Reporter

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO - The Albuquerque Daylily Society has been getting into the daylily season with a BANG! Our April 12th meeting was held at University House on the University of New Mexico campus with Richard and Donna Peck hosting the meeting. Mother Nature supplied a snowstorm just to remind us that she has her own schedule to follow. Yearbooks were distributed by President Barbara Chang with an attractive cover designed by one of our youth members, Carla Chang. Slides of the Denver Convention were shown.

On April 25-26 we sold daylilies at our annual "Garden Fair" sale of annuals and perennials. Sales were brisk, as more and more local gardeners discover the joys of growing daylilies. At least one new member joined.

Our next meeting on May 24th, hosted by Kreg Hill, planned to be in his exceedingly beautiful Rose garden, but adjourned indoors due to rain showers. After the severe drought of 1996 it is hard to believe storms affected two meetings in a row. We listened spellbound to a presentation by plantsman David Salmon on "Companion Plants for Daylilies," emphasizing water-wise beautiful perennials that can enhance the daylily garden.

June 28 was a day of tours of local daylily gardens at the homes of Kathryn Neely, Courtney and Jim Petty, and Cal Iskra. At each of our meetings we have a plant raffle with the winners taking home daylilies in one gallon containers. We have found that starting the fans in early Spring in pots gives them a good growing start for slipping into the ground at any time during the season.

Our show and sale was July 6 at Winrock Mall and on July 12 we toured the Northern New Mexico gardens of Bob Frasier near Espanola and Bill and Mary Urban in Los Alamos, with luncheon following in Espanola, and a tour of High Country Gardens in Santa Fe.

We are all enthused at the prospect of entertaining Grace and Pat Stamile on August 8th and 9th. They plan to talk to us about their methods of creating "leading edge" new varieties.

In the next issue of the Newsletter we will be able to report more on these events as well as give you an update on the garden we planted at El Rancho de las Golondrinas near Santa Fe. We hope to visit the garden at peak bloom time in July.

Austin Hemerocallis Society K. C. Dignan, Reporter

AUSTIN, TEXAS - As Summer begins to lay its heavy (and hot) hands on our gardens, we recall the peak bloom seasons of our garden. This is the year when the beautiful Zilker Garden is scheduled to remodel and update the Garden Center, which is our normal meeting place. As a result, and in consideration of the Regional Meeting and National Convention schedules, we were not able to hold a Spring show and plant sale. However, we held a hybridizing clinic and picnic at Beth Walker's garden. Beth has been developing and adding on to her garden, so this was a fun "unveiling." After eating, chatting, and otherwise catching up on new developments and "happenings" at the Regional Meeting, Bill Ater gave a clinic on hybridizing. Some of us brought "practice" plants. While it may not have been like the "big boys" do, it was lots of fun. For my part, I

took a note from Bill Jarvis and gave a “tip ‘o’ the hat to Elsie Spalding,” by trying to put “pretty on pretty.”

The Austin Hemerocallis Society celebrated the successes in our gardens with a members’ garden tour. Unfortunately, it rained much of the morning. While it was good for the plants, it wasn’t great for touring. We visited Rich and Anna Marie Rosen’s garden and Mary Anne and Bill Ater’s gardens. The rain inhibited further touring.

The Austin group did not meet during the heat of the Summer (June or July) Unfortunately, the remodeling will take longer than expected (doesn’t it always?). So when we next meet, in August, it will be at Mary Anne and Bill’s house (every cloud does have a silver lining), when we will be continuing with the second half of our program year.

Brazosport

Daylily Society

Nancy McGee, Reporter

LAKE JACKSON, TEXAS - Spring and early Summer were full of wonderful blooms and varied activities for this group of daylily enthusiasts. Fifty-six members and eight visitors attended the March meeting to enjoy a presentation by Felder Rushing, author of *Pass Along Plants* and Horticulturist, State of Mississippi. Mr. Rushing shared some wonderful stories, quite a few inventive design ideas, and graciously autographed copies of his book for some of our members. We thank him for his inspirational slide presentation.

April’s meeting consisted of our annual “Bring a Youth Day” and planning for the show and sale at the end of May. Fifty-one members were very attentive as Mary Houston imparted her knowledge of grooming scapes for a flower show. We were also happy to have Ruth Goza and the Shimeks speak about arrangements.

The busy month of May started with a visit to the Antique Rose Emporium, a stop at a popular garden accessory shop, and lunch in Brenham. Mid-month brought about back to back National and Regional events, and from all reports the activities at both were extremely enjoyable, well organized, informative and downright fun. As far as daylilies are concerned, there is no such thing as “sensory overload,” and this reporter, being a relatively new member, finds the continued and growing interest in our favorite perennial truly amazing. We thank Martha Hight, the Lewises and Lois Hall for all their hard work that made the motor coach trip to Jacksonville a very memorable experience. Words can neither express the beauty of the display gardens nor convey enough appreciation to all of those who made the Regional Meeting and National Convention so successful.

The season was rounded-out with strong participation in the Flower Show and Plant Sale and in the tours of five members’ gardens. We are grateful for their hospitality and also the dedication of Joanne Berry and Carol Horton, Chairman and Co-Chairman of the Flower Show. Congratulations to all of the winners. The results are published in this issue of the Newsletter.

Corpus Christi

Daylily Society

Marie Marburger, Reporter

CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS - Officers serving the Corpus Christi Daylily Society this year are:

President	Ray Briones
Vice President	Ziggy Seago
Secretary	Mary Ekroos
Treasurer	June Bearden

Our group was pleased to welcome new member Boyd Farar at the February meeting and more recently to welcome back a former member, Mary Ekroos.

Our meeting day and time have been changed to the second Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. We meet during the months of February, March, April, May, October, and November.

On Memorial Day, members met at the home of Marie Marburger for a garden tour. Our tour is generally earlier in May, but area daylilies as a whole were very late this bloom season. A number of large yellows and yellow-golds drew attention from the visitors: WACO, CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE, DARRELL, CLEDA JONES, and ROYAL LEGACY. Pink daylilies, WONDERFUL MORNING, ROSE CHINTZ, BOOGER, ELLES, and RAHAB also elicited comments. Miniatures, DARK ELF, ICE CROWN, MOONLIGHT MIST, and WEE CHALICE were blooming in nice clumps. WEE CHALICE always has outstanding branching.

Other notable daylilies in bloom that day were MAISON CARREE, EDESSA, PRIMA BALLERINA, LEMONADE SUPREME, DARK CASTLE, TUSCAWILLA TIGRESS, TUSCAWILLA BILL REED, SINGS THE BLUES and PARIS OVERTURE. After the tour, the group went to K-Bob's for lunch and more daylily discussion.

At the time of this writing, June 30, bloom is much less, but still quite good on repeat scapes. TIME LORD, CABBAGE FLOWER, ANN KELLEY, and FUGUE, among others, are blooming in the third set of scapes. BLOOMS WITHIN, a large yellow double, is also a good performer and repeat bloomer. There is never a single bloom and each bloom is perfect in form.

We always welcome new members. If you live in our area, please join our group. For more information, call Marie Marburger (512) 364-1893 or Ray Briones (512) 991-2172.

Cypress Creek Daylily Club

Catherine Neal, Reporter

HUMBLE, TEXAS - After church September 28, 1997, please come to the Cypress Creek Daylily Club program at 2:30 p.m. to view Mary Gage's presentation on "Region 6 1997 Meeting." The meetings take place on the fourth Sunday of September, October, February, March, April and May at the Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield Road, Humble, Texas 77338. Mercer Arboretum's phone is (281) 443-9731.

Point of interest at the February 23rd program was Nell and Harvey Shimek's daylily garden experiences that featured recyclable tools that had been turned into art forms via welding. We saw the flowers and plants that decorated Harvey's compost pile.

On March 23rd the program was "Soil Preparation by The Master Gardener's Association." The speaker was Ron Gerido.

The April 27 program was presented by Nell Crandall. Her topic, "Spider Daylilies," appear in different colors and forms.

The May 25, 1997 meeting was held with President Gene Childers presenting an AHS Slide Program. A tour of the lovely Daylily Garden of Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens was made following the meeting.

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Binion Amerson, Reporter

DALLAS, TEXAS - Spring and Summer 1997 were very active for members of the Daylily Growers of Dallas. We gained quite a number of new members thanks to the effort of Membership Chairman, Ron Cohea.

The March meeting featured a video titled "Future of Graceland Gardens" by Larry and Cindy Grace, two new up-and-coming hybridizers from Newton, Alabama. The professional-quality video showcased their future daylilies in a most attractive garden setting.

April was a busy month with both a plant sale and a meeting. The daylily plant sale, spearheaded by Co-Chairmen Diane Taylor and Barron Bozeman, held at North Haven Gardens was a huge success. Thanks to many volunteers, we netted more than \$4,000. And, the very informative April meeting on "Compact Gardening" presented by Bryghte and Patricia Godbold was well attended.

The May meeting featured Keith Kinney and Wynelle Clifton who talked about grooming daylilies, floral arrangements, and details about our daylily show. During mid-May, Binion Amerson, Lee Causey, Kay Day, Bertie Ferris, and Gene and Eloise Koonce traveled to Jacksonville, Florida, to attend the 1997 AHS National Convention. In addition to the gardens on tour during the Convention, they also visited other well-known daylily gardens throughout the state. Twenty-three members of the Daylily Growers of Dallas attended the 1997 AHS Region 6 Meeting held in Port Arthur, Texas. Many traveled to the Texas coast by caravan and toured a number of daylily gardens along the way.

The June 1 daylily show, chaired by Keith Kinney and held at the Valley View Center Shopping Mall was a very big success, with more than 800 attending. Some 200 daylilies on-scape and a number of floral arrangements made for a most wonderful show.

With the Daylily Growers of Dallas hosting the 1998 AHS Region 6 Meeting, June 4-6, 1998, Chairman Eloise Koonce, the owners of the six tour gardens, and the Meeting Committee were busy making advance plans during June and July. Several of the owners opened their gardens for informal tours to make sure the gardens were ready a year ahead of time. We invite everyone to make plans now to attend the 1998 AHS Region 6 Meeting in Big D.

East Texas

Daylily Society

Jeanne McNutt, Reporter

TYLER, TEXAS - This has been such a fun, busy time ever since the first warm days of Spring. We've had interesting and helpful programs at our club meetings. In March, Fred Pretzer, DowElanco's Field Representative, gave us a program on the proper use of synthetic compounds. In April, Keith Hansen, Smith County Horticulturist, showed his slides and spoke on companion plants for the daylily gardens in this area. In May, we were treated to a demonstration on grooming daylilies for show by Keith Kinney.

Our Spring Plant Sale was an indication of the increasing interest in daylilies in East Texas. In slightly over an hour we sold all the seedlings we had brought from Snooks Harville's garden for over \$1,000. We resolved to arrive at the next sale with many more plants as many persons who came later in the morning were disappointed that all the plants were gone.

Several members from our club were able to attend the Region 6 Meeting in Port Arthur and we were entertained and given many opportunities to learn more about daylilies. The brochure they furnished and the Spring issue of the Region 6 Newsletter were helpful in preparing us to visit the ten gardens that we saw on the Friday and Saturday bus tours. I found evidence everywhere of countless hours, and boundless energy spent in preparing the gardens for visitors. And there was delicious food, too. This club would like to express our thanks to the Gulf Coast Daylily Society's members for their gracious hospitality.

We came back to Tyler to put on our third annual flower show and plant sale at the Rose Garden Center. Attendance at the show, as well as at the plant sale, was very rewarding. In this sale we offered named cultivars as well as seedlings and netted over \$1,600. David and Betty Burton, Co-Chairmen, did a remarkable job with "Mardi Gras in May." The rest of us helped and we all had a

good time with a great barbecue dinner. Most of us carried home ribbons. We were all tired, but we had fun.

Somehow we still had money in the treasury so we chartered a tour coach to take us to the Castlebury's the first Saturday of June. On the second Saturday the bus went to Jack Carpenter's and Jean Barnhart's. If we didn't learn something at those places, then weren't paying attention.

These last four months have been a busy time, but now the flowers are fewer and it's back to collecting seed. I am looking at more seed pods than I, personally, have ever had and I don't know where I'll plant them, but I know somehow I will. Other members also report an abundance of seed pods setting for them this year. Watch for our seedling entries in 1999!

Golden Spread

Daylily Society

Annie Weinreich, Reporter

AMARILLO, TEXAS - Our small, but mighty group has had a very interesting Spring. After two informative programs in February and March, everyone was very antsy to get out into the garden. However, following extremely warm temperatures in late March, we were blasted by several days in early April of an 18° deep freeze which wreaked havoc on all the tender new growth in evidence. The daylily leaves appeared completely scalded, the fruit tree flowers all fell off, the Boston Ivy froze and still hasn't recovered, the Red Oak leaves were greatly delayed, and most of the Iris never bloomed at all, etc.

In late April, we prepared to participate in the Spring Plant Sale. We did surprisingly well, despite a 6" snowfall the day before the sale. As you can imagine, this storm literally put quite a damper on the public's enthusiasm for getting out and working in the soil.

In May we had a "Weed and Feed" party, combining several hours of group labor at the Botanical Gardens with a yummy cookout at Janie Hernon's.

June brought the wonderful beginning of the bloom season and our new labeling project at the Kate Graham Daylily Garden. Rex Johnston and I meet early three or four times a week to make new tags for the cultivars as each one begins blooming.

And finally, on June 21, most of our group joined the Central Oklahoma Hemerocallis Society for a tour of the Hobart, Oklahoma garden of Clint Barnes. We were treated to a beautiful garden of the newest and the best in daylilies.

As always, visitors and new members are cordially invited to join us. We generally meet at 2:00 p.m. the fourth Sunday from February through October. Contact the Amarillo Botanical Gardens at (806) 352-6513 for specific meeting information.

Gulf Coast

Daylily Society

Rita Legé, Reporter

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS - Today, the day after our Region 6 Meeting, leaves all of our members a great feeling of an event that we all are proud to say, "Well done!" We hope everyone enjoyed all of it as much as we all enjoyed working together. I'm sure the daylilies are prettier than they have ever been. MAGIC FILIGREE is blooming so beautiful today. DOUBLE CARIBBEAN CORAL is as pretty as can be. I have to share an event while everyone was touring my yard during our Region 6 Meeting. This gentleman happened to be standing in front of a huge clump of a seedling that I have had several years. I keep it because I am fond of it and so curious as I was with his interest in this daylily I asked him about it. This cultivar has a light, white-cream background and a very faint, light purple eye. He suggested I introduce it and name it "Eye Am Here." I was impressed and will send him a plant in Corpus

Christi and might introduce it. Our club still had one more tour to make which was in Louisiana, June 7th. Our Fall plant sale is October 11 at Central Mall.

I will end this message with all of our membership and Mable Nelson, Chairperson of a "Touch of Heaven in '97," extending a big THANK YOU to everyone who attended and everyone who worked so hard and had their lovely gardens on tour. I hope you all will enjoy the end of the bloom season as I plan to.

Congratulations to Sue Jackson for being elected RVP. Good luck!

Local trophy winners from our Region 6 Meeting.

Marie Dattalo Silver Trophy
#MD 106

Bobo Faggard Fuqua Award
F-Do-1-95

Houston Hemerocallis Society

Ann Buckingham, Reporter

HOUSTON, TEXAS - These officers were installed for 1997-1998 at our May 22, 1997 meeting:

President	Anna Rosa Glidden
1st Vice President	Lee Jacobs
2nd Vice President	Beverly Winkelman
Secretary	Catherine Neal
Treasurer	Margaret Standard

Fourteen members attended the National Convention in Jacksonville, Florida, and twenty-six attended the Region 6 Meeting in Port Arthur.

On Saturday, June 7, we met at the home of Gina and Bill Jarvis to begin a day of garden tours. Our next stop was at Anna Rosa Glidden's, then on to Mercer Arboretum before taking time out for lunch at Neal's Restaurant (courtesy of HHS). Our last stop was the commercial garden of Dorothy and Travis Bigbee. Thanks to all of them for the

wonderful hospitality, beautifully grown daylilies and companion plants, and the pretty and unusual accessories.

We were invited by the Houston Area Daylily Society to join them for a one day bus trip to visit the garden of Jack Carpenter near Center, Texas, on Thursday, June 12. Thanks very much for including us. To say we were impressed is an understatement. Jack continues to produce outstanding daylilies (as has for over 25 years!)

Just a few of the ones we liked are TEXAS MOON MAGIC, TROPICANA TREAT (my favorite), REGAL RAID, TEXAS WHOPPER STOPPER, AFTERNOON IN RUFFLES, SPECIAL TOUCH, DENA MARIE and BANANA CREAM BEAUTY. Some of his seedlings are breathtaking. A BIG "Thank you!" to Jack and Josie and all the "helpers" who made our visit so enjoyable.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 25, at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Center, 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston. Join us when you can. We meet in September, October, February, March, April, and May.

Houston Area Daylily Society

Judithe S. Savely, Reporter

HOUSTON, TEXAS - The Houston Area Daylily Society (HADS) jointly sponsored a flower show with the Houston Hemerocallis Society on June 1, called "Music Makes the World Go Round." Inspiration and down-to-earth tips on entering shows were offered by Bill Ater during his March visit to our club. He emphasized that the newest and most expensive daylilies were not prerequisites for winning and that researching previous *Journals* would highlight winners from earlier shows. His examples of prior winning daylilies included CALICO SPIDER, DOUBLE TALK, ED MURRAY, INK SPOT, LITTLE SPUNKY, LOLABELLE, and SPIFFY. He also discussed various fertilizers, compost and herbicides, along with other growing information.

Mitch Peterson, a Master Judge who serves on the board of District and State Garden Clubs, presented a program on the basics of drying flowers and plant materials during our April meeting. He also distributed explanatory literature.

Two engraved silver trays slated for presentation at the May 14-18 AHS Convention ("Daylily Heaven in '97") were shown by Nell Crandall during our May meeting. Each tray represents a Mildred Schlumpf Photography Award, one of which is given for the best individual bloom slide, while the second is given for the best landscape slide. Mildred was a longtime HADS member whom our club chose to honor through presentation of these photography awards in her memory. The Houston Area Daylily Society sponsorship of the Mildred Schlumpf Photography Awards is in the fifth of the 10-year presentation period.

In lieu of a speaker in May, various members gave treasured gardening tips, while others told of their favorite daylilies. Eddie Gage treated members to a selection of Plumeria stalks and Dogwood plants. As Horticultural Chairperson, Eddie strongly recommended soil testing for all members.

Our jointly-sponsored "Music Makes the World Go Round" flower show on June 1 was a winner! Many beautiful daylilies were entered and the show was well attended by other flower enthusiasts. Show Chairman Sara Chumley and Co-Chairman Jo Crisp are to be congratulated for an outstanding show. They were ably assisted by members of both clubs. To lunch chairperson Martha Gayle, we owe hearty thanks! Delicious food was served to all judges and helpers.

Houston Area Daylily Society members earned 22 purple ribbons and Nell Shimek was awarded the Tricolor Award. Catherine Neal was given an Appreciation Award for educational entries.

At 6:30 a.m. on June 23, club members rolled out on a chartered bus trip to Jack Carpenter's in Center, Texas, with others meeting the group in Center. Nearly 40 people made the trip, and

though a hot day, daylilies were dug and sold on the spot! The group concluded this wonderful trip with lunch at Barnhill's in Lufkin and even arrived home ahead of schedule!

There were 60 Texans registered for the AHS Convention "Daylily Heaven in '97" held in Jacksonville, Florida, May 14-18, twenty-two of whom are Houston Area Daylily Society members! The weather was cool, the yards spectacular, and the hosts most welcoming. There were nearly 580 people registered, many of whom had a wonderful time visiting old friends from around the country.

Countryside Daylilies, on tour during the AHS Convention, has 1,200 named varieties, 40-50,000 seedlings (per Eddy Scott), and had 10,000 potted daylilies for immediate sale. Among all these lush, beautifully blooming daylilies was a standout from our own Mary Gage called ORCHID HARMONY. This beautiful daylily elicited praise from several people, noted in a display of so many daylilies that it took ten people three hours each to deadhead in the afternoon for the next day's tour (before the Scotts and Houstons rushed 100 and 70 miles respectively into Jacksonville for the evening Convention Business Meeting and meal, over which Mr. Houston presided!)

Our Region 6 Meeting, "A Touch of Heaven in '97," in Port Arthur from May 22-24 was also a daylily wonder! Many of our members were in attendance. Ten yards were represented on this tour and the genial hosts had beautifully presented yards, ample refreshments, and were most accommodating!

Lone Star

Daylily Society

Charlotte Howard, Reporter

ALVIN, TEXAS - The February program featured guest speakers Beth and Clarence Crochet. They presented their collection of slides and shared many tips for growing daylilies. The club had a plant swap at the March meeting as well as our

usual raffle that allows members to get some great daylilies.

Spring brought us the blooms we were all anxiously waiting for. Our April program helped us prepare for our annual flower show that was held May 10 at Baybrook Mall. The show, whose theme was "Space City's Lunar Lilies," was a huge success a day after thunderstorms rolled through our area. Despite the bad weather, we are proud to say that we had 175 scapes entered in this year's show - eleven fewer than in 1996. The Tricolor Award was won by Nelma Martin and a local club award in the Artistic Division was secured by Marla Bass, both of Alvin, Texas. The day before Mother's Day, the Mall was packed and we sold out of plants by noon. Our members worked hard to ensure a very successful show. Many thanks go out to everyone who participated. The show results are published in this Newsletter.

Our June meeting was a picnic in Nell and Harvey Shimek's garden in Alvin. Showers threatened, but everyone was able to tour Nell and Harvey's beautiful garden and enjoy the dishes prepared by the club members before the rains started.

Many of our members attended the Regional Meeting and National Convention in May and we are looking forward to having them share their slides with us in the months to come.

Nacogdoches

Daylily Society

Sue Casper, Reporter

NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS - Here it is the middle of June and I have to remember back to February to catch up on what the Dirt Diggers of Nacogdoches have been doing.

Gary Truchelut came in February to give us some tips on landscape design and what plants work well in our area. He had just been on a tour of gardens in the Atlanta area and had some wonderful slides. He and wife Patty also shared

many books and landscape blueprints.

March was our usual plant exchange. You would think we would all have the same plants "Not!" Pat Samares brought the hit of the evening, the English Dogwood. It really put on a show this year in East Texas. I only had about ten of the yellow Datura (Angel's Trumpet) potted up, so we had to draw for those. We had more plants to choose from than some nurseries, so everyone went away happy.

April was busy getting ready for our plant sale. Think back to the last weekend in April. It was cold and raining. We nearly froze cleaning daylilies on Friday. But, would you believe crazy gardeners came out in the rain the next day, so we had a very successful sale.

May brought one busy day after another. The Gala at the SFA Arboretum was bigger and better than ever. We sold lots of potted daylilies and got to hear two great speakers, Dr. Bill Welch and Craig Grant.

I don't think anyone from here went to the National Convention. Barnee (Jean Barnhart), Jean C. (Consford), Jackie (Timmons) and Mrs. Bolin all went to the Regional in Port Arthur. However, Jean C. got sick so I did not get a full report. But, I hear Anita Harman's yard was picture perfect.

Maxine (Gwinn), Delores (Jones), Jean C., and I did get over to Shreveport for the Region 13 Meeting. Saw some beautiful gardens and stuffed ourselves on Cajun food.

The rains keep coming so the daylilies keep blooming. We had our local yard tours a little early - everyone's yards are just now bursting with color. Nita Copenhaver's TRUE PINK BEAUTY has wowed everyone who comes to my yard. I also have a Jack Carpenter seedling that has been outstanding. Even his rejects are good! We welcomed several visitors on our tours and signed some up as new club members. The Club did get over to Jack's one day. Everyone who had not seen Jack's place before just stood with their

mouths open salivating over all those wonderful plants. I think space to bring back plants became a problem.

Meet another set of sisters in our club, me and my sister Betty. Betty Commander is a pretty good big sister. She and husband, Roy, have 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. You'd think they'd be rocking on the back porch, but you don't catch them doing that very much. Betty retired from Sears several years ago, but still goes in once a week to help with book work. She is also church treasurer and helps with the church camp. Does she have time for gardening? You bet! Every time I talk to her, she has Roy digging another bed. She has always had flowers, but now that I talked her into joining the daylily club, she is obsessed.



Sisters Betty Commander and Sue Casper

She has shared her Shasta Daisies with everyone and still has this wonderful long bed of them. She just cannot pass up any Rose bush, but daylilies have won her over. On the day I asked, her favorite was **UNIQUE STYLE** or maybe **BIG BROTHER**.

How do you write about yourself? I'm married to a very patient man, G. W., better known as Dub. We have 3 great kids and 5 grandchildren. I retired in 1991 as office manager for a urologist. Norma introduced me to Jean Barnhart and as they say the rest is history. I found a great friend and she in turn introduced me to daylilies and more wonderful friends. My yard is filled with plants from friends, Norma started me off, then Barnee, Jean C., the Copenhavers, Tulliers, Bobo, Margaret Jones, and lots of others gave me plants.

Of course, every trip includes stopping at every nursery known to man. I sit on the deck and mentally move plants all over the yard, so every time you come, something will have changed. Living on a major highway I get many visitors. I love showing off my yard, but sometimes I spend more time visiting than pulling weeds. This year my favorite daylily has to be **TRUE PINK BEAUTY**. Who knows about next year?

I hope you've had a wonderful Summer and now it's time to get those new beds ready for Fall planting.

North Texas

Daylily Society

Margie Peters, Reporter

FORT WORTH, TEXAS - May was a hectic schedule. On May 8, Vernon Wallis demonstrated how he transports blooms for competition without breaking or bruising them. Now, why didn't I think of that! He listed supplies necessary and demonstrated his techniques on scapes he brought. May 14-18 was the AHS Convention and my first time to visit Florida. Kathy Blikken and I rented a car and saw as many commercial gardens (not on tour) as we could before and after the Convention. More than 500 members attended and everything ran like clockwork. I was certain that I would win the raffle for a gorgeous quilt, but alas, I did not. I did get several of the silent auction daylilies which survived and are doing well. Words cannot describe the beautiful gardens, both home and commercial. We saw strong stems and huge blossoms. We got back the day before our Regional began and I regret I did not make the trip. Reports coming to me say it was wonderful. May 31 was our show. We had wonderful rains after a strange early Spring. In three weeks we broke three records for cold and three records for hot temperatures. When the rains came, temperatures had been cooler than usual so the bloom was late but truly great. In April, we were treated to a great demonstration on artistic arrangements that will win a Tricolor Award. Gordon Greene was our artist and advisor.

In June, we toured three local members' gardens by caravan. At Nickie and Eddie Knight's home we were treated to a beautiful mixture of daylilies and perennials as well as breakfast treats. Kiki and Bob Ford have a lovely place full of a great variety of perennials and daylilies. Vernon Wallis then led us to his home. Vernon said he has never had better bloom than this Spring - flowers that had never bloomed before just bloomed their stalks off. Vernon and Gene (Jackson) are great hosts, so a good time was had by all.

San Antonio

Daylily Society

Alan Humphreys, Reporter

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - After the year's hard work, it is certainly exhilarating to come out each morning and discover what new surprises the Hemerocallis plants have in store for the gardener. The weather this Spring was most unusual. We had ten inches of rain and the temperatures have been cool. That moved the peak daylily bloom period back a week to ten days. In my garden the daylilies peaked about June 1. With all the moisture, the daylilies in our gardens are simply lush this year with multiple scapes and a profusion of blooms.

I have talked with club members who describe this daylily or that as a favorite. In fact, WIND FRILLS won last year's Popularity contest. Each day I seem to have a new favorite and as I look carefully at a not-so-big, not-so-ruffled flower, I wonder how I passed it up - such little daylilies as STELLA DE ORO, BLACK EYED STELLA, DOUBLE GRAPETTE, CHANTILLY PINK, even a clump of old AZTEC. Evergreens regardless of hybridization date just knock your socks off when you take time to enjoy them. What an absolute delight it is to raise and display daylilies.

Our garden visitations which took place on the 17th and 18th of May featured large and small gardens and breathtaking displays of daylilies. On Saturday, the seventeenth of May, we visited the

gardens of Del and Bobbie Manion, Cora and Paul Offer, and Norris and Mary Henley. Del and Bobbie's garden uses every available space for a clump of daylilies. The center of the back yard, once a swimming pool, has been filled in and is now a kaleidoscopic daylily bed. Norris and Mary Henley have a large lot which has been minimally cleared. Indeed, you follow paths through Oak thickets and come out on clearings with daylily beds and quaint buildings (a little chapel, a barn and a blacksmith's shop) all authentically built by Norris out of weathered barn and fence boards.

Sunday, the visits began at the home of Luce and Ruben Valdez. Their back yard, mainly lawn, punctured with pools and little gardens sporting a variety of flowers including daylilies, was a riot of bloom. The next stop was at the Reporter's garden. Against the back picket fence were clump after clump of the old orange species daylily, EUROPA. Other beds, raised with railroad ties contained large daylilies, small daylilies, doubles and spiders. Our next stop at Col. Michael and Mary Conrad's garden was worth waiting for. Mike's garden, an authorized AHS Display Garden, stretches from one end of a huge lawn to the other. Well-spaced Live Oak trees provide a measure of shade. Wave after wave of densely flowering daylilies greet the visitor. Mike entertained the crowd with grilled hamburgers and whimsical garden objects, including a huge frog ever-poised to bring in the filigree metal butterfly hanging just out of reach of the frog from a bench overhead.

Just a week later (May 25) the club sponsored a daylily exhibit and plant sale at Central Park Mall. This reporter was the Show Chairman and was ably assisted by Mike Conrad (Publicity), Lois Bready and Leonard Marshall (Arrangements), and Dick Griffin (Sales). We had 200+ daylilies on exhibit and hundreds of interested spectators. We sold all the potted daylilies by 1:30 p.m. We answered many questions and subscribed several new members. New members included: Bill Schumann, Dennis Sartassain, Rick and Judy Keller, and Mary Jane Cowey. Many of the daylily club members attended and confidently pitched in, talking with visitors, selling plants and at the

close, cleaning and closing up.

Even though the daylily plot in the Botanical Garden, given to the Gardens by SADS, was only completed this Spring, the blooms so far have been beyond our expectations. We are both pleased and proud of this expenditure of moneys and labor on the part of SADS membership. Such a permanent contribution of beautiful daylilies to the residents of San Antonio is something in which the club will always be able to take a measure of pride.

After our meeting in June we will take a two month break and meet again on the third Sunday of September at 2:00 p.m. at the Carriage House on the grounds of the San Antonio Botanical Gardens.

It is with sincere regret that we notify the many friends of Cora and Paul Offer that Paul passed away on the 30th of May, 1997. All of us hope that Cora and Paul's friends will turn to page four of the Region 6 Newsletter, Spring 1997. Lois Bready's tribute is far more eloquent than words I could muster. If you wish to drop Cora a note, her address is 237 East Summit, San Antonio, TX 78212 and her phone number is (210) 733-0493.

**The Fall/Winter issue of the
Region 6 Newsletter
will feature seedlings and new
registrations.**

**Hybridizers please send
photos and descriptions to the Editor by
October 1. Don't be shy! I've seen many
wonderful seedlings out there. Show them
off to everyone in the Region!**

Hello Region 6 -

Thanks to all who:

- came and enjoyed our Regional Meeting
- wrote thanking Gulf Coast for a most enjoyable event
- helped put it on

Mable Nelson

I'll have a price list and a seed list available.
Please send a #10 stamped envelope for a copy to:

Mable Nelson
326 Yorkshire Lane
Port Neches, TX 77651
409-724-1106

Spotlight on Youth

by Sharon Umphress, Region 6 Youth Liaison

San Antonio

Lois Bready, President of the San Antonio Daylily Society, supplied me with information about her three children, Abby, Katie, and Walker Holahan. They are all very active in school and very interested in daylilies.



Abby, Walker, and Katie Holahan

Abby, 16, was President of the Junior class, a member of the National Honor Society, President of the Spanish Club, and a third year member of the debate team. Even though her schedule is very hectic, she has clerked for their flower show and has interested several of her friends in daylily activities. Chelsea Schrader, one of Abby's friends, won the Youth Division in last year's flower show.

Katie, 14, is a freshman. She is a member of the Gifted and Talented Program and is trying out for cheerleader. Katie is anxiously awaiting the results of her pollen dabbing efforts.

Walker, 7, is in the first grade and is "all boy" according to Lois. His main hobbies are reading mysteries and gardening. Lois says he is her biggest helper.

All of the Holahan children have helped test a kit garden for Junior Youth members, with their father's guidance.

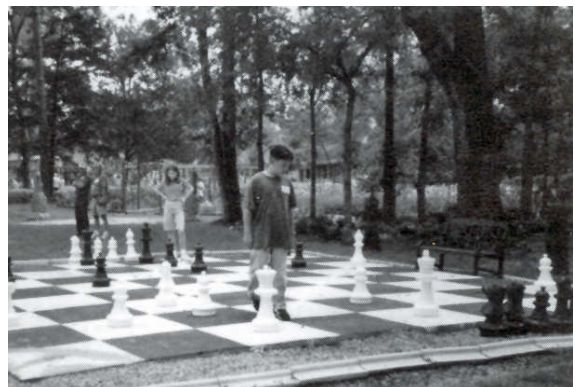
East Texas

Joe Allen Lewis, recently wrote and told me how he became interested in daylilies. His grandfather, Joyce Lewis, gave him a daylily bed and one seed from each pod he had hybridized and now Joe is waiting for his first blooms. So far, Joe has visited several gardens and attended his first Regional Meeting in Port Arthur and his interest just keeps growing.

Candy Hicks, Joyce Lewis' niece, recently joined our club and AHS. She is starting college this Fall at Austin College in Sherman. Candy will be taking several art classes there. Even though Candy is just learning about daylilies, her enthusiasm is tremendous. During our flower show in May, she was there for everyone with help and a big smile.

With Joyce's help and his many relatives, we hope to be seeing more Youth Members in East Texas.

I hope each club will take the time to cultivate a Youth Member in the following months. You may find a wonderful friend, a new way to look at things and many hours of laughter. I have enjoyed the "kids" that I have met and look forward to many long years of friendship with them, and I would like to thank all of them for the fun they have shown me. Bless you all.



Beth Dungan and Joe Lewis playing LIFE SIZE chess at Pinehurst

Business Meeting Minutes

Sharon Umphress, Region 6 Secretary



RVP Rich Rosen, Guest Speaker Dr. Barbara Batty, AHS President Earlene Garber, and Meeting Chairman Mable Nelson

The Annual Business Meeting of American Hemerocallis Society Region 6 was conducted May 23, 1997, at the Holiday Inn, Port Arthur, Texas at 8:15 p.m. Rich Rosen, Regional Vice President, called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for making his job easier. Rich recognized Mable Nelson and all of the members of Gulf Coast Daylily Society for their work on the Regional Meeting. A moment of silence was observed for the members who passed away during the past year.

AHS President, Earlene Garber, AHS Special Chairpersons, Region 6 Director, and Region 6 officers were introduced.

Minutes of the 1996 Business Meeting were published in the Summer 1996 Newsletter. There were no corrections or additions.

REPORTS

TREASURER - HELEN REYNOLDS

Beginning Balance, 6/1/1996	\$13,479.53
Income	\$12,224.51
Expenses	\$14,062.63

Ending Balance, 5/12/1997 \$11,641.41

A detailed report is included on the page 39.

REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT - RICH ROSEN

Membership - The 1996 Regional membership was 652. As of April 30, 1997, there were 796 members of Region 6. There are 18 local clubs with 1100 members and interest in starting one in the Huntsville area.

Display Gardens - Two additional AHS Display Gardens were established this year: Binion Amerson's garden in Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Bob Frazier's garden in Espanola, New Mexico.

REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR - SUE JACKSON

Club Reports - Sue thanked all of the club reporters for their reports and asked that they continue to be sent to her for the next two issues of the Newsletter.

Popularity Poll - Over 1000 different cultivars were voted on in last year's Popularity Poll and the top three are posted on the AHS internet home page. Sue also asked that everyone send their ballot to her by September 1. The top 20 responses will be published in the AHS *Daylily Journal*.

Auction - Sue thanked everyone for supporting the plant auction.

EDITOR - KEITH KINNEY

thanked everyone for submitting articles and asked for pictures and descriptions from everyone's hybridizing efforts for the Fall/Winter Newsletter.

GARDEN JUDGES LIAISON - JEAN BARNHART

reported that 47 people attended the Clinic this afternoon and there were only 60 Garden Judges in the Region with an allotment for 50 more. Twenty people took applications. Jean encouraged members of Region 6 to become Garden Judges as this would make a large impact on National awards with 50 additional judges.

AHS BOARD REPRESENTATIVE - KAY DAY

reported that the Board had passed the following proposals. Effective January 1, 1998, the office of

Treasurer will become a paid position. The Treasurer will be a Board Member and AHS Chief Financial Officer. Binion Amerson will become the new Registrar, Pat Mercer will become the Executive Secretary, Claudia Schroer will become the *Daylily Journal* Editor and Frances Gatlin will become Non-current Publications Editor. Kay also mentioned that Region 6 was well represented at the National Convention in Florida.

YOUTH LIAISON - SHARON UMPHRESS introduced attending youth members: Joe Lewis, Timmie Buchanan, and Beth Dungan. She thanked the donors of gift and auction plants for the youth: Bertha Fultz, Inez Tarrant, Mabel Matthews, Mary and Eddie Gage, Sue and Zak Jackson, Gulf Coast Daylily Society, and Bobo Faggard.

EXHIBITION JUDGES LIAISON - MARY ANNE ATER reported that 46 people were involved in the Clinics, almost one-third of the attendance of the Regional Meeting. Clinic I consisted of nine students, two auditing, and three instructors. Clinic II consisted of two students, four auditing, three instructors, and six on the Master Panel. The Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic had twelve taking the Clinic for credit and two auditors.

WILLIAM E. MONROE ENDOWMENT LIAISON
GENE KOONCE

awarded several certificates, prepared by Bernard Holliday, to significant contributors of the W. E. Monroe Endowment Trust Fund.

Gold	Brazosport Daylily Society
	Bertie Ferris
Platinum	Albuquerque Daylily Society
	Austin Hemerocallis Society
	Daylily Growers of Dallas
	Houston Area Daylily Society
President's Circle	AHS Region 6

AWARDS

The following AHS awards were presented to Region 6 members:

Kathryn Neely	Region 6 Service Award
Keith Kinney	Best Regional Newsletter 1996
Bobby Castlebury	Best Garden Photography

Jean Barnhart	Junior Citation
	KATI VANDUNK
Jack Carpenter	Junior Citation
	MARY JANE CARPENTER
Joyce Lewis	Honorable Mention -
	KATIESUE
Inez Tarrant	Popularity Poll
	WIND FRILLS
Batty Randig	Tricolor Award



Bobo Faggard assists Jean Barnhart during the Garden Judges Workshop in the Tullier's garden

Earlene Garber, AHS President, then presented the Helen Field Fischer Award to Annie Weinreich and extolled her many contributions to the Society.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old or unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS - RICH ROSEN

introduced the Nominating Committee for the election of Regional Vice President for 1998-1999:

Dr. Gene Orgeron, Chairman
Mary Gage
Keith Kinney

Dr. Orgeron presented a motion to nominate Sue Jackson to fill this position. Nancy Peterson seconded the motion. Dr. Orgeron called for any further nominations - there were none. Chris Peterson made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Mary Anne Ater - motion carried. Rich called for a show of hands to elect Sue Jackson for RVP. The vote was unanimous.

Nominations were called to choose a Nominating Committee for the AHS Board of Directors

position as Kay Day's term is expiring. Motions were made to elect the following people and seconded - motions carried. The ballot will be in the Spring Newsletter. The Nominating Committee is as follows:

Mary Gage, Chairman
Mable Nelson
Joyce Lewis

Rich Rosen asked for a qualified volunteer to audit the books for Region 6 and to speak to him after the meeting.



Sue Jackson accepts the Edna Lankart Award for Jim Caldwell from Jean Barnhart

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by a motion from Mary Anne Ater and seconded by Fred Rice - motion carried.

RECONVENE

The meeting reconvened Saturday, May 24 at 8:10 p.m. Introductions were made of the officers of AHS and Region 6, the guest speaker and Mable Nelson, President of Gulf Coast Daylily Society.

INTRODUCTIONS - RICH ROSEN

introduced former AHS officers, Board Members, RVPs, and Region 6 Service Award Winners. Rich also acknowledged Sue Jackson for her work on the Regional Auction and Bridey Greeson for her work on the Mail-in Auction. He also recognized the meeting garden hosts, local clubs, youth members and past youth members, attendees outside Region 6, and those attending a Regional Meeting for the first time.

AUCTION - SUE JACKSON

reported that a little over \$8000 was made and

would have the official total later. She thanked the Houstons, Lake City, Florida; Lee Gates; and the Herrington's for their donations and the auctioneer, Glen Tolar, and all of the people who worked on the auction.

AWARDS BEDS - JEAN BARNHART

presented the awards to:

Dr. Gene Orgeron for his Annie T. Giles entry #3
J. A. Caldwell for his Edna Lankart entry #2



Gene Orgeron awarded the Annie T. Giles Medal

LOCAL AWARDS - ANITA HARMAN

presented awards to:

Bobo Faggard for the Fuqua Trophy for his entry FDO-1-95
Marie Dattalo for the Silver Trophy for her entry MD-106

CLOSING & INVITATIONS

Before adjournment, Rich Rosen announced that the Fall Seminar would be in San Antonio, November 7. Bob Carr will be one of the speakers.

Earlene Garber invited everyone to attend the National Convention in Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1998.

Eloise Koonce invited everyone to the 1998 Regional Meeting in Dallas next Spring.

Meeting adjourned, 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Umphress, Secretary, AHS Region 6

Auction continued from page 4

Jean Barnhart, Norma and Fred Rice, Kathryn and Red Lusignan, Judy and Jay Farquhar, Nita and Donald Copenhaver, and Anne and Bobo Faggard. Our Regional donors were: Binion Amerson, the Austin Hemerocallis Society, Aileen and Bobby Castleberry, Jo Crisp, Anna Rosa Glidden, Bridey Greeson, Elizabeth Hoover, Dick Johnson, Eloise and Gene Koonce, Mabel Matthews, Inez Tarrant, and Sharon Umphress. (Great plants from the Castleberry's and Pat and Grace Stamile that brought much more than the original amount spent). They are to be applauded for a great Regional and then for assuring the Region will have money for next year. We had great response from out of our Region also, Lee Gates, Otis Houston and Eddie Scott (Countryside Daylilies in Florida) and Heather, Katisue and Tim Herrington. Because Region 6 has a special place in the hearts of the Herrington's they donated Heather's "sold out spider" MAGIC OF OZ and it caused much excitement. The whole auction was so much fun (Sue tells me). Thanks to each one of you!

OLEO ACRES

(one of the cheaper spreads)

Fall Plant Sale

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1136 Hwy. 112

DeRidder, LA 70634

oleoacre@worldnetla.net

ANN THOMAS	Carpenter, J.	91	\$ 10
ARCTIC SPLENDOR	Stamile	91	\$ 20
AUGUST MORN	Carpenter, J.	95	\$ 50
BATHSHEBA	Harris	93	\$ 10
BILL CODY	Spalding	90	\$ 10
BOLD TIGER	Stamile	90	\$ 20
BROADWAY GAL	Stamile	91	\$ 20
BROADWAY INGENUE	Stamile	91	\$ 25
BRUSHED WITH BRONZE	Benz	90	\$ 15
CHERRY DROP	Stamile	92	\$ 30
DOC HOLLIDAY	Carr	92	\$ 20
DRAGON'S EYE	Salter	91	\$ 15
DRIVING ME WILD	Stamile	92	\$ 40
ELFIN ARTISTRY	Salter	92	\$ 10
ELIZABETH SALTER	Salter, J.	90	\$ 20
ENCHANTER'S SPELL	Hudson	82	\$ 10
FLOYD COVE	Stamile	87	\$ 20
GREAT NORTHERN	Spalding	92	\$ 5
GREEN FOREST	Guillory, S.	89	\$ 10
GREEN MORNING GLOW	Carpenter, J.	94	\$ 25
GYPSY EMPEROR	Cruse	79	\$ 10
HANDSOME ROSS CARTER	Spalding	93	\$ 15
HOLLYWOOD HOT SPOT	Stretz	85	\$ 5
INDY RHAPSODY	Anderson	90	\$ 20
IRISH MELODY	Benz	89	\$ 20
JAN JOHNSON	Wilson	91	\$ 10
JASON SALTER	Salter	87	\$ 5
JEDI BRENDIA SPANN	Wedgeworth	90	\$ 10
JEDI IVORY PEARL	Wedgeworth	90	\$ 10
JEDI SUE MCCORD	Wedgeworth	88	\$ 10
JUDITH WESTON	Gates	91	\$ 15
KENDRA	Gleber	88	\$ 15
LOTTERY WINNER	Gates	94	\$ 35
MAGIC CARPET RIDE	Kirchhoff	92	\$ 35
MAGIC LACE	Wilson	88	\$ 20
MANGO MANGO	Wilson	94	\$ 20
MELODY LADY	Spalding	91	\$ 10
NEW YORK FOLLIES	Spalding	90	\$ 15
OLYMPIC SHOWCASE	Stamile	90	\$ 20
OMOMUKI	Stamile	91	\$ 25
ORANGE EYED RUFFLES	Carpenter, J.	94	\$ 20
PALOMINO RUFFLES	Wilson	91	\$ 10
PASTILLINE	Stamile	93	\$ 15
PICTURE PRETTY	Roderick	89	\$ 20
RASPBERRY CANDY	Stamile	92	\$ 30
RED TART	Peck	86	\$ 5
RENEGADE LADY	Salter	90	\$ 10
ROLLING HILL	Spalding	90	\$ 25
ROSE PRAISE	Spalding	88	\$ 5
RUBY SPIDER	Stamile	91	\$ 35
RUE MADELAINE	Carr	92	\$ 15
SABRE SALINA	Wilson	91	\$ 10
SAUCE PIQUANT	Gates	93	\$ 25
SILOAM SUNDAY MUSIC	Henry	86	\$ 25
SMITH BROTHERS	Garr	92	\$ 20
SMOKY MOUNTAIN AUTUMN	Guidry	92	\$ 10
SMOKY MOUNTAIN BELL	Guidry	92	\$ 25
SPRING GRACE	Spalding	88	\$ 10
STOP THE SHOW	Gates	88	\$ 10
STRAWBERRY CANDY	Stamile	89	\$ 15
SWEET SUGAR CANDY	Stamile	91	\$ 20
TAJ MAHAL	Russell	45	\$ 5
TALK ABOUT RUFFLES	Carpenter, J.	93	\$ 20
TENNIS BRACELET	Carr	92	\$ 20
TIGERLING	Stamile	89	\$ 20
TWENTY TWENTY	Spalding/Guillory	87	\$ 10
VELVET ROSE	Stamile	92	\$ 45
VICTORIAN COLLAR	Stamile	88	\$ 20
WENDY GLAWSON	Brown, E.	86	\$ 5
WHITE ZONE	Stamile	92	\$ 25
WINEBERRY CANDY	Stamile	90	\$ 15
YAZOO GENE KLAMER	Barfield	92	\$ 25

Machu Picchu continued from page 25

Peru varies in climate from the coastal desert to the Andean highlands, from the plains of Ariquipa, to the Amazonian basin. Yet throughout, flowers were prevalent. When atop the summit of a tower on top of an open-air church, we could see the three volcanoes of Ariquipa. Also visible were the backyard and rooftop gardens of the countryside. Even in some of the poorer houses (those without running water or electricity) it was common to see gardens, or a few potted plants. Certainly vegetables and fruit were in many yards, but flowers, blooming trees, and decorative plants were quite the norm.

We were able to spend two days in Machu Picchu. This is an old Incan city which was abandoned around the time of the Spanish invasion. It was not re-discovered until 1911 by Hiram Bingham. It is fascinating in many ways; the architecture, the legends, the spirituality of the original peoples and the relationship of the old lifestyle with the modern lifestyle. But also, of great interest is the exciting plants in the area. While riding the bus from the train stop to the entrance of the archeological site, it was common to see Birds of Paradise blooming along the roadside. Also in evidence throughout the site were several types of Orchids which grow in accordance with the season. Reports vary, but in the Machu Picchu area nearly a hundred different types of Orchids grow wild along with Avocados and other delicacies.

The most striking of the daylilies were at the entrance of Machu Picchu. Near the visitors center is a planted garden (as opposed to the flowers which grow wild throughout the site). The daylilies currently in bloom were hose-in-hose doubles with slightly cinnamon-orange bloom with a darker cinnamon halo and a lighter midrib. The darker markings were on all of the petals. In one location these lovely flowers were growing up in a Poinsettia "bush," which was also in bloom. It was an exquisite and memorable site.

I hope to go back to Peru and other parts of South America. But next time I will be more prepared to look for daylilies.

Treasurer's Report

American Hemerocallis Society Region 6

Submitted by Helen Reynolds, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND			
Balance - June 1, 1996			\$13,479.53
Income:			
Subscriptions		\$ 164.00	
Club Donations		4,437.50	
Albuquerque Daylily Society			
Austin Hemerocallis Society			
Brazosport Daylily Society			
Cypress Creek Daylily Club			
Daylily Growers of Dallas			
East Texas Daylily Society			
Gulf Coast Daylily Society			
Houston Area Daylily Society			
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Nacogdoches Daylily Society			
North Texas Daylily Society			
Sales - Beginners Handbooks	76.00		
Newsletter Advertisements	90.00		
Interest - Checking Account	16.38		
Savings Account	307.08		
Auction - Regional Meeting	5,560.38		
Mail-in Auction	1,573.17	12,224.51	
			\$ 25,704.04
Expense:			
AHS - Insurance	212.25		
W. E. Monroe Trust Pledge	1,000.00		
Region 6 - Board Member Expense	500.00		
RVP Convention Expense	500.00		
Annie T. Giles Awards (10)	637.80		
Postage for Secretary	9.00		
Youth Endowment	600.00		
Judges Clinics	89.51		
Newsletters			
Summer 1996	\$ 3,776.30		
Fall/Winter 1996	3,607.50		
Spring 1997	3,222.28		
Other Postage	244.12		
Bulk Mail Permit	85.00		
AHS Allowance	(488.85)		
Youth Liaison Expense	23.36		
Bank Service Charge	44.36	14,062.63	
Balance - May 12, 1997			\$11,641.41
Checking Account NationsBank	\$ 1,530.65		
Savings Account NationsBank	\$10,110.76		
	\$11,641.41		
AHS W. E. MONROE ENDOWMENT TRUST FUND			
Original Pledge		\$5,000.00	
Contribution 1994		1,000.00	
1995		1,000.00	
1996		1,000.00	
1997		1,000.00	
Balance Due		1,000.00	
BERTIE FERRIS YOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND			
Balance - June 1, 1996			\$4,057.46
Income:			
Christine Stamile Memorial	\$200.00		
Club Contributions	350.00		
Daylily Growers of Dallas			
Houston Area Daylily Society			
Honorariums	50.00		
Region 6 Meeting Auction	100.00		
Mail-in Auction	500.00	1,200.00	
Balance - May 12, 1997			\$5,257.46

Welcome New Region 6 AHS Members!

Mytis Abrego 840 Goodwin Avenue Port Neches, TX 77651	Kathy Graig Rt. 1 Box 231 Covington, TX 76636	Michael & Rozalyn Mansfield 929 Robinson Huntsville, TX 77340	Caramae Simmons P.O. Box 406 Goliad, TX 77963-0406
Martha Carlson 2335 Canyon Oaks Drive #906 Arlington, TX 76011	Lynnette Hale 10826 Kleberg Place Drive Houston, TX 77064	Suanne McClellan 311 Duck Lake Drive Austin, TX 78734	Gloria Snodgrass 1023 N. Plymouth Dallas, TX 75208
Mark Carpenter 8518 Chessington San Antonio, TX 78250	Bob Harris 10 Nassau Drive Rockport, TX 78382	William K. Mygdal, Ed. D. 4820 Lockwood Drive Waco, TX 76710	Kathy St. Onge 3103 Lake Vista Tyler, TX 75707
Mike Carter 209 Stagecoach Trail Angleton, TX 77515	Catherine Henry 1032 Bridgeland Lane Houston, TX 77041	Lynessa O'Grady 11234 Travelers Way Lane Houston, TX 77065	James A. Taylor 4923 Meadowglen Pearland, TX 77584-8621
Lenda Coussons Rt. 2 Box 99 Hwy 1592 Bronson, TX 75930	Sandra Henry 2304 Muscadine Pasadena, TX 77502	Edwin W. Parker 3114 Briar Court Sugar Land, TX 77478	Barbara Vanderpool 21027 C R 173 Bullard, TX 75757
Barbara Czarnecki 9810 Clarion San Antonio, TX 78217	Sue Hunter 2000 Southside Drive Brownwood, TX 76801	Bob & Janettee Poynor Rt. 2 Box 54-D Comanche, TX 76442	John S. Whitman 1101 Voight Street Houston, TX 77009-7318
Dennis & Mildred Durow 709 Holhenwalde School Rd Brenham, TX 77833	Sharon Jones 1702 Biovu Galveston, TX 77551	T. C. Saxon, Jr. 3802 Barkaloo Road Baytown, TX 77521	Marilyn Wiener 6209 Grape Houston, TX 77074
Nancy Frees 13710 Neils Branch Houston, TX 77077	Elaine Kyle P.O. Box 7076 Cut & Shoot, TX 77306	Page Schreck 29 White Rock Trail Lucas, TX 75002	Charles Lawrence Williams 1500 William Canon #167 Austin, TX 78745
Mimi Gallien 1307 Larkhall Drive Spicewood, TX 78669	Judy Leffingwell 1426 West 10th Freeport, TX 77541	Helen Segers 300 Hillcrest #13 Big Sandy, TX 75755	Loenell Wilson 109 Royal Court Waco, TX 76712
Nelle Gould 305 Rose Street Yoakum, TX 77995	Charles Lewis 7804 Arthur N. Richland Hills, TX 76180	George R. Seward 2678 Daisy Lane Richardson, TX 75082	

All new members,

We are glad that you have decided to join the AHS and look forward to meeting you and share our rewarding experiences with a fine organization. On the page to the right is a list of local clubs and contacts. If you are not already a member of a local daylily society, please consider joining one.

While you are all entitled to receive the *Daylily Journal* and the Region 6 Newsletter, no AHS dues are rebated to the Regions. Please consider a donation to Region 6 to aid in its expenses. Many clubs support the Region. Although not mandatory, a donation of \$8 per member would be appreciated. Donations should be sent to Helen Reynolds, 6938 Wake Forest Dr., Dallas, TX 75214.

Thank you for your support.

Keith Kinney, Region 6 Newsletter Editor

REGION 6 DAYLILY SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTS, AND MEETING SCHEDULES

ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Donna Peck
1901 Roma NE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
Meetings: February, May, June, July, August, and November

AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President-Mary Anne Ater
3803 Greystone Drive
Austin, TX 78731-1505, 512-345-3225
Meetings: 1st Thursday in March, April, May, August, September, October, November, and December

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Martha Kemp
1310 Winston Drive
Richmond, TX 77469, 713-442-1096
Meetings: 2nd Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Lake Jackson Library

CORPUS CHRISTI DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Ray Briones
1635 Woodlawn Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78412, 512-991-2172
Meetings: 1st Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Corpus Christi Garden Center

CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

President-Gene Childers
23614 Megan
Spring, TX 77373, 713-353-9483
Meetings: 4th Sunday in Sept, Oct, Feb, Mar, Apr & May
Mercer Arboretum and Botanical Gardens, Humble

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

President-Kay Day
7003 Woodridge Drive
Flower Mound, TX 75028-5873, 817-430-1406
Meetings: 10:00 a.m. 3rd Saturday, except June, July, August and December, North Haven Gardens, Dallas

EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Betty Phelps
106 Louise Lane
Athens, TX 75751, 903-675-6035
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 2nd Sunday, RTDC Room 108, Tyler

GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Annie Weinreich
7207 Versailles Drive
Amarillo, TX 79121, 806-359-8090
Meetings: 4th Sunday, 2:00 p.m., Feb-Oct, Amarillo Garden Center

GULF COAST DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Mable Nelson
326 Yorkshire
Port Neches, TX 77651
Meetings: call 409-724-1106 for details

HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Carolyn Jackson
1019 Goldfinch
Sugar Land, TX 77478, 713-491-9153
Meetings: 10:00 a.m., 2nd Thursday, Houston Civic Garden Center

HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President-Anna Rosa Glidden
714 Benbrook
Houston, TX 77076, 713-697-0362
Meetings: 4th Thursdays in February, March, April, May, September, and October, Garden Center in Hermann Park

JOHNSON COUNTY IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Bobbie Johnson
1302 Grand
Cleburne, TX 76031, 817-645-7748
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 4th Saturday, Johnson County Electric Cooperative, Cleburne

LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Paula Payne
14103 Melanie Lane
Pearland, TX 77581, 713-485-3821

LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President-Ruth Parker
P.O. Box 3658
Lufkin, TX 75903, 409-637-2067
Meetings: 1st Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Lufkin Room, Lufkin Mall

NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Jean Consford
3680 Carizzo Creek Drive
Nacogdoches, TX 75961
Meetings: 7:00 p.m., 3rd Monday, Call 564-8296

NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY-FORT WORTH

President-Hooker Nichols
3365 Northaven Road 14-3532-2191
Meetings: 7:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday, Fort Worth Botanic Center

ROSWELL DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Jan Reed
2727 N. Sycamore
Roswell, NM 88201
Meetings: Call 505-625-2000 for details

SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

President-Lois Bready
13003 Hunters Ledge
San Antonio, TX 78230-2025, 210-492-6038
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 3rd Sunday Sept-June, San Antonio Botanical Garden

Faces at the Regional Meeting



Bobo Faggard at Pinehurst



Jean Consford and RVP Elect Sue Jackson



Earline Tullier, Bertie Ferris, and Joe Tullier



Gene and Earlene Garber, AHS President