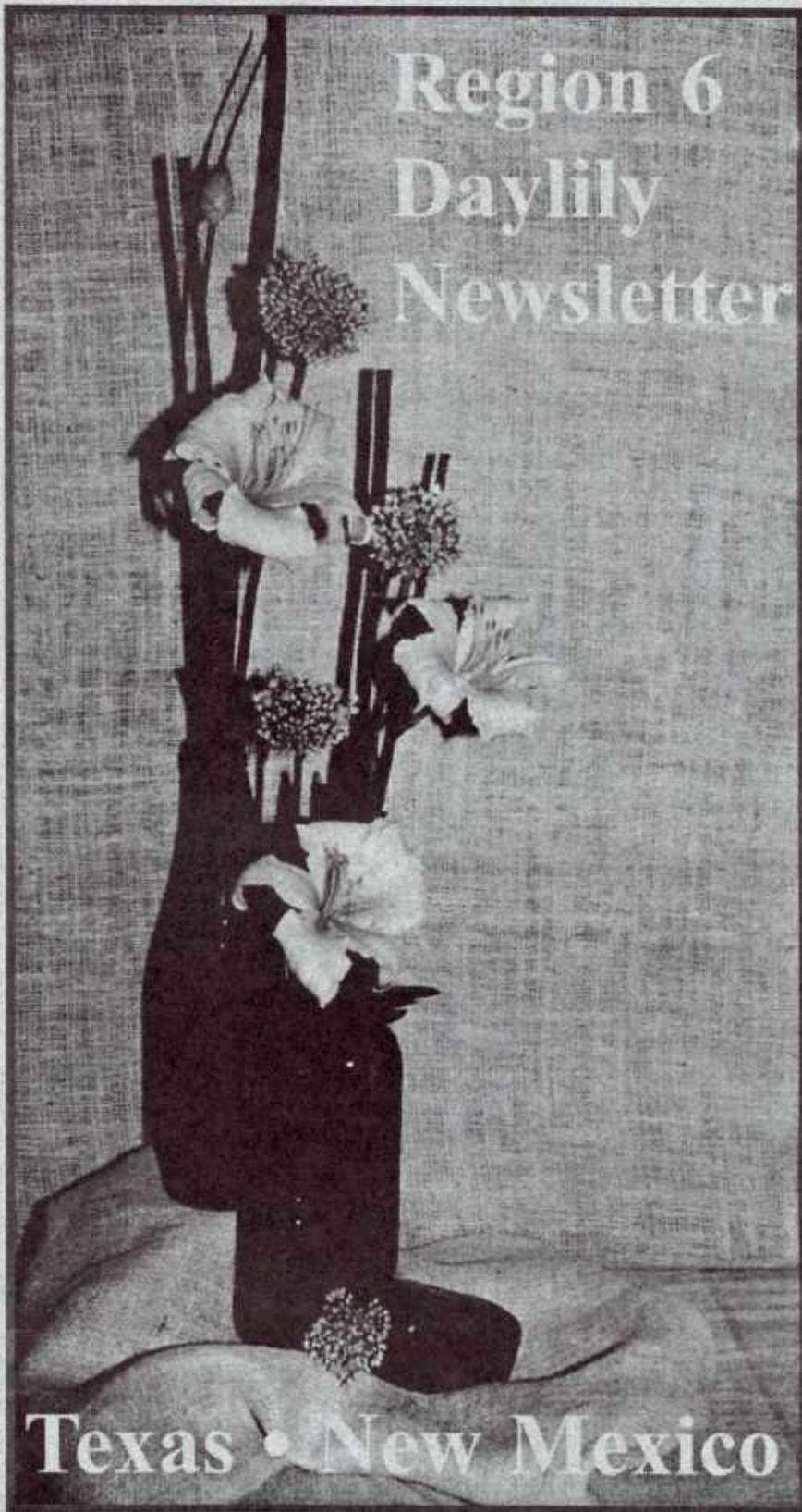


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We would like to thank all of you who contributed articles and pictures for this Newsletter. Your willingness to participate makes our job a pleasure.

Your Editors

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 24-25

American Hemerocallis Society - Region 3
Fall Daylily Festival "Lilyhemmer 1998" A
Daylily Event of "Olympic" Proportions
Radisson Penn Harris & Convention Center
Camp Hill, PA

November 14

Region 6 Fall Seminar
Residence Inn, Austin, TX

WHAT'S IN OUR FALL WINTER NEWSLETTER?

Richard Riedy is still continuing his research on growing daylilies in foreign countries. He has contacted a number of people, but he's gotten no response. Can anyone help him? Contact him through Donna Peck.

An excellent article will be about Ilyana Mansfield, Youth Director of the Huntsville Muddy Boots Daylily Society, who is teaching methods of daylily hybridization in the Alternative School (read the Huntsville Muddy Boots Daylily Society news for more information).

Hopefully we will have a good response from Region 6 Hybridizers . We will read the highlights and see pictures of what's new in Hybridizing.

The Chang family will tell us about their experience of gardening in New Mexico as contrasted to Georgia. The move was not an easy one for the daylilies.

Bill Ater will have a historical article on a Daylily Club in Region 6.

Any other contributions will be welcome!

THANKS FOR YOUR WORK

by RVP Sue Jackson

We have had an outstanding National Convention and a fabulous Regional Meeting this Summer.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to the Daylily Growers of Dallas for an exceptional Regional Meeting. Eloise Koonce, the Meeting Chairman, Kay Day, President of Daylily Growers of Dallas, and each and every member that was involved in the meeting did a marvelous job making us feel welcome. We were able to visit beautiful gardens, eat delicious food and visit with old and new friends. Each garden displayed beautiful daylilies and companion plants. The garden hosts had worked so hard to make sure everything was perfect. Even with tornadoes, hail storms, and rain Thursday night before the first garden tour, each garden was a perfect picture.

The National in Lafayette was also outstanding. The best thing for me was being able to visit with so many people from different states that I have met during the past years. Also, to be able to put a face with a name; whether it was someone from the articles in the *Journal* or from the E-mail Robin. Such fun!

We were extremely lucky to have had a well planned, organized, and very financially beneficial auction at the Regional Meeting. The auction set a record of over \$9,000. Another huge THANK YOU to Bridey Greeson for all her work, organization and donation of time, energy and plants to make this auction the best ever! Bridey was responsible for arranging for our auctioneer to arrive on time, and planned an outstanding 40th anniversary dinner for Glen Tolar and his beautiful wife, Pat. All of this above and beyond the normal auction planning. Thank you to all who donated plants and especially to Leo Sharp for donating the seedling that brought \$1225. Lee Causey and Anna Rosa Glidden had a very exciting bidding duel with Lee Causey coming out the winner. Also, thanks to everyone else who bid during the auction.

This year I will be responsible for the Mail In Auction along with Kay Day. I will be begging and contacting people, because I need every one of you to help to help. The auctions supply the Region with financial support along with contributions from

clubs and individuals. Please see the donation form in the Newsletter. Donations do not have to be "high dollar" plants, just plants you feel others would like to grow.

According to the AHS, Region 6 has lost nearly 100 AHS members during the 1998 year. There is really not a reason, except that some of our clubs might not be encouraging their members to become AHS members. We still need Garden Judges. Contact Jean Barnhart for an application.

Region 6 Annual Meetings are lined up to the year 2001. Now we need commitments for 2002 and 2003. Please talk to your clubs and see if they will volunteer to host a Regional Meeting. The earlier you plan the better.

Congratulations to Gene Orgeron for taking home the Edna Lankart Award and Aileen Castleberry for winning the Annie T. Giles Award.

At the Regional Business Meeting, we formed a committee to look into submitting recommendations for the Edna Lankart Award. The Award is now a traveling trophy and several people feel we should have a trophy each winner could retain. Transporting the Award has caused it to come loose from its base.

We also had a discussion at the Business Meeting regarding our Regional Newsletter, expenses and cost of printing and mailing it to AHS and non-AHS members. It was suggested by Editor, Donna Peck, that each club contribute the cost of the Newsletter (\$8.00 a year) for each club's members. I received a very articulate letter in reference to this suggestion. I'd like to share excerpts from the letter with you.

"There is an erroneous opinion that, by paying AHS dues, AHS members are subsidizing the cost of the Newsletters sent to non-members. The facts are these: AHS members pay \$18 per year in dues to AHS. AHS retains all of this except for a small allowance which is returned to the Region to help pay for mailing expenses. Last year, AHS returned \$472.80...which is about 50 cents for each AHS member... this amount scarcely pays for the postage for the three issues...

The Region must raise almost the entire amount needed to produce the Newsletter and to pay for other Regional expenses. If there was a financial problem (actually, there is none), it could not be caused by non-members of AHS. Many of the non-AHS members are new club members, so are new to the growing of daylilies and we cannot expect all to join AHS initially. There is a strong possibility that

they will join at some time...Remember, that since they do not receive the *Daylily Journal*, their only contact with AHS is through the Regional Newsletter, and they join clubs through the inducement of receiving this Newsletter.

It appears that, while there are 18 local clubs in AHS, only 2 made contributions to the Newsletter last year...a few non-contributors were very recently organized...but they should be encouraged to become more active...to sponsor sales and flower shows...so they may be in a position to contribute Newsletter costs."

These comments are from a long-standing member of Region 6 whose opinion I value greatly. Region 6 relies heavily on the Regional plant auction, the Mail In Auction and contributions. Each member can contribute and help in some way. I feel that the discussion that we had at the Business Meeting was an "eye opener" for each of us and we need to recognize that the Region is each of us working together.

MOM, ME, AND THE O.T.

RPD Report - Sharon Umphress

The last two weeks before our Daylily Show became one long, hard-fought campaign. More like a battle than a delight to the eye of a daylily enthusiast. During the bloom season everyone usually anticipates each new day with tremendous excitement. This year, it was nerve-wracking wondering if that special daylily would be perfect the day of the show. May 30th was Flower Show weekend across most of Region 6, and our local show was uppermost in our minds. You see, my mother, Elizabeth Hoover, and I cannot help but compete for the "Queen of the Show." Of course, we are just two among twenty contenders in our club for this honor, but this is our story.



Mom and I garden together, hybridize together, attended our first Regional Meeting together, and became Garden Judges at the same time. We helped each other through two Exhibition Clinics and supported each other through three Fall Seminars in Tyler. She is my best friend and closest relative. We argue loudly, tease each other mercilessly, and love each other through it all.

She is a great lady except during the flower show; then she is a killer. For the past two years she has taken the Sweepstakes Rosette and enough of the other Rosettes and trophies that we should have had her name engraved on them before the day of the show. That was not enough for her. She went on to the Regional Show in Dallas and won the Ophelia Taylor Award, plus a few more purple and blue ribbons.

The Ophelia Taylor Award is sanctioned only at a Regional Flower Show outside of Region 12, where it may be awarded at each accredited show. This award has not been won in our Region for at least ten years that I can account for. To win, one must show five cultivars in either the seedling or registered cultivar class, and they must all score 95 or above. Sounds easy enough, but David Burton and I can both testify it is tough, but dreams of glory can override sense.

It all started with a challenge from David at our last meeting, when he announced that he was entering the division for the Ophelia Taylor Award. So it may be partly his triumph that one of our club's members won, and we will all keep trying to win at the next show. It makes life interesting, chasing after the trophies, hoping next year to say "yes, that is mine up there on the winners' table." Trying not to smile too big, trying to be humble, when you really want to shout - Yes!

We are all very proud of Liz's accomplishment. She has shown she is a contender. So go ahead Mom. You deserve to gloat, this year, but not too much.

P.S. I was also a winner at the Regional Meeting due to so many of you turning in your Popularity Poll ballots. I want to thank you all for your wonderful support of the ballot. It's not too late to still vote for your five favorite daylilies. Send your votes directly to me. (See address on the Popularity Poll ad).

TOUCHED BY ANGELS ON BUS #3

by Ray Houston

My trip to the Castlebury Garden on bus #3 will be etched into my and Mary's memories for years to come. Approximately fifteen minutes into the 1 1/2 hour trip, I became nauseated by the rocking motion of the bus. To keep from doing the unmentionable with my stomach contents, I had my head resting on the back of the seat directly in front of me. I was moaning and groaning, giving the passenger in that seat the impression that she might have to move rapidly.

An angel in the form of Robert Frazier came from the rear of the bus to offer assistance. (Robert is a doctor from Espanola, New Mexico). Art and Nina Imperial, (doctors from Lake Jackson, Texas), also offered to help. These doctors "just happened" to be on Bus #3! They led me to the rear of the bus where I was told to lay my 6' 8" body across two seats measuring approximately 4 feet. Laying down helped for a few minutes, but the rocking motions were accentuated and my condition worsened. I stopped breathing a couple of times, much to the chagrin of the doctors at hand.

Nina told me I would probably feel better if I upchucked! I agreed with her and commenced to do just that, but having asthma, my heaving caused my condition to worsen into an asthma attack. Robert, concerned with getting me to an emergency room, ran to the front of the bus, requesting the driver use his cell phone, call 911, and have an ambulance meet the bus at the Castlebury Garden. However, the cell phone batteries were discharged and no one else on the bus had a cell phone. The bus was over an hour from Dallas. Robert asked how far we were from the garden. The bus driver replied, "I don't know. We're lost!" The bus had missed a turn, but was actually turning into an entrance. Mary looked up to see the bus turning into a cemetery, not the garden! Mary told Robert, "I don't think Ray is quite ready for the cemetery, yet." In a few minutes, we arrived at the garden and procured the services of Susan Swint, a friend of the Castlebury's, who drove me to the hospital.



After the hospital adventure. Dr. Robert Frazier (center) was a true angel to Ray Houston (right).

Once Robert had me in the emergency room and confident that I was in good hands, he and Susan went back to the garden. Mary suddenly realized that she was alone in a strange hospital with no personal identification! Nell Shimek called to see if Mary needed any help. Mary answered in her quivering voice, "Yes." Nell immediately jumped into Aileen's car to come to Mary's rescue. One quarter of a mile from the gardens the car had a flat tire!

Nell and Aileen stood in the middle of the road, blocking the passage of an oncoming dump truck. They told the driver their story. He offered them his single passenger seat where Aileen sat on Nell's lap holding the door as tightly as possible since the door wouldn't close. The truck took them back to the garden, where Susan, who had just returned from the hospital, turned around and took Nell back to help Mary. The doctors stabilized my condition and then dismissed me. Susan came back to pick me up!

Mary and I truly believe there are angels in this world in the form of Robert Frazier, Art and Nina Imperial, Susan Swint, Aileen Castlebury, and Nell Shimek.

MINUTES OF THE REGION 6 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The annual Business Meeting of Region 6, American Hemerocallis Society, met June 6, 1998, at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, Texas. Eloise Koonce welcomed everyone to the Region 6 Meeting. Dr. Gene Orgeron gave the invocation. After a delicious dinner, Sue Jackson, Regional Vice President, called the meeting to order. Sue thanked everyone for their help and asked for a moment of silence to honor deceased members.

Sue Jackson introduced AHS Officers and Region 6 Officers:

Bill Ater - Historian and Archives Chairman
Sharon Umphress - Regional Publicity Director
Anne Faggard - Secretary
Jean Consford - Treasurer
Gene Koonce - William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Liaison
Mary Houston - Exhibition Judges Liaison
Jean Barnhart - Garden Judges Liaison
Helen Reynolds - Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund, Liaison
Donna Peck - Newsletter Editor
Bridey Greeson - Youth Liaison
Gene Orgeron - Regional Protocol & Parliamentarian

Minutes of last year's meeting were published in the Summer 1997 Daylily Newsletter. There were no corrections or additions.

REPORTS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kay Day reported that our Region was well represented at the National with 146 members. AHS is in sound financial condition and Bob Brooks has assumed the National Treasurer position. Membership on the National level is gaining new members, but we are still losing many older members. In 1999, people will be able to pay their dues with a credit card. The National will no longer be announcing the Stout Medal Award until the National Convention. Only the top five winners will be printed in the *Journal*.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jean Consford reported on the financial condition of Region 6. A full financial report is included with the minutes.

Beginning Balance	\$11,641.41
Income	\$15,487.98
Expenses	\$15,595.30
Ending Balance	\$11,534.09

The treasurer reported that Edgar Tarrant had audited the books and found them to be correct. Helen Reynolds was praised for her job well done. Both she and Edgar were thanked for their hard work.

STATUS OF REGION 6

Sue Jackson reported the following AHS membership of Region 6.

1995 - 795 AHS members
1996 - 652 AHS members
1997 - 799 AHS members
1998 - 699 AHS members

Clubs need to encourage all people to join AHS. The Region now has 18 clubs with the Huntsville club being our newest club. There were no new Display Gardens added in 1998. She expressed that we need more Display Gardens.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Donna Peck reported on the cost of the Newsletter. The Spring issue amounted to \$3.00 - \$3.50 per person. This included color, mailing and other expenses. The cheapest color process was used in the Spring issue. A color separation process will be used in the future, but it will cost \$1.00 more, perhaps up to \$4.50 per issue. It was greatly appreciated how some clubs had contributed for this extra color. It was encouraged that all clubs donate to fund the Newsletter expenses.

REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Sharon Umphress thanked all those who voted in last year's Popularity Poll, but only 19% voted. This year a drawing will be held for five daylilies to encourage more voting. Winners will only come from those voting. She offered assistance for anyone needing more information and will send ballots to all clubs.

EXHIBITION JUDGES LIAISON

Mary Houston reported the Clinics held on June 5 were very successful. There were 3 students in Clinic

I, 8 in Clinic II, and 1 person audited. A handful of Senior Judges took the Refresher Course. Thanks was given to the Master Panel and those who taught and worked on these Clinics. Clubs were encouraged to help the Junior Judges complete their work and use them in shows.

GARDEN JUDGES LIAISON

Jean Barnhart reported that 27 people attended this year's Workshop. Region 6 had 15 new judges in 1997 and was number 3 in the country in gaining new judges. A goal of 20 more judges for 1999 was set as well as filling our quota to 96% by the year 2000.

YOUTH LIAISON

Bridey Greeson reported she had 3 youths at her meeting. They were Amy Barnhart, Joe Lewis, and Kylie Matthiesen. It was a very successful meeting. They discussed a Youth Newsletter, and a Letter Game with daylilies for those who play. Cameras were given to each youth. Later the best pictures will be selected. She also thanked those who donated the youth gift plants.

BERTIE FERRIS YOUTH ENDOWMENT FUND

Helen Reynolds reported a fund balance of \$7,691.08. She thanked the clubs and individuals who contributed during the year. Contributions will still be welcomed.

WILLIAM E. MONROE ENDOWMENT FUND

Gene Koonce reported that at least \$9,295 had been contributed to this fund during the past period. Region 6 is in the President's Circle and its pledge is paid. Adding Regions 6's contribution of \$6,000 makes the total \$15,295. Contributions or Memorials will be welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS

Mary Gage reported that Kay Day was elected Region 6 Director. Ballots for this election were in the Newsletter. There was no other old or unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Sue Jackson announced the appointment of Mable Nelson as Chairman of the committee to select a nominee for RVP. Kathryn Neely and Ray Houston were elected to serve on this committee.

After discussion of repairs or replacement of the Edna Lankart Trophy, a committee was appointed to study this problem. The RVP appointed Jean Barnhart, Chairman. Kay Day and Sharon Umphress will serve on this committee.

It was announced that Region 6 will have a mail auction this year. Kay Day and Sue Jackson are in charge of this project.

A healthy discussion followed about non-AHS members receiving Newsletters, club contributions for Newsletters, individual payments for Newsletters, club lists for additional Newsletters, printing costs of additional Newsletters and encouragement of members to join AHS. The meeting adjourned.

RECONVENE

The meeting of Region 6 reconvened on Saturday June 6, 1998. Introductions of officers followed, after the invocation by Bill Ater. Eloise Koonce introduced the Garden Hosts, thanked the individuals responsible for the various committees and those who helped make the Regional possible and so successful. Joyce Lewis' plants of SPECIAL FRIENDSHIP were especially appreciated. Kay Day's Slide Show, Down Memory Lane, followed.

Additional introductions were made by Sue Jackson of the former AHS Presidents, Region 6 RVPs, past Region 6 Service Award winners, the National Registrar, Region 6 Director, Youth, Local Daylily Clubs and Officers. Leo Sharp was thanked for donating his plants for the raffle and auction. One guest from Canada was introduced.

AUCTION

Bridey Greeson was pleased to report that the auction made a whopping \$9,260. She thanked those who donated plants, especially Leo Sharp, all buyers and purchasers of plants and a great group of workers. It was a record success.

REGIONAL AWARDS

Jean Barnhart made the following announcements about the Regional competition:

Winner of the Edna Lankart Award - Dr. Eugene Orgeron #3

Winner of the Annie T. Giles Award - Aileen Castleberry #16

There were seven entries in the Edna Lankart Bed and 23 in the Annie T. Giles bed. Jean also reminded members to be sure to vote on the Popularity Poll and for the Garden Judges to complete their voting.

FALL SYMPOSIUM

Bill Ater announced the plans for a Fall Regional Symposium in Austin, Texas, on November 14, 1998. He also requested any material available for the history of Region 6 for the Historical Files.

1999 REGIONAL

Jean Consford invited everyone to Nacogdoches for the 1999 Region 6 Meeting on May 27-29, 1999. The Holiday Inn will be the headquarters. The oldest town in Texas offers a lot of color, interest and good gardens. Help from various clubs was vastly appreciated in a prior Regional and the small group will welcome it again.

The Business Meeting was adjourned by Sue Jackson after thanking the host club and its members for a wonderful meeting. It was also added that if anyone had any ideas, comments or suggestions to any issues discussed in the meeting to write, E-mail or call Sue.

Eloise Koonce again thanked people for the flowers and arrangements, which became gifts. The raffle led by Kay Day and the youth members was completed with drawings from each plant bag. There were many happy winners.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Faggard
AHS Region 6 Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS NELL CRANDALL!

**NELL RECEIVED AN H.M. FOR HER SPIDER,
SLENDER LADY**

The American Hemerocallis Society gave its first Stout Silver medal in 1950 to HESPERUS, a tall yellow daylily hybridized by Hans Sass of Nebraska. The new award was appropriately named for Arlow Burdette Stout, who dedicated more than fifty years of his life to the study and improvement of daylilies.

Reaching the Stout Medal is a climbing process that begins with the Honorable Mention (H. M.). Upon being awarded an H. M., a daylily hangs in suspension for three years before being placed in contention for the Award of Merit (A. M.).

If it is selected as one of the ten annual A. M.s, it will two years later compete for the top rung of the ladder, the Stout Silver Medal. This is the Society's highest cultivar award. (The *Daylily Journal*, Summer, 1998). We are very proud of our Region 6 hybridizer Nell Crandall for receiving the H. M.

THANK YOU BRIDEY!

The Regional Auctions raise a record breaking \$9,683!

Bridey Greeson, Chairman of the Regional live and silent auctions used her creativity as well as her own funds to raise a record breaking \$9,683 for Region 6. Bridey donated all the expenses of the auctions, except the airfare for the auctioneer, Glenn Tolar, and his wife, Pat, who by the way, was one of our top ten buyers. As it has been noted other times in our Newsletter, Leo Sharp's introduction was purchased by Lee Causey for \$1225. The second highest seller was HEAVEN'S GLORY (Larry Grace, breeder), donated by Bridey and sold to Jay Tompkins for \$350. The 3rd and 4th highest sellers were FREQUENT COMMENT (John Rice, Breeder) donated by Kay Day and sold to Jay Tompkins and Lee Causey both for \$250. Needless to say, the biggest spender was Lee Causey, followed by Jay Tompkins, John Kwan, Leo Sharp, David Burton and Carole Anne Faggard. According to Bridey, there were 131 lots sold of which 12 benefited the youth program, bringing the total to \$590.

The silent auction had thirteen lots for sale with twelve donated by Jack Carpenter. Deepest gratitude goes to David and Betty Burton and Kay Day whose help was critical to the success of the auctions.

An extra bit of trivia about the auction: Glenn Tolar, our excellent auctioneer, and his wife Pat, were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary the day of the auction! They spent the day making the auction a success with Glenn's great ability as an auctioneer, and Pat's generosity as a buyer.

Many thanks to all the committee members who helped Bridey, and to all the donors and generous buyers. The various projects of Region 6 will be greatly helped.

Gardening By The Book

Blood, Gunfire, and Daylilies

by Rich Rosen

This week I was working in my daylily garden when flame erupted from the barrel of the pistol. Blood flowed through his fingers as Vinni clutched his stomach and crumpled to the carpet.

Last week I was working my daylily garden when a blonde walked in wearing a pout on her lips and a powder blue dress on her body. A body that would make a priest kick a hole in a stained glass window.

Welcome to my world of "gardening noir." I've always enjoyed gardening and reading. One is done outside, the other typically inside. Last year I discovered the pleasure of doing both at the same time! "Don't you get the pages dirty, you ask?" Not if you are "reading" an audio book, a book on tape. I hook my portable cassette player on my back pocket, put on my earphones, and hit the play button. As I enter a back yard full of gardening chores, I simultaneously enter an audio world of mystery, mayhem and murder!

What a pleasure to combine these two hobbies. If you haven't tried it, do. It's easy. First, go down to the local X-Mart and buy yourself an inexpensive portable cassette player. Make sure you get one with headphones. I started out just using a boom box, but I soon realized how much foul language and graphic grisly descriptions are contained in these books. I think you don't pay much attention when you are reading in the easy chair. But when there are kids playing next door and all of a sudden the "f" word comes blasting out of your boom box, you find yourself dashing across the yard to hit the stop button. Also, I found that airplane noise will drown out a boom box, but not earphones.

Next go to the public library and pick out an audio book from their large collection. If you don't see what you want at your branch, check the electronic card catalog and have it sent over from another branch. This is the inexpensive way to get books. But, I have discovered that for

reasons I don't understand, some people don't use the library and prefer to shop at the bookstores. That works, too. Or rent an audio book from a store like "Earful Of Books." Be careful that you get an unabridged recording (typically runs from 6 to 12 hours), and not one of the abridged versions. When you get home, insert B into A, hit play, then pick up your shovel and get to work. I strongly recommend two sets of rechargeable batteries to power your cassette player. Use one set while the other set is recharging. Despite the higher purchase price, you will come out money ahead with rechargeables.

You will be amazed at the selection available. The best selling authors like Michael Crichton and John Grisham have all of their books on tape. But many other authors are also available. My personal favorites include: Carl Hiaasen who writes ripping yarns set in Florida with a humorous, anti-development slant. Try "Double Whammy" or "Native Tongue." David Lindsey is an Austin writer who writes mostly police procedurals set in Houston. He writes beautifully, but the themes are very, very dark. Try "Mercy" or "A Cold Mind." Another favorite of mine is John Sandford who writes about Minneapolis police detective Lucas Davenport. Try any of the "Prey" series, starting with "Rules Of Prey." Some other favorites include Elmore Leonard, Robert Crais, James W. Hall, and James Lee Burke. Unfortunately I haven't found any Donald Westlake books on tape. These all fall into the categories of mysteries. I am disappointed to report, that the selection of science fiction writers is almost non-existent. If you are of the female species (Venusians, as opposed to Martians) they also have those yucky, smoochy romance type novels that either put you to sleep or make you gag.

Whatever your taste in reading material, it will go just fine with daylily gardening. It makes the joys of gardening all the greater. Give it a try.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION

LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA MAY 21-24



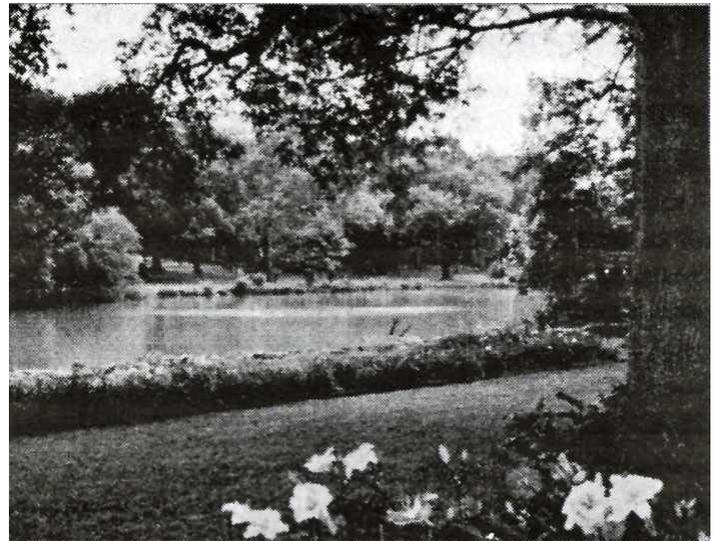
Louisiana Nursery Amid Farmlands

The National Convention in Lafayette was very enjoyable for those who attended. A summary of four of the eight touring gardens gives an example of what everyone saw and experienced, a small taste of what it was like to be at the National Convention. Save your pennies, mark your calendar for next year and plan on being there.

Ann Marks reports that she has fond memories of the well grown Brasher Garden. Ray Brasher's ability to grow plants and keep a well-groomed garden had been lovingly transferred to his wife and daughters. The eye-catchers in the front yard were CORAL VISION (L. Guidry), KING KAHUNA (Crochet) and TRUE PINK BEAUTY (Copenhaver). These were bordered by pink Vincas with a big Magnolia tree at the end. SPIDER MAN (Durio) and ZYDECO (A. Durio) were showy in the back and side yards. A beautiful red Passion Vine had its place on the little playhouse and high in the big Oak tree was a bird made of 2 rakes, 2 weeders and a trowel. Further into the garden behind a fence was a greenhouse and a compost pile to die for. One of the beds labeled Dad's Garden contained Ray's seedlings, especially a very pretty red one. A few of the older daylilies showing were GRAPE VELVET (Wild) and WHOOPEREE (Gates) which reminds one that they are still a sight to behold!

Sue Casper reports that Ken and Melissa Begnaud of the Beau Basin Gardens had several Louisiana hybridizers' guest plants which were

"really showing off." BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS (Copenhaver), KING KAHUNA (Clarence Crochet) and ROSEVILLE CITY COP (McConnell) had everyone's cameras really clicking. Ken and Melissa work full time, have two boys, raise horses and chickens, but still manage to maintain a beautiful garden consisting of raised beds of hundreds of daylilies. Each bed is marked by a miniature bird house on a stake. On one side of the garden is a potting shed with Ken's Bonsai collection. The back porch invites you to sit awhile on the twig furniture and enjoy the soothing sound of running water of the fish pond, landscaped with Louisiana Iris and other bog plants. The Tin Man hangs in a shade bed of Hosta and Calla Lilies.



The fish pond at Beau Basin Gardens

Mable Nelson reminisces riding through several sugar cane fields to find the large, two story gabled colonial home of Linda and Raymond Yoder and their gardens, Belle Fleurs (beautiful flowers). Mable was impressed with all the trees, shrubs and companion plants. Oaks, Crepe Myrtles and Rose bushes were well placed, which made a serene picture. The daylilies in bloom at an oval bed near the highway were ARABIAN MAGIC, JEFF SALTER, COVENTRY COURT, ELIZABETH SALTER and MASK OF TIME. In the front were display beds where she found SPRING MASTERPIECE, hybridized by our own Dr. Gene Orgeron. There were several Purple Martin houses of interesting designs filled with Martins.



The Brasher Garden

The Louisiana Nursery is located South of Opelousas amid lush farmlands. It is the domain of Ken and Belle Durio and their sons Albert and Dalton. The nursery is famous not only for daylilies but also for the variety of Magnolias grown there.

Gene Orgeron reports that the visitors felt lucky to be there while the Hydrangeas were in full bloom. There was a marvelous exhibition of daylilies, mainly tetraploids in rectangular beds creating a sea of color. Gene enjoyed their earlier diploids, such as JOAN SENIOR and MY BELLE, which have won numerous awards. Now, Ken and Belle concentrate on tetraploids such as LUCKY PINK, IT, MARLA, SUPER MOM and SOYUZ. Among their newest is ROX, a salmon pink 6 ½" beauty with ruffled gold edging and rose-pink eyezone. This was the winner of the 1997 Region 13 Emma Middlebrook Award.

These brief comments only touch on the beautiful gardens, delicious food and warm fellowship which every member experienced by attending the National Convention in Lafayette, Louisiana. Next year: Oklahoma City, OK, June 17-19. Don't miss it!

POPULARITY POLL BALLOTS DUE SEPTEMBER 1

**AHS MEMBERS
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN WINNING?**

DO YOU WANT A CHANCE ON A GREAT DAYLILY?

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WHO VOTE IN THE POPULARITY POLL**

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Go out to your garden, walk around, and choose five or more daylilies that you feel grow the very best in our Region 6 gardens. Choose not only those that you love the color, shape and size, but also those that have good growth habits, rebloom and have overall survival. Remember that the winner will be part of your exhibit in your show next year.

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BIG DEAL IN BIG D

THE AMERSON GARDEN

by Paula Payne

FARMERS BRANCH - The uninitiated might be surprised to learn that Binion Amerson is relatively new to daylilies. However, it is apparent he is not new to gardening. The Amerson garden is located in an established neighborhood on a cul-de-sac in Dallas. Several daylily flags of various size greeted us as we stepped off the bus. I was especially taken with the small flag located inside his garden.



Borders of white Petunias set off Binion's beautiful daylilies.

The front garden was in full bloom and overflowing with white Petunias as accents. SEAL OF APPROVAL caught my eye as it was the first time for me to see it in bloom. Another appealing daylily new to me was MAYAN, a hose-on-hose type double that is a Tankersley-Clark 1996 introduction. I saw several other visitors taking photos of this flower so I guess I wasn't the only one who liked it. BARRACUDA BAY was spectacular as well, with two blooms open, and drew quite a crowd. VOLUPTUOUS MISTRESS by Lee Gates was deserving of her name.

Binion also tends a Zone X plot, where the same plants are grown in various climates and conditions all over the country. Binion keeps

records of bloom times, multiplication, and overall general performance to be compared to the other Zone X garden locations at the end of the given period. In this bed CUSTARD CANDY looked good enough to search for a spoon.

In the back garden Binion's namesake, BINION AMERSON, a recent introduction by the late Bertie Ferris, had several perfect blooms open. I could tell Binion was proud of this one and rightly so. SPIDER MIRACLE was showing off in clump strength and MARY'S GOLD looked great, too. Planted along the fence on one side of the garden was pink Loosestrife, which served as a nice backdrop for the daylilies growing there. Nestled in a back corner near the house, a water fountain trickled above three concrete frogs holding musical instruments appearing to play to that music. CINDY'S EYE, a Salter introduction was really outstanding here. Joyce Lewis' TEXAS SUNLIGHT, was displaying in full bloom.

Daylilies had also crept under the back fence and spilled into the alley behind the house. All were Binion's seedlings. In fact, one very pretty edged pink one brought enough comments that Binion was encouraged to put a number on it for the benefit of the Garden Judges. Its number is 96-8, and I think we might see more of this one in the future. Another corner of the garden held a vine covered storage shed. In front of the shed sat a garden bench where one could relax and reflect on the beauty of the flowers.

Also in the back garden was a table set up with goodies from Binion's kitchen: homemade biscuits, sausage patties, fresh fruit, and other delectables. A delicious kaluha cake was served to the afternoon group, and Binion was responsible for that, too. Binion, the weather, the flowers and the food were wonderful, and we are delighted and grateful that you invited us.

THE COHEA DAYLILY GARDEN

by Eddie Raye Andrews

GARLAND - I have the pleasure of writing on the Coheas' "Duck Creek Crossing" Daylily Garden. Their daylily garden is one that started in earnest two years ago from a vegetable garden when someone from the Daylily Growers of Dallas asked Ron and Barbara to be on a Regional tour. Ron was into vegetable gardening with lots of corn. They quickly turned their yard into a beautiful display of daylilies, other perennials, and annuals. They have become so involved with daylilies that Ron will be a Garden Judge next year.



Enjoying the Cohea's Garden

Leading into the back yard garden you walk under a Rose arbor and see a thornless blackberry (full of berries) by the fence. Several of us thought a pie break would be nice.

In the back yard you find clumps of Barbara's favorite daylilies - RASPBERRY SUNSHINE (Carpenter), PAPER BUTTERFLY (Morss), and DESIGNER JEANS (Sikes). Ron's favorite daylilies are: RED VOLUNTEER (Oakes), and RED STEP AHEAD (Carpenter). Other blooming clumps for us to see included PRINCE MICHAEL (Hansen), TEXAS SUNLIGHT (Lewis), JUNGLE BEAUTY (Apps), SACO (Whatley), EIGHTH DAY (Hansen). I especially liked Gates' guest plant of LOUISIANA BELLE. It was holding up well under the hot sun. Ron showed me his corner proliferation bed where he plants proliferations to grow for possible later trades. Scattered among

the daylilies were perennials such as Purple Cone Flower and Yarrow. Barbara stated that she likes to see flowers continually when the daylilies have finished for the season. Various statues were situated among the daylilies and other flowers. Vines were growing on their patio arbor and pots were full of color on the patio.

Ron has still kept his garden (it's just smaller now). He has a corn patch and other vegetables growing behind the garage.

It was such a pleasure to see how people can turn a back yard, in a relatively short time, and have a wonderfully delightful place full of beauty to be enjoyed by all. You don't have to cultivate lots of acreage to enjoy our favorite flower.

THE LAND'S GARDEN

by Sue Jackson

OAK POINT - When I met Robert and Diane Land in DeRidder, LA, before the National Convention, they were on a mission - buy daylilies for their garden. Diane told us about the awful storm that had broken windows, blown down trees and devastated their garden. And they were on tour for the Regional Meeting. Diane told me, "We are serving a complete breakfast to the first bus that arrives to make up for the garden not being up to par." We were on the first bus that morning and we did have a wonderful breakfast. But we did not need to be distracted because the garden was beautiful. It was very hard to tell that a tornado had come through four weeks before the tour and done so much damage.

This beautiful garden began as a "weekend" garden in 1990. Robert had purchased the property because it was on Lake Lewisville and he wanted to spend time in his sailboat. It seems that the boat had taken second place to the garden.

As you walk around this well designed garden (Diane is a Master Gardener and Landscape Designer) you notice that there are so many points of interest. They have grown Roses since the 1970s and the garden holds around 150 varieties. At the back of one of the many beds

Thanks, Big D, For A Great Regional!



Everyone needs a daylily flag like this one in the Amerson Garden



BARRACUDA BAY was a showoff in Binion Amerson's garden.



We caught Gene taking pictures in the Cohea's Garden.



ALMOST INDECENT



The lake made a great background at the Castlebury's Garden.



Ken Henson & friend in Smith Garden.



The raised beds were of interest in the Smith Garden.



Hats off to the Dallas group for all their work and a great Regional



ALWAYS AFTERNOON

Then we found Nell in the Lands' Garden

CELESTIAL CITY



More to look at in Tranquility Gardens



Lee & Anita Causey and their flower. Thanks for your generosity.



Judging the show wasn't an easy task.

was a clump of FAIRY TALE PINK and TRUE GERTRUDE DEMAREST coming through the rail fence. A beautiful clump of SMOKY MOUNTAIN AUTUMN was happy with our cool morning because the colors were outstanding.

Robert is a doctor and he was telling us, as we stood on the back deck looking at the lake, that he had started three day weekends, now. This is a beautiful, peaceful garden. It was a joy to be able to visit and enjoy all the beautiful daylilies, perennials and roses.

THE PINE BRANCH DAYLILY GARDEN

by Mary and Ray Houston



Fields of daylilies at the Castlebury's

BROOKSTON - The first garden we visited on the Region 6 Tour was Pine Branch Acres, the garden of Bobby and Aileen Castlebury. This garden is located approximately 2 1/2 miles West of Paris, Texas. The Castleburys have taken a beautiful lakeside setting and made it even more beautiful with thousands of daylilies. If you have not visited the Castlebury garden you have missed a real treat.

Mary and I first visited this garden in May, 1992. Bobby and Aileen had been growing daylilies for only a year at that time and already had over 800 cultivars. The garden continues to expand and is more beautiful every time we visit.

Aileen has been busy hybridizing for many years and registers her beauties with the "Castle" prefix.

CASTLE PINK COURAGE (1996), a pink cream bitone, was blooming to perfection the day of the tour. CASTLE ORCHID BLOSSOMS (1996), an orchid blend with lighter edges, was blooming with heavy substance and excellent form. CASTLE SUNSET (1996), a brilliant gold orange blend with deeper gold orange halo, was blooming with ruffles deeply extending into the petal surfaces.

Besides the daylilies, the Castleburys are breeders and showers of Bantam chickens. They have won major awards for their efforts. They also raise many other exotic birds which are fascinating to watch.

The Annie T. Giles and Edna Lankart Awards beds were well displayed in this garden. One of Aileen's seedlings won the Annie T. Giles Y and a Gene Orgeron seedling won the Edna Lankart Y.

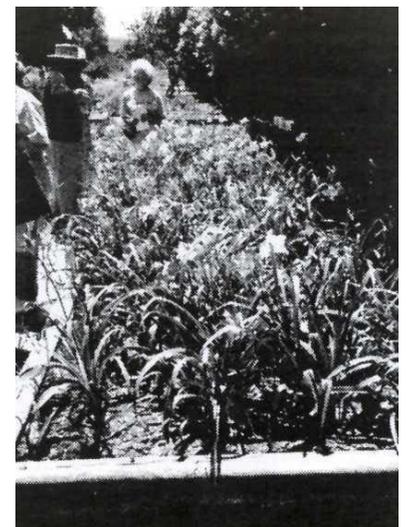
THE SMITH GARDEN

by Ruth and Warren Goza

ALLEN - The Smith Garden is set among trees and flowers on two acres that are the perfect size for growing daylilies.

When we got off the bus on Saturday afternoon, Wilma and E. L. Smith plus several family members greeted us. Everyone

admired the many features of the Smith garden. We personally liked the many birds singing, the plum tree that was overflowing with plums, the Weeping Mulberry on the patio and of course the many daylilies.



Ken Henson talks about his seedlings in the Smith garden.

The daylilies that caught our eyes and our camera's eye were IMPERIAL IMPRESSION

(Salter '91), DARING DILEMMA (Salter '92), ELIZABETH SALTER (Salter '90), WALKING ON SUNSHINE (Salter '89), BARBARA MITCHELL (Pierce '84), EVENING ENCHANTMENT (Stamile '95), CORINTHIAN PINK (Stamile '96), NOBLE VIRTUE (Kirchhoff '91), and ROSES WITH PEACHES (Kirchhoff '91).

Ken Henson was present to explain about his seedlings which he grows in the Smiths' Garden. There were framed beds that were planted with hundred's of Ken's seedlings.

The Smith's Garden was a perfect way to end our garden tours. If you are ever in Allen, Texas, during late May to mid-June and want to see great daylilies, do not miss the Smith Garden.

THE TRANQUILITY GARDEN

by Sue Jackson

MESQUITE - Tranquility is just what this beautiful garden is. Diane says that when she and Barron moved into their house, the yard was an unpainted canvas. This was in 1992 and from then to now the artists have been busy.



Resting in the Tranquility Gardens

As we walked onto the patio everyone was busy looking at the clump of GROOVY GREEN. It was almost yelling for attention. It seemed with the cooler morning that several of the heavily edged beauties didn't want to open, but the older ones were open and the colors vivid. VICTORIA'S SECRET was very pretty, also. At the back of the sloping bed was a large clump of JOHN DOE. This is also an older cultivar, but most impressive.

The garden was immaculate and not a leaf out of place. After starting with twelve daylilies from the Jackson and Perkins catalog in 1993, to three hundred plus daylilies to date, you can really tell the daylily bug has bitten. Barron's tomato patch was looking as if we had visited in another two weeks, we could have picked a basketful.

This was a very well planned, beautiful garden. Thank you Barron and Diane for letting us visit.

A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND DOLLARS

After the most exciting auction in daylily history, Rich Rosen said, "A picture is worth a thousand dollars." He had just watched Lee Causey bid and win Leo Sharp's outstanding new introduction for \$1,225. The bidders had only seen this daylily on a slide before the bidding started. Leo Sharp, from Brookwood Gardens in Michigan City, Indiana, donated his new introduction to the Regional 6 auction with the understanding that the daylily would be named for the highest bidder. Lee and Anita Causey will receive the BROOKWOOD LEE CAUSEY daylily in the Spring of 1999. In April 2000, it will be included in a four daylily collection selling for \$300, but only sixty of these collections will be available. The other three daylilies included will be BROOKWOOD DOROTHY SCHAFER, BROOKWOOD JACK'S FAVORITE and INNISWOOD. If one doesn't want the collection, you have to wait for the year 2002 before BROOKWOOD LEE CAUSEY is for sale. Sue Jackson has been receiving E-mails and phone calls from all over the country praising our auction's great success. Congratulations to the Causeys for being the highest bidders and to Leo for his huge contribution to Region 6. The 1998 auction will certainly go down in history.

CELEBRATING OUR YOUTH

In the Spring Newsletter, Bridey Greeson, Region 6 Youth Liaison wrote,

"As Youth Liaison, I hope to help grow our youth membership for Region 6 by helping the current members have daylily programs in their schools to encourage others to grow our great plant. Another area that may help is to have a game of fun facts about daylilies with the winners getting a recently introduced daylily as a prize...! hope (at the Regional) to enlist others to show the youth that Regional can be a very fun event."

The Albuquerque Daylily Society only has one family that has a youth member. And they have had a great time experiencing daylilies together in various ways. The Editors asked them to share their experiences with the readers, and maybe help other families understand why they should involve their whole family in their hobby of daylilies. The following articles were written from the mother's and from her twelve year old daughter's perspective. We hope that these interesting articles, along with the charge of Bridey Greeson, might influence more families to take part in daylily adventures!

A DAYLILY ODYSSEY FOR THE CHANGS

by Barbara K. Chang, M.D., M.A.

Past-President, Albuquerque Daylily Society

Daylilies are a family affair for the Changs. In the early Spring of 1993, I ordered some daylilies from Jean Swann, who had advertised in the *Georgia Farmer's Market Bulletin*. For the cost of postage, Mrs. Swann sent me her price list and an invitation to attend the Region 5 Meeting held in Warner-Robins that year. She noted that her own garden would be on tour. At that time my daughters, Nollanne and Carla, were 7 and 10 years old, respectively. I was Associate Chief of Staff for Education at the Augusta Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Professor of Medicine at the Medical College of Georgia. Moreover, cancer research and the academic practice of hematology/oncology occupied a great deal of my efforts. Feeling the need to spend more time with my daughters in the company of non-medical types, I decided (with the encouragement of my husband, Joseph) to attend the Region 5 Meeting, even though we were not then members of AHS or the local daylily society. In fact, I didn't even know then that these organizations existed!

The rest, as they say, "is history." The 1993 Region 5 Meeting was a great success - not only for me, but also for my children, who were enthralled with the daylilies, the beautiful gardens, and the society of other youth and adult members. Jean Swann, the Regional Youth Coordinator, had organized a great program for the younger attendees. I had given each daughter a disposable camera, and they had their first experience of photographing daylilies, gardens, and daylily people. On one leg of the tour, I shared a bus seat with Ken Cobb, then President-Elect for AHS. He discussed daylily lore with me as if I were an old hand and not a newcomer to daylilies. Almost without exception the people were friendly, open, and willing to share their passion for and knowledge of their favorite flower. We all came home with "wish lists" for expanding our collection of daylilies plus a sack full of gift plants. Joseph, who had missed the Saturday tour, joined us for the banquet and the informal tours on Sunday. Thus, the whole family was hooked.

Over the years, AHS members who have children have occasionally said that they will take their children to Regional Meetings or National Conventions only after they "become serious" about daylilies. I remain convinced, however, that it was the Regional Meetings and tour gardens that sparked my children's interest in daylilies. In addition, since joining AHS, whenever we travel by car, we always try to arrange our trip to take in any official Display Gardens en route. In this manner, we have not only expanded our knowledge of daylilies and the conditions under which they will grow, but also our acquaintance with the wonderful people who grow them. Once in Nebraska (visiting Gail Korn's garden), we found ourselves "oohing and aahing" about plants that were represented only by labels!

In February of 1994, my youngest daughter, Nollanne, and I attended the Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposium in Chattanooga. We took our notebooks and came home with, in addition to copious notes, an acquaintance with many of the pre-eminent daylily growers and hybridizers. Far from being bored, she learned a great deal. One amusing moment occurred when I allowed her to bid on an auction plant and no one would bid against her once they realized who was bidding.

The next year, the whole family attended the Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposium.

After our Region 5 Meeting, I sought out, and with my daughters, joined the Augusta (Morning Joy) Daylily Society. Then President Harry Adams was delighted to see my daughters, since he was trying to get his granddaughter interested in joining as a youth member. A couple of months later, he invited me to assume the office of Youth Coordinator, which I held until moving to New Mexico. At the time of moving in 1995, we had expanded to about 12 active youth members, to whom I was able to give the fans of 10 cultivars each when I cleaned out my garden.

As my children have grown, they have felt the pull of other activities. However, they still enjoy gardening, visiting gardens, exhibiting and working in shows, and attending local daylily meetings and Regional Meetings or National Conventions. As a result, they are able to mix with people of various ages who share a common interest. In addition, they learned early - having been taught by Jean Swann at that first meeting - how to hybridize. Unfortunately, we had to leave many seedlings of their early crosses in Georgia. Nevertheless, we brought many seeds with us. The seedlings of some of these (all diploid, with a germination rate of 75-100%) and their first tetraploid cross, from last year in Albuquerque, went into the ground this Spring. In the Summer of 1997, Carla, Nolanne, and I all qualified as Junior Exhibition Judges. We will always remember being taught by the late Bertie Ferris, in what was one of her last Judges Clinics.

Daylilies have enhanced my children's love of gardening and knowledge of reproductive physiology (i.e., through hybridizing). More importantly, their participation in AHS at the local, Regional, and National levels has allowed them to be exposed to the Society of older persons - i.e. other than teachers and relatives. For example, a lovely couple from Los Alamos with whom we shared a seat on the bus in Denver became, to my daughters, "our friends the Urbans." A couple whose Display Garden we once visited in Salt Lake City have become longstanding friends. Not many young people can boast so many friends of so many

generations! The benefit of youth members in AHS works both ways, the adult members are also enriched. When I first took my children to the Albuquerque Daylily Society, some of the members looked at them askance - I presume, afraid they would be rowdy, disruptive, or merely uninterested. However, after several meetings, the members sought their company, and if one was missing for whatever reason, I would invariably get looks of disappointment. Indeed, as we have come to realize, "passing the torch" is an enjoyable and satisfying experience for all of those fortunate enough to have youth members in their local daylily societies.

A later article will detail the Changs' experience of gardening in New Mexico as contrasted to Georgia. Dr. Chang moved to Albuquerque to assume the position of Chief of Staff at the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center and Associate Dean at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine.

NEWSLETTER DONATIONS

The Editors are very pleased to have received donations from the following Daylily Societies to help fund the Newsletter. The various clubs have been very generous and we appreciate the support. A special thanks to the Gulf Coast Daylily Society who not only contributed to the general Newsletter fund but also added an extra amount to the "color fund." Jim Petty, our printer, is working very hard to get excellent color pictures at a reasonable cost. We appreciated all your kind comments on our first attempt in the Spring issue. Many thanks to the:

Gulf Coast Daylily Society	\$500
Daylily Growers of Dallas	\$500
Albuquerque Daylily Society	\$250
Cypress Creek Daylily Club	\$200
Gulf Coast Daylily Society for the "color fund"	\$500
East Texas Daylily Society	\$376

NOLANNE'S PERSPECTIVE

by Nollanne A. Chang

Ever since I went to the Region 5 Daylily Meeting in Warner-Robins, Georgia, I have been "addicted" to daylilies. I was then only seven years old. Region 5 is almost the best place for a daylily fanatic to be, especially a hybridizer, or a youth member. The Augusta Daylily Society, I can remember, even had its own youth coordinator, because there were so many kids. There were also a lot of hybridizers in the area, so almost every time I went to a Regional, I usually met the Joiners, the Wards and other less well-known growers and hybridizers. Also, since everyone was so into daylilies, a lot of daylilies were donated to the meeting and were passed out on the tour buses. It was on a tour bus in Warner-Robins where I received my first daylily.

When I moved to Albuquerque, I didn't bring any daylilies and had to start a new collection. That wasn't that bad considering that about two months before I moved, my family's daylilies had insects on them. My dad thought that he was spraying them with insecticides, but instead he sprayed them with Round-Up. Fortunately, we had given many of the daylilies away to the youth members in the Augusta club (they each got about ten plants). All we had left were my seedlings, and I gave my fastest growing one to the granddaughter of the local club President. Since then, I have never seen the plant or the flower. I wonder if it survived.

When my family and I first moved to New Mexico, we lived in an apartment. That meant all our flowers had to be in pots. But soon we moved into a house and started spending more money on raffle tickets at local club meetings. I have now lived in my house for two years. My garden has changed considerably - from just a pile of manure to a blooming, flowering garden.

I like being a youth member of the American Hemerocallis Society because one gets to do things that you would never get to do otherwise. Some of my favorite things to do are hybridize, show, and just go to meetings. One of my most favorite times was when I went to a Region 5 Meeting in Savannah, Georgia. Upon registering

at the hotel, each youth member received a packet of fake money. At the opening banquet that night, there was a play auction for the youth (the plants were real).

This past school year I went to the Albuquerque Academy. Towards the end of the year, the entire sixth grade was assigned a project called "Flying Solo." Flying Solo was a project that was meant to help a child to learn about any topic they wished to research (that is the "Solo" part of it). At first, there were tons of topics I wanted to do, but in the end, it came down to the fact that I was too hooked on daylilies to do my project on anything else. Lucky, lucky, lucky me. My project, with a touch of last minute help from my mom, turned out to be a great success. I learned a lot and feel a little intimidated because - now I know how much I still don't know about daylilies. When I was in third grade, we had a class called "Library Skills," and at the end of the school year (doesn't anybody notice how many big projects kids have at the end of the school year?), the Librarian said we had to write a book, "you pick the subject." About that time, I was just getting interested in daylilies, and - "that dreaded curse was upon me again" - I decided to do my book on daylilies. My book was titled *All About Daylilies*, and of course, the title is theoretically wrong, because no one will ever know everything about daylilies.



Nollanne in her daylily garden after the first snowfall.

Nollanne is now twelve years old. In addition to daylilies, she also enjoys long distance running. She has competed in a number of local races and the USA Track & Field Junior Olympics for Cross-Country in 1997.

SHIMEK'S GARDEN

by Harvey and Nell Shimek



Harvey and Nell Shimek are two names which most people in Region 6 recognize. If you don't, read the article and you will understand why they are two very important members in our Region. The Newsletter has been very fortunate to have used two of Nell's blue ribbon arrangements on the Spring and Summer Newsletter covers. She has won her 4th Tricolor Medal this year. No one has ever won this Medal more than twice. Nell also has won both the A. D. Roquemore Memorial Award and the Mildred Schlumpf Award twice. The Editors asked them to tell the readers about their gardens and their interest in daylilies. Nell Shimek writes these facts about themselves.

The first named daylily that we bought was the red, MAC THE KNIFE, which we still have. That was back in 1978 when I was collecting a baker's dozen every year at a daylily farm in Alvin from Mary Clark who always had a Spring sale.

I (Nell) being a city person, grew up helping my grandmother with her many flowers. And of course, she had a long daylily bed. I was always encouraged to cut flowers and fix them up for her tables. I loved doing that as a child and it has followed me into adulthood.

I asked Harvey how he got interested and he said because he had to keep making me flower beds. But truth be known, he is Farmer Brown. He was raised on a 200 acre farm and makes it look so easy. A big plus for me because he just loves it. He calls all that work, fun.

Harvey and I are both Garden and Exhibition Judges. That has added an attraction to our daylily hobby. Bertie Ferris was the single person who encouraged Harvey to become a Judge. I am also a National Council Flower Show Judge and a certified Exhibition Judges Clinic Instructor for AHS.

We like all kinds of daylilies. I do believe that hybridizing is addictive. I cannot walk through the garden without dabbing pollen. I tend to cross a lot of eyes on eyes, hoping to see something bolder or different.

We have several daylilies that grow so well for us that they are worth noting. An older eyed MARIE BABIN borders a ditch which Mother Nature takes care of. Mr. Crowell's BRIGHT EYED borders a new back bed, along with LITTLE BUSINESS and PEACH CAPER bordering other back yard beds. LITTLE BUSINESS (a red) also borders the front side of the common yellow daylily that borders our vegetable garden, with a third row of an older unknown yellow-brown taller daylily behind the red and yellow. This makes three different heights and colors, with a lower planting of chives. Its blue ball blooming flower heads add more color to that setting. We have one more border planting worth noting and that is Joyce Lewis' COUNTRY HONEY. What a wonder that little daylily is. We give it to almost everyone who comes into the garden because it multiplies so well. We still have a full border of it around a bed we call the piano bed because of its shape. Last, but surely not least, is the driveway border of the beautiful rose ruffled KELLY'S GIRL that greets our visitors as they come into the garden. Our garden is listed as an American Hemerocallis Display Garden and we have won the Annie T. Giles Award.

We were asked what is important in our hybridizing efforts. I would hope to see hardy, daylilies that bloom for long periods; ones that can withstand dry or wet conditions, whatever Mother Nature hands them and they keep on growing and performing. Our goal is to grow and landscape our area with hardy heavy blooming plants that will be around in years to come.

How Do I Judge Thee

By Jim Petty

Every year I face the same quandary. My problem is perhaps trivial as you consider weightier issues such as "How am I going to swing buying that next new introduction, and once bought, where will I put it?" Nevertheless, I concern myself every year. Now, understand that I am rather new to this judging business, but I do have opinions about what I like and dislike and I try to be meticulous about following the *Judge's Handbook*. This is where the conflict lies. Maybe I'm just being too nitpicky about the "rules."

We have all heard people say "you can often tell the Best of Show because it just stands out at first glance." It sounds good, but that's just not the way it works. First glance judgments are most likely made based on something known as **DISTINCTION** which doesn't come into play when judging anything but seedlings - and how many times have we seen a seedling as Best of Show? No, our judging is based on a scale of points considering how well the scape is grown in comparison to the standard or norm for that particular variety. As we judge horticulture, certainly we should be judging based upon how good a job the grower has done.

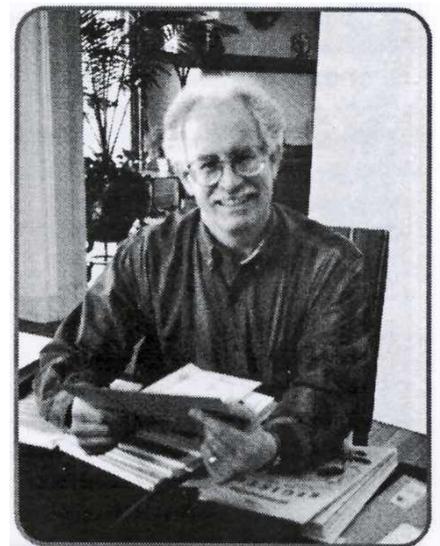
The problem is in the determination of the Best of Show. By the time a flower has come to this point, it is pretty close to perfection, based on the point scales. Now, I'm supposed to pit five or so of these near perfect flowers against one another and judge one as more perfect than all the rest. In theory I have five points to play games with on my judging form, and so it comes down to 1/2 point here and 1/2 point there. Where do these half points come from?

It's easy to say that now you become more critical of how well it's groomed, and I guess I'm supposed to look even harder for those bugs smuggled into the show under cover of petal or sepal. I hope not. I hope that I was discerning enough on the front end to have made sure this scape was well groomed and that it really lives up to the 95 points or above that it was given in the first round. Maybe I'm naive, but it seems that from a practical standpoint we would have a tie for the Best of Show if we really did it strictly on totally objective point scores. What then?

To clarify my point, let's say we have the most perfect STELLA DE ORO that you have ever seen (I use this only because I have a special place in my heart for this flower since I can actually grow it well) along side the most perfect ADMIRAL'S BRAID you have laid eyes on (I don't grow this one though I love it.) They both were found next to faultless by the panel of judges and are truly perfectly grown specimens.

Now pull out your score pad and judge these flowers. I don't find any bugs - that would be an easy point or two. You've never seen more beautiful scapes - perfectly formed - and by golly, these are the first blooms on each (surely we give points for sacrifice - though one was a much greater sacrifice than the other.) Bud count and branching is better than typical for each, and the colors are perfect for each. They are both fresh with wonderful form and substance that makes you think they could come through a hurricane unscathed. What do I do now?

I want very badly to give the nod to ADMIRAL'S BRAID, but that STELLA DE ORO is perfectly grown, too. I shouldn't be swayed by the fact that it was a little harder to grow that ADMIRAL'S BRAID to this perfection. Don't consider that it has more buds and better branching - that's just the way they grow. The public in general will think that I have lost my mind if I place that little yellow thing above the other. Where do I go? What do I do? I want that tie breaker called "distinction" to help me out of this. I have been objective and fair to this point - give me a break. All of these flowers have been judged to be superb specimens. My pencil isn't sharp enough to find those 1/2 points.



Jim Petty

What do you think?

REGION 6 DAYLILY

	ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY	AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY	BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY
Number of Scapes Entered	134	127	211
SECTION 1 Registered Large Flower Entered by:	FAIRYTALE PINK Pierce 1980 Richard & Donna Peck	CHINA BRIDE Guidry 1989 Nix Bodden	BIG DOC Kirchhoff 1991 Art D. Imperial
SECTION 2 Registered Small Flower Entered by:	SCRUPLES Kirchhoff 1981 Jim & Courtney Petty	JASON MARK Crochet 1989 Bill Ater	STRAWBERRY CANDY Stamile 1989 Becky Tarrant
SECTION 3 Registered Miniature Flower Entered by:	PROMISES PROMISES Warner 1981 Jim & Courtney Petty	FAIRY FIRECRACKER Hudson 1984 Carolyn Mersiovsky	ENCHANTED ELF Hudson 1979 Inez Tarrant
SECTION 4 Registered Double Flower Entered by:	FRILLY MISS Winniford 1978 Kreg Hill & Bill Christensen	CABBAGE FLOWER Kirchhoff 1984 Carolyn Mersiovsky	BRENT GABRIEL Guidry 1981 Paula Payne
SECTION 5 Registered Spider/Variant Entered by:	KINDLY LIGHT Bechtold 1949 Richard & Donna Peck	DIVERTISSMENT Hager 1990 Richard Rosen	ALL AMERICAN WINDMILL Crochet 1995 Diane McRae
SECTION 6 National Popularity Poll Entered by:	Not Awarded	BARBARA MITCHELL Pierce 1984 Velia Sanchez-Ruiz	BARBARA MITCHELL Pierce 1984 Art D. Imperial
SECTION 7 Unregistered Seedling Entered by:	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
SECTION 8 Youth - Registered Flower Entered by:	HOT PEPPER Joiner 1993 Carla Chang	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
BEST IN SHOW Flower Entered by:	FRILLY MISS Winniford 1978 Kreg Hill & Bill Christensen	FAIRY FIRECRACKER Hudson 1984 Carolyn Mersiovsky	BIG DOC Kirchhoff 1991 Art D. Imperial
SWEEPSTAKES	Richard & Donna Peck	Richard Rosen	Art D. Imperial
ARTISTIC TRICOLOR	Kreg Hill	K. C. Dignan	Nell Shimek

SHOW WINNERS - 1998

CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB	DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS	EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY	GULF COAST DAYLILY SOCIETY
117	138	126	134
LENOX Munson 1984 Eddie Gage	OLYMPIC SHOWCASE Stamile 1990 David Burton	DROP CLOTH Salter 1995 Max Schochler	PIRATES PATCH Salter 1991 James Farquhar
HOMER HOWARD GLIDDEN Kirchhoff 1985 Clifford Lee	MOON WITCH Salter 1990 Eddie Gage	NEW BORN BABE Joiner 1990 Elizabeth Hoover	GREEN MORNING GLOW Carpenter 1994 James Farquhar
MAGIC MASQUERADE Salter 1988 Clifford Lee	DRAGON'S ORB Salter 1986 Clifford Lee	YUM YUM Lewis 1975 Elizabeth Hoover	LITTLE PLEASURE Stamile 1995 James Farquhar
CONDILLA Grooms 1977 Eddie Gage	SAVANNAH DEBUTANTE Joiner 1986 Eddie Gage	DAVID BENNETT BROWN Brown-Faggard 1991 Elizabeth Hoover	LITTLE WILD FLOWER Stamile 1996 James Farquhar
SLENDER LADY Crandall 1987 Dorothy Bigbee	LACY MARIONETTE Tarrant 1987 Eddie Gage	GREEN WIDOW Temple 1980 Betty Phelps	SKINNY MINNY Crandall 1991 James Farquhar
Not Awarded	Not Awarded	BARBARA MITCHELL Pierce 1984 Elizabeth Hoover	Not Awarded
100-3 Anna Rose Glidden	Not Awarded	SEEDLING Jeanne McNutt	Not Awarded
Not Awarded	YAZOO MILDRED PRIMOS Smith 1984 Beth Dungan	YAZOO MILDRED PRIMOS Smith 1984 Beth Dungan	Not Awarded
SLENDER LADY Crandall 1987 Dorothy Bigbee	DRAGON'S ORB Salter 1986 Clifford Lee	NEW BORN BABE Joiner 1990 Elizabeth Hoover	PIRATES PATCH Salter 1991 James Farquhar
Anna Rose Glidden	David Burton	Elizabeth Hoover	James Farquhar
Not Awarded	DeNora Dial	Not Awarded	Not Awarded

MORE WINNERS

HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS & HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETIES	LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY	NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY	SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY
186	121	273	117
ARABIAN MAGIC Salter 1992 Clifford Lee	GRACEFUL EYE Spalding 1981 Becky Tarrant	CLASSY CAST Brooks 1993 Gene & Shirlene Holt	SUNS EYE Kirchhoff 1978 Dana Griffin
FAIRY FILIGREE Salter 1990 Nell Crandall	PLUM CANDY Stamile 1989 Becky Tarrant	ALL THE RICHES Salter 1996 Hooker & Bonnie Nichols	STRAWBERRY CANDY Stamile 1989 Dana Griffin
PERSIAN PIXIE Salter 1985 Mary Gage	ICE CROWN Hudson 1981 Carolyn Mersiovsky	LITTLE NADINE Croker 1991 Gene & Shirlene Holt	JASON SALTER Salter 1987 Dana Griffin
DOUBLE RED ROYAL Brown 1991 J. C. Moore	LAYERS OF GOLD Kirchhoff 1990 Becky Tarrant	FRIEDA MENDELSON Stamile 1990 Hooker & Bonnie Nichols	SUPER DOUBLE DELIGHT McFarland 1978 Dian Degnan
GREEN WIDOW Temple 1980 Treva Cruse	LACY MARIONETTE Tarrant 1987 Leon Payne	CALICO SPIDER Crandall 1987 Hooker & Bonnie Nichols	RAINBOW SPANGLES Temple 1983 Bobbie J. Manion
Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
MG101-95-C Martha Gayle	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
CORSICAN BANDIT Hudson 1981 Kim Winkelman	Not Awarded	Not Awarded	Not Awarded
FAIRY FILIGREE Salter 1990 Nell Crandall	LACY MARIONETTE Tarrant 1987 Leon Payne	CLASSY CAST Brooks 1993 Gene & Shirlene Holt	SUNS EYE Kirchhoff 1978 Dana Griffin
Clifford Lee	Paula Payne	Hooker & Bonnie Nichols	Dana Griffin
Ruth Goza	Nell Shimek	Not Awarded	Not Awarded

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REGION 6 NEEDS YOUR HELP!

When Sue Jackson asked me to be the Region 6 Historian, she also asked that I compile a History of the Region.

If I am to do this then I need your help. First, we need a history of your Society or Club, then we need your help in compiling the history of Region 6. This means whatever you remember about the Region's history in general, including as many dates as are available.

Please send your remembrances to me. Don't worry about typing - longhand will be fine.

Send to: Bill Ater
3803 Greystone Drive
Austin, TX 78731-1505
512-345-3225

OOPS.....

Recently Donna Peck (Editor of the Region 6 Newsletter) received a "limited edition" of the Springhill Garden catalog. It said on the cover, "featuring over 50 rare and unique plants." She noticed some pages featuring daylilies, and she became very curious when she saw a lovely picture of a golden daylily called SILOAM SPECIAL with big words printed over the top stating "Stout Medal Award Winner." Donna and Richard Peck have a daylily Stout Bed at their University House so are very familiar with the Stout Award winners. This SILOAM SPECIAL might be a rare and unique plant, but not a Stout Award winner!

REGION 6 HYBRIDIZERS

Please send information and pictures about you and your new hybridized cultivars for the Fall/Winter Newsletter to Sue Jackson.

THE AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY
Proudly Presents
REGION 6 FALL SEMINAR

Saturday, November 14, 1998
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"Beginning a Hybridizing Program"
"Growing the Best Daylilies"
"Exciting News from AHS"
"Daylily Personalities"
"Landscaping with Daylilies"
"News About Region 6"
"New Daylilies for 1999"

Larry Grace
Jerry Brand
Kay Day
Mary Gage
C. L. Williams
Sue Jackson
Bridey Greeson

Door Prizes and Auction

Reception Friday Night 7 p.m. - Luby's Cafeteria Meeting Room, 8176 N. Mopac Expressway

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35 PER PERSON

After November 1, \$40 per person

Lunch and drinks included

LOCATION

Zilker Botanical Garden
2220 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78746
Telephone 512-477-8672

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Residence Inn
3713 Tudor Blvd, Austin, TX 78759
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Ask for DAYLILY SEMINAR RATE
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FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT:
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Note: All rooms are suites. Each has a complete kitchen, queen bed and fold-out sleeper. A map and other information will be sent to you with your registration packet.

SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

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Make check payable to:

Austin Hemerocallis Society

Mail To:

Beth Zimpelman-Walker
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SPEAKERS FOR THE NOVEMBER 14, 1998 REGION 6 SYMPOSIUM AUSTIN, TEXAS

Larry and Cindy Grace live in Newton, AL, and operate GRACELAND GARDENS. Larry and Cindy introduced their first daylilies in 1998. These seven introductions have created excitement across AHS in that each of these cultivars possess frills, bubbly and banded edges, as well as excellent color, giving each a distinction superior to many named cultivars in commerce.

Mary Gage is well known in Region 6 after having served as our AHS Board Member in 1994-96. In recent years, she has been assembling a program of registered daylily cultivars and their namesakes. Mary says that she keeps updating and changing this program. If you have had a daylily named for you - you may be shown in the program!

Jerry Brand is Professor of Botany at the University of Texas in Austin. Currently he administers the world's largest collection of

algae, over 200 varieties. Jerry is a speaker who keeps his audience spellbound because his information is so well researched and is presented in a manner that everyone understands.

C. L. Williams is a landscape architect who lives in Austin, TX. He understands that the viewer of a garden receives the most pleasure when the design of the garden shows the plants to their best advantage. He designs gardens that are functional as well as aesthetically pleasurable. You will have the opportunity to view the new Daylily Garden in the Zilker Botanical Garden which has been designed by C. L. and constructed by the members of the Austin Hemerocallis Society.

Bridey Greeson lives in Victoria, TX. She is a frequent garden visitor and collects recently introduced daylilies. Bridey is always ready to work for Region 6 to promote daylilies.

BRAZOSPORT 2000 REGIONAL MEETING

PLAN NOW TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR 2000
IN LAKE JACKSON AT THE REGIONAL

For details call: Joanne Benz - Brazosport Chairman 409-265-6505

Don't forget the 2000 Regional Awards Beds!
Plants are needed for the new Millennium Awards Beds, now!

Send Annie T. Giles entries to:

Toni and John Kwan
119 Aster
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566
409-297-6741

Send Edna Lankart entries to:

Faye Reeves
Rt. 1, Hasema Rd, Box 72
Sweeny, Texas 77480
409-245-6846

The Annie T. Giles entries are for seedlings or registered but un-introduced cultivars hybridized by a member of the host club.

The Edna Lankart entries are open to the entire Region 6 for seedlings or registered but un-introduced cultivars.

MORE MEMORIES OF BERTIE. . .

Thoughts of Mary and Eddie Gage

Bertie Ferris was a mentor and friend to so many. She shared serious business as well as laughter and joy. Though she had no children of her own, she grew up mothering. First her younger siblings, then novice daylily lovers of all ages. We first met Bertie when, as very green new AHS members we went to our first Region 6 Meeting in Dallas. Not knowing the importance of registering ahead of arrival, we of course, were not counted for banquet seating. Bertie came to our rescue and took us under her wing. "Now children, if you will just give me ten dollars (it was that long ago), I'll see that you have a place at the table." And she did. Bertie recognized potential in others and had a way of encouraging them to be and accomplish more than they ever thought they could. AHS has lost one of its major builders and staunchest supporters. We will miss our friend.

Recollections of Jim and Mary Ann Moreno

The Albuquerque Daylily Show was Bertie's yearly pilgrimage. We would anticipate her arrival by making sure the watermelon was sweet and cold. Bertie was the happiest with Mexican food and watermelon. Many an evening would be spent in our back yard just talking about daylilies and spitting watermelon seeds. Bertie's enthusiasm and love of daylilies inspired many of our members to take Clinics and become Judges. And whoever hybridizes a daylily in honor of Bertie, "Bertie Ferris Memorial" please make it a watermelon red!

Memories of Virginia Henson

There are so many memories connected with the joy of knowing Bertie, my friend and mentor of 30 years. We had such good times on the many trips we took by car to visit gardens, and attend Regionals and Nationals. Driving time was sometimes long and she would entertain us with anecdotes of her childhood, adulthood, married life and "life in the AHS," all with a great sense of humor. The story I liked best was when she was 17, having just graduated from school. She tells about how she and a girlfriend decided they wanted a car, even though neither of them knew how to drive. They not only bought the car, they drove it! That episode alone was good for a least 50 miles! There are many ways I will remember Bertie - her leadership, her determination, her love of daylilies and AHS, her local club, but most of all her love for the people involved in all her activities.



Virginia and Bertie enjoy one of the many classes she taught.

Sample the Charm of Nacogdoches

**1999 Region 6 Meeting
May 27-29
Holiday Inn, Nacogdoches**

When you are dividing clumps this Fall, think about setting aside a few plants for the auction at next year's Regional Meeting. Let's make this a great success!

THE SAGA OF THE Albuquerque Daylily Society

By Cal Iskra

Daylilies were first presented to the Albuquerque public in 1976 when the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs, having constructed a beautiful new building with a show room, preparation room, meeting room, etc. was encouraging its local plant societies to stage monthly flower shows in the new facility. Betty Roberts suggested that Petal Pushers Garden Club sponsor a daylily show, and we were off and running with an annual mid-Summer event.

At first Council Judges were asked to judge the entire show. Then in 1978, Region 6 RPD Joyce and Alleyne Lewis with Charlyene Owen, at the invitation of Betty Roberts, came to judge the show and conduct an Exhibition Judges Clinic. Beginning then Region 6 Judges and Instructors have been very supportive of our efforts. Only a few Petal Pushers belonged to the AHS or grew many daylilies, but members of other garden clubs contributed expertise and exhibited many scapes in our show. Bonnie Lowenstein, since deceased, was one of our chief contributors. She not only exhibited scapes, but sent buckets of scapes for arrangers to use in the 20 or more arrangements usually presented. Her husband, Bernie, took high quality photos of the winning designs.

When members of Region 6 expressed a desire to hold a Regional Meeting in Albuquerque, July 1-2 was announced as the 1983 Regional date. Betty Roberts and other Petal Pusher members as well as other daylily growers worked together to host the Regional Meeting.

During July of that same year, after the Regional Meeting, the Albuquerque Daylily Society, 17 members strong, was born. This created a painful schism in the Petal Pushers membership, since they had come to regard the daylily show as their own. Eventually everyone recognized that creating a separate group, with ties to the American Hemerocallis Society was the only practical and fair way to proceed. Ury Winniford generously sent divisions of MARY LANHAM THOMAS to the members of the newly formed group.

The newly formed Albuquerque Daylily Society (ADS) met a minimal number of times per year, just enough to plan sales, shows, etc. Betty Roberts served as President for four years. Betty was active on a Regional and National level during that period. Later she received the Regional Service Award. ADS had about 15 to 20 members during those years and sponsored annual sales and a show at the Garden Center each Summer.

Then a change occurred! During the Fall of 1986, ADS members decided that the survival of the club depended on having more frequent meetings and a more structured organization. Thereafter six meetings per year were scheduled, by-laws established, and a slate of officers nominated and elected. The club has since grown in a very satisfactory manner.

Early on the members decided to purchase plants for raffles to be held at each meeting and then later on to also buy plants for drawings in order to attract and hold members. Since our sales committee buys, pots up single divisions in one gallon containers, and tends the plants until meeting time, this has made our plant sales committee a very important part of the club.

In 1990, daylily enthusiast Richard Peck was named as President of the University of New Mexico. The Pecks, Dick and Donna, had long been interested in daylilies and were quite willing to cooperate with the ADS in planting a garden of all the Stout Medal Winners on the grounds of the University President's House in 1991; that same year the Pecks created several other beds of daylilies nearby. These gardens became showpieces as well as a learning experience for students on the campus. Ned Roberts, Betty's husband, had become interested in spider type daylilies at about this time and contributed many plants to create a spider bed at the corner of the lawn.

In 1992, our annual show was moved to Coronado Mall in order to increase attendance and encourage sales.

On June 30 and July 1, 1994 the Region 6 Meeting was held in Albuquerque with Kathryn

Neely and Courtney and Jim Petty serving as Co-Chairs. This proved to be a well organized and well attended Regional Meeting. The barbecue and outdoor patio meeting at University House, with its daylily beds, was a popular feature of the get-together. By then our local membership had grown to 48. Meetings were still held in members' homes and gardens enjoyed by all. During 1995, Betty and Ned Roberts moved to Colorado.

1996 saw the planting of a daylily garden at El Rancho de los Golondrinas (a restored 18th century Spanish Rancho which has been made into a teaching museum). Club members planned, collected, donated plants and spent a day planting to create this lovely showing of our favorite flowers. This was not easy, since the museum is located about 50 miles North of Albuquerque. Also, in this year our club initiated the sponsoring of scholarships for graduate level botany students at the University of New Mexico. During 1996, we started inviting speakers from other Regions of AHS to come and talk to our club about hybridizing and the latest daylily trends.

In 1997, Kathryn Neely, who had been generous in gifting the club and Region with her expertise and guidance was awarded the Regional Service Award. The club continues to flourish and includes members from far-flung New Mexico locales. We continue to sponsor an annual show and sale now held at Winrock Mall. In the last few years more of our members have participated in National and Regional functions. The bus trip to the Denver Convention was a highlight for the club. Our membership has climbed to over sixty members. Everyone has made new friends and enjoyed new beauty in their gardens.

This brings our saga up to date. Perhaps you will enjoy this poem which was recently found by Betty Roberts in the kitchen of her mother-in-law after she passed away. Ned's mother had long been interested in daylilies, and encouraged Betty's interest.

DAYLILIES
by James Dillet Freeman

Daylilies, blazing orange and red,
Make a glory in my head
Daylilies hardly last a day
They form and swiftly fade away-
But delicate and frail, they flower
With a fierce heart-of-Summer power.
And made almost a fireworks show
That leaves a kind of mental glow.
Daylilies quietly shout to me
To be whatever I may be,
For time is no true measure of
The staying power of life or love..

THE DELIGHTFUL DELICIOUS DAYLILY

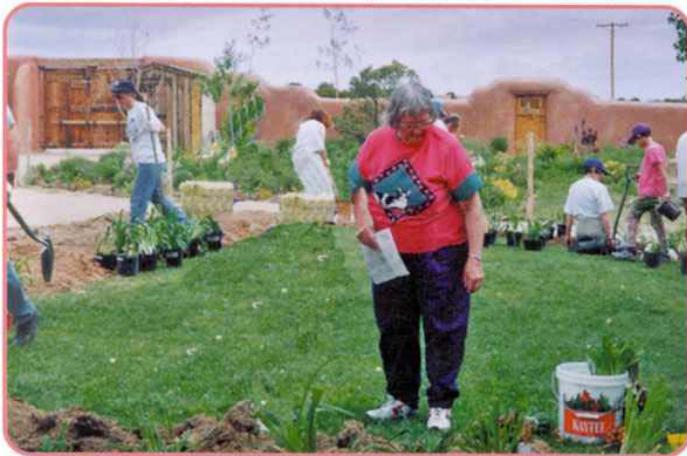
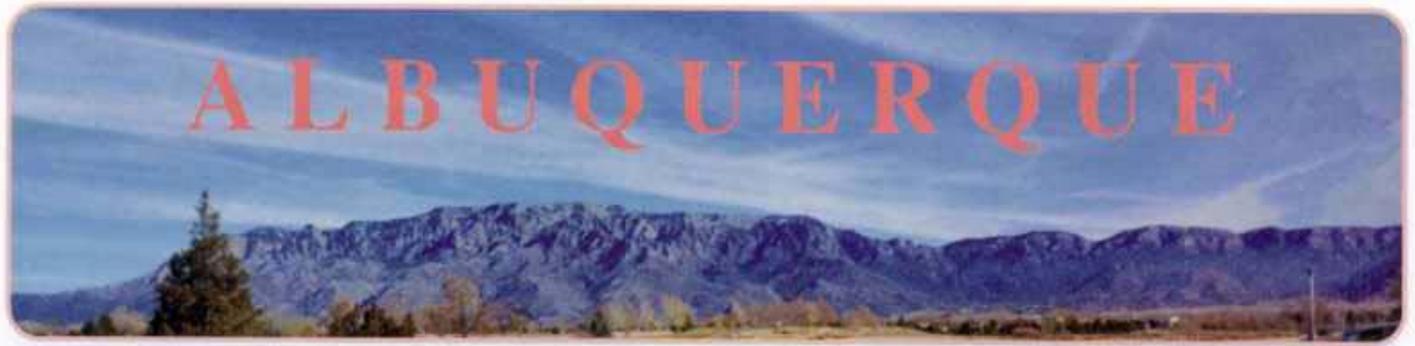
The Editors have received some positive comments about Richard Riedy's article about cooking with daylilies. Some of you have asked why? Here is a bit more information, in *The Beginner's Handbook of Daylilies* it states: "Nutritionally daylily buds and blossoms have almost as much protein as spinach (3.1 grams compared with 3.2 grams), more Vitamin A than string beans, and about the same amount of vitamin C as orange juice. The flavor of daylily buds and flowers varies with the variety. Generally, however, the buds have been compared in taste to something between green beans and asparagus. Since flavor is strongly influenced by scent, the more fragrant daylily cultivars may taste sweeter than those without. Daylilies of almost any color can be used, but the yellow, orange, pale pinks and pastels seem to have the best flavor. Red flowers are sometimes bitter." You might want to try this recipe:

Daylily Flower Soup

4 cups chicken stock
1 cup daylily flowers, cut into 1" pieces
¼ cup onions cut into very thin rings
1 Tbsp. mushrooms, diced

Bring chicken stock to a boil and add other ingredients. Simmer for 5 minutes. Serves 4. Soy sauce can be added for extra seasoning.

The Delightful Delicious Daylily cookbook is available through Goosefoot Acres Press 800-697-4858



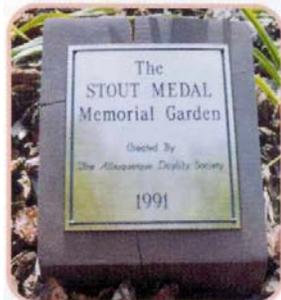
Cal Iskra supervises our project garden at El Rancho de los Golondrinas



Our Annual Spring Daylily Sale



FAIRY TALE PINK shows off in the Stout Garden



We will miss our meetings at University House when the Peck's move.



The Sights In Albuquerque Include Daylilies And Much More



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BECKY LYNN

Dwarf Conifers

The Perfect Permanent Companion

by Bob Frazier

Dwarf conifers have assumed status as desirable plants in today's smaller garden. They constitute year round form and texture and color foil for other perennials. A four-season plant, their fossil remains give evidence to the separation of Teutonic Plates and have been a valuable research tool in studying the climatology of the world over the last 25,000 years.



A variety of conifers in Bob Frazier's Gardens of Nambé

The Bristlecone Pine (*Pinus allswa longaeva*) in our Western mountains is certainly a senior denizen at 5,300 years of age. Dendrology (tree ring dating) of the "oldest living thing on earth" when comparing cores of trees that are alive, those that are dead but still standing, and the fallen dead reveals a cumulative climatic pattern for 25,000 years. The drought in the Southwest in the 1200s which was thought to have lasted maybe twenty years has been shown by the Bristlecone Pine rings to have lasted for almost a hundred years, giving validity to the migration pattern of the Anasazi in search of water. To walk among these ancients in an alpine setting is a sacred and humbling experience.

Dwarf conifers are those plants that grow a maximum of 1 to 3 inches a year. A plant that could live for several thousand years may not seem too dwarf, but continues to manifest its intrinsic characteristics of compact and tight growth, and thus smaller stature.

Nearly all conifers are evergreen, but there are a few deciduous types: the Larch (*Larix decidua*),

Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*), Maidenhair Tree (*Ginkgo Biloba*), and the Dawn Redwood (*Metasequoia glyptostroboides*). The latter known as the living fossil was thought to be extinct and was reintroduced to the horticultural world from China in 1946, through expeditions from Harvard's Arnold Arboretum.

Practically all our present conifer cultivars occur either by way of seedling variations or through "vegetative sports" called bud mutations. To be identical to its parent all propagation must be done vegetatively. A "sport" or bud mutation gives different and desirable type of color and shape to the foliage (usually smaller), and plants grafted from such foliage pieces called "scion wood" retain the characteristic of the sport.

A mutation found on Larch, Spruce (*Picea*), and Pine is called a "witches broom," a densely congested mass, and plants propagated from brooms make excellent dwarf or bun-duped plants. Witches brooms occur as natural cell mutations as a result of attacks to the rapidly growing cells in the bud tip in Spring by insects, mites, viruses, radioactivity, and other unknown events.

Dwarf conifers form several classes. There are numerous forms which hug the ground or rocks. These are usually sports or mutations of taller species. Some also are mountain forms which have evolved a compact or prostrate habit enabling them to survive cold and windy alpine situations. These are true erect growing but compact alpine forms of the taller growing lowland species.

But, perhaps the greatest number of real dwarfs have occurred in cultivation in what is called seedling mutation, juvenile mutation, or bud mutation. This latter form develops on the original plant. Numerous sports or seedling mutations occur in nature but soon die as these "freaks" are swamped or crowded out by the normal growth of fresh and more vigorous seedlings or are killed by Summer fires. Also, natural sports are often

unable to reproduce from seed. "Nature preserves her species by making them sterile," so few in nature ever survive.

Lastly, dwarfs can be produced artificially as in the oriental art of Bonsai as specimens we dwarfed by constantly trimming back the roots along with the "nibbling of the top" growth. Plants can also be dwarfed by growing them as specimens in containers by root confinement.

Although relatively expensive, dwarf conifers should be considered for your garden to add permanence and beauty year round.

Resource books regarding this subject can be found in these classic volumes: *Manual of Dwarf Conifers*, H. J. Welch; *Manual of Cultivated Conifers*, Krussmann; and the two-volume *Conifers, The Encyclopedia*: Geldern and Hoey Smith.

This article is dedicated to Bertie Ferris who walked my garden and gathered armfuls of conifer cones for her personal collection.

Bob Frazier's Garden of Nambé was featured in the Spring Newsletter.

I WILL ALWAYS KEEP...

Mary Ann Moreno (Region 6 Co-Editor) asked the question, "What five daylilies will you always keep in your garden?" Here are two answers she received:

Marie Marburger from Sinton, Texas:

TIME LORD - for unusual color and high bud count and several repeat bloom cycles.

ISLAND VESPER - beautiful buds and flowers, high bud count, and vigor.

APRICOT WAX - much bloom, sturdy plant, multiplies well.

BOOGER - super pink that blooms an exceptionally long time on healthy plants.

BLOOM WITHIN - large yellow double of fine form and long bloom.

WHOOPEREE - beautiful red that gives a great deal of bloom.

Helen Furr who is President of the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society:

FANTASY FINISH, HOT TICKET, SONG OF SPRING, BIG BIRD and SUPER DOUBLE DELIGHT followed by RALEIGH BARRON, ADELIA DORETTA, INDIAN GIVER, RADIANT GREETING and MOONLIT MASQUERADE. Ones to get rid of are BUTTERFLY KISSES (it is nothing to rave about), ELEGANT PARADE and ERUPTION (both are slow to increase if they increase at all).

If any of our readers would like to join in this survey please contact Mary Ann Moreno, 4420 Avenida Del Sol NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND REGION 6

ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

Cal Iskra, Reporter

The Albuquerque Daylily Society started its busy Spring and early Summer by meeting at Donna and Richard Peck's home on April 4th for a potluck brunch get-together. The main topic for discussion was planning our annual Flower Show and Sale at Winrock Mall. It was held on June 28th with Mary Gilliam as Chairman.

On April 25th the first plant sale of the season was held at the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs Garden Center with a quick sell-out. Linda Kellerup, Caroline Kittredge and Mary Ann Moreno are in charge of plant sales and plant purchasing for club functions in 1998.

The program emphasis this year will be concerned with "Design" in the hope that more members will make design entries in the Mall Flower Show. On May 16th, we met in the poolside garden of Rozanne and Alan Tuffnell. Part one of the design initiative was presented by Marian Schultz giving hints and pointers to help new designers create all fresh plant material, or Tricolor designs.

Betty Ocobok presented part two at the June meeting held at the home of our President, Walter Wood, and his wife Ruth. Her program emphasized Creative Design.

Kathryn Neely and Louise Leonard drove to Louisiana to attend the AHS Convention in May. They report seeing many beautiful gardens and lots of outstanding new daylily cultivars. They met Carolyn Kittredge there and also former ADS members Frank and Mary Lou Pearson.. They reported that they will be moving back to New Mexico and Region 6, soon. We are eagerly awaiting their return.

Our annual Daylily Show and plant sale was a huge success. Kay Day, David Burton, and Annie Weinreich came to help judge the show.

AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Michelle Ogee, Reporter

Spring has sprung and the Dog Days of Summer are upon us early!!! The temperature is warmer than normal and there is little rain. The cracks in the yard are up to an inch across and a foot deep in places. In our Austin area we also have been dealing with the smoke coming from Mexico. We are being told to stay inside, and that is making it hard for us to work in our gardens.

This Spring, our club has taken on a large project. Zilker Garden offered us a space for two display beds. Bill Ater, Nix Bodden, and C. L. Williams designed the beds and coordinated the efforts. We work on weekends as long as it is not in conflict with any of the garden activities. We first took the bad soil and replaced it with good soil from a local soil supplier (Geodirt of Austin). In May, we made the forms for a rock wall. We are hoping to get the beds ready to plant for this Fall.

The first of May we had the Zilker Garden Festival which was a great success. We sold beautiful plants as well as spread the word about daylilies. We bought our plants from Ladybug Daylilies and they were wonderful. The club was fortunate getting a few new members.

Our Daylily Show was called "Texas: A Whole Other Country." This was the first show we have had in two years since the Garden Center was being worked on last year. We were pleased that our new members were showing their flowers. Some of these new members were Nix Bodden, Carl Ingraham, Cindy Martin, and Burt and Louise Marcon. The club also had a table sale and it was a great success. The plants were provided by Carolyn's Garden and she gave us a blossom to show the buyers what each plant would look like. This made it either easier for the

people to decide on which plant to buy or more difficult because of the many beautiful flowers to chose from. On Sunday, Rich Rosen opened his garden for anyone who wanted to visit.

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

Nancy McGee, Reporter

Forty-six members and three guests attended our February meeting. At this meeting we were informed by Nell Shimek that the daylily had been named the official flower of the City of Lake Jackson. We were privileged to have Dr. Art Imperial present a slide program which included Bob Carr's seedlings.

Business items took priority at the March meeting, with forty-one members attending. Details were finalized for the motor coach trip to the National Convention in Lafayette. Our gratitude goes to Nina Imperial who has been responsible for the wonderful programs this year, including an informative demonstration by Clare Lober on flower arranging.

April's meeting consisted of planning for the May Flower Show and Plant Sale, and another great learning experience thanks to Inez Tarrant. She shared her extensive knowledge on grooming the exhibition scapes with all attending.

May brought about many blooms in members' gardens and plenty of activities to keep us all busy. Our Flower Show and Plant Sale was held at the Brazos Mall and a treat for our eyes in addition to a great success. We thank Joanne Berry and Carol Horton for their exceptional organizational skills and hard work. Paula Payne, Elizabeth Allbright, and Joanne Berry were obviously the best publicity crew anywhere, judging by the plant sale's success. Many thanks to all who participated and especially Eddie Raye Andrews, who really knows how to make things happen. Congratulations to the winners who exhibited in the Horticulture and Design events. We also have tours of three very dedicated members' gardens to look forward to. Happy gardening to all!

CORPUS CHRISTI DAYLILY SOCIETY

Corpus Christi Daylily officers serving this year are:

President	Ziggy Seago
Vice President	Boyd Farar
Secretary	Marie Marburger
Treasurer	June Bearden

Club members met at the home of Boyd Farar for the May meeting and a garden tour. Boyd, a former resident of Temple and former member of the Austin Hemerocallis Society, is our newest member. He has been a member of AHS since 1992, but a collector of daylilies since 1985. During those years, his Hems spent their lives in pots until the Summer of 1997 when Boyd purchased a home in Corpus Christi. He finally was able to establish them in raised beds, all neatly mulched and labeled and accompanied by numerous attractive annuals and perennials. Boyd, a neophyte hybridizer, likes eyes and edges and will put emphasis on doubles with those features. He also dreams of daylilies with eyes and edges of different colors.

During the tour of his garden, members admired JASON SALTER, FRED HAM, MOJAVE DESERT, and FLAMBOYANT QUEEN. We missed FORTUNE'S DEAREST and IDA'S MAGIC, which were not in bloom that day. Also attractive was a seedling, No. 98-103, large, clear pink with a yellow-ivory edge and chartreuse throat.

On May 25th, members traveled to the home of Marie Marburger to view the daylilies. Attracting attention were the beautiful buds and blossoms of ISLAND VESPERS and the clear, lavender color of PARIS OVERTURE. Pink and ruffled RAHAB also drew admiring comments. Most impressive was SWEETHEART SUPREME, a 1954 very large, gold, spidery daylily with 8" petal length and width just shy of 1 ½". It is a real "oldie but goodie." After the tour, members met at K-Bob's Restaurant for lunch and more daylily talk.

Our main project for the Fall will be a Daylily Sale at the Corpus Christi Botanical Garden in late October. Please join us for one of our meetings if you are in the vicinity.

CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

Catherine L. Bailey Neal, Reporter

The club held a plant sale in April at Cornelius Nursery on FM 1960.



The first Cypress Creek Daylily show.

The club's first Daylily Flower Show was held on May 17. The top winners are as follows: Dorothy Bigbee - Special Award for Spider Class and Best-in-Show with the Spider, SLENDER LADY; Anna Rosa Glidden - Special Award for Seedling 100-3 and Club Award for board of miniatures Division II Section 1; Sara Chumley - Club Award for cultivar, HITCHCOCK; Clifford Lee - Special Award and Sweepstakes Award for MAGIC MASQUERADE and Special Award for HOMER HOWARD GLIDDEN; Eddie Gage - Special Award for LENOX and Special Award for CONDILLA. An Appreciation Award was given to Catherine Neal for her Educational Display.



The May meeting was held at Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens in Humble, Texas. Anne Smith, Adenise Riddle, David Smith and Mike Welbes were our visitors. The daylilies were beautiful in Mercer's daylily display area. We welcome you to attend our September 27, 1998 meeting.

EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

Sam Loper, Reporter

Can you believe how beautiful the daylilies are this year? Everyone says this is starting out to be the best blooming season they can remember. (Sorry, no pun intended.)

In February, our club was treated to a wonderful and informative video of a presentation by Nell Crandall. She was showing her beautiful spiders and discussing what actually defines a spider.

At the March meeting, Gene and Eloise Koonce gave a presentation on how to frame a daylily photograph to the best advantage. Gene is a winner of many photography awards. Other guests at the meeting were Jerry Flatt, Michael St. Onge and Kay Day.

In April, it was time to have our annual dig and sale fund raising event. Snooks Harville usually donates one or two of his beds of seedlings. Our club members meet at his place where we dig and prepare daylilies for a sale, which is held a couple days after the dig. We always bring a sack lunch and have a good time.

We are sorry to say that April was also a time of sorrow. We lost a loyal and devoted member with the death of Mr. Finas Gipson (1917-1998). Finas was our Membership Chairman and we will miss him dearly. He was a World War II Veteran and involved in many civic activities in his hometown of Sulphur Springs, TX. He was known for his benevolence to underprivileged children in the community.



Resting after the daylily show.

Our meeting for May was held at the home of David and Betty Burton. The program was given by Cheryl and Beth Dungan and Joe Lewis. They told us how to groom daylilies for entering in accredited flower shows.

Our annual flower show, Magical Illusion, was held May 30th. David Burton was Show Chairman. The Exhibition Judges were Judith and Patricia Kyser, William and Susan Stutson, Jean Barnhart, and Helen Reynolds. There was a successful fund raising sale of registered daylilies donated by club members.

We had one of the largest daylily clubs attending the National Convention with 26 members. Hope everyone had as much fun as the East Texas group!

GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY

Annie Weinreich, Reporter

1998 is developing into another super year for the Golden Spread Daylily Society. The members of our club, though small in number, are among the strongest supporters of the Amarillo Botanical Garden, both individually and as a group. We are very proud that our members are all one hundred percent active. Maria Escamilla and Doug Smith even travel up to an hour on a regular basis to participate.

Our recent plant sale, held in cooperation with other clubs at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens,

was quite successful. We placed hundreds of divisions of forty varieties into local gardens, and donated one hundred and fifty fans to public gardens in Amarillo and Pampa.

This Summer Joanie Hernon hosted a cookout in her garden following a work party at the Botanical Gardens. Several members joined the Central Oklahoma Hemerocallis Society for their mid-June club garden tour. In late June a number of us traveled to Albuquerque to tour their gardens. In July, we will have a local caravan to see Amarillo daylily gardens. A great two months of daylily tours.

As always, visitors and new members are cordially invited to join us. Contact Amarillo Botanical Gardens at (806) 352-6513 for specific meeting information.

GULF COAST DAYLILY SOCIETY

Mary Gage, Reporter

The Gulf Coast Daylily Society, as usual, is having a busy year with many activities and lots of very enthusiastic members. We began the year with a booth at *House With A Heart* Lawn and Garden Show held at the Beaumont Civic Center. There we signed up fifteen new members and since then signed four more new members at the Flower Show and Plant Sale.

Our February meeting was held at Dorothy's Front Porch, where we always have a good turnout. Who can resist a delicious meal at our favorite seafood restaurant and daylily talk with good friends as we discuss plans for the coming year?

Our Flower Show at Central Mall was a hit with Mall visitors. We are happy to see public interest in daylilies growing and proud to have a part in making it happen.

Then off to the National AHS Convention. Members and friends visited gardens along the way to Lafayette. We saw the gardens of Clarence and Beth Crochet, Lee Gates, Harry Hanson and Rudy Pacas. Dr. Terry Rhen's

garden and beautiful plantation style home with large Oak trees was a real treat. Our thanks go to Mr. Favaron, who was our tour guide to some of the local gardens and his own.

Gulf Coast members who received their Junior Citation certificates for 1997 winners were Jean Barnhart, Nita Copenhaver, Marie Dattalo, Bobo Faggard and Gene Orgeron. Vera and Jewel Franklin were very pleasantly surprised when their names were called for the Region 13 Service Award. Congratulations! You certainly deserve it. A few of our members were lucky enough to win raffle and door prizes. Nancy Peterson won the beautiful doll to add to her large collection. Kathryn Lusignan was the winner of a lovely picture of an old house, and Earlene Tullier won two nights and one day at the casino.

Our annual tour of local members' gardens is one of the most important events each year. Ten gardens were toured on three successive Wednesdays at the height of bloom season. Two trophies are given each year for seedlings or cultivars hybridized by Gulf Coast members. The winners will be announced at our September meeting.

HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

Judithe Savely, Reporter

The Houston Area Daylily Society (HADS) held a horticulture panel discussion in February. Members on the panel included Don Chumley, Scott Henry, Carolyn Jackson, and Clifford Lee. Discussion centered around daylily cultivation with a question and answer session.

The highlight of our March meeting was a slide presentation featuring the hybridizing work of Marie Dattalo, Mable Nelson, Leon and Paula Payne, and our HADS members Scott Henry and Clifford Lee. Our thanks to Scott Henry for this beautiful presentation.

Our club held a plant exchange in April. Members brought plants to exchange and returned to their gardens with new additions.

There were daylilies, ferns, Rain Lilies, Jewels of Opar, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, seeds, bulbs, purple Fountain Grass, yellow Shrimp Plant as well as a number of other selections.

In May, a unique program entitled *Designs Featuring Daylilies* was given by Mary Hubbard, who is an arranger and designer. Mary spent 18 years in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and 18 years in Monterey, Mexico, where she founded the first Monterey Garden Club. She is currently a member of both the Far Corners and Panorama Garden Clubs. Her creative use of materials during this presentation featured simplicity of design with an emphasis on daylilies.

We had 21 HADS members on the registration list for the 1998 AHS convention in Lafayette (144 from Texas) with a total of 780 registrants. The gardens were magnificent, the hosts delightful, and the banquets crowded!

HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Ann Buckingham, Reporter

Thanks, El Niño, or whatever has given us such beautiful blooms. Many of us think it was all the rain we got earlier this year.. The flowers are larger and colors more vivid than usual.

In our March meeting Nell Shimek presented an interesting program on companion plants, statuary and garden oddities.

In our April meeting, a panel of members, Anna Rosa Glidden, Bill Jarvis, Clifford Lee, and Paula and Leon Payne, discussed hybridizing. There was a plant and seed exchange and the election of officers for the coming term.

For May, Lee Jacobs presented a slide show, *Nell Crandall's Spiders*. Nell put together this show using the AHS length to width ratio requirements for spiders (5.1) and spider variants (4.1). Well done, Nell.

The following officers were installed:

President	M. L. Peterson
1st Vice President	Catherine Neal
2nd Vice President	Anna Rosa Glidden
Secretary	Carolyn Jackson
Treasurer	J. C. Neal

HHS members who attended the AHS National Louisiana Convention came away with high praise for the gardens, speakers, food and especially the hospitality. Thanks, neighbors for a great visit.

The Houston Flower Shower was held May 30th at the First Christian Church. Sara Chumley, Carolyn Jackson and all members who helped with the show deserve a round of applause. A special thanks to Robert Eaton for helping secure such a beautiful location. The public was very impressed with the beautiful blooms and arrangements.

On June 13-14 our club took a bus trip and visited the gardens of Nita and Don Copenhaver and Judy and Jay Farquhar in DeRidder, LA; Jack Carpenter in Center, Texas; and Jean Barnhart in Nacogdoches. Our next meeting will be September 24, so join us if you can.

HUNTSVILLE MUDDY BOOTS DAYLILY SOCIETY

Rozalyn Mansfield, Reporter

The Huntsville Muddy Boots Daylily Society is continuing our project working with the Alternative School Gardens, expanding the Daylily Garden and the other related gardens the students are working on. The established large Daylily Garden has about a thousand plants presently in full bloom. There are also about a thousand seedlings in the students' test bed and Ilyana Mansfield, Youth Director, is donating about a thousand more to extend the gardens.

The Earthly Goods Gardening Program of the Alternative School will continue to learn hybridizing, tagging, keeping notebooks of

crosses, as well as learning to evaluate plants. They will be evaluating plants for toughness and drought resistance, studying root depth and root density.

Working with the club as the school garden sponsor, the Alternative School is starting a local beautification program for Huntsville and Walker Counties. They will be helping to set up large daylily display gardens in parks and other public areas. Already, the club has arranged for the school donations from the city and the County of several tons of aged wood chips for the gardens. There have been additional donations of mulch from Hyponex and mushroom compost from Grisham Construction Company.

The Huntsville Muddy Boots Daylily Society has also sponsored a number of Community Digging Days for the Alternative School Gardens. Members of the club plus numerous volunteers helped the students deep-dig new garden beds up to a depth of four feet deep. Then, adding rotted wood chips, compost and other organic amendments refilled the beds and raised them a foot above ground level. These have made excellent garden beds not only for long-rooted daylilies, but also for heirloom vegetables, Roses, Candy Lilies and prairie plants. The Digging Days were a great success. Club members and others brought refreshments to share as picnic lunches with the students. Students and volunteers feasted on chili dogs, sandwiches and other picnic fare before returning to work through the afternoons.

The present Daylily Garden is very successful, however, virtually all of the plants, both diploid and tetraploid, are unnamed seedlings donated by club members. Many are from a breeding program to develop extremely hardy, deep-rooted daylilies, bred from some named varieties as well as the Parks American elite mix. Although all the plants have gone through extensive survival testing, leading to strong and very interesting flowers, the students are also eager to cross these flowers with well-established named varieties, to extend the genetic base they are working with. If anyone would be interested in donating old favorite reliable named varieties for the Daylily Garden, the kids would greatly appreciate it. Those interested in donating should contact:

Michael Mansfield, President
Huntsville Muddy Boots Daylily Society
929 Robinson Road
Huntsville, TX 77340, 409 291-0863

In the Fall/Winter Newsletter issue, Michael and Rozalyn Mansfield wrote an article about their daughter, Ilyana, and her involvement as Youth Director of the Huntsville Muddy Boots Daylily Society. While Ilyana is going to Summer School studying accelerated algebra, three-dimensional geometry and music among other things, she finds time to hybridize and work with the Huntsville Alternative School Gardens.

JOHNSON COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

Helen Furr, President and Reporter

At the May meeting the program was given by Peggy Hammel on Daylily Culture and Companion Plants.

Our annual non-juried Daylily Show was held June 13th at the Nolan River Mall. As is our practice, anyone is welcomed to enter our show.

At the July meeting new officers were installed and took office immediately. The new President is Mrytle Hodges and the Club News Reporter is Kathy Graig. At the meeting there was a potluck luncheon. We are pleased to welcome 11 new members to our club.

LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY

Carolyn D. Jackson, Reporter

Did you ever try to get more members to participate in the Spring flower show? Here's the latest idea from Lone Star. All members get a \$35 credit toward purchase of a daylily of their choice. **NEW RULE:** Enter the show and receive an additional \$25 credit. Well, it encouraged several to enter the show. Show Chair, Liz Howard and all are to be congratulated!!

In the family that is famous for winning AHS Tricolor medals, there was an interesting

competition in the Design Division. Nell Shimek entered a distinctive design with gorgeous daylilies that was eligible for the Tricolor, however, Harvey Shimek entered a design in a different class that was eligible for the award, as well. After the judging, each design was scored 99 points. Therefore, it was necessary to re-examine the two entries to select the one to win this top award. When the judges had finished, Harvey lost an extra point for depth in placement of the container, so Nell won her fourth award. The facts are that Harvey made both of their containers and that he hasn't been to design classes. Good for you Harvey. Next year!!

An excellent program this Spring was given by Bob Patterson of Southwest Fertilizer. Guess the topic?? He carries Milorganite, choice of the Salters. The **HIGHLIGHT:** mention AHS and you get a 10% discount at his store on Bissonnett.

We enjoyed our bus trip to the Rose Emporium on the 3rd Saturday in June, with Blue Bell Factory dessert. Whee!

LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Edythe Weeks, Reporter

Tis the season of the Daylily. Even though I lost a lot of blooms to the aphids this year, each morning I wake up to their lovely flowers. I am one of the many daylily lovers that started out to have a red daylily, a pink one, a yellow one, a near-white one and then I had to have a cultivator of Spalding, MacMillan, Cruse, Durio, Lambert, Williamson, Faggard, Carpenter, and on and on. Every trip I bought daylilies and this year our club went to Copenhagen's. What a sight to see. Now my husband, Charles, helps me and we moved the daylilies into a pasture with Coastal Bermuda. That was a mistake and now we are trying to move them out. It is too much for us, but we love them and each day enjoy their lovely hues. If we were to name our garden it would be The Rainbow Garden.

My sister-in-law and husband moved next door about seven years ago. They have daylily fever,

too. We share fans with each other, enjoy the blooms and are amazed at the difference in shades of the same daylily in two gardens.

Our Society had several members go to the National Convention and to the Regional. We stay-at-home members anticipate the reports when they return. Our annual sale was May 30th where we always sell out. There is a great deal of interest in the area and we have several new members.

Our club members went on a local yard trip May 26th. We started at President Evelyn Barley's yard. She and her husband, Max, have built new beds for her many named daylilies. They have a green thumb, with their flowers twice the size of ours. We continued to Dorothy Hale's yard. It is in a heavily populated community and her husband, C. B., has been "encouraged" to build new beds. Next came Betty Pischel's garden which is in the country. She and Jack have done lots of work and have lovely daylilies. There were 22 members making the tour. We brought sack lunches and Pischels had the drinks and cake.

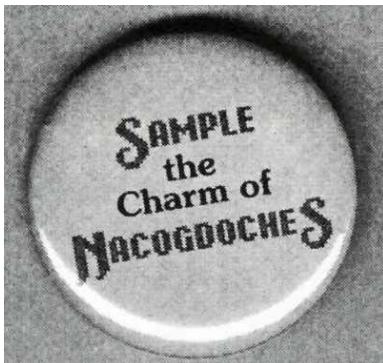
The club is really proud of our Past President, Barbara Picou. She has been selected to be a Garden Judge.

NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

Jackie Timmons, Reporter

Wow, what a contrast! All Winter it rained eight to ten days a week and now we have the July/August heat and drought! Texas!

Our plant sale was held at Sue Casper's in April and went very well. We are starting to add "pass along plants" to this sale and they add a lot of interest. Our second sale was with the SFA Gala and we sold out completely.



(We all got to go home about five hours early!) This sale was held at the Arboretum on the Stephen F. Austin campus in Nacogdoches. It is a wonderful source of hard to find plants in unusual colors.

Our little club is growing and is very active. Eight of us went to National! We are also all at different stages with our gardens. Mine has what I call "beauty spots" along with lots of "no, don't look over there" areas.

My favorite part of being a Daylily Club member is touring the gardens of members. The first club garden we toured this year belonged to Imogene and Max Pugh. I would call it Dreamer's Garden. They plan to build a home there someday, but now are building beds in the shade of tall Pines along meandering paths. They have over 10 acres and much of it is under cultivation.

Next on our tour was Barnee's Garden. This was a flower lover's garden. Barnee lives and breathes flowers and her place is an adventure! Joy O'Pry and I got separated from the rest of the group and stumbled upon a herd of baby armadillos. Not knowing the protocol for finding armadillos at a garden party, Joy and I were in a quandary. We knew Barnee would want to shoot the things, and were pretty sure the Emily Post woman would frown on gunfire at a garden party. Weighing this with the fact that our Barnee is lame right now (she broke a bone in her foot), we turned our backs and tried to pretend we did not hear the rustling sounds coming from under the Artemesia. If you just want to see daylilies, you will get an eyeful in her shade houses - new this year. Her garden will be one of nine on tour at the Regional in 1999. One garden that will not be available for tour next year is Sondra Alliston's. Sondra collects fairly common plants in unusual colors (she has a burgundy Hydrangea). She has many Antique Roses and is headed toward a small cottage garden. Theresa Reeve's garden will not be available next year, either. It is a cottage garden on a corner lot and is one of the bright spots in Nacogdoches. I have discovered a long cut so I

can sneak a peek at it on my way home from town. As she showed us around her amazing yard she asked if we would like to see her hobby; I thought a yard like that WAS a hobby! We ducked under this limb, shimmied around a bush and sure enough there was a gate. The gate led to the most beautiful veggie garden. Wow! And all that on about ½ acre.

I've only mentioned four of our nine gardens. But come to Nacogdoches in 1999 and see them for yourself. Call Jean Consford (409-564-2320) for questions concerning the Region 6 Meeting in 1999!

NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

Jay Tompkins, Reporter

The March meeting featured Dan Trimmer presenting an interesting slide show about his newer introductions and his practices. With his recent relocation to Florida, we all enjoyed the few tales he recounted of the move and the new challenges (such as an amorous peacock). The budding hybridizers in our group also appreciated Dan's discussion of his diploid to tetraploid conversion techniques.

President Hooker Nichols presented a slide show about Irises at our April meeting. With his many years of experience, it was an informative and educational presentation.

In May, at the regular meeting, Nickie Knight led a discussion on preparing daylilies for the Daylily Show. Nickie was also the Show Chairman for this year's show with the theme, *Jewels of the Garden*. The show was held May 30 at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center. Congratulations to Bonnie and Hooker Nichols who won the Sweepstakes and Shirlene and Gene Holt who won Best of Show.

The annual garden caravan was held May 31st. We enjoyed visiting the gardens of Shirlene and Gene Holt, Mabel Matthews, Jane and Jack Mullins, and Nickie and Eddie Knight.

During the Region 6 Meeting, it was our pleasure to host the hospitality room.

SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

Alan Humphreys, Reporter

The daylily club talk for the past six weeks has been focused on nothing but the Daylily Show. One sub-committee headed by Barbara Kay and Thelma Pratts selected and ordered nearly a thousand potted and bare-root daylily specimens. There was a good bit of scurrying when the boxes of bare-roots arrived, to get each one correctly labeled and slated for sale.

Col. Mike Conrad was the Publicity Chairman and there were many newspaper notices, articles and radio announcements. From our own Jerry Parsons, Agricultural Extension Agent, was some yarn spinning about daylilies on the noon TV news spot. He caught everyone's attention when he ate one and said, "Not only are they fragrant and delicious but the Chinese believe that they have aphrodisiac powers." This caught the attention of the anchor man, Chris Moreau, who said, "Let me try one." He reached over, picked up a daylily and took a nibble himself.

Alan Humphreys, your Reporter, worked with a large committee consisting of Thelma Pratts, Dick Griffin, Dennis Fortassian, Marilyn Greenlee, Lois Bready and others to put the show together.

The Daylily Show was held in Central Park Mall at the end of an expansive central hallway. Lori Potrykus, in charge of placement, placed 125 entries in their proper sections on ten large covered tables. Eloise and Gene Koonce and Kay Day from the Dallas area kindly consented to judge the show. They arrived promptly at 10 a.m. and with the help of Ruben and Lucy Valdez; the clerks; and Dennis Fortassian, the recorder; completed the judging by noon. The single most exciting moment happened when five daylilies were moved to the front table and

were awarded rosettes. Dana Griffin, our treasurer's wife, won three of the rosettes. Her beaming, happy smile lasted for the rest of the day.

At noon three of the club members took the judges to lunch and the show and sale opened to the public. All the members were kept busy answering questions, promoting SADS and selling daylilies. The sale is important. Not only does it provide the club with the funds needed to pay for the show, but with lunch it allows us to put away a bag of "seed corn" to get next year's activities underway. The best reason for the sale is that it introduces daylilies to San Antonio home owners and serves a small part in adding to the beauty of the city.

Thus ends another year of the SADS. We will water our plants, try and carry them through the hot Summer and next Fall begin the heavy work of digging beds, dividing larger clumps, sharing our favorites with friends and getting ready for another season of beauty and excitement.

Treasurer's Report

American Hemerocallis Society Region 6

Submitted by Helen Reynolds, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND

Balance 5-12-1997 \$11,641.41

INCOME:

Subscriptions		129.50	
Donations (clubs & individuals)	3,620.50		
Donations (clubs color fund)	<u>550.00</u>	4,170.50	
Memorial Donations		200.00	
Advertising Revenue		140.00	
AHS Newsletter Allowance		472.80	
Auction - Regional Meeting 1997	8,350.00		
Auction - Mail (less postage expense)	<u>1561.96</u>	9,911.96	
W. E. Monroe Fund Donation (club)		50.00	
Interest - Checking Acct.	103.66		
Interest - Savings Acct.	<u>309.56</u>	<u>413.22</u>	<u>\$15,487.98</u>
			<u>\$27,129.39</u>

EXPENSES:

AHS - Insurance	216.25		
AHS - W. E. Monroe Fund (final)	1,000.00		
W. E. Monroe Fund (club donation)	<u>50.00</u>	1,266.25	
Region 6 - Bertie Ferris Youth Fund	500.00		
Youth Liaison Expense	36.66		
Board Member Expense	500.00		
RVP Convention Expense	500.00		
Auction Expense (Regional 1997)	187.44		
Rich Rosen - AHS Life Membership	300.00		
Office Expense - Checks & Stamps	62.15		
RPD Phone Expense	<u>15.65</u>	2,101.90	
Newsletters			
Summer 1997	3,627.20		
Fall/Winter 1997	4,166.87		
Spring 1998	<u>4,415.69</u>	12,209.76	
Bank - Service Charge		<u>17.39</u>	<u>\$15,595.30</u>

Balance 5-31-98 \$11,524.09

Checking Account - Commercial Bank 1,427.63
 Savings Account - Commercial Bank 10,106.46
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1998 REGION 6 AUCTION BY MAIL

NAME OF DONOR _____

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Please donate as many as possible as this is one of the ways the Region makes money for the Newsletter and other expenses. Collections welcome, and I am not putting a value limit, but it is nice if the plant's value is \$20 or more. The auction list will be printed in the Fall/Winter Newsletter. Winning bidders will be notified in time for Christmas presents and all Daylilies will be shipped in the Spring. Please join the fun!

REGION 6 DAYLILY SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTS, AND MEETING SCHEDULES

ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Walter Wood
6500 Arroyo Del Oso Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109-2732, 505-884-8596
Meetings: April, May, June, July, August, and September

AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - K. C. Dignan.
8313 Millway
Austin, TX 78757, 512-453-7273
Meetings: 1st Thursday in March, May, August,
September, October, November, and December

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Martha Kemp
310 Winston Drive
Richmond, TX 77469, 713-342-1096
Meetings: 2:30 p.m., 2nd Sunday, Lake Jackson Library

CORPUS CHRISTI DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Ziggy Seago
2316 Parkwood
Portland, TX 78374, 512-643-6751
Meetings: 3:00 p.m., 2nd Sunday, February-May, October-
November, Corpus Christi Garden Center

CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

President - Gerald Overturff
2414 Trenton
Houston, TX 77093, 713-442-0200
Meetings: 2:30 p.m., 4th Sunday February-May,
September-October

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

President - Kay Day
7003 Woodridge Dr.
Flower Mound, Texas 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, Texas 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: 2:00 p.m., 4th Sunday, February-October,
Amarillo Garden Center

GULF COAST DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Dr. Eugene Orgeron
1731 Hebert Woods Dr.
Port Neches, Texas 77651, 409-727-0219
Meetings: Saturdays, February-April, September and
December and members gardens May-June

HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Mary Gage
25150 Gosling
Spring, Texas 77389, 218-351-8827
Meetings: 10:00 a.m., 2nd Thursday, Hermann Park
Garden Center

HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

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

HUNTSVILLE MUDDY BOOTS DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Michael Mansfield
929 Robinson
Huntsville, Texas 77340, 409-291-0863
Meetings: 2nd Sunday of each month

JOHNSON COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Helen Furr
6520 Fall Creek Hwy
Granbury, TX 76049, 817-326-2239
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 4th Saturday of each month, Johnson
County Electric Cooperative, Cleburne

LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Cary Sheffield
P.O. Box 2611
Pearland, Texas 77581, 281-485-5764
Meetings: 2 p.m. 3rd Sunday, Alvin Senior Citizen Building

LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - Evelyn Barley
Rt. 13, Box 5890
Lufkin, Texas 75901, 409-632-6909
Meetings: 2:00 p.m. 1st Tuesdays at Lufkin Room, Lufkin
Mall

NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Betty Commander
2498 Dianne Drive
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961, 409-564-8872
Meetings: 7:00 p.m., third Monday

NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY-FORT WORTH

President - Hooker Nichols
3365 Northhaven Road
Dallas, Texas 75229, 972-352-2191
Meetings: 7:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday, Fort Worth Botanic
Center

SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Dennis Fortassian
P.O. Box 10438
San Antonio, Texas 78214-0038, 210-923-0549
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 3rd Sunday, September-June, San
Antonio Botanical Garden



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