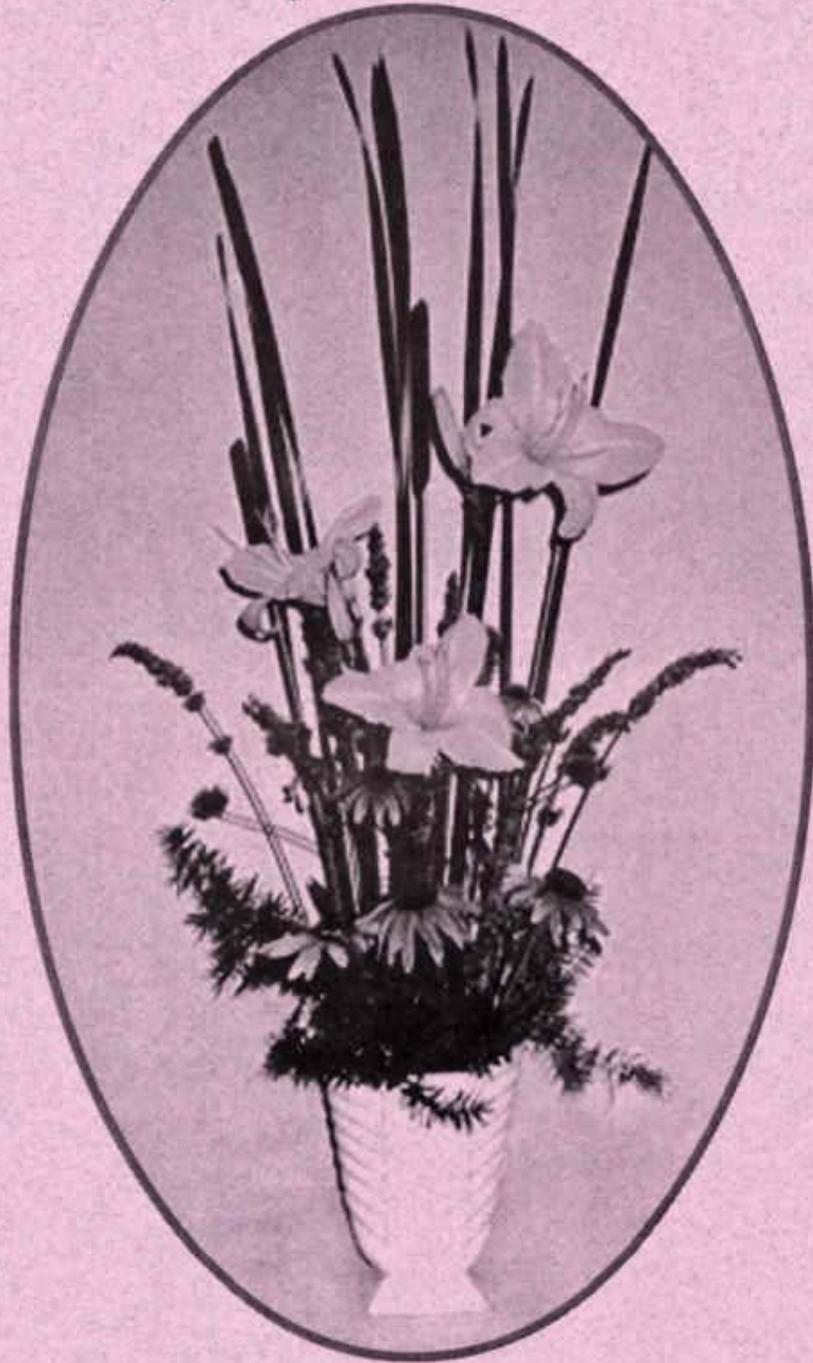


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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 21, 1999

Lone Star Daylily Society Meeting
Bob Carr, Hybridizer from Ocala, FL, speaker
2:00 p.m. Senior Citizens Center, Alvin, TX

May 27-29, 1999

Region 6 Meeting
Holiday Inn, Nacogdoches, TX.
Chairman: Jean Consford (409-569-8221)

June 16-19, 1999

AHS National Convention
Oklahoma City Marriot Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK
Chairmen: Perry Parrish (405-942-1478)
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June 25-27, 1999

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Lake Natoma Inn, Folsom, CA
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July 16-18, 1999

Region 9 Meeting Host: Mile High Daylily Society
Denver Marriott SE, Denver, CO
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER?

Pictures, Impressions, and Garden Articles from the
May Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches

Special Memories of **Ra Hansen** and **Vada Day**

Paula Payne recounts her trip to gardens in Australia
and New Zealand

Mary Ann Moreno and **Bonnie Pierson** write about
who influenced them in "Daylily Addiction" and
"Hooked on Daylilies."

A mother and daughter article on "Similarities and
Differences" by **Cheryl Dungan**

A NEW YEAR FOR REGION 6

Sue Jackson - RVP

This is the beginning of another New Year for all of us in Region 6. It is the time of year when all the beautiful catalogs are arriving, tempting us to hock our house to add to our collections. All during the non-daylily months, (what we here in Texas and part of New Mexico call "Winter"), we will wait for the new foliage to begin growing and the breathtaking daylilies to bloom.

This past year was an exciting one for me. The first year as RVP was a learning experience. There are so many things that were new and challenging. I thought that since I had been in the Region all this time and an officer for several years, I had seen and heard it all. I was wrong.

There are so many people that I have to thank for making this year easier than it could have been. Donna, Mary Ann, and Jim have done an outstanding job on the Newsletter. With the distance between us, I don't know what Donna and I would do without email. Jean Consford has been a great help keeping me on the right track. In September, Jean arranged to put the Bertie Ferris Endowment Fund money in a 12 month CD. This CD will earn over 5% interest. With this added interest, we should be well on the way to having enough money to buy Judges Handbooks, etc., for our youth members. Jean is so organized, and you all know I need lessons in organization. Sharon Umphress did an outstanding job on the Popularity Poll. We still did not hear from as many of you as we were hoping to, but we did have a good response. Sharon has also been a great help getting articles for the Newsletter. If she calls and asks you to write an article please don't think you haven't got the talent - just jump in there. Bridey has stayed informed on the youth information from the National level. Anne and the other officers have been helping me with decisions that come up day to day.

I hope all of you are planning to attend the Exhibition Judges Clinics at the Regional Meeting and Garden Judges Workshop. We need both types of judges in the Region. We have noticed a shortage of judges to judge the flower shows. I

know it takes time to become an Exhibition Judge, and some of you feel that this is something you would not be able to accomplish. I know we all can benefit from taking the classes. The classes will add to our appreciation of our favorite flower.

This May, I hope to see each of you in Nacogdoches for the Regional Meeting. I have been excited listening to all the ideas that these hard working club members have shared with me. You will really miss so much fun, good food, and exciting "gifts" if you do not attend. Jack Carpenter's garden visit is going to be something to knock your socks off. I have shared the information with several non-Region people on the Email Robin, and I think we could have a good group of out-of-Region attendees. Come visit the oldest town in Texas for a really exciting time.

I have asked several people to write articles for the Newsletter telling about who influenced them most, when they became interested in daylilies, and how they became addicted. The response has been very rewarding, I am sure all of you have someone that has been an influence in your love for daylilies. Please tell us about these people and what they have meant to you. On the Email Robin several people have written short statements about how they feel about their gardens, how it is such a peaceful thing for them, how they have a love affair with daylilies, and all the flowers they grow, how they started with daylilies, and what has happened since that beginning. I think we all feel that our gardens are our place for peaceful relaxation. This is not usually the time when we are pulling weeds or making new beds. It is the time when you can get a cup of coffee, go out early in the morning, walk around, and enjoy what God has given us. This peaceful time helps us enjoy all His beautiful creations. I have told you often that if it hadn't been for my daylilies and the wonderful daylily friends that I don't know what I would have done at different times in my life. Be very generous with your daylilies. You never know when the act of your sharing one daylily can help someone and give them a new outlook on life.

I've learned:

That your family won't always be there for you. It may seem funny that people you aren't related to can take care of you and love you, to trust people again.

Families aren't biological.

We have a large daylily family that has all these qualities. We help each other.

We realize that each one of us is human and we make mistakes.

Give each person that you come in contact with through our beautiful flower a moment of your time.

I've also learned:

That two people can look at exactly the same thing and see something totally different.

This is why we all grow so many different daylilies, and why each is special to us. This is also why we all bring different talents to this organization.

In Memory of Syd Davis by Paula Payne



Today we buried a friend and a lover of all of Nature. He was a Master Gardener, a conservationist, and a daylily lover and hybridizer (although I doubt he would have considered himself in that category since he never formally introduced anything). Syd always wanted to register and introduce some daylilies. He always had that desire. Over the years of hybridizing he picked out and named daylilies after all of his grandkids. He had them all in a special bed. I don't think he ever saw an ugly flower. His joy came in the excitement of a first bloom. In fact, I think Syd Davis saw beauty in everything and everyone. I wasn't acquainted with those who spoke at his eulogy, but one could tell that they knew Syd well. He cared not for the material things in life, although like everyone, I'm sure he enjoyed his little comforts. He just enjoyed life! It was exciting to him and he stayed busy with a wide variety of interests. But also, as stated by those who knew him well, he had his priorities in order. He loved his family and he always seemed to have time for

his friends. I guess there is some truth to the saying that when something needs to be done, just ask a busy person. It was certainly true with Syd. He was always willing to help out in any way possible whether the subject was gardening or personal and if he didn't know the answer, he cared enough to try to find someone who did. In the few years I knew Syd, he went through some terrible tragedies in his life, but he never lost faith, or if he did, he never let it show. He was there for me in more ways than even he probably ever knew in a most difficult time of my life and for that I will always be grateful. It wasn't that he actually did anything - he was just there - to listen, sympathize, and console. But I know that I was not the only one who was blessed with his kindness and generosity. Syd was the type of person who instead of one saying that they were glad that he was their friend, one felt lucky that Syd wanted you for HIS friend. One didn't impress Syd by appearances or things they owned but by what was in their hearts. I know that Syd called me a friend and I feel honored by that title, and all who knew him will miss him. Syd has been a member of the Houston Hemerocallis Society, Brazosport Daylily Society, and Lone Star Daylily Society.

THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITORS

by Donna Peck

The three of us, Mary Ann Moreno, Jim Petty, and I, breathed a sigh of relief when we finished our first year of 1998 Newsletters. But then we realized it was only a matter of days before we started over again. As we reflected the past year, we all felt we had learned a great deal, met and talked to many interesting people, and loved the nice comments we received. It all made it a terrific experience for us.

This month was a good example. When researching the history of the San Antonio Daylily Society, I went through volumes of Newsletters to learn anything I could about the San Antonio club's history. I got "sidetracked" and was so impressed with all the excellent Newsletter articles I read. I started with 1961 when Edna Lankart was the Regional Publicity Director. I talked to two lovely ladies, Cora Offer and Margaret Kane, both Charter Members. Their memories and experiences were priceless. Jim Petty called Mike Conrad, ex-Historian of the San Antonio Society and Mary Ann called Mary Smith. These conversations were followed by a call from Dana Griffin, who started collecting history that had been stored in "paper bags" and tried to organize it. She did an excellent job as you can tell by her article. This is so important and I hope every club will be doing the same thing. We don't want the history to be forgotten.

I've always loved research and when Nell Crandall did not have access to the 1968 Newsletters, I added to the "three decades ago" of her excellent article. There was so much information of what happened then, it was difficult to cut it to a responsible length. But I certainly enjoyed all the information I learned.

Mary Ann has been fascinated by the "new electronic age." She has gotten more computer orientated and loves her new email. She commented that her phone calls to all of you have been very enjoyable.

Jim has been challenged with the color process. You can tell how it's improved each issue. He says, "I now have the greatest appreciation of people who do color catalogues. To try to match the color to the daylilies, especially the yellows, reds, and pinks has been difficult."

In looking forward, I wanted to inform you of some of the recent happenings. If you read your *Journal*, many of you are aware of them. And in Kay Day's

letter to the Regional officers, she pointed out other interesting things.

First of all the publication we all know as the *Beginner's Handbook* has been revised and renamed. *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies* is now ready for distribution. Jim Brennan, AHS President, will send each club information. The cost is \$8.00 per copy and your club can pay \$300 per 50 (\$6.00 each). These would be good books to have at your plant sales. Our Albuquerque Club bought the daylily cookbook; *The Delightful Delicious Daylily* and that sold out at our plant sale last year. They are small but easy fundraisers.

Another development is the launch of the Daylily City Designation program. According to the *Journal*, "for many years AHS has sanctioned private, commercial and public Display Gardens. Beginning in 1999, a Daylily City Selection Committee, under the auspices of the Display Garden Chair will be extending a similar concept to communities that achieve a defined level of promotion of daylilies." Each selected city or town will be designated an "AHS Daylily City." For more information see the Winter 1998 issue of the *Daylily Journal* or Sue Jackson.

I must again thank everyone who wrote articles for us and sent wonderful pictures. It would take too long to name everyone, but we never could have done the job without the help of all who contributed time, talent and donations to the Newsletter.

Now, let me go back to history once again. Here are a few thoughts from the Spring 1961 Newsletter:

"Digging in the flower bed,
Digging like a mole
Awful for the manicure
Lovely for the Soul"

and

"Whether our weather be cold
Or whether our weather be hot,
Whether you like our weather,
Or whether you like it or not,
You'll just have to weather our weather
'Cause it's all the weather we've got."

Edna Lankart (on Why Complain)

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

by Nell Crandall (1986)

Bill Ater sent this article to the Editors when asked to write about the Edna Lankart Award. Because the award is being changed, the Editors thought the members (especially the newer ones) needed to have a reminder of what the award was, how it was named, and how it was designed. Nell wrote this article in the Summer 1986 Newsletter and was kind enough to update the information for us.

Region 6 has two awards that are voted on at the Regional Meeting by those in attendance. They are:

The ANNIE T. GILES Award, which goes to a member of the host Society for the best numbered or named unintroducted cultivar seen in the tour gardens

and

The MALCOLM COLLIE Award, which goes to a Region 6 hybridizer (other than a member of the host Society) for the best named or numbered unintroducted cultivar seen in the tour gardens.

In both cases, the cultivar may be large, small flowered, or a miniature.

I did not become a member of AHS until 1976, and never had the pleasure of meeting the two people whose names go with these awards. I set out to try to learn something about them, and this is what I found.

“Miss Annie” of Austin was a fourth generation Texan whose great-grandparents came to Texas in 1836. Her family took an active part in all educational, charitable and agricultural interests, and Miss Annie’s love of gardening was awakened early as she tagged along behind, as her mother selected fine horticultural specimens for shows and exhibits. Later, Miss Annie grew many different flowers in her own garden, including Cannas, Chrysanthemums, Iris, Amaryllis, and her first love, the daylilies.

She was educated at the University of Texas and Southern Methodist University and taught school for many years. She served as Regional Vice President for District 6 and Vice President and Board Member of the AHS before becoming President in 1962. She organized many *Hemerocallis* Societies, and spent much of her time speaking to clubs and judging shows, besides being a hybridizer and collector herself, always eager to search out the best and bring it to the Society.

She gave a hand-painted china plate to be awarded each year at the Region 6 Meeting banquet. The winner kept it until the next vote was taken at the Regional tour gardens.

Malcolm Collie, from Brownwood, Texas, was a plumber by trade and fashioned out of copper tubing a piece of sculpture depicting a stalking Indian with a tomahawk. It was Edna Lankart’s suggestion that Carl Sauer use this metal sculpture as the MALCOLM COLLIE award for the first time at the 1966 Regional at Brazosport for his seedling #667-8, which he named BRAZOSPORT HEMMIE. It was also a “traveling award” and was kept till the next winner was chosen.

Mr. Collie was the President of the Heart of Texas Daylily Society for many years...He and his wife had a fine collection of daylilies, not all new ones, but all were well grown.

There is the L. M. Collie Memorial Daylily Garden on the grounds of the Brownwood Community Hospital, which is always meticulously groomed. It is a source of joy not only for the hospital patients and the people of Brownwood, but also for all of the visitors who are lucky enough to be there when the daylilies are in bloom.

It was fun for me to see who the winners were during the years since 1968:

1968 - Lufkin	Annie T. Giles Award to Jessie O’Quinn for #64-100 Malcolm Collie Award to Mrs. W. K. Carson for ANGEL CHIMES
1969 - Houston	Annie T. Giles Award to Mildred Schlumpf for VELVET APPLE Malcolm Collie Award to Lucille Williamson for BABY DOLL
1970 - Dallas	Annie T. Giles Award to Ury Winniford for BERTIE FERRIS Malcolm Collie Award to Edgar Brown for D-107-66
1971 - Beaumont	Annie T. Giles Award to Betty Brown for 72-71 CR Malcolm Collie Award to Herman Winniford for SQUEAKY (Herman was 16 years old at this time)
1972 - Austin	Annie T. Giles Award to Mrs. Guy Gates for 71-14 Malcolm Collie Award to Joanna Lewis for VONETTE BRIGHT

1973 - Lake Jackson	Annie T. Giles Giles Award to Inez Tarrant for LIFE IS FRAGILE Malcolm Collie Award to Z. G. Benson for COMPOST
1974 - Houston	Annie T. Giles Giles Award to Jack Carpenter for BEAUTIFUL BALLET Malcolm Collie Award to Martin McMillan for S-92-68-B-2
1975 - Dallas	Annie T. Giles Giles Award to Loree Meagher for INDIAN BLANKET Malcolm Collie Award to Mary Cunningham for CG-74-001-D
1976 - Austin	Annie T. Giles Giles Award to Mrs. Guy Gates for JOLLYVILLE WINNER Malcolm Collie Award to Cora Offer for MYSTICAL DREAM
1977 - Dallas	Annie T. Giles Giles Award to Bertie Ferris for DALLAS MISS Malcolm Collie Award to Carl Sauer for VIV
1978 - Beaumont	Annie T. Giles Giles Award to Betty Brown for 1-78-G Malcolm Collie Award to Ury Winniford for LEESA DAWN
1979 - Arlington	Awards were not given

The voter forms for 1977 and 1978 were printed wrong, and the Malcolm Collie Awards for VIV and LEESA DAWN were given in error. These two cultivars had already been introduced and were not eligible.

In the tour gardens of the Region 6 Meeting on May 24, 1980, the red markers will indicate the cultivars to be voted on for the ANNIE T. GILES Award, and the blue markers will indicate the ones to be voted on for the MALCOLM COLLIE Award.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

In an interview with Nell and an article about Edna for her recent article, "Down Memory Lane," she added some information on how the Malcolm Collie Award was changed to the Edna Lankart Award.

After Malcolm Collie died, the award was changed in honor of Edna Lankart. Edna's contributions to the Daylily Society are too numerous to list, as well as remember. But, in 1976 AHS honored Edna with the Helen Field Fischer Medal, the Society's honor and the official recognition for distinguished and meritorious service by a member. Then her own Region 6 awarded her the Regional Service Award for outstanding service in 1983. She won many awards for her photography, winning single bloom award in 1970, landscape in 1970, 1971, and again in 1974. She was awarded the best color slide of a clump of daylilies in 1978.

She will long be remembered for her articles in the *Journals* as a contributing Editor for a number of years. These were filled with humor as well as excellent growing tips and other daylily interests. She also wrote many articles for our Newsletters.

As a member of Region 6 she served as Regional Vice President. When there were no daylily auctions to supplement the Newsletters, she personally financed several.

In 1987, Region 6 again honored Edna by retiring the Malcolm Collie Award and replaced it with a beautiful copper painted permanent color sculpture of her famous LITTLE ZINGER, a red miniature, one of her many introductions. (LITTLE ZINGER won the Donn Fischer Memorial Cup in 1986.) This award was known as the Edna Lankart Traveling Award.

At the Region 6 Meeting in 1998 it was decided to find a permanent home for the LITTLE ZINGER trophy. It was a difficult trophy for the winners to carry with them because of the size and weight. Before it was damaged, the members wanted to find an honored place for it. It was proposed to store and display the Edna Lankart Trophy in the Rose Garden Center Building in Tyler, Texas. Edna was a Tyler hybridizer, and what better place for her to be honored. The Society had also dedicated three beds of daylilies to Edna there. The Society would supply a plaque informing the public about the trophy and former winners.

The Region now is looking for an artist that would design a medal or plaque that the winners would keep. If there is a member who is interested in designing the award please contact Sharon Umphress or Sue Jackson.

MEMORIES

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Houston Area Daylily Society to the Bertie Ferris Youth Fund	\$250
From Gene and Eloise Koonce to the Bertie Ferris Youth Fund in memory of Vada Day	\$25
From Harold and Helen Reynolds to the Bertie Ferris Youth Fund in memory of Vada Day	\$25

GRUMLINGS FROM A JUDGE

by Annie Weinreich

I was delighted with the opportunity to tell exhibitors what to look for from a judge's viewpoint, when selecting show entries from their gardens. All the grumbling that I used to do under my breath could finally be aired. This would be the definitive article on picking prize-winning entries for the show.

However, as I prepared my outline, I realized that most of my suggestions were just plain common sense. Be that as it may, I hope that these comments will be some help to you as you make selections from that garden full of blooms at show time. Remember that one of the chief reasons for exhibiting is to promote interest in and to educate the public about daylilies and the AHS. To do this you need to present your daylilies at their very best.

This should all start by selecting daylilies that will grow well for you. It is wise to actually see them growing, preferably in your own area, and not to just pick "a pretty face" from a catalog picture. Look for good branching and bud count, for scapes in good proportion to their flowers, and for blooms that hold up well to whatever weather and nature may bring. Get your soil tested, checking the pH and nutrient levels, and then provide sufficient water and fertilizer to allow them to perform at their best. Locate them where their scapes won't have to stretch for the sun. After all, why pay those high prices for wonderful new colors and patterns, only to let them suffer from neglect.

Remember that a daylily entry brought to a show, is judged against perfection as established by its hybridizer. Each entry is compared to the hybridizer's Check List description that includes size, color, and height, as well as color pattern and flower division. If your entry does not appear "true to cultivar," based on this description, the judges must deduct points from a perfect score of 100. If it is obviously misnamed or greatly varies in size or color from this description, you may want to leave it in the garden and enjoy it there. It is therefore wise to have access to these Check List descriptions prior to making your show entry decisions. This points out why it is so important for the hybridizer of a new variety to grow and observe it long enough to record its full and accurate characteristics before registering it with the AHS.



Judging Entries in the 1996 Show
Mary Anne & Bill Ater and Rich Rosen

Each entry is judged against perfection for that particular cultivar and only if it were being considered for the best in section or show would it be compared to other daylily varieties. Even at that level, however, each entry is still being judged against its own potential perfection. The one receiving the highest point score is deemed winner.

The judges count flower perfection as half of all possible points. They look for blooms with no streaking or irregularities of markings. They look for form that is consistent, spacing that is even, texture that has not slicked, substance that is not thinning or limp and a size consistent with the cultivar's registration. If a miniature grows larger than 3" in your garden, or a small flower larger than 4 ½", it may be best to leave it in your garden. Multiple blooms, especially on small or miniature entries, are a definite plus, but only if the blooms are consistent in quality, size, and coloring. Consider removing a bloom of lesser quality if it is not as good as the others.

When the judges evaluate the entry's scape, it must not be taller than the height allowed by the show schedule, usually 36". They look at the relationship of the bloom or blooms to the scape. If the scape appears too tall or too short for a complimentary presentation, you can cut it, or wedge it higher in the container with shims of scape lengths. Good gardening and growing conditions and cultivar selections will help you avoid crooked or limp scapes. The judges, who

should have considerable knowledge of many cultivars, will judge your entry's bud count and placement, as well as the branching and balance, based on its normal potential. Again selections of good daylilies, as well as good gardening practices, should provide you with excellent choices. As the judges weigh the 35 points allowable for the scape, they tend to favor flowers which face the viewer, and give higher consideration to those in the prime, and which are not "bloomed out." Candelabra branching, especially with more than one bloom open, give an excellent presentation. However, if you can tell that a bloom may be obstructed from fully opening or maybe damaged by a bud, remove the bud or lesser quality flower before the bloom is affected.

As the judges are evaluating the flowers and the scapes, they are, at the same time, looking at the condition and grooming of the entry. Just as you wouldn't take a dog to a dog show without combing his coat or cleaning his teeth, so you should never bring a daylily entry to a show without the same care and attention. Check the flower for insect damage, tears and cracks in flower parts, broken, malformed or missing anthers or pistils, and scattered pollen. Check the scape for insect damage, seed pods, spent flowers, spray residue, cobwebs, dust, dirt, brown bracts or bloom scars, as well as scars and cracks on the scape itself. Trim dry, brown tips on the bracts to a point to give them a fresh, natural appearance, and lightly cut or scrape bloom scars to reflect a fresh green surface. We may not be able to fix everything, but we can sure give it a good try.

In judging seedlings, there are a few major differences. As each seedling is a brand new daylily, obviously a standard has not been set as it has with the Check List descriptions of registered cultivars. The judges wish to encourage cultivars only if they are really superior to named daylilies already registered. Therefore, seedling entries, which must be severed at the base, regardless of height, are able to earn up to 25 of their points in the category of distinction. With well over 40,000 registered cultivars, we must look for that quality in a seedling that sets it apart from all others. This factor may be in its charm, gracefulness, or uniqueness in color, pattern, form, size, or a combination of several of them. Don't be frustrated if your entry receives low marks in distinction. It

may be very special to you, but the judges are trying to prevent the registration of so many "look alikes."

Other things to consider are to give additional water to probable entry clumps for the two weeks prior to the show. Determine and create the best way to transport your entries to the show. Make out your entry tags. If you change your mind or a cultivar is not in bloom, simply discard the tag. Consider cutting, grooming and placing the scapes in their travel container (with water, of course) in the car the night before the show. That way you only have to get them out of the car without damage on the day of the show. If one or more isn't up to show standards, simply offer it to the flower arrangers. Try it with a few scapes one year and see how it goes. Groom your entries at home and attach the tags.

Turn the heat on in the car as you travel to the show to help the flowers open. Get there in plenty of time to prevent rushing which can cause damage to those wonderful entries. Make a final check for pollen, and then turn them over to the Placement Committee, pleading with them to carry them with gentleness and care.

Volunteer to serve as a Clerk. It will allow you to learn how to better select your future entries. If you are qualified, become a judge, or merely audit the clinics. You will learn invaluable lessons for exhibiting prize winners. Although the judges are told of any unusual weather and seasonal factors, it is still up to you, the exhibitor, to select and to grow and to show your daylilies at their best.

CONGRATULATIONS!

**GENE KOONCE WINS THE
1998 MILDRED SCHLUMPF AWARD**

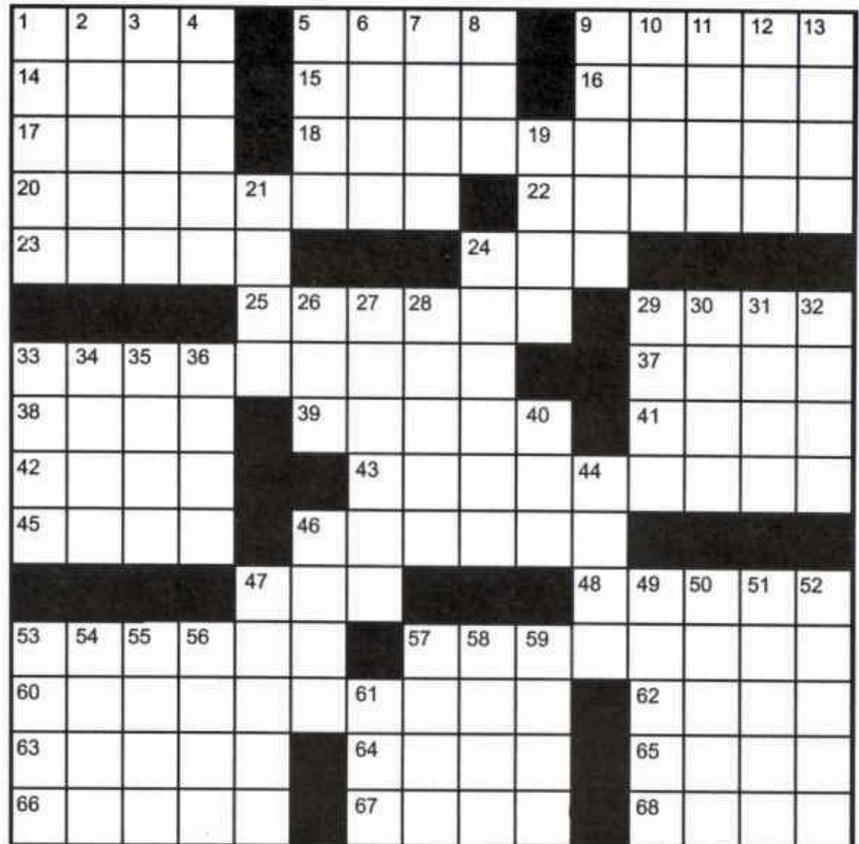
The AHS members who received the excellent 1998 Winter volume of the *Daylily Journal* saw Gene Koonce's award winning picture of WILD ABOUT HARRY (Hansen, 1994). Region 6 is very proud of Gene for winning this prestigious award. The Mildred Schlumpf Award gives "silver trays for each: the best daylily landscape slide and the best individual daylily bloom slide" (which Gene won)."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

by Gene Orgeron

Another crossword puzzle is back due to popular demand by our readers. We were told that Gene's puzzles are a wonderful addition to the Newsletter, so he worked very hard to originate a new one for this issue. We congratulate him for his creativity and intelligence! Now, Gene wants other members to try to make one up. Anyone ready for his challenge? This one he calls:

AWARDS AND HONORS



ACROSS

1. Plants grass
5. Grave
9. They are Gold or Silver
14. Bull (Sp.)
15. Samoan port
16. Schoolboy (Fr.)
17. Khayyam
18. Before All
20. Opposite of bottom (two words)
21. Warmth
23. Not those
24. Decay
25. Not alert
29. Poise
33. Award given in each Region
37. A kind of code
38. Violent disorder
39. Fall flower
41. Small wading bird
42. Inactive
43. Illustrious
45. Equal
46. Area south of Brittany
47. Sibling to bro.
48. Donkeys
53. Mexican shawl

57. After All
60. Cup awarded at National
62. Plant of Arum family
63. Miss Giles
64. Habit
65. Guthrie
66. Given by 63 across
67. Effortlessness
68. Remainder

DOWN

1. Bold or substantial
2. Glamour
3. Hang loosely
4. Tender spots
5. Story
6. Undo
7. Obey
8. Forbid
9. Stephen Vincent _____
10. Girl's name
11. Inhabitant of Latvia
12. Bacchante's wild cry
13. Dispatch
19. Spot for breakfast
21. Peruse
24. Repeat a loan

25. _____-Na-Na
27. Whips
28. Pop singer John
29. Seat of ancient Irish kings
30. Noted breed of horses
31. Sky (Fr.)
32. Account
33. Dull person (slang)
34. Assistant
35. Small rodent
36. Roman road
40. Fish eggs
44. Back side
46. Competed
47. To talk extravagantly
49. Hindu stringed instrument
50. Frighten
51. Noblemen
52. Snob
53. GI's favorite food....not!
54. Sea bird
55. Tear
56. Large continent
57. Ox
58. Peaks (abbr.)
59. Italian princely family

(answer on page 10)

NEW IN TOWN

by Kathy St. Onge

Being new to daylilies and new to Texas and the South, it seems only natural that I agreed to be Program Chair/1st Vice-President of the East Texas Daylily Society this year.

Was it really only a year and a half ago that I wandered into the yearly Daylily Show and Sale? Lured there by the promise of "daylilies for sale," I had no idea until I walked into that show, that daylilies came in so many wonderful colors and interesting shapes. (It's probably a good thing, though, that the price isn't included on the show tags.) Thanks to a kind and generous man, Joyce Lewis, who took the time to find me some addresses for catalogs and the *Eureka* web site, my fate was sealed. Another addict was born.

Since then, my collection has grown from one STELLA DE ORO and one rusty-red no name to well over 100. A couple of quick trips to Jenny Kesel's, daytrips to Jack Carpenter's wonderful Lily Farm, and the Castlebury's beautiful garden, and I was on my way. And of course, I quickly learned how to order from catalogs. The *Eureka* became my constant companion in my quest for more daylilies.

Then came the Summer of 1998. Having been born and raised in Eastern Canada, I knew nothing of temperatures over 100 degrees for days on end. In my early gardening experience, growth started in May or early June for anything that survived the Winter and started to shut down with the cooler days and nights of August. Snow started in November, stayed until March, and came back for a final big storm in April. I could not have imagined spraying for aphids in November, having the sprinklers on in January, and being able to plant almost year round.

So with so much new stuff to learn, being Program Chairman this year is probably a good idea, since I get to choose what topics we discuss and which experts we get to listen to. I have a feeling it is going to be a very informative year.

IN CELEBRATION OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY

OUR FAVORITE GREEN DAYLILIES

by Eddie and Mary Gage

GROOVY GREEN - (Edna Lankart, 1979) - Very green and vigorous. First saw it in Charlie Pierce's Garden in Mobile, Alabama. Everyone wanted it, so we had to wait!

GREEN WIDOW - (Temple, 1980) - One of those top quality Variant/Spiders. Has good size and substance. Very green in throat, and used for hybridizing.

GREEN WHIRL - (Tarrant, 1978) - Nice round form. A great Tarrant show winner.

GREEN GALAXY - (Sauer, 1976) - Very hardy, strong foliage growth. Out of VIV and GREEN FLUTTER.

WHIRLING FURY - (Parker, 1969) - An old timer, but so pleasing with very twisty curly petals and sepals. A good spidery type.



Crossword Answer from page 9

RESPONSE: TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY

by Leo Sharp

Leo Sharp (at Brookwood Gardens in Michigan City, Indiana) wrote this response in a letter to the Editors after he read Mable Nelson's article in the Fall/Winter Newsletter, "To Buy Or Not To Buy." The Editors felt his comments were very interesting and worthy of an article.

I found Mable Nelson's provocative article, "To Buy or Not to Buy" one of the most timely and important Newsletter articles I have come across in the past few years.

Little known to a vast majority of AHS members is the fact that our plant is going downhill. Hybridizers and others invited to lecture or comment on the daylily very rarely touch on this problem, and most don't even like to think about it. However, if major efforts are not made to strengthen our plant, in just a few years it may wind up weakened like the Iris. At this time, many Iris collectors have completely stopped buying new introductions because they can be wiped out routinely. In case of the Iris, the fatal attack generally comes from the Iris Root Borer and seasonal rainfall.

As Mable's article attests, much suspicion is laid at the feet of several pathogens that invade the soil. Some seem to think that if we could keep these bacteria at bay that our plants would survive these intense Summer stresses of heat and moisture. I have absolutely no proof of my own conclusions, but firmly believe that these bacterial infections are only the "vultures" of the plant world, and only attack following the weakened daylily plant shutting down its vital systems after a period of heavy stress. This stress most likely commonly comes about after a period of extremely hot weather, combined with applications of water.

Region 6 most likely has the most severe conditions for growing our daylily. I believe that MacMillan had concluded that breeding practices were indeed responsible for the rot problem. About a dozen years ago Bill Munson related a

story to me about purchasing a very beautiful daylily from Mr. MacMillan, only to have Mr. "Mac" call him later to advise him that he should not use that cultivar.

Progeny (offspring) from this particular plant's crosses were succumbing to crown rot. So we must conclude that hybridizing, and particularly the inbreeding of daylilies (in my view) has been the culprit in this situation. Bill Munson, we do know, was meticulously careful to keep genetically weak material out of his breeding line.

In my own case, for the past fifteen years I have been doing no line breeding whatsoever. In fact, I have selected evergreen cultivars to cross with dormants in hopes of finding unrelated genetic material. This has yielded some fine healthy plants, but it is not foolproof. All you have to do is to use just one plant with weak genetics, and that can poison the pool. However, having said that, I do not think that you can depend upon a weak plant genetically necessarily influencing a cross, since the strong parent may dominate. Looking at the situation from a realistic point of view, I immediately discontinue the use of a plant if it rots.

Where we garden in Florida (Central), I cannot recall losing a plant to rot in the garden. Our practice there is to water early morning when it is cool, hoping that the plants will completely dry out during the day and go into the night in a mainly dry condition. Temperatures in Florida do not rise to the level that they do in Texas. In general, temperatures do not rise above 95 degrees. However, in order to set seed I need to have plants in a shaded area. For that reason, we do grow our hybridizing stock in pots so that they can be moved into a shaded area. When these pots are in the sun, they are subjected to extremely high temperatures, the heat being attracted to the black pots. We may have lost a half dozen of these pots annually, generally immediately after the hybridizing season when these plants are weakest. Obviously, when these

plants die to rot we avoid them as parents in the future, and monitor their offspring very carefully.

I agree with Mark Carpenter, the stress that comes with over fertilizing can and does cause death in daylilies. When Mable quotes Joe Agosta's experience in Central Florida with the use of compost that has not been cured, this is a lesson well taken. We do know that when mulch is in the breakdown process it creates a great deal of heat, raising the temperatures again to the point of plant fatality.

Ted Petit's resolution to the fatality problem is one that, while not provided in writing, most reasonable commercial people will follow. If you sell a high priced plant and that plant does not survive the first season, it should be replaced at no cost. I once had a customer from California complain that she had lost a popular Siloam plant during its second season. What our response was, was to replace the plant with a semi-evergreen of her choice. I felt it was our fault for not inquiring about their growing conditions. It was impossible for her to grow a dormant without Winter dormancy, and we simply should have inquired about her growing conditions.

Perhaps this is the reason that hybridizers should discuss this problem more openly among themselves. It will not help to bring this discussion to collectors, since they have no choice over the outcome. On the other hand,

hybridizers are going to be responsible. When we see a plant die, we know where it came from. If the word gets out that certain hybridizers are losing a significant amount of plants to crown rot, a lot of rightful questions are going to be raised.

Anyone who hybridizes recognizes the difficulty in setting seed under the intense heat of the Summer sun. Currently, in Florida we are handling this situation as discussed in an earlier paragraph, moving the plants to a shady area. The best solution to that problem is to install shade cloth. We are going to that system as our next step. We can only hope that in the deep, unexplored future that our gardens are not going to have to be covered with shade cloth for the daylilies to survive.

Leo finishes his letter by saying, "This is the first letter I have ever written to a Regional Newsletter on any subject outside my own Region. However, this subject is of paramount importance and does need to be aired by thoughtful, experienced growers. While I have no proof whatsoever that my proceeding conclusions are correct, someone with the time might want to grow a few of the original Hemerocallis species. My bet is that they would survive the most intense extremes of heat and cold. If that be the case, we could prove a point." Leo ends his letter by saying, "I am sending my registration in today for the Nacogdoches Meeting." He would enjoy hearing anyone's comment to his conclusions.

A NATIONAL YOUTH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

AHS has approved the formation of a National Youth Newsletter. Nicole Jordan, AHS Youth Director, requests that all AHS Regions submit articles of interest to the youth in their Regions. Articles could be about the youths in their clubs, how they got started, what their interests are, etc.

Nicole says, "The longevity of any organization must consider the needs of its youth members. They are the future AHS."

For further information contact Marie Skelley through email, skelley@ccpl.carr.lib.md.us

PLANTS NEEDED FOR 2001 REGIONAL MEETING IN AUSTIN

Entries for the
ANNIE T. GILES and EDNA LANKART
AWARD BEDS

Should be sent to:

Carolyn Mersiovsky
1616 Golden Valley Lane
La Grange, Texas 78945

REGION 6 HYBRIDIZERS SPEAK OUT ON THEIR GROWING IDEAS AND INSPIRATION

by David and Betty Burton

David and Betty Burton have spent hours writing out questions, and writing to hybridizers for their answers. This is a first in a series of questions they asked. It was thought it would be very valuable to the readers to hear facts, opinions, and ideas of the "experts."

As daylily growers in New Mexico and Texas these hybridizers face many growing problems and tough headaches. In the following questions I hope their experiences and accomplishments will give you new ideas and special remedies to some of your troubles.

1. When did you begin to grow and hybridize daylilies and who inspired you?
2. Whose daylilies did you use in the early stages?
3. How long have you been hybridizing?
4. Diploid? Tetraploid? What %?
5. Characteristics you are trying to refine in your hybridizing program?

Mabel Matthews: Approximately 1960s. I have always grown many varieties of flowers. Mr. Burge from Denton, Texas, grew a lot of daylilies. I visited his garden back when, and started hybridizing with some of the plants I purchased (seedlings) from him. I used a lot of Munson, Spalding, Hughes, etc. at first, later some of Durios and others. In more recent times, I have turned to tetraploids more than diploids, and am using later versions of some of Munson's, tetraploid Spalding, etc. through many hybridizers throughout the country, by purchasing current introductions. I've hybridized close to 40 years. Diploid - 30%, Tetraploid, 70%. I am trying to widen the petals, increase texture, clarity of color, and bloom size - especially bloom size. My purchases of plants for hybridizing are strictly concentrated on bloom size over six inches, mostly tetraploids. Also, I am trying to incorporate into the hybridizing program good quality plants that have good genes for good increase, better branching, and more buds. My first consideration is growth habit: if a plant is healthy, increases well, has nice erect scapes and has good branching with above average bud count. I feel it will (if introduced) give the public better performance.

Anna Rosa Glidden: My sister-in-law, also Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harrison, whom Mrs. Ida was a cousin of and Lucille Williamson. I used Mrs. Harrison's. and many unidentified older ones. I've hybridized for 28 years. Diploid -20%, Tetraploid - 8%, trying for beauties which have strong texture.

Bobo Faggard: I began in the early 1970s. Lucille Williamson, Inez Coffman Young, and Maggie Sheffield helped greatly. Later, Elsie Spalding, Lucille Guidry, and others such as Betty and Edgar Brown and Lee Gates. I've hybridized for 25 years. Diploid - 70%, Tetraploid - 30%. I try for full round ruffled, edged tetraploids, edging on all parts - small or miniature doubles - double tetraploids - lots of bloom with quality garden performance.

Mable L. Nelson: I began growing daylilies thirty years ago and was introduced to them by my mother who gave me a few she had bought from Lucille Williamson after stopping by her garden on the way home from a fishing trip on Rayburn Lake. Hybridizing came shortly after. I used mostly MacMillan and Spalding as they were close to where I live and our club took a bus to their gardens every year. I've hybridized for at least 25 years, starting with diploids and later tetraploids. I'm trying for something different. Everyone has a beautiful pink to lavender gold edged daylily, now, so I am going for colored edges in all colors. I'd like to have a red with black edges, also double edges and even triple edges in different colors.

Nell and Harvey Shimek: Inez Tarrant and Elsie Spalding, plus my (Nell's) grandmother - We used Spalding daylilies (we are still in the early stages). We've hybridized for 20 years, since 1979. Diploid - 90%, Tetraploid - 10%. We try for late bloomers, repeat bloomers, green throats, and hardy plants that will be around for awhile.

Jean Barnhart: I was inspired by Lucille Williamson and J. L. Cruse whose daylilies I used plus Bob Dove and Jack Carpenter. I've hybridized for 20 years, since 1979. Diploid - 80%, Tetraploid - 20% (until 1997 and 20%-80% in 1998). I'd like clear color, high bud count, heavy substance and vigorous plants.

Virgil Lee Cain: My very first daylilies were “oldie” daylilies. Rosie Baxter showed me how to dab pollen. I used Eddie and Rosie Baxter, Mary Gage and J. L. Cruse daylilies. I’ve hybridized for 17 years. Diploid - 80%, Tetraploid - 20%. I want strength (virility), clear colors, and fertility.

Nell Crandall: I was inspired by Rodger Croker, who made a talk to our club and said, “specialize.” I used Neva Alexander, Bechtold (KINDLY LIGHT), R. Wheeler, Jack Temple (GREEN WIDOW). I’ve hybridized diploids for thirteen years, trying for those that don’t need staking, have clear colors and distinction.

Leon Payne: I was inspired by Ury Winniford and used daylilies of Bill Munson, Elsie Spalding, and Ury Winniford. I’ve hybridized for 9 years. Diploid - 25%, Tetraploid - 75%. For tetraploids - large flowers with good form and gold, purple, red or white edge. Diploids - large pinks and small eyed with edge.

Aileen Castlebury: My initial inspiration was the beautiful flower itself. I just wanted to create more beautiful daylilies. I use the Salters, Kirchhoff, E. C. Brown, the Stamiles, Henry and a few others. For eight Summers I’ve hybridized. Diploid - 40%, Tetraploid - 60%. Several characteristics are in mind as I made each cross: distinction, improved branching and bud count, wide, ruffled petals and sepals (except on spiders and unusual forms) and new colors.

Clifford Lee: I began growing daylilies in 1985 and was inspired by Anna Rosa Glidden and Elsie Spalding. I used Salter, Stamile and Kirchhoff daylilies. I’ve hybridized 6 years. Diploid - 20%, Tetraploid - 80%. Trying for newer and bigger edges and picotees.

Eddie Gage: I was inspired by W. B. MacMillan, Elsie Spalding, Carl Sauer, Edgar and Betty Brown, Jack Carpenter, Bertha Cone, Helen Spiller, Bill Munson, Louise Simon, Ken Durio, Hugh Russell, and Dollie Wheeler. Later on by Lucille Guidry, Oliver Monette, Gertrude Demarest, Joyce Lewis and Bertie Ferris. I do not hybridize.

These questions were sent to many more hybridizers in Region 6. In future issues we hope to bring to the readers many more growing and hybridizing ideas. If you have not returned your questionnaire please forward it to me so we can pass on your insights and experiences. Thanks to all the responding growers for their time and help in producing this article.

“IF WE CHOSE THE STOUT” POLL

There have been a number of popularity polls taken in the past couple of months. The Editors thought it interesting to publish the ones they have received. This came from William Watson from Pinehurst, NC, thru Sue Jackson.

The following are the results of a poll called, “If We Chose The Stout.” The first part is the result of a total Robin vote and the second is the result of voting by Garden Judges.

The Robin Vote (192 voted) - only the first seven are listed:

Votes	Cultivar
38	CUSTARD CANDY
31	STRAWBERRY CANDY
15	ORANGE VELVET
15	RED VOLUNTEER
14	FRANCES JOINER
10	SCATTERBRAIN
10	JASON SALTER

The Garden Judges Vote (44 voted) - only the first six are listed:

20	CUSTARD CANDY
6	STRAWBERRY CANDY
6	ORANGE VELVET
4	FRANCES JOINER
3	JASON SALTER
2	RED VOLUNTEER

SWEEPSTAKES - The Win-Win-Win Scenario

by Rich Rosen

Before cutting your daylily scapes to take to the flower show, it is important to re-think your objective. Ask yourself, what is the primary objective or purpose of a flower show? Is it to give daylily club members a chance to compete for ribbons? Well, yes, that is one purpose. But no, that's not the main objective.

The main objective of a daylily show is to put on a visual extravaganza that so overwhelms the senses of the unsuspecting visitor, that they fall down on the floor in wonderment, and crawl over to the membership table. They join the local Society with the sole intention of attending every meeting and volunteering for every club activity, just so they can learn how to grow this horticultural phenomenon.

You think I'm exaggerating!? I don't. Think about your first flower show. Mine happened to be a Rose show, not a daylily show, but it changed my life. It flipped a switch, pushed me over the edge, so to speak. I started digging up the lawn for more flowerbeds, buying more plants, reading articles, attending meetings, and working with the Society.

The mission of the AHS (American Hemerocallis Society); the mission of your local Society; and therefore, as a member, your mission is to : encourage others to discover the pleasure of growing daylilies, and increase the membership of the AHS. Staging a spectacular flower show is one very important way we do this. Therefore, I contend that the loftiest goal of an exhibitor is to win the Sweepstakes Award. Winning Best-in-Show is a great personal achievement, but does not contribute to the overall objective the way that Sweepstakes does. Sweepstakes is awarded to the exhibitor that wins the most blue ribbons in the Horticulture Section. It requires the exhibitor to enter both quantity and quality. This is the person that has done the most to give the public a variety of beautiful daylilies to admire and put on their wish list. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. The daylily that captures the fancy of one person will be different from that of another person, and different still from that of the judges. By entering the greatest variety of quality scapes, you will have increased the daylily's appeal to the widest audience.

Here are the 8 not-so-easy steps to winning Sweepstakes:

- 1) Grow a large number of daylilies. (If your garden is small, you still want to enter as many daylilies as possible for the public to see. Try to compete with yourself, by winning more blue ribbons than last year.)
- 2) Grow them well.
- 3) Label your scapes before you cut them. When rushing to get your entries in on time, it is amazing how your mind shuts down, and you can't remember SILOAM BO PEEP to save your life. I write the name on masking tape and place it loosely around the stem.
- 4) Cut lots of scapes to take to the show. Don't spend a lot of time deliberating whether it is good enough. Cut it. If you have multiple scapes of a cultivar, choose the best. Multiple open blooms, good branching and bud count, and well-spaced buds will increase your chances of winning high marks.
- 5) Transport them safely so they don't move around, banging into each other. There are several ways to do this. One option is to rent a tractor/trailer so you can space them out. (That's a joke, son.) Personally, I like the rolled newspaper method that I learned from Betty Randig. Roll newspapers and wedge them vertically into a plastic pail. Fill the bottom few inches with water. Then place the scapes into the crevices between the newspapers. It allows you to position them where you want, and wedges them tightly along several inches of the stem. Even with this method, tranquilizers can be beneficial.
- 6) Do as much in advance as possible:
 - If you provide your own containers, wash them and fill them the night before.
 - Fill out the name and address section of your entry tags the day before.
 - Read and understand the show schedule.
 - Print out a list of all your cultivars with their bloom size, whether they are on the Spider/Variant list, and color as registered (for color class shows). This makes it easy to fill in the section and class on your entry tags without having to leaf through the Check Lists on show morning.
 - Do preliminary grooming. You can start

grooming the day before while the scape is still on the plant. Some exhibitors even cut the scapes the night before, but I prefer to get up early on show day.

7) Time is of the essence. You have a lot of blooms and limited time before that ogre the Show Chairman, closes entries. Your actions must be fast and efficient. Groom your scapes as follows:

- Remove spent blooms (duh!), seed pods, brown buds, spider webs, insects, and other foreign matter. Judges are very picky on this. Do not remove proliferations.
- If you have multiple blooms on the scape, see if any are defective and remove. You will get higher marks with one excellent bloom, than with one excellent and one mediocre bloom.
- Trim the length of the scape to give pleasing balance and proportion. Larger blooms and more branching need a longer scape. You may want to shorten a scape with small flowers and little branching. This does not apply to seedlings, which must be exhibited with the entire scape. If you have different size vases to choose from, use short vases for short scapes.
- Pull off all brown bracts. Use sharp scissors to trim off the brown tips of bracts such that they will look natural. Trim distractingly long bracts.
- Notice the brown, dried surface of bloom stubs (where the spent bloom has fallen off). These need to look fresh. (If they see brown, the judges frown.) Scrape off the dried surface, exposing the green cells below. You might use a razor blade or sharp knife. I prefer thin sharp scissors; it is easier to reach the interior bud stubs. Don't cut off the bud stub, just scrape the top surface,
- Use a soft brush or cotton swab to sweep off any distracting pollen from the flower petals.
- Complete the label and take your entry to classification. If you see someone standing around with their hands in their pockets, ask them to take your entry to Classification.

8) Count up your winnings. Beam with pride when people come up and tell you how much they like this entry or that entry.

If you follow this approach, you will have created a Win-Win-Win situation. You will have enjoyed putting your beautiful daylilies on display. The public will enjoy seeing the variety of cultivars that is the modern daylily. The AHS will continue to enjoy a growing and involved membership.

IT WASN'T RAINING WHEN NOAH BUILT THE ARK!

Gene Koonce - W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Liaison

The 1990s have been good for America. Everyone who wants one has a job, low inflation, decent wages and money is flowing. People have been able to do those things that they wanted to do. Wish it would last from now on, but we all know that things cycle, good times will be followed by bad. Not too bad, I hope! A prudent person sets aside something in good times to help in the bad times.

So it is with AHS. Some years ago the William E. Monroe Trust was formed to save some money to help pay for our Society's operations in the lean years. Contributions from individuals and clubs are invested to earn interest. Only the interest may be spent. The principal is held permanently. Response has been good. To date the trust fund has in excess of \$250,000 and is on its way to reaching its \$1,000,000 goal.

If you or your club has not contributed recently, I would earnestly ask you to do so. I can think of no better time, and remember - IT WASN'T RAINING WHEN NOAH BUILT THE ARK!

JUST A REMINDER DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER NEWSLETTER - JUNE 1st

Region 6 will be doing a mail-in-auction which will be appearing in the Summer Newsletter. In order to be timely, the Newsletter must be out in July. To do this the Editors must get all information by June 1st. All those writing articles about the Regional Meeting please write them immediately after the meeting and quickly send them to Donna Peck. We appreciate your help and cooperation.

From the Toilet to the Rocker

by Ray Houston

In November 1995, my wife, Mary, went to an AHS Board Meeting leaving me to fend for myself for several days. One night while taking care of some personal bathroom business, I noticed the toilet was not stationary. I attempted to tighten the bolts holding the toilet to the floor, only to find there was nothing of any substance left to hold a bolt. The resident termites had feasted on the wood in the bathroom walls and floor, leaving only shells of wood fiber. Ten years prior, we had rebuilt the bathroom due to the same problem. The bathroom had been added onto the house sometime after the house was built, years ago when people took their repose in the out of doors.

We had enough of fighting the wood munchers and decided we needed to either move or build a new house. Having lived on a two acre lot for 18 years made moving to another location very unattractive. For the past 11 years we had worked hard designing and laying out our daylily beds and were very pleased with the results. Besides, we were accustomed to yelling to our nearest neighbors to say, "Howdy." Most normal lots have houses so close that neighbors could conceivably spit out of their bedroom windows onto their neighbor's head. Building a new house on our lot was our best option.

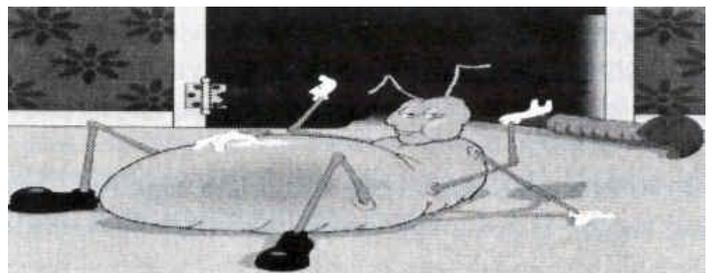
In February 1996, we contracted a builder and found a house mover to remove our 50+ year old house. The mover purchased our house for \$1200 and had it off the lot in 1 1/2 days. Our other option was to have the house torn down at a cost of \$3000. It doesn't take a genius to see which option made more sense. It was a strange sensation, watching as our abode was carried down the street on a truck.

We moved into an apartment for five months while our new house was being built. Apartment life is an experience we NEVER wish to repeat. We had upstairs neighbors who worked as cooks in a local restaurant and arrived home about 2:00 a.m. most mornings. Although there was supposedly 6" of concrete between us and them, we heard every footstep. Maybe they had elephants for pets.

We returned to our lot every day to see how things were progressing. One afternoon Harvey and Nell Shimek joined us to watch as a backhoe operator was removing a three foot diameter Oak tree from an area where our master bathroom would stand. The earth had been dug from around the tree roots and the backhoe bucket was being used to push on the tree trunk. The operator's intention was to push the tree, forcing it to fall onto the vacant area where the house had once stood. When the tree roots turned loose, the trunk leaned for a few seconds in the intended direction, turned 45 degrees, and headed toward two of our best daylily beds. The tree came to earth with a tremendous crash, plowing up the soil, daylilies flying 20 feet through the air. Loud expletives were heard from the backhoe operator. We didn't know he was such a religious person.

All of our utilities had been disconnected, including potable water. There was also a two month drought in 1996. We were amazed to see how well daylilies performed with little attention and no water.

The building of our house was the talk of the neighborhood. The day our house was moved, many of our neighbors were surprised when they returned home passing by an empty lot. Several passersby told us it was the first time they had ever seen people put in their garden and then build a house. The location of the house was planned with our daylily beds in mind. We spent a lot of time sitting in our yard, watching and dreaming as the building progressed. In mid-July, 1996, we moved into our spacious new home. His and Her back porch rockers see a lot of action as we enjoy the spectacular view of our two acre lot and daylily gardens. Extra rockers beckon our friends to join us.



MOTHER AND DAUGHTER GARDENING

by Ann Marks

Another article in the series of Mother and Daughter gardening together.

Gardening with my daughter? That goes back to when she was two years old and came in one Summer day holding the skirt of her sun-dress up, filled with the small green tomatoes and proudly announced, "Look how many tomatoes I picked Momma." She is my best friend, the light of my life and my favorite daughter.

I first became interested in daylilies through my mother, Frances Burkhart. When my stepfather died, my mother moved from Beaumont back to Groves. I had to plant her daylilies in my garden until her house was built. When the house was completed, she was not allowed to have the daylilies back - I was hooked! Sheri was still busy doing her "gardening" and had pulled all the nametags off the plants, anyway. I told my mother, "Who needs plants without names?"

When Sheri was in elementary school, I would on occasion let her miss a day of school and take her to the Gulf Coast Daylily Society to tour Lucille Williamson's and Maggie Sheffield's gardens.

Maggie would always let Sheri and my mother have any daylily they wanted. She even taught them how to pollinate. When they came home they were like two busy bees.

Sheri and I would go out on warm Spring nights with our flashlights, a coffee can filled with beer, and a stick or dull knife and "slug hunt." She would shine the flashlight on the slugs and swat at the mosquitoes while I would scoop the slugs off into the beer. We did this until we were caught by our husband/father and were told not use his good beer for slugs. He was tired of having to explain what his wife and daughter were doing out in the back yard after dark with a flashlight blundering around in the daylily beds.



Ann and Daughter, Sheri

We have made numerous Regionals together. Not just Region 6, but a few other Regionals also, and I think she has been to two Nationals. We work together to plant all the daylilies we've acquired either as bus plants or bought at the table sales or auctions. We are together when our club hosts a Regional Meeting, making lots of mistakes along the way but having the time of our lives doing it.

Sheri does the watering of the daylilies when I am out of town and helps move my potted plants to the back porch when a cold front moves in. I do the complaining and she does the soothing of the nerves and says I wouldn't be happy if I left them outside and they died. I help Sheri weed her daylily beds. Her garden is small now but gradually she's adding what she wants. Who knows, by the time she gets a nice garden we will have gotten her daughter, Meagan, involved. Wouldn't Grandma Burkhart have loved that?



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WELCOME TO THE NACOGDOCHES REGIONAL MEETING

by Jean Consford

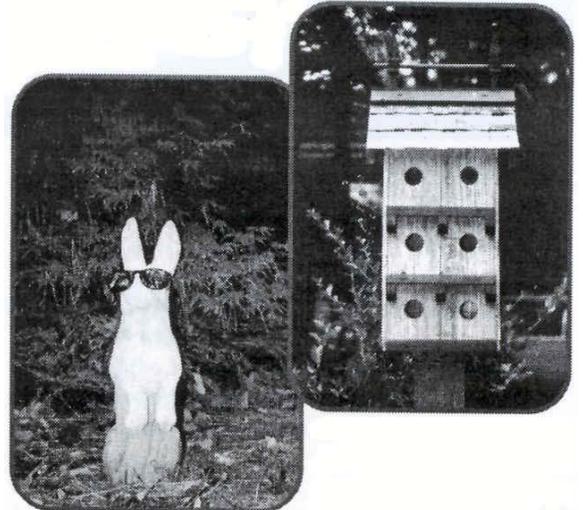
The Nacogdoches Daylily Society is ready to welcome Region 6 to the oldest town in Texas. Jack Carpenter's Lily Farm is not the only thing you will enjoy in Nacogdoches! Although less time will be spent on buses, you will also visit seven home gardens, five of which have never been on a Regional tour, and the daylily garden at the SFA Arboretum.

We will have some very good plants in our table sales and door prizes. Our club raffle will include a very special birdhouse, a gorgeous Copenhagen urn, a jack rabbit statuary (you'll have to see him), and a choice daylily.

There's the flower show, live auction, and slide show. We'll have daylilies for a silent auction; the Garden Judges Workshop is in a garden, no less, and Dr. David Creech of SFA is our very entertaining speaker.

Tyler is bringing cookies for the hospitality room (yum, yum), and the Gulf Coast Daylily Society, bless them, is hosting a PARTY for REGION 6 Saturday night after the meeting!!! And, as if that's not enough sophisticated excitement, we're taking you all rabbit hunting! (No weapons required.)

Sign up early for the hunt, May 27, 28 and 29.



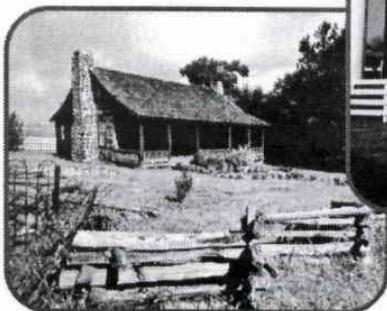
This birdhouse and rabbit are waiting for you in Nacogdoches.

The Oldest Town in Texas



The Historic Sterne-Hoya House in Nacogdoches

The Old Log Home at Millard's Crossing



Old Nacogdoches University Building

When people think of the place where Texas began, Nacogdoches comes to mind. You cannot tell the story of Texas without beginning with its oldest town - Nacogdoches.

Nine different flags of nine governments flew overhead at intervals throughout her history. Sam Houston, Davy Crockett and Thomas J. Rusk all met here to chart their quest for Texas Independence. Won't you take your place beside them? We'll host it!! Come early or stay over. It is today a place where old ways linger, and where hospitality still comes naturally to this town of neighbors. For a tough town to pronounce and spell, it's one easy place to fall in love with. The city is named for the Caddo family of Indians who lived in the Eastern part of the State. Legend has it that Nacogdoches was one of two sons of a Caddo Chief. We say that Nacogdoches is as unique as it sounds! Space does not permit even a brief history, but a brochure will be mailed with registration packets and a four page copy of a brief history will be included. Check out the web site at <http://www.history.sfasu.edu/NacHis.html>

Sample These Charms In Nacogdoches

JACK CARPENTER'S LILY FARM

Josie Bomar and Jack Carpenter

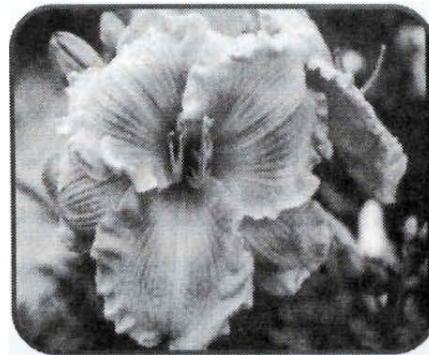
The Lily Farm
J. B. Carpenter
Route 4, Box 1465
Center, Texas 75935

Greetings from The Lily Farm. We are very excited to have Region 6 touring the garden/farm this year. We invite each and all of you to come. We have about two acres under shade cloth now and hopefully this will give the daylilies and you a slight break from the hot Texas sun. For the first time you will be seeing more tetraploid daylilies on my farm than diploid (60%/40%) All who come to the garden will be given a plant of MOUNT HERMAN TREAT. A daylily, recently registered, grown and held for three extra years in order to have sufficient quantity for all to receive a plant. It is an evergreen diploid pink flower with slight eye-halo type zone.

We hope we will have the best Regional turnout ever. You can see a brief preview of some of what you will see in the pictures in the Newsletter. You will also have the opportunity to help your Region 6 by bidding in the auction for a very special Fall 1999 introduction by Jack Carpenter called LAVENDER BLUE BABY. This diploid flower has proven itself very powerful in its genetic influence. It is notable for its "blue" tones and power for putting edges on diploid

flowers. It has been a much sought after flower with over 160 people on the waiting list. Sign ups still are coming for its release this Fall of 1999. Needless to say it is already sold out. It should lend itself to being grown in the South or North as it is semi-evergreen or dormant depending on

the climate. At the Lily Farm it is evergreen. Come prepared to make bids in order to make this lovely your very own and at the same time help your Region.



HEAVENLY HORIZONS will also be seen in Jack's garden.

Everybody come and help make this one of the best Regionals ever.

BARNEE'S GARDEN

Jean Barnhart

Jean Barnhart's country garden is located in the Central Heights community North of Nacogdoches and consists of an approximately two acre AHS Display Garden. It includes the Stout Medal collection, and contains many perennials, Roses and daylilies. Jean is a hybridizer and has just completed six 20' x 96'

shade houses which contain most of the plants that she is now using in her hybridizing program.

Look for the following: the Salter's IN THE NAVY, BREED APART, WEST COAST BLUES, CHILDHOOD TREASURE, ALEXANDRA, SOMETHING WONDERFUL, MAGIC OBSESSION, OVER THE EDGE, BERMUDA BAY, CALYPSO BAY, ALL AMERICAN MAGIC, FIRST KNIGHT, and BAYOU BRIDE; Jack Carpenter's DENA MARIE, DENA MARIE'S SISTER, MAJESTIC DARK EYES, ETCHED IN ORANGE, ANN YARBOROUGH, MARY JANE CARPENTER, POLYNESIAN LOVE SONG; Stamile's AWAKENING DREAM, ROYAL BRAID, ALLEGHENY SUNSET, DRUID'S CHANT, CUSTOM DESIGN, CREATIVE EDGE, CATALINA FESTIVE ART, RAINBOW EYES, IMPERIAL EDGE, CHANCE ENCOUNTER; Copenhaver's BACKWOODS ROYAL PRINCE, TRUE PINK BEAUTY; John Shooter's BRITISH MORNING, MAUDE'S VALENTINE, HEARTLAND CHOCOLATE SPLASH, HIGHLAND GLORY; Elizabeth Shooter's LIKIE REGISTER; Hansen's MADE IT CLICK; Carr's SCAPES FROM HELL; Gates' TEASING ME, INEXCUSABLY ATTRACTIVE, LOUISIANA BELLE; Kirchhoff's BILL NORRIS; and Morss' FANTASY FINISH and ETERNAL GRACE.

Guest plants are Copenhaver's BACKWOODS SUMMER RUFFLES and BACKWOODS VIOLET BOUQUET.

MAXINE GWINN GARDEN

Benny and Maxine Gwinn

Benny and I are looking forward to having you here and sharing our little garden with you. We both are retired, he from Amoco Oil and I as a medical secretary. We have two children and three grandchildren. This is the smallest garden on tour and may be of interest to those of you who must cope with limited space. While Benny disclaims any involvement in flower gardening, he offers encouragement, prepares new beds and tries to control the resident gopher, mole and armadillo population, as well as the neighbor's cats who are lured by the bird population.

I had long enjoyed gardening and daylilies on a small scale and was very pleased with my little space until I met Jean Consford while walking by her former place down the street. She convinced me to join the Local Daylily Society and as they say, the rest is history. I was enthused after seeing other daylily gardens. And after my first Regional Meeting tours, I was completely hooked. Now I was "needing" more and more daylilies and moving other plants around to accommodate them. The original "few in the backyard" "soon expanded into larger beds and now has overflowed into the front yard, numbering over three hundred. I have to take out one to add another, often taking them to the farm.



A great place to sit and enjoy the Gwinn Garden

You will enter the back yard through a gate at the driveway. Fence walls define the space, give privacy and offer a background for shrubs and perennials. A flagstone pathway draws you to and through the arbor to the daylily garden beyond. Rosa New Dawn grows on the arbor and Zephirine Drouhin Climbing Roses tumble over the fence. Beds and borders on each side of the pathways are closely planted with daylilies and various perennial and annual companion plants. At times it is a challenge to find a place for the different plants I want to grow. Herbs are planted throughout the garden, usually more for their fragrance than for culinary use. Garden benches set in shady spots invite you to relax with the ferns and Hosta, and a cozy wooden deck is the perfect spot for relaxing and enjoying the garden.

Our garden contains some newer daylilies as well as choice older beauties from a number of

hybridizers. There are too many to name a favorite; Benny tends to like all the red ones while I like the small ones, eyed ones, pinks, yellow, purple and I guess the red ones, too! Some of these are Carpenter's DARK AND HANDSOME, HEAVEN AFTER NOON, CUBAN NANCY, BABY RED EYES, CAROLINA CUTIE, DENA MARIE'S SISTER, AUGUST MORN, ROCKY MOUNTAIN PINK, TEXAS SUPER GOLD and PINK ICE BALLET; Stamile's CUSTARD CANDY, WINEBERRY CANDY, STRAWBERRY CANDY, JOE MARINELLO and YOU ANGEL YOU; Talbott's CARIBBEAN PURPLE SPIRES and CARIBBEAN LISA'S LIFE; Ra Hansen's BOGIE AND BECALL and PAIGE'S PIÑATA; Copenhaver's TRUE PINK BEAUTY; Kirchhoff's FORTY SECOND STREET; the Salter's WILLIAM AUSTIN NORRIS, ALEXANDRA, ELIZABETH SALTER and DRAGONS EYE; Munson's IDA'S MAGIC; and Barnhart's BEAUTY BEYOND.

We are growing several lovely guest plants: Orgeron's SUPER CHARGE, Gage's RED TIERS, Castlebury's CASTLE DOUBLE FRAGRANCE (#92-93-8) and Copenhaver's BACKWOODS VIOLET BOUQUET and BACKWOODS SUMMER RUFFLES. We hope your visit to Nacogdoches and our garden will be a pleasant and fun time.



Another of the rabbits hiding in the Singleton Garden

SFA MAST ARBORETUM DAYLILY GARDEN NOW NAMED THE JEAN BARNHART DAYLILY GARDEN

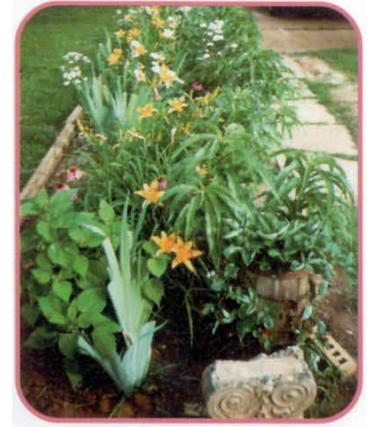
The club's daylily garden at the SFA (Stephen F. Austin) Mast Arboretum was established in 1989. Our club has since dedicated and renamed the garden in honor of the club founder, Jean Barnhart. It is now the Jean Barnhart Daylily Garden.

Signs designate a complete Stout Medal Collection and a bed or two of Barnhart's cultivars. The club expects to update and renovate the daylily collection, beginning this Fall. Among many others, planted here are the Stamile's BABY BLUES, BROADWAY TREASURE, ELEGANT CANDY, ALL AMERICAN TIGER, EVENING ENCHANTMENT, DENALI, STRAWBERRY CANDY and CUSTARD CANDY; Joiner's ORANGE VELVET, BABY FRESH, DAGGY, FRANCES JOINER, VANILLA FLUFF, SCATTERBRAIN, JAN'S TWISTER and INKY DINKY DO; Temple's WILDEST DREAMS; Pat Roberts's STAR OF INDIA; Kirchhoff's MAGIC CARPET RIDE; Jack Carpenter's CHIRENO, MERLE KENT MEMORIAL and BOLD RED EYES; Salter's ELIZABETH SALTER, PURE AND SIMPLE, JASON SALTER, PATCHWORK PUZZLE, DARK AVENGER and DRAGON'S EYE.

Imogene and Max Pugh have been in charge of grooming and preparing the garden for your visit and they will be your hosts.

Originating in 1985 as the first Arboretum at a Texas University (the Stephen F. Austin State University), the Arboretum spills over ten acres, creating a garden treasure with 23 varied theme gardens and in addition, a very recent world-class Azalea garden. Dr. David Creech, our banquet speaker, is the SFA Horticulture Professor and Director of the Arboretum. Visit the web site at <http://www.sfasu.edu/ag/arboretum/>. Plan to spend some extra time in Nacogdoches and visit the Arboretum in depth.

The Nacogdoches Regional Will Offer These Sights And Many More!



The Commander Garden



The Gwinn Garden



The Jones Garden



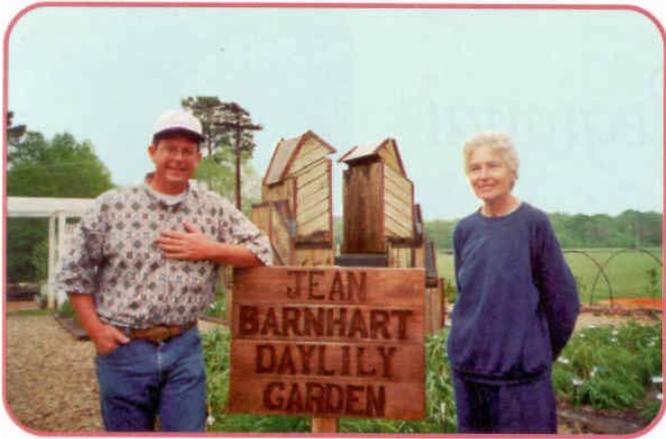
One of the many cultivars you'll see in the Carpenter Garden
LAVENDER BLUE BABY



One of the future introductions from Jack Carpenter,
look at the number of pods! - Carp97P27T



CRANBERRY EYED PICOTEE
In the Carpenter Garden



Dr. David Creech and Jean at the dedication of the Jean Barnhart Daylily Garden at the SFA Mast Arboretum



Barnee's Shade House



The Singleton Garden



Sue's Place - Feels like home



One of the items to be raffled in Nacogdoches
WISEST OF WIZARDS (Jeff Salter, 1997)



Consford Gardens



Consford Circle Garden

SINGLETON'S GARDEN

Norma and Harold Singleton

Norma and Harold Singleton welcome you to their lovely garden on a deep double city lot. Harold is retired, as the owner of an auto parts business and Norma is semi-retired as a hair stylist. They have one son and two grandchildren. Norma joined the club in 1992, having known Jean Barnhart for some time, and her long time love of daylilies expanded. Harold used to have an acre of lawn to mow. Now he mows with a hand mower in half the time as much of the grass gave way to flowers!

Norma grows everything and grows it well. A gardener at the same location for thirty years, she enjoys the benefits of magnificent Oak trees that provide high filtered shade and mature Azaleas and shrubs that form the backbone of the garden. Near the patio and beside a small pond is a miniature Japanese inspired bridge underneath the red leaves of a lacy leaf Japanese Maple which crosses a simulated dry creek bed of rounded stones, serpentine beds of shrubs, such as Hydrangeas and Camellias. You will see curving island beds packed with daylilies with winding paths that separates fern, Hosta, annuals and perennials. That will lead you over a little bridge and thru an arbor, passing many birdbaths and various statuaries that give the garden a fine sense of age. Benches are nestled in the deep shade for quiet relaxation and containers overflowing with blooms create a continuous display of color all season.

She says that her favorites tend to be whatever is blooming when she walks the garden each morning. Some noted are Bomar's RAINBOW RADIANCE; Copenhaver's BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS, SWEETHEART ROSE, TRUE PINK BEAUTY and LIPSTICK RING; Carpenter's DANGEROUS ATTRACTION, GARDEN SHOW, SPECIAL TOUCH, ORANGE AGLOW, PUG YARBOROUGH and ROCKY MOUNTAIN PINK; Carr's SMITH BROTHERS; Salter's MASK OF TIME; and Munson's IDA'S MAGIC. She also grows a number of Barnhart's cultivars. Guest plants are Orgeron's MARY CARRIKER, Houston's EMBERS OF VESUVIUS; and Copenhaver's BACKWOODS VIOLET

BOUQUET and BACKWOODS SUMMER RUFFLES. Norma and Harold are looking forward to their time with you and hope that you enjoy sampling the charms of Nacogdoches.

This garden is the location for the Garden Judges Workshop.

THE COMMANDER GARDEN

Betty and Roy Commander

Betty and Roy Commander's country garden is located at the end of a country road. Being surrounded by deep woods, wildlife is abundant. One morning she found a baby deer bedded down in her flowers! Since last years extended drought brought in its extended family, it doesn't seem quite so cute any more. Betty is serving the club as President. She was encouraged to join the club by her sister, Sue Casper, a former President. Betty and Roy are both retired.

Betty grows about 300 daylilies mixed in with many various colorful perennials and blooming shrubs. Roses and Crepe Myrtles are a mainstay, purple Coneflowers and blue Salvias combine beautifully with Oak Leaf and Mop Head Hydrangeas. A large bed of white Shasta Daisies always strut their stuff and have provided starts to many of her club members. She has a bed of Barnhart cultivars and grows a number of Jack Carpenter's such as GARDEN SHOW, TANGERINE CORDUROY, SURPRISING ANOMALY, and SPECIAL TOUCH. Copenhaver's BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS and TRUE PINK BEAUTY are favorites.

Guest plants are Castlebury's DOUBLE SERENITY and Copenhaver's BACKWOODS VIOLET BOUQUET and BACKWOODS SUMMER RUFFLES.

THE JONES GARDEN

Bill and Delores Jones

Twenty years ago Bill and Delores Jones purchased forty acres that overlooked a scenic pond. The only problem with the property was that it had no trees and there was practically no

soil. The soil consisted of heavy clay, sub-soil and gravel. In many areas it was difficult to even grow weeds. The only solution seemed to be making raised beds, but the children were young and landscaping was not of a paramount importance. Fortunately, by the time the garden was designed their two teenage boys were taking agriculture classes and were interested in making a garden. Bill Jr. started the process by laying double landscape timbers in a square in order to form a vegetable garden. From this idea emerged a formal looking garden with landscape timbers laid in geometric fashion and a fish pond in the center. Many stones remained from the building of their house so Delores laid a walkway around the fish pond and then a walkway to the garden entrance. The walkway also grew into a sitting area under the three Chinese Tallow trees. Here she placed a bench and chair Bill had given her.

Delores always thought she would have a gazebo, but the time never seemed just right. Last year her son Matt and husband Bill decided they needed a shooting range, and of course they needed a shaded area. Matt built the gazebo to shooting specifications, but the guys are still just talking about their shooting range. The last addition to the garden was an arbor for climbing Roses that Matt surprised his Mother with on her birthday. Always an ardent plant collector, mostly of daylilies, for three years Delores was lucky to have a yardman who was always propagating old Roses and bringing her a sample. Never one to pass up the opportunity of getting a new plant, a place was found for every one. Today many Antique Roses are found throughout the garden.

Over the years more than 800 varieties of daylilies and perennials have found a home. Three new beds have been added to the original design. Prominent in the garden are eight varieties of ornamental grasses, including Morning Light, Variegatus, and Cabaret. Perennials include Yarrow, Verbena, purple Coneflowers and Hidden Ginger in addition to Laura Bush Petunias and masses of Cleome, which should be making a good show at tour time.

Delores has been unable to part with any of her daylilies so she still has plants such as

HESPERUS, DAUNTLESS and HYPERION. This does not mean that the Jones' daylily collection is outdated. Plants are continually added to the collection. Look for Josie Bomar's CRANBERRY EYED PICOTEE or PINK RUFFLED LOVE; Jack Carpenter's FLAMBOYANT DANCER, ROSE RED RUFFLES, WAXEN WONDER, EYED ILLUSION and PURPLE TREASURE; Copenhaver's BACKWOODS VIOLET BOUQUET and SCARLET LIPSTICK; Gates' ELLY LAUNIUS, REVERIE IN PURPLE, and JOIE DE VIVRE; Salter's FIRST KNIGHT, SACRED DRUMMER, MAGIC OBSESSION, BLACK AMBROSIA, GOOD MORNING AMERICA, PIRATE'S PATCH, MASK OF TIME and DARING DILEMMA; Stamile's SPLENDID TOUCH, ROYAL BRAID, REGAL BRAID, and EVENING ENCHANTMENT.

CARRIZO CREEK GARDENS

Jean and Jerry Consford

After visiting so many of your gardens, it is our distinct pleasure to have you coming to ours. We are what we refer to as semi-retired, having operated a commercial-industrial electrical contracting business for over thirty years. We have two sons, one daughter, and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ grandchildren. The second one is due two days before the Regional Meeting! Jerry and I are gardening partners. Neither of us could have this garden without each other. He is vice president of flowers and planning and I am vice president of building projects! He builds the quaint birdhouses, benches, arbors, fences, rock walkways and borders and various "yard art" that adds the touch of whimsy that I enjoy so much. He calls them the "pretties." Please be assured that the lovely electric deer fencing will be turned off.

When we looked at this place in the Fall of 1993, I thought, "Someone has built this place for me." We have spent the last five years shaping the wooded landscape we fell in love with into a country garden that is a perpetual work in progress. Long ago we stopped keeping up with how many dump trunk loads of top soil and pine

bark we have shoveled onto this two acres of garden. But the plants flourish in soil improved with lots of manure, peat moss, composted leaves and pine bark. Almost all the beds are slightly raised for borders. I have adopted the organized clutter philosophy of garden design school; no rules, no prejudice either, as all plants are welcome. I think of this place as a series of garden rooms, each having a distinct flavor and sense of enclosure. Most being furnished with a bench, birdbath, and birdhouses, which will be nice, when we have time to sit down and relax! They all have names, which is helpful when you tell your partner where you last saw the spading fork.

side as we are also growing your bus plants and table sale plants. My seedlings will honestly be of no interest...besides the heat of 1998 and the deer of 1997; neither the bees nor I have been up to much! A four level pergola draped in old thick Honeysuckle vines and climbing Japanese Fern encloses the patio and steps down the slope to frame the Terraced Garden of mostly classic daylilies. Several of Copenhaver's plants are on the top level on your right. To your right is the Cemetery Garden (no graves, hopefully no dead plants). The old cemetery gate is my prize possession, which necessitated the fence (a cart before the horse story). Here a bench sits underneath an arbor of old Roses at the end of a pathway of rocks, a good place to enjoy the mostly tetraploid daylilies there. Ahead, the Three Arbor Garden grows mostly tetraploids and spiders, perennials and ferns. Behind the hot tub is the Jack Carpenter bed, which has long since spilled over into the Circle Garden (it will be apparent). My favorite, this is the only area that I have tried to maintain a color scheme of quiet pastels, but a few bright ones creep in here, too. A circle of Azaleas backs the daylilies and bordered with a circle of pink Begonias, while Asiatic Lilies, blue Salvias and other annuals mix freely. A wood porch swing with a fan overhead is a favorite spot to enjoy the fish pond and fountain at the entrance to the Woodland Garden, my favorite earlier in the year when the Dogwoods, Azaleas, Camellias and Columbines are celebrating. Paths curve their way through the Azaleas. Birdbaths stand in a quiet spot of Hosta and ferns for the feathered garden visitors which, unfortunately, disappear when a crowd arrives. Gardenias and Hydrangeas sometimes cooperate and even bloom together.



The Consford Seedling Garden



The Consford Fish Pond and Fountain

To the left of the driveway, a split-rail fence surrounds the Seedling Garden, with both an arbor to pass through and another to sit underneath. The Annie T. Giles and Edna Lankart Awards Beds are in the center. The seedling garden will be virtually empty on one

About 600 daylilies grow here from the old to the new, including 75 of Jack Carpenter's such as TWIRLING BALLERINA, RUGGED IMPRESSIONS, SEASIDE SUNRISE, FANCY FACE, CELESTIAL SONG, MARY JANE CARPENTER, DANGEROUS ATTRACTION, PINK ICE BALLET, CHIRENO; Josie Bomar's RAINBOW RADIANCE, HEAVENLY HORIZONS, PINK GOOD MORNING; Copenhaver's LIPSTICK PROMISES, PEACH LACE, ROYAL PRINCE; Carr's BLACK JACK CHERRY, AFRICAN DIPLOMAT, SMITH BROTHERS; the Stamile's CHANCE

ENCOUNTER, ALLEGHENY SUNSET, ENGLISH CAMEO; Jeff Salter's CAPTURE THE MAGIC, WISEST OF WIZARDS, PURE AND SIMPLE; and Elizabeth Salter's CHINESE PATCHWORK, DRAGON'S CIRCLE, SIMPLY SENSATIONAL; Henry's SILOAM RALPH HENRY, SILOAM HAROLD FLICKINGER, SILOAM AMAZING GRACE; Gates' HORMONE ENHANCER, TIMELESS MEMORIES; Shooter's PERFECT CONTROL, LAZY HILL; 14 of Ra Hansen's including HANDSOME DYLAN, DOTTIE'S ROMPERS, BOBO ANNE; Kirchhoff's BILL NORRIS, FORTY SECOND STREET, BIG DOC; Morss' FANTASY QUILT, EYES OF EVENING; Talbott's CARIBBEAN FRANK LEAGUE; and Morrison's GOLDEN HIBISCUS.

We are pleased to grow the following guest plants: Gage's ORCHID HARMONY; Gates' JOIE DE VIVRE and SEDUCTIVE FAIRY TALE; Ra Hansen's ULTIMATE DESTINY; and Copenhaver's BACKWOODS VIOLET BOUQUET and BACKWOODS SUMMER RUFFLES. Thanks for sharing our country garden with us; we hope that you enjoy it half as much as we've enjoyed yours over the years.

SUE'S PLACE FEELS LIKE HOME

Sue and G. W. Casper

Welcome to Sue's Place, the garden of Sue and G. W. Casper. A friend surprised me with a sign that hangs on the back patio wall that says, "Sue's Place - Feels Like Home" and I'm often told that it does. Both of us are retired, which enabled me to join the daylily club in the Fall of 1992 and spend more time gardening. I'm becoming known as the "Daylily Lady" due to my location on busy Highway 59. During the peak bloom season, I've become accustomed to unannounced visitors "touring" the garden, which, while usually welcome, sometimes catches me with a dirty face and interferes with my early morning inclination to walk around the garden with a cup of coffee wearing my housecoat!

My little bit of ground is hard red clay, so everything has to be grown in raised beds. I use just about anything that will hold the soil in place. The beds are lined with landscape timbers, native red rock, railroad ties or Liriope. At the front, a small pond serves as a backdrop for a long sweeping bed of mainly daylilies with Louisiana Iris on the wet side. On both sides of the driveway are long beds with daylilies in every sunny spot. Next you are welcomed by a small cottage garden enclosed with a white picket fence. This garden is centered with a large birdbath and a circular cobblestone walkway. I like all kinds of perennials as companions to the some 500 daylilies I've collected over the years, so Roses, Iris, Clematis, Gingers, Impatiens and blooming shrubs all compete for space.

The back deck and patio is my shady, restful retreat with a background of Azaleas that survived the 1998 water rationing with many ferns, Hosta, Caladiums and a variety of ground cover. Hanging baskets hang from the branches of a large ivy covered Oak tree and an arbor leads you to the sunnier area and my little fish pond. Here, a long bed at the end of the house has a large collection of Jean Barnhart cultivars.

I can't say I have a favorite daylily, but I like just about everything Jack Carpenter does and I have quite a few of his: FANCY FACE, CAROLINA CUTIE, TIGER'S EYE and LAVENDER WHITE EYES, to name a few. I also especially enjoy Copenhaver's TRUE PINK BEAUTY, Gates' SULTRY SIREN, Elizabeth Salter's IN THE NAVY, Jeff Salter's WILLIAM AUSTIN NORRIS, Stamile's ADMIRAL'S BRAID and Munson's IDA'S MAGIC. I guess I do have favorites after all! I am pleased to grow the following guest plants: Orgeron's MARY ANN STARK, Castlebury's PURPLE FUSION and Copenhaver's BACKWOODS VIOLET BOUQUET.

We hope you will sit down by bubbling water of the fish pond, relax with a cool drink, and feel "at home" at Sue's Place.

REGION 6 PLANT AUCTION

The Regional Meeting is almost here and we need your plant list for the live auction. We have several outstanding plants already promised, but we need yours to make this a great auction. Please take a few moments to plan your donations and send me your list as soon as possible. If you are able to bring your donations to the auction, please do so. If you prefer to have the purchaser receive a card to mail to you for Fall delivery, (that is preferred by some). If you would like to send the plants to us early for us to pot and take to the auction, please let us know. If you have a slide of your donation, please include it with your form. A picture of the daylily on the screen while it is being auctioned reminds us all

of how special it is and why we must have it. Slides will be returned to you, either at the meeting or by mail. Include your name and cultivar on the slide frame. As most of you know, the Regional expenses are financed primarily from proceeds of the auction at the Regional Meeting. Acknowledgement of donations is available. Mail your donation information as soon as possible to:

Warren Goza
1118 Carmine
Alvin, Texas 77511
(281-331-2060)

You may also e-mail: wgoza@swbell.net

Mail to: Warren Goza
1118 Carmine
Alvin, Texas 77511

Contributor's Name:
Address:
City, State, Zip:

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SHOW US YOUR SLIDES Special Slide Show at the Regional Meeting

Please submit your slides of promising seedlings and future or recent introductions. They will be used at the slide show at the Region 6 Meeting Friday, May 28th.

Each slide should be labeled with the name of the hybridizer and the name or number of the cultivar. Please send a list of your slides with a description and any other pertinent information about each flower.

Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope so that your slides may be returned to you promptly. Please send your slides at least two weeks before the Regional Meeting to allow time to prepare a printed list of slides. Slides will not be accepted at the Meeting. Thanks.

Send slides before May 13th to:

Jay Farquhar
1126 Hwy 112
DeRidder, LA 70634

HISTORY OF THE NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

by Jean Consford

This is the second in the series of "Histories of Region 6 Daylilies Societies." Albuquerque was featured in the 1998 Summer issue.

The history of the Nacogdoches Daylily Society is a brief one. Originated in 1985 by Jean Barnhart. The Club had four active daylily growers and four bridge club friends who were "drafted" to help with the 1990 Regional Meeting preparations! The club was reorganized in the Fall of 1992 with only Barnhart and Delores Jones remaining as charter members. Seven gardeners joined at that Fall meeting and all seven are still in the club. Our current membership totals thirty, with most being active participants.



Betty Commander, Jean Consford, Sue Casper, Delores Jones, & Jean Barnhart

Current President is Betty Commander. Past Presidents are Jean Consford and Sue Casper. Our on going club project is the daylily garden at the SFA (Stephen F. Austin) Mast Arboretum. There we participate in a "potted bare root" sale each Spring and Fall at the SFA Gala in addition to our "bare root" sale each Spring.

Overall, we are pleased with our success in promoting the daylily and educating the Nacogdoches gardening public. But we primarily have a really good time!

HOW I GOT STARTED WITH DAYLILIES

by Jean Consford

When my RVP asked me to write a brief (?) article about how I got started with daylilies, my first thought was, "How can anyone NOT get started with daylilies?" The very first flowers I ever bought were six clumps of daylilies at the age of 23. So innocent.... I knew less than nothing about growing anything, but those daylilies, dug in full bloom and plopped down out in full sun, survived and thrived. Abracadabra! I was a gardener! Those beauties went with me two years later to my new home, where my gardening obsession began to really take root, so to speak.

Traveling to Center, we passed a little sign on the right, "Daylilies for Sale." We turned around and drove up to Jack Carpenter's house. This was before he was Jack Carpenter, if you know what I mean. I left in hog heaven (or daylily heaven, as it were) with a half a garbage bag of daylilies. Yes, they were Jack's rejects, but ignorance is indeed bliss and I could not have been more pleased. When we sold this place fourteen years later, I negotiated hard with buyers and took two beds of daylilies with me, leaving the rest of the plants behind.

I blame Jean Barnhart for the next phase of addiction, cleverly selling me 100 seedlings for \$50 (big, big spender), feeding my habit until I was hooked. I paid \$14.95 plus shipping for one fan of STELLA DE ORO, which was going to bloom "All Season." Surprise, surprise.... Never again, I said. Back to seedlings for me.

Joining THE CLUB was a major move in my downward spiral. I sadly related this era in the Newsletter's Spring 1998 issue in the "Treasurer" article. Within two years, I was a daylily snob.... All the illegitimates (no names) had to go; only registered would do.

Jack Carpenter, with the Lily Farm less than 30 minutes away, has been my FINAL downfall, contributing (?) over 75 of my 600 plus daylilies. I'm looking for *Hemerocallis* Anonymous. There's got to be a twelve-step program out there somewhere. I could have had a retirement fund. But, I've got Jack's MARY JANE CARPENTER!!



THE SAGA OF THE SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

by Dana Griffin with notes from Donna Peck

This is the third article in the series of the history of Region 6 Daylily Societies. The Summer 1998 Newsletter highlighted the Albuquerque Daylily Society and a short history of Nacogdoches is on page 30.

“On Sunday afternoon, April 7, 1968, an enthusiastic group of *Hemerocallis* growers met in the Ruiz House at the Witte Memorial Museum, San Antonio and laid the ground work for another *Hemerocallis* Society.” This information was reported in the 1968 Region 6 Newsletter. “The purpose was to promote and encourage interest in growing and hybridizing *Hemerocallis* and using them to improve home and city surroundings.”

Margaret Kane is a Charter Member and one of only nine remaining AHS Charter Members - the only one from Texas. She remembers that she didn't think it was a very good idea, but Martin McMillan, Regional Vice-President and his wife encouraged them to organize. Margaret remembers them as being very “insistent” and was glad they were. On May 19, 1968, they formed the San Antonio *Hemerocallis* Society. Membership numbered 25 at that time. The officers elected were:

Chairman	Mrs. Emma Nelson
Secretary	Mrs. Lawrence Cade
Treasurer	Mr. John McLane

Mrs. Hallie Mercer, Mrs. Russell Whipp and Mrs. R. L. Shields were chosen to draw up the Society's constitution and by-laws. At this 1968 meeting they showed slides of specimen *Hemerocallis*, *Hemerocallis* arrangements, Hem gardens and an illustrated lecture on the many joyful aspects of gardening.

Margaret remembers that Martha Montgomery was very instrumental in getting the Society to “pull together” and getting people to do the things that needed to be done. Their first yearbook was published in 1969. In the beginning, dues were \$2.50 annually - now \$10.00.

Cora Offer, also a Charter Member, was President in the early 1970s. She said when contacted on the phone, “she and her husband, Paul, were both involved in the Society.” Cora has registered fifteen plants, and even today donates plants to the Botanical Center where the Society has a plot for daylilies.

Margaret Kane mentioned that the water and soil is very alkaline in San Antonio. She adds vinegar to her water when she waters her individual daylilies and also uses Ironite. In the 1978 Newsletter Margaret wrote a recipe on “what to use for Chlorosis (severe yellowing of foliage) every spring.

Combine:

- 2 level tablespoonful of iron sulfate (copperas)
- 1 teaspoonful of household detergent (Vel, Ivory)
- 1 gallon of water

Mix thoroughly and spray all parts of the plant except the buds and the flowers. Results should be apparent within two weeks; if not, repeat.”

At the September 24th meeting in 1982, the San Antonio *Hemerocallis* Society voted to change its name to the San Antonio Daylily Society.

San Antonio extended a Texas-Sized welcome to all daylily enthusiasts for the Regional Meeting in 1984. Lucia Bjorkman, Chairman said, “we intend to make it as unforgettable as our unique city.”

Gardens on tour were those of Mary Smith, Cora and Paul Offer, Michael Conrad and Lucia Bjorkman. Registration was \$35 and an extra \$15 if taking the Mexican Dinner and River Barge Trip. Cora Offer won the Annie T. Giles Award for her purple spider enhanced by a green throat.

In 1991, Colonel Michael Conrad finished a list of all the Award of Merit winning daylilies from 1980 through 1989. It contained the names of 99 daylilies and was available to any member that requested it. A collection of these daylilies were planted in the Conrad garden. He also has daylily beds containing all the Stout Medal Award winners from 1950 to present.

By 1995, the San Antonio Botanical Gardens completed the reconstruction of the historic Sullivan Carriage House. The Society will hold their meetings there and will cooperate in the planting of large display gardens of daylilies (and companion plants to insure year around color). The club entered an agreement to provide approximately 250 selected daylilies and later to provide a new bed, much larger in 1977 of 300 daylilies. The bed is shaped like a map of South America, approximately 80' x 40' and contains 6 categories of plants: Species plants (such as KWANSO), Pioneers (registered from 1939-1969) Regional hybridizers (daylilies hybridized in San Antonio), Region 6 Popularity Poll, National Awards and general. This is a serious commitment and members are diligent about maintaining and improving beds. In the near future, the club plans to apply for accreditation as an AHS Display Garden.

In the Spring of 1997, the Summer Newsletter reported that the garden plot was only completed in the Spring but "blooms so far have been beyond our expectations. Such a permanent contribution of beautiful daylilies to the residents of San Antonio is something in which the club will always be able to take a measure of pride."

Mary Smith, an honorary member, mentioned how many members of the San Antonio Daylily Society have daylilies named after them. She was proud of the one named after her by Mr. Dove (1983). Others were:

CORA OFFER (Cruse-Crocker, 1979)
GERTRUDE SMITH (Orville Faye, 1966)
MANYA EVAN CONRAD (Michael Conrad, 1995)
MARGARET KANE (Betty Brown, 1986)
MARTHA MONTGOMERY (Hennon, 1967)

Other facts about the San Antonio Daylily Society:

The first Daylily Show was held in 1969 but the First AHS Accredited Show and Sale was held May 25, 1995 at the San Antonio Garden Center.

There were as many as ten judges in the club's membership at one time. Cora Offer is still an Honorary Judge.

In the Morningside Meadows retirement community in 1988, daylilies from Martha Montgomery's home were planted in a bed, which is still maintained by club members.

Daylilies were donated by Bobbye Manion and planted in 1998 at the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.

Daylilies were donated and planted at the Air Force Village II in 1994.

Current Membership numbers 31 active, 5 lifetime and 1 honorary members. Lifetime Members include Margaret Kane, Cora Offer, Mary Smith, Ruth Allen, and Sandra Chaney.

Interesting side notes:

Bobbye Manion filled in a swimming pool to make beds for daylilies. (See colored picture)

Lois Bready and Bobbye Manion have both received "Yard of the Month" awards in their respective neighborhoods. (See colored picture)

POT POURRI

With zip in the air and zing in the heart, and our baby seedlings getting a head start, there's nothing as exciting as a growing thing to inspire anticipation for another spring.

Hallie Mercer (Charter Member - 1972)

Special thanks to the San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau, Pam Kirkpatrick, and the University of Texas in San Antonio for additional information and pictures.

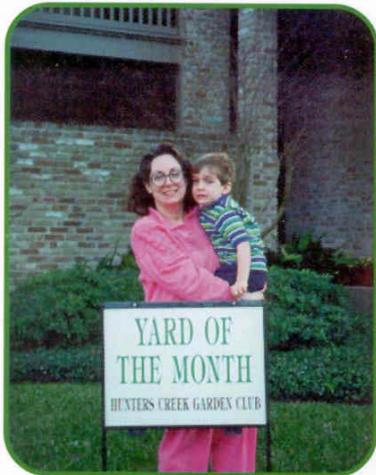
Enjoy San Antonio with The San Antonio Daylily Society



No trip to San Antonio is complete without a trip to the Alamo.
(Photo Courtesy of the San Antonio Visitors Bureau - Robert W. Bone)



Charter Members - Martha Montgomery,
Margaret Kane, and Cora Offer



Lois Bready won yard of the
Month in 1994



An eagle guards MARY TODD in the Conrad's garden.



JOAN SENIOR



The daylily bed at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens



San Antonio Botanical Gardens
(Photo courtesy of the San Antonio Visitors Bureau - Bob Maxham)



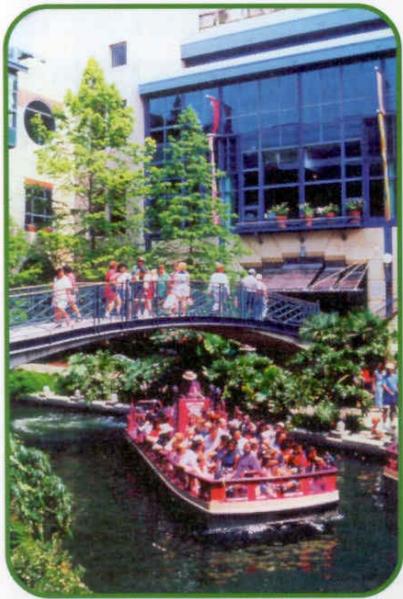
The street side bed in the Manion Garden



KATE CARPENTER



SCARLET ORBIT



River Center on the River Walk
in downtown San Antonio
(Photo courtesy of the San Antonio
Visitors Bureau - Craig Stafford)



The swimming pool was converted to a daylily bed in the Manion Garden

SAN ANTONIO'S POPULARITY POLL RESULTS

Alan Humphreys from the San Antonio Daylily Society took his own popularity poll of the club's members. In the survey they were asked to list three or less of their favorite daylilies and why they chose each one. Here is the list. He combined similar reasons for choices (see below) and the number of that choice or choices follow the name of the daylily.

ADMIRAL'S BRAID	3,4	MOONLIT MASQUERADE	3,4	SEEDLING	2,4
BRENT GABRIEL	4	ONO	1,2,5	SPARKLING OPAL	3,4
CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE	1,2,3	ORANGE VELVET	3,4	SUN'S EYE	1,4
CHINESE PAVILION	1,4	PATIO PARADE	4,5	SUNSHINE PRIZE	2
CHORUS LINE	4	POLYNESIAN LOVE SONG	2,4	TOLTEC SUNDIAL	3,4
CONGO CORAL	3,4	RACHEL MY LOVE	1,5	TOUCHED BY MIDAS	4
DARREL	3,4	RUFFLED APRICOT	3,4	VINTAGE BORDEAUX	1,3
ELIZABETH SALTER	2,4	SEDUCTOR	3		

Reason for choice:

1. Rapid producer, large clumps
2. Performance and vigor
3. Reblooms
4. Beautiful, stands out in garden
5. High bud or bloom count

Finally, the last question dealt with success secrets.

1. Follow suggestions from more experienced gardeners.
2. For green, healthy looking leaves use Ironite.
3. Water consistently and in the morning. Beds should be well drained, kept moist, but not soggy. Poor drainage can result in crown rot.
4. Cover beds with mulch to reduce water loss and to limit weed growth.
5. Use time release, balanced fertilizers three times a year.
6. Watch for insects (red spider mites, aphids, and others). Deal with them promptly. For minor infestations; spray with dilute soap and water. For serious infestations, spray with Orthene. Dilute per label instructions. Try a Winter treatment with a systemic like Disyston.

From the list of daylilies, there were 9 yellow, 5 red, 5 pink, 3 orange and one each white, cream, lavender and purple. Fifteen of the thirty daylilies were introduced between 1975 and 1985. All but 3 of the choices were between 5 and 7 inches. The list represented small daylilies, large and spiders/variants.

NEW IDEA - THE BADS BUCKS PROGRAM

This idea comes from Kathy Guest, E. Aurora, NY: This year her club started something to benefit their members as well as the club. They called it the BADS Bucks program. Since it's increasingly difficult to get different people to volunteer or participate in activities in their club, they actually pay members with BADS Bucks (they are the Buffalo Daylily Society). The "bucks" are play money they designed. People get \$5 for coming to a meeting and increasing

amounts for taking on any task at all. At their picnic in the Summer, they are able to use this money just like cash to "buy" daylilies that their club purchases. Kathy says they don't need the money as much as they need to have better quality daylilies growing in their area. They also needed relief for the same core folks who seem to shoulder much of the work. She hopes this idea might be useful or that we can use it as a springboard for something else.

THE AERIE
by Michael M. Conrad
June 19, 1995

"Aerie" means Eagle's Nest. Mike Conrad is a retired "Bird" Colonel and calls his garden "The Aerie." (See colored picture.)

A whispering zephyr
A leaf twitches
A daylily flower
Caught by its own dead sibling
Breaks free
And opens with a nod.

The ant is here
and
My friendly wasp
Talks to me.
My knees hurt
But here
With the sun on my bald head
Not so bad.

Junior, our tamest squirrel
Stuffs his face
While the white wing doves
Engulf the place.

I think of my sister
In Santa Fe
And wish her
A Happy Birthday.

I hear Nickey braying
Way out back.
He wants his chow
As do the rest.

A cloud covers the sun
It's cooler now
Under this canopy of Oaks
The curve of the garden wall
Is a delight to see
Shadowed by the little
Fig tree
And guarded by the big stone Frog.

Such a pretty garden
What a nice place
To be.



San
Antonio's
Mike Conrad
in
"The Aerie"

**BRAZOSPORT REGIONAL
MEETING AWARD BEDS
for 2000**

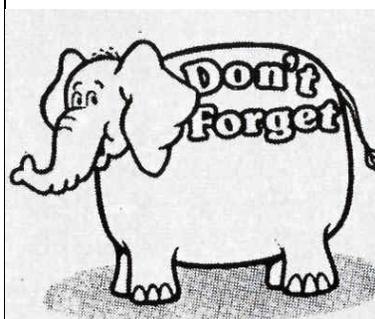
**SEND PLANTS FOR THE AWARD BEDS AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE TO GET THEM ESTABLISHED AND
GROWING WELL BY THE TIME OF THE REGIONAL**

The EDNA LANKART BED (open to the entire Region 6 for seedlings or registered but un-introduced cultivars) - Send to:

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

The ANNIE T. GILES BED (open members of the host club for seedlings or registered but un-introduced cultivars) - Send to:

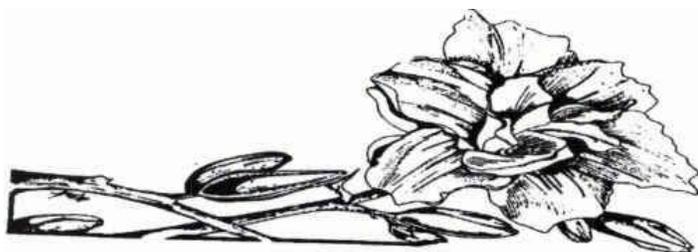
Toni and John Kwan
119 Aster
Lake Jackson, Texas 77566
Phone 409-297-6741



Select several of the seedlings that you are proud of and let them compete with other Region 6 seedlings during the AHS Regional in Brazosport in May 2000. We appreciate everyone's participation and hope to display a large bed of Region 6

seedlings with yours among them!

Dream TV Schedule For The Daylily Lover



Thanks to Rich Rosen for this great contribution. Rich has been looking for that missing piece that any great publication must have - yes, Sarah, the TV listing!

7:00 p.m. **2 Mel-lily Place** - Drama 1:00 Donna Lures Steve to her daylily bed. Kelly teaches her sister's boyfriend hybridizing techniques.

3 Buffy the Vampire Slayer - Horror 1:00 Buffy tracks down a vampire who breeds nocturnal red tetraploids like TRANSYLVANIAN COCKTAIL.

7 Jeopardy - Game 0:30 Categories today include Pollen Parents, Stout Winners, Eyes Have It, Hansen Hybrids, plus Daily Doubles.

8 Gilligan's Island - Comedy 0:30 Gilligan discovers the Professor's secret blue daylilies. Mr. Howell tries to buy them. Ginger and Mary Anne judge best in show.

7:30 p.m. **7 Jerry Springer** - 0:30 Women whose mothers forced them to become street walkers to support their daylily habit.

8 Hogan's Heroes - Comedy 0:30 Madcap mayhem results when Hogan sprays Round-up on Col. Klink's swastika shaped daylily. Sgt. Schultz sees nothing.

8:00 p.m. **2 X-Files** - Drama 1:00 Scully and Mulder suspect the cigarette smoking man of using alien DNA in his tetraploid daylily program, resulting in octoploids.

3 Movie Kiss of the Spider Woman** - Drama 2:00 Nell Crandall greets garden visitors with warmth and affection.

7 Star Trek - SciFi 1:00 The Enterprise lands on a planet of walking and talking *Hemerocallis* creatures. Spock mind-melds with them. Kirk seduces the pod queen. McCoy says "Damn it Jim, I'm a doctor, not an extension agent."

8 Gomer Pyle, USMC - Comedy 0:30 Sarge worries about Gomer's masculinity when he receives daylily catalogs in the mail.

8:30 p.m. **8 Lassie** - Drama 0:30 Lassie saves the daylily seedlings from a marauding gang of deer and has venison for dinner.

9:00 p.m. **2 Dallas** - Drama 1:00 J. R. and Bobby get in a bidding war at the daylily auction, only to be outdone by Lee Causey.

7 Twilight Zone - SciFi 1:00 Florida hybridizer sells his soul to the devil in exchange for creating award winning daylilies; but the awards are given in Hell.

9:30 p.m.

8 Green Acres - Comedy 0:30 Oliver goes ballistic when Lisa plows under the corn crop to plant daylilies; then Arnold roots them up.

8 Carr 54 Where Are You? - Comedy 0:30 Bob and Sherry search for blue seedling #54 that they saw somewhere in the one acre seedling bed.

10:00 p.m.

2 48 Hours - News 1:00 Dan Rather chronicles the quest for the 2-day daylily.

3 Movie Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde** - Horror 2:00 Mild mannered daylily grower transforms into a raging monster when trying to transport his scapes to the daylily show.

7 America's Most Wanted - 1:00 Review of the 1998 American Hemerocallis Society Popularity Poll.

8 Bewitched - Comedy 0:30 Samantha returns the AHS Tricolor Medal after she learns that her mother cast a spell on Nell Shimek's arrangement.

10:30 p.m.

8 Tonight Show - Talk 1:30 David Letterman's guests include President James Brennan; scientist Pat Stamile; and comedian Clarence Crochet.

11:00 p.m.

2 Mission Impossible - Drama 1:00 AHS Board of Directors tries to find a new *Daylily Journal* Editor, AHS treasurer, AHS secretary, and AHS Registrar; all in the same year.

7 Dukes of Hazard - 1:00 While Daisy Mae distracts him, Bo and Luke switch the name markers in Boss Hogg's daylily garden.

12:00 p.m.

2 Movie Sleepless In Seattle** - Drama 2:00 Luke Senior suffers insomnia, waiting for his new daylilies to open in the morning.

3 Wall Street Week - Business 0:30 Louis Rukyser compares present daylily prices to the Dutch tulip bulb craze of the 17th century. Special guest Leo Sharp.

7 Murder She Wrote - Drama 1:00 Louise attends a daylily show, only to find last year's sweepstakes winner murdered the night before.

8 Hitchcock Presents - Horror 1:00 Owner of the Bates Motel has a unique way of adding blood meal to his daylily garden.

12:30 p.m.

3 Austin City Limits - Music 0:30 Rich Rosen performs *Hemerocallis Homesick Blues*.

SHOWING DAYLILIES

by Paula Payne

Ever think about entering a flower show and didn't because you didn't think you knew enough? Well, that's absolutely the best reason to take the plunge! I will guarantee that you will learn something each and every time you enter. And then, if by chance you ever do win one of the rosettes, well, you'll start immediately planning your fertilizing, watering, and spraying schedule for the whole next year in advance - until the time when again you can subject yourself to the stress of selecting, grooming, and carrying that special scape to make it to the mall on time.

This is exactly what happened to me the first time I entered the Brazosport flower show. Sheer luck is what it was. And like one member who shall remain nameless says, "If Paula can do it, anybody can do it." But she was right. It really is a lot of fun and I encourage everyone to try it.

What I like to do several days before the flower show is to walk through the garden to see what might possibly be open on that certain morning. It's not always easy to tell but with each year of showing experience, your predictions will become more accurate. I make a list on a tablet in the order that I walk the garden. I continue to keep vigil on these particular plants and sometimes even add some to the list that I might have missed. After I'm fairly certain of which cultivars will be open for show morning, I cut strips of paper with little slits cut in the ends and write the names of the flowers on them. Then I go out in the evening, give them one more look-see, and slip the tags I've made around each scape. Believe me, this is important and accomplishes two things. It helps you recognize your prize scapes with a flashlight in the dark on show morning and keeps track of the names of the individual flowers. Don't think that you will remember the names of all of the scapes you have selected. It won't happen. When you are picking a couple of buckets full of scapes, trying to groom them, watching the clock, and just being stressed in general from a lack of sleep due to your excitement, your memory is definitely something that you don't want to depend on.

After this is accomplished, I fill out all of my entry cards with everything except the name of the flower. I don't do this until I actually cut the scapes so that I won't waste any of the entry cards unnecessarily. But since all the shows have now gone alphabetical, this is not a time consuming chore.



Now having chosen your scapes and tagged them all, the next major hurdle is to groom them. I think this is the very most important phase of a winning entry. Everyone that I know that shows daylilies will create a little kit with the sorts of things that they like to use for this purpose. In mine, I have an Exacto knife for freshening up any bud scars, some moistened cotton balls and Q-tips for cleaning off little tiny spider webs and other uninvited critters, a pair of tweezers, a mid-size pair of sharp scissors, and I like to have some of the little spongy eye shadow applicators to remove any pollen that might get jiggled around in route to the show. I clean and groom mine before we leave but it can be done after you get there. Just be sure to go over every inch of the flower and scape. Look up and down, and inside out. Turn it over. Check to make sure the flower has all its parts and the right number of parts and that it is clean.

Now that brings up another good point. How does one get these prize winners to the show without damage? Very carefully! Here again, there are as many ways to accomplish this as there are entrants. The way I do it is not very fancy. I use 5 gallon buckets with newspapers rolled tightly into "tubes." I fill each bucket with enough of these tubes until it's tight and will hold a scape without too much shaking around. I can usually get around ten to twelve scapes in each bucket. But to get it in the car is another problem. Keep in mind (unless you have a van or SUV)

that one side needs to be sort of flat. In other words, don't wedge your flowers in the buckets too close to the side that might lean against the seat, even though you are going to do everything in your power to keep that from happening. We use pillows. Lots of pillows. In fact, I think we use every bed pillow, neck pillow, and throw pillow in the house to keep everything as stationary as we can make it. If you run out of pillows, rolled up towels will work well, too. We have even gone as far as half way filling up a regular plastic trash can (a clean one of course) with dirt, sticking our scapes in the dirt to hold them stable, plopping on the lid to protect them from the wind, and tying it with bungee cord to the side of the back of a pickup truck to get scapes there. Worked great too - just had to do a little more grooming and cleaning when I got to the show. In fact, just use your imagination and you will be able to come up with all kinds of possibilities. Some people have some really fancy homemade contraptions made just for the purpose of getting that winning scape to the show in pristine condition.

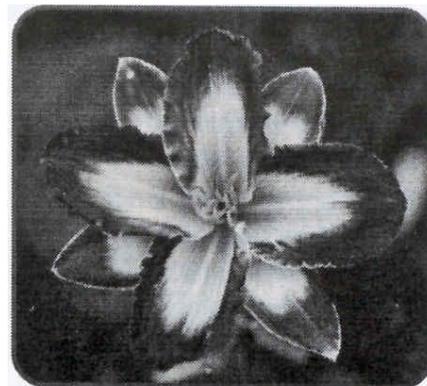
So okay, it's time to go now. I know you got up early, took time showering, getting dressed and cutting those scapes. Well, one word of advice. Don't look in the mirror before you leave. That disheveled person looking back at you won't be a pretty sight. And speak or yell as little as possible to your spouse. It will soon be over for another year. This goes for your fellow competitors as well. Try your best to keep in mind that everyone there has gone through the exact same process you have before they arrived and tempers are short. Smile, keep to yourself, find your vases, finish filling out your cards, give them a final grooming once over, and get your scapes to the classification table. Now after declaring flatly that this is the last time you'll ever put yourself through this pressure, take a deep breath, and smile again. It's over for another whole year. (Unless of course, you will be entering the show next week and the one after that.)

If you are new to showing in a flower show, get a more experienced friend to help you out. Most are willing to visit your garden in advance and point out possible selections or what to look for in a winner. Ask questions. And volunteer to clerk during the judging. The volume of knowledge

learned from clerking is invaluable. But there's one thing to keep in mind that is most important. While it's fun to win (and who doesn't want to?) keep in mind that it's a flower show. There will be another one next week, next month, or next year. The sun will still rise in the East and we all want our friends to still be our friends tomorrow. Don't take it so seriously that you lose the spirit of the fun. Good luck.

POLYTEPALS

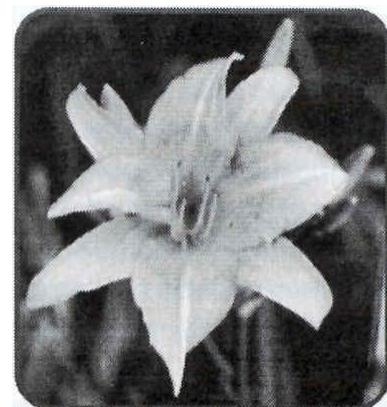
In the 1998-99 Fall/Winter Newsletter, there was an article (page 14) about Bobby Baxter coordinating a polytepal poll. In the next week the Editors received two pictures from readers with their contribution to the poll. One was a new polytepal hybridized by George Doorakian (781-275-2343)



GD927-3A-7D

from Bedford, MA, which is 50% polytepal. The Doorakian 1997 is a diploid seedling. The 5.5" flower is sunfast on its maiden scape, which had 4 way branching and 21 buds. The color is a rich purple, with an outstanding green eye on the petals and white halo on the sepals. George says it is a child of MALACHITE PRISM.

Albuquerque member, Richard Riedy, on his Christmas card, sent the other picture. The polytepal was a vivid gold, a bright yellow eye, with a pink halo. But has no name! Richard said it was a \$2.98 plant purchased at Wal-Mart two years ago!



The \$2.98 Polytepal

If anyone else has a daylily of high frequency of polytepalness send the information to Bobby at polytepal@mindspring.com.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

By Nell Crandall

Three Decades Ago - 1969

The Regional Meeting was held in Houston, Texas, with Mrs. Ben Wheeler as Chairman. The National Convention was held in Austin, Minnesota.

Martin McMillan was RVP and Editor; Edna Lankart was Publicity Director and Joyce Lewis Treasurer.

From Edna Lankart on "Life's Little Aggravations," Winter has finally arrived and along with it, boredom has set in. I may have to join most Hem folk and go into Winter hibernation or find me some "outside" friends, but you know those folk who know nothing about daylilies are not too high on my list of favorite people.

Edna continues her aggravations: I will certainly be glad when Spring gets here, as this inactivity is horrible. All I do is eat, watch TV and get fat.

The Gulf Coast Daylily Society cooperated in planting 150 daylilies in the gardens of the Vidor Nursing Center in Vidor.

From Mrs. L. W. Middlebrooks, Chairman of the Special Services Committee (discussing the National Youth Program with a group of planners): The conference concluded with an agreement that the Region 6 Youth Program could best be inaugurated by enlisting each of the 15 local Hemerocallis Societies in Texas to engage in a cooperative effort to organize and sponsor Young People's Daylily Societies in their respective areas.

From Loree Meagher: The Hemerocallis Growers of Dallas have contacted all the children and grandchildren of the members to invite them to the first meeting of the local youth group.

Congratulations to **Mrs. Sam Montgomery** who worked on getting a Hem registered called HEMISFAIR. The Wilds have registered and introduced it. It is a 7 ½" flower with 2 ½" petals and 1 ¾" sepals, a tangerine throat which blends into its deep pink blooms having ruffled edges.

The *Hemerocallis* was announced as Amarillo's official flower. It is being cultivated successfully in many of the city parks.

From Bill Ater: (after the Regional) It was proved again that DAYLILY really means INSTANT FRIENDS.

From Hallie Mercer (original poem in the 1968 Newsletter):

MY SEEDLING PATCH

by Hallie Mercer

When my seedlings put up scapes and buds,
Which may turn out to be ugly duds,
I get up early, grab my coffee cup,
Go out and wait for the blooms to open up.

When I see a deep, velvety red,
The brilliance of it knocks me dead.
But when I really go over the brink,
Is when I discover an exquisite pink!

All that it takes to bring me back
Is the startling sight of an exotic black!
Yet the coolest thing I've ever seen
Is a very near-white with tints of green!

Two Decades Ago - 1979

Bill Ater was RVP and Joyce Lewis was RPD.

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

From Mrs. William L. Smith: I have noticed all the daylilies that give up the ghost for me are ones mailed in plastic bags or wax paper. These wrappings cut off all the air and cause heat

buildup. This method of packaging may be more the fault for daylily kill than crown or root rot.

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

From Jack Bradley: (urging people to come to the Region 6 Meeting held in Arlington, TX, June 8-9, 1979). The Registration Fee will be \$15. This will cover any or all of the programs, bus tour and Saturday lunch. If there is a surplus after all the expenses have been paid it will be the property of the Region 6 Treasury.

From Clarice Foster: ALL ABOARD FOR THE REGION 6 BUS TO INDIANAPOLIS. Plans are to leave Dallas on July 8, 1979, at 1 p.m. from the home of Mrs. Dora Klenk at 5500 Northwest Highway for the American Hemerocallis Society's National Convention in Indianapolis. We have scheduled nine *Hemerocallis* gardens to and from the National Convention, as well as those at the Convention. Places of interest will include the Truman Library and home in Kansas City, Loose Park where a Civil War battle was fought. In St. Louis we will try again for those who want to go to the top of the Arch. On the trip home, a stop is planned at the Frankoma Pottery Factory near Tulsa for those who want to spend the last of their money.

From Bill Ater: Congratulation to Joyce Lewis, our Regional Publicity Director, who won the Super RPD Award at the AHS Convention!

AHS Popularity Poll for Region 6 1979:

1. GREEN FLUTTER
2. VIV
3. CLARENCE SIMON
4. AMAZING GRACE
5. MOMENT OF TRUTH
6. APPLE TART, BERTIE FERRIS, MARY TODD
7. LITTLE GRAPETTE
8. SABIE, PRAIRIE BLUE EYES

One Decade Ago - 1989

Eloise Koonce was Regional Vice President and JoAnn Park was Regional Publicity Director.

Region 6 Meeting, was in Dallas, Texas, on May 25-26, 1989. Registration Fee was \$75. The AHS Convention was entitled "Low Country Hospitality" and held in Savannah, Georgia.

Mable Nelson took home the Edna Lankart Award with her winning daylily, which was a large creamy peach blend. Ken Henson won the Annie T. Giles Award for his creamy pink, rose eyed small daylily.

From Kathryn Neely: DOUBLES. Most of the double daylilies were in the Winniford, Ferris, Henson gardens. Several doubles caught my eye. First was RACHEL MY LOVE, Talbott's 1983 golden yellow, looking so fresh and turgid. A bright rose pink double with darker rose eye and veining was shining in the Henson bed. Beautiful! SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC, a bright pink green throated Henry double was quite pretty. In my humble opinion, the best double of the day was a small clump in the Winniford seedling bed. It was blooming profusely. The color was deep bronzy rose with deeper veining and a touch of cream here and there...Outstanding!

From Rodger N. Croker: Though many people with extremely sunny gardens may not be interested in those that bloom during the most intensely hot part of Summer, we have enough high shade in our garden that we have become very interested in those that bloom at late midseason or after. They, and the rebloomers, furnish color after the peak season is over. SILOAM SHOWPIECE (Henry) is an oldie in a bronze and gold that continues extending the season. ORIENTAL RUBY (Fischer), though taking awhile to become established in our hot climate, continues to bloom over a long period of time. VINO VERDE (Ater), a green-yellow, blooms late to midseason and continues to bloom long afterward. It appears to be a bud builder, as well. Our own LITTLE SHY, a low-growing small flower delights us with its bright red blooms after most of the others have finished. Its well branched scapes usually lead right into a second set. New ones added to the

garden to extend the season are CATHERINE NEAL (Carpenter), GREEN ONO (Glidden), SWEET SHALIMAR (Hansen), LITTLE PREACHER MAN (Cruse), a red miniature, and PINATA (Dove), as well as some of the old spiders.

From Mable Nelson: The Daylily World lost one of its best friends when we lost Edna Lankart. Yes, we will indeed miss you, Edna, for your warmth and friendly humor; but we will never forget you.

AHS REGION 6 FALL SYMPOSIUM

by Binion Amerson

On Saturday, November 14, daylily enthusiasts from throughout the Southwest gathered at the Zilker Botanical Garden in Austin, Texas, for the AHS Region 6 Fall 1998 Symposium. Hosted by the Austin Hemerocallis Society this fantastic event was chaired by former AHS President Bill Ater.

The featured hybridizer speaker was Larry Grace of Graceland Gardens, Newton, Alabama. Wow...His present registrations and future seedlings were fantastic. Larry's presentation was top notch and his slides were outstanding. His hybridizing program is cutting edge.

The featured expert horticultural speaker was Jerry Brand, Ph.D. soil expert from the University of Texas. His talk on "Providing the Best Growing Conditions for Your Daylilies" proved to be very educational and resulted in many questions and answers. We all could have listened to him talk all day. For those of you Region 6 members who did not go to this symposium, you missed out on the best talk on soils and fertilizers in a very long time.

C. L. Williams, Landscape Architect, talked on "Landscaping with Daylilies." To actually see his landscaping ideas, we all went outside on a tour of a new daylily garden under construction on the grounds of the Zilker Botanical Gardens. When completed, the new daylily garden will be a major attraction. Members of the Austin Hemerocallis Society are building it. They hope to get it eventually designated as an AHS Display Garden.

Mary Gage presented her "Daylily Personalities" slide presentation to a spellbound audience. This is a wonderful presentation on daylilies and the people for which they are named.

Kay Day, AHS Board Member for Region 6, gave a really great summary of all the "Exciting News from AHS" and enlightened everyone as to the activities around the Society. And, Sue Jackson, Region 6 RVP, gave a spirited summary of activities around the Region.

Bridey Greeson from Victoria, Texas, presented a slide show of "New Daylilies for 1999." This was a preview of daylilies to look for in the near future. It also provided a look at some of the cultivars in the auction.

The auction, with Kay Day as auctioneer, was a big hit. Larry Grace brought a number of cultivars for the auction, including a triple fan of his exquisite CLOTHED IN GLORY. Congratulations to Mable Nelson who bought that one. I bought Jack Carpenter's POLYNESIAN LOVE SONG. I wanted BILL NORRIS and several others, but watched other individuals buy those. Everyone went home with a daylily as the Austin Hemerocallis Society provided all in attendance with a potted daylily.

A BIG TEXAS THANKS goes to the Austin Hemerocallis Society, its members, and especially to Bill Ater for a most educational symposium and for a very exciting weekend. A great time was had by all.

AHS Exhibition Judges Region 6

Name	Status	Instr	Date	Name	Status	Instr	Date	Name	Status	Instr	Date
Grace Alexander	EX		2001	Bob Hagen	S		2001	Wayne Mutz	EX		*1998
Binion Amerson	S		2000	Peggy Hammel	EX		*1998	Kathryn B. Neely	EX	I	2002
Bill Ater	EX	I	2002	Ken Henson	EX		2002	Mable L. Nelson	EX	I	2002
Mary Anne Ater	EX	I	2002	Virginia Henson	EX	I	2001	Bonnie Nichols	EX	I	2001
Jeri Baker	EX		2001	Kreg Hill	EX		1999	Hooker Nichols	E/j		2000
Anne Banks	S		1999	Elizabeth Hoover	EX		2002	John Occelli	E/j		2000
Jean Barnhart	EX		2000	Carol K. Horton	EX		2001	Mrs. Paul J. Offer	E/h		
Dorothy Bigbee	EX		2000	Mary Houston	EX	I	2002	Eugene Orgeron	EX	I	2001
David Burton	EX	I	2002	Ray Houston	EX	I	2002	Mrs. William Owen	EX		*1998
Barbara K. Chang	E/j		2000	Arturo D. Imperial	E/j		2001	Leon Payne	EX		2002
Carla Chang	E/j		2000	Nina Imperial	E/j		2001	Paula Payne	EX		2002
Nolanne Chang	E/j		2000	Cal Iskra	EX	I	2001	Donna Peck	EX		2001
Wynelle Clifton	EX	I	2000	Carolyn Jackson	EX		2001	Cecilia P. Perez	E/j		2001
Ron Cohea	E/j		2000	William Jarvis	S		1998	Nancy Peterson	S		2000
Barbara Cohea	E/j		2000	Richard Johnson	S		2001	Jim Petty	EX		2001
Nell Crandall	EX		2001	Linda Kellerup	EX		2001	Betty M. Phelps	S		2000
Jo Crisp	EX		2002	Keith Kinney	EX	I	2001	Mrs. M. J. Ratliff	E/h		
Edward Davis	EX		2001	Carolyn Kittredge	E/j		1999	Helen Reynolds	EX	I	2001
Kay Day	EX	I	2001	Eloise Koonce	EX	I	2001	Fred Rice	EX		2002
K. C. Dignan	S		2000	Gene Koonce	EX	I	2001	Richard H. Rosen	EX	I	2002
Estrellita Dimigiba	S		1999	John Kwan	E/j		2001	Mickey Sanders	EX		2002
Beth Dungan	E/j		2001	Judith Kyser	EX		2000	Nell Shimek	EX	I	2002
Cheryl Dungan	E/j		2001	Patricia R. Kyser	EX		2000	Harvey Shimek	EX		2001
Albert C. Faggard	EX		1999	Clifford Lee	S		1999	Marian Shultz	E/j		1999
Robert Frazier	E/j		2000	Maple Levine	E/j		2000	Inez Tarrant	EX		2001
Joe E. Friedman	S		2001	Joyce W. Lewis	E/h			Patsy Tarrant	E/h		
Eddie Gage	EX		2002	Bobbye Manion	S		2001	Sharon Umphress	EX		2002
Mary Gage	EX	I	2002	Mabel Matthews	EX		2000	Annie Weinreich	EX	I	2001
Martha Gayle	EX		2002	Jeanne McNutt	E/j		2000	William Weinreich	EX	I	*1998
Mary Gilliam	E/j		2000	Andy Moore	EX		1998	Beverly Winkelman	S		2001
Anna Rosa Glidden	EX		2001	Mary Ann Moreno	EX	I	2001	Dennis Winkelman	S		2002
Ruth Goza	EX		2002	Gloria Mutz	EX		2002	Walter Wood	E/j		1999
Bridey D. Greeson	S		2000								

Legend:

- EX = Senior Exhibition Judge
- E/j = Junior Exhibition Judge
- E/h = Honorary Exhibition Judge
(not eligible to judge)
- I = Accredited Clinic Instructor
- Date = Expiration of accreditation
- * = Serving 1-year hardship extension
- S = Student-in-Training

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

Cal Iskra, Reporter

Time has flown by and the Winter will soon be over. Snowdrops are showing green and Hellebores are starting to flower. No daylilies in sight, though. We had a cold spell in early December that browned off the top of all the daylilies and only a few have kept some green foliage showing. The most evergreen one in my garden is SUGAR COOKIE.

Our Membership Chairman, Ed Davis, reports that thirty-two members have paid dues for 1999. Probably several others will be late joiners, as happens every year. They will be welcome no matter how tardy.

Barbara Chang and
Mary Gilliam checking
out the goodies



President Maple
Levine & Vice-
President Linda
Kellerup
enjoying our
February
meeting



Our board of officers has had a meeting and decided how the club will progress for the year. The annual show and sale at Winrock Mall is planned for July 11th. This will give our members who live at a higher elevation, and have a resulting later bloom season, a chance to compete. We also plan to conduct three plant sales; the one at the Mall in July, one at the Garden Center in the Spring during the annual Garden Fair, and one again in the Fall at the Harvest Festival. For the Fall sale we will once again sell garden dug varieties. This last Fall we dug for the sale and also potted up many varieties and everyone agreed that the sale was a success.

Walter Wood will be the Show Chairman for the July show.

February 13th was our first meeting of the year. The meeting was held at the home of Alan and Rozanne Tuffnell. The Tuffnells have a wonderful planted terrace climbing to the skyline in their back yard. Railroad ties divide the terraces and each terrace has a flower boarder, including daylilies, of course. The meeting was a social get-together with potluck offerings and a good opportunity to plan the year and firm up committees, etc.

Mary Ann Moreno
surprised her
husband Jim with a
birthday cake at our
last meeting and
Jim Petty is of
course the first in
line for cake



AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

by K. C. Dignan

The new display daylily beds at the Zilker Botanical Gardens are truly a lovely site. There are two semicircles with a bench for contemplation. Those who were able to attend the Fall Symposium got the first view of their lovely displays. We are all looking forward to seeing them in full bloom. We would like to specialize in cultivars from Region 6. We encourage all of the Regional hybridizers to get in touch with any club officer.

This year we will be approaching the active gardening year with the zest which marks the typical Austinite. Our show will take place on May 15th. This year's show promises to be full of lovely cultivars from our gardens and even lovelier artistic designs featuring our favorite perennial. We want to make sure that all of our daylily friends receive our invitation to come and talk daylilies with us. (Maybe, even pick up a "treat" at the table sales). The theme this year is "Go International."

In addition, we will be participating in the annual Zilker Botanical Gardens Festival. This is a large, and much beloved gardening event. We usually find new members, disseminate daylily information, and talk to friends, old and new.

Of course, we are looking forward to going to the Regional Meeting and National Convention. It seems a rare treat to be able to have two meetings within driving distance. (Only in Texas is an eight-hour drive called "close.")

Speaking of Regional Meetings, we are eagerly anticipating hosting the Region 6 Meeting in 2001: *A Daylily Odyssey*. In anticipation, we will be hosting Austin garden tours in May. So, those of you who like to get in the van and see daylilies, watch the next issue of the Newsletter for more information. Of course, with the new year a new slate of officers is elected. This year they are:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer

Velia Sanchez-Ruiz
Suzanne Adair
Carl Ingraham
Stephanie Sheridan
Beth Zimpleman-Walker

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

Milton Nollkamper, Reporter

By the time you read this you probably will have taken a few peeks into your daylily garden to see if any scapes have begun poking their heads out of the early-blooming cultivars of your collection. It shouldn't be long now before we are enjoying the beautiful blooms of our favorite flower. Although I'm writing this in the early part of the Winter season, it's cold and inhospitable outside; I anticipate another thrilling bloom season where newly acquired cultivars will be revealing their beauty and old favorites will repeat their performances of past seasons.



The Brazosport Daylily Society Hosted David Kirchoff

Well, I'm jumping ahead too far. I need to step back a bit and tell you about our club activities since the last Newsletter was published.

A new slate of officers was elected during our October 1998 meeting. The following officers will serve beginning January 1999:

President	Edgar Tarrant
1st Vice President & Program Chairperson	Nina Imperial
2nd Vice President & Yearbook Publisher	Joanne Berry
Treasurer	John Kwan
Secretary	Milton Nollkamper

Our annual plant auction, a lively activity, was held during this meeting, also. A large number of the auction daylilies were available as extra plants from the joint club member plant acquisition program our club conducts. The club pays a portion of the cost of a daylily that a member chooses to acquire. The member pays the remainder of the cost. One fan of a double fan purchase and any gift plants from the plant source go to the club for its auction. In this way many fine plants are acquired at reduced cost to the club member and a chance to acquire additional cultivars via the auction is available. All participants enjoyed the good-natured competition and rivalry of the occasion.

Also, during October, our club held a plant sale at the Brazos Mall. Our plant sales are well publicized and supported by Mall shoppers. Plants are usually sold quickly.

November's meeting featured David Kirchhoff of Sanford, Florida. David showed slides of many of his 1999 introductions along with many of his previous introductions. He answered many questions that were asked by the audience concerning his hybridizing practices and specifics about how he grows such fine plants. Daylily lovers cannot live on daylilies alone, so - you guessed it - we enjoyed a covered-dish luncheon brought by club members to top off this delightful meeting. The meeting was held at St. Mark's Lutheran Church to accommodate the anticipated larger attendance.

The Clute Community Center was the site of our Christmas Party of December 13. The meal was catered by Mikeska Catering of El Campo, Texas, and supplemented by salads and desserts brought by club members. Installation of the new club officers for 1999 (as listed above) was conducted by the 1998 club President, Martha Kemp. Two additional highlights of the meeting were the vocal presentation of "T'was

the Night Before Christmas" by Eddie Raye Andrews and the Japanese Bingo gift exchange. Everyone went home with a nice gift, although a few members had the opportunity to temporarily hold several gifts before they finally acquired the one they could take home.



Art & Nina Imperial with David Kirchhoff

The special guest speaker for our January, 1999 meeting was Mr. Larry Grace of Dothan, Alabama. Larry operates Graceland Gardens, located in Newton, Alabama. Larry showed slides of his daylily greenhouses, explaining how the automated raising and lowering of the curtained walls of the greenhouses serve to maintain the temperature of the greenhouse interior and keep the daylilies inside growing at their optimum. He also described his hybridizing program and included slides of his introductions and promising seedlings. There were lots of eyed, edged and heavily ruffled beauties that are coming along from his hybridizing program. Following the slide presentation, Larry answered numerous questions related to his methods of daylily culture. Larry's presentation was well received and enjoyed by all.

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend the Brazosport 2000 Regional Meeting in Lake Jackson, Texas, in May. For details call Joanne Berry, Brazosport Regional Chairman at 409-265-6505. Send your plants for the Edna Lankart and Annie T. Giles beds as soon as possible to get them established and growing well by the time of the Regional.

CORPUS CHRISTI DAYLILY SOCIETY

by Marie Marburger

Daylilies in the area are looking great with ample rainfall all Winter. Despite the drought, 1998 was a wonderful daylily year, and we are hoping for a bloom season equally as good this year.

Serving as officers in 1999 are:

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

Bob Hughes from the Austin Hemerocallis Society spoke at our October meeting and shared much daylily knowledge with us, particularly his experience growing daylilies in pots. A most interesting question and answer period followed his talk. We surely appreciate his taking the time to be with us.

On October 23-24, the club participated in the Fall Corpus Christi Botanical Garden Sale by offering a number of varieties of daylilies to the public on both days. Ziggy Seago, Boyd Farar, Ray Briones, Dottie Beaver, and Marie Marburger took turns at the sales and information table.

As a result of a contact made at the sale, we welcome our newest member, Tamara Hygood, to our group.

As always, if you are in the vicinity on one of our meeting days, please join us.

CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

Catherine L. Bailey Neal, Reporter

The January 24th 1999 meeting of the Cypress Creek Daylily Club, was held at the Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens. Members and visitors enjoyed the display of trees and their aging tell-tale lines before the meeting. The by-

laws of the club have been changed to allow meetings in January, February, March, April and October. The club will have a Christmas Party in early December.

Jean Lewis, gave a very informative meeting on how she hybridizes her daylilies to produce those pale purple beauties.

April 25, 1999, the club will hold a plant sale at Cornelius Nursery, 1755 W FM 1960, Houston, Texas.



Jean Lewis talking to the club

The flower show horticulture and education displays will be held May 16, 1999 at Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, 22306 Aldine-Westfield Road, Humble, Texas 77338, phone 281-443-8731.

We wish everyone a happy beautiful growing season for 1999. You are welcome as a guest at our meetings anytime. Please call 281-444-7804 and we will reserve a place just for you.

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

by Binion Amerson

The Daylily Growers of Dallas concluded a great 1998 year under the guidance of President Kay Day with our traditional "Pea Patch Party" held at the home of Douglas and Peggy Kirkland on December 19. Holiday food and fellowship were enjoyed by all that attended.

1999 President Barron Bozeman started out the new year with a planning session for all the club officers and committee chairmen. Plans for the new year include Daylily Plant Sales on April 10 and October 9 plus a Daylily Flower Show tentatively set for a local shopping mall on June 6. Bus trips are also tentatively planned for members to attend the AHS Region 6 Meeting and the AHS National Convention on June 25-27.

The January 1999 meeting program was a professional video of the 1997 AHS National Convention held in Jacksonville/Lake City, Florida. Lee Causey, Program Chairman and First Vice President, has a fantastic lineup of programs ready for the 1999 year. For February, Ron Cohea will discuss "Growing Daylilies in an Organic Environment."

Membership Chairman and Third Vice President Binion Amerson has a membership drive underway to attract new members to the wonderful world of daylilies. For those wishing to view the club activities online, you are invited to view the Daylily Growers of Dallas WWW Page: <http://www.daylilies.com/daylilies/dgod.html>

A new feature on the site is an online version of *The Hem Line*, the club's monthly Newsletter.

EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

Elizabeth Hoover, Reporter

Nineteen ninety eight was really a busy year for the East Texas Daylily Society and it looks as if nineteen ninety nine will be as busy. At the Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches, our club will be putting on the Flower Show. David Burton, the Flower Show Chairman has said the theme will be "Mardi Gras in May." The club will also be furnishing cookies for the hospitality room.



Helen Segers and Madeline Morgan.



Bill Hall, Lucille Wynne, Max Schoehler, Christine Atchison, and Letha Coon enjoy the East Texas Christmas party

The ETDS Flower Show is scheduled for June 5th. David Burton is also Flower Show Chairman for that. He will need all of our members to help with this.



Kathy St. Onge, Betty Bradford, Letha Coon, and Mary Jernegan chat in the kitchen

We all would like to thank David and Betty Burton for hosting our annual Christmas party. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the white elephant gift exchange.

Football seems to win over our club meeting in January since only women were there. It was a very small turnout with thirteen members present.

The 1999 officers are:

President	Sharon Umphress
1st Vice President	Kathy St. Onge
2nd Vice President	Maxine Soape
Secretary	Jeanne McNutt
Treasurer	Lucille Wynne
Historian/Librarian	Betty Bradford
Parliamentarian	Betty Kirkwood

Our meetings are the second Sunday of each month and visitors are always welcome.

GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY

by Annie Weinreich

1999! The year almost sounds like a "space fantasy" date, doesn't it? But despite the year, the Golden Spread Daylily Society rolls on as usual.

We had our final meeting of 1998 at the home of Annie Weinreich. We used the October meeting

to evaluate the past year and to plan for the future. It is always a meeting of pride for successes during the past year, and enthusiasm for the opportunities of the next. Our new officers (all female!) took their posts and they are:

President	Joanie Hernon
Vice President	Carrie Larkin
Secretary-Treasurer	Betty Sproul
Historian	Linda Leopold
Parliamentarian & Reporter	Annie Weinreich

We never have a meeting in November, December or January, but always send out invitations to those who purchased daylilies at our recent plant sales to join us for our February "Big Kick Off" meeting.

We were all very saddened by the death of our special friend, Maria Escamilla. She will be greatly missed.

Many of our GSDS members plan to attend the AHS National Convention in Oklahoma City, and for most of them, it will be a first. They are really excited and I know that they will love it. If you see them, it will be a first. They are really excited and I know that they will love it. If you see them wandering around with that look of "Daylily Overload" on their faces, please be a friend and take them under your wings.

As always, visitors and new members are cordially welcome. Contact the Amarillo Botanical Gardens at 806-352-6513 for specific meeting information.

GULF COAST DAYLILY SOCIETY

Mary Gage, Reporter

The Winter months are an echo of the lull in the activity of our beloved daylily plants. Not so much activity above ground but lots of planning and preparation for next season's fun in the sun. While the daylilies are building up strength for Spring and Summer blooms, we are making plans for activities such as trips, plant sales, flower shows, etc.

HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

Eddie Gage, Reporter

In October we had a very successful plant sale at Central Mall. These funds make it possible to do all the fun things we have planned. November found some of us braving stormy weather and traveling to Austin for the very informative and enjoyable Region 6 Symposium. Our club was well represented. Our December meeting was a Christmas party with our usual covered dish luncheon showcasing our great cooks and lovely table decorations by Vera Peterson. Then Jay Farquhar topped it off with a most enjoyable slide show of new and interesting daylilies as well as older favorites he has seen this past season.

Our Spring meeting will feature a plant auction with thirty specially purchased cultivars along with donations from our members.

Mable Nelson is making plans for a club bus trip to as many Florida gardens as can be squeezed into the time from May 4-10. Tentatively these are gardens of Larry Grace, the Salters, the Stamiles, Kirchhoff, Morss, Kinnebrew, Dan Trimmer, Bob Carr and Ted Petit. Then off to Clarence and Beth Crochet's garden for a day trip on May 15 and as usual we will tour some of our member's gardens and choose winners of our Fuqua and Silver Trophies.

Then we have one of the most important events on our daylily calendar, the Region 6 Meeting in Nacogdoches. We encourage everyone to enter the flower show being held on Thursday even if scapes must be cut on Wednesday. Eddie and I have taken scapes to Regional Flower Shows in Austin and Plano so we know it can be done successfully.

The annual Gulf Coast Flower Show is planned for May 22 at Central Mall. Everyone is invited to enter.

Officers for 1998 were elected to serve second terms in 1999:

President	Gene Orgeron
1st Vice President	Marie Dattalo
2nd Vice President	Scott Henry
Recording Secretary	Rita Legé
Corresponding Secretary	Eleanor Thompson
Historian	Sheri Jehlen

Our annual Fall plant sale was held at West Oaks Mall and all plants were sold out by mid-afternoon. It was a very successful sale and so was our club auction held at our October meeting.

Eleven of our members received renewals of AHS membership, rewarding perfect attendance. Fifteen of our members received a \$35 daylily of their choice for winning a blue ribbon in our 1998 Flower Show.

Betty Henry offered a piece of her crystal to our club to be donated to Region 6 and awarded at the Daylily Show in Nacogdoches. Her offer was graciously accepted and will be for the winner of the Spider Section.

Mary and I traveled to Austin where she presented her slide show, "Daylily Enthusiasts and their Namesakes" at the Region 6 Symposium. She is still looking for slides of people and daylilies named after them, especially in cases where the person has held office, won awards or the daylily has won an award. She now has over 200 slides in this unique presentation of the history of our Society.

The Houston Garden Center is planning to renovate and change the entry driveway to the North side of the Center giving access to parking thru the Rose Garden. They are seeking financial help by selling bricks for \$100 each to be engraved with the donor's name. Mary Ellen Holly donated \$100 to our treasury for the purchase of a brick by the Houston Area Daylily Society.

All members brought Christmas gifts to the December meeting to be donated to Star of Hope Homeless Shelter and distributed to the needy children. Our guest speaker from Star of Hope accepted the gifts and told us about some of the people and how they are being helped to a better life.

New officers listed in the last Newsletter were installed at the January meeting. Our program was "Texas Wildscapes" presented by a representative from Dow Chemical Corporation.

Some members journeyed to Alvin on January 17 to the Lone Star Daylily Society meeting to see Dave Talbott, their guest speaker. It has been a long time since we laughed so much. Just great. And yes, we bought four daylilies at the auction there, but my problem is, "Where do I put them?" Thanks, Lone Star, for the invitation.

HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

by Geraldine Kennedy

Members of the Houston Hemerocallis Society met merrily at the annual Christmas party, which was held on December 12th, at the Houston Garden Center. A dinner featuring turkey, ham and all the trimmings was a highlight of an evening that included a daylily raffle and a holiday plant exchange. According to some members, the homemade cranberry sauce was particularly good. First Vice-President Catherine Neal gave an appropriate reading. Many thanks to Hospitality Chairman Kermit Muske for all the planning and preparations that resulted in a great evening for everyone who attended. As usual, he did a fantastic job.

A special meeting was called for January 28th at the Houston Garden Center. Club President Maurice Petersen took the opportunity to conduct a little business before the main event of the evening. Members voted to present a crystal trophy for the best double in the show at the Region 6 Meeting to be held in Nacogdoches. Warren Goza, who is the auction chairman for the Regional Meeting, asked for plant donations. Warren, who is also our bus trip captain, said that if we get enough interested members, our annual bus trip could be scheduled for June or July, sometime after the Regional Meeting and National Convention.

The January meeting was mostly a social event centered around a presentation by Jack

Carpenter, whose beautiful daylilies are to be found in many of our gardens, not only locally but also around the country. Jack showed a number of slides and talked about the future of his continuing work with our favorite flower. He said that he was giving up diploids and going to tetraploids, as have many hybridizers across the country. He has been converting many of his cultivars, including some ruffled edges. Some of his newest creations are sporting double edges and are quite beautiful. Needless to say, it was an entertaining and informative evening for all attendees. Our club is grateful to Jack for taking the time to visit and spread his particular brand of cheer.

Preparations are being made for our annual flower show, which will be held May 21st at the First Christian Church on Sunset Blvd. in Houston. A plant sale will be held in conjunction with the show, and calls are out for plant donations. We anticipate a busy season with the flower show, Region 6 Meeting, and the AHS National Convention following one another so quickly.

On behalf of all of our members, this Reporter would like to congratulate the new Editors of the Region 6 Newsletter for a job well done. The format is attractive, and the variety of articles and information shows a great deal of foresight, planning and savvy. The color pictures are a joy!

LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY

Carolyn Jackson, Reporter

This is the year of the hybridizer for Lone Star. The meetings had slide programs featuring new introductions by David Kirchoff and Mort Morss as well as those of our own local wonders, Leon and Paula Payne. In 1999, our past President Cary Sheffield did a wonderful job of inviting three hybridizers from the "East."

In January, Dave Talbott, from Greencove Springs, FL, presented a program on his special hybrids, the "Caribbean" line. He was full of stories of daylilies, politics, and religion.

February brought us Jack Carpenter from Center, TX. His place, which is East of Dallas, is composed of many acres. He irrigates his beautiful hybrids with water on wheels.

On Sunday, March 21, we will have Bob Carr from Ocala, FL. His tetraploids are outstanding. He is one of the hybridizers who no longer deals with diploids. This will be at the Senior Citizens Center in Alvin at 2:00 p.m.

You are all invited to come to these special meetings. It is really interesting to meet these folks up front and personal. They answer questions until we run out of time. We will see gorgeous slides and many times they bring plants. This is not to mention the food. The meeting improves the eating, and the eating improves the meeting. Daylily growers are good cooks.

The Lone Star officers for 1999 are:

President	Dick Johnson
1st Vice President	Cary Sheffield
2nd Vice President	Paula Payne
Secretary	Linda Haynes
Treasurer	Beverly Winkelman
Flower Show Chairman	Liz Howard

LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Barbara Picou, Reporter

Our September meeting was held at the home of Evelyn Barley, and she showed slides from our National Convention in Lafayette, LA. In October we met at my home on Lake Sam Rayburn and Evelyn and I fumbled around trying to show slides from the Region 6 Meeting on her new fangled slide projector. Our gang finally said, "could you get your act together and do this next month? And now could we just eat and look out at the lake?" So came November and we had our meeting a Nedra Tillman's home and we showed our beautiful slides of the Regional and they were good ones. What beautiful pictures of the Castlebury's garden and lake.

In December, as always we install our officers for the new year. Geanette Stewart installed eight of us on the back deck of Dorothy Hale's beautiful home overlooking one of the greens at Crown Colony. Geanette used a two-foot silk Christmas tree filled with pink Camellias. A flower was presented to each new officer. The new officers are:

President	Evelyn Barley
Vice-President	Reba Garrison
2nd Vice President	Edythe Weeks
Secretary	Eleene Stevens
Treasurer	Maggie Koon
Parliamentarian	Ruth Parker
Librarian	Ann Cady
Reporter	Barbara Picou

Our other event that we always include in December is a luncheon of some kind for our club and this time we had a salad lunch. Geanette Stewart is now a member of our club. I guess not only did she like installing our officers but also she was just crazy about all of us. Mrs. Jack (Betty) Pischel, a member of long standing is leaving our Society to move to Oklahoma City, OK. You're lucky Oklahoma City. We shall miss her a great deal. A poem book was given to Betty on Friendship.

We truly, truly mourn the death of one of our beloved Charter Members. Vivian Scott was born March 28, 1921 and died November 19, 1998. Widowed fairly early in her marriage, Vivian was an exemplary member of our club. She worked diligently to raise her children and maintain her daylilies. Her guidance, information and knowledge of daylilies were unmatched in our club. Vivian served as President of the Society in 1967, 1968, 1978, 1979, and 1989.

In January we passed out our yearbooks and they are getting more professional and more beautiful each year. Our club is looking forward to the Regional in Nacogdoches and has chosen to donate the Hospitality Trophy. Some of us will be participating in the flower show and who knows that maybe some of us will bring home ribbons.

If you have something to say to the Lufkin Hemerocallis Society you may email me at bobbiepicou@hotmail.com.

NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

Jackie Timmons, Reporter

The time is near for the Region 6 American Hemerocallis Society Meeting to be held in our charming little town of Nacogdoches! The date for this Regional is May 27-29 at the Holiday Inn on US-59 South of Nacogdoches.



Nacogdoches members getting ready for you at the Regional Meeting

A little about some of our recent club meetings: Jeff Abt, a local landscaper, spoke on historical gardening. He is in the process of developing an example of a typical garden for our area from the early 19th century. It is called the Eugenia Sterne Park and is located at the corner of East Main and Lanana streets. One of the features of this garden is the pollarded Sycamore trees. Pollarding trees became popular in Paris to collect firewood. At our November meeting Jean Consford and Delores Jones presented a slide show of photographs taken at the National Convention last Summer and in their own gardens and of favorite daylilies. Our Christmas Party was at Cindy Ballew's and was a lot of fun! We discussed the upcoming Regional at our January meeting and Barnee made a presentation on grooming scapes for a flower show.

I would like to urge you to register early for the May Regional Our Registrar's complete phone number is 409-569-8800.

A little about Nacogdoches for those of you coming to the Regional: Nacogdoches is the oldest town in Texas. (Local historian Archie McDonald says that statement depends on what you mean by oldest, what you mean by town, and what you mean by Texas.) All that aside, Nacogdoches was built on the site of a centuries old Indian village and was later a Spanish mission. It is at the junction of El Camino Real (the Old Spanish Highway that linked San Antonio and the first capitol of Texas - Los Adaes Louisiana) and Calle Del Norte (believed to be the oldest public thoroughfare in the United States.) We current residents call this the corner of North Street and Main. It is a charming town of antique shops and historical sights.

We hope to be able to greet you in May!

NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

Judy Montgomery, Reporter

We have had a wet Fall and Winter up to now, the middle of January, after such an unbelievable Summer of drought and heat. Amazingly, the average rainfall for the year of 1998 officially ended up being a half-inch over what is normally received. The rains and cooler temperatures, when they finally arrived, perked up the daylilies, and then our freeze occurred quite late for this area. Now, we could use some rain.

Our daylily sale, at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens in September, was a tremendous success. Gene Holt was the Sale Chairman. The majority of the plants were sold by 1:00 p.m. and many more could have been sold had they been available. We will all have to do more digging for the next sale. Club members were on hand to assist people and answer their questions. Several members brought pictures of the daylilies, which aided people in making their selections. You know that old saying, "a picture is worth a thousand words."

The annual plant, seed, and bulb exchange was held in October. Our members are very good gardeners and grow a variety of plants. They generously brought an abundance of plants, seeds, and bulbs to share with others.

Kathy Crabtree was selected to be the 1999 Daylily Show Chairman and Katy Blikken, Assistant Chairman, at the November meeting. Kathy Crabtree will also be the Hospitality Chairman, assisted by all participating members.

An interesting and fun game of Daylily Trivia hosted by Bonnie and Hooker Nichols followed our delicious holiday dinner in November. We must admit some of Hooker's answers left us in the dark.

The clean-up day at the Four Seasons Gardens, which the Society maintains at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, had Vernon Wallis, Gene and Shirlene Holt, Carol Plowman, Judy and Bob Montgomery, Sally Lloyd, and Nickie Knight out pulling weeds, trimming, digging, and dividing clumps. Bare spots were planted with daylilies.

Our holiday dinner, in December, was exceptional due to the many talented good cooks in the Society. Afterwards, a Chinese Auction gift exchange was held. This was a lot of fun and there was much good-natured swapping of gifts, in particular, a bird feeder and a basket of hand tools. Nickie Knight ended up with the bird feeder and Sally Lloyd with the basket of tools.

A very knowledgeable and interesting speaker, Mrs. Dotty Woodson, presented the program in January on Orchids. She brought a number of beautiful Orchid plants of different species with her to show us. She and her husband have grown and hybridized Orchids for 25 years.

We extend a warm and hearty welcome to all our new members who joined our Society in 1998. These new members are Jeri Moore, Darlene Long, Jack Caffee, Sally Lloyd, Cecil Hankins, and Linda Leigh. Also, we give a big welcome to another new member, Jeri Cotton, who joined in January.

Our club has started something new for 1999. At each meeting, we will have a drawing and the winner will receive either an AHS membership (1-year) or a gift certificate as a door prize. Sally Lloyd won the prize at the January meeting.

With eager anticipation, we look forward to the daylily bloom this year. Hopefully, it will be a

better year for everyone weather-wise. We are making plans to attend the Region 6 Meeting in Nacogdoches and the AHS National Convention in Oklahoma City. Hope everyone can attend.

SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

Alan Humphreys, Reporter

The San Antonio Daylily Society meets every third Sunday (except July and August) at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens center at 2:30 p.m. We welcome all visitors and prospective new members. Over the past several months, we have nominated a slate and have elected officers for 1999. Hats off to:

President	Marilyn Greenlee
Vice President - Programs	Thelma Pratt
Vice President - Yearbook	Lois Bready
Vice President - Newsletter	Dennis Fortissian
Treasurer	Dick Griffin
Secretary	Dian Dignan
Librarian	Col. Michael
Conrad	
Historian	Dana Jo Griffin

Dick Griffin, Mike Conrad and Marilyn Greenlee served on the Nominating Committee. Lori Potrykus is the 1999 Daylily Show Chairman and Alan Humphreys is the Assistant Chairman.

The club held their annual Christmas party in December 1998. The meeting time was spent as members enjoyed a light lunch, drinks and conversations about the club, activities, plans for the 1999 season and general garden items. The January meeting included an announcement of the new officers. Our new president, Marilyn Greenlee presided and Dr. Lois Bready presented a talk dealing with medicinal plants accompanied with a superb collection of slides. The talk generated lots of audience participation, questions and observations.

As Winter shifts to Spring, the annual San Antonio Daylily show inserts itself more and more into conversations and informal planning sessions. The show will be held in the Central Park Mall, lower level, West, on Sunday, May 23

from 8:00 a.m. until 5 or 6:00 p.m. The Mall is located North central on the 410 Beltway. The morning is scheduled for the setup and judging. The show will open to the public at noon and will close around 4:30 p.m. Lori Potrykus, the Show Chairman plans to have at least 500 daylilies for sale (a combination of bare root and potted plants).

Earlier in the year a citywide plant festival is held at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens called Viva Botanica on April 10-11. The San Antonio Daylily Society along with many other garden-oriented organizations will staff booths. We will sell and offer advice about the planting and care of daylilies and companion plants in San Antonio.

Some of you who read all the Newsletters may remember that last issue I included a little drawing of a most obnoxious weed, of the Va. Tradescantha. First off, for those of you who view this as a lovely, trailing pot plant with tiny blue blossoms, my apologies. It just goes to show that one person's poison is another one's pleasure. On the other hand, it was identified variously including Wandering Jew and Baby Tears. Finally, Mike Conrad, my pragmatic garden friend here in San Antonio advised me that a carry-around container of Round-Up would very effectively do a spot eradication job - segmented root system and all. "Just don't squirt it near a daylily," observed Mike.

The folks in Nacogdoches are to be warmly congratulated for undertaking the Region 6 AHS Meeting in May and all the other accompanying activities. This will be followed in two weeks by the AHS National Convention in Oklahoma City. For daylily enthusiasts in this Region, this is just as spectacular as an infrequent planetary conjunction!

And finally, our club has been invited to visit Jack Carpenter's spectacular hybridizing gardens in May. The Summer Newsletter will contain tales of ruffles and edges almost beyond imagination.

REGION 6 WEB SITE SET UP BY BILL AND GINA JARVIS

Bill and Gina Jarvis report that they are continuing the calendar of daylily events on their web site again this year. This provides a good opportunity for clubs to list shows, sales and meetings. They get over 25,000 hits a year, so your event will be seen by many.

You can find the calendar at
<http://www.neosoft.com/~bjgj/calendar.html>

The event submittal page is
<http://www.ofts.com/daylily/form.html>

They have done an excellent job setting up this daylily event calendar. Be sure to log on and contribute information. Many thanks to Bill and Gina.

NEWSLETTER DONATIONS

The Newsletter will have three issues for 1999 and as the readers have noticed each Newsletter gets better and better. It was suggested last year at Regional that each club make a donation of \$8 per member to insure every member, AHS member or not, could receive each issue.

Thanks to the 1999 Donations from:

Corpus Christi Daylily Society	\$25
Cypress Creek Daylily Club	\$200
East Texas Daylily Society	\$344
Houston Area Daylily Society	\$800
Houston Hemerocallis Society	\$400
Lufkin Hemerocallis Society	\$100
Lone Star Daylily Society	\$500

VOTING MEMBERSHIP IN THE POPULARITY POLL

Sharon Umphress wanted to thank all the members who voted in the 1998 Popularity Poll. The percentage of members voted was up 9% from the previous year. She wanted to give credit to all the voters and have us publish everyone's name. If you didn't vote, make sure you vote next time around.

Grace Alexander	Beth Dungan	L. Lynn Jones	Carol Plowman
Joshua Alexander	Cheryl Dungan	Linda Kellerup	Alton Pyburn
Deborah Allbright	Susan Elder	Geraldine Kennedy	Fred Rice
Dudley Allbright	Tom Engle	Betty Kirkwood	Norma Rice
*Binion Amerson	Albert "Bobo" Faggard	Carolyn Kittredge	Velma Rollins
Don Andrews	Anne Faggard	Eloise Koonce	Alice Rooks
Eddie Raye Andrews	Boyd Farrar	Gene Koonce	Anna Marie Rosen
Christine Atchison	Leon French	Elaine Kyle	Richard Rosen
Bill Ater	Eddie Gage	Clifford Lee	Max Schochler
Mary Anne Ater	Mary Gage	Margaret Legé	Bernice Seales
Susan Arthur	Martha W. Gayle	Billy Lewis	Helen Segers
Jeri Baker	Anna Rosa Glidden	Jean Lewis	Cary Sheffield
Betty Barbato	Janice Green	Joyce Lewis	Harvey Shimek
Evelyn Barley	James C. Greene	Joe Allen Lewis	Nell Shimek
Jean Barnhart	Bridey Greeson	Marie Marburger	*Mrs. D. G. Short
Kathy Barnhart	Dana Jo Griffin	Bert Marcom	Roger Slaid
Joanne Berry	Richard Griffin	Louis Marcom	Sandra Slaid
Kathy Blikken	Ruby Gruszczyka	Ann Marks	*Maxine Soape
Josie Bomar	Maxine Gwinn	Mabel Matthews	Kathy St. Onge
Barron Bozeman	Lois Hall	Jeanne McNutt	Becky Tarrant
Betty Bradford	Anita Harman	Judy Montgomery	Edgar Tarrant
Ann Buckingham	Doris D. Harts	Mary Ann Moreno	Diane Taylor
Karen Burgoyne	Snooks Harville	Anna Mulkey	Jay W. Thompkins
Betty Burton	Jerry Helbig	Josie Muske	Karen Tromza
David Burton	Candy Hicks	Kermit Muske	Rozanne Tuffnell
Jack Carpenter	Mary Ellen Holly	Gloria Mutz	Earline Tullier
Mark Carpenter	Gene Holt	Kathryn Neely	Joe Tullier
Sue Casper	Shirlene Holt	Mable Nelson	Sharon Umphress
Aileen Castleberry	Elizabeth Hoover	Danny Newman	*Jim Walker
Bobby Castlebury	Mary Houston	Cora Offer	W. M. Walker
Dr. Barbara Chang	Ray Houston	Dr. Eugene Orgeron	Vernon Wallis
Dr. Joseph Chang	Craig Hoyal	Nancy Orgeron	R. A. Warren, Jr.
Nolanne Chang	Millie Hoyal	Ruth M. Parker	Marilyn Weiner
Sara Chumley	Andrew Hrametz	Leon Payne	Annie Weinreich
Bill Cockerham	Luanne Hughes	Paula Payne	Julian C. Wells
Barbara Cohea	Cal Iskra	Donna Peck	Lewis Wheeler
Ronald Cohea	Marilynn Sue Jackson	Cecelia Perez	Molly Wheeler
Betty Commander	Zak Jackson	Margie J. Peters	Leslie Wong
Jean Consford	Bill Jacobs	M. L. Petersen	Walter Wood
Nell Crandall	*Bill Jarvis	Nancy Peterson	Diane Woodhall
Jo Crisp	Mary Jernigan	Courtney Petty	Lucille Wynne
Treva M. Cruse	Darryl Johnson	James Petty	Nancy L. Wynne
Marie Dattalo	Frances Johnson	Betty Phelps	
Kay Day	Richard D. Johnson	Bill Pierson	
Vada Day	J. R. Johnston	Bonnie Pierson	

As announced in the Fall/Winter Newsletter the winner of the Popularity Poll was STRAWBERRY CANDY (Pat Stamile, 1989). Runners up were WEDDING BAND, WIND FRILLS, BARBARA MITCHELL and JASON SALTER. The names with the * are the lucky winners from the names chosen to receive a free daylily. Congratulations to the winners of the Popularity Poll and thanks to everyone who voted.

REGION 6 DAYLILY SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTS, AND MEETING SCHEDULES

ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Maple Levine
9905 Eldridge Rd. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87114, 505-889-8255
Meetings: April, May, June, July, August, and September

AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - Velia Sanchez-Ruiz
1213 Southwood Road
Austin, TX 78704, 512-477-3082 vsanchez@texas.net
Meetings: 1st Thursday in March, May, August, September, October, November, and December

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Martha Kemp
310 Winston Drive
Richmond, TX 77469, 804-342-1096
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, 281-442-0200
Meetings: 2:30 p.m., 4th Sunday, February-May, September-October

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

President - Barron Bozeman
302 Meadowcreek, TX 71500, 972-270-1530
Meetings: 10:00 a.m., 3rd Saturday, except June, July, August, and December, North Haven Gardens, Dallas

EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Sharon Umphress
11294 FM Rd 3226
Arp, TX 75750, 903-565-4051
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 2nd Sunday, RTDC Room 108, Tyler

GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Joanie Hernon
107 Sunset Terrace
Amarillo, TX 79106, 806-379-9784
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, TX 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, TX 77389, 218-351-8827
Meetings: 10:00 a.m., 2nd Thursday
Hermann Park Garden Center

HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - M. L. Peterson
1002 Village Brook
Livingston, TX 77351, 409-327-9470
Meetings: 4th Thursday, February, March, April, May, September, and October, Hermann Park Garden Center

HUNTSVILLE MUDDY BOOTS DAYLILY SOCIETY

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

JOHNSON COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Myrtle Hodges
Rt. 1, Box 66C
Covington, TX 76636, 254-854-2416
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 2nd Saturday of each month
Johnson County Electric Cooperative, Cleburne

LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Richard Johnson
15810 Havenhurst
Houston, Texas 77059, rjohn2@flash.net
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LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

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NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Betty Commander
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NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY-FORT WORTH

President - Vernon Wallis
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Meetings: 7:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday
Fort Worth Botanic Center

SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Marilyn Greenlee
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San Antonio Botanical Garden



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