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### May, 2001

Region 6 Meeting, Austin, Texas

### July 18-22, 2001

National Convention, Boston

### July 4-6, 2002

Region 6 Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico

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# THE FINAL THOUGHTS FROM OUR RVP

Sue Jackson

This is a very hard letter for me to write, since it will be my last as RVP for Region 6. The past two years have been an experience that I have a problem finding words to explain. I have worked with some wonderful people during this time.

I have had the honor of having three people put the Newsletter together. Donna Peck has done an outstanding job as Newsletter Editor. Mary Ann Moreno has served as her Co-Editor and Jim Petty as Publisher. These three people have spent many hours and a lot of time giving us beautiful, well-written Newsletters. Many of you have told me how excited it has been that the Newsletters have been so personal with so many great articles from so many different people. When Donna accepted the position of Editor all I told her was that I wanted some color and articles from as many people as possible. Donna has been wonderful. I can't wait to attend the Regional Meeting in Albuquerque. Thank you, Donna, Mary Ann and Jim.

Sharon Umphress, RPD, has spent many hours asking members for articles, tabulating the Popularity Polls and organizing the Mail-In-Auction (with much success I might say). Sharon has been so much help with "level headed" support. Sharon is one of those hardworking people that is a joy to work with. Thank you, Sharon, for all your hard work.

Jean Consford has been an outstanding Treasurer. Because of her efforts the Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund has gained the most interest since the Fund was established. Jean has taken care of obtaining the CD for the BFYEF and keeping up with all the Regional financial

matters. Thank you Jean and good luck to you as RVP these next two years.

Anne Faggard has served as Secretary for the Board, and has done an outstanding job. Anne is a charming person and has been a delight to work with. Thank you, Anne.

Exhibition Judges Liaison Mary Houston and Garden Judges Liaison Jean Barnhart have both spent many hours making sure all our i's were dotted and our t's crossed. Thank you both for two great years.

Bridey Gresson has been an outstanding Youth Liaison. The youth have had some wonderful memories from both Regional Meetings. Bridey has had some forward thinking ideas to encourage the youth members to be more active. Thank you, Bridey.

Special thanks go to Gene Koonce, W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Liaison; Bill Ater, Historian and Archives Chairman; Helen Reynolds, Investment Chairman; and Dr. Gene Orgeron, Protocol and Parliamentarian Chairman for all their help.

Thank you all in Region 6 for your support. I hope each one of you will work very hard to keep our Region one of the best. We have so many talented, hardworking people in our Region and we need to be sure that we encourage their love of daylilies.

I hope each one of you have a wonderful Holiday Season and a Very Happy New Year.

## THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES . . . .

Donna Peck, Co-Editor

How can I ever thank Sue Jackson for calling Mary Ann Moreno and myself to ask us to edit the Region 6 Newsletter? We have had such an interesting time filled with learning experiences as well as lots of fun and laughs. Since one of our daylily members was also a Printer, Jim Petty, (who also gave us the best price), we really had great meetings and luncheons.

Sue gave us two objectives: one was to add some "spark" to the news and the other was to add color pictures. We all thought, how else can daylilies be shown than to show them in their glorious colors? We loved that idea! However, our Region had an award-winning Newsletter already, so we had quite a task to try to make it different. But Sharon Umphress was a tremendous help by asking various Region 6 members to write articles. And that is what added the spark - the various writers, reporters, and photographers who spent their time making the Newsletter interesting to all of you.

I felt very proud of all the articles that you, our readers, sent us. They were personal, entertaining, and most of all educational. We have received high praise for all that you wrote. I think many of your articles were award winning, even though National didn't agree.

As many of you know, our new RVP, Jean Consford, has asked Ray Houston to edit the Newsletter during her term. He had done the Newsletter in 1992-93. I smiled when I read what he wrote in his final Fall/Winter Newsletter:

*"This will be my final Region 6 Newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed reading the Newsletter as much as I have enjoyed doing it. Many of you have encouraged me by your kind words. Many of you have contributed greatly to the content of the last two year's Newsletters. I thank each and every one of you who have written articles or provided photographs of people, places, and daylilies of which we of Region 6 are so proud. I have tried to make this Newsletter*

*a Newsletter about the people of Region 6. I hope you have become familiar with the Region 6 members of which we have written."*

I ditto those words, Ray. And I hope that the three of us can return to edit the Newsletter at a later date, as you are doing. You have our blessings and we look eagerly to your first issue in the Spring of 2000.

Mary Ann and I now are the Co-Chairmen of our 2002 Regional Meeting and Jim will be doing our Daylily Show. So we hope to see you here in Albuquerque. We have booked the Sheraton Old Town Hotel, so come a day earlier or stay a day later and see a bit of our history. I know Ray will give us lots of coverage in the Spring 2002 issue!

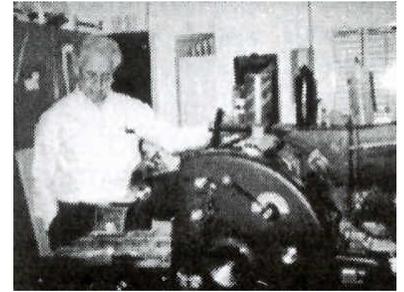
#### **Mary Ann Moreno, Co-Editor:**

Being part of the great Region 6 Newsletter Team was a wonderful experience. Donna Peck and Jim Petty are real professionals and have done a marvelous job. Two years went by in a flash. We hope you all enjoyed our efforts and attempts to include everyone from Texas and New Mexico in Region 6 articles and remarks. See you all at our Regional Meeting.

#### **Jim Petty, Printer:**

As the Printer and sometimes Editor I feel that I have a unique perspective on putting this Newsletter together. It has been somewhat of a dichotomy for me - enjoying receiving the articles and at the same time dreading the time constraints and pressure to pull it all together at the last moment - which is the name of the game with a Newsletter as diverse as this. I have a new appreciation for those who do it all over the country for their Regions and for those who have had this job before us. The fact that there were three sets of eyes looking at each article was both a curse and a blessing. The curse has been that process was somewhat extended to go through different hands, increasing the deadline stress. At the same time,

we have been able to bring three different views to how things should look and read, and each of us has a slightly different group of friends in the daylily world from whom to draw information.



"I'm sure someone knows how to run this thing." Jim Petty at one of the presses.

If I remember correctly, our goal as we took over this job was to give a slightly different look to the Newsletter without losing any of the professionalism. When we needed to edit articles for space, we attempted to leave the flavor of each writer and not interject anything of ourselves. We did attempt to correct every misspelled word and syntax when necessary and to make sure that each name was spelled correctly. A simple sounding task that was not so simple. I think we accomplished our goal and am proud of the product we produced. Donna and Mary Ann have been a pleasure to work with and each put their considerable talents to work to produce a professional yet informal Newsletter. Thank you for the opportunity to work for you.

#### **A LASTING THOUGHT FOR THE MILLENNIUM:**

The three of us wish all of you lots of enjoyment in your garden and daylily clubs, not only in growing daylilies but also in the friendships you make, as well as education in the programs, reading materials, meetings and experimenting in your own gardens. We hope our Region can remain an enjoyable and learning experience for everyone. Let's not have politics and differences get in the way of the wonderful times and experiences we have. Here's a toast to good thoughts into the next Millennium. Happy Holidays and a blessed 2000!

## **A HEMEROCALLIS CHECK LIST FOR CHRISTMAS**

**by Jay and Judy Farquhar - Oleo Acres, DeRidder, LA  
They state that all the names were taken out of the Check List!**

CHRISTMAS IS, an ACT OF KINDNESS, a CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, a HOME FIRE BURNING with a GOLDEN GLOW.

As I look out the CHURCH WINDOW where the CHRISTMAS CANDLES CAPTURE THE MAGIC, our wish to all of you is an EVERYDAY MIRACLE, BRIGHT HOPE and JUST PEACE.

May we all be a CHEERFUL GIVER and remember our CHRISTMAS STORY, the CHRISTMAS TREE, the CHRISTMAS CAROL, CHRISTMAS STAR and the

CHRISTMAS MAGIC.

BABES IN TOYLAND are LOOKING DAPPER all CLOTHED IN GLORY!

BRIGHT HOPE is ours, if you read this THANKS A BUNCH, it is ALWAYS A PLEASURE thinking of you.

MAKING LITTLE WISHES for ALL THE MAGIC of CHRISTMAS to fill your heart as it has this HEART OF MINE.

# RPD REPORT

Sharon Umphress

## Popularity Poll:

The Popularity Poll this year did not have as great a turnout as last year. There were only 139 ballots out of 770, only 18% of the Region's members voting. The Popularity Poll is quoted in so many gardening magazines that it seems to me we should all be trying to tell the world about the best daylily to grow in our area.

The winners of the drawing were Christine Short, Judy Montgomery and Ann Marie Rosen. Congratulations!

## Mail-In-Auction:

The Mail-In-Auction has come and gone. It was quite a job for the amount of money actually raised. It seems we always have the same bidders and donors each time we hold one of these. An idea put forth by Kathy St. Onge was that each club donate \$100 from each of their sales. We have 18 clubs in our Region, so we would raise about \$1,800. This would compare very favorably with the \$1,623.86 (plus postage) raised in the Auction.

We had 27 very generous donors for the auction and many of them also were bidders. I was very impressed with their generosity and quick response to my cry for help when we decided to have the auction, but saddened by the lack of response by most of the Region when it came time to bid on these plants. All I can say is congratulations to the people who were lucky enough to get such cheap plants that you won. You can smile slyly.

## Thank you:

Thank you for all your help these last two years whenever I have asked for a donation or an article. Everyone has done more than I have asked of you. You are a wonderful bunch and I have enjoyed working with you. I would like to send a

special thank you to Donna Peck and Mary Ann Moreno on the Newsletter. These two women have given of themselves more than any other officer in the Region: They have turned the Region 6 Newsletter into something more than what it was. I used to feel it was not a Newsletter that represented all of the members of Region 6. But they have shown us all what a Newsletter should be with articles and photographs. Bless you all and enjoy your gardening.

## Popularity Poll Results:

1.	STRAWBERRY CANDY	39
2.	ELIZABETH SALTER	39
3.	WEDDING BAND	35
4.	JASON SALTER	27
5.	BARBARA MITCHELL	25
6.	WIND FRILLS	23
7.	PAPER BUTTERFLY	21
8.	RED VOLUNTEER	21
9.	BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS	20
10.	ADMIRAL'S BRAID	18
11.	MAGIC CARPET RIDE	18
12.	IDA'S MAGIC	17
13.	TRUE PINK BEAUTY	17
14.	SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC	17
15.	PIRATE'S PATCH	15
16.	LACY MARIONETTE	15
17.	TEXAS SUNLIGHT	14
18.	SEMINOLE WIND	14
19.	ALWAYS AFTERNOON	13
20.	BILL NORRIS	13
21.	DARING DILEMMA	13
22.	CREATIVE EDGE	12
23.	FAIRY TALE PINK	12
24.	ED BROWN	12
25.	MOONLIT MASQUERADE	12

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# Picking "Winners"

By Barbara K. Chang, M.D., M.A. and Cal Iskra

Looking for a "theme" for your garden or for sure-to-please daylilies to recommend or to sell to the general gardening public? You might do well to consider using the information from the Region 6 Popularity Poll. When viewed from a twelve-year perspective, Popularity Poll data can provide valuable tips for choosing daylilies to grow in our area. As discussed in this article, poll data also has limitations.

Many daylily gardeners concentrate on award winners, such as the Stout Medalists or other National awardees. For example, started several years ago by Richard and Donna Peck, the Albuquerque Daylily Society maintains a Stout Memorial Bed at University House on the campus of the University of New Mexico. Other clubs and areas have their Stout beds, as well. The Stout winners are supposed to be a testimony to daylilies which grow well - or reasonably well - in all parts of the country. "Adaptable" is the word used to describe the ideal Stout Medal winner in *Daylilies - A Fifty-Year Affair* (Gatlin, Frances, American Hemerocallis Society: Edgerton, MO, 1995). As pointed out in that volume, hardiness and vigorous growth are not the same thing as adaptability to a given geographic area, and the system of awarding the Stout Silver Medal and other awards is far from perfect.

Nevertheless, most AHS members would like to think that all Stout Silver Medalists would perform well and be hardy in different climate zones. However, the predominance of Southern hybridizers and Southern Garden Judges has resulted in what some consider to be an imbalance in daylilies from the deep South being awarded Stout Medals. Thus, the concept of a "universal" daylily is approached more as a potential than an actuality.

In the more distant past, Stout winners were generally regarded as hardy, vigorous, and disease resistant. Recently, some winners have been notable for their lack of adaptability to all Regions - especially in the Northern and high altitude Regions. Again, the preponderance of Southern Garden Judges and other geographic imbalances may provide an explanation. E.g., in Region 6, there has always been paucity of Garden Judges from the state of New Mexico. Although the number of Garden Judges from New Mexico increased somewhat about two years ago, Region 6 and New Mexico are still under-represented nationally in terms of Garden Judges. In contrast to AHS awards, all members - not just Garden Judges - have the privilege of voting in the Popularity Polls.

Other factors, however, may explain the decline in the reliability of the awards system for "picking winners." Regrettably, some Stout winners do not appear to grow well anywhere. As decried by Munson (*Hemerocallis: The Daylily*, Timber Press: Portland, OR, 1989), this lack of concern for vigor is part of the recent tendency to concentrate on the beauty of a cultivar's flowers at the expense of other plant characteristics. Another factor is the

tendency of some hybridizers to rush the introduction of their cultivars without allowing sufficient time to judge their hardiness, and in particular, their disease and insect resistance.

As an alternative to the awards system, the Regional Popularity Polls provide an excellent means of guiding the selection of cultivars for one's own garden or to recommend to the general public. Although daylilies recognized as poll finalists are likely to flourish and to reward Regional gardeners, a caveat is in order. The wide variability of growing conditions in Region 6 - ranging from the subtropical conditions in parts of coastal Texas to the Rocky Mountain and desert conditions of New Mexico - implies that making the short list is no guarantee that a cultivar will grow well in all parts of Region 6. Because of the larger numbers of members in Texas than in New Mexico, occasional anomalies result in which a Regional winner (e.g., WIND FRILLS) does not perform well at all in the Albuquerque area, which has the largest concentration of New Mexico AHS members and an elevation of 5,500 to 6,500 ft. A review of the past twelve years of Region 6 Popularity Polls (see the TABLE below) reveals a few interesting trends.

One of the most striking trends is for poll finalists to appear repeatedly for several years on the list. Of the 101 poll finalists listed in the TABLE, there are only 30 unique cultivars. Indeed, a few daylilies have topped the list for more than one year (e.g., WIND FRILLS for 4 of 12 years). Secondly, most daylilies on the list are older introductions (i.e., prior to 1990). They have, presumably, proven their adaptability and reliability in this Region and have stood the test of time. Taken together, these observations suggest that, in fact, the cultivars on the Popularity Poll list are already widely grown in the Region and that cultivation by many members is likely to be a precondition for inclusion in the top 10. The corollary limitation is that, because of the passage of years required for broad dissemination of selected cultivars, newer introductions (unless unusually "hot") are unlikely to appear as finalists on the polls.

The influence of the AHS awards program on the Popularity Poll is also apparent. Several Stout Medalists are represented. Interestingly, most Stout winners appear after being awarded the Stout Silver Medal (e.g., BECKY LYNN, SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC, MARTHA ADAMS, BARBARA MITCHELL, and BROCADED GOWN), while only a few appear prior to receiving the Stout designation (e.g., WEDDING BAND and FAIRY TALE PINK). Thus, although a two-way interaction between the awards program and the Popularity Polls is suggested, the more common sequence suggests that more members decide to grow a variety after it has won a major award.

Nevertheless, one also wonders how and why newer cultivars are added to the list - e.g., PIRATE'S PATCH

(Salter, 1991) appears for the first time on the 1998 tally. When it still costs \$50 to \$75 per double fan, is PIRATE'S PATCH likely to be widely grown? In addition, why are highly worthy cultivars overlooked and some hybridizers not represented at all on the list? E.g., many Region 6 members grow introductions by the Joiners, yet these have not appeared on the short list - although they receive many votes from my family and others. One suspects that the problem resides in the plethora of cultivars available for culture and in the vagaries of individual taste in daylilies with respect to color and form and possibly, preferences for tetraploids or diploids.

In the 1998-99 tally, 179 members voted for over 1,230 different cultivars!\* With such a large number of cultivars represented, it is a wonder that the top 2 finalists were able to garner 40 to 50 votes each. Furthermore, according to Sharon Umphress' report in the 1998-99 Fall/Winter Region 6 Newsletter, the 179 represented only 24% of our Region's 759 members. Thus, in conclusion, the Popularity Poll is at best an imperfect mechanism of "picking winners," especially for newer cultivars. Notwithstanding its limitations, the Regional Popularity Poll still may be the most reliable method for identifying Regional high performers that we have available.

**TABLE. Region 6 Popularity Poll Winners: 1998 - 1987\*\***

<b>Rank</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>1995</b>
1.	STRAWBERRY CANDY	BARBARA MITCHELL	WIND FRILLS	JASON SALTER
2.	WEDDING BAND	WEDDING BAND	STRAWBERRY CANDY	MIDNIGHT MAGIC
3.	WIND FRILLS	WIND FRILLS	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	WIND FRILLS
4.	BARBARA MITCHELL	STRAWBERRY CANDY	WEDDING BAND	BARBARA MITCHELL
5.	JASON SALTER	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	BARBARA MITCHELL	FAIRY TALE PINK
6.	PIRATE'S PATCH	SMOKY MOUNTAIN AUTUMN	JASON SALTER	STRAWBERRY CANDY
7.	TEXAS SUNLIGHT	MING PORCELAIN	WEDDING BAND	SMOKY MOUNTAIN AUTUMN
8.	JEDI DOT PIERCE	JOLYENE NICHOLE	SEDUCTRESS	BRIGHT EYED
9.	SMOKY MOUNTAIN AUTUMN	SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC	BRIGHT EYED	SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC
10.	PAPER BUTTERFLY	BRIGHT EYED	MING PORCELAIN	KATE CARPENTER
<b>Rank</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1993</b>	<b>1992</b>	<b>1991</b>
1.	WIND FRILLS	WIND FRILLS	WIND FRILLS	WILL RETURN
2.	BARBARA MITCHELL	BROCADED GOWN	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	FAIRY TALE PINK
3.	FAIRY TALE PINK	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	TEXAS SUNLIGHT	TEXAS SUNLIGHT
4.	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	FAIRY TALE PINK	WILL RETURN	MIDNIGHT MAGIC
5.	JASON SALTER	TEXAS SUNLIGHT	BARBARA MITCHELL	WIND FRILLS
6.	JOLYENE NICHOLE	JASON SALTER	GRACEFUL EYE	BECKY LYNN
7.		BARBARA MITCHELL	ONO	GRACEFUL EYE
8.		BRIGHT EYED	BROCADED GOWN	BEAUTIFUL DAYDREAM
9.		KATE CARPENTER	BECKY LYNN	JOAN SENIOR
10.		MING PORCELAIN	PUMPKIN KID	BROCADED GOWN
<b>Rank</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>1987</b>
1.	WILL RETURN	GRACEFUL EYE	FAIRY TALE PINK	ONO
2.	FAIRY TALE PINK	FAIRY TALE PINK	MARTHA ADAMS	FAIRY TALE PINK
3.	BROCADED GOWN	MARTHA ADAMS	SILOAM BO PEEP	JEROME
4.	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	SILOAM BO PEEP	GRACEFUL EYE	LITTLE DEEKE
5.	GRACEFUL EYE	MIDNIGHT MAGIC	WILL RETURN	RUFFLED APRICOT
6.	BETTY WOODS			
7.	PUMPKIN KID			
8.	BECKY LYNN			
9.	BEAUTIFUL DAYDREAM			
10.	MARTHA ADAMS			

\* Note: For a more recent vote, read Sharon Umphress' 1999 Popularity Poll results on page four.

\*\* Note: Many entries represent ties. Because of space considerations, the annual lists are limited to the top 10 cultivars in any year. In addition, expansion of the lists would result in duplication of many of the cultivars already listed. Those unique cultivars omitted (1997-1987) include: CONDILLA, LACY MARIONETTE, SCARLET ORBIT, TOUCHED BY MIDAS, TRUE GERTRUDE DEMAREST, SEDUCTOR, and SO EXCITED. For 1998, the list (limited to 20) also includes ELIZABETH SALTER, DARING DILEMMA, ALWAYS AFTERNOON, TRUE PINK BEAUTY, DRAGON'S EYE, and IDA'S MAGIC.

## THE \$2200 DAYLILY

This is an excerpt from Allen McLain's (Belzoni, MS) email report on the Region 14 Meeting

Everyone talked about the Region 6 auction last year and the Leo Sharp introduction bought by Lee Causey for \$1,250.

This year Region 14 had their Regional Meeting in Birmingham. The auction was the highlight of the Meeting. Larry Grace donated a future introduction of his to be auctioned off to the highest bidder and the winning bidder could name the daylily. It is a beautiful seedling. The

auction began and bam-bam-bam - Bill Robinson was helping with the auction and when his wife continued bidding at \$1800 he just shook his head and sat down with face in hands listening to the bidding going even higher.

Teresa Robinson won the bidding with a bid of \$2200 - her 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary gift to Bill. The daylily will be named "Bill Robinson." It will be introduced in 2003, so be looking for it. Daylilies are fun and so are daylily people.

## BILL MUNSON REMEMBERED

*The Daylily Robin had so many lovely thoughts and facts about Bill Munson. Here are just a few of them:*

" . . . October 3, 1999, Bill Munson left this life. I have just spoken with Bill's niece, Elizabeth Salter . . . She said that condolence tributes to the AHS William E. Monroe Endowment Fund are appropriate. Bill Munson's contribution to daylilies will remain as long as there are hybrid daylilies on the planet. May they last forever.

**Tearfully, David Kirchhoff/Mort Morss**

"Bill Munson began hybridizing daylilies in 1950. Each year, immeasurably assisted by his mother, Ida; his sister, Betty Hudson; and niece, Elizabeth Ann Hudson; he has continued the never ending task of caring for the plants and making the crosses that will give birth to the new Hems of tomorrow. At the vanguard of new innovations and in the process of great change, the hybrids he has produced have served as a stepping stone in virtually every facet of Hemerocallis development - both for himself and for others. Initially developing outstanding pastel diploids of beautiful and unusually subtle coloring, he has long since advanced into the complex and exciting world of tetraploids. As a pioneer in tetraploids, Bill Munson endured the skepticism of many souls of lesser vision, determination and talent - all the while pursuing a career as a distinguished architect. Never content to rest on his laurels, Bill continued to blaze a trail in the development of evermore complex, refined and superior Hemerocallis. Bill was awarded the Bertrand Farr Medal in 1967. For his never ending quest for perfection, for his inability to countenance defeat, for his uncompromising dedication to the highest pursuit of excellence in Hemerocallis, Bill Munson

shall always be one of the most significant forces in the world of Hemerocallis."

**Respectfully, David Kirchhoff** (written for the 38<sup>th</sup> AHS Convention Handbook in 1984)

" . . . Without Bill Munson's contributions to the daylily world, I might still have become a daylily addict, but I would have taken a bit longer. His RUSSIAN RHAPSODY turned me from a casual grower into a full-fledged daylily nut back in 1975. That daylily is still in my garden. It has been joined over the years by so many Munson creations that I have lost count. I can name at least ten Munson cultivars that, as they perform in my garden, should have received the Stout Medal. SOVEREIGN QUEEN - never even got an Honorable Mention? That is unbelievable. RUSSIAN RHAPSODY did win the Lenington All American Award. MALAYSIAN MONARCH also stalled at the Award of Merit level. Oh my! JAPANESE BROCADE never got an Honorable Mention. Please! He was (and this term is often used too loosely) a giant among hybridizers. This is a great loss for AHS.

**Bill Watson, Pinehurst, NC**

Dear Bill,

When I referred to you as a "Living Legend," I spoke as much about your spirit that lives in so many gardens and hearts of daylily lovers as I did your earthly life. Well, that spirit lives on and we all are better and more fulfilled because of it. Now that you are with the Master Gardener, you are really going to enjoy yourself. Many thanks for all you have given us. It has made our lives so much richer. I suspect you have not completely settled in yet, but when you find time can you send down some of those missing blue genes? **Thanks my friend, Jack Bilson, Joplin, Missouri**

## How I Got Started With Daylilies

or

## HOW DAYLILIES HAVE CHANGED

by Bill and Gina Jarvis

Back in the mid 1980's, we purchased some HYPERION and a hybridizer's mix from Park Seed Company just to add some color to a new bed. Those hybridizer's seedlings must have been very fertile as the bees made quite a few seed pods that first year. Always ready to experiment, we planted the seeds just for grins. About half germinated and a couple of years later, we got our first blooms. One of

those was the most fabulous flower we had ever seen. We laugh now when we look at a picture of that incredible bloom. It was a narrow petaled, bright yellow self, measuring about seven inches. Nothing special by today's standards, but we were hooked. We've been growing and hybridizing ever since.

# PARADISE DOWN UNDER

by Paula Payne

Have you ever had a dream and didn't want to wake up? That pretty much sums up our trip to Australia and New Zealand. Our special thanks to Nancy Peterson for her arrangements for this trip. Seven of us Yanks banded together and headed out in November of 1998 for parts unknown to any of us. It was truly a memorable adventure.



When we landed in Brisbane, we were tuckered out. But when a friendly Aussie by the name of Ian Wicks meets you at the airport with a box of daylily blooms, it doesn't take long to revive yourself and eagerly await the rest of the trip. Our guide promptly informed us that she would let no one sleep or doze until that evening, so we popped into the van and headed for our first garden. And what a garden it was! The owners were Joyce and Frank Cornelius, former pineapple plantation farmers. If they grew pineapples like they grew daylilies, they would have needed a wheelbarrow to truck out each one. Absolute perfection in a garden. The garden itself sloped down in back against the mountainside where palms and other trees grew wildly to serve as a break for the wind. Concrete paths wound themselves around each thoroughly manicured row with daylilies showcased among the many other perennials. It was such a delight to see so many different kinds of daylilies that were our favorites to be so lovingly grown so far from home. We also learned that they sold some of their surplus plants, and interestingly enough, they grew them for this purpose in black plastic bags.

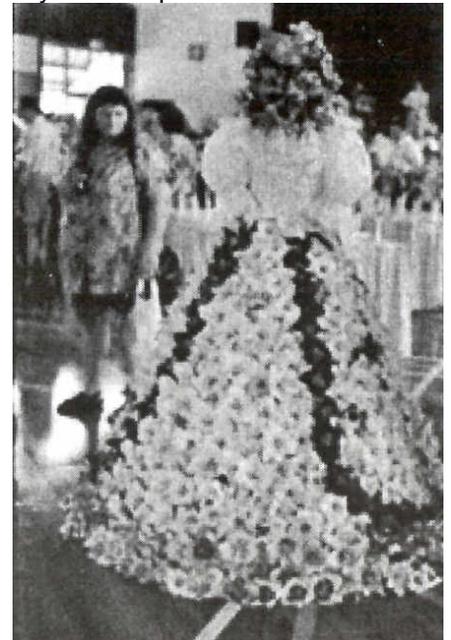
The next stop landed us in Melany, just about an hour and a half out of Brisbane, at the "festival" hotel and our home away from home for the next several days. Our terrace overlooked a most picturesque view of the Glasshouse Mountains where a mist hung overhead in the mornings until the cows in the valley were turned out to graze for the day. The first night we were there Leon ventured out to look for a Coke machine and when he got back was really excited. He said he had put this small gold coin into a vending machine and had gotten a Coke AND two BIG coins in change! We are still laughing at this one.

During the next day, we visited as many of the gardens listed on the festival program as we could fit into daylight

hours. I think we made sixteen in all. All were unique, all were special, and all had the personality of the gardeners who greeted all of us Yanks with such hospitality. Now here we are talking about real South of the Equator "Southern" hospitality. I think they must have invented it. All grew a variety of plants and it was fun seeing all the different plants that we had only seen or read about in books.

While it gets very hot in Brisbane, I think the Melany area where the festival was held has a very mild climate because of its location in the mountains, perfect for daylilies. The soil must be perfect there too since I have never seen them grown bigger or better anywhere and that's a fact! Here we crossed paths with another Aussie, Scott Alexander, whose inspiration was the motivation behind the Festival of Colour. We visited Scott and Sue's garden at their home as well as at the farm. His specialty is, what else - daylilies! Some of the highlights of their garden were the many varieties of garden "people." I hesitate to use the term scarecrows because these garden "people" were certainly more sophisticated than that. We also met and were able to visit with Curt Hanson, by now a world renown hybridizer from Ohio. He too couldn't believe the perfection to which the daylilies were grown.

Just as we were about to call uncle from a long day of touring and beg our guide to return us to the hotel for the night, one of the garden owners told me that we absolutely could not miss the High Tor garden belonging to Greg and Charmane Wightman. The garden had a lot of historical significance attributed to it due to the age of the home itself, which they had so lovingly restored. Seems that the stonework was done by Italian prisoners of war. The garden was literally carved out of sixty acres of rain forest complete with its own bamboo jungle growing there. There were Staghorn and Elkhorn ferns growing wild that had gotten so big, a crane had been brought in and used to raise them to a more desirable level on their host tree. Greg and Charmane insisted on giving us a personal tour and Greg showed us some of the exotic chickens and other birds that he raised.



We all took an instant liking to the Wightmans and none of us wanted to leave. We might have considered staying had it not been for the slide presentation and banquet that night with none other than Curt Hanson himself as the presenter!

One would think that Curt might only show and promote his own introductions. Not! He showed a wide variety of hybridizer plants from all areas of the United States. Very interesting and informative. To think that I had to go half way around the world to meet him in person. His love, dedication, and devotion to the advancement of daylilies was apparent in his talk and presentation.

The next morning took us into Brisbane for the Brisbane Daylily Show. It was very different from any show we've attended here in the states. It was not an AHS sanctioned show, but it was judged and prizes were awarded. To begin with, it was not free to the public. Although the fee was minimal, there was a charge. And many scapes were displayed two or more to a container. Most entries were shown and judged as blooms only. Frank and Joyce Cornelius were awarded Best of Show for a stunning bloom of CODIE WEDGEWORTH, and understandably so. The plant sale was unlike the way local clubs we belong to conduct theirs. The plants were brought in by the members and the proceeds from the sale are distributed with 75% going to the "donor" member and 25% going to the host club. Condition and variety of plants were outstanding and there was no shortage of customers. A very unique experience overall.

The next morning found us having a true Australian barbecue breakfast in Ian and Helen Wicks' garden. It was hard keeping Leon and Curt out of Ian's very absorbing seedling patch that covered the back yard in its entirety. There will be some fascinating introductions coming from this fellow in the not too distant future that will rival anything on the market.

After visiting with our hosts as long as our guide allowed, we decided to sneak in an additional garden that again wasn't on our itinerary. It was the home and garden of Frank and Barbara Chamberlain. The garden was gorgeous. They have only been raising daylilies for a very short time but already have many of the latest and greatest. In fact, Frank had built an entire structure out of shade cloth to enclose his prized breeders. It seems that some type of bee was pollinating all of his plants before he had a chance to make his own choices, so he just shut them out. The back part of their property had been turned into a natural rain forest and they feed all the parrots and birds that come to roost nightly. I don't think us Yanks really appreciate how much trouble Aussies go to bring our American hybrids to their shores. Besides the monetary exchange rate with our dollar being equal to about \$.66 Australian (at the time of our trip), they must also pay healthy quarantine fees which add considerably to the cost. They are a dedicated lot, these Aussies.

Next up was the Mead Daylily and Iris Nursery where we met the delightful Mead family - all of them. Monica Mead

(one of David Kirchhoff's daylilies is named after this lovely lady) and her husband, Colin, son Neale and wife Debbie and their children, and even Rebel, their guard dog. They served us tea in the shade of the patio and we talked daylilies with them like we were members of their family.

The rest of our Australian trip was devoted to touristy things not to be missed in Australia. It was truly a trip of a lifetime and one I hope everyone could make one day. There is another Festival of Colour to look forward to again next year. Save your money and go!

## JERRY CONSFORD BIRDHOUSE CONTRACTOR

by Judithe Savely



As we sat down to dinner the first night of the Region 6 Meeting in Nacogdoches, we found a gem that was not planted in a garden. In the center of each table was a different birdhouse, 24 in all. At our table was one made of cedar with a copper roof. Another table had one with weathered wood and a red metal roof. And on and on. Later in the evening, we discovered each of the

24 large birdhouses was awarded to one lucky winner at each table. Thirteen more birdhouses (of a different design) decorated the head table.

Inspired by a picture, all were carefully designed and handcrafted by Jerry Consford, husband of Jean, our new Region 6 RVP and Chairman of the Regional. He has been building birdhouses for 1 ½ years, and when the Regional Committee called for a volunteer to make gifts, he generously offered his services. In preparation for the Regional, he built and donated a total of 43!

Jerry's work with rural water systems takes him out into the countryside, and he is not above begging for old boards at farmhouses. In the beginning, he bought some cedar for the birdhouse project, but by scrounging around he managed to obtain all other materials at no cost. Materials used include red roofing metal scraps (left over from roofing a log cabin), composition shingles, rustic tin and barnyard materials. He also obtained wood from his family homestead, and even used some wood from the outhouse at his old school in Melrose, Texas! A horseshoe was used for a perch on one birdhouse, and a doorknob on another. Jerry cuts out four or five birdhouses at a time to work on. From start to completion, each birdhouse takes four hours.

Thank you, Jerry for adding a very special touch to our Region 6 Meeting!

## REGION 6 SHOW RESULTS FOR 1999

	HOUSTON	NACOGDOCHES (Region 6)	EAST TEXAS	NORTH TEXAS
BEST IN SHOW	Paula Payne LITTLE ROSY CLOUD Winniford-85	Art Imperial MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE Temple	Elizabeth Hoover GREEN WIDOW Temple	Jay Tompkins TOTAL LOOK Grace-97
LARGE	Clifford Lee TROPICAL EDGE C. Lee-97	Jay & Judy Farquhar FULL FORMED BEAUTY Carpenter	Elizabeth Hoover KATE CARPENTER Munson	Jay Tompkins TOTAL LOOK Grace-97
SMALL	Paula Payne LITTLE ROSY CLOUD Winniford-85	Jay & Judy Farquhar RASPBERRY BOUQUET Bomar	David Burton GREEN FLUTTER Williamson	Kathy Blikken SILOAM FLOWER GIRL Henry
MINI	Mary Gage LITTLE PREACHER MAN Cruse-88	Clifford Lee DARK AVENGER Salter	Kathy St. Onge LITTLE ZINGER Lankart	Bonnie & Hooker Nichols PATCHWORK PUZZLE E. Salter-90
DOUBLE	Paula Payne DOUBLE TUTTI FRUITI B. Brown-81	Mary Gage DOUBLE PAPRIKA B. Brown	Sharon Umphress DOUBLE BOLD ONE J. Miller	Nickie Knight BUBBLY Joiner-89
SPIDER	Mary Gage FOL DE ROL Connell-53	Art Imperial MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE Temple	Elizabeth Hoover GREEN WIDOW Temple	N/A
POPULARITY POLL	Clifford Lee STRAWBERRY CANDY P. Stamile-87	N/A	Betty Burton STRAWBERRY CANDY P. Stamile-87	Bonnie & Hooker Nichols STRAWBERRY CANDY P. Stamile-87
SEEDLING	Paula Payne 96-156 L. Payne	N/A	N/A	N/A
YOUTH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SWEEPSTAKES	Paula Payne	Lee Causey	Elizabeth Hoover	Vernon Wallis
TRICOLOR	Nell Shimek Slender Lady	N/A	N/A	N/A
DESIGNER'S CHOICE	Sarah Chumley Little Surprise	N/A	N/A	N/A

	AUSTIN	BRAZOSPORT	GULF COAST	LONE STAR
BEST IN SHOW	Carolyn Mersiovsky RAINBOW SPANGLES Temple-83	Art Imperial FAIRY FILIGREE E. Salter-90	James Farquhar KING KAHUNA Crochet-94	Paula Payne DOUBLE WILMA Torrent-87
LARGE	Carolyn Mersiovsky MIDNIGHT MAGIC Kinnebrew-79	Leon & Paula Payne TOUCHED BY MIDAS Winniford-79	James Farquhar EXQUISITE EDGE M. Nelson-94	Michael Mayfield MIDNIGHT MAGIC Kinnebrew-79
SMALL	Carolyn Mersiovsky MORMON LEMON LACE	Art Imperial FAIRY FILIGREE E. Salter-90	N/A	Cary Sheffield LADY OF FORTUNE Salter-72
MINI	Michelle Ogee JASON SALTER Salter-87	Inez Tarrant LITTLE MYSTIC MOON E. Salter-95	Gene Orgeron TINY TAPESTRY E. Salter	Paula Payne ICE CROWN Hudson-81
DOUBLE	Carolyn Mersiovsky BOBBIE GEROLD Graham-80	Leon & Paula Payne DOUBLE WILMA Torrent-87	James Farquhar KING KAHUNA Crochet-94	Paula Payne DOUBLE WILMA Torrent-87
SPIDER	Carolyn Mersiovsky RAINBOW SPANGLES Temple-83	Carolyn Jackson MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE Temple	James Farquhar SKINNY MINNY Crandall-91	Paula Payne GREEN WIDOW Temple-80
POPULARITY POLL		Edgar & Becky Tarrant STRAWBERRY CANDY P. Stamile-87	N/A	N/A
SEEDLING		Leon & Paula Payne	N/A	Leon Payne
YOUTH	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
SWEEPSTAKES		N/A	James Farquhar	Paula Payne
TRICOLOR	Boyd Farar Gateway to Japan	N/A	N/A	Nell Shimek Shooting Star
DESIGNER'S CHOICE	Boyd Farar Come Fly With Me	N/A	N/A	N/A

	ALBUQUERQUE	SAN ANTONIO
BEST IN SHOW	Jim & Courtney Petty SUNNY EYES E.C.Brown-94	
LARGE	Kathryn Neely CINNAMON SUNRISE Copenhaver-91	Diane Degnam ORANGE VELVET Joiner-88
SMALL	Jim & Courtney Petty SUNNY EYES E.C.Brown-94	Dana Griffin DRAGON'S EYE Salter
MINI	Carolyn Kittredge JASON SALTER E.Salter-87	Lori Potrykus CORSIKAN BANDIT Hudson-81
DOUBLE	Carolyn Kittredge HIGHLAND LORD R.W.Munson-83	N/A
SPIDER	N/A	Mark Carpenter RASPBERRY STAR Hansen-94
POPULARITY POLL	N/A	N/A
SEEDLING	N/A	Mark Carpenter
YOUTH	Carla Chang SCARLET SHADOWS Carpenter-88	N/A
SWEEPSTAKES	Jim & Courtney Petty	N/A
TRICOLOR	Kreg Hill	N/A
DESIGNER'S CHOICE	Kreg Hill	N/A

# A GREAT IDEA!

Vernon Wallis, a member of the North Texas Daylily Society, writes that their club gives each new member a copy of the new AHS *An Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*, plus a collection of six daylily plants to be delivered at a Fall meeting. Eighteen members joined at their Daylily Show on June 5<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations!

## SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

by Cheryl Dungan

*This is another interesting article about "mothers and daughters" daylily gardening together.*

My daughter's interest in daylilies began around the time she was eight years old. She was given some miniatures for her own flower bed by friends and she was on her way. We have had a number of joy-filled Springs and Summers since then.

The similarities and differences addressed in the title of this article have to do with the ways we enjoy our daylilies. We are alike in that we both love and tend our daylilies. We both anxiously wait bloom season. We both love going to the Regional Meetings and visiting other gardens. Our differences come from our approach to daylily shows and our desires in the area of judging.

When we entered our first show I encouraged Beth to cut her scapes by explaining how we would be helping the club to put on a good display for the public. After that first show she found that she really liked the competition and winning awards. After several years of entering our club shows she still likes the competitive end of it, whereas I still enter only to help the club put on a good display for the public.

Where judging is concerned, Beth got the bug to become an Exhibition Judge shortly after she discovered she liked the competition of showing her flowers. I discouraged this

since I knew I would have to drive her to judge shows and I did not wish to become an Exhibition Judge myself.

My only interest in judging was to become a Garden Judge because I felt worthy daylilies were sometimes not given the attention they deserved. Beth did not wish to become a Garden Judge, at all.

Beth is now sixteen and we are both Junior Exhibition Judges. (I gave in). I am a Garden Judge and Beth intends to take her first class to become a Garden Judge at the Regional Meeting this Spring.

Whatever our similarities and differences, we have both had a lot of good times around the world of daylilies. Our favorite time is in the early light of each day when we stroll through our garden and OOH and AAH over the flowers of the new day. The "come look at this one," and "you've just got to come see," and "have you looked at" can be heard each morning as we thrill at the beauty God has brought forth.

Sharing a garden on a daily basis is a wonderful thing. I'm sure I will miss my gardening partner when she moves on to make her own way. Perhaps by then I will have succeeded in giving the daylily fever to my husband. One can always hope!

# REGION 6 HYBRIDIZERS SPEAK OUT ON THEIR GROWING IDEAS AND INSPIRATION - PART 2

by David and Betty Burton

*David and Betty Burton have spent hours writing out questions, and writing to hybridizers for their answers. This is the second and last in the series of questions they asked and their answers. (See part one in the Spring 1999 Newsletter).*

As daylily growers in Region 6, hybridizers face many growing problems. In the following questions we asked them, we hope their answers, based on their experiences and accomplishments, will give you new ideas and special remedies to some of your problems. Up to forty years of daylily growing and hybridizing is provided for you in this information. Enjoy their gardening knowledge and wisdom gained through many good and a few frustrating years.

1. When you buy cultivars do you buy from a catalog or buy only after personal inspection in the garden?
2. What hybridizer influences your hybridizing program now more than any other? Any comments?
3. Whose daylilies do you use in your program, now?
4. When selecting cultivars to purchase, what three traits sway your selection the most? Color, bloom size, bud count, fragrance, type of bloom, parentage, fertility, plant vigor, diploid or tetraploid, show table strength, bloom season, hybridizer, substance, ruffling, eyezone, distinction, evergreen, or dormant?
5. Have you registered any daylilies or plan to in the next year?
6. Any suggestions for new pollen dabblers on getting their program going in the right direction?
7. In the Fall do you trim your daylily foliage back for the Winter season and why?
8. In seed harvesting, do you plant immediately? Refrigerate? And for how long?
9. In seed planting, any new ideas you care to share?
10. Any growing tips for new daylily growers?

**Mabel Mathews:** The majority of the time I prefer to see a cultivar in bloom if I can before buying. Going to Regionals and visiting gardens sometimes affords this opportunity. I also do a lot of telephone visiting with hybridizers and those who grow the new varieties. In this way I can learn how a cultivar performs, and whether or not it might grow well in our area. I prefer dormant cultivars if everything else is equal. I don't have any one person or hybridizer as a preference. All hybridizers have their own program. I combine elements of all of them into my own plans and try to produce something as pretty but very different. I don't want to copy another cultivar - just use some of its best qualities to produce a new version that can be presented to the public. I use a lot of Trimmer's, Stamile's, Kaskel's, Kirchhoff's and Morss', as well as a new friend, Tommy Smith's, whose recent new seedlings and one introduction have been exceptional. I also use my own introductions by crossing them back and forth with all of the above and others. I look for plant vigor, (growth and division speed), bloom size, bud count, substance and color. I have about

12 that I am working toward deciding on. I have registered 40 daylilies since 1987. I probably will register about six in 1999 and hold the others until they have increased more.

You should choose the best cultivars you can afford to buy to start your hybridizing program.. Start hybridizing only after you have learned how to plant, fertilize, prevent crown rot, and have a good soil mixture for growing the cultivars. It is best to start out with inexpensive plants for a year; then by trial and error, you will learn how to grow them well and prevent loss of plants. It becomes more fun, then, to see the results of your labor in a brand new cultivar, only you have. As you learn, you will have your own ideas of which cultivars you think will give you the desired different new cultivar. Experimenting will be fun, and nature rewards you many times with a cultivar worthy of introduction.

I trim the foliage back early in March, clean off the brown leaves, fertilize, and after the bloom season is over, I trim foliage back again to about 10" and try to fertilize again (spray leaves). In about October, I clean and trim again and fertilize.

Sometimes I plant in 45 days, and sometimes I refrigerate to give myself time to catch up on my work and prepare beds. I find little difference in refrigerating for better germination. I use 4" pots filled with a mixture of: 1 part sandy loam to 1 part LC1 (Sunshine mix). I add to ½ sack of LC1 about a quart of perlite, and a quart of composted cow manure. I fill pots, wet it down, use a pencil and make ¼" holes. I plant one seed pod to the pot. When the plants are 6 inches tall I plant them, as usual. When planting, I soak the seeds in small drinking cups for about 10 days, changing the water every 4 days. When they begin sprouting, I plant them. I don't use any fertilizer in the mix. After the plants grow 2 inches tall, I use Miracle Grow every week or so to water. I use 10-20-10 granules twice a year, sprinkled on the ground and watered in. Then in February or March, I spray for bugs and start spraying the leaves, about every month when blooms occur. I spray every two weeks during bloom season. I have found that spraying the leaves in late October with a combination of seaweed extract (according to directions), some Miracle Grow, molasses, fish emulsion, etc. stirred well, tends to toughen the plant for Winter, especially the seaweed extract. The plants have time to utilize the spray material before Winter begins, and if you can add a bug-killing agent, it gets rid of aphids and spider mites, etc, for the rest of the Fall. I believe it also helps promote better root growth and helps the plants increase.

**Anna Rosa Glidden:** I do buy from a catalog but have no particular hybridizer who influences me. Now I use Stamile, Salter, and Hansen in my program. The three traits, which

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# REGION 6 HYBRIDIZERS

Our 1999 Scrapbook of What Our Own Members Are Doing

## Bobo Faggard

"It's fun to experiment!"



DOUBLE STAR TREK  
28" 5 1/2" evergreen  
1997 registration



DOUBLE ROSITA  
28" 6" evergreen  
1997 registration



DOUBLE CRUNCHI-MUNCHI  
28" 5 1/2" evergreen  
1999 registration



LUCIENNA  
31" 7 1/2" evergreen



DOUBLE CONCHITA  
25" 5 1/2" dormant  
1997 registration

# Gene Orgeron



DO913

"I am concentrating on hybridizing for doubles. I feel there is more room for improvement in doubles."



DO914



DO910



PEDO907

# MABEL MATTHEWS



SM99-25

"My priority is to see what can be done with eyes. I select parents that survive extreme Texas heat."



SM96-21A  
18" 6 1/2" tetraploid



SM99-160  
26" 6"

"This is my most distinctive seedling"



SM99-123  
14" 3"



SM94-6  
18" 5" diploid



320118 - tetraploid

# Mark Carpenter

"I am trying to breed large flowers, those that can withstand the intense heat in our Region."



070111 - tetraploid



6001180 - tetraploid



400112 - tetraploid



310208 - tetraploid



JACK'S GIFT - 7"



BLBB-NEL

# Mable Nelson

"For beginning hybridizers, start with the very best you can afford."



DRSD-NEL

HURST  
KAY'S CHOICE  
(Mabel Matthews)



TANGERINE  
RUFFLES  
GALORE  
(Mable Nelson)

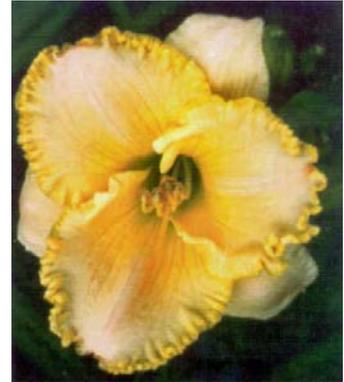




99-12 - 4"



97-52 - 5 1/2"



ROYAL WINTERLAND - 5 1/2"  
(Archivist Note: by Terry Smith)



SENTERS PINK SURPRISE - 4"

## Tommy Smith

"I try to hybridize edged & eyed daylilies that do well in Texas."



VS-TT HH-1

## Clifford Lee

"I am working with gold edges and picotee."



EOP-WTR-1



VALDETE  
Registered in 1998  
Won J. C. in 1998



EDGE OF PASSION  
Registered in 1997

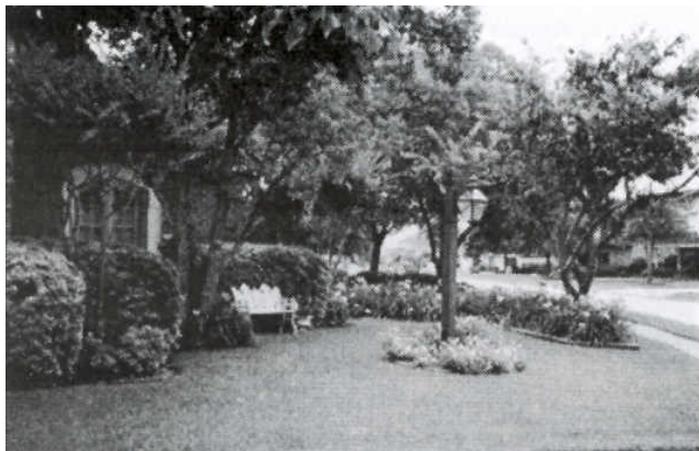
*(Hybridizers Speak Out, cont.)*

sway my selection, are color, bloom size, and plant vigor (growth and division speed). I have registered many daylilies, but "so many I cannot count." My suggestions are to judge overall traits, and use only the best of these with good traits. I cut back the foliage for ease in fertilizing. I refrigerate for at least 2 weeks and plant in good pliable soil, directly in the ground. I fertilize with 1/2 strength mixture at first.

**Bobo Faggard:** In my early stages I did order from catalogs, but now I generally like to see the daylily first. Edgar and Betty Brown influence me the most. Edgar's tetraploids have the widest parts and best garden performance. Betty Brown's doubles are the largest and have the best consistent form. I use everyone's! It's fun to experiment. Crossing lines of hybridizers eliminates in-line problems, sometimes. It costs more this way, including results and time. The three traits are bloom size, type of bloom and plant vigor (growth and division speed). I have registered daylilies and plan to this year. I would suggest to new hybridizers to observe lots of gardens and blooms. Select 4 to 6 new varieties with deserved traits (lots of possibilities); eliminate quickly - give space to grow more; and test only after established clump-full potentials show best.

I trim my daylilies sometimes when cleaning, resetting beds or as time permits. This eliminates small weeds and unnecessary mulch. I don't plant seeds immediately. I wait 3 weeks to a month. I prepare a good viable soil bed or pots and other containers. I plant and lightly water on a regular basis. Some shade is preferred. I replant in larger areas, trim, space out and replant for root growth. My growing tips: Daylilies are a choice perennial, but they don't bloom all year long. Observe your area seasons. Get the AHS *Beginner's Handbook!* Let plants grow.

**Mable L. Nelson:** I love to see the daylilies first, but this is almost impossible if you want the latest. I'm influenced by Salter, Stamile, Benz, Carr, Petit and have used Munson lots. Also, I use Kirchhoff and Morss. The three traits are parentage, tetraploid, and distinction. I have registered daylilies and plan to this year. My suggestions are to start with the very best you can afford. Only buy 2 if that's all you can have.



A cozy spot in Mable Nelson's yard

I only trim my daylilies back if they show lots of heat damage like this Summer. I refrigerate until I'm ready to plant. I use good potting soil (Sunshine Mix). Wet very well, plant and cover lightly. Cover with clear plastic and put in shade. Uncover when they are up and give very little sun at first. Plant in garden when about 6" high. Don't overcrowd your garden. Give them your best care and they will give you a season of pleasure.

**Nell and Harvey Shimek:** We have to see the daylily before we buy it. It has to be on our list more than once. We are influenced by Southern hybridizers and use Southern daylily growers. The three traits are bud count (branching habit), distinction and evergreen. We have registered two - SHIMEK SEPTEMBER MORNING and CZECH IT OUT. We won't register any this year. Our advice to hybridizers is to dab, dab, dab - try for distinction and hardiness.

Sometimes we trim for clean-up and bug control. We do refrigerate from 6 months to 1 year. But we need your ideas! We lost seed crops 1996 and 1997 due to Fall planting and heavy rains. They came up but rain covered plants several times and they all died. Beware! Daylilies are addictive. Buy the daylilies that have proven the test of time (in your Region). We are not scientific and dab for the fun of it. But that's also addictive!

**Jean Barnhart:** Jack Carpenter and Jeff Salter influence me. I use the daylilies of Carpenter (50%) and Salter, now. The three traits I look for are bud count, plant vigor (growth and division speed) and substance. I register about 8 or 9 a year. As a hybridizer you must keep records! Start with the best. I do not trim now because I have thousands of daylilies. I refrigerate the seeds for 4 weeks. I plant them in a cold frame, 4 inches of rabbit manure, then 1 inch of professional Pro-Mix, then cover with 1 inch of Pro-Mix.

**Virgil Lee Cain:** I would say I see 50% of the daylilies I buy. I'm doing hybridizing more my own way than by others influence. The three traits are bud count, fertility, diploid or tetraploid. I have not registered any daylilies, yet. To a new hybridizer I would say - you should look at what you want to achieve with all 16 qualities listed above.

I do not trim because I have too many daylilies. They all tend to do fine with or without trimming. I do refrigerate my seeds and planting depends on the weather and my back. I use the 9 inch wide by 3 ft. window box planters (suggested by a friend of mine.) I take window blinds and cut for markers. Plant in small rows. When plants reach about 4 to 5 inches tall, remove and plant in a cold frame. By next year plants should be close to blooming size. I found out that so many people have different ideas about how to grow daylilies. My advice is the same as Inez Tarrant's. A plant needs water, sun, soil and fertilizer. If you can keep the weeds out they should do fine with a little of each of these.

**Nell Crandall:** Sometimes I succumb to hybridizers' descriptions, but not often. I usually like to see the daylily or have a personal recommendation from our area growers. Jack Temple, Snooks Harville and Inez Tarrant influence me. I use my own seedlings a lot when hybridizing. I also have used Snooks Harville's seedlings and Inez Tarrant's LACY MARIONETTE. The three traits are type of bloom, substance and distinction. I have not registered a daylily since 1991 and do not plan to register any in 1999. When hybridizing be discriminating about what you register. I do trim because they are easier to fertilize and look better in the Spring.

**Leon Payne:** I buy daylilies if recommended by daylily growers. Most of the time I like to see them in a garden. I am influenced by Salter and Stamile. I use Salter, Stamile and Jack Carpenter when hybridizing. The three traits I look for are color, distinction and evergreen. I plan to register 4 daylilies this year. When you start to hybridize begin with new daylilies that have characteristics you want. I only trim in Fall if I move a daylily. I do refrigerate my seeds for 2 weeks.

**Aileen Castlebury:** I make my selections from both catalog descriptions and pictures and personal inspections. I am influenced by John Benz, and Jeff and Elizabeth Salter. I get most of my dormancy from Benz's plants. I do use Apps, Benz, J. Carpenter, Crandall, Hansen, Henry, Gates, Kirchhoff, Morss, Salters, Sharp, Stamiles and Tarrant. I look for bud count, substance and distinction. I have registered daylilies and plan to do so this year. For hybridizers, start with the best quality plants possible, not necessarily the highest priced ones. We do not trim unless the plant is moved, mainly because of the quantity of plants we have. The extra foliage acts as mulch during the Winter months. We refrigerate our seeds for 3-4 weeks. My ideas are not new, but my seeds are planted in flats and allowed to grow until planting in the field around the first of October. No protection is given during Winter months, thus eliminating weak plants.

**Clifford Lee:** I like to see the daylily before I buy. I think both Jeff Salter and Pat Stamile are doing wonderful work in this field. I use Salter, Stamile, Kirchhoff, Rasmussen, Joiner and Hansen. I look for color, diploid or tetraploid, and distinction. I have registered daylilies and will do so this year. As a hybridizer I try to use newer things to cross with. I do trim because it makes it easier to fertilize and I think it helps put energy back into the root system. I refrigerate my seeds 2 weeks after the last pod is picked. I plant the seeds directly in beds. My advice for new growers is to give your plants TLC - water, fertilizer and sun. They will love you for it.

**Eddie Gage:** I like to see the daylilies in the garden before buying. I like Stamile and Munson tetraploids. I also like Elizabeth Salter's small and miniatures. I look for bud count, plant vigor (growth and division speed), distinction and also price. I have not registered any daylilies. As a hybridizer I try to stay focused on goals, go slow, and don't try to do too much and get overloaded and disgusted. Have patience and don't register any until you are sure it is very

distinctive. Yes, I trim. Seems like aphids are not as bad when you trim and remove all old leaves and mulch them. My advice to new growers is don't over-water. Most people do and then rot sets in on plants just set out. Wait until they start to grow well before fertilizing and watering heavily.

*Thanks to all the responding growers for their time and help in producing this article.*

## CONGRATULATIONS



Jean Consford is our new RVP for 2000-01

## REGION 6 MEETING REVISITED

Donna Peck was looking over her notes from the Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches and smiled at one she wanted to share with you. After the unbelievable visit to Jack Carpenter's Lily Farm, everyone was given a daylily on the bus. The riders eagerly looked to see which daylily they were lucky enough to receive from Jack. Lee Causey looked at his, and turned around to Aileen Castlebury and excitedly shouted, "I got LAVENDER BLUE BABY!" Aileen's eyes opened very wide, since Anna Rosa Glidden had just paid \$500 for LAVENDER BLUE BABY in the auction. Lee enjoyed her shock, because he was only kidding.

# I WILL ALWAYS KEEP

Mary Ann Moreno, Co-Editor, is enjoying receiving answers to her question, "What five daylilies will you always keep in your garden?"

**Nell Shimek** - A Region 6 member from Alvin, Texas, known for her award winning flower arrangements:

1. MARIE BABIN - It's a bud builder blooming from May thru September in Alvin. Seems to be one of the best bloomers that we have.
2. MAE GRAHAM - A large pink that is always a bouquet that blooms from May thru September.
3. LITTLE BUSINESS - Is a miniature red that blooms 3 cycles. Good garden show for low borders.
4. DOUBLE SALMON PUFF - Anna Rosa Glidden really came up with a gem with this one. When it's blooming, people walking thru the garden are awed and the flower never fails to catch their eye.
5. HIGHLAND LORD - Is a huge full double that blooms late and is so striking it has to be a favorite.
6. HANDSOME ROSS CARTER - I cannot name just five as this Elsie Spalding cultivar with its golden glow will spellbind you with each new bloom.

**Bonnie Pierson** of Swann, Texas, practices growing daylilies organically and has wonderful results. This Summer, when everything seemed to suffer so badly in Texas, her plants were still blooming great in September. Bonnie and her husband, Bill, have a very lush and beautiful garden. They only lost a few daylilies to crown rot after the rains started, so it seems growing practices do have something to do with disease and loss of plants. Maybe if daylilies do not suffer stressful conditions they are more able to ward off insects and diseases. Bonnie invites anyone to give her a call and take time out to enjoy her garden. She will always grow these daylilies:

1. FLAME OF HADES (Benziger-Branham) - It blooms well in heat.
2. SUZANNE PATE (Pate) - Bloomed all Summer, started in May and still blooming September 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. COLORPLATE (Sellers) - Held up in heat. Great pink with an eye.
4. ORANGE VELVET (Joiner) - Good in heat. Has great form, color and many buds.
5. PUG YARBOROUGH (J. Carpenter) - Has a great eye.
6. EYE-YI-YI (McCroskey) - Like Nell Shimek, Bonnie also can't just name five. Her sixth choice is also good in heat.

She loves those oranges with red eyes.

**Gene Orgeron:**

1. BETTY WARREN WOODS (Munson) - For garden value, nothing I have can match this plant. It is open early in the morning, holds all day without fading, opens perfectly every time, reblooms, has a terrific scape with good branching and bud count, and is satisfying in every way.
2. REBA MY LOVE (Talbot) - This is about the prettiest double. It is very double with a high center, and is tops for beauty.
3. JASON SALTER (E. Salter) - It starts blooming early and just keeps on, with excellent branching and bud count (up to four or more flowers open on a scape at one time), and gives a great show.
4. GLEBER'S TOP CREAM (Spalding) - This older Spalding cultivar, though top branched and not heavily budded, cannot be overlooked, giving many beautiful flowers and reblooming.
5. ED BROWN (J. Salter) - This new daylily has won a place right away. It is a great grower and multiplier and rebloomer. It would be hard to duplicate the sheer beauty of this fine flower.

**Walt Wood:**

"You must have some kind of mean streak in you to ask for only five favorites. I have enough trouble picking out 25 for the Popularity Poll each year. Here are the five I pick today. Next month might be different."

1. BARBARA MITCHELL (Pierce, 1984) - A very popular daylily, this plant took two years to get used to my garden, and got a lot of ho hum from me. But it took off and has grown and bloomed better each year since. It is usually described as "pink self" but mine is more of a cream with pink highlights, a refined flower on a healthy plant.
2. CALIFORNIA SUNSHINE (Chesnik, 1985) - This is a tall, robust, big yellow, with lots of bloom over a long period. Vigorous is probably the first word to describe it, but its large, striking yellow flowers are eye-catching.
3. KATE CARPENTER (Munson, 1980) - I'm probably prejudiced about this plant because it's the first one I see when I walk out the back door on a June morning. It always makes the day start with a smile.
4. MARY TODD (Fay, 1967) - I always recommend this classic daylily first to novices wanting to try a few daylilies. Its vigorous growth and distinctively shaped bloom make it a dependable pleasure.
5. VI SIMMONS (Talbot, 1987) - Now this is a real pink daylily! It doesn't start until mid-season but it blooms a long time, and then it even reblooms - tough to do in Albuquerque.

Now on to the next five . . .

**Anna Rosa Glidden:**

"You sure make it hard on a person, limiting the number to five. But I would keep:"

1. MOMMA LOYS (Glidden, 1987)
2. HERMIE (Glidden, 1987)
3. VELVET CURTSY (Glidden, 1986)
4. DOUBLE SALMON PUFF (Glidden, 1992)
5. DOOSTER (J. Carpenter-Glidden, 1983)

**Sharon Umphress:**

"I love your article 'I will always keep.' It is one of my favorite spots in the Newsletter."

1. BROCADED GOWN (Millikan, 1979) - It opens full and wide early in the morning, has lovely ruffles and it is a great show flower.

2. TEXAS SUNLIGHT (Lewis, 1981) - Round recurved form and loves sun. Glows next to my sidewalk and reflected heat does not slow it down. Great foliage in July and August.
3. EVELYN LELA STOUT (Munson, 1987) - Because it is always perfect, bloom count is very good and the color is clear and crisp.
4. HARMONIC CONVERGENCE (Romine, 1987) - The color is so great and deep, bud count could be better but the color is just amazing.
5. SILOAM ANGEL BLUSH (Henry, 1982) - Bud count, bud count, bud count as they say. Long season of bloom and perfect little flowers. What else could I ask for?

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**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2000**

- 1:00-4:00 Visit the Greenhouse at Chattanooga Daylily Gardens  
1:00 p.m. Hospitality - Gallery Meeting Rooms  
6:30 Dinner as a Group - Not Included Buffet at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2000**

- 9:00-11:30 Visit the Greenhouse at Chattanooga Daylily Gardens or other attractions around Chattanooga  
9:00 a.m. Garden Judges Workshop  
9:00 a.m. Exhibition Judges Clinic - Part 1  
9:00 a.m. Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic  
1:00 p.m. Wineception and Internet Robin Social  
Everyone Welcome - Gallery Meeting Rooms  
Tom and Kathy Rood, hosts - New York  
5:30 Build Your Own Sandwich Buffet  
What's Now: Hybridizing Programs of:  
6:30 Roy Woodhall - Ohio  
6:45 Leon and Paula Payne -Texas  
7:00 John and Annette Rice - Kentucky  
7:15 Daylilies, Gardens & People of Region 14  
Barbara Watts - Mississippi  
7:45 Portrait of a Daylily  
Tim Fehr - Wisconsin

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2000**

- 8:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions  
Sylvia "Scotty" Knew RVP - Tennessee  
8:25 From AHS  
Kay Day - AHS President - Texas

- 8:40 Accessories For Your Garden - All Dressed Up For The Big Show  
Melanie Vassallo - New York  
9:10 Sydney Eddison's Accounting of the Early Days of AHS  
David Kirchoff- Florida  
9:15 Break  
10:15 Scape Conversion  
Dr Bob Carr - Florida  
10:30 Daylilies - A European Perspective  
Diana Grenfell - Great Britain  
11:30 Daylilies Gardens & People of Region 3  
Patricia Bennett - Virginia  
12:00 Lunch on your own  
1:30 p.m. Digital Daylilies  
Tom Bruce - South Carolina  
2:15 The Daylily for the Next Millennium  
Steve Moldovan - Ohio  
2:45 Soil pH: What It Means to Your Daylilies  
Lynn Griffith - President A&L Labs - Florida  
3:30 Stretch Break  
4:15 2000 Introductions - A Slide Program  
Jay Turman -Tennessee  
5:00 Adjourn - Region 10 Business Meeting

**SATURDAY EVENING**

- 6:15 p.m. Reception - Cash Bar  
7:00 Dinner (Included)  
8:00 Daylily Plant Auction

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2000**

- 8:00 a.m. Every Child is Different: Writing Books on One's Favorite Plants  
Diana Grenfell - Great Britain  
8:30 The Eyes Have It  
Elizabeth Salter - Florida

- 9:00 Foliar Diseases in Daylilies  
Lynn Griffith - President A&L Labs - Florida  
9:45 Stretch Break  
10:15 Ornamental Grasses  
Roger Grounds - Great Britain  
11:00 What the Future Holds - A Slide Program  
Dr. Bob Carr - Florida  
12:00 Adjourn

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# DAYLILY PESTS

by Susan Wachter

*Susan Wachter is an Albuquerque horticulturalist and landscape design gardener as well as a columnist for the Albuquerque Tribune.*

According to most garden literature, daylilies are relatively pest free. This does not mean they are totally pest free. Certain four, six and eight legged creatures do prey upon the plants. Here are some of these "creatures."

## APHIDS

These pear shaped, soft bodied pests come in an array of colors depending on species. Though usually wingless, winged individuals appear in dense populations.

Aphids exude excess plant juice called honeydew which itself is host to a black sooty mold. Often the presence of sooty mold, honeydew, or ants feeding upon the honeydew alerts the gardener to an infestation. Aphids are primarily cool season pests. In the Spring these pests are often found between the leaves. As the flowers form, aphids may cluster around the buds. Plants can tolerate low to moderate infestations, but severe populations will result in marred foliage and buds.

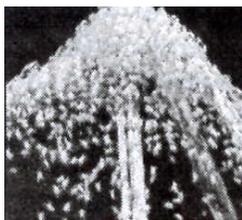


Natural aphid predators include Lacewings, Syrphid Flies, Praying Mantis, Ladybird Beetles, and Parasitic Wasps. Ants are aggressive to beneficial insects, protecting aphids and their honeydew. Controlling ant populations through baits helps lower the aphid population. Blasting aphids from plants with a strong stream of water may not be possible when the pests are between the leaves. Chemical control may be necessary. Always start with the least new chemical, for example insecticidal soap or horticultural oil. Test plants before using any new pesticide by treating a small area several days before.

If more drastic chemical measures are necessary read and follow all label instructions carefully. Treat only the troubled plants. Enthusiastic spraying through the garden kills beneficial insects making overall pest problems greater.

## SPIDER MITES

If aphids are most troublesome in the cooler months, spider mites are Summer's bane. These nearly microscopic mites feed on chlorophyll resulting in russeted or stippled leaves. Spider mites feed on the lower leaf surface giving the leaf a gritty feel. As their population increases, fine webbing appears. Spider mite infested plants develop premature leaf yellowing or browning and poor growth.



Spider mites are often found on stressed plants. Cultural controls include proper irrigation, fertilizing and cleanliness. Dusty leaves interfere with natural predators. Since spider mites are on the leaf's underside, wash under the leaves with a forceful water stream.

As with aphids, control ants which disrupt predator activity. Natural spider mite predators include the spider mite destroyer Lady Beetle, *Stethorus picipes*, brown and green Lacewing, six spotted Thrips, and predatory mites.

If chemical pesticides are used, remember spider mites are not true insects. Only use material specified for spider mites and daylilies. Though labeled for spider mite control, some organophosphates, pyrethroids and carbaryl can increase spider mite populations by killing natural predators. Avoid using Kelthane, severe phytotoxic consequences have been reported on daylilies.

## THRIPS

Thrips are small, thin, yellow-brown insects with fringed wings. They dine by rasping apart plant cells. The damage appears first as stipple that soon becomes silvery trails on the foliage. As the thrips move to the flowers, the scapes may develop corky lesions. Thrips get into developing buds to feed unmolested. The result is poorly formed flowers and streaked petals.



Thrips' natural predators include spiders, minute pirate bugs, parasitic wasps, and predatory mites. To control thrips on leaves use insecticidal soaps, horticultural oils, carbaryl, Rotenone or Malathion. However, once thrips are within flower buds, systemic insecticides will be necessary. To reduce impact on the entire garden, spray systemics only on the flower beds.

## SNAILS AND SLUGS

The presence of snails and slugs may be first noted by their silvery mucus trails. Later, missing plant parts become apparent. Both snails and slugs hide during the day, feeding at night or on overcast days.

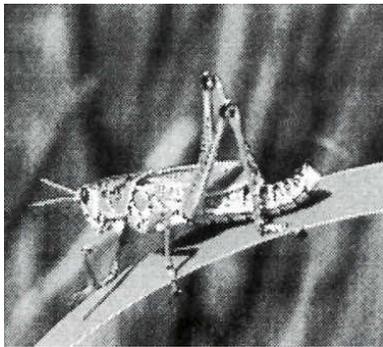


Snail and slug management begins with keeping the garden as dry as possible. Water early in the day allowing the garden to dry by night. While mulch reduces water evaporation, excess mulch may offer these pests protection. Along the same line, dense ground covers favor these mollusks. Natural enemies include ground beetles, pathogens, snakes, and birds. Predatory Decollate Snails, *Rumina decollate*, are slow but helpful.

Regular hand removal and trapping under boards or other moist surfaces are the first control steps. Baits, especially those containing methaldehyde, work well when combined with reducing hiding places and a trapping program. Unfortunately baits are toxic to predatory snails and pets. Place baits in the moistest areas such as around sprinklers.

## GRASSHOPPERS

Grasshoppers are a problem for gardeners in outlying areas where open fields abound. These pests fly in and eat everything. Unfortunately control is almost impossible. Contact pesticides applied in the garden kill only those pests present, others wait over the fence line to move in. Biological control is with *Nosema locustae*, a disease causing protozoan. The product is best applied while the grasshoppers are still very small and must be both in the garden and surrounding areas. Rural gardeners may try protecting their prized plants with floating row covers and screens.



David Burton in his garden checking to make sure there are no "daylily pests" ruining his lovely daylilies.

## OTHER PESTS

There are several other pests that have been found feeding on daylilies either locally or elsewhere in the country. They include cutworms, tarnished plant bug, cucumber beetle, periodically Cicadas, and Japanese Beetles. The latter is not found locally - yet.

Daylily growers really have much to be thankful. Most have but three pests to worry about; aphids, spider mites and thrips. Some years, though, these three pests are plenty.

## WEEVILS

Weevils are a beetle with a distinctive snout-like mouth. The adults feed at night on the foliage causing small squarish notches either within the leaf or along the margin. Unfortunately the worst damage is done by the weevil larvae feeding on the roots. Rarely is control necessary. If action is warranted, a nontoxic control method is beneficial parasitic nematodes, now available in garden centers and mail order suppliers. Chemical controls include any soil applied insecticide such as Diazinon.

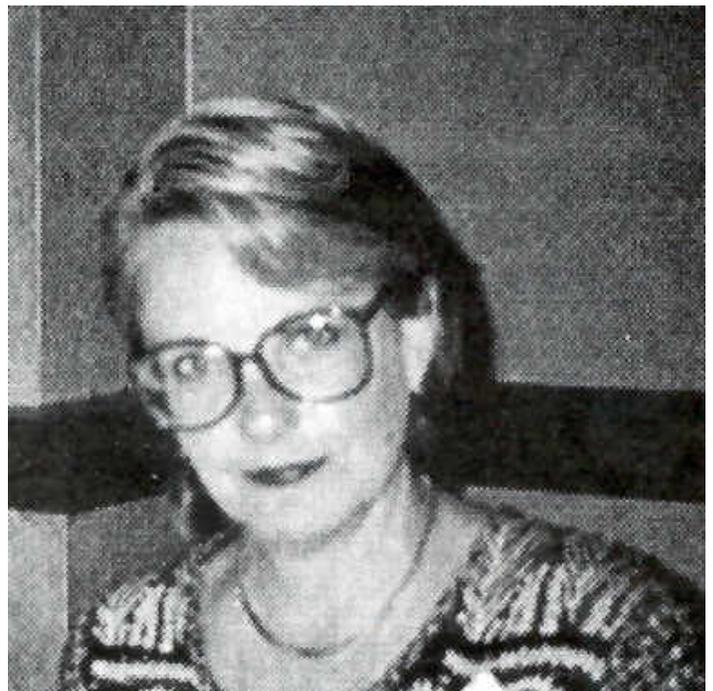
## DEER AND RABBITS

When I asked Hem growers for more unusual pests, deer and rabbits were mentioned several times. Gardeners living near open space where deer and rabbits frequent may have their plants, and especially the flower buds, stripped away by these night or day marauders. While repellents will work to a degree on deer and rabbits, in the long run, caging may be the only answer.

## NEMATODES

Root knot nematode is not a severe or even moderate problem here. However, the problem can occur with plants moved into your garden with infected plants or soil. The microscopic roundworms feed on the roots causing galls and malformed roots. Control the bad nematodes with beneficial parasitic nematodes.

# CONGRATULATIONS



Kay Day is the first AHS National President of the Millennium

# HOOKED ON DAYLILIES

by Bonnie Pierson

My first experience with daylilies in the Summer of 1994 seems like yesterday. When I look at how much my husband, Bill, and I have done in that time, I can't believe it has been only five years since we visited our first daylily garden. And of course felt that proverbial "hook" tighten a grip on both of us. This hook sent us to make a geographical move, change much of our lifestyle, and put in workdays we never thought possible. It is that overwhelming sense of "can't wait to see the blooms" from April until Fall that I would say is that hook that we felt the time we visited our first garden.

We were living in Virginia and had received an invitation from my cousin and his wife, George and Cathy Tolar, to come down to Fuquay-Varina North Carolina to visit his daylily garden (Chalybeate Gardens). The trip down was five hours or so and I spent most of that time trying to imagine what five acres of daylilies would look like. When we arrived it was hot and humid and not many daylilies were blooming, as it was late July.

George and Cathy showed us around, talked to us about planting, growing and selling daylilies. They expressed to both of us how raising daylilies had changed their lives. He and Cathy did and still do work full time as well as run this large garden which is open in Summer to walk on customers and by mail order. When we were ready to leave he gave me my first daylily (RUFFLED APRICOT). On the way back to Virginia I felt very excited about the day, the beautiful flowers, and I now believe that may have been when I began to have this hooked feeling. I could hardly wait to get home and join the Daylily Society. Bill also seemed anxious to further this daylily experience. In a few weeks we joined the Tidewater Daylily Society, and became their first members with only one daylily.

The rest is history. We moved back to Tyler in February 1996 to property we had owned for awhile. We thought at least we had enough space to plant as many flowers as we could afford. The only problem was the soil, clay. We are talking concrete in shades of red. At first, we started digging out beds, taking out rocks, replacing the soil, even using a screen to sift out the unwanted material. After much excruciating work and very little progress the words "get a life" took on new meaning. So we started to seriously look at how to improve the structure of the clay soil.

We brought in loads of composted horse manure and other types of compost. A compost pile of our own, made with kitchen scraps, leaves, etc. has proved to be a good

source of additional soil amendment. We used this organic matter to pile on top of the soil for 6 weeks to 6 months. At that time we plowed it into the soil and picked out as many rocks as we could and finished forming raised beds with space for planting on both sides. Daylilies were then planted right away or in a few weeks.

We have never used chemicals in our garden and find that the beneficials do a pretty good job. We use cottonseed meal, Epsom salts, and other organic fertilizer such as kelp and fish emulsion. A green manure crop is important for replacement of nitrogen.

We get wood chips from the utility company, which we run through our shredder again. Newspaper is placed on the beds and covered with chips for the first year. This helps with weed control, which is of course our worst problem, with Bermuda grass, the most "intrusive" living thing in the garden. Old carpeting and cardboard are placed between rows and covered with chips to prevent weeds.

We opened our garden, called Pierson Daylily Garden, to the public last year. It was a really interesting experience. I enjoy meeting new people and talking to them about flowers. When customers see what our flowers look like using natural gardening, most of the time they are willing to try it themselves. The blooms are very convincing at that point. I always feel good when they leave with an armful of daylilies and a bit of knowledge of how to amend their soil, and have the soil feed the plants rather than a trip to Wal-Mart for some chemicals. I also smile when I see that glazed look in their eyes because I get the feeling that this person may also feel that "hooked feeling."

Of course, our garden is still in the proving stage. Some of our daylilies died in the heat of 1998, but in general did very well. When people ask me what is my favorite, it usually depends on what has just bloomed. I do tend to love the large oranges with eyes, EYE-YI-YI, but then I am also fond of peaches. PUG YARBOROUGH is one of my favorites. We have about 500 varieties, so I love them all.

This Spring I have finally found the time to take the Texas Master Gardener Program offered by Texas Agricultural Extension of Texas A&M. I have just started but I am looking forward to this year of training and then working in the program. I also can hardly wait for the first blooms to appear. I realize that I am hooked on daylilies. I believe Bill is also hooked.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

Cal Iskra, Reporter

Daylily season is winding down at this writing, with my thermometer showing 42 degrees this morning. The few scapes still in bloom do not open their blooms very well after such a cold night. SEMINOLE WIND, which is usually wide, full formed, rose pink looks bunched up and with green tips on the underdeveloped sepals. Typical cold weather behavior.



Kathryn Neely & Jim Petty enjoy a moment at our last meeting of the year

Following a most enjoyable trip to see Bob Frazier's garden North of Santa Fe at peak bloom on July 24, our V. P. Linda Kellerup had arranged a delicious luncheon at the posh Bishop's Lodge. After seeing this late blooming garden everyone knew that our New Mexico bloom season was all but over. Rebloom is very scarce at this high desert altitude.

On August 21, Dick and Donna Peck hosted a potluck brunch and ice-cream social at their hilltop home near Placitas, New Mexico. The meeting was held in their spacious covered patio with its panoramic view of the mountains and valleys to the North and West. Their walled daylily garden slopes away towards the same impressive overlook.

Officers for next year were elected as follows:

President	Kathryn Neely
Vice President	Judy Nickell
Secretary	Anna Mulkey
Treasurer	Rozanne Tuffnell
Membership	Ed Davis

A sale of garden dug daylilies was held on October 1 and 2 at the Harvest Fair held at the Garden Center with Susan

Elder and Judy Nickell in charge. It was the most successful plant sale our club has ever held. The profits went to the renovation of the Albuquerque Garden Center and for the 2002 Albuquerque Regional.

Our final meeting of this Millennium was held on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the home of Faye Detry. Our new officers were installed and an End of the Year panel discussion held. Of course, plenty of good food was available.

Despite late Spring frost and hail, we enjoyed a good bloom season and hope to start the new Millennium with an equally fine display for the entire Region with NO adverse weather conditions.

## BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

Milton Nollkamper, Reporter

What a dry, hot Summer we had! And the daylilies didn't like it, not at all. I hope all your daylilies survived the heat and the drought.

June is our club's month for visiting the gardens of our members. This year the gardens of Edgar and Becky Tarrant, Ernie and Mildred Eskine, and Leon and Paula Payne at Pearland, Texas were chosen for our club tour. These gardens were in tip-top condition and club members enjoyed themselves viewing all of the beautiful cultivars growing in these gardens.

Slides of Leon and Paula Payne's trip to Australia and New Zealand were shown and narrated by Paula at our July meeting.

The guest speaker for our August meeting was Dan Trimmer of Enterprise, Florida. Dan's program began with an explanation of the background of his hybridizing program and his move from New York to Florida. He showed slides of his seedlings and upcoming introductions and ended the slide show with a few slides of his daylily conversion methods.

The program for our September meeting consisted of slides presented by Nell Shimek and Inez Tarrant of gardens visited during the Regional Meeting and the Oklahoma City National Convention this year. These slides included views of landscaping as well as individual daylilies (seedlings and registered cultivars) in these gardens. Also, some locally grown cultivars were included.

# CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

Catherine L. B. Neal, Reporter

On September 26, the Cypress Creek Daylily Club held its meeting at the new time of 2:00 p.m. with President Gerald Overturff presiding.

The cooler weather made the touring of the Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Garden a pleasurable adventure. The nature trails are wonderful this time of the year. The club had eighteen members and one visitor. The elected officers for the year 2000 are:

President	Freda Guillot
1st Vice President	Clifford Lee
2nd Vice President	Anna Rosa Glidden
Recording Secretary	Maureen Valenza
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Gage
Treasurer	Jean Lewis

Eddie Gage presented slides from the Region 6 Meeting and the AHS National Convention. Each garden shown had a special feature all its own and that is what makes these four gardens special.

## GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY

Annie Weinreich, Reporter

Oh, the memories, the wonderful, inspiring memories, those are the feelings of the Golden Spreaders who were delighted to attend their first AHS National Convention. Those of us unable to attend were appeased by the wonderful photographs and descriptions brought back from Oklahoma City. Our group's report shows that OKC was able to put on "a really good show," as Ed Sullivan used to say.

I, also, was able to share my photographs and glowing reports of the AHS Region 6 Meeting at Nacogdoches. That small town hosted us royally and I commend them for a job so well done. If there were glitches, they sure were not apparent to this visitor. Jean Consford and her committee were very well organized and I am delighted that this capable woman will be at the helm of Regions 6's ship for the next two years. Sue Jackson has done a great job, and it is reassuring that this strong leadership will continue under Jean's expertise.

Back here in the Texas Panhandle, we have learned that too frequent division of daylilies in the Kate Graham Daylily Garden leaves a sparse, barren look. Those returning from OKC's lush gardens are determined to have our clumps increase substantially before further division in the future. We constantly battle the elements, especially the soil, but bit by bit we hope to create a showplace. We also recognize the need for companion plantings with different seasons, colors, textures and heights to enhance the garden. We wish that we were not limited by our concrete

sidewalk boundaries, but since such is the case, we will have to work within these limitations.

Our Fall daylily sale, which sold out last year in one hour, beat that record this past September. We sold 640 divisions of named cultivars, and about 100 of our Billee Johnson Unknowns, in just 50 minutes! We had between 50 and a 100 people outside our doors when they opened at 10 a.m. and were completely sold out by 10:50. It is really exciting for us. It has been a constant battle to get coverage in the local newspapers, but this Fall we were able to get the newspaper space we needed, and it really paid off.

I am the "Daylily Lady" for the Keep Amarillo Beautiful Committee and this Fall we are doing something different to encourage recycling. In the past, we have offered Cedar seedlings to people bringing in 30 aluminum soft drink cans. Since we have been designated a "City of Trees" (a rather amazing honor for a West Texas Panhandle town), we have tried to encourage the planting of trees. This Fall, however, we are going to give each recycler a daylily, instead. Since the daylily is the official flower of the city of Amarillo, we really want to encourage the planting of daylilies, too, throughout the city. I have purchased 500 daylilies from Ladybug Gardens in Florida and each daylily, along with a planting instruction sheet and a Keep Amarillo Beautiful litter bag full of shredded mulch, will be given to those arriving with the cans. The mulch comes from three chipping sites that shred tree limbs, etc., which have been brought there by city residents. This mulch is then available, free, to everyone....another KAB product to keep recyclable items out of our landfill.

We hope that you will join us with prayers and well wishes for Maxine Gault. This very special lady recently suffered a stroke and we miss her smiling face and sunny personality so much. We look forward to having her back with us very soon.

## HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Geraldine Kennedy, Reporter

The first meeting of the 1999-2000 year of the HHS was held September 23. Members received their sleek new edition of the yearbook compiled by club V. P. Catherine Neal. Catherine invested a great deal of time and effort in this publication. She was the recipient of the most recent Bertha Ella Cone Award, bestowed by club President Maurice Petersen for outstanding service to the club. Catherine is a seemingly tireless participant in club activities and is to be congratulated for her spirit and dedication.

The goals of the HHS for the coming year are to increase our membership and to continue the emphasis on strengthening our club through member participation in club activities. One of our new standing rules provides that we reward members who have 100% attendance at meetings and by paying their AHS dues for a full year.

Our club theme for this year is *Daylilies with Music, Art, and Literature*. Our September meeting provided the first opportunity to indulge our senses with a display of daylily arts and crafts. Sara Chumley brought a number of interesting items sporting daylilies, and Catherine Neal provided aprons and other clothing items that had been beautifully embroidered with daylilies. Posters with information on daylilies and club activities included pages printed from Bill Jarvis' innovative and entertaining web site on daylilies and their culture. His site is full of interesting information. This includes the Hooker formula for those interested in trying a liquid approach to fertilizing their gardens.

Bill's website address is [www.ofts.com/bill/daylily.html](http://www.ofts.com/bill/daylily.html).

Warren Goza is spearheading club plans to sponsor a three-day bus trip to Mississippi in the year 2000. The bus ride will be paid by the club members of HHS. If space permits, however, members of other area clubs will be welcome and pay their share of the cost.

The HHS is proud to announce that the program for our January 2000 meeting will feature a presentation by Elizabeth Salter. She will have slides of her newest and best to share with members and friends. The meeting will be Thursday, January 27, at the Houston Civic Garden Center. Please feel welcome to attend this most singular event.

## JOHNSON COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

Kristy Mackey, Reporter

Club members met at the home of Janice Green for the May meeting and garden tour. Janice and Harold have been at their current residence for only three years, but have such a wide variety of daylilies, Irises and Roses that it was difficult to see everything in just one afternoon. Everyone admired ADMIRAL'S BRAID, CREATIVE EDGE and CHANCE ENCOUNTER.

We also enjoyed a barbecue brisket lunch, thanks to our great hospitality group.

Our annual non-juried Daylily Show was held June 12 at Nolan River Mall. We also traveled to Weston Gardens in Fort Worth. Everyone brought a sack lunch and enjoyed touring the gardens. Weston Gardens is a native plant demonstration garden we are fortunate to have in our area.

Our new officers were installed at the July meeting. The new 1999-2000 officers are:

President	Mary Huggins
1st Vice President (Programs)	Darlene Long
2nd Vice President (Membership)	Janice Green
3rd Vice President (Show Chairman)	Myrtle Hodges
Secretary	Kathy Graig
Treasurer	Amy Heaton
Reporter	Kristy Mackey
Parliamentarian	Maudie Tarver
Publicity	Dorothy Gaines
Hospitality	Carol Rogers,
	Joyce Curlee,
	Myrtle Hodges
Historian Committee	Kathy Graig

We are pleased to announce that we have forty-four members starting our new year. As always, visitors and new members are invited to join us. Please call (254) 796-4041 for meeting information.

## LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Barbara Picou

Our club has really tried hard to have a program each and every month, September through May, and I think we are batting 85%. Some of our most experienced and longstanding members who have raised daylilies for as long as fifteen years have stepped in to help teach our new members.

In February, Edythe Weeks gave us a program on *When And What To Do Now*. She stated that we could start early getting the weeds out of our beds and think about fertilizing and then dream about how beautiful they were going to be. In March, Evelyn Barley presented a program on *Caring for Daylilies*. May seems to rush in when in April you are trying to weed and take care of your daylilies between the thunderstorms and we had plenty of those!

We began May 4<sup>th</sup> with our meeting and covered dish luncheon at Maggie Koon's beautiful lodge home by a lake. Her visitor and guesthouse have full glass windows on the front where you can see all sorts of items of nature. Maggie not only raises daylilies but also has Iris, Dogwood and Redbud trees. Plans were made for the daylily sale, the Regional, as well as local garden visitations. Evelyn Barley, Maggie Koon, Barbara Picou and Reba Garrison attended the Region 6 Meeting. Evelyn won the two-story birdhouse on our table and Maggie was excited to wind up with one of the cement rabbits that were in every garden. On May 19<sup>th</sup> the Club members packed up and went to Port Arthur to visit daylily gardens. Needless to say they purchased plenty of daylilies!

In June, Evelyn, Elcie, and Reba took off in Elcie's van to Oklahoma City. They said, "it was not gardens we saw but acres of daylilies." On June 5<sup>th</sup>, our daylily sale was a huge success and earned \$2,410.

In September Evelyn showed slides from the Region 6 Meeting and National Convention Dorothy Hale traveled to

Fort Worth to put on a daylily program for the Edge Cliff Garden Club. Thirty people attended the meeting. At the past meeting, Reba won the drawing for our daylily offered each month by the hostess. She won MERRY WITCH.

In October, Barbara Picou showed a video on the Region 6 Meeting in Nacogdoches. Our nominating committee is in full swing and plans on being firmed up for the remainder of 1999.

## **NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY**

Jackie Timmons, Reporter

The time has come for our club to begin having meetings again. During the Summer we take a hiatus from meeting as a group to visit other gardens or to enjoy the shade tree. When we come together in the Fall, we bring fresh ideas from gardens we have visited.

We had an excellent planning session at our September meeting. We plan to spend the next two years upgrading the daylilies in the Mast Arboretum on the Stephen F. Austin campus. Our goal is for it to become an American Hemerocallis Display Garden. Our most immediate plans are for the Plant Sale we have during the Stephen F. Austin Fall Gala and Plant Sale at the Arboretum. I am also proud to announce that our club voted to make a sizeable contribution to Region 6 with the funds from our Regional.

Jean Consford showed slides of daylilies and their use in landscaping at our last meeting. At our next meeting we will discuss ferns. After the kind of Summer we had, I'm thinking about growing "air ferns." Do you remember them from the 1970s Wonder how they would look with daylilies.

## **NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY**

Judy Montgomery, Reporter

This Summer was very hot and very dry, again. Now we are just waiting for cooler weather and rain to arrive. No rain and temperatures are in the 90s, still, here at the end of September. Grasshoppers are everywhere! Thankfully they have not acquired a taste for daylilies, as yet. However, they dine on practically everything else.

Daylily people like to eat almost as much as they love daylilies, and in Texas, what else but barbecue! Members enjoyed a delicious barbecue dinner in July prior to the meeting.

Leo Sharp of Brookwood Gardens was the guest speaker at the August meeting. He presented a most interesting program along with slides of his new introductions.

A joint meeting with the Daylily Growers of Dallas was held in September, featuring Ted Petit and John Peat as guest speakers. They were enjoyable and very interesting. This was followed by a plant auction.

Our programs this year have been exceptional, thanks to Mabel Matthews, our Program Chairman. The current officers of the Society agreed to and were accepted to serve a second term at the August meeting.

There was a lively game of Bingo at the October meeting with daylilies as prizes. Bingo was called by Joe Conrad.

The annual daylily sale was held on Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. In addition to members bringing plants; the club purchased daylilies from both Dan Hansen of Ladybug Daylilies and Mary and Eddie Gage of Spring Creek Daylily Garden for the sale. When one box of plants failed to arrive with the others, Eddie re-dug, drove and personally delivered the plants from Spring, Texas, so they would be here for the sale. What service! Thanks a bunch, Eddie.

At the sale, the tables were piled high with daylilies and combined with the increased attendance the sale was a rousing success. Nicky Knight did a great job publicizing the event. Many new members were acquired during the sale. Our welcoming committee, primarily John Turrentine, accomplished this, once again.

Winners of the AHS membership drawings for the past three months are Tom Bevel, Gwen Pennington, and Gene Holt.

## **SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY**

Alan Humphrey, Reporter

The San Antonio Daylily Society is poised for their year 2000 election. The nominating committee consists of Dennis Fortassian, Marsha Taylor and Dana Griffin.

I try to remain "upbeat." But, the last two hot, dry Summers with draconian water rationing in San Antonio have left me discouraged and tending a batch of not very healthy daylilies - and sick St. Augustine grass, too, as a matter of fact! I set the control to my soaker hoses to deliver 200 gallons of water daily to my daylily beds. That's 6,000 gallons of water alone and doesn't include lawn, shrub and tree watering. That brings me to a serious concern; Water. There is just not enough in the aquifer under San Antonio to adequately serve a burgeoning city. I hope the officials of San Antonio Water System can come up with a long range solution, soon.

But, back to club news. First, a "hat's off" to Lori Potrykus for the super-organized plant sale at our Spring Daylily Show. And with real excitement I note that Lori will be our Show Chairman, Spring 2000.

At the June meeting, our members voted for their favorite daylilies. I always enjoy this list because, first off, these are daylilies that do well in San Antonio and second, our club members are very sharp and discerning when it comes to daylilies. I feel the list is of real value when ordering for Fall planting. Here is a partial list: BEST KEPT SECRET,

ORANGE VELVET, TRUDY HARRIS, AQUARIUS, PINK AMBROSIA, ELLEN CHRISTINE, DRAGON'S ORB, JEAN SWANN, OLIVE BAILEY LANGDON, and POLYNESIAN LOVE SONG.

Our July meeting was held in a barn! (The floor of our regular meeting room in the Botanical Center was being refinished.) At this meeting, Mark Carpenter gave a very clear and extensive talk regarding daylily hybridizing. Highlights of his talk were:

1. Cross diploids with diploids and tetraploids with tetraploids.
2. The best time is 9 a.m. till noon.
3. Remove pollen packet from first and rub it on the central filament of the other.
4. Don't forget to label the cross on the recipient plant.
5. If the cross "took" the pod should show in a couple of days.
6. Pods will ripen in 30 to 40 days.
7. Open ripe pods over a plate. Avoid touching seeds.
8. Put seeds in labeled plastic envelopes. Squeeze out

most of the air and seal.

9. Wearing sterile plastic gloves, plant seeds (a seed diameter deep) in a tray containing a moist mixture of ground Canadian Peat (85%) and Child's Play Sand (15%).
10. Cover tray, or slip into a plastic bag and seal. Set in a cool, shady place for up to three weeks.
11. When seeds have germinated, open bag and harden by exposing to a little sun. Water regularly. When plants are 6" tall, transplant to a pot or into the garden.

At our August meeting, Dennis Fortassian talked about xeriscaping and in September, Marjorie Christopher presented a program dealing with herbs. She brought along dozens of varieties and provided "sniffs" and "nibbles" for everyone.

And finally, welcome to several new members: Charlotte Balusek, Janice Green, Carolyn Guillotee, Dot K. Williams, Fred Ziras and Janice Green.

## DAYLILY ADDICTION

by Mary Ann Moreno

*Another interesting article about "who influenced me" into growing daylilies.*

The two most influential daylily people in my life are Cal Iskra and Kathryn Neely. They are both great gardeners and just crazy about daylilies. If you visit during bloom time, you better check the gardens first because they are always out digging, grooming or just doing the tour to admire the open daylily blossoms.

Cal and Kathryn have always been a strong force in our Daylily Society. They have taken every office and served as Chairman for our annual daylily show, are Judges, conduct daylily Clinics, and have taken every Chairmanship in our Society. I always enjoy and learn a great deal whenever they give a program on Daylilies. They both are researchers and really study the forms, colors and growth patterns of their favorite subject.

Kathryn likes to buy daylilies, "only after she has seen them in another garden." So you will see her at Regional and National paying close attention to some of the newer varieties to see if they really measure up to the catalogs' and hybridizers' descriptions.

Cal and Kathryn are great Plant Sales Chairmen. Sometime in the mid-eighties, when I was a new member, they were both Plant Chairmen. They had turned Cal's garage into a potting shed. Soil was being mixed in all available containers, wheelbarrows, and bags. I was overwhelmed with their industry and the hundreds of daylilies that were being potted for our annual daylily sale.

One of them handed me a catalog and as I read the descriptions, "GOT HOOKED." So I ended up buying practically one of each kind available at the sale. You have to admit that it is healthier than whiskey and cigarettes, but a lot more expensive.

Both ladies are instrumental in starting the Stout Daylily Garden at the University of New Mexico President's; residence, University House. Our Society became very active in helping Richard and Donna Peck establish new daylily beds, when Richard became President of UNM. Richard retired last year and so Cal, Kathryn, Donna and other members continue to work on the Daylily Gardens at University House. Albuquerque Daylily Society will continue to buy the new Award Winner every year.

We continue to admire both these ladies for their great enthusiasm and energy. They are great motivators and get our juices flowing. It is hard to say NO to them and so things get done. Above all they care about everyone, are very generous with their daylilies and take a great interest in our Daylily Society.

They were a great influence in my growing daylilies. They got me started and keep me growing. Thanks Cal and Kathryn for giving me my daylily addiction, all my friends in the Albuquerque Daylily Society, new friends in Region 6 and involvement in the daylily world.

## 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 - Edgar Tarrant  
2101 Old Alvin Rd.  
Pearland, TX 77581-3511, 281-485-9805  
etarrant@texas.net  
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 Overturf  
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 - Mary Huffins  
Rt. 1 Box 348  
Hico, TX 76636, 254-796-4041  
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  
Meetings: 2 p.m. 3rd Sunday, Alvin Senior Citizen Building

### LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - Evelyn Barley  
Rt. 13, Box 5890  
Lufkin, TX 75901, 409-632-6909  
Meetings: 2:00 p.m. 1st Tuesdays  
T. V. Electric Meeting Room

### NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

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

### NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY-FORT WORTH

President - Vernon Wallis  
991 Quail Drive  
Azle, TX 76202-6421, 817-221-2561  
Meetings: 7:30 p.m., 3rd Thursday  
Fort Worth Botanic Center

### SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Marilyn Greenlee  
6017 Rue Sophie  
San Antonio, TX 78238-1639, 210-520-9199  
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 3rd Sunday, September-July  
San Antonio Botanical Garden

## Milton and Merle Nollkamper Welcome You to Their Garden



The Nollkamper garden is one of seven that will be on tour at the Brazosport Daylily Society Regional Meeting, *New Year 2000 of Daylilies*, May 18-20, 2000. Mark your calendar and we'll see you there.