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From the RVP's Corner

Jean Consford

The year 2000 has closed my first year as RVP, a year of learning and an altogether rewarding experience. Not surprisingly, the best part has been getting to know so many new friends and renewing old friendships. I've tried not to spend too much of this winter drooling over the new daylily catalogs, but having Jack Carpenter's screensaver on my computer is a definite welcome distraction from the mundane daily tasks. I also enjoy the "fix" of Mark Carpenter's e-mail images. These will have to do until Spring when the real thing unfurls, once more.

THANKS to Mark Carpenter, chairman, Alan Humphreys, club president, and all the members of the San Antonio Daylily Society for hosting the Region 6 Fall Seminar in such great style. Everything was super - the accommodations, food,

hospitality bags, auction, Jack Carpenter and Dan Hansen as speakers, and especially the congenial hospitality of your club. This was a grand finale for our daylily season. **THANKS** also to Dana Jo Griffin for furnishing photographs.

THANKS to Mary and Eddie Gage and MaryAnne and Bill Ater, who stayed Sunday morning after the Seminar to conduct an Exhibition Judges Clinic I, before returning home. **THANKS** to the clubs who continue to support our Region with their donations. **THANKS** to the individual writers and photographers who have contributed to the Newsletter. You share in any kind words and comments we receive. **THANKS** to the chairmen and members of the nominating committees who have presented their nominees for your next RVP and Regional Director. A very special **THANKS** to Sharon Umphress, who has agreed to chair the 2001 Regional Auction, which is the primary fund raiser for our Region. Congratulations and **THANKS** to the Houston clubs who have signed up to host the 2008 AHS National Convention.

THE HIGHLIGHT of our daylily year is the Regional Meeting, which is to be hosted by the Austin Hemerocallis Society this year. If you've never attended a Regional Meeting, you have a real treat in store. Great activities have been planned just for our enjoyment - daylilies galore, of course, but also beautiful gardens, judges clinics, the flower show, the auction, the slide show, and this year the boat cruise which is highlighted elsewhere in this issue. Last, but certainly not least, are the daylily friendships to make and/or renew. Be a dear and register early for "Daylilies -A Capitol Idea." The Austin club will appreciate you.

DISPLAY GARDENS - The Blue Mound Garden of Barbara and Nolanne Chang of Albuquerque has been granted AHS Display Garden status. This is especially good news as there is only one other daylily display garden in New Mexico. The Chang garden is situated at 6,200 ft, with views of up to 100 miles in three directions, with the Sandia Mountains and Cibola National Forest in the other direction. This garden will be included on the tours for the 2002 Regional Meeting and will be hosting a number of guest plants as well as the Lankart Awards Bed. Barbara and her daughter, Nolanne, serve Region 6 as Youth Liaison/Youth Fund Chairman and Youth Advisor.

By the time your Newsletter has been delivered, I am hoping to have Display Garden approval for the East Texas Daylily Society's garden at the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden in Tyler, Texas. Established in 1990 and dedicated to the late Edna Lankart, the daylily beds were completely replanted in 1999 with

newer cultivars. The Rose Garden welcomes from six to ten thousand rose and flower lovers annually, so this daylily garden makes a fine contribution to educating the public about our favorite flower.

EDNA LANKART TROPHY - If you are in the Tyler area, regardless of the season, I encourage you to take a few minutes to stop and appreciate the retired Region 6 Edna Lankart Trophy which has been restored and displayed admirably by Sharon and Henry Umphress. This fine piece of daylily art is easily seen just outside the main office, near the front entry.

A REGION 6 GOODBYE to Lee Gates and Pauline Henry, noted Region 13 hybridizers who were long-time household names in Region 6. They will be missed by many and long remembered.

ANNIE WEINREICH really is leaving us this time. Really! In late April, 2001, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, not Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, will gain another daylily friend as we will lose one. God's speed, Annie.

REMINDER - Please take the time to complete and return the ballots nominating your choices for the next RVP and AHS Director, as soon as possible. This is an opportunity for all AHS Region 6 members to vote for the RVP, not only the members attending the Regional Meeting. The results will be announced at the Regional Meeting. Please take the interest and the advantage to exercise your right to vote. Note that these ballots will have no hanging chads! Sorry, I couldn't resist. There are some perks in being your RVP.

REMINDER - Please donate to the upcoming Regional Auction. Although individual donations are sadly lacking, thank goodness for the tried and true who always can be counted on to donate and bid. These individuals, clubs, and hybridizers keep Region 6 going.

REMINDER - The year 2004 is open for a Regional Meeting.

PERSONAL - I promised during the dreadful heat and drought of Summer 2000 that I would not ever again complain about cold and/or rain. Although Mother Nature blessed us with the best Fall foliage display in my memory, she has tested us mightily with both the highest temperatures ever and some of the lowest temperatures in years. The November rainfall was the highest in 30 years and the 7+ inches in December made the total rainfall for 2000 the 14th highest in the county's 99 year recorded history. Considering the Summer drought, that is remarkable. One night, I feared we would slide off down the hill at our new place. We are still perched here, but a nightmare type sink hole did develop in the back yard (it's not a garden yet). Then, Winter arrived! Although grateful not to have been one of the many without power in East Texas, we are real Winter sissies. The first real snowfall since 1984, all 1 ½", blessed us on New Years Eve, covering a multitude of sins in landscaping and yard art, turning the little valley behind us into a Winter Wonderland scene. The migrating Gold Finches took over the feeders from "our" birds and kept making kamikaze lunges into the den's picture window, so we hung silver Christmas ribbons dangling from the eaves outside, which cut down on the lunges while giving new meaning to the term "picture window." We're adjusting to the view except when the wind blows. The thirteen month old granddaughter finds it fascinating. Next came thousands, okay, several hundred Cedar Waxwings. We brought out the binoculars for up-close enjoyment, but they were gone in less than a day, having completely stripped every red berry from the beautiful heavily laden holly tree outside the den's picture windows. They promptly moved on, but left us with lots of "memories", on the lawn furniture, greenhouse, feeders, bird baths, rocks, and every place in between. Ah, Nature!

Wishing all of you the best for 2001, full of good health, love, and blue daylilies.

.....jeanC



From Your RPD

Paula Payne

By the time this newsletter has gone to press and we are receiving it in the mail, the holidays will have come and gone and we will all once again be focusing our sights and excitement on the coming bloom season. I don't know about the rest of you, but the older we get, the faster the seasons come around. It seems like only yesterday that I was complaining about deadheading during peak bloom. However, the sightings of the first Robins of Spring always bring a renewed, energized, outlook and high hopes for the promise of a new bloom cycle.

Although we were unable to attend the Region 6 Fall Seminar in San Antonio this year, I've heard rumblings that it was an event not to be missed. Not to mention the two stellar speakers presenting (Region 6's own Jack Carpenter of The Lily Farm and Ladybug Daylilies, Dan Hansen), there were also some amazing bargains available in the auction. Kudos to Mark Carpenter and the efforts of the San Antonio Daylily Society for such a splendid job as hosts for this annual event.

I'd like to take this opportunity to remind and thank every one of you again for taking the time to vote in the Popularity Poll last season, and for getting your ballots to me in such a timely manner. I have checked some of the other regions to compare our ballot response to theirs and I'm happy to say that we are competitive! Now I'm not saying that I'm bragging on us, but we could easily, with a little more effort, be the top vote casters in all of AHS. I hope that all of you will roam your gardens with this perception in mind. With this awareness and a few notes taken during this critical time, marking those ballots will be a breeze when voting time rolls around. For now however, we can all drool and study all the assortment of new catalog offerings arriving in the mail and add pages and pages to our wish lists.

Newsletter Co-Editors

Ray & Mary Houston



We know you have heard enough politics with the Presidential election of 2000 to last a lifetime. However, it is now time to vote for your new Region 6 RVP and Region 6 Director. Ballots for each are included in this newsletter. We have printed the ballots so that you can take them out of the newsletter, fill in the blanks, fold, and mail them to the appropriate committee chairmen. Remember, in order to vote you must be an AHS member in good standing. This means you have paid your 2001 AHS dues. Please exercise your voting privilege.

Since the Fall Newsletter, we have had some excitement in the Houston household. November 1st I had an episode of tachycardia, where my heart was beating at over 150 beats per minute for over an hour. At the emergency room, the doctor intravenously injected a chemical which stops the heart for a few seconds and then allows it to restart. November 17th I had a cardiac electrophysiology study in Houston through the femoral artery which determined that I have a condition called atrial fibrillation. This is treatable with medication. I am taking the medication and doing well. I have had to modify my activities to suit my heart condition. Taking care of two acres has become a bit more challenging.

We are looking forward to seeing all our friends in Austin, May 24-26, at the Region 6 Meeting. Austin always hosts an excellent regional. Write-ups for the regional tour gardens are included in this newsletter. The tour garden hosts have been working hard for several years so that we may all enjoy their gardens.



The daylily photo on the front cover of this newsletter is RAISIN COOKIE which was registered in 1989 by the late J. L. Cruse. Many Region 6 members paid annual visits to J. L.'s country garden located about halfway between Livingston and Woodville, Texas. J. L. introduced many small eyed and banded daylilies. A good portion of J. L.'s daylilies were registered with the prefix "GYPSY." J. L. had told us that he had Gypsy in his bloodline.

This is a 1986 photo of J. L. Cruse. This is the way you were greeted as you entered his garden.

On one of our yearly visits to the garden, J. L. told us to make ourselves at home in the garden. He was too weak to escort us, because he had taken a tranquilizer earlier that day to calm his nerves. J. L. was deathly afraid of snakes and had just seen one in the garden. Mary wanted to borrow one of his tranquilizers when she heard the word, "snake!"

Newsletter Contributions (since the last newsletter)

Amount

Daylily Growers of Dallas	\$720
Golden Spread Daylily Society	\$80
Houston Hemerocallis Society	\$400
Lone Star Daylily Society	\$500
Lufkin Hemerocallis Society	\$208
Nacogdoches Daylily Society	\$250

Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund

Daylily Growers of Dallas	\$500
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W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund

Edgar Tarrant, Region 6 Treasurer, has informed us that Region 6 has donated \$586 to the AHS W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund. This money was accumulated from AHS reimbursement for mailing expenses for the 2000 Region 6 Newsletters.

<u>Future Events</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Host Club</u>	<u>Date</u>
2001 Region 6 Meeting	Austin, TX	Austin Hemerocallis Society	May 24-26
2001 AHS Convention	Boston, MA	New England Daylily Society	July 18-22
2002 Region 6 Meeting	Albuquerque, NM	Albuquerque Daylily Society	July 4-6
2002 AHS Convention	Michigan	Southern Michigan Hemerocallis Society	July 17-20
2003 Region 6 Meeting	Alvin, TX	Lone Star Daylily Society	May 15-17
2003 AHS Convention	South Carolina	Mid-Carolina Daylily Society	June 18-21
2004 AHS Convention	St. Louis, MO	Greater St. Louis Daylily Society	June 30-July 3
2005 AHS Convention	Florida	Pensacola Hemerocallis Society	May 18-21

Regional Director's Report

by Kay Day

By the time you read this, each of you should have received The Daylily Journal, Spring 2001 edition. Each year the Spring edition is the largest issue of the quarterly publication. As Mary and Ray can attest it is no easy task seeking quality articles to reach our diverse membership, formatting in pleasing and efficient style, and all in a timely manner. Fortunately, AHS and especially Region 6, have talented and devoted members who enjoy the challenge. At a national level, we do offer compensation to the editors and other staff members, but the amount certainly should be considered a pittance in comparison to time spent.

Please take a moment to thank the AHS staff and our Regional Officers for the time and efforts they expend daily to insure that our needs are met.

During the Fall 2000 meeting, we made additional changes to the by-laws. Those are printed in the Spring Journal and we will hold a hearing on the Wednesday prior to the Summer Board meeting to discuss any member concerns or questions regarding these changes. The membership must vote on the changes at the business meeting Friday evening of the National Convention.

We are pleased to announce that Houston will be our host for the 2008 National Convention. The last time Region 6 hosted a National Convention, it was also in Houston in 1988. I know we have beautiful gardens in other parts of our Region. Hey, Dallas and Albuquerque, perhaps another Region destination in 2010 or 2011 would be possible, with help from other clubs within the region. We did approve a deficit budget which is always a concern. The cost of the Journal continues to be the largest expense, just as the Regional Newsletter is the largest expenditure for Region 6. Like Region 6, we will need to closely monitor our expense to insure that we do not find the Society in poor financial condition. Fortunately, wise individuals created the W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund. In the event we exceed our income, we can use the interest, but not the principle, to cover our expenses. To date, that has not been necessary, but it does point out the benefit of the W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund.

Membership at the end of the year was up about 4.5% from 1999. Region 6 increased only by 2.2%; our neighbors to the East, Region 13, (Louisiana and Arkansas) had a 10.6% increase. We did welcome new members. We hope to see each of them at a club or regional event in 2001. I am sure Jean, our RVP, and Sue Jackson, our Membership Chairman, are working on ways to attract and maintain new members.

After significant discussion and some confusion, we altered the Junior Citation (JC) award. To be eligible the cultivar may not be registered prior to September 1 of the voting year. It may be pre-registered. It must receive a minimum of 10 votes. Once a cultivar has received the JC, it must be registered within one year for the award to be valid. Region 6 continues to support our hybridizers with this level of award. Art Imperial was our only Region 6 member to earn a JC this year, but two daylilies named for Region 6 members, ART IMPERIAL and VIRGINIA LITTLE HENSON, both by David Kirchoff, were honored. I did hear the comment from other board members, that Region 6 supports its hybridizers and people, well. Thank you, for that support.

This will be my last year as board member and while I continue to enjoy the time and most of the work, I am looking forward to handing the baton to another member of Region 6. Hope to see each of you in Austin and, hopefully, Boston.

Future Edna Lankart & Annie T. Giles Awards Competition

Plants for 2002 Albuquerque Region 6 Meeting

**The Land of Enchantment is hosting the Region 6 Meeting, July 4-6, 2002
Hybridizers, please send your cultivars to:**

Donna Peck
96 Homesteads Rd.
Placitas, NM 87043

Plants for 2003 Alvin Region 6 Meeting

**The Lone Star Daylily Society is hosting the Region 6 Meeting, May 15-17, 2003
Hybridizers, please send your cultivars to:**

Edna Lankart Award Bed
Leon and Donna French
Route 1, Box 266
Alvin, Texas 77511

Annie T. Giles Award Bed
Barney and Sandra Roberts
1312 Wilderness Pines Drive
Friendswood, Texas 77546

Region 6 Membership Issues

.....jeanC

As of October 1, 2000, Region 6 had gained 109 new AHS members during 2000, bringing our AHS membership totals to 842. Membership total at the same period in 1999 was 824 and 891 in 1998, so it follows that a number of members are not renewing.

I've always considered Region 6 the friendliest group of individuals I've ever encountered, but sometimes we get so involved with one another that we might leave newcomers out. Please be aware of new AHS members in your area. Why not check last year's Newsletters and reach out to any new members in your area with a note or a phone call of invitation to your next club meeting? Every club member should be considered an official "golden greeter" at meetings. If you've had someone attend one or two meetings, but not return, did anyone make that bit of extra effort to contact them and let them know they were missed? Offer a ride to the meeting or ask new members to serve on the hospitality committee, an excellent way to get to know people. Encourage more of our club members to join AHS and more AHS members to join your local club. If you are an AHS member and you are not participating in a local club, you are missing out on perhaps the best part of your daylily experience. Participation in the work day before the plant sale is an excellent way to get to know people. There seems to be a camaraderie in washing and tagging plants together! Please join them for upcoming garden tours, flower shows, visit the AHS Display Gardens, and by all means, attend the Regional Meeting in Austin this May. I look forward to seeing and meeting many of you during the coming year. I sincerely hope that your daylily experience is a fine never-ending trip as it has been for many of us.

Reflections on the Region 6 Fall Seminar held in San Antonio

by Mark Carpenter

A huge thank you to all of you who attended the Region 6 Fall Seminar held November 4th, in San Antonio, Texas. I feel quite comfortable in saying that all the attendees had a wonderful time!

Photos by Dana Jo Griffin



Barbara Kay & Thelma Pratts



Kay Day & Mark Carpenter



Jack Carpenter, Mark Carpenter, Dan Hansen



Diane Dignan & Kimberly Keith

The speakers for this event were Jack Carpenter of The Lily Farm, Dan Hansen of Ladybug Daylilies, and Dr. Jerry Parsons from the Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service.

Jack Carpenter showed slides of his amazing hybridizing program and possible upcoming introductions. Jack stated that he grows approximately 20,000 seedlings per year, and of those, twelve to fourteen will actually make it to the introductory stage four years later. Now, that is what I call a selective program!

Dan Hansen put on a fascinating program on the happenings at Ladybug Daylilies, Florida. He has made amazing strides in his white edged tetraploid lines, and has many gorgeous introductions coming soon. Especially interesting was how Dan showed his selection of parents, why he used them, and what they led to, all on one slide! This was a terrific way for the audience to become involved intimately with the hybridizers thought process concerning parentage and selection.

Dr. Jerry Parsons spoke of companion plants for our area. For those of you who have not had the opportunity to hear Dr. Parsons before, you missed out on a raucous presentation. Jerry mixed in a lot of knowledge on all plants with a terrific sense of humor to show his audience what will and what won't make it here in the desert we live in, called South Texas. I know, I was taking notes at a frantic pace!

We also had the pleasure of hearing from Kay Day, AHS President, on what is happening at the National level. Jean Consford, Region 6 RVP, also spoke about the activities at our regional level. Thank you both so much for your help with this seminar.

The day ended with a very successful auction, with most of the plants being either Fall 2000 or Spring 2001 introductions! To top it all off, everyone in attendance left with a brand new 2001 Spring introduction, FREE! Dan Hansen registered and gave to all attendees SAN ANTONIO THUNDERSTORM, which certainly fit our weather for the weekend! Everyone was THRILLED to get this blue-eyed baby as a gift, along with the other neat items stashed in their overflowing goodie bags.

Thanks again to all who attended. Nothing is more fun than spending time with other daylily nuts! That is what makes all the hard work involved with putting on one of these programs “worth it.” Without you, events like this simply cannot happen. To those of you who could not make it, do try your best to get to Austin, May 24-26, for the Region 6 Meeting and garden tours. It should also be terrific!

Like the ad said, this Fall Seminar was truly “Christmas in November!”

Famous Last Words

by Martha Fawcett

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from The Georgia Daylily, Region 5, Fall 2000 Newsletter

Daylilies are lovely but \$5 per plant is enough to pay for any flower!
I will teach the dog to stay out of the flower beds.
I pulled all the nutgrass out of my beds.
Mint makes a nice border companion.
\$10 is enough to pay for a daylily!
I pulled all the nutgrass out of my flower beds.
I will teach the neighbor's dog to stay out of my beds!
I have enough flower beds to care for.
I will never pay more than \$25 for a daylily.
Mint looks nice in the flower beds.
I will teach the dogs to stay out of my yard.
I pulled all the nutgrass and mint out of my flower beds.
I do not need any more flower beds to care for.
I will not order any more daylilies!
I will not pay more than \$100 for any daylily!

Rot Not!

by Mary Baker, Omaha, Nebraska

I share a daylily crown rot remedy given to me by the late Paul York. I miss him and think of him constantly. I had a large clump of NOSFERATU suddenly decimated by rot. Paul told me to cut the fans off at the base to prevent further rot spread, and then to douse them with a mixture of ½ cup Clorox to 1 gallon water. This is repeated every other day until new growth begins. Oscie Whatley later confirmed the ratio of the mix as optimal - less isn't enough and more could be toxic. Oscie said bleach is a good fungicide, and is less toxic (as well as cheaper) than over the counter chemical remedies. NOSFERATU lives! I've used Paul's formulation many times since then. I saved RED GRAIL this past Spring using this method. Without this method I had a major mortality rate when daylilies began rotting. By using Paul's method (initially so drastic I had to close my eyes and count to ten before severing fans), I have saved about 85-90% of the rotters.

2001 Region 6 Meeting

Date: May 24-26, 2001
Host: Austin Hemerocallis Society
Headquarters: Omni Austin Hotel - Southpark, 4140 Governor's Row, (I-35 at US-71), Austin, TX 78744, Phone 512-448-2222, Fax 512-442-8028
Cost of Room: \$89

Regional Flower Show:

Thursday, May 24, 2001, at Omni Austin Hotel-Southpark
Entries accepted 8:30-10:30 a.m.
Judging at 11:00 a.m.

Tour Gardens:

Friday, May 25, 2001 - Carolyn and Norm Mersiovsky, Susan and Carl Ingraham
Saturday, May 26, 2001 - Rich and Anna Marie Rosen, Bill and MaryAnne Ater, Gary and Suzanne Adair, Velia Sanchez-Ruiz, Nix Bodden, and the Daylily Garden at the Zilker Botanical Garden

Judges Workshop and Clinics:

Garden Judges Workshop 1, Thursday, Hotel, 4:00 p.m.
Garden Judges Workshop 2, Friday, Ingraham Garden, 2:30 p.m.
Exhibition Judges Clinic I, Thursday, Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
Exhibition Judges Clinic II, Thursday, Hotel, 1:00 p.m.
Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic, Thursday, Hotel, 1:30 p.m.

Banquet Speakers:

C. L. Williams and Velia Sanchez-Ruiz

Other Events:

Thursday Evening - Dinner and Riverboat Cruise on Lake Austin - \$35 per person
Friday Afternoon - Slide Show and Dr. Jerry Brand speaks on Nutrient Uptake in Daylilies
Friday Evening - Banquet and Regional Business Meeting
Saturday Afternoon - Regional Auction
Saturday Evening - Awards Banquet and Guest Speakers
Sunday - Limited open gardens list, available at meeting

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Registration Fee:

\$115 per person if received on or before May 1st, 2001
\$135 per person if received after May 1st, 2001
\$90 per youth - age 17 and under (no cutoff)

Official Registration Form

Region 6 American Hemerocallis Society Meeting

MAY 24-26, 2001

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AUSTIN, TEXAS 78744

AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY PRESENTS

DAYLILIES - A CAPITOL IDEA

REGISTRATION FEE POLICY

\$115 Per person if received on or before May 1st

\$135 Per person if received after May 1st

\$90 Per Youth age 17 and under

Thursday Evening, May 24
RIVER BOAT CRUISE ON LAKE AUSTIN
\$35 per person fee not included in registration fee
Use separate registration form

(For registrations received after May 12, 2001, there can be no guarantee of seating on garden tour busses. Seating will be provided only if space is available.)

Make checks payable to: AHS Region 6 Meeting
Mail with registration form to: MaryAnne Ater, Registrar
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REGISTRATION Thursday, May 24 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Friday, May 25 6:30-7:30 a.m.

FLOWER SHOW Thursday, May 24
ENTRIES ACCEPTED 8:30-10:30 a.m.
JUDGING 11:00 a.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC & NON-SHOW OFFICIALS 1:30-4:30 p.m.

(All entries received after 10:30 a.m. will be marked "not for competition")

For Flower Show Schedule - contact: Bill Ater (512-345-3225)

PLANT SALE Thursday, May 24 (at the hotel - Room 104) 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 25 (at the hotel - Room 104) 3:00-5:00 p.m.

HOSPITALITY Hotel Boardroom, 14th floor 3:00-5:30 p.m.

EXHIBITION JUDGES CLINICS Thursday, May 24
Clinic I 12:30 p.m. Room 102
Clinic II 1:00 p.m. Conference Center
Refresher Clinic 1:30 p.m. Omni E

GARDEN JUDGES WORKSHOPS
Workshop 1 - Slide Show Thur. 4:00 p.m. Conf. Center
Workshop 2 - Garden Fri. 2:30 p.m. - Ingraham Garden

Registration for the Clinics 30 minutes before starting times. Cost \$5 per clinic to be paid at the clinic.

Do not include clinic fees with registration fee.

REGISTRATION FORM

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY REGION 6 MEETING

May 24-26, 2001

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Number attending Judges Clinic I ____ Clinic II ____ Refresher Clinic ____

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Please make hotel reservations directly with the OMNI AUSTIN HOTEL, SOUTHPARK, 512-442-8028

ROOM RATES: Single, Double, Triple, Quad \$89 per night - Hotel will honor group rates two days before and after block period. To obtain this rate, state that you are attending the 2001 Daylily Convention.

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After May 9, 2001, hotel reservations will be on a space available basis.

Regional Auction 2001

Sharon Umphress

As the 2001 Regional Auction Chairman for the Regional Meeting I am now asking each and every one of you to donate at least one daylily to this worthy cause. The money raised is used to publish your newsletter, which you all receive three times per year. The cost of these newsletters is usually in excess of \$10,000 per year, so you see we need to have a successful auction to finance the newsletter. Not only do AHS members receive the newsletter, but also many non-AHS members who belong to clubs that have made donations in support of the Newsletter. I know many clubs donate money each year, but it also takes a successful auction to make it all possible, so please be generous with your donations and we will all help our region and promote daylilies to everyone interested. Send your donation information to me at:

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Hybridizers' Slides for the Regional Slide Show

Hybridizers - If you would like to share slides of your introductions with attendees of the Region 6 Meeting in Austin, May 24-26, please send them to Jay Tompkins at the address below. Slides must be RECEIVED no later than May 22.

Jay W. Tompkins
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Region 6 Meeting Garden Tours

Carolyn's Gardens

by Carolyn Mersiovsky

Carolyn's Gardens are located three miles Northeast of LaGrange in the beautiful river bottom of the Colorado River. Seeking a place to call home after 20 years in the Army, Carolyn and Norman Mersiovsky moved to LaGrange to Carolyn's family home. Since Carolyn can't live without gardening, and after gardening in many different and difficult places, she prayed that the new place would have good soil and good water, not realizing that the Lord had already answered her prayer. Now, 20 years later she is still in the same farm house surrounded with flowers of all kinds. Many plants have been given to her by friends and there is always room for one more. This cottage style garden starts blooming in late February with irises, poppies, larkspurs, and old roses with the daylilies reaching their peak in mid-May. Lantanas, shrimp plant, echinea, salvias, pentas and cannas are just some of the flowers continuing the bloom into late Fall. Although the water is limited to a 23 ft. well that nearly ran dry this year, the soil is extremely fertile so everything multiplies extremely fast, including the weeds.

A friend took Carolyn to see Mary and Eddie Gage's garden in 1988, where she bought her first daylily plants. After visiting the open gardens following the Houston '88 AHS Convention she was hooked. The vegetable garden for a farmer's market is now the sales garden and propagating area for new varieties. There are about 450 varieties around the yard and behind the barn. After retiring a second time, Norman is a great help being chief weeder and bed builder, when he isn't making hay or fixing lawn mowers. The landscape is always in transition. A fish pond and seating area have been added with a stream and small pools in the planning stages. Everyone is invited to come sit under large pecan trees and enjoy God's beauty and wildlife.

Some favorites are RAINBOW SPANGLES, WIND FRILLS, LACY MARIONETTE, SILVER BUTTERFLY, LADY NEVA, CHEVRON SPIDER, HOT WHEELS, RED TWISTER, CURLY ROSY POSY, WEDDING BAND, GOD IS LISTENING, ELIZABETH SALTER, HANDSOME ROSS CARTER, BLACK AMBROSIA, AMARILLO KID, EYE YI YI, BROADWAY BOLD EYES, CANADIAN BORDER PATROL, INDIGO MOON, SCARLET ORBIT, and SPIDER MAN. Look for HOLY MATRIMONY, guest plant of Dan Hansen and John Shooter's HELEN SHOOTER, CHOCOLATE SPLASH, HAWAII SWIRLS, MAUDE'S VALENTINE, and SISTER GRACE.

Ingraham's Garden

by Carl & Susan Ingraham

In 1994, Carl and Susan Ingraham moved into their Southwest Austin home and had roots, at last! Little did they know, this would be the commencement of their love for the daylily.

When they moved to this locality, the yard had one huge cedar tree and a bunch of brush - that's all folks. Carl and Susan began planning their landscape. They had no idea how to design, nor did they know what they wanted to accomplish. They knew for certain it would take a lot of money and hard work. Carl started tilling the ground for the first flowerbed, but it didn't take him long to find out he needed a backhoe to construct the garden beds because he was digging into solid rock. When you meet Carl, ask him what he's known for in the Guinness Book of World Records. He will gladly tell you it was **rock raking**. There were so many rocks excavated, they were able to build a five-foot retainer wall at the back of their property that borders Slaughter Creek.

During 1994, Carl and Susan perused many gardening books and dreamed of all the flowers, trees, shrubs, and plants they wanted to incorporate into their gardens. It was then Carl read about a daylily that sounded fantastic because it bloomed 300 days a year - STELLA DE ORO (Jablonski, 1975). Shortly thereafter, Carl acquired a Spring Creek Daylily Garden catalog and off they went to Spring,

Texas to buy their first daylilies. The Gages of Spring Creek Garden were very patient and understanding in helping the Ingrahams select their first daylilies which were PARDON ME (Apps, 1982), RED VOLUNTEER (Oakes, 1984), MARY HELEN (Kirchhoff, 1975), LIL EDDIE (Guidry, 1980) and SILOAM BO PEEP (Henry, 1978). Eddie Gage even gave them a bonus plant, EIGHTEEN KARAT (Brown, 1978). After answering all the “novice” questions, the Gages advised them to contact Bill Ater for more information on growing daylilies in Austin. When they left Spring, Carl and Susan were thrilled and thought they had an impressive lot of daylilies.

Upon returning to Austin, Carl attended Florarama at Zilker Gardens and contacted Bill Ater at the daylily booth. He obtained all the necessary information to join the Austin Hemerocallis Society. After that it's all history - they joined the Austin Hemerocallis Society, as well as the AHS. Soon thereafter, Carl began buying daylily after daylily after daylily and Susan chimed right in. They currently have approximately 500 named cultivars, as well as some unknown cultivars, and seedlings of their own.

Carl and Susan spent the next six years landscaping and working diligently on their yard trying to make something of it. They had a wrought iron fence built around the property, made flower beds, planted about 50 trees, planted shrubs, built a double pond, built a patio, made walkways, made a vegetable garden, added a bit of yard art and **Viola!** ... it started to look like a garden.

Circling the pond are some of their newest cultivars – STRAWBERRY FIELDS FOREVER (Stamile, 1997), ED BROWN (Salter, 1994), ABSOLUTE TREASURE (Stamile, 1997), WOLF EYES (Salter, 1998), THUNDER AND LIGHTNING (Carr, 1995), THUNDER AND BLAZES (Kirchhoff, 1997), JAZZ KING (Benz, 1996), PEARLFISHER PINK (Kirchhoff, 1995), and PAMELA WILLIAMS (Kirchhoff, 1997).

Due to their interest in daylilies, they not only created mixed daylily gardens, they added a Stout Medal Winners display bed with all cultivars for 1950 to 2000, a R. W. Munson display bed, a combined Wild/Hansen display bed, and a bed devoted to miniature and small varieties. Intermingled among the daylilies are Carl's favorite cultivars, the captivating spiders and variants...to name a few...SPIDERMAN (Durio, 1982), OAKES LOVE (Hansen, 1994), KINDLY LIGHT (Bechtold, 1949), LONG JOHN SILVER (Hansen, 1996), SPIDERAMA (Hite, 1991), CARRICK WILDON (Goldner, 1987), BLUE ORCHID (Nelson, 1955) and PEACOCK MAIDEN (Kate Carpenter, 1982).

Their goal is to continue to add to and upgrade their daylily collection and become more adept at companion planting. If everything goes according to plan, the Ingrahams would like to become an officially recognized AHS display garden.

Carl and Susan welcome you to visit their garden anytime and hope your stay in Austin is a memorable one.

The Bodden Garden

by Nix Bodden

This daylily garden overlooks Lake Austin. It was started about six years ago after my late wife Carleen returned from visiting friends in Louisiana. We had lived in Lake Charles, LA for eighteen years before moving to Austin. One of Carleen's friends had grown up in Crowley, LA and knew of Lucille Guidry from Abbeville, LA. They visited Mrs. Guidry, and Carleen returned with some daylilies. Somehow, the tags for these first daylilies were lost. Anyway, they were planted and we were hooked. Subsequently, trips were made back to Louisiana and to Florida for more daylilies.

The daylily garden was laid out for viewing from three perspectives. The broad view of the daylilies is from the pavilion. The second view looks down on the daylilies from two flanking spear point walks. The third view is seen by walking down into the daylily garden for intimate contact with the daylilies.

The garden is carved into a lakeside bluff. It is surrounded by a screen of seven cypress trees planted at the edge of the lake. Two ramp lawns flanking the garden descend to the lake to capture the cooling lake breeze. A faceted stone terrace sits between the pavilion and the garden. This terrace is composed of five different Texas stones: Pecos sandstone from Lometa; salmon fossil limestone from Big Spring; fossil limestone and its companion creme limestone from Chappel Hill; and Luters limestone from Luters. An octagonal pavilion made of tank grade cypress sits at the apex of the stone terrace. The pavilion is capped with a copper roof and a bronze spire which celebrated the times of the day.

The daylily collection includes daylilies by Lucille Guidry, Ken Durio, David Kirchhoff, Grace and Pat Stamile, and others. All daylily types are represented including miniatures, doubles, eyes, spiders, variants, etc.

This work was done to respectfully display the brilliant work of the daylily hybridizers.

We welcome you to this garden.

The Garden of Rich and Anna Marie Rosen

by Rich Rosen

Anna Marie and I moved to Austin from St. Paul, Minnesota, 16 years ago, partly to enjoy the longer gardening season. Anna Marie grows the vegetables, and I grow the flowers. Initially, I continued my passion for collecting and growing roses. We expanded the backyard flowerbeds, put up a deer fence, and increased the collection to 120 rose cultivars. Those of you who attended the last Region 6 Meeting in Austin might remember my rose garden. Well, it is now long gone. Roses and their inherent susceptibility to fungus and thrips became too much to manage. Gradually the roses were replaced by daylilies, and then the daylily beds were expanded. When I got to 400 daylily cultivars, I decided it was time to cut back. At this time I have cut back to 540 cultivars!! Ah well, such is the appeal of daylilies.

I think that I am both a gardener and a collector, at heart. I always enjoyed collecting roses that were different, be they brown, miniature, or striped. Roses came in a wide variety of colors, sizes, and shapes and I enjoyed adding to my collection. Well, the same can be said for daylilies, only more so. I am always on the lookout for novelty, be it a cascading spider or a multi-eyed miniature. So, in the Rosen garden you will see a little bit of everything.

I have been to all of the regional and national garden tours for the past ten years. I keep thinking that when it comes to daylilies, I have seen it all. Surely there is nothing new under the sun. Well, every year I am proven wrong. Invariably I call Anna Marie to come look at a wonderful new discovery. I hope that when you visit our garden, you too will find something new to thrill you.

All daylilies have been moved from the front yard to protect them from the deer. The poor dears are being squeezed into a smaller and smaller territory by new home construction. We are still experimenting with deer and shade resistant plants for the front yard. The backyard is where the daylilies are hiding. Unfortunately, few people see them back there, so I am especially glad to have you all come take a look. The beds by the deck and under the shade cloth are the oldest. Anna Marie's swimming pool is about four years old, and I just finished installing and planting the big bed behind the pool, last year. This bed took the worst beating from last Summer's heat, and I plan to put up a shade cloth this Summer. I am adding other perennials to extend the bloom season. Amaryllis and cannas seem to be working well. I am still working on a new bed to hide the compost bins behind a screen of cannas.

Some of my favorite daylilies are: MAGIC CARPET RIDE, BROADWAY BOLD EYES, DESPERADO LOVE, LADY NEVA, GYPSY DARK EYES, MASK OF TIME, NEW YORK FOLLIES, FEISTY, SPOKEN FOR, LITTLE MONICA, and WEE WIZARD. Please come and see them in Austin.

MaryAnne & Bill Ater Garden

by Bill Ater

In the 1950s, the late Zel Kilpatrick invited me to visit her garden during the Amaryllis bloom time. She encouraged me to hybridize the Amaryllis. I did not have enough patience to wait four to five years to bloom Amaryllis from seed. With frequent visits to her garden I began to notice the daylilies, and 40 plus years later I am still growing daylilies. With age and health problems we have cut back and are currently growing some 400 varieties of daylilies.

We have been growing daylilies at this location since June 1971. There have been many changes since we began to garden here; however, daylilies have occupied much the same area. Our daylilies grow in the back yard in raised beds that are 6' wide and 30-35' long, with a 2' walkway between the beds. Companion plants are grown along the West wall and in containers throughout the garden.

Over the years we have found that the evergreen tetraploids grow best in our garden. We still grow many diploids and a few dormant varieties. A section of the garden is devoted to miniature and small flowered varieties.

Visiting gardens, judging shows, regional popularity polls, evergreen cultivars, and those with Honorable Mentions and Awards of Merit influence the varieties that make it to our want list.

Look for the following guest plants when you visit our garden: WIND BENEATH MY SAILS (Ra Hansen, 2000), HOLY MATRIMONY (Ra Hansen, 1999), RINCON DEL MAR (Dan Hansen, 2000), HOT PINK FURY (Dan Hansen, 2000), LATIN SATIN (David Kirchhoff, 1999), MERITAGE (David Kirchhoff, 2000), HEARTS AND FLOWERS (David Kirchhoff, 2000), SOUTHERN EXPOSURE (Mort Morss, 1999), CHRISTENING SPIRIT (Leon & Paula Payne, 1998), SOPHIA PAYNE (Leon & Paula Payne, 1998), VALDETE (Clifford Lee, 1998), TANGERINE MORNING (Clifford Lee, 1997), TRIBUTE TO HEATHER HERRINGTON (Clifford Lee, 1997), and TROPICAL EDGE (Clifford Lee, 1997).

We also grow many varieties introduced by the following hybridizers in the last five years: Pat and Grace Stamile, Bob and Sherry Lane Carr, Elizabeth and Jeff Salter, Ra and Dan Hansen, David Kirchhoff, Mort Morss, Matthew Kaskel, and Jack Carpenter.

We look forward to having you visit our garden at the Region 6 Meeting as well as any time you are in the Austin area.

Velia's Garden

by Velia Sanchez-Ruiz

Velia's Garden is located in South central Austin and is probably one of the smallest gardens on the Regional tour. Finding places in this small space for all my wonderful daylilies has been a real challenge, but one that I absolutely enjoy. About 300 daylily cultivars will hopefully be blooming and showing off when you come.

My adventure with daylilies began in 1992, when a co-worker, who is an avid gardener, brought a bouquet of flowers with daylilies and other perennials for the office. I was so impressed with the beauty of the arrangement, and of course, the daylily. It just so happened that the Daylily Flower Show was to be that weekend and I made the wonderful mistake of going to see what it was all about. Needless to say I got hooked. The people in the club were so friendly and so willing to help me learn all about their favorite flower. Rich Rosen gave me my first daylily, JEROME, and I was so happy.

Although the daylily is the main attraction in my garden, antique roses, herbs, and other perennials reside with the daylilies. I prefer to use organic methods of fertilizing and beneficial insects to control the aphids and thrips that always visit the garden.

I have never met a daylily that I didn't like. For some reason or other, I have ended up with many miniature, small, and eyed daylilies. Elizabeth Salter's miniatures and small flowered daylilies seem to thrive under one of my trees. Other favorites are - YOU ANGEL YOU, JASON SALTER, SUMMERTIME BLUES, PATCHWORK PUZZLE, and FAIRY FINERY. Some wonderful daylilies that were sent to me by John Shooter, are UNCLE BRYAN and JAMMIN' JAMAICAN. I'm really excited about growing one of Carolyn Mersiovsky's seedlings that we call CHRISTA'S CURLS.

I enjoy yard art and sometimes I go overboard, but then it is MY garden and I can create whatever suits my eye. You will encounter fairies, angels, gecko's, and statues of St. Francis, St. Fiacre, and St. Joseph.

I welcome you to Austin and to all its beauty. My little garden is for you and the entire world to enjoy.

Adair Garden

by Suzanne Adair

Gary and I would like to invite you to our garden. We have been preparing for your visit for three years and hope you will join us for the 2001 Region 6 Meeting here in Austin. Gary and I live in the Northwest part of Austin in North Oaks Subdivision. We have a nice sized lot which is increasingly being taken over by our daylily, wildflower, and perennial gardens.

We joined the Austin Hemerocallis Society when I ran into K. C. Dignan, a college friend, at the Zilker Garden Center. K. C. was selling daylilies at the club's booth. If you know K. C., you know that she could sell the devil a furnace. It all started, of course, with purchasing a few plants at the Garden Festival, running into K. C., meeting wonderful people at the meetings, Rich Rosen bringing us five daylilies for our garden, our first slide show, our first catalog, and that was it. "We" were hooked!

Gary and I now have over 140 daylilies in our yard. Those go along with our wildflower bed, which Gary still isn't convinced is a good idea. I'm hoping that after a shaky start last year, it will be beautiful this Spring when you visit. I have already spotted coreopsis, gazania, bluebonnets, alyssum, and what I hope is going to be a good stand of poppies. The other parts of the yard are scattered with perennials including esperanza, salvia greggi, Mexican sage, antique roses, salvias, aster, verbena, iris, flame vine, herbs, etc.

After I attended the Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches, I planted more miniature daylilies and convinced Gary that we still had too much yard. This past year, Gary attended the Regional Meeting in Lake Jackson with me and was very impressed with all the yards. He resisted the urge to re-sod the yard, after seeing the Imperial's "hua yuan" (garden). He is glad to share our garden with you, just as you have shared your gardens with the rest of us.

Gary provides all of the hard labor in our yard, but he has also worked very hard this year with Bill Ater, Nix Bodden, C. L. Williams, and others to build the club's daylily bed at the Zilker Gardens. He takes great pride in that work, as do all of our club members.

I will have the honor of serving as the President of the Austin Hemerocallis Society this year during the Regional Meeting. Gary and I very much look forward to your visit.

Cruise On Lake Austin

Thursday, May 24, 2001

by Bill Ater

The Austin Hemerocallis Society has been busy making plans for the 2001 Region 6 Meeting to be held May 24-26, 2001 in Austin. Registration and additional information are in this Spring issue of the Region 6 Newsletter.

As usual, our Region 6 Meeting will be structured with a Regional Daylily Show, clinics, and workshops on Thursday, garden tours on Friday and Saturday mornings, programs and slide shows on Friday afternoon, auction on Saturday afternoon, and banquet and award dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings.

On Thursday evening, we are chartering the stern wheel Riverboat Commodore's Pup for a three-hour cruise of beautiful Lake Austin. It is a constant level lake, which is part of the Colorado River and has beautiful bluffs and lovely homes along the shore. We want to show you a part of Texas' Capitol that you can't see from land. How often do you get a chance to watch the sun go down, feel the breeze blowing on your face while you sip a cold one, and hear the sound of paddlewheels churning through the water?

We will depart from near downtown at 6:30 p.m., cruise upriver for an hour, have dinner at Greenshores, and cruise back to our departure point. You must provide your own transportation from our meeting hotel (Omni South Park) to the departure point on Lake Austin Blvd. There is free parking at the departure point. Children under 12 are not permitted for safety reasons.

The Riverboat Commodore's Pup holds 50 to 125 people.

We ask all interested persons to send in their reservation and payment as soon as possible.

We look forward to seeing you in Austin.

Austin Hemerocallis Society - 2001 Region 6 Meeting - Riverboat Cruise

Number of people attending the Cruise _____ x \$35.00 per person = _____
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My Start in Hybridizing

by Mark Carpenter

The year was 1995, and I recall visiting my grandparents in Houston, Texas, over the Christmas holidays. My mom had always wanted to go visit my uncle's daylily farm located near Center, Texas, but had never had a chance. It is The Lily Farm of Jack Carpenter.

I agreed to take mom up there the Spring of 1996, and so in May of that year we drove the five hours from my home in San Antonio to Center. As we got closer to Center, the first thing I noticed was the abundance of trees and forestry everywhere, simply magnificent to behold, beauty everywhere. I was ill prepared for what was awaiting me. We passed Jack's entrance sign off Highway 7, so we had to turn around to enter. We took a quick right turn and then a short climb up a slight dirt hill. At the top of the hill, in a breaths amount of time, my life changed forever. I am not exaggerating when I say this. I had always loved beautiful things, but I had never been exposed to something so wondrous as the sights suddenly surrounding me. Every color of flower you could imagine was there, and easily over 30,000 blooming daylilies. WHAT A SIGHT! It was nothing short of breathtaking. As we got out of the car to meet Jack, I think he could tell immediately that his nephew was enthralled.

Jack walked us around the place, showed us his greenhouse, and then began explaining what he did and how he did it. Of course, he was terribly busy at that time of year, so I gladly took a shovel and tried to help where I could. Although Jack surely appreciated the help, I remember well the look of fear at his greenhorn nephew moving about his daylilies. Ha! I don't blame him a bit, now that I look back on it.

After that short two day trip, I remember wanting desperately to go back. My wife sensed my excitement, and she encouraged me to go back and stay a few days the next year to help. I've been back working the week before Memorial Day for Jack ever sense. I still tingle with excitement to make that five hour drive in May, to work fourteen hour days with Jack and Josie Bomar. With each trip, Jack's generosity has never waned. He always made sure that I went back with choice daylilies to work with. More important than that, he has made sure I left with some of his endless and vast knowledge of hybridizing. For that, I will always be thankful, as Jack has provided me a gift more precious than any amount of money.

Here is a little personal information about me. I live in San Antonio, Texas, and have lived and worked here for 15 years. I am an account manager for the Procter and Gamble Company. I have two children, Lindsey who is three, and Kelsey who is nine, from Jill, my beautiful and wonderful wife, whom I married after graduating college in 1985. My dream is to one day open a local daylily nursery, and for the last two years I have looked hard for land, but as of yet to no avail. Water is a serious problem in this part of the country, so my efforts to find land with water have so far proved fruitless. I am positive I will one day soon find this elusive land and begin my quest of fulfilling my dream. My hybridizing goals have been greatly influenced by Jack, as his daylilies portray the style that I prefer, which is large flowers, clearcoat coloration, heavily ruffled, with full form. Jack's daylily introductions, in my biased opinion, have as full formed and blunt sepals as any hybridizer out there. It is this trait that makes me feel I can spot a Jack Carpenter daylily anywhere, and it is that form which I am trying to breed for myself. The other trait I want in my introductions is vigor. The area of the country I live in, due to lack of rain and temperatures that AVERAGE 100 from mid-May until early September, demands it.

I end this piece with the anticipation of making that five hour drive to Jack's again this May, the week before Memorial Day. I absolutely LOVE meeting new people, and would love to meet each and every one of you who are reading this, if you get the chance.

Lastly, remember to share your knowledge or a daylily with someone you know. It only takes a little effort for this incurable fever to continue to spread!

RVP Nominee - Sharon Umphress



The Region 6 RVP Nominating Committee is pleased to announce Sharon Umphress of Arp, Texas, as its nominee for Regional Vice President for 2002-2003.

Sharon is a capable, willing worker, experienced in local and regional affairs, and is well qualified to be our next RVP. A member of the East Texas Daylily Society for a number of years, she served as its President in 1992-93 and again in 1999-2000. In 1995, she was First Vice President. For Region 6, Sharon was Secretary and Youth Liaison in 1996-97, and Regional Publicity Director in 1998-99. She is also a Garden Judge and a Senior Exhibition Judge.

The office of RVP demands discipline, vitality, openness to new ideas, and a willingness to devote time and energy to the position. Sharon Umphress has these qualities, exhibiting friendliness, tact, and resourcefulness in carrying out her many local and regional duties.

Region 6 RVP Nominating Committee:

Dr. Gene Orgeron, Chairman
Nell Crandall
Rich Rosen

Region 6 AHS Director Nominee - Rich Rosen



The Nominating Committee for AHS Region 6 Director has chosen Rich Rosen of Austin, Texas as the nominee to serve for the 2002-2004 term.

A Chemical Engineering graduate of Iowa State University, Rich also has an MBA from St. Thomas College. Rich worked for 3M Corporation until 1999, when he began working as Market Manager for his family's business, Rosen's Inc., distributor of agricultural chemicals and manufacturer of agricultural adjuvants.

Rich and his wife, Anna Marie, moved to Austin in 1985, where he promptly developed an interest in daylilies. He joined the Austin Hemerocallis Society and became an active member, serving in many offices and on various committees. He was 1996-97 Region 6 RVP and is currently the Region 6 Garden Judges Liaison. Rich is both a Senior Exhibition Judge and Garden Judge.

Directors on the AHS Board are each assigned to chair a specific committee. In addition they must be able to make responsible judgements on all other issues and concerns which come before the board. With his wide range of knowledge and experience, both educational, professional, and his previous work with the AHS on both local and regional levels, Rich is well qualified to assume any board position. We, the Nominating Committee, feel that he will be an asset to the AHS.

Region 6 Director Nominating Committee:

Mary Gage, Chairman
Donna Peck
Nell Shimek

ATTENTION REGION 6 AHS MEMBERS

RVP Election Ballot

The Region 6 RVP for the years 2002-2003 will be elected during the early months of 2001 and the election results will be announced at the Region 6 Meeting in Austin, Texas, May 24-26, 2001.

The nominating committee has selected Sharon Umphress of Arp, Texas, as their choice for the RVP nominee. The committee members are as follows:

Gene Orgeron - Chairman, Port Neches, TX

Nell Crandall - Houston, TX

Rich Rosen - Austin, TX

Term and Qualifications for Regional Vice Presidents (RVPs):

The term of the new RVP will begin on January 1st of the year after election. The term of office for RVPs shall be two years and no RVP shall be elected to more than two successive terms, but may again be elected after being out of office for two years. To qualify as a RVP the nominee must have been a member of the American Hemerocallis Society for at least three years.

The RVP must be a leader and a good-will ambassador for AHS as well as the Region. The RVP should be friendly, tactful, resourceful, and very dependable. The office requires a commitment of time and demands discipline, a personal vitality, and a strong sense of care-taking. It requires attention to the day-to-day tasks as well as a vision of future needs. It requires a willingness to listen to ideas that are different from one's own, and the willingness to go the extra mile.

The ability to either edit the newsletter or supervise the editorship and supply material for the newsletter is necessary. A wide knowledge of Hemerocallis is important. It is even more desirable to know many of the Regional members and their talents and abilities which might be put to use in some capacity to further the aims of the Society at both the Regional and National levels.

Ballot Instructions:

1. Only Region 6 members who are members of AHS at the mailing of this ballot are eligible to vote.
2. Mark your ballot with an **X**. Vote for **ONLY ONE** candidate.
3. The ballot must be signed to be counted.
4. Ballots must be received on or before April 1, 2001.
5. Use the second ballot when there are two eligible members in your family.
6. Complete the ballot, fold, and tape or staple. Affix a stamp and mail to the address indicated.

Use the write-in space to vote for any AHS member of Region 6 who fits the qualifications listed above.

The committee will check all ballots against the current AHS membership list, count the ballots, and report the results to the current RVP, Jean Consford. All votes will be confidential. Ballots will be held until the results are released by Jean Consford to the AHS President.

REGION 6 RVP BALLOT

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1st Member Signature _____ Date _____		2nd Member Signature _____ Date _____	

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Dr. Gene Orgeron
 Chairman, Region 6 RVP Nominating Committee
 1731 Hebert Woods Dr
 Port Neches, TX 77651-3429

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ATTENTION REGION 6 AHS MEMBERS

Director Election Ballot

The Region 6 Director for the AHS Board will be elected during the early months of 2001 and the election results will be announced at the Region 6 Meeting in Austin, Texas, to be held May 24-26, 2001.

The nominating committee has selected Rich Rosen of Austin, Texas, as their choice for the Director nominee. The committee members are as follows:

Mary Gage - Chairman, Spring, TX

Donna Peck - Placitas, NM

Nell Shimek - Alvin, TX

Term and Qualifications for Regional Directors:

The term of the new Director will begin on January 1st of the year after election. The term of office for Directors shall be three years and no Director shall be elected to more than two successive terms, but may again be elected after being out of office for three years. To qualify as a Director the nominee must have been a member of the American Hemerocallis Society for at least five years and have attended at least three AHS National Conventions and three Regional Meetings, preferably in the Region they are to represent.

Before taking office the Director will certify in writing that they are qualified, able, and willing to serve the Society actively in any position designated by the AHS Board of Directors and/or the President and has access to resources adequate to absorb all reasonable costs incurred with their attendance at two Board of Director meetings annually, one of which shall be at the annual Convention of the Society. This written statement and the name, address, and telephone number of the winning candidate will be sent by the nominating committee to the President of the Society.

Ballot Instructions:

1. Only Region 6 members who are members of AHS at the mailing of this ballot are eligible to vote.
2. Mark your ballot with an **X**. Vote for **ONLY ONE** candidate.
3. The ballot must be signed to be counted.
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Mary Gage
 Chairman, AHS Region 6 Director Nominating Committee
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 Spring, TX 77389-3225

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Cinderellas And Drizellas On The Same Scape!

by Jack Carpenter

I have always thought of daylilies as being flowers that were especially temperamental in behavior. There have been days and weeks in which I would not have given a dime a dozen for some of them because of the way they looked. It is no secret how totally different a daylily can look from one day to the next, one week to the next, or one year to the next. There are many variables that come into play that cause this inconsistency such as soil, fertility, climate, sun, cold, moisture or lack of it both in the soil and in the air, first scape bloom versus repeat scape bloom, and many other things. There are often two flowers on the same scape that present two very different faces of the same cultivar. In my greenhouse with controlled conditions there is even considerable difference in the appearance of a daylily from one day to the next. One day the edge is twice as wide on petals as it is on the next. Some days a second and third edging may appear. Last year the same flower that is blooming this year had a white edge that does not appear this year, but it may appear again next year.

Here's an example of just how problematical the variation in daylily faces can be. Last year when we were quite busy with customers, a worker brought a daylily bloom to me from the far side of the two acres to see if I wanted to sell it. At one glance I knew I did not want this one and told him, "Yes, they could have it." At the end of the day we noticed that the whole bed of Josie's RASPBERRY BOUQUET was gone and asked the worker if he had sold all of Josie's RASPBERRY BOUQUET. He said, "Yes, because he brought a bloom over to me and I said they could have it, and they decided to take all of it!" Neither Josie nor I were happy with the state of affairs. I took this worker to a place where some daylilies were blooming and showed him a scape that had both a gorgeous bloom on it that looked like Cinderella and another bloom on the same scape that looked like Drizella. I reminded the worker that **ONLY GOD KNEW THAT THESE TWO FLOWERS WERE THE SAME CULTIVAR** and from now on **PLEASE BRING ONLY THE CINDERELLA BLOOMS** for me to see! This did not make me feel much better because some people do not discern the difference between a Cinderella and a Drizella. Who could care if a daylily was 4" or 5.5" diameter, if it had wider or narrower sepals, a brighter red color, or a washed out red color? Hey! I care. I hybridize and want beautiful children!

The moral of this story - **THE SLIPPER BETTER FIT, BECAUSE WHAT YOU GET MAY BE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE!!!** I have tried to walk the two acres to see where a flower is picked and **WHICH** flower from the scape was picked to show me. The difference can be amazing, the difference between **ABSOLUTELY NOT FOR SALE** and **GIVE IT TO THEM!**

P.S. Josie has forgiven me for telling the worker that the customer could buy the daylily he brought and showed to me. **GOODBYE, RASPBERRY BOUQUET!**

In case you are wondering, \$100 registrations of Jack's have **ALSO** been sold as \$15 seedlings! Ever wonder what is **IGNORANCE** multiplied by twenty?



Drizella vs. Cinderella

Left Photo - Drizella

Right Photo - Cinderella

Each year this J. L. Cruse seedling starts blooming like the left photo and then blooms like the right photo. (Photos by Ray Houston)



Youthful Focus

by Eloise Koonce

It started with a phone call. The lead teacher of the horticulture classes for Naaman Forest High School in Garland, Texas, placed a call to the Daylily Growers of Dallas asking if we could help the group by donating daylily plants. Seems the students wanted to create a daylily bed on the school grounds.

The daylily club jumped at the chance. One of our members spent a morning with students showing slides and discussing the different forms and patterns of the flower. What kind did they want - tall, short, large, small? Other members were busy conferring with the instructors on the necessary requirements for bed placement and soil amendments.

Enthusiasm mounted as individual members contributed plants. The membership also voted funds to finance the project. Plants were delivered, the bed was constructed, and with instruction from club members, cultivars were carefully put into place.

All this action took place in the spring of 1999, but the relationship between the school and our daylily club continues. We were invited to have our April 2000 meeting at the school, and were treated to a tour, conducted by students and instructors, of the school horticulture facility.

Further involvement ensued when the club voted to provide two scholarships for graduating seniors who planned horticulture as a career. Applications were provided, reviewed, applicants were interviewed, and two selections were made by a committee of club members. Both winners attended the May meeting and were introduced to the membership. Each agreed to keep us posted on their progress in college, and to attend future meetings, giving us their impressions of college life.

It's difficult to decide which group has benefited the most. The High School horticulture program has received plants, advice, soil amendments, a computer, a digital camera, all gifts from individual members. Club funds were provided for plants and \$2000 in scholarship money for two of their students. The benefits to the Daylily Growers of Dallas are beyond measure. We have become involved with youth in an ongoing fashion, transferring our interest in daylilies to members of the younger generation on an "up close and personal" basis. We hope to continue the scholarship program. Recently, one of our members dropped by the school with a couple of daylily scapes in response to a request from a student that is working on a tissue culture project. Who knows what the future holds?

Naaman Forest High School Daylily Project - Photos by Gene Koonce

Joe Skinner, Lead Teacher, & Ron Cohea, Club Member



Preparing the Soil



Getting Ready to Plant



Supervising the Work



Class Effort



Ron Cohea, Telling Them How it Should be!



Carefully Measuring



Planting



First Year Bloom – 6/12/1999



Region 6 AHS Exhibition Judges

Name	Status	Date	Instructor
Grace Alexander	EX	2003	
Binion Amerson	EX	2001	
Bill Ater	EX	2004	I
MaryAnne Ater	EX	2004	I
Jeri Baker	EX	2001	
Jean Barnhart	EX	2003	
Dorothy Bigbee	EX	2003	
David Burton	EX	2002	
Nolanne Chang	EX	2003	
Barbara Chang	EX	2003	
Wynelle Clifton	EX	2003	I
Barbara Cohea	EX	2004	
Ron Cohea	EX	2004	
Nell Crandall	EX	2003	
Jo Crisp	EX	2002	
Edward Davis	EX	2001	
Kay Day	EX	2004	I
Beth Dungan	EX	2004	
Cheryl Dungan	EX	2004	
Albert Faggard	EX	2004	
Robert Frasier	EX	2004	
Eddie Gage	EX	2004	
Mary Gage	EX	2004	I
Martha Gayle	EX	2003	
Anna Rosa Glidden	EX	2004	
Ruth Goza	EX	2003	
Virginia Henson	EX	2001	I
Kreg Hill	EX	2003	
Elizabeth Hoover	EX	2002	
Carol K. Horton	EX	2004	
Mary Houston	EX	2003	I
Ray Houston	EX	2004	I
Arturo Imperial	EX	2003	
Nina Imperial	E/j	2001	
Cal Iskra	EX	2003	I
Carolyn Jackson	EX	2004	
Richard Johnson	E/j	2002	
Linda Kellerup	EX	2003	I

Name	Status	Date	Instructor
Keith Kinney	EX	2001	I
Eloise Koonce	EX	2004	I
Gene Koonce	EX	2003	I
John Kwan	EX	2001	
Judith Kyser	EX	2000*	
Patricia R. Kyser	EX	2000*	
Joyce Lewis	E/h		
Mabel Matthews	EX	2004	
Mary Ann Moreno	EX	2003	I
Gloria Mutz	EX	2002	
Wayne Mutz	E/h		
Kathryn Neely	EX	2003	I
Mable Nelson	EX	2002	I
Bonnie Nichols	EX	2004	I
John Occelli	EX	2004	
Cora Offer	E/h		
Michelle Ogee	E/j	2003	
Eugene Orgeron	EX	2001	I
Leon Payne	EX	2003	
Paula Payne	EX	2003	
Donna Peck	EX	2004	
Cecilia Perez	E/j	2001	
Nancy Petersen	E/j	2001	
Jim Petty	EX	2001	
Ruth Ratliff	E/h		
Helen Reynolds	EX	2001	I
Fred Rice	EX	2004	
Richard Rosen	EX	2003	I
Harvey Shimek	EX	2003	
Nell Shimek	EX	2004	I
Inez Tarrant	EX	2003	
Patsy Tarrant	E/h		
Sharon Umphress	EX	2002	
Maureen Valenza	E/j	2003	
Robert Valenza	E/j	2003	
Annie Weinreich	EX	2004	I
Beverly Winkelman	E/j	2002	
Walter Wood	EX	2003	

Legend	
EX	= Senior Exhibition Judge
E/j	= Junior Exhibition Judge
E/h	= Honorary Exhibition Judge (not eligible to judge)
S	= Student
I	= Accredited Clinic Instructor
Date	= Accreditation expiration date
*	= One-year hardship extension in effect

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Status as of 1-Jan-2001. Accreditation for 2001 is subject to payment of AHS dues by 1-Jan-2001.

Exhibition Judges Liaison Report

Mary Gage

An Exhibition Judges Clinic I was held in San Antonio on November 5th, following the Fall Seminar. The Clinic was very successful and resulted in Region 6 having four new Exhibition Judge Students-in-Training - Mark Carpenter, Marilyn Greenlee, Thelma Pratts, and Matt Reyna. They will be eligible to take Clinic II in 2001. We look forward to welcoming them to our list of Junior Judges when they pass Clinic II, hopefully this May at Regional. We appreciate the San Antonio Daylily Society for extending the opportunity to hold the Clinic.

For anyone planning to take Clinic I next year please take note of the requirements. One must have been an AHS member for two consecutive calendar years immediately prior to applying. This means that to take the Clinic in 2001 one must have held AHS membership in 1999 and 2000, with dues being paid by January 1st annually.

Prospective students for Clinic I should obtain a copy of *Judging Daylilies* and study chapters C1-C5 and D1-D2. Also study *An Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*, the 1999 edition, chapters 2 and 4. Those taking Clinic II should study chapter D2 of *Judging Daylilies*, to be familiar with the terms used to describe faults and merits of the characteristics of daylilies as they are being point scored. Both of these publications can be ordered from Jimmy R. Jordan, Publication Sales, 276 Caldwell Rd., Jackson, TN 38301. The order form is in the back of each *Daylily Journal*.

Another Clinic I is being planned for February 2001, sponsored by the Cypress Creek Daylily Club, located just north of Houston in the Spring area. As this article is being written, the exact date and location have not been determined but the clinic will probably take place in late February. Information will be sent to club presidents in time to make plans to attend.

All three Clinics will be held at the 2001 Region 6 Meeting in Austin on Thursday, May 24th. Scheduled times are: Clinic I - 12:30 p.m., Clinic II - 1:00 p.m., and Refresher Clinic - 1:30 p.m.

AHS Exhibitions Rules: 101

Jean Norris

AHS Exhibitions Chairman

A little history:

The rules for AHS Daylily Exhibitions have changed for the better over the past five years. There are some who would disagree. These people make their own rules as they go along. There will always be that small group of "rebels" who add their own spice to the pot. The existence of these "rebels" keeps the rest of us on our toes. Rules are established for a reason. What kind of bedlam would rein if it weren't for rules and laws to keep order? Let's not even go there.

If you talked to someone who has been judging since the early sixties and even before, they would tell you the difference in the shows between then and now is not black and white, just gray and white. Looking back over the years, it would be safe to say in comparison, the earlier shows were gray and the ones we hold today are becoming nearer white. The rules that governed the shows and judges in the earlier days were cut and dried. Many of them were not written down in the small judges handbook that was available. Many of these rules came into practice through trial and error. The old adage, "we learn as we grow" is very true. The AHS has grown by leaps and bounds in the past twenty years. Earlier, we could recite the list of hybridizers like we could the names of the States in the USA. Today, that list would make a short novel. The longer the list, the larger the Society, the larger the Society, the greater the demands for more daylily shows. The public is hungry to view our favorite perennial. To satisfy their appetite we must hold more exhibitions in every area of the AHS. In order to show the public the

many rewards garnered from growing daylilies, we must offer them an educated and accredited introduction and tease their palate to crave the best that AHS has to offer.

The Birth Of The Blues (The Rules):

Yes, there must be rules before the entries are even brought to the shows. What if a grower brought blooms and scapes from every daylily they grow in their garden? It would be a beautiful sight, like having a giant flower garden under one roof. One grower would bring fifty scapes and two hundred blooms. Their neighbor would bring a hundred scapes and twice as many blooms. Soon there would be no room for the other exhibitors. They would become discouraged and not want to bring flowers next time there is an exhibition. What can we do to encourage these growers to bring their flowers next time? Brainstorm! Why don't we provide awards and prizes for the best and prettiest flowers? Problems! They are all deserving, but we can't provide awards and prizes for ALL the outstanding ones. Solution! We need rules, so the invention of the exhibition rules. Who will decide how to distribute these awards and prizes? Exhibition Judges! Yes, we will need educated judges to solve our dilemma.

Here Comes the Judge:

What came first the egg or the chicken? Once the exhibitions caught on, the need for Exhibition Judges became apparent. There have been judges of some description since the beginning of time. All judges have had rules and restrictions to guide them, but of course, some of their rulings had to be made by their own judgments. This is the case with AHS Exhibition Judges from time to time, but there are always other guidelines to help them make their final decisions. Some seasoned "citizens" vow that rules are made to be broken or adjusted to suit their whims. These "citizens" belong to that group of "rebels" we spoke of earlier.

New Faces On the Scene:

Like styles of clothing, flowers change each and every season. On this basis, we come to the realization each year that more hybridizers, like the famous clothes designers, come up with more spectacular creations to seduce us into demanding the best and newest each year. Registrations had to succumb to this and establish more stringent rules. These rules created newer rules for the exhibitors. Diploid cultivars are our old friends, the tetraploids are the new guys on the scene. To prevent more confusion they are displayed together in the shows. The newest kid on the street is the converted diploid. What a relief, they aren't even allowed in the shows. They are recognized by the hybridizers but not by the Registrations Committee.

Committee Minds At Work?

Those whose responsibility it is to follow these rules and "enforce" them must make sure the members they work with also understand them. AHS has been accused of making it harder and harder to organize and put on a daylily show. This is far from the truth. We must go with the times. When something new comes along, we must adjust our attitudes and work with the flow. The format that is required to have an AHS accredited show has had to be tweaked every so often to conform with what is "new." When new forms come onto the horizon and they become a fad, this requires a new rule or an inclusion of an old requirement. It is hard for some of the diehards to adjust and they rebel without even giving the new "ideas" a try. The Best-In-Show (BIS) Ballot is a prime example of this. Some of the judges had to go back to their primary "schooling" and remember how to point score on paper and not in their head. This has become the fairest and most impartial method in determining the BIS. This procedure affords a decision for the BIS more quickly than the old method.

Looking Ahead:

The pride and joy of the AHS are the Youth members. It is encouraging to notice how many of them have joined the ranks of exhibitors in the shows. This is a group to keep our eyes on. These young people are, "The future of the AHS." One of the rules that has been clarified recently, defines the status

of the youth's eligibility to exhibit in an accredited show. "Eligibility for exhibitors in the youth section shall continue through the end of the calendar year following the youth's eighteenth birthday." This is another example that the AHS is not making things more difficult for the show officials. The decision to limit the youths participation to the Youth Section only, is at the discretion of the individual clubs. However, the AHS Achievement Medal, Ophelia Taylor Award, Popularity Poll, and Seedling Sections are open to all exhibitors, youths as well as adults. The younger AHS members should be encouraged to take part in all of the events sponsored by the society and the individual clubs.

Old Faces And Sizes Become Newbies:

For many years, the unusual forms and spider/spider variants were thought to be the same. Certain devotees saw it differently, and thus, they formed a Spider Committee and established a firm definition (ratio) to determine what cultivars were, indeed, true spiders or spider variants. This forced the unusual forms to be merged with the large flower section in the shows. We now have a committee made up of fans of the unusual form cultivars. A definition was instituted and the UFO's are now a part of the accredited shows. Size has played a big part in exhibitions. It is easy to recognize a large flower, a small flower, and even a smaller flower that is considered a miniature. There has never been a problem with a double daylily, but now the polytepals have come into the picture. To be exhibited in an accredited show all entries must be registered and exhibited in the sections according to their registrations. (The exceptions to this rule are the seedlings and pre-registered cultivars.) The popcorn doubles have become very popular. They are popping up in the shows and are making a name for themselves. It has been suggested that the large doubles be exhibited in one class and the small and miniature doubles in a second class in the double section of the shows. Where can we go now? Are there any new forms to tantalize us? Maybe we have covered them all, lets hope this is true.

"The Law" Rules:

The show schedule is one of the most important tools in having a successful AHS accredited daylily show. The person who writes the schedule is as important as the show chairman. Without a proper schedule the show would fall apart. The exhibitors rely on the show schedule to direct them in exhibiting their entries correctly. The Exhibition Judges rely on the show schedule to include all of the correct information they will need to judge the show efficiently. The *Judging Daylilies Handbook* is the Judges Bible, and the show schedule is the Law of the show. The two go hand-in-hand. The show officials are provided with all of the necessary information on how to write a schedule and the guidelines on how to plan and execute a successful AHS accredited show. If the committee planning the show will take the time to read the entire sections in the handbook on exhibitions, there is no excuse for not planning a perfect show. There will always be at least one flaw to jump up, sending us back to the information provided by the Exhibitions Chairman or listed in the *Judging Daylilies Handbook*. All efforts have been made to assure you that there is a solution to your individual dilemma. You have the necessary information and tools at your disposal. There are a number of committee people in the wings ready to help you. If you take the time to follow all of the instructions and work with your club members and show committees, then your show should be the winner of the "Best In Show Award."

The End:

If you have stayed with this course on rules thus far, then consider yourself a graduate of the Exhibition School of Hard Knocks. The best of luck to all of you in planning your next AHS accredited daylily show.



Remembering Our Friends Who Have Passed On

Memories of Allie

by Mable Nelson



Everyone who knew Allie J. Swafford will feel a great loss. She was a fine Lady and a lover of all plants, especially daylilies. Allie was truly a devotee to our Gulf Coast Daylily Society. She really enjoyed our garden tours, regional and national meetings, bus trips, flower shows, and plant sales.

I lived near Allie when I first got into daylilies. She was my mentor. She taught me how to judge a good daylily. She taught me to buy the best I could afford, if only one, at the time the top price was around \$50. This was the only time Allie would splurge, as she was a very frugal person.

Allie also inspired others with the joy of daylilies, especially her neighbor, Margaret Jones. They were completely different in stature and interest, but they became the closest of friends. Allie was friends with Nell Crandall when Nell was beginning to become interested in Spiders. Nell saw a nice large red spider daylily in Allie's yard and convinced Allie to let her register it. It was registered and named GULF COAST RED. It was the only daylily Allie registered.

It was my pleasure to arrange for our bus to stop and visit Allie's garden in Bogata, Texas, on our way to the 1996 Regional. This made her very happy.

The Daylily World will miss you Allie!

Memories of a Special Daylily Lady

by Aileen Castlebury

Recently, my heart was deeply saddened when Allie Swafford's niece called to tell me that Allie's life had ended. When I first met this special lady, she let me know that I was to call her Allie and not Mrs. Swafford. Even though she was burdened with a few periods of hospital confinement during her last couple of years, Allie was as physically active as possible up to her last days. I did not get to see her often, but I treasure my visits with this spirited lady who loved daylilies.

For those in our Region who never had the privilege of knowing Allie, she lived for many years in Port Arthur, Texas, and was an active member in the Gulf Coast Daylily Society and the AHS. She attended regional and national conventions all over our great country. I did not know Allie during this time, but have heard many stories about her earlier years from Allie and several daylily friends who shared those unforgettable experiences. When she moved to Bogata, Texas, to be near the families of her two sisters, she transported most of her daylily collection and many of the beautiful perennials she had collected over the years.

Bobby and I first met Allie shortly after we read the article featuring her in the Fall/Winter 1992 Region 6 Daylily Newsletter. The article told of Allie's move to Bogata, a small community in Northeast Texas, from Port Arthur, and was written by her long-time friend, Margaret Jones. (Ray Houston was Editor of the Newsletter at that time, also.)

Allie has often told me about the special mornings she and Margaret shared when they were neighbors in Port Arthur, visiting each other's daylily gardens to see blooms of the newest daylilies. These exquisite plants were purchased from gardens visited during bus and car trips on tours with other daylily

friends. Allie always enjoyed talking about memories from her earlier years and the special friendships she had made through a common interest in daylilies.

After our initial meeting, I made as many visits to Bogata as my busy schedule allowed, as I thoroughly enjoyed being with Allie and learning from her. Every time I visited in her home, all her recent and not-too-recent daylily catalogs from various daylily gardens across the country were placed very close to her favorite chair. We always discussed the latest daylily introductions presented in the newest catalogs. Her favorites always seemed to be the ones featuring bright gold, rust, and burnt orange hues.

Bogata is about 30 miles from our home near Paris, Texas. After her move, Allie came to visit our garden at least once during every peak bloom season. I cannot remember a single year since meeting her that she has not made the trip. This past Summer, her niece drove Allie and her two sisters to visit our garden. Even though Allie could not walk through our garden as she normally did, her eyes seemed to enjoy every bloom. I did not know at that time that this visit would be my last time to see my special friend.

Allie enjoyed what she called “dabbing pollen,” and she always had a few of her own seedlings. A few years ago, she gave me a plant of GULF COAST RED, the only daylily she ever registered. She said it was not up to the standards of today, but she was proud of it when she decided to register it. Two very special daylilies in our collection are ALLIE SWAFFORD, registered by Margaret Jones (Thanks, Margaret, for the beautiful plant) and JUST SWEET ALLIE, registered by Albert Faggard (Thanks, Bobo, for the salute to a deserving lady and the lovely plant). In addition to these two introductions honoring Allie, a special daylily named ALLIE JO was registered in 1992 by Gene Orgeron.

Even though she had no children of her own, Allie loved the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren of her sisters, many of whom I met at her surprise 90th birthday party. Those of us in the daylily world who knew this wonderful lady share their loss.

Allie, we will never forget you.



Ury Winniford - 1908-2001

by Ray Houston

We are saddened by the passing of Ury Winniford of Dallas. Ury died January 17, 2001, at the age of 92.

One of Ury's best known daylilies is BERTIE FERRIS (1969), which won the AHS Stout Silver Medal in 1980.

Ury was one extremely interesting person. He was always willing to share his knowledge about daylilies with anyone who asked.

It was not unusual to see Ury with multiple pollen anthers sticking out of his mouth like toothpicks when he is hybridizing. He would have pollen coating his fingers and as a consequence, everything he touched had pollen on it. It was very difficult to keep from laughing about the pollen that had been deposited on his

face and ear lobes.

Ury's TOUCHED BY MIDAS (1979) continues to be one of my favorite gold daylilies. It is one of those daylilies that can be seen from a great distance and begs to be seen up close.

Ury was one of the Region 6 pioneers in his efforts to produce tetraploid daylilies.

Tribute to Lee Gates

by Jay & Judy Farquhar

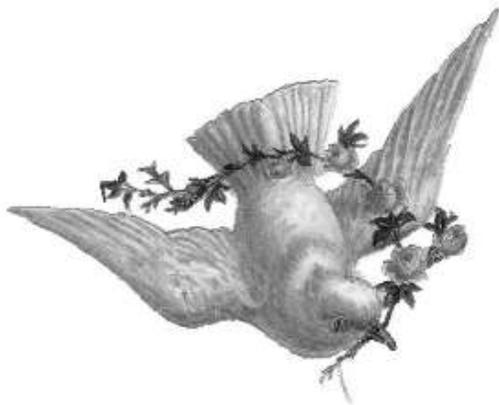


(The daylily names in capital letters are all Lee Gates registrations.)

As we entered Lee Gates' garden it was WRAPPED IN BEAUTY and everyone SHARED EXCITEMENT. It was an EXCITABLE experience to see the SULTRY SIREN and SAUCE PIQUANTE. CURVACEOUS CUTIE was some SWANKY DAME. HUBBA HUBBA!! PRIM AND PROPER, ELLY LAUNIUS deserved EXTRA CREDITS for adding LOTS OF PIZAZZ to Hobby Garden. VOLUPTUOUS MISTRESS added a TOUCH OF MAGIC to this FEISTY fellow's garden. Lee was very ARTICULATE and a HAPPY REBEL. Lee was at times IMPULSIVE, PROVOCATIVE, and ALMOST INDECENT when naming his cultivars. He was JOVIAL, UNINHIBITED, and always held the WINNING HAND. He could be UTTERLY AMBITIOUS and a SCOOTER POOPER, but what a PARTY FLIRT - MAMMA MIA!!

Lee Gates was an ACADIAN MYSTIQUE, full of FLAGRANT ACTIONS, a real VIVACIOUS CUTIE. Lee was ADORED BY ALL, always glowing in his RADIANT BEST. He had REFRESHING CANDOR, full of SELF EXPRESSION, with a TOUCH OF LEVITY. You knew you were in ELITE COMPANY when you visited with him and EVELYN GATES. Lee you leave us with TIMELESS MEMORIES. Lee was known for his CELEBRITY STATUS and BOISTEROUS BEHAVIOR. He was DISTINCTLY DEBONAIR, and had a JOIE DE VIVRE, and was full of FUN AND FANTASY! His daylilies are a LEGACY OF BEAUTY and BEYOND BEAUTIFUL. Created by his LOVE WORKS, they are a MAJESTY OF COLOR. Lee was always TEASING ME! He chose WONDERFUL SELECTIONS. Lee had a TOUCH OF MAGIC. MY MEMORIES shall be TIMELESS MEMORIES.

Lee passed away in October, 2000. Lee, you shall be missed by many!!!



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REGION 6 CLUB REPORTS

ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

Anna Mulkey

The September 30th meeting, at the home of Donna and Dick Peck, was our final business meeting for the year. The Pecks have a spectacular home in Placitas, a small community north of Albuquerque, overlooking the Rio Grande valley. They sit atop one of the foothills in the Sandia Mountain range that runs east of Albuquerque, part of the Rockies. This site of theirs would discourage less dedicated gardeners, but there is no question that the Peck daylilies are doing their thing, nicely. Our meeting ended with a panel discussion led by Judy Nichols and three very experienced daylily gardeners: Cal Iskra, Walter Wood, and Jim Petty (who had that special input from Courtney Petty on diligent dead-heading).

Our final action as a club was to join the Albuquerque Garden Center's Fall Harvest Fair fund raiser, held at the garden center. Traditionally, this fund raiser is held during the first part of October, when the days are beautiful, hereabouts. However, this year has not been predictable, weather-wise. We've had many acres of our state burned to the ground with all rain clouds evading our entire state, classic drought conditions for nine months. Then the rains came, just as Albuquerque's world famous hot air Balloon Fiesta with over 1,000 visiting balloonists was about to launch its eight days of events, and as Harvest Fair was opening for two days of traditionally big sales of flowers and daylilies. Our weather produced a full week of cold, miserable, drizzle. We were torn between despair and delight. Sadly, planting enthusiasm among the local gardeners vanished. Our unsold daylilies had to go South to the Linda Kellerup home where her vegetable garden suddenly changed character and became a daylily garden. Our orphaned daylily plants will receive good care until Council's 2001 Spring sale.

In early December, Margo Murdoch, our new President for 2001, called the new board together. After making the necessary schedule changes, taking program suggestions, and updating everyone's e-mail addresses, Margo wished her new command a Merry Holiday with Christmas goodies.

We are now at the end of our season, and our activities have shut down until next year. Since our gardens don't know beans about human schedules, they will continue to be mulched and the tender plants will continue to be protected from the cold and winds. It should be obvious that we (humans and plants) can't wait for Spring to arrive.

AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Bill Ater

Like many other areas of Texas, rains and cool weather arrived in October and November. We are grateful that the rains also fell in the watershed of the Colorado River so that our supply lakes are filled again for next year.

We had a successful daylily sale at the Zilker Herb Fest in late September and were able to introduce several new people to the wonderful world of daylilies, in spite of the cold and rain.

We are busy planning the Region 6 Meeting for May 24-26, 2001, and look forward to hosting you in Austin. We will host a Regional Flower Show on Thursday at the OMNI Hotel - Southpark which will be our headquarters. See the registration materials elsewhere in this Newsletter.

We elected and installed the following officers for 2001 at our December meeting:

President	Suzanne Adair
1 st Vice President	Carl Ingerham
2 nd Vice President	Henry Wire
Secretary	Louise Marcum
Treasurer	Beth Zimpelman-Walker
Garden Council Representative	Nix Boddin

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

Milton Nollkamper

Here we are in the doldrums of Winter, many of the trees denuded of leaves, the cold Winter winds persuading us to stay inside where it's warm and comfortable. The refreshing rains, wished for during the past dry Summer months, are now coming at regular intervals with each passing cold front, perking up our daylilies, alas, boosting the weeds too! However, this is the Spring issue of the newsletter, so let's think positively! The colorful daylily brochures arriving in the mail remind us to look forward to the rich rewards of color and enthusiasm for our hobby (or should we say passion?). Just a few more weeks and our plants will be rewarding us for the care we have given them and are giving them during the Winter.

The program for our September meeting was the showing of slides taken at the AHS National Convention in Philadelphia, and some slides of the Shimek garden.

Our annual club plant auction occurred in October. This event is always one of the highlights of the year where club members have the opportunity to add new acquisitions to their daylily collections. I think the challenge of bidding against each other enters into the interest for this club function.

November brought a special treat. Dr. Ted Petit of Toronto, Canada, and Florida, presented a very interesting, inspiring, and absorbing program. Because he is so completely devoted to hybridizing of the daylily, his opening remarks and much of the initial part of his presentation dealt with encouraging everyone to "dab some pollen" and see what can be created through our individual hybridizing efforts. As he continued his narrative, accompanied by slides to stress the importance of the points he was making, it was apparent he is very knowledgeable in the field of hybridizing. He has a far-reaching vision of what can be achieved in the development of the daylily. With his combination of knowledge, speaking skills, quick wit, and humor, Ted Petit's program was very enjoyable and informative.

We rounded out the year with our annual Christmas party at the Riverside Country Club on December 3rd. Our new officers for the year 2001 were also installed. The new officers are:

President	Eddie Raye Andrews
1 st Vice President	Mary Houston
2 nd Vice President	Paula Payne
Secretary	Nancy Hackney
Treasurer	Joanne Berry
Flower Show	
Co-Chairpersons	Carol Horton & Joanne Berry

An interesting list of programs for the new year is anticipated. The January 2001 meeting featured a program presented by the Stamiles of Florida. We really enjoyed their slide program.

CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

Catherine Neal

Our October meeting was called to order by President Freda Guillot at the Mercer Arboretum and Botanical Gardens in Humble, Texas. The program was an open forum panel discussion on daylilies and the related pleasures and problems of growing them.

The annual Christmas Party was held at Steak & Ale located on FM 1960 at I-45. A large group attended for a social gathering and gift exchange. Diners were able to make individual selections from the menu. The group enjoyed a delightful evening of fellowship and fun.

The January 28, 2001, meeting will be a program presented by Catherine Neal. The topic will be "Daylilies in a Victorian Tea Garden." Tea samples and food recipes will be part of the program.

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

Binion Amerson

The Daylily Growers of Dallas had a very successful Fall 2000. We hosted Bob Schwarz as guest speaker on September 16th and he spoke to the club about "Unusual Daylily Forms." His talk was enhanced with color slides of all the various examples of unusual daylily forms. Our annual Fall Daylily Plant Sale was held at North Haven Gardens on October 7th. The sale, managed by Helen Reynolds and Pat

Blackburn, was a great success. A number of members attended the Region 6 Fall Seminar in San Antonio.

Officers for the year 2001 were elected at the October meeting and they were installed at the November meeting. New officers for 2001 are as follows:

President	Eloise Koonce
1 st Vice President	Helen Reynolds
2 nd Vice President	Barron Bozeman & Diane Taylor
3 rd Vice President	Betty Vickers
Secretary	Mary Alice Caffarel
Treasurer	Jay Tompkins
Parliamentarian	Gene Koonce
Librarian/Historian	Ron Cohea
Ways and Means	Pat Blackburn & Jay Tompkins

EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY
Elizabeth Hoover

Now is the time to read and enjoy all of the wonderful daylily catalogs that are coming in the mail. This seems to be the quiet time before the storm. We had the most successful sale ever, last Fall. David Burton was our Ways & Means Chairman and he ordered newer varieties for our sale and they went like "hotcakes." Some of our club members worked very hard getting them all ready for the sale.

November was the election of our new officers:

President	Elizabeth Hoover
1 st Vice President	Sharon Umphress
2 nd Vice President	Joyce Lewis
Secretary	Betty Burton
Treasurer	Mary Jernigan
Historian/Librarian	Madeline Morgan
Parliamentarian	Lucille Wynne
Editor	Jeanne McNutt

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Club Reporter

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Scholarship

Mary Jernigan

Pilgrimage

Sharon Umphress

In December, we held our annual Christmas Party, 17 members were present and we shared a full-fledged Christmas dinner prepared by all of our wonderful cooks here in East Texas. After we had eaten everything in sight, we all shared a Chinese gift exchange and fought over the presents like small children. Kathy St. Onge, our outgoing Vice President, organized a photo contest and the winners were: A. L. Moore, Elizabeth Hoover, Mary Jernigan, Kathy St. Onge, and Sharon Umphress. The big door prize was won by Madeline Morgan and was a 2001 Dan Hansen introduction. Mary Jernigan furnished all of the decorations and we transformed a rather dull room into a beautiful setting for our merry event.

Mary Jernigan & Madaleine Morgan



Nancy & Lucille Wynn



Elizabeth Hoover & Kathy St. Onge



Joe Gammill & Brooks Atchison



GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY
Annie Weinreich

Well, no more false promises...or threats! This time, Bill and I really ARE going to move. We have bought a wonderful home in Chapel Hill, NC, and will be moving there in late April, as he retires. There is a very active daylily group in Raleigh, as well as a strong regional group that covers North and South Carolina. However, as I have said before, I will definitely miss Region 6, and all of its members, especially those very special folks in the GSDS. Daylily people just don't get any better than those here in Texas and New Mexico.

Winter is the quiet time for the Golden Spread Daylily Society, since we have no meetings in November, December, or January. We had our final meeting for 2000 with a wrap up dinner at my house. As in the past, we used the October meeting to evaluate our achievements during the past season and to consider our goals for the next year. We elected officers and they are:

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| President | Doug Smith |
| Vice President | Lynette Barnes |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Betty Sproul |

The Amarillo Botanical Gardens are in the early stages of renovating their main building and beginning their greatly expanded grounds. Our daylily collection, which had formerly resided in the Kate Graham Daylily Garden, has been lined out in a communal area, awaiting the time that it can be planted into its many new destinations. It is our understanding that the daylilies will be interspersed among all the other garden plantings, and will not again be planted as a unified daylily garden. We were saddened to relinquish our new status as an AHS Display Garden, but will look forward to having the daylilies show off their beauty in many parts of the future expanded Botanical Garden.

In the past, we have pushed for new members primarily at our first meeting of the year. It was Lynette Barnes' strong suggestion that we initiate our major membership drive to coincide with our Fall Plant Sale. We will also contact past daylily buyers to see if they would like our group to come, dig, divide, replant, and take away extra divisions of their named daylilies. These plants, of course, we would again sell to the public. It seems like it should be a "win-win" situation.

Another full year of meetings, programs, tours, sales, and public education is planned for the year 2001. It is hoped that most of the members will be able to attend the next Region 6 Meeting, in Austin, underwritten to some degree by the club's treasury. The members departed from the October meeting to celebrate the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays with their families, and with high expectations for another wonderful daylily season next year.



Drawing by Doris Simpson

GULF COAST DAYLILY SOCIETY

Mary Gage

September found us back in Groves at the Senior Citizens Center for our meeting and covered dish luncheon. The two annual awards given by GCDS were presented for daylilies hybridized by our local members and growing in local gardens toured in May. The Fuqua Trophy, a traveling award, is given for the best seedling and the Silver Award is for the best seedling or registered daylily of a specified color, different each year. This year the color was pink. Dr. Eugene Orgeron won both awards this year with his pink tetraploid seedling P1706. Our program was a slide show of gardens seen at the Region 6 Meeting in Lake Jackson, and the AHS National Convention in Philadelphia.

Jim Piper, a cousin of Bertie Ferris, is planting a bed featuring Bertie's introductions. He is trying to get the complete collection and would welcome any assistance in this project.

Club members got together at the home of Ann Marks on October 12th for a work day to prepare plants for the October 14th sale at Central Mall in Port Arthur. We are happy to report that the plant sale was very successful.

The tone for our December 2nd Christmas meeting was set by the lovely table decorations prepared by Vera Petersen. As usual we had a scrumptious meal furnished by our many good cooks. Virgil Cain gave us an inspirational reading. Scott Henry took the job of giving the program on very short notice after our scheduled program had to be cancelled. He led a discussion on susceptibility and resistance of daylilies to rot and other weakness.

We are happy to have Estelle Monney back from Alvin and also happy to report that Margaret Jones, who moved several years ago to Denton, is still on the go and keeping busy. We miss her.

We are saddened to report that we have lost one of our long time members, Allie Swafford. We

also extend our sympathy to Marie and Charles Dattalo on the death of his mother.

Officers for 2001 are:

President	Fred Rice
1 st Vice President	Norma Rice
2 nd Vice President	Dr. Eugene Orgeron
Recording Secretary	Anne Faggard
Corresponding Secretary	Eleanor Thompson
Treasurer	Albert Faggard
Historian	Sheri Jhelen

HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

Mary Gage

Fall is a busy time for most daylily people and HADS is no exception. For us as individuals it is a time for dividing clumps, making new beds, and redoing old beds of daylilies. This goes hand in hand with our club activities by giving us plants to donate to our plant sales and plant auctions. In October, we had our very successful plant sale at West Oaks Mall. Not expecting to have enough plants from among our members we also purchased some from a Florida grower. Our October meeting featured a Daylily Auction, giving the opportunity to purchase new plants.

In November, Scott Henry presented a slide show of seedlings and recent introductions from Region 6 hybridizers. Some new and exciting things are happening to daylilies.

Our December meeting was really something special. The Deci-Belles performed for us. Sharon Shackelford and Rosemary Wollebak, two of our members, are part of this group of about 26 delightful singers. They entertained us for half an hour with Christmas carols, some sublime and others quite humorous. We also had several other guests, young mothers and children, who came to hear the Christmas music. The little ones were so entertaining it was hard to know whether to watch them or the singers.

Marilyn Fountain was another guest who spoke about the Star of Hope Homeless Shelter. She thanked us for the gifts we brought for the children. This has been our Christmas project for the last several years in lieu of exchanging gifts between ourselves.

Catherine Neal lovingly decorated our luncheon tables as she does each December and our great cooks prepared a sumptuous feast.

Nell Crandall was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and Poinsettia for having served 16 years as our Treasurer.

Our 2001 officers were installed by Sara Chumley.

President	Eddie Gage
1 st Vice President	Clifford Lee
2 nd Vice President	Sharon Shackelford
Recording Secretary	Mary Gage
Corresponding Secretary	Judithe Savely
Treasurer	Leslie Wong
Historian	Catherine Neal

HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY **Bonnie Hess**

New yearbooks were given out at our September meeting. Catherine Neal, along with the other hosts, decorated the tables with coral reef fish table cloths and pieces of coral to coincide with the theme of our program, "Daylilies Down Under," presented by Paula Payne. Australian style food was served but Catherine announced that no kangaroo meat was available. Everyone seemed to enjoy the slide program taken from the trip by Leon and Paula Payne. As always, we also enjoyed our monthly plant raffle.

In October, we had our usual business meeting and annual auction. Bidding was fast and furious and many plants were acquired at bargain basement prices.

December brought our annual Christmas party held at the Garden Center. The "plant game" was played and much enjoyed by all present. Catherine Neal again provided the decorations and the tables held little white baskets with various birds and wildlife with directions on how to feed birds, etc. A musical Santa was also featured to promote the theme of "Daylilies with Music, Art, Literature, and Dreams Under the Rainbow."

JOHNSON COUNTY IRIS & DAYLILY CLUB **Kristy Mackey**

We started our new year in July with installation of the new officers. They are as follows:

President	Janice Green
1 st Vice President	Mary Huggins
2 nd Vice President	Maudie Tarver
3 rd Vice Presidents	Bobbie Johnson & Joyce Curlee
Secretary & Reporter	Kristy Mackey
Treasurer	Kathy Craig
Parliamentarian	Lois Wall
Publicity	Doris Harts
Hospitality	Margie Shelton, Cindy Cole, & Janet Wallace
Historian	Kathy Craig

Our annual Plant Sale was held on September 9th at the Market Square in Cleburne, and turnout was great. We are always pleased to have so many gardeners interested in iris and daylilies.

Our Christmas luncheon was wonderful, as always, and the Chinese Auction was a great hit. All gifts were to have a gardening theme, and we had a number of the gifts change hands as many times as the rules allowed.

We are looking forward to 2001 and to informative daylily programs ahead.

As always, with the beginning of a new year, we all start planning our Spring gardens. With all the garden catalogs filling my mailboxes daily, I just can't seem to make up my mind. Of course, daylilies are at the top of my list. With the hot Texas Summers we have had for the last few years, it does make you cautious. Even with the threat of over 100 degree days, I can't seem to stop myself from getting just a "few" more and I can't wait for the blooms to start.

As always, we welcome new members and visitors. Please call 817-783-6570 for meeting information.

Until next time, please take time to enjoy your garden.

LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY

Deborah Neuman

The Lone Star Daylily Society had a busy Fall, seeing several new members join our ranks. Our Fall plant sale in October wasn't as successful monetarily as in years past (we suspect the opening of a nearby home and garden center had much to do with our lower sales), but it did attract new members to the club. However, the club auction that occurred on the following day was a great success and loads of fun. Competition was fierce as several daylilies from some of the top hybridizers in the country were up for bid.

In November, our club had its first ever procurement sale. Because of the horrendous Summer weather conditions, some of our club's growers sustained heavy losses before the sale, but there was enough increase among the other growers that every club member had the opportunity to go home with at least five new daylilies at truly affordable prices.

Our December meeting saw an increase in attendance as we shared our traditional Christmas potluck meal and held a lively Chinese gift exchange. Officers were installed during a cleverly worded program, drawing inspiration for the description of each office to a different variety of daylily. Nell Shimek was compared to the newest daylilies on the market, complete with bright, bold edgings. As President, she will forge ahead boldly into new territories yet undiscovered as she leads us in activities that meet our goals of promoting the growth and enjoyment of the daylily. Elizabeth Allbright was represented as a bitone, with its two shades of the same color, as the First Vice President has two duties to the club. Not only will she preside as the President in the President's absence, but she will also provide us with exciting programs throughout the year. Barney Roberts' position drew inspiration from a recurved daylily. Just as this daylily recurves into itself, the Second Vice President draws us closer together by completion of the Club Yearbook that helps us keep in touch with our daylily family of friends. Elizabeth Howard was depicted as a daylily with a bright throat

and watermark, as the Secretary's job is to record the highlights of our monthly meetings for a permanent record of our club's business and activities. Dick Johnson was likened to the long arms of the Spiders. As Treasurer, he reaches out to collect the monies from dues and projects, then sends it forth to pay our club expenses. A comparison was drawn to all daylilies as Ruth Goza was installed as the Flower Show Chairman. She represents the beauty of all daylilies displayed at our annual show for the public, as she is responsible for fulfilling our goal of increasing other's interest in our beloved daylily. At the end of the ceremony, each officer was challenged to give their best to make our club successful in promoting and sharing our enjoyment of the daylily.

Plans for 2001 programs include a presentation from the Regional Chairmen from the Brazosport Daylily Society, in addition to a presentation from Dan Hansen, of Ladybug Daylilies, Florida. Also, slated for the Spring is a slide show of basic approaches to gardening with daylilies, as well as a presentation on garden etiquette, both planned before our annual flower show in May. A mentoring program for new members was also discussed, as well as asking members to volunteer as the "daylily hotline" expert of the month, answering questions related to daylilies.

LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Edythe Weeks

I lost daylilies in the hot dry weather this Summer, but have forgotten how hot 104° is. After the dry Summer we finally had RAIN. Then we had cold and today, as I write this, January 8th, the temperature is 64°.

We welcome as new members Shirley Molandes, Marilyn Baker, Jo Ann Dixon, Donna Chicoine of Humble, Debbie Lambing, and Doris Bowman. These members should add lots of renewed interest.

Newly installed officers for the year 2001 are:

President	Reba Garrison
1 st Vice President	Maggie Koon
2 nd Vice President	Joan Bazar
Secretary	Ann Cady
Treasurer	Evelyn Barley
Parliamentarian	Dorothy Hale
Librarian	Thelma Herrick
Reporter	Elcie Duncan

New yearbooks were issued and many plans are being made to make this one of the best years for the club. Each meeting, a selected member will give a short report about raising daylilies.

The club voted to buy a named daylily for each member. The plant committee purchased daylilies from the Barnhart garden in Nacogdoches. We had a real surprise when they arrived, with each member receiving two plants instead of just one, COLOSSAL FLASH and HIDDEN ELEGANCE. This leaves us anticipating the blooms from these new beauties.

NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

Cyndi Ballew

The Nacogdoches Daylily Society closed out 2000 by having our annual Christmas party/gift exchange in the beautifully decorated home of Regina Moehring. A good time was had by all and everyone went home with a lovely gift. The weather was cold and rainy which only foretold of things to come. Sure enough, it began to snow early New Year's Eve and by New Year's Day we woke to find a beautiful carpet of white. It was a rare sight and breathtaking to see.

Our first meeting of 2001 included a slide show presented by our RVP, Jean Consford. We also discussed plans for the coming year which included program ideas for future meetings, plant sales, and work projects. Some of the upcoming programs will be container flower arranging, our annual plant exchange at the home of Betty Commander, and work days for our plant sale in May at the home of Sue Casper. Of course, we also have to fit in a trip to the Region 6 Meeting in Austin, so it looks like a busy year ahead.

We welcomed new members in 1999 that this writer was remiss in mentioning so I take this opportunity to correct my oversight. Lillian Lily, Candace Hughes, and Joe English joined our club in 1999 and Floyd Worley came to us in 2000. We are extremely proud that these new members have chosen to join us and we know that they will contribute greatly to our membership.

NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

Gwen Pennington

I'm writing this article the day after our wonderful Christmas Party. We met with friends and family, enjoyed wonderful food, and exchanged presents in a "gift swap." You could open an unwrapped gift, or take a gift from someone that had already opened a package. Great fun and companionship. Everyone was full of the holiday spirit of love and joy.

Over the last year, our club has grown in membership and participation. We so enjoy the daylily gardening/hybridizing information and contacts for plant sources. In September, we held our annual daylily sale at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden, and it was a huge success. Kay Day had arranged for a large delivery of daylilies from well-known hybridizers, and club members contributed all the plants they could. This Summer was so brutal on plants in the Dallas/Fort Worth area that many daylilies had gone dormant, however, club members were able to donate many different plants from which the public could select.

The rest of the Fall months have flown by. October's meeting was a Bingo game exchange of daylilies and other companion plants. These games are so popular and also raise money for club activities. November's meeting was a seed and plant exchange. Early in November, several members attended the Region 6 Fall Seminar in San Antonio. What a marvelous group. They did such a wonderful job of putting together interesting and informative speakers. Way to go San Antonio!

Plans are under way for many educational programs and high participation in meetings and activities for NTDS club members in 2001. AHS is unique in its activities to educate and inform, but almost as important are the friendships you gain through the club. The members of NTDS wish all of you a wonderful Year 2001.



SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

Dennis Fortassain

It seems like just yesterday that the members of the San Antonio Daylily Society were treated in September to an interesting presentation by Col. Mike Conrad on his innovative use of ½ gallon drums as containers for daylily growing. During October, the focus of the meeting was on planning for the Region 6 Fall Seminar. In November, the members of the Society heard reports and ideas on what the future of the San Antonio Daylily Society might become. Also, in November, we held the elections for 2001 officers.

Our slate of officers for the year 2001 is as follows:

President	Mark Carpenter
VP-Programs	Kimberly Keith
VP-Publicity	Alan Humphreys
VP-Yearbook	Janice Green
Secretary	Lucy Valdez
Asst. Secretary	Barbara Kay
Treasurer	Ray Jordan

As a special treat, Mark Carpenter and Kimberly Keith presented a talk on the subject of "Daylilies on the Internet." In addition, there was discussion about the Society developing a web site. In December, we held our annual holiday party at the lovely home of Norris and Mary Henley.

The big event for San Antonio Daylily Society the Fall of 2000 was the Region 6 Fall Seminar.

On Saturday, November 4th, between 60 and 65 daylily lovers attended the Seminar, which was held at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Northwest San Antonio. Mark Carpenter, Fall Seminar Chairman, planned an interesting and informative meeting. The seminar presenters included Jack Carpenter (The Lily Farm, Center, TX), Dan Hansen (Ladybug Daylilies, Florida) and Dr. Jerry Parsons (Texas Agricultural Extension Service). Also, reports were given by Kay Day, President of the AHS, and by Jean Consford, Region 6 RVP. Finally, Rich Rosen of Austin gave participants an update on the planning for the 2001 Region 6 Meeting. At the end of the educational presentations, a very successful plant auction of many new daylily introductions was held. Included in the "goody bag" for all attendees was SAN ANTONIO THUNDERSTORM, generously donated by Dan Hansen. Serving as the host society, we benefited greatly from the opportunity to hold the Region 6 Fall Seminar. In addition to holding a very successful plant auction, we greatly increased our knowledge of daylilies. However, the most important benefit was the opportunity to meet and get to know the many daylily enthusiasts who made the journey to San Antonio to attend the Seminar.

On Sunday, November 5th, Mary Gage and Bill and MaryAnne Ater conducted an Exhibition Judges Clinic. Mark Carpenter, Marilyn Greenlee, Thelma Pratt, and Matt Reyna attended the clinic.

We are all excited about the year 2001 and are looking forward to an interesting year for the activities and programs of the San Antonio Daylily Society.



Region 6 Daylily Clubs

<p>Albuquerque Daylily Society President - Margo Murdoch 5601 Mariola Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 505-822-9410, murdock@swcp.com Meetings: Mar-Apr, Jun-Aug, Oct 9:30 a.m., Members Homes</p>	<p>Houston Area Daylily Society President - Eddie Gage 25150 Gosling, Spring, TX 77389-3225 281-351-8827, m.b.gage@worldnet.att.net Meetings: Monthly 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m., Hermann Park Garden Center</p>
<p>Austin Hemerocallis Society President - Suzanne Adair 11519 Antigua, Austin, TX 78759 512-256-6192 Meetings: Apr-May, Aug-Dec 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Austin Area Garden Center</p>	<p>Houston Hemerocallis Society President - Kevin Eaves 611 Land Grant Dr, Richmond, TX 77469-2109 281-239-0654, kevin@dominet.com Meetings: Jan-May, Sep-Oct, 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Hermann Park Garden Center</p>
<p>Brazosport Daylily Society President - Eddie Raye Andrews 415 Walnut, Waller, TX 77484-0167 936-931-3846, dera@pdq.net Meetings: Monthly 2nd Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Lake Jackson Library</p>	<p>Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society President - Janice Green 3332 CR 310, Cleburn, TX 76031-0733 817-558-2283 Meetings: Monthly 2nd Saturday, 2 p.m. Johnson County Electric Cooperative, Cleburne</p>
<p>Corpus Christi Daylily Society President - Boyd Farar 4814 Lansdown Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78411-2718 361-991-7875, befarar@aol.com Meetings: Feb-May, Oct-Nov 2nd Sunday, 3 p.m., Corpus Christi Garden Center</p>	<p>Lone Star Daylily Society President - Nell Shimek Rt. 1, Box 267, County Rd. 237, Alvin, TX 77511-9308 281-331-4395, neshimek@hall-pc.org Meetings: Monthly 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m., Alvin Senior Citizen's Building</p>
<p>Cypress Creek Daylily Club President - Freda Guillot 8914 Pine Lane, Magnolia, TX 77355-5519 281-356-7636 Meetings: Jan-Apr, Sept-Oct 4th Sunday, 2 p.m., Mercer Arboretum</p>	<p>Lufkin Hemerocallis Society President - Reba Garrison 1302 Tom Temple Dr #302, Lufkin, TX 75904-5552 409-634-2000, pgarrl@lcc.net Meetings: Monthly, 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., T. U. Electric Meeting Room</p>
<p>Daylily Growers of Dallas President - Eloise Koonce 447 Crestover Circle, Richardson, TX 75080-2529 214-231-3516, ekoonce2@airmail.net Meetings: Jan-May, Sept-Nov 3rd Saturday, 10 a.m., North Haven Gardens, Dallas</p>	<p>Nacogdoches Daylily Society President - Pat Samares P.O. Box 22, Douglas, TX 75943-0022 409-560-3484 Meetings: Monthly 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m., Call 409-564-8296 for location</p>
<p>East Texas Daylily Society President - Elizabeth Hoover 11294 FM Rd. 3226, Arp, TX 75750-9535 903-566-9702 Meetings: Monthly 2nd Sunday, 2 p.m., RTDC Room 108, Tyler</p>	<p>North Texas Daylily Society - Fort Worth President - John Turrentine, Jr. 2033 Avenue A, Grand Prairie, TX 75051-4506 972-642-1043 Meetings: Monthly 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Fort Worth Botanic Center</p>
<p>Golden Spread Daylily Society President - Doug Smith 726 Lefors, Pampa, TX 79065-4824 Meetings: Feb-Oct 4th Sunday, 2 p.m., Amarillo Garden Center</p>	<p>San Antonio Daylily Society President - Mark Carpenter 8518 Chessington Drive, San Antonio, TX 78250 210-523-0017 Meetings: Monthly 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m., San Antonio Botanical Gardens</p>
<p>Gulf Coast Daylily Society President - Fred Rice 5390 Fairview, Beaumont, TX 77705-6016 409-838-1582, farice@worldnet.att.net Meetings: Feb, Apr-May, Aug-Oct, Dec - Call for Details 2nd Saturday</p>	

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