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May 21-22, 2004

Region 6 Meeting
San Antonio Daylily Society
San Antonio, TX

June 29-July 3, 2005

AHS Convention
Greater Cincinnati Daylily &
Hosta Society

June 30-July 3, 2004

AHS Convention
Greater St. Louis
Daylily Society
St. Louis, MO
Cincinnati, OH

Thanks!

Thanks to the following clubs for these contributions since the last Newsletter:

Albuquerque Daylily Society	\$300.00
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Brazosport Daylily Society	\$500.00
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Nacogdoches Daylily Society	\$250.00
North Texas Daylily Society	\$500.00
San Antonio Daylily Society	\$500.00

In addition, thanks to all who participated in the Region 6 Auction in League City. We grossed \$13,109.60 - a record! A special Thanks to Kay Day as the high bidder at the Auction this year.

Regional, National, and More!



By Bridey Greeson

With the heat index of 108 this week in Victoria, Summer is definitely here!

Lone Star Daylily Society hosted our Regional Meeting and did a brilliant job. If there were any hiccups in the organization of this meeting, no one ever knew because the entire event was beautifully executed. Charlotte Selvera and Lizabeth Gillis are champions of organization and enthusiasm as Co-Chairmen of this Regional. A well deserved round of applause goes to them and the entire Lone Star Daylily Society for a job well done! The Regional flower show had a very nice number of entries with some of the daylilies traveling over 300 miles to the show. Congratulations go to Ruth Goza and her committee for such a nice flower show. Dick Johnson has set a new record for the most money made in a Region 6 auction. Dick's committee did an outstanding job of garnering a huge amount of daylilies to be auctioned, enabling all those who attended to have a chance to get a great new daylily. I do need to offer a note of apology to Inez Tarrant as I mistakenly left her name off of the former Region 6 Service Award winner list on Saturday night. Having checked the list with others two or three times, it is unfortunate when I still manage to miss naming a former winner. Please accept my apologies for the error.

AHS National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, was a fun time for all of the 42 Region 6 members who attended. Having attended two RVP meetings, I am happy to report that our Region is in very good shape financially in comparison to other Regions. After the first day of heat during the garden tours, I was delighted to wake up to 50 degrees on the second day of tours. All of the gardens were beautiful and the flowers were abundant and healthy.

Region 6 Service Award - Congratulations go to **Kay Day** for winning the Region 6 Service Award. Several members from the Region wrote letters recommending Kay for her many years of service on the Regional and National levels of AHS. Although Kay has moved to St. Louis, she still continues to serve Region 6 in many areas. Not only did Kay win the Service Award, she also won the **Mildred Schlumpf Award for the best slide of an individual bloom** with her slide of LEE PICKLES. Last

year's winner was also a Region 6 member, Mary Gage. Kay was delighted with her first attempt to win the award taking home the beautiful silver tray donated by the Houston Area Daylily Society.

Virginia Henson was shocked to be this year's recipient of the **Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal**. This award is the highest honor bestowed upon an AHS member for their distinguished and meritorious service on a National level. Congratulations to my Convention roommate on her award as it is well deserved, and to think that she almost did not go to the awards dinner that night!

Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award - This year's winner which provides a life membership in the AHS goes to Region 6's **Nolanne Chang**. Established in 1996, this is the seventh time this award has been given to youth members and Nolanne is the second youth member from Region 6 to win this award. Congratulations to Nolanne on her award.

Attention Garden Judges Applicants: When you have completed Garden Judges Workshop I and II, please mail your completed Garden Judges application to me. Not all of the forms make a note to send this application to your RVP. Garden Judges renewal applications should also be sent to me along with your five year garden log.

Thank you to all of the members for their continual hard work on behalf of the Region 6 members. Congratulations to all of the Region 6 award winners.

HYBRIDIZERS

For all of you Region 6 folks who hybridize for a living or just for fun - we need pictures and information about your latest and greatest!

Even if you have never introduced anything, send us what you are working on.

It would also be interesting to have information on some of the things you are looking for and how you might get there.

E-mail or send photographs to arrive at my office no later than October 1.

Thanks,
Jim Petty

Director's Report - Summer 2003



By Rich Rosen

What a great daylily season it has been. Lone Star Daylily Society put on a great Region 6 Meeting in League City. And, we just got home from the AHS National Convention in Charlotte, NC. The gardens were beautiful, and I have never seen daylilies grown better. My only regret is that as your AHS Board Member, I was kept so busy that I didn't have enough time to talk with Region 6 members. Here are a few things from the Board Meeting and Convention you might be interested in.

AHS still has many copies of the New *Daylily Handbook* available. It is a beautiful 320-page resource on all aspects of daylilies. If you already own a copy, consider buying one and donating it to your local library. See the order form in the back of the *Daylily Journal*.

A new AHS brochure for use by local clubs to recruit new members will be available before next season. Also, a new AHS roster will be printed this year. Details to follow.

We will be dropping use of the term "Spider/Variant." All daylilies with a petal length to width ratio greater than 4 to 1 will now be classified as "Spider."

Two new specialty awards were approved - one for early season bloom, and one for extra large diameter flowers. Details will appear in a future *Daylily Journal*.

The Board elected Maurice Greene from Knoxville, TN, as our AHS President for 2004-05. Maurice is a super nice guy that some of you might remember from the 1995 Knoxville Convention.

Congratulations to Region 6 hybridizers Josie Bomar, Jack Carpenter, and Inez Tarrant who were acknowledged at the Awards Banquet. Congratulations to Nolanne Chang for winning the Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award. Congratulations to Kay Day for winning the Region 6 Service Award, and thanks to her for so many contributions to Region 6. And the high point of the Convention was our own Virginia Henson being presented with the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by AHS.

Reminder: Garden Judges, send me your Awards and Honors ballot before September 1st. EVERYBODY, send your Popularity Poll list to Donna Peck before September 1st.

A full set of board minutes will appear in the *Daylily Journal*. If you have any questions or concerns regarding AHS, please contact me. Have a great Fall.

Really Pretty Daylilies - RPD Report



By Donna Peck

I still haven't recovered "mentally" from attending the Regional Meeting hosted by the Lone Star Daylily Society and the National Convention in Charlotte, NC. They were both terrific and those who didn't and couldn't attend missed some memorable few days. My mind is still filled with pictures of the **Really Pretty Daylilies** that I saw. And their fantastic speaker, Felder Rushing was worth the trip itself. Bridey summed up our Regional Meeting very well in her article and I certainly ditto everything she said. Having Co-Chaired the Regional last year in Albuquerque, I really appreciated the work of Charlotte Selvera and Lizabeth Gillis. I know they had a

tremendous amount of help from all the garden hosts and chairmen of the various committees. Congratulations!

I've never seen such robust daylilies as I did in Charlotte. I can tell from their huge flowers and healthy foliage that their Spring rains worked wonders! We work so hard in New Mexico, and I'm sure you do in Texas also, to fight the drought. I was so envious of the lovely rain all through the National Convention.

Below are the things I learned from the meetings and riding the tour bus!

That:

1. LITTLE RICH (Crocker 1987) was named for Rich Rosen.
2. Anna Rosa Glidden has registered over 115 daylilies.
3. Steve Wingfield is planting all award winning daylilies in his new garden. (See the article about his garden in this Newsletter).
4. Inez Tarrant has attended Regional Meetings for 39 years.
5. "Old Gardeners Never Die - They Just Spade Away."

6. Don Chumley came all the way from Brazil to attend the meeting.
7. Nell Crandall said, "You can't take it with you - Life is short - You might as well buy daylilies."
8. Mable Nelson hybridized a daylily named for Ann Marks - mother of our Youth Liaison, Sheri Jehlen.
9. Elsie Spalding didn't read or write, so when she wanted to register a daylily she asked Gertrude Demarest to fill out the forms. To thank her she named a daylily for her: TRUE GERTRUDE DEMAREST (Spalding 1986).
10. I smiled at the sign in the McNulty's garden - "I'm from Texas - What country are you from?"
11. Felder Rushing, the speaker at the Regional Banquet, is a terrific speaker. One of his important points was that our gardens should be "fun, interesting, entertaining and reflect the personality of the owner. They are not to impress people." Another thought was to get kids interested we should start kids on growing dandelions because "they are very easy to grow and they could blow seeds to share with the neighbors."

REPORT POPULAR DAYLILIES

Remember I need your votes for the Popularity Poll by September 1, 2003. Last year only 21% of our Region voted. PLEASE let's do twice as well this year. All you have to do is to fill out the form in this Newsletter, or e-mail me (dpeck@unm.edu) your ten favorite daylilies. Price doesn't need to be considered - you want registered, well established cultivars that grow well in your garden. I will then draw from all the names of those who've sent me their votes. Five of you will receive one lovely new daylily from prominent growers and hybridizers. As of this printing Leon and Paula Payne have donated their beautiful SQUARE DANCER'S CURTSY and Bridey Greeson has donated STENCILED IMPRESSIONS, a 2003 Fall introduction by Pat Stamile. Art Imperial also graciously donated a special daylily.

It is extremely important for us to vote so we know what daylilies do well in Region 6. Congratulations to Anna Rosa Glidden. She was the first one who gave me her ballot.

VOTE!

Region 6 Exhibition Judges Report



By Mary Gage, Liaison

We had a very successful Exhibition Judges Clinic in League City on May 15. Clinic I had four beginner students and with two more auditing. Clinic II had two students and Clinic III had three Senior Judges taking the Refresher.

Some rules regarding eligibility time for taking Clinics I and II have changed and are listed in the handbook, Judging Daylilies, on page C1-8. At least twenty-four consecutive months of AHS membership is required to be eligible to take Clinic I. Then after notification of successful completion of Clinic I, the Student-in-Training may attend Clinic II. It is no longer necessary to wait a year between Clinic I and II. Since Clinic I may be offered without fresh daylilies (using slides) I would encourage clubs to sponsor Clinic I in the Fall or early Spring, giving students the opportunity to take Clinic II at

the Regional Meetings or National Conventions without having to wait a whole year.

A rule that has not changed is that AHS Judges are required to pay AHS dues by January 1 annually. AHS has in the past perhaps been a bit lax in enforcing this rule, but this year we have had some Judges and Students-in-Training dropped from the list because of late payment of dues. This is also a requirement for keeping the Honorary Judge status.

As of May 14, 2003, our count of Exhibition Judges was as follows: Senior Judges-59, Junior Judges-3, Honorary Judges-6, Students-in-Training-14, and Instructors-16.



2003 Annual Business Meeting, AHS Region 6

Submitted by Marilyn Greenlee, Region 6 Secretary

The meeting convened on Friday evening, May 16, 2003, at the South Shore Harbour Resort and Conference Center in League City, Texas. Regional Vice President, Bridey Greeson, called the meeting to order at 8:15 p.m. A moment of silence was held in memory of members deceased since the last meeting: John Moore, Charlyene Owen, Jack Mullins, Harold Kilpatrick, Coleman Mills, Carl Ingraham, Mary Smith, Marvin Granger, Bobbie Maxwell, Maggie Sheffield, Hazel Ulrich, Gary Wooley, Dan Durkey and Eunice Peloquin. Bridey then introduced the Regional Officers: Rich Rosen, Region 6 AHS Director; Donna Peck, Regional Publicity Director; Jim Petty, Newsletter Editor; Judy Montgomery, Treasurer; Marilyn Greenlee, Secretary; Mary Gage, Exhibition Judges Liaison; Bill Ater, Garden Judges Liaison; Art Imperial, Awards & Honors Chairman; Fred Rice, W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Liaison; Sheri Jehlen, Youth Liaison/Bertie Ferris Youth Fund Chairman; and Kay Day, Protocol/Parliamentarian Chairman. Ray Houston, Historian/Archives Chairman/Webmaster, was absent. Bridey also recognized Luke Senior, Jr., AHS President; Barney Roberts, President of the Lone Star Daylily Society, hosts of the Region 6 Meeting; and Meeting Co-Chairmen, Liz Gillis and Charlotte Selvera.

The minutes of the 2002 Annual Business Meeting were approved as published on pages 5 and 6 of the Fall/Winter 2002 Region 6 Newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT - JUDY MONTGOMERY

Copies of the full Treasurer's Annual Report as of May 15, 2003, were distributed at the meeting.

Beginning Balance	\$19,912.59
Total Revenue	\$14,903.73
Total Expenditures	\$10,829.37
Ending Balance	\$23,986.95

The Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund balance as of May 15, 2002 was \$15,002.13. Revenue was \$938.29. There were zero expenditures. The balance as of May 15, 2003 was \$15,940.42. Total funds available for use: \$2,869.47.

W. E. MONROE ENDOWMENT FUND LIAISON REPORT -FRED RICE

An ideal way for a group to recognize outstanding members or to memorialize those who have departed is through a gift to the W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund. We are not allowed to touch the principal in this fund. Interest earned may be applied toward the expenses of AHS. Today's interest rates have drastically reduced what has usually been available. This is the first year that interest was used to offset a deficit.

As of the 1st of May, the balances are as follows:

W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust	\$428,828.10
Joe E. House Scientific Fund	\$55,924.25
Bertie E. Ferris Youth Fund	\$4,940.00
Stamile Youth Fund	\$5,470.00

Region 6 clubs contributed \$7,711 to these AHS funds. A certificate acknowledging the Gulf Coast Daylily Society as a Gold Donor (\$500 to \$999) was presented to Margie Dumesnil, club President.

REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR REPORT - DONNA PECK

Congratulations to Jim Petty, Editor, for the fine quality of the Region 6 Newsletters he produces while keeping within the budget. Jim has the difficult task of keeping the membership list updated. Each club is requested to send in a list of their club members. To cover Newsletter expense, a club is requested to donate \$8 for each of their members who is not a member of AHS.

Appreciation was expressed to club news reporters and to those who have submitted articles for inclusion in the Newsletter. A plea was made for photographs to accompany these reports and articles to give the publication greater eye appeal and to stimulate the interest of the reader.

Only 21 per cent of Region 6 membership voted last year in the Popularity Poll. As an incentive, to hopefully meet the goal of having 50 per cent participate in this year's Poll, five names will be drawn from the pool of all those who vote. These five lucky people will be sent a recent daylily introduction.

EXHIBITION JUDGES LIAISON REPORT - MARY GAGE

Judges hold important positions - we cannot have daylily shows without them. Judges, remember that if your AHS dues are not paid by January 1 you may lose your status as a Judge.

The 2002 *Judging Daylilies* handbook was made available for purchase.

Three Judges Clinics were held during the Regional. Four people took Clinic I for credit, and two audited. Two took Clinic II for credit; and three took the Refresher course. There were four who assisted with the instruction, which means they are on their way to becoming Instructors. Clinics I and III were also held in Alvin last August.

Kevin Walek is the new AHS Exhibitions Chairman.

GARDEN JUDGES LIAISON REPORT - BILL ATER

During 2002 the following workshops were conducted:

Location	Instructor(s)	Workshop	
		1 Credit Audit	2 Credit Audit
Beaumont	Jean Barnhart	8	8
Dallas/Fort Worth	Kay Day		
	Binion Amerson	8	
Albuquerque	Bill Ater		
	Binion Amerson	6	2
Alvin	Bill Ater		13
	Nell Shimek	6	5
Totals		28	7
			21

Currently we have 51 active Judges and six Honorary Judges. Seven persons became new Judges in 2003. Of the 51 active Judges, nine are Instructors. Binion Amerson is a new Instructor. We are entitled to have 48 more Garden Judges, and we look forward to having more of you attend our workshops.

With the new AHS Garden Judges rules, a person may qualify to take Workshop 1 after two years membership. Upon passing Workshop 1, they are qualified for Workshop 2. Upon completion of Workshop 2, the person then becomes a Garden Judge. All Judges must pay their dues by January 1 in order to be eligible to vote. Read *Judging Daylilies* for additional rules for Garden Judges.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT - RICH ROSEN

(Besides representing Region 6 on the AHS Board of Directors, Rich serves as Chair of the Awards and Honors Committee.)

Since the last Region 6 Meeting, there have been two AHS Board Meetings - one at the National Convention in Troy, Michigan, in July 2002; the second in Dublin, Georgia, in October 2002. At last year's National Convention, Harvey and Nell Shimek were presented the Region 6 Service Award.

The AHS budget continues to be very tight. We have operated at basically break even for the last two years. We are trying to put off a dues increase for as long as possible. It has been fifteen years since we have had a dues increase.

As of last Fall, AHS membership was just over 12,000. This is a 5.5% increase over the past three years. In the same time, Region 6 membership has only increased by 1%. We need to renew our efforts to attract and welcome members at the local level and encourage membership in AHS.

AHS-sponsored rust research is ongoing at the University of Georgia and the University of Guelph, Ontario.

As of last Fall, Region 6 had 60 Garden Judges. We are allowed to have twice that many. Anyone interested is encouraged to take the workshops to become a Judge.

In a poll of those attending this evening, 100% agreed with the suggested proposal to combine the Spider/Spider Variant categories into one, establishing every cultivar meeting the ratio of at least 4:1 as Spiders.

YOUTH LIAISON/BERTIE FERRIS YOUTH FUND CHAIRMAN - SHERI JEHLLEN

There were no youth among the 127 registrants at this year's Region 6 Meeting. Invite youngsters to join you at a club meeting - the time is past when kids automatically tagged along with their parents. Share your garden with them; show them how to plant and cultivate *Hemerocallis*. Share your enthusiasm - personally do something to encourage young people to take an interest in daylilies.

REPORT ON RUST - MARK CARPENTER

To date, rust has proven to be an ongoing problem that can be easily kept under control by following a regimen of treatment similar to that described on page 7 of the Fall/Winter 2002 Region 6 Daylily Newsletter. Hopefully, continuing research will bring greater knowledge and understanding of this phenomenon.

CHANGES TO REGION 6 BYLAWS

A proposal to change the Region 6 Bylaws to bring them in line with AHS bylaw changes was distributed to meeting attendees. The proposal had also been published on page 7 of the Spring 2003 Region 6 Daylily Newsletter. Attendees voted to approve the amendment in total. It included the following changes:

Article 1: Name

Changes the term association to organization.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1 - Adds Editor as an Officer

Section 2 - Changes possible term of RVP to two two-year consecutive terms from a maximum of two (2) calendar years with an exception of a third year in the case of emergency. Section 3 - Changes the appointment of the nominating committee chair by the RVP to the election of the entire committee by the membership.

Section 4 - Additionally adds the provision for the incumbent Director to be included on the ballot unless a written indication of an unwillingness to serve a second term is provided.

ELECTION OF REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT FOR 2004-05 TERM

The Nominating Committee (consisting of Bill Ater of Austin, Chairman; Diane Taylor of Mesquite; and Fred Rice of Beaumont) proposed Bridey Greeson as candidate to serve as RVP during 2004-05. No other nominations were forthcoming from the floor. Written ballots, allowing for write-in candidates, were then distributed to AHS members present. A count of those voting determined that Bridey Greeson becomes the elected Region 6 RVP for the next two-year term.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHOSEN

Nominations were received from the floor for Anna Rosa Glidden, Virginia Henson, and Jim Petty to serve as the Nominating Committee to name the Region 6 AHS Director candidate to serve from 2005-07. Bonnie Nichols made a motion to close the nominations; this was seconded by Clifford Lee. Anna Rosa Glidden, as the first person nominated, will serve as Chair of the committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Recent Changes to AHS Specialty Awards

By Rich Rosen

The AHS Garden Judges play an important role in our organization. They visit daylily gardens and observe the garden performance of our favorite flower. Each year they receive a ballot with the various AHS award categories and nominees. Based on their votes the AHS presents its various cultivar awards at the National Convention. These awards serve both as recognition for the hybridizers and as recommendations for all AHS members. To become a Garden Judge you take two workshops and submit an application. If you aren't a Garden Judge, you're missing a little responsibility and a lot of fun. I hope you will consider it.

When you attend Garden Judges Workshop 1, you get a review of all the various AHS awards. Frankly, I found it to be a little overwhelming the first time. Not as bad as my first kiss, but that's another story. It seems like every award has different requirements and no two awards are alike. There are good reasons for how this came about, but I didn't think there were good reasons to let it continue. It is intimidating to the Garden Judges, who should be focused on garden performance rather than worrying about minutia. And it is confusing to the hybridizers when they make their nominations. So the AHS Awards and Honors Committee, including our own Bridey Greeson, came up with suggestions to simplify the awards, which were reviewed and approved by the AHS Board of Directors this past Fall. Here are the changes.

1. The Don C. Stevens Award for outstanding eyed or banded daylilies can now be won by the same hybridizer in consecutive years. This was the only award that had this type

of restriction. We want to recognize the best cultivars and shouldn't care who created it.

2. The Eugene S. Foster Award for outstanding late-blooming cultivars and the Don C. Stevens Award were tabulated differently from all other awards. It required that the winner must be one of the top 3 selections in at least half of the Regions. Rarely, if ever, has this affected the selection of a winner, and it creates additional work for the tabulator. We have eliminated this requirement from these two awards.
3. Four of the nine specialty awards required a nominee to have previously won an Honorable Mention. The other five specialty awards required a nominee to have been registered at least five years. One can make a good argument for either requirement, but not for different requirements for different awards. Since the specialty awards are intended to recognize niche categories of special interest, we decided to keep their requirements separate from the main award pyramid, which includes the Honorable Mention. Now all nine specialty awards require registration at least 5 years prior to balloting. This affects the Donn Fischer, Annie T. Giles, Ida Munson, and L. Ernest Plouf Awards. I trust you will find that this simplifies the garden judging process. The changes are basically just housekeeping, nothing earth shaking. The real challenge comes in the future when the Awards and Honors Committee proposes some new specialty awards! Stay tuned.

2003 Annual Awards Banquet, AHS Region 6

Submitted by Marilyn Greenlee, Region 6 Secretary

The 2003 Awards Banquet was held on Saturday evening, May 17. Regional Vice President Bridey Greeson called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She introduced the Region 6 officers and also recognized those present who were past winners of the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal Award, Bill and Mary Anne Ater. Former Service Award winners in attendance were recognized: Nell Crandall, Bill Ater, Mary and Eddie Gage, and the most recent winners, Harvey and Nell Shimek. Past AHS Presidents Bill Ater and Kay Day were recognized. Past Region 6 RVPs were recognized: Bill Ater, Nell Crandall, and Rich Rosen. Presidents of all Region 6 clubs were recognized individually, along with their club members in attendance. Recognition was also given to those attending their first Regional Meeting and to Out-of-Region attendees.

Bridey introduced AHS President Luke Senior, Jr., and his wife Joan Senior, whose name is even more familiar. Luke, a native Texan, said he was glad to be back in the state. He reported that there currently are 10,525 AHS members, including 168 international members. Region 6 has 774 members. He mentioned that the financial statement can be found on pages 210-211 of the *Summer Journal*, and that there is a possibility that dues will have to be raised to meet the budget of approximately \$500,000.

Bridey thanked the Lone Star Daylily Society for their gracious hospitality in hosting a wonderful Regional Meeting. LS

DS President, Barney Roberts, expressed appreciation to Meeting Co-Chairmen, sisters Liz Gillis and Charlotte Selvera, for organizing everything and leaving him nothing to do.

Bridey also thanked all who had donated plants and money toward the auction. She expressed appreciation to Dick Johnson for chairing the auction effort. He reported that the gross proceeds from the 232 daylilies were \$12,845, which sets a new record.

Art Imperial, Region 6 Awards and Honors Chairman, announced the results of the 99 ballots submitted by members attending the Region 6 Meeting for best seedling by a local hybridizer. There were 17 entries, seven of which did not bloom on election day. Art presented the Annie T. Giles Award medal to Leon Payne for his seedling A 99-197. No entries had been submitted for the Edna Lankart Award for best seedling by a Region 6 hybridizer, excluding the host club.

Barney Roberts presented a certificate to Don Gill, President of the East Texas Daylily Society, in recognition of his finding the "Lone Star" that had been hidden in one of the tour gardens. It garnered him a \$50 reward. However, after Don learned that this icon (which had passed from the Albuquerque Daylily Society to the Lone Star Daylily Club) has come to be considered an albatross that brings drought to its holder, he was not so sure the \$50 was worth it.

Bridey Greeson introduced the speaker, Felder Rushing. Mr. Rushing lives in Mississippi. He has retired from teaching and the extension service, and currently has a radio program. He writes for many magazines (including *Southern Living*), and has authored *Tough Plants for Southern Gardens* (his tenth book). Felder commented that there are hundreds of plant societies, each dedicated to one particular species. Every society considers all

other species to be companion plants. Mr. Rushing proved to be a very entertaining speaker, keeping us laughing through much of his presentation.

Mark Carpenter extended an invitation to next year's Region 6 Meeting to be hosted May 21-22 by San Antonio Daylily Society - it's the Riverwalk and More in 2004.

Region 6 Service Award



Region 6 doesn't have a more deserving recipient for the Region 6 Service Award than Kay Day. She was AHS president from 2000-01 and visited 11 of 15 Regions, some multiple times, during her tenure. She brought the Canadian provinces into the AHS Region and helped set up the AHS web page.

In Region 6 she was Chair of the 1996 Regional Meeting and had her garden on tour.

She was Co-Chair of the 1992 Regional Auction and introduced the use of slides to increase sales. She has held

various jobs including our representative to the AHS Board from 1996-2001.

Kay is very active in local clubs, as well. She was a Charter Member of the North Texas Daylily Society, President of the Daylily Growers of Dallas from 1998-1999 and created and published their yearbook from 1993 to the present. She is also a member of the East Texas Daylily Society since 1989.

Kay has served as mentor and an excellent example for many grateful members of Region 6, as well as other Regions. She has succeeded in all aspects of her various offices and accomplished the goal of continuing to educate the public about our beloved flower.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kay Day & Virginia Henson!

Helen Field Fischer Award - 2003

By Luke Senior

To present the Helen Field Fischer Award for outstanding service to the American Hemerocallis Society is truly an honor. However, this year it is a special thrill because the recipient is a long-time friend.

With her husband she became a member of AHS in 1968 and then a life member in 1973. The couple traveled far and wide, visiting daylily gardens. They visited daylily gardens in Louisiana when it was the center of daylily activity. They went to Florida as hybridizing there became intense. I especially recall encountering them at Pauline and Ralph Henry's garden in Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

She is an Exhibition Judge and an Exhibition Judges Instructor, having judged shows all over the country. A member of the AHS Board of Directors from 1984 to 1989, she was Chairperson of Exhibitions when it encompassed what is today three separate positions - Exhibitions, Exhibitions Judges, and Exhibition Judges

Education. In this very important job she was responsible for approving all show schedules and compiling all of the show results. She also coordinated all Exhibition Clinics within all Regions and maintained records of all Exhibitions Judges. She is a Garden Judge and a Garden Judge Instructor, as well.

Having grown daylilies for ten years prior to joining AHS, this year's winner has donated plants to any number of civic organizations and gardens in the Dallas area. Involved in the 1977 National Convention in Dallas, she continues to be active at the local and the Regional levels. Each time the Dallas club has hosted a Regional Meeting, she has been a co-director of the steering committee. She has served on the nominating committee for the Region 6 RVP and Director over the years and is currently on this committee for the Director. It is indeed a pleasure to present the Helen Field Fischer Award to Virginia Little Henson.

Get the Public Involved in your Daylily Flower Show Let Them Vote

By Mark Carpenter

I wanted to share an idea with you that we incorporated into our San Antonio Daylily Society Flower Show this year. I was looking for a way to get the public more involved with the show and came up with the following idea.

After the official judging was completed, we then let the public vote for their favorite daylily and also their favorite Tricolor design. The response was absolutely THRILLING! We had 82 votes on best Tricolor design with one by Beth Zimpelman winning the “People’s Choice” award. MIDNIGHT MAGIC, entered by Dana Griffin, won the “People’s Choice” favorite daylily. Over 200 people voted for their favorite daylily! Best of all, this contest physically involved the public and made them take a closer look at our favorite flower.

Here’s how it worked: Once the official judging was over Steve Wingfield, SADS President, and I manned the two entrance corners to our flower show which was held at Rolling Oaks Mall in San Antonio. We would hand each visitor a yellow “sticky” and tell them to simply put it in front of the vase that they thought was their favorite flower. Every daylily in the show, including the head



Dana Griffin with MIDNIGHT MAGIC and the “People’s Choice Award.”

table with the winners, was eligible. I found it fascinating that the head table garnished a total of only 6 votes with over 200 cast. As

they approached the Tricolor design area, we had two more folks passing out a gold star to the visitors and had them place the stars on a note card placed in front of each exhibit.

Each of the winners were presented with a crystal trophy with the event name and the winning category as well as a picture of a daylily engraved on it. The trophies cost about \$45 each and were paid for by the club. Everyone was THRILLED with the response and undoubtedly the “People’s Choice” Award will become a standard for our annual daylily show.

Interview with Curt Hanson

By Anna Mulkey

Curt Hanson, hybridizer from the cold world of Cleveland, Ohio, highlighted the Albuquerque Daylily Society’s first meeting of 2003. His understanding of daylilies in a chilly climate could provide us with another angle of understanding. We can have hot Summers, 100° F, this is not unusual, but we can also have quite cold Winters with snow. Thirty-five members gathered to listen to his gardening methods and coping skills, and of course, news of his hybridizing.

Curt plants directly into the soil after the first frost. He said dormant daylilies need that shock of cold to perform well, but he has also found that the other daylilies (ev. and semi-ev.) can manage this process, as well. The seed going into the ground from his paper envelopes (no fancy storage containers and no refrigeration necessary) will be shriveled and dry, but each seed will begin absorbing moisture from its surroundings, and in two to three months will have plumped up, and begun to grow its first roots, though there will be no visible sign of activity above ground. This running start allows the plant to begin sprouting in April or early May, (Remember, this is an Ohio timetable) and will not be slowed down in the Spring by having been transplanted. (Ohio has a short growing season, an important consideration.)

Twenty years ago, Curt saw some of Steve Moldovan’s famous purple daylilies, and became fascinated with the hybridizing process. “Steve Moldovan became my guru.” Today, Curt has found his own goals, and while his snow-covered gardens rest quietly during the Winter months, he is busy plotting new avenues to explore. He also has time to think up those so-untypical names. Dark daylilies get spooky names, while white flowers have spiritual names, rose, heartbreak, and pinks romance. He gave us no color for his off-the-wall names.

Curt evaluates his new plants for three years to have a full understanding of their qualities. And what exactly is he looking for in his new hybrids? He is delighted with patterns and sculptured shapes that are off the beaten track, such as pleated petals, folds on either side of a petal where it emerges from the throat. He has another form where the sepals are wider than the petals. Interesting color patterns vary greatly in his choices and these qualities combined with good foliage make a daylily of difference for him.

Finally Curt’s Daylily Creed: Daylilies are very adaptable; give them a chance to adjust to you and your garden. They should work for you, not the other way around. No heavy fertilizing, and only reasonable amounts of watering. That last point really works for us in New Mexico where water has replaced gold in the list of valuable objects. We will be seeing soon if we can find ways for it to work well with our daylilies.

Starting a Daylily Garden - Part II

In the last issue of our Newsletter we started an article about which daylilies a new daylily gardener should begin growing. We wanted daylilies that “are easy and prolific growers in our Region and spend no more than \$7.00 apiece.” Then we asked for one daylily a new gardener could “splurge on.” Here are three more daylily growers with their lists.

Jean Consford e-mailed her choices and said there are “no sissies here; these daylilies are pretty, tough, multiply, and love to bloom in East Texas.”

- ETOSHA (Munson 1984) - a 6 inch tall amber-red blend
- DARRELL (Durio 1981) - a 7 inch yellow with pink highlights
- PRODUCER’S SHOWCASE (Spalding 1985) - a 6 ½ inch light yellow cream
- MONICA MARIE (Gates 1982) - a near-white 5 inch beauty
- SCARLET ORBIT (Gates 1984) - a 6 inch pretty scarlet red with a darker red halo
- WHOOPEREE (Gates 1986) - another red with a darker red eyezone and is a large 6 ½ inches
- JASON SALTER (E. Salter 1987) is a 2000 Lenington All-American Award winner and is a must in any garden. It’s a miniature 2 ½” flower that is a lovely, round, ruffled, cream yellow with an etched pattern plum eyezone and a darker penciled edge.

Note: We agree especially with the last three choices of Jean’s. Donna Peck had those three given her when she started her Albuquerque garden in 1990, and kept them when she moved to Placitas because they are so hardy.

Note: This is one of the greatest bargains at \$5.00. It is so hardy and so delightful. It’s a great choice for a beginner as well as any veteran gardener.

Binion Amerson’s list is very different and has some excellent plants for the beginner.

- TEXAS SUNLIGHT (Lewis 1981) - a 3 inch gold self which loves to grow in the Southwest
- CABBAGE FLOWER (Kirchhoff 1984) - a 4 ½ inch lovely light yellow double that is still winning flower shows in the doubles category
- HOT EMBER (Stamile 1986) - a large 6 inch reddish orange self
- NUTMEG ELF (McCabe 1978) - a 3 inch yellow Spider that is such a joy to see each morning it blooms
- WIND FRILLS (Tarrant 1978) - a 7 inch pink that is constantly on the top of the list in our Popularity Poll

Binion’s splurge is an expensive one, but LAVENDER BLUE BABY was so exciting in 1996 when Jack Carpenter introduced it. It was the closest a daylily has ever come to being a blue daylily. You can buy it now for about \$95, so it makes a very nice present for you to receive!

Bridey Greeson, our RPD, suggests these daylilies for the beginner.

- ENCHANTED ELEGANCE (J. Salter 1992) - a 6 ½ inch peach blend and you can’t go wrong with the Salter name!
- WITCHES WINK (E. Salter 1993) - Elizabeth’s 3 inch yellow daylily with a plum eye that also wins many awards in the daylily flower shows
- DRAGON KING (Kirchhoff 1992) - a little over our seven dollar budget, but it’s a 5 ½ inch Mandarin red beauty
- SHISHEDO (Munson 1988) - a 5 inch pink self
- MIDNIGHT MAGIC (Kinnebrew 1979) - a 2002 Lenington All-American Award winner and a must in everyone’s garden. It’s an outstanding dark red 5 ½ inch daylily that grows very well in our Region and well all across the country.
- BUTTERSCOTCH RUFFLES (Harling 1978) - an older daylily that is a 3 ½ inch peach blend that blooms “it’s heart out” every season

Bridey said her “splurge” would have to be CLOTHED IN GLORY (Grace 1996) because it has produced some spectacular seedlings.

Many thanks for those who helped us with the last two articles for the Beginning Gardener. If anyone has other ideas please let us know. Check the e-mail on the front cover because we’d love to hear from you.

You Know You’re Hooked If...

By Susan Wachter

Susan Wachter is a Horticulturist/Landscape Gardener. She writes articles for the New Mexico Tribune plus other magazines and newspapers. She talks at various garden clubs and has spoken at the Albuquerque Daylily Society. This wonderful piece appeared in a recent issue of Prime Time and Ms. Wachter has given us permission to use it in our Newsletter for all of us to enjoy.

Gardening can be addictive. If you think you are hooked, take this quiz to see how many statements sound familiar.

You:

- Are known by name at every garden center and nursery in the area.
- Go on new home tours and scrutinize window size and orientation for houseplants.

- Visit every garage or rummage sale for potential plant containers.
- Have been escorted from mass-market retailers after scolding the employees for carrying plants not suited to our climate.
- Believe there's always room for one more plant.
- Beg seed from strangers.
- Plan vacations based on public gardens or specialty nurseries.
- Spend so much time in your garden your cologne comes with a sunscreen rating.
- Ask for salads without dressing so they may be carried home to the compost.
- Offer to rake neighbors' leaves and pine needles, if you can keep the mulch.
- Shop for new cars with priority given to how many flower flats or soil bags you can pack inside.
- Would rather have new plants than new clothes.
- Set your television permanently to the Home and Garden channel.
- Didn't notice your spouse left and took the kids three months ago.
- Use down comforters to protect tender plants from the cold.
- Keep a cleaner garden than a house.
- Disguise garden books with other titled book covers.
- Show visitors your compost pile.
- Must have the car detailed to hide the fact you've been to the nursery again.
- Take it as a compliment when somebody calls your yard a jungle.
- Feel you must rescue every orphan plant in the nursery or garden center.
- Go outside to get the morning paper wearing your PJs and come in at noon.
- Realize your sex life involves only hand pollinating your daylilies.
- Proudly tell people your children were started from cuttings.

CONGRATULATIONS

to

NOLANNE CHANG

who was awarded the

CHRISTINE ERIN

STAMILE

YOUTH AWARD

Nolanne is a member of the Albuquerque Daylily Society and a Senior Exhibition Judge. She is in her Senior year at the Albuquerque Academy. Nolanne won the Region 6 Annie T. Giles Award for one of her seedling at the 2002 Regional Meeting in Albuquerque.

Recipes From the Regional

HAM AND CHEESE PINWHEELS

Ham and Cheese Pinwheels was one of the "award winning" recipes that was served at the Regional Meeting in Houston. When everyone was oohing and aahing over them, Anna Rosa Glidden told us the "real story." She said she had them for the first time in 1984 when Ra Hansen's garden was on tour and Ra served them at the National AHS Convention in Orlando. They were also served in 1988 at the Houston Convention. After that Anna Rosa wrote Ra for the recipe. Anna Rosa received the recipe handwritten on a postcard that she has saved all these years, and below is the original recipe written by Ra Hansen.

The recipe that was used that year is as follows:

HAM PINWHEELS

(according to Ra Hansen's 1984 original recipe)

Do not substitute Kraft Brand with any other ham or it won't slice nicely! Believe Me! Mix approximately one teaspoon Good Season's dry Italian salad dressing Mix into one package Kraft Philadelphia Brand Cream Cheese. (Let the cream cheese soften slightly.) Spread evenly from side to side on rectangular slices of boiled ham. When you finish spreading the ham, **SPRINKLE LIGHTLY** with dill weed. Then roll and place in a Tupperware cake box. Put wax paper between layers of rolls. Seal and Refrigerate. Slice when needed.

Anna Rosa added that she puts finely chopped nuts into the cheese mixture and adds a bit of lemon juice.

When Judith Savely was asked for her recipe this is the one she gave us:

This recipe was named **HAM ROLL-UPS**

4 oz. sliced ham, 8" x 3"

8 oz. cream cheese

1 well-rounded Tbsp. chopped almonds

3 dashes Tabasco

1/2 tsp. Worcestershire

1/4 tsp. dry mustard

1/4 tsp. Pick-A-Peppa sauce

1/2 tsp. soy sauce

1/4 tsp. paprika

1/8 tsp. each salt and pepper

2 Tbsp. mayonnaise

2 tsp. chopped chives

Spread and roll the long way; cut in 1-inch pieces after refrigerating for a short time.



Dinner at Kemah Boardwalk



Eskine's Garden

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Winkelman's Garden



Payne's Garden



Savely's

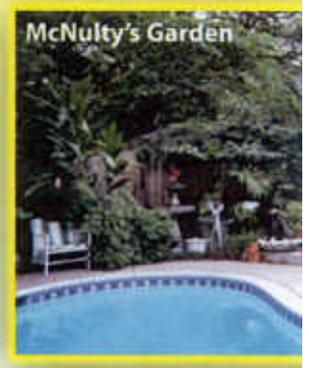


Shimek's Garden

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Payne's Garden



McNulty's Garden



Roberts' Garden



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Savely's Garden

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McNulty's Garden



Lunch at Juanito's

The Newest AHS Display Garden

Steve Wingfield's Garden San Antonio, Texas



Lucky's daylily garden is a three year old daylily garden situated on a rural acre containing 100 year old Live Oaks. What first grabs your attention is the amount of dry stack rock work. The four foot high rock wall that runs the length of a football field, the numerous raised daylily flower beds, and retaining walls are just some of the examples of the rock work you will find. What is most amazing is that each rock was found in the surrounding country side and placed by Steve's hand into the overall garden design. Also, while hunting for rocks an orphan kitten was found and promptly adopted. He was "Lucky" we found him and thus, Lucky's Daylily garden!



When he began building the garden he started collecting all the Stout Award winners. Since then the garden now contains over 500 different cultivars. His quest for collecting didn't stop with the Stouts as he got hooked on the miniatures which lead to the building of the Donn Fisher Memorial Award bed. Why should he stop with

just these two award beds? So, he finished the Harris Olson Spider, Lambert/Webster, Eugene S. Foster, R. W. Munson, Jr., and Don C. Stevens Award Beds. Currently, he is working on the Ida Munson, Lenington All-American, and L. Ernest Plouf Award beds. Along the way he also got interested in daylilies that won an Award of Merit (AM) so another challenge was undertaken. Currently, the garden contains every AM back to 1994.

The garden also contains Rose, Azalea, and Ginger beds along with a couple of water features. His latest project is collecting several of the Dykes Iris Medal winners so as to bring color into the garden year round.

When visiting the garden it is advisable to watch where you're going since several of the paths in daylily beds are situated under low hanging Live Oak limbs.



IT'S POPULARITY POLL TIME!

PLEASE SEND YOUR BALLOTS FOR THE POPULARITY POLL, NOW!

This is your way to tell Region 6 which of the daylilies are your favorites. Your favorites should be the cultivars that grow and perform the best in your garden.

How to vote:

1. Vote for up to, but not more than, 10 cultivars. A valid ballot may consist of only one vote!
2. Price need not be considered.
3. Select your favorites;
 - a. Registered, well established cultivars (no seedlings).
 - b. Observed in your garden or immediate area.
4. Mail (or e-mail dpeck@unm.edu) completed ballot to Donna Peck at 96 Homesteads Rd., Placitas, NM 87043
5. Postmarked deadline is September 1, 2003.

A SPECIAL DRAWING FOR FIVE LUCKY WINNERS WHO VOTED!

On September 7, five names will be drawn and each one will receive a very special cultivar donated by some of our esteemed growers and hybridizers.

Here is a bit of Popularity Poll trivia - The first ballot received was from Anna Rosa Glidden. She handed it to Donna Peck the day after she made her plea at the Regional Meeting for everyone to vote! Many thanks Anna Rosa.

THE POPULARITY POLL BALLOT

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The Eskine Garden

By Bridey Greeson

Located in the central part of Pearland, Texas, the Eskine Garden is filled with beautifully grown daylilies. Mildred and Paul Eskine waited at the front of the house to greet all of the Region 6 members as we unloaded from the tour buses. Mildred and her late husband, Ernest, are charter members of the Lone Star Daylily Society, and their love of daylilies is evident throughout the garden. In the front beds of the house under the shade of a Pecan tree, many newer varieties are found with some older but great daylilies. In these beds were such great daylilies as WISEST OF WIZARDS, IDA'S MAGIC, GRACE AND GRANDEUR, DRAGON DREAMS, LOTS OF HOOPLA, NORDIC NIGHT, OTTIS' MAGIC, and my favorite, WITCHES WINK. An Eskine seedling was also in the corner of a front bed that was very eye catching. It is a peachy pink flower with a darker plum eyezone and a thin plum edge on the petals with white midribs. My guess is that this is the seedling 1990-01 listed in the Eskine's catalog.



When you walk around the back part of the house, there is a daylily explosion with more named varieties, a vegetable garden and the Eskine's seedling beds. In the seedling bed, a wonderfully formed lemon yellow seedling caught my eye with two beautiful opened blooms. I believe that it is the same seedling shown in the Eskine's catalog which is seedling 2000-04. Not only did it catch my eye, but everyone who passed by it had to stop and admire the two perfect blooms. Another seedling open that day had a double edge which was quite nice.

One of the most stunning displays of a daylily clump was the clump of LEE PICKLES. Three blooms were open that day, and they put on quite a show for the garden visitors. With a nice wooden bench for relaxing in the garden, many of the Region attendees found nice shady spots to enjoy the daylilies. And though Ernest is not present to enjoy the crowd, his love for daylilies continues on in his tradition as the garden sign notes "Grandpa's Garden." Hats off to his wife, Mildred and son, Paul, for allowing us to enjoy such a luscious daylily garden.



The McNulty Garden

By Sheri Jehlen

Butterflies, daylilies, and birds, oh my. Please don't look up or you might get something in your eye. Hanging from the trees in the front garden were many beautiful bird houses, in the nest of the Yellow Crested Nesting Night Herons a mother bird was raising her young. Overlooking the daylily garden is a



statue of a sweet little girl sitting on the bench. Some of the daylilies include DOUBLE SALMON PUFF (Glidden 1992), RENEGADE LADY (E. Salter 1990) and AWAKENING DREAM (P. Stamile 1995). Among the daylilies were many Monarch butterflies. At the back gate Les the Lion welcomes visitors to a captivating and cozy back yard featuring two porches, waterfall and swimming pool. Surrounded by lush green plants and beautiful flowers, this is the perfect place to relax on those balmy nights and hot Summer days. A quick dip and you're on your way.

From the inviting arbor in the front yard to the sweet little dog on the steps, the McNulty garden is truly a wonderful place to see in 2003.

P.S. Gig-Em Aggies



The Garden of Beverly and Melvin Winkelman

By Donna Peck

Our tour bus drove out in the Pearland countryside to reach the Winkelman's garden. Beverly and Melvin along with their two children, Kimberly and Donald, were there to greet us. After talking to them, I was amazed that they had time to take care of all their lovely, large gardens. Beverly works full-time at Continental Airlines as Assistant to the Vice President. Warren is the General Foreman for the Instrument Shop at NASA.

Leon and Paula Payne are neighbors who influenced Beverly in growing daylilies. Kimberly became very interested in hybridizing, and it became part of her Science Fair Project. One of her daylilies she used for her science show won the Best Seedling Award at the Lone Star's Flower Show. As the beds began to multiply, Donald got involved by using the grass cutting tractor to build beds and walkways. He also used it to transport the potted plants.

Beverly said she did a little bit of her garden at a time. And now she feels she is about finished with her garden expansion. It's as much as she can care for right now. Her large yard has various beds of daylilies with lovely companion plants. Her archway was covered with climbing Roses. Healthy pots of flowering plants, such as Geraniums, stood along the edges.

As you enter the back yard there are happy daylilies lining the chain-link fence. Some of the daylilies showing off for us were BILL NORRIS (Kirchhoff 1993) the 2002 Stout Award winner, LIPSTICK TRACES (Kaskel 1994), and eleven guest plants by Leo Sharp. BROOKWOOD CARLA SHARP was in bloom.



I also enjoyed seeing the grapes growing on the fence. This leads toward their well-house and garage, just redone since a tornado damaged them this Spring. Along the house were Sejo Palms, various Begonias and interesting Bromeliads in pots.

The special treat came before we left. Beverly offered us delicious nectarines from their abundant nectarine tree.



Mayfield Garden - A place for friends to gather

By Kay Day

While the afternoon heat and the after-effects of a satisfying lunch were all upon us Saturday, the Mayfield garden proved to be a retreat for friends to gather and enjoy not only daylilies, but plants collected lovingly. The front corner of the lot is filled with our favorite perennial and the display certainly could account for the traffic problem - people missing the corner turn while looking at the abundant bloom. The Tiger Paw, an exotic plant likely from South Africa or Australia was located in a corner bed near the house in the front and another

one in the back yard. Shell Ginger and an Orchid tree also occupied the same back yard bed.

But of course, we all were there for the daylilies. Like many of us, Mr. Mayfield's mother introduced him to daylilies, but his interest expanded once he visited the Shimek's garden. Previously he was guilty of mowing down the daylilies - and as a result they never bloomed. After the trip to Nell and Harvey's, daylily fever hit. A Best Large Flower Rosette enhanced the habit. He is now hybridizing and we were able to see an excellent seedling from his limited effort. He is wisely limiting the space for seedlings to a single bed in the back yard next to the vegetable crop. Like many of us, the vegetables may be history in a season or two - after all daylily buds are edible.

My favorites in bloom were TROPICAL HEAT WAVE and Mrs. Spalding's TRUE GERTRUDE DEMAREST. I do not think TRUE GERTRUDE DEMAREST has received enough attention in the last several years. It is a pale yellow, and always seemed to rebloom for me - even in those dry years.

Roses were spaced around the daylilies and seemed to gracefully share the spotlight. Those who quickly escaped to the patio for more food and beverages were able to enjoy the daylily bloom and interesting plants from the shade. Of course, those of us die-hearts did have the benefit of shade from the large Oak trees spaced nicely in the garden. One even shaded the compost pile.

We should all try to return to the Mayfield garden in a couple of years to see the development of his seedlings, after all it's a place for friends to gather.



The Garden of Sandra and Barney Roberts

By Gwen Pennington

The current home of the Roberts is located in Friendswood in a beautiful residential neighborhood with large trees and well-maintained landscapes. I say current because the Roberts have plans to move to a new home on 2-1/2 acres which will allow them to grow more and more daylilies. They currently have about 250 different cultivars that have had time to settle in and mature in five large beds located in the front and back yards.

As the bus pulled up in front of their beautiful home, we found a large daylily bed on the left side of the front yard with the seedlings on exhibit for the Annie T. Giles Award. The seedlings were in excellent condition with most blooming for voting purposes. The Roberts had obviously spent many hours lovingly caring for these guest plants preparing them to "put on their best face" for achieving this prestigious award.

The right side of the front yard contained a large daylily bed containing recently introduced cultivars. These included SIMPLY GLORIOUS and EARLY FRAGRANCE (both J. Carpenter - 2000 and 2001), CASHMERE SEDUCTION (Kirchhoff 2001), and CANADIAN BLUES (E. Salter 2000). Additionally, there were beautiful examples of POWDER PUFF TRUFFLE and PINK FOR TWO (Kirchhoff), PURE

AND SIMPLE (J. Salter), and POLLY'S NECKLACE (Glidden).

Heading to the back yard, we passed the bed containing the Award candidates and followed a pathway that took us by two more recent introductions by Kirchhoff - ROOT BEER TRUFFLE and AFFAIR D'AMOUR. The back yard contained shade cast by tall mature trees, but the flower beds were strategically situated to take advantage of sunshine at the edges of the yard and around the pool. The Roberts invited everyone to share the pool with their "girls" - (five beautiful golden retrievers).



The yard was well laid out with beds segregated by Spiders and Unusual Forms, large flowers, small flowers and doubles. The Roberts have a wide variety of new and older cultivars. SHADOW DANCE (Morss 1988), WITCHES WINK (E. Salter 1993), BLUE HEART (E. Salter 1996), FRANK GLADNEY (Durio 1979), and MELT YOUR HEART (S. G. Ward 1993) were all in fabulous bloom.

The back yard landscape also includes antique and found Roses, as well as Hostas for the shade. There were a few pots of daylilies and other plants scattered around the yard - just waiting for their trip to the Roberts' new home.

Barney Roberts is serving as current President of the Lone Star Daylily Society. Our "thanks" to Barney and Sandra for opening their gardens for tours, hosting the Awards bed, and being a part of a wonderful Regional Meeting!



The Garden of Nell and Harvey Shimek

By Bill Ater

Visiting the Shimek garden is breathtaking with the many varied horticulture specimens growing in this four-acre garden. With more than 850 varieties of daylilies it is impossible to see everything in the commercial area. There are many other interesting plants growing in the garden whether it is in the shade of the large trees or the open sunny areas. There were plantings of daylilies and companion plants with wide grassy walkways meandering throughout the garden. One of the shady areas was planted with several large specimens of Ginger. Under the large Pecan trees there were many interesting tropical plants. Of course, there were many different varieties of Roses. A visit to the Shimek's web page at: www.hal-pc.org/~neshimek will give you an idea of the beauty and vastness of this garden.

The large planting of Jean Barnhart's NACOGDOCHES PANSY was near the front walk. It is a 3" yellow with a dark purple eyezone atop a 15" scape. Another large planting was SHIMEK SEPTEMBER MORNING which was hybridized by Nell and Harvey Shimek. It is a 5" golden peach with rose band above a green throat and grows on a 25" scape. The planting of MIDNIGHT RAMBLER, a 5.5" dark black purple was very beautiful as was the contrasting and popular ED BROWN, a 5.5" pink with a ruffled gold edged pink both are hybrids of Jeff Salter.

Several of Elizabeth Salter's recent tetraploid introductions in the miniature and small flowered varieties were outstanding: WITCHES WINK, a 3" yellow with plum eyezone; and LITTLE BIT COUNTRY, a 2 1/2" gold self.

In 1965, when Waltermire introduced VELVET GEM everyone liked this magnificent 7" red self. It is still competing with the newest introductions and is grown in a wide area of the country. We frequently see it on the show tables.

In the early eighties while visiting the Crowell garden I asked to purchase a beautifully branched seedling which was a 5.75" great yellow with a contrasting bright red eye. I was informed that he didn't sell daylilies, but he just hybridized for his pleasure. A few weeks later I received a package with the daylily and a note saying that I should grow it since several others liked it as well. The plant quickly became popular and was named BRIGHT EYED. It is one of the classic daylilies and attracted much attention in the Shimek Garden.

A 1950 registration of Mary Stevens of Fort Worth was popular with the garden visitors, it is a medium red orange and was named SOUTHERN SUNSHINE.

All who visited the Shimek Garden are ready for a return visit. The *Houston Chronicle* featured the Shimek garden with a full page write-up with colored pictures of daylilies stating that this was a "must see" garden in the Houston area. On Sunday, after our tour on Saturday, hundreds of people started arriving soon after sunup, and more were still coming at sunset to enjoy this magnificent garden.

Not only are both Nell and Harvey talented in the creation of their garden, but both are gifted designers in that they are frequent winners of the American Hemerocallis Society Tricolor Award in local shows as well as winners of the National Tricolor Award.



As each visitor left the garden they were given a "Yard Stick" with a note saying: "This is a Yard Stick. I know

because I found it in my yard. It is good to measure things. The depth of a mud puddle, from one daylily to another, or the gas in the lawnmower. It is also good to play fetch with your dog. Also, good to start a fire, or to prop up a daylily scape. It is my gift to you, it is yours now to keep, or to do with what you please. Now this is your yard stick, just don't put it back in my yard."

I heard the refreshments were great, but I only had time for blackberries and watermelon.

Thanks Nell and Harvey for opening your garden for the Regional tour.



The Savely Garden

By Jim Petty

As we approached this garden, the first thought was of a lovely, but typical, suburban yard and garden - how wrong can first impressions be?! Of course, there were large pine trees in this part of Texas, and a lush green lawn to hold some beautiful contoured beds under the trees and in front of the house. Bob and Judithe greeted everyone as we emerged from the bus and then the fun began. We could enjoy GOOD OLD BOY and VEINS OF TRUTH and KING KAHUNA showing off in the beds here. In addition we were entertained with BROOKWOOD CARLA SHARP, FAIRY FILIGREE and BROOKWOOD LEE CAUSEY in full bloom under the overhang of the neighbor's Cypress tree.

As we continued up the drive toward the back yard, we got the idea that things were about to change dramatically, and say howdy, change they did. We emerged from a sunny front yard into a tropical paradise in the back yard. The first thing that grabs you is that the whole yard is one huge pond, but that isn't quite accurate. There is a lot of water, organized in ponds that flow into one another, but it is all wrapped in a lush jungle of Banana Palms, various trees and bushes and other tropicals.



The ponds were almost brimming with Koi and filled with a variety of Water Lilies, Papyrus, and other water plants. The Savelys have been putting this garden together for 26 years, adding things to the garden and expanding with the ponds as the years have gone by. No one would guess that this water feature is only a few years old. One interesting part of the yard is the grid of fishing line crisscrossing above your head. This was added to discourage the Herons from helping themselves to the fish in the ponds.

As you continue around the water you cross over some walkways, but watch out for the alligator! This seems to be a typical part of every garden around here - a plaster alligator to ward off the Herons and other birds (and I think because they look cool). Bob needed more severe measures to ward off his pests. Now, you enter another "room" that feels almost totally blocked from the rest of the yard. It is an arbor area covered with a canopy of trees and bushes with a little sitting area where you can be by yourself even with a crowd in the yard. What a wonderful secret place.

Bob and Judithe Savely have collected a variety of tropicals, night blooming tropicals and Water Lilies that accompany their wonderful daylilies to give their garden spectacular color throughout the season. We have been truly privileged that they opened their garden for us to share.



Payne's in the Grass Daylily Farm

By Mary Gage

What an absolute treat to visit the garden of Paula and Leon Payne. They both must work hard to keep such a lovely garden around their home and also the large hybridizing and sale garden behind the high board fence. The front yard greeted us with beds bursting with daylilies and companion plants (meaning anything other than daylilies). A dead tree stump was covered with a lovely pink Rose and along the way other beds were interspersed with Artemisia, Agapanthus and lots of Salvia to name just a few.



Then at every turn we saw the Payne's whimsical side as we came upon a pair of legs in jeans and cowboy boots sticking out from under the patio deck. A little further on we found an enormous daylily sporting a Best-in-Show ribbon. a fence full

of hats, numerous renditions of stars, armadillos, geese, and horseshoes and the compost pile turned into "Boot Hill." But the widest grins came from gazing upon a huge painting, reminiscent of the sedate farmer in the painting, American Gothic. Only this life-size painting with face holes was of a daylily garden and a couple who are anything but sedate. Well, Leon's characterization may be somber but Paula's is anything but. She could have come straight from the Long Branch Saloon.

But let us not forget that we came to see daylilies and we did see some beauties. YESTERDAY'S SECRETS (J. Salter 2000), a 6" cream yellow with a violet eye was outstanding. The garden was filled with cultivars from all the major hybridizers and they would be very pleased to see how well their creations are growing.

However, the crowning glory of the Payne's garden are their own creations such as CHRISTENING SPIRIT, an Unusual Form in a soft peach, SOPHIA PAYNE, a rose pink bitone, and RODEO CLOWN, another large Unusual Form in pale orange with red-orange markings. The star of the show was a seedling from AWESOME BLOSSOM and SABINE BAUR numbered 99-197. The basic color is orange and the eye and edge are black purple. This seedling was the winner of the Region 6 Annie T. Giles Award and will most likely be named HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE. Two other outstanding seedlings were 99-75, a full formed baby ribbon pink edged in golden ruffles and fringe, and 96-156, a cream pink with more ruffles than should be allowed.

Our tour ended all too quickly; we could have spent twice the time in this lovely garden. Paula and Leon grow about 5,000 seedlings each year so I am sure that we will be seeing more and more goodies from them in the future.

In April Jo Anne Allen hosted our meeting. A time-out for physical fitness with instructions on properly aligning our bodies for all the strange and contorted positions gardeners often find themselves. Have you ever discovered some "nonexistent" muscle after a day in the garden? We agreed, this update was timely.

May was Rio Grande Zoo time. Mainly animals of course, but just critters and lots of cement don't go together these days. Our Zoo tries to match each habitat to individual animals, and of course, plants are the stuff of habitats in most places worldwide. This means a collection of unusual plants, and an enlightened staff to work and teach in these mini-environments.



Cal Iskra, Albuquerque; Betty Roberts, Colorado Springs; and Gene Koonce, Scottsdale; judging our show.

What's Happening from Around the Region

Albuquerque Daylily Society

Anna Mulkey, Reporter

President Rozanne Tuffnell called the first 2003 meeting in March. Barbara Shapiro, our Vice President had contacted Curt Hanson, a Northern hybridizer (home: Cleveland Ohio) and asked him to be our speaker. Made sense to us as we do have some very chilly Winters now and then, and our club needed this perspective. We had a jolly time with his slide show. Lovely daylilies, wild names such as ANDY WARHOLS HAIR, PANTIE RAID and ESCALATING DICHOTOMIES. Naturally his audience began questioning his sanity, mentally at first, and finally verbally as BODY RUB and TEN CENT WINGS glowed on the screen. But his talk laid out his philosophy and his goals. We will be watching his work with great interest.

June was our month, but few daylilies were blooming. Yet some managed a daylily discussion at the Albuquerque Rose Garden. Some years ago, a daylily gardener donated some daylilies to the Rose Garden. Over time the labels vanished. Our group has been taking care of these daylilies for the last several years, and it was hoped we could supply names. One daylily was declared APPLE TART. Others said "no way." Since Albuquerque is not on a level plain, APPLE TART will start blooming at different times, earlier at the river's edge near the Botanic Gardens (4,960 ft.) several weeks later at the Rose Garden (5,380 ft). Later still, in gardens in and at the foothills (6,000). Thus the discussion. But good food at the final stop, the Kittredge garden, mellowed all, and no one was thrown into the pool. A successful meeting to be sure.

Austin Hemerocallis Society

Nancy Reuter, Reporter

The Austin Hemerocallis Society kicked off its 2003 program in March with a talk by Vee Fowler, of the Herb Society. She is known as THE Herb Lady in Austin. Vee gave us a very informative talk about herbs, concentrating

mostly on Lavender. We learned about the history of the use of Lavender, and the cultural requirements of this herb, and even how to use Lavender in cooking!

In April, member Tony Mangold gave an excellent talk and slide presentation. Tony was the Rookie Hybridizer of the Year in 2001, and the pictures he showed us of his seedlings were fabulous. Tony is doing some very special work with eyes on large flower daylilies, texture, and form. Despite a devastating flood last Summer, Tony and Jodi are as excited as ever about daylilies and the work they are doing. His digital pictures were better than any slide presentation we have ever seen of daylilies. The colors were truer.

May was a busy month, beginning with our monthly meeting where Lela Sublette gave a wonderful talk about gourds. We're certainly learning a lot this year about various garden topics, in addition to our beloved daylilies! The gourds she brought were gorgeous works of art. A few members were inspired to try growing their own. Eight of our members went to the Region 6 Meeting in League City. They had a wonderful time, and report that the tour gardens were great!

On May 24th, we had our annual Daylily Show and Sale. The Zilker Botanical Garden clubhouse made such a lovely setting, and we had tables upon tables loaded with 222 entries. Carolyn Mersiovsky won Best-in-Show with her TEXAS SUNLIGHT, and she also won Sweepstakes. Bill Ater won the Tricolor award with his design. We were fortunate to have quite a few designs entered, and it was fun to see the creativity and artistry of some of our members on display.



Nix Bodden and Beth concentrate on grooming their scapes.

After taking a few months off during the hot Summer, we'll look forward to meeting again in August. We have more great programs planned ranging from learning more about soil, to learning about rainwater collection. For our newer members, we'll do a garden demonstration on some basics such as how to separate clumps.

We would like to welcome new members Doris and Arnold Green, and Jeff and Megan Goldman to our club.

Cypress Creek Daylily Club

Catherine L. B. Neal, Reporter

In February, Jack Carpenter's Gardens filmed by Catherine Neal in June 2002 was presented to the club. Everyone enjoyed seeing all the assortment of colors and forms of Mr. Carpenter's daylilies. The deep ruffling of the edges, the heavy texture and the gold edging on others were a delight.

"Old Garden Roses," was presented in March by Deanna Karuse. The club learned which variety of Roses were best for gardeners with little time to spend caring for plants. The slide program left all with a better understanding of the Old Garden Roses.

April's program was on grooming daylilies for the flower show to be held May 24, 2003

May flower show winners are as follows:

- AHS Rosette Winner in Section 2, Small Flower was LOIS KIMBERLY exhibited by Anna Glidden. A purple rosette and major award was given.
- AHS Rosette Winner and Major Award in Section 3 for the Miniature Flower JASON SALTER. was given to Eddie and Mary Gage.
- AHS Rosette Winner and Major Award in Section 4 Double Flowers was won by Anna Rosa Glidden for TOTALLY AWESOME.
- AHS Rosette and Major Award winner in Section 5, Spider/Spider Variant was won by Eddie and Mary Gage for MARKED BY LYDIA.
- AHS Rosette Winner of Best of Show and a Major Award was won by Eddie and Mary Gage for KNIGHTS IN WHITE SATIN.
- AHS Rosette Winner and Sweepstakes Winner was Jean Lewis for PINK DESIRE.
- AHS Rosette Winner in Section 7, Youth was won by Marta Olovets for TOMMY GLIDDEN.
- AHS Rosette Winner and Major Award in Section 8 Region 6 Popularity Poll was Eddie and Mary Gage for STRAWBERRY CANDY.
- AHS Rosette Winner and Major Award in Section 9 for Seedling was won by Anna Rosa Glidden.

The Club Award in Division II Horticulture Off-Scape - Section I. Collection, Registered - individual flowers severed from scape, any size or form, displayed on 12" x 18" Styrofoam boards, green in color, winner Eddie and Mary Gage.

Division III - Education was given a top award for three tables of material on daylilies. Exhibitor was Catherine L. B. Neal.

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Anne Simpson, Reporter

The Daylily Growers of Dallas had a great Spring 2003. Our January meeting featured a program on Container Gardening by Judy Fender of North Haven Gardens. The February meeting was presented by our own Mabel Matthews who showed color slides of all her newest introductions. In March, we viewed color slides from the AHS Slide Library of various Florida daylily gardens. We had a fantastic daylily sale on April 19 thanks to the hard work of Jerry Arledge, Ways and Means Chairman, and all club members. In May, a number of DGD members attended the AHS Region 6 Meeting in League City, TX. At our May meeting, club members made a pilgrimage to David and Peggy Mitchell's Daylily Garden where we heard Lee Causey present tips on grooming daylilies for our flower show.

The Club held its annual daylily flower show "The Greatest Daylily Show on Earth: A Circus of Daylilies" on June 1 at the Harvey Hotel in Plano, TX. Congratulations go to Malcolm Avaritt, Show Chairman, and all his committee for a wonderful flower show.

Wynelle Clifton, former DGD President and DGD Honorary Member, died on June 23. Joan Dodge, DGD Treasurer for 2002, died on July 21, and Alyne Kelley, Gwen Pennington's mother, died and will be buried in early August.

We were all excited to learn that at this year's AHS National Convention the Helen Fischer Field Award for 2003 was presented to Virginia Little Henson - former AHS Board Member and former DGD President - for her lifetime contributions to the AHS.

Congratulations, Virginia.

Golden Spread Daylily Society

Linda Leopold, Reporter

Our daylily collection is being safely kept in member Don Glenn's garden while the Amarillo Botanical Garden Center is undergoing renovations and construction. Don is a Master Gardener who keeps a watchful eye on his own beautiful gardens as well as the Golden Spread Daylily Society's plants. We are hoping to be able to move them back to the Amarillo Botanical Gardens in the next couple of years, as they plan out their new gardens.

Ruth Malacera, one of our founding members, has rejoined us and we are glad to welcome her back.

Our Fall daylily sale at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens was a great success. The publicity was wonderful. We had a large layout in the newspaper the weekend before with several photos, then an interview on the radio the night before, and finally, the local TV station gave us air time with a taped interview the day of the sale. There wasn't a plant left by 11 a.m.! Once again, our group proved that even

though we are small in number, it doesn't mean that we can't do big things.



October was our end of the year meeting. Each member brought a favorite covered dish, and we watched the slide show, "Gardening with Daylilies," available from the Slide and Video Library of the American Hemerocallis Society. We held our elections and Doug Smith will remain as our President, Don Glenn will serve as Vice President and Betty Sproul will once again serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for 2003.

At our first of the year meeting in February, we learned that Betty Sproul was in an accident and could not serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for 2003. Betty is the heart and soul of our group and will be sorely missed. We wish her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, Linda Leopold will finish out Betty's term of office.

March had us planning our April digging of plants for our Spring daylily sale, to be held in May. Since we will be digging together for at least 3 days, we will not hold an April meeting.

Gulf Coast Daylily Society of Southeast Texas

Mary Gage, Reporter

What a great time we had at our Barbecue Social on March 22. Originally planned to be held at the home of Fred and Norma Rice the location was changed to the Garden Room in Terrell Park in Beaumont. Everyone brought items for door prizes, white elephants and such. Lots of bingo games meant that everyone had lots of chances to win. Beth and Johnny Culbertson's granddaughter, Kelly, won 5 times and was anxious to do it all over again. The old saying, "A good time was had by all," was certainly appropriate.

Our first regular meeting at Groves Senior Citizen Center was on April 5 with an auction of daylilies. Mable Nelson gave a demonstration on grooming and preparing daylily entries for the upcoming flower show being held on May 10 at Central Mall in Port Arthur.

On May 7, we toured three Port Neches gardens - Charles and Marie Dattalo, Dr. Eugene and Nancy Orgeron, and

Beth Culbertson. Then on May 14 we toured Beaumont gardens - Bobo and Anne Faggard and Fred and Norma Rice. May 21 found us touring the Vidor garden of Craig and Millie Hoyal. Two awards will be given for seedlings seen in the tour gardens. This year the Fuqua Award will be for the best yellow seedling and the Allie Swafford Award is for the best overall seedling. Winners will be announced at the September meeting.

Ann Marks again graciously offered her yard for the club to prepare plants for the daylily sale at Central Mall along with the flower show. We spent the day separating clumps, washing and tagging. With plenty of plants donated and some purchased plus great publicity, the result was a very successful sale. Flower Show winners are announced in the show report elsewhere in this Newsletter.

On May 31 we took a day trip to Jack Carpenter's Lily Farm in Center. After spending hours walking through shade cloth covered bed after bed and enjoying a picnic lunch we returned home loaded down with plants and saying, "Let's do it again."

Houston Area Daylily Society

Nell Crandall, Reporter

Our Program Chairman, Carey Manire, has put together a fine group of programs for 2003. April was a very interesting one, when our members carpoled to the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham. The Rose Emporium is more like a huge garden than a nursery, where we could see Roses plus companion plants growing side by side. It was not long after we arrived that there were several little red wagons overflowing with plants that members intended to buy. I had not planned to buy anything but I couldn't resist a Sedum called "Dragon's Blood" or a chartreuse and white Coleus called "Wizard Jade," which withstands full sun.

We ate our pack lunches at picnic tables on the grounds of the Rose Emporium and then toured the nearby Ellison's Greenhouses where we were awestruck when viewing the thousands of Easter Lilies on the verge of being shipped to florists and nurseries.



Members eating lunch on the grounds of Antique Rose Emporium.

Our Daylily Flower Show, in conjunction with the Houston Hemerocallis Society, was held on May 3, which was a bit early this year, but we still had some beautiful horticultural entries and interesting designs with a theme of "Dancing With Daylilies." At our regular club meeting in May, there was a panel discussion with Clifford Lee, Scott Henry, Anna Rosa Glidden, and Nell Crandall offering ideas and answering questions.

Several of our members attended the Region 6 Meeting, held in League City on May 15-17, and were pleased to tour the spectacular garden of Judithe and Bob Savely, who are members of our club as well as being members of Lone Star. Their garden was unique, with a small waterfall, a Koi pond, many blooming vines (including Dutchman's Pipe), plus the daylilies and many other companion plants.

In June, we had an informative program on Orchids. Janis Teas of "Teas Herbs and Orchids" in Magnolia, Texas, brought real live Orchids for us to see, plus her slides. She made growing Orchids sound easy, but she said you could kill them with tender loving care. They don't like to be over-watered.

Houston Hemerocallis Society

Margaret Sinclair, Reporter

It all began in September, 1953 when 6 people got together and drew up the aims and purposes of what was to become the Houston Hemerocallis Society (HHS). One month later, they enrolled 23 charter members in the first Texas chapter of the AHS. This September, HHS is 50 years young and we're celebrating all year long under our theme of "Celebrating 50 Years - A Daylily Jubilee." We will get things started on September 24 with a fascinating slide show of the Stout Medal Award Winners from 1950-2001. This is a great opportunity to view the progress of the modern daylily. The evening will also contain several surprises and honored guests. We are still trying to locate all of our past officers and members of the HHS to invite them to join us as honorees. If you know the whereabouts of any of these individuals, or are one yourself, and have not yet been contacted, please give us a call at (832) 722-5517.

If you can't join us in September, we meet on the 4th Thursday of the month September through April (except November and December) at the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park. Other program highlights for the year include "Propagating for Profit," "Fertile Ground" and "Daylily Bingo." In May, we will host our annual daylily show and sale in partnership with the Houston Area Daylily Society on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at the Heights Fire Station, 107 W. 12th at Yale Street. The sale will open at 10:00 a.m., the show will open to the public at 1:00 p.m.

Please join us in celebrating daylilies in Texas for 50 years. We look forward to seeing you.

Lone Star Daylily Society

Elizabeth Allbright, Reporter

Lone Star Daylily Society members breathed a big sigh of relief when the 2003 Region 6 Meeting was held with no major glitches. We needed rain but all were praying it would hold off until the week AFTER the Meeting and are so grateful it did. It held off so well, we didn't get rain until the first week of June. And now, of course, we are getting rain almost daily. With the guidance of our very able Co-Chairwomen, sisters, Charlotte Selvera and Liz Gillis, LSDS was rewarded with a very successful Region 6 Meeting. The many months of planning paid off.

We extend our thanks to all attendees who came and supported the Meeting. LSDS is very proud that the auction brought in more money for the Region than any other auction. Thanks to ALL who supported the auction, the buyers as well as those who donated plants and the workers who put the auction together. The Meeting ended with everyone wearing smiles, thanks to the delightful presentation given by guest speaker, Felder Rushing. He is a real HOOT. He had everyone in stitches with a running commentary on the slide show on Garden Art.

Lone Star members have been taking a well deserved rest during the weeks following the Region 6 Meeting and are looking forward to resuming meetings in July, and also looking forward to attending the 2004 Region 6 Meeting in San Antonio, with a fresh appreciation of the hosting club.

Lufkin Hemerocallis Society

Reba Garrison, Reporter

We have had some very interesting and enjoyable programs so far this year.

At one of our meetings, Barbara Picou gave each of us a Rose and a bulb. She told us the advantages of planting the bulb and nurturing it into a thriving plant. We were then challenged to go forward and help to cultivate our club into a thriving organization. This has been one of the best years for our club.

Our own Master Gardner Marlo Shubert, who has one of the outstanding gardens in this area, brought us a very good program on growing and caring for daylilies from preparing, planting and nurturing them through maturity. He is a new member of our club and we do appreciate his willingness to take the time from his pastoral ministry to share with us his expertise and then sharing his garden and daylilies with so many of us.

Another Master Gardner Rose Forsythe, carried us on an imaginary tour through her garden sharing her Pink Flamingo's, unusual stepping stones, birdhouses, chimes, flowers a very special MaMa & PaPa love seat and much more. My, what a mind can do when it wanders in such a beautiful setting.

An avid herb grower, Martha Scott, brought a great program about herbs and their use in preparing food, special

scents in soaps, etc. She also suggested we plant herbs in our gardens to help keep the bugs away.

A "Preview of Spring" was presented to us through a slide show by our own Local Professional Photographer, Connie Thompson. You may have seen some of her work in magazines such as *Southern Living*, *Texas Monthly*, *Texas Parks and Wildlife* and many more. We all enjoyed this and look forward to seeing more of her slides.

Our annual picnic was again hosted by Joan Bazar and her family. After tours through their gardens we all thoroughly enjoyed the bountiful seafood cook-out with all the trimmings. Again I say, what a great way to show Good Old East Texas Hospitality. Thanks to a very fine family for a very fine day.

Our club does not meet during the Summer months. We found plenty to do getting ready for our annual sale which was very successful. We contribute this to our members who so willingly helped and contributed daylilies and other plants for the sale. Local and out of town tours of gardens were enjoyed. We always make our annual trip to The Lily Farm. Jack and Josie make us feel welcomed. I do not believe it is just because they know we are going to come home with less money in our pockets and a trunk full of plants looking for a place in our already overflowing beds.

Those attending the Region Meeting and/or National Convention were Evelyn Barley, Nell Williams, Bobby Leonard, Linda Leonard, Dorothy Hale, Jeanetta Stewart and myself. Slides of these trips will be shown at one of our Fall meetings.

North Texas Daylily Society

Gwen Pennington, Reporter

The first half of 2003 has been wonderful for the NTDS. Dee Pace is Program Chairperson for 2003, and she has delivered some great programs for this year.

January's meeting showcased organic gardening with a presentation by Vickie Asher of Mansfield Nursery. Vickie has had 26 years of nursery experience. She purchased the Mansfield Nursery and has turned it into a "destination nursery" for gardeners in the DFW Metroplex. Vickie discussed organic gardening, soil amendments, plants suitable for the area, and pest elimination.

February's program was presented by Mark Carpenter. Mark showed some of Jack Carpenter's latest and future introductions, as well as his own 2003 introductions. Mark is an outstanding speaker and the meeting room was filled to capacity. Mark has purchased additional acreage outside of San Antonio to increase his hybridizing capacity. There will be some exciting introductions in Mark's future!

The March program was the AHS Slide Show of Outstanding Doubles, presented by NTDS member and former Club President, Vernon Wallis. Vernon grows around 1,000 different cultivars at his home Northwest of Fort Worth - many of which are doubles. Vernon spoke with a lot of personal knowledge on those doubles that grow well

in the North Texas area, as well as finding a few new ones to add to his “want” list for coming seasons.

April brought a panel discussion with all members of the Club joining in to discuss plants, soil, pest elimination, fertilization, and other horticultural subjects. April also saw about 15 Club members travel to the Blue Moon Nursery in Edom, Texas, for a weekend outing.

May’s meeting always contains information in preparation for the June Daylily Show. Diane Bevel has been building interest in the Design Division for a number of years. She demonstrated techniques and explained rules for design entries. Her efforts have paid off with greater interest. For the first time ever, the NTDS was eligible to award a Tricolor Ribbon for the Design Section in the Annual Daylily Show, “Daylily Roundup” held on June 7.

The Daylily Show was a great success. My goodness! What a Spring this has been - first it was cool and dry, then came the monsoons of the past few weeks. The bloom season for members on the North side of Fort Worth was delayed by almost two weeks, while the bloom season was on calendar for those members South of the city. Whatever the cause, the blooms exhibited in the show were breathtaking!

San Antonio Daylily Society

Marilyn Greenlee, reporter

At our February meeting Mark Carpenter showed slides of his seedlings and detailed what characteristics he aims for. Mark has purchased four acres on Medina Lake, giving him room to expand his back yard hybridizing program. Check out his web site www.medinadaylilyfarm.com, which was designed and implemented by his eleven-year-old daughter, Kelsey. Mark concluded his presentation with various daylilies that have won top AHS awards over the years. Bridey Greeson earned an extra 25 SADS Bucks by being the first to identify the most cultivars in this group.

For our March program, Col. Mike Conrad described the evolution of SADS since the first meeting was held on May 19, 1968. He captivated us with interesting stories, highlighting the contributions of various members over the years.

SADS’ participation in Viva Botanica on April 5 and 6 was chaired by Kimberly Keith. Our sales booth faced the daylily bed that we help maintain at San Antonio Botanical Garden. We were able to introduce many of the public to Hemerocallis for the first time - as well as welcome back past customers looking to obtain additional varieties for their gardens.

The program topic of our April meeting was photographing daylilies. Barry Shadrock described his experience using a 35 mm camera. He shared his artist’s eye view of more interesting ways to focus than the usual targeting the center of a bloom in the crosshairs. Mark Carpenter discussed the use of the digital camera. He cited the advantages of true color and clarity when shooting as

close as two inches from the subject, the ability to preview before printing, and ease in transmission via PC for e-mail and web sites.

On May 10, Barbara Kay, Steve Wingfield, and Mark Carpenter opened their gardens to SADS members. On May 18, we first visited Leonard and Kay Marshall’s garden, then moved on to The Aerie, where we helped Col. Conrad celebrate his 85th birthday with the traditional picnic on the grounds.

Eleven of us traveled to League City, Texas, for the May 15-17 Region 6 Meeting. Kudos to Lone Star Daylily Society for the wonderful job they did in planning and executing this enjoyable event. It was the first Regional attended by SADS President, Steve Wingfield. As Steve arrived at the hotel at noon on Thursday, he was roped into attending Exhibition Judges Clinic I, which was scheduled to start in 15 minutes. He purchased the *Judging Daylilies* handbook at that time and had read it from cover to cover by the time Mike Pepper, tour bus captain, quizzed his passengers on daylily trivia. Steve came out with the answer before Mike could finish the question. Steve’s familiarity with the Stout winner for any given year can be attributed to his planting a bed of these cultivars in chronological order in his newly declared AHS Display Garden. It was also the first Regional Meeting attended by new SADS member, Shirley Nettle. Shirley sat next to Mike on Saturday and next to Ed Travis, the other bus captain, on Friday, offering each a helping hand. I expect Shirley will be a fine candidate for bus captain when we host the Region 6 Meeting in San Antonio May 21-22, 2004.

Lori Potrykus and Mark Carpenter Co-Chaired our May 25 annual show at Rolling Oaks Mall. We set a club record of 174 competing on-scape entries.

Beth Zimpelman and Boyd Farar had sparked interest in our club to add a design display to our show this year. It was a big hit with the public. They were excited to participate by making their “People’s Choice” of best design (“Riverwalk” theme arranged by Beth Zimpelman), and also choosing their favorite daylily of all the competing blooms (MIDNIGHT MAGIC, exhibited by Dana Griffin).

SADS members boarded a bus Saturday morning, June 7, bound for the Imperial garden in Lake Jackson, followed by a visit on Sunday at Payne’s In The Grass garden in Pearland. We thank our garden hosts for their hospitality and generosity. It was a weekend of fantastic flowers, food, fun and friendship.

REGION 6 DAYLILY SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTS AND MEETING SCHEDULES

ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Rozanne Tuffnell
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Meetings: Mar - Aug, and Oct

AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - Suzanne Adair
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Austin, TX 78759, 512-256-6192
Meetings: 1st Thurs in Apr -May, Aug - Dec

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Lois Hall
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Meetings: 2:30 p.m., 2nd Sun, Lake Jackson Library

CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

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Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 4th Sun, Jan-Apr, Sep-Oct

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North Haven Gardens, Dallas

EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Lucille Wynne
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Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 2nd Sun, Tyler Rose Center

GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY

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Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 4th Sun, Feb-Oct
Amarillo Botanical Gardens

GULF COAST DAYLILY SOCIETY

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HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

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Hermann Park Garden Center

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The Winkelman's arch
LEE PICKLES in the Eskine Garden
A beautiful design from the Regional Flower Show
Another creative design from the Regional Flower Show
The Savely's fountain