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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 18-20, 2006	Region 6 Meeting Gulf Coast Daylily Society Port Arthur, TX
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June 23-25, 2006	Region 11 Meeting Columbia, MO
July 13-16, 2006	AHS National Convention Long Island Daylily Society Melville, NY

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RVP NEWS

Jim Petty

For those of you who don't know me and are not AHS members, I am giving you a little piece of what was published in the AHS *Daylily Journal*. Not that it is so great, but rather it's easier than thinking of something else.

I'd like to say that growing up on a farm in Missouri prepared me for raising daylilies, but my dad raised cattle, not crops, so I only had experience with fertilizer. We moved West to Scottsdale, Arizona, when I was in high school and I didn't get back to this part of the country until I went to SMU in Dallas to become an engineer. Upon graduation, the Viet Nam war and a few years in the Air Force interrupted a rather short career in engineering. Back to SMU to get an MBA and a CPA and then I was a consultant in Dallas. But where do the daylilies come in?

Well, this is where I met my wife, Courtney, and my first connection to daylilies. It seems that one of her mother's best friends was Kathryn Neely, one of the founding members of the Albuquerque Daylily Society here. We were living in Dallas at the time, but Kathryn, of course, sent us some daylilies for our garden in our new house. She didn't hook us until we moved to Albuquerque in 1989. I guess you could say that we bought into a mess of daylilies. We bought Courtney's dad's house because we loved the yard and location and it was "full" of daylilies that Kathryn had given them. I noted "full," because there were only 15-20 plants - a mere pittance of what there is now.

Kathryn talked us into joining the local club and immediately placed even more cultivars in our garden. As the years went by I became Treasurer of the club and then Vice President and President and an Exhibition Judge - all of these at the urging of Kathryn. Then Donna Peck, Mary Anne Moreno and I got hooked into editing and publishing the Region 6 Newsletter. That has lasted on and off for the last eight years. What a fun job and a bit hectic at times. As I take on this next job of RVP, I look back at a lot of good friends from around the Region who have encouraged me. I have found that daylily people are great to be around and work with, and I am looking forward to the next couple of years.

As we start this new year, I can't help being excited about what lies ahead for our Region. I think our set of officers and chairmen are great. It's a hard act to follow the folks that have been in those spots for the past four years! I'm glad that Mary Gage has agreed to continue as Exhibition Judges Liaison. What a great job she has done at getting and keeping people to judge our shows and teach. She is the consummate Instructor and tireless in her efforts to keep finding new judges. I think that Mark Carpenter will bring a new perspective to the job of RPD. It's going to be tough for him to top Donna Peck, but I'm sure this will be a fun and interesting couple of years.

I'm pleased that Judy Montgomery is going to continue working with me as Awards and Honors Chair. Her dedication as Treasurer has been unequalled, and besides that, what a great person to be around. Also, it's amazing that Bridey Greeson was willing to help me as Garden Judges Liaison. I thought she would be ready to chuck it all and just bask in the glory - it's also great to have another SMU alum around to shoot the breeze. Also, I would like to welcome Robert De Veau as our new Membership Chairman. Robert has a lot of talents to bring to the table. His club newsletter is great and the job he has done in putting on the symposiums in Houston has been superb. And last, but not least, I am glad to have another daylily freak from New Mexico to help me out. Thanks to Susan Elder for agreeing to be the Region 6 Secretary. She brings a calm demeanor and positive outlook to the job.

If you do not know these folks already, I hope you get a chance to meet and work with each of them in the future. Take the time to talk with them at the Regional Meeting.

Here's to a great daylily season!



Director's Report

Rich Rosen

The deadline for the last Region 6 Newsletter was before the AHS Fall Board Meeting, so let me update you on just a couple things. The meeting was held in the Washington, DC area on October 29th.

- AHS is in the process of creating an on-line database of all cultivar data. It will include a process for submitting new registrations on-line. This should be implemented later this year. The Registration Committee has gone over the data with a fine-tooth comb to eliminate errors.
- John Holland, Membership Chair, will be sending out a survey this Spring, so please fill it out and return it. The more people that respond will give us more meaningful information.
- For all you shutterbugs, the Mildred Schlumpf Memorial Photography Awards will now accept digital images. Details will be in the *Daylily Journal*.
- Current RVPs have not been eligible for the Regional Service Award in the past, but we eliminated that requirement. Now, only your good old Director (me) is not eligible.
- The Board passed a dues increase to \$25 for a single membership. If approved by the members at the National Convention this Summer, it will go into effect beginning 2007. This is the first dues increase since 1989, and is sorely needed. Compared to other national plant organizations, AHS is still a bargain.
- New Garden Judges training materials will be coming out this Spring. The Workshops have been streamlined and simplified (thank goodness). Our Region has lost both Garden and Exhibition Judges and really needs more. If you have been an AHS member for 2 years, please sign up for the Workshops at the Regional Meeting in May.
- The AHS E-mail Round Robin has moved to a new nest, but is alive and well. It is a good forum for exchanging daylily information. There are many members from Region 6. For more information and to sign up, go to the AHS web site (www.daylilies.org), click on "About The Society," and then click on "E-mail Round Robin."

The Gulf Coast Daylily Society is hosting the Region 6 Meeting on May 18-20. There will be Clinics on Thursday, then two days of garden tours, an auction, and banquets. Despite Katrina and Rita, I know the gardens will be beautiful and you will have a great time. Please sign up.

Finally, the National Convention will be on Long Island in New York in July this year. That's a long way to travel, but I think it will be worth it. In addition to the Convention, you can take in the sights of New York City, and travel to other vacation sights in the Northeast. Region 6 always has a large contingent at National, and I hope you can join us this year.

It's early February as I write this, and I'm itching to get some dirt under my fingernails. Have a great Spring.



Regional Publicity Director

Mark Carpenter

Hello, Region 6! My name is Mark Carpenter, and I am happy to be your new RPD. I am 43 years old, married to my lovely wife Jill for 20 years, and we have two beautiful daughters, Kelsey, who is 14 and a freshman in high school, and Lindsey, who is 8 and is in third grade. I am a Regional Manager for Procter and Gamble in addition to being the company's national field trainer for new hires for the entire United States. As for daylilies, I have been involved with them for about 12 years now, with my first true exposure to them at my uncle's daylily farm in Center, Texas. My uncle is Jack Carpenter, a true living legend among daylily hybridizers. Among the various jobs I have taken on while in daylilies include being a two time President of the San Antonio Daylily Society, two time Vice President in charge of programs for SADS, and currently am serving as the SADS newsletter editor. I have also chaired our annual flower show multiple times in addition to chairing the Region 6 Fall Seminar twice and co-chairing the Region 6 Meeting that was held in San Antonio two years ago. I have been the Region 6 Rust Liaison for the past few years. Wow, that's enough of that! What did my dad once tell me about volunteering? I could only be accurately classified as a daylily addict, and I admit to guilt to that charge on all counts! I hybridize my own daylilies in addition to collecting them from various hybridizers across the country. As your RPD, my goal will be the same as those before me, and that is to figure out SOMEHOW, SOMEWAY, to get clubs to participate at a higher level in our annual Popularity Poll! I love polls, and have run many over the years on the E-mail Robin. Hopefully, I'll find a new twist to bring more excitement to the various clubs so we can get the vote out! Last, a huge "thank you" to Donna Peck for her outstanding effort as your last RPD. Thank you Donna for your super effort, positive thoughts and relentless tugging!



Exhibition Judges Liaison

Mary Gage

Daylilies have been a big part of my life for many, many years. Around 1957 or so, when Eddie and I lived in Houston, I bought my first one for one dollar per clump. It was a lovely lemon yellow. What other color was there? The yellow daylilies outgrew their home, the bed in front of our little house, so every few years I gave some away to family and friends. One day Eddie brought home daylilies of wine and pink colors from one of his friends at work. I was fascinated and knew I had to do more with this great plant.

In the meantime, our family outgrew our little house and we moved to Tomball and into a larger house with lots more land. Now I could pursue my daylily dream and proceeded to collect any and all daylilies that came my way. I sure had a lot to learn, and pretty soon I did. I heard about this school teacher, Jack Carpenter, who was giving away daylilies. We went to Jack's and got a whole truckload of his culls. The next Spring I picked a pretty little red daylily, scape and all, took it to Jack and asked why on earth he would throw away such a beautiful flower. His reply was that it had only five buds, a scape so weak that it could not be expected to stand up and blooms that would melt by noon. I could only reply, "Oh." That was my first lesson in judging daylilies. Well, we found new homes for our "Carpenter Trash" and went about, under Jack's tutelage, growing better quality daylilies. The bug had bitten, and hard.

By the early 1970's Eddie and I were active in the Houston Hemerocallis Society, and before long joined the AHS. Bertie Ferris took us under her wing as we became Exhibition and Garden Judges. After holding various offices in Houston Hemerocallis and

Houston Area Daylily Societies I began working at the Regional level as Awards and Honors Chairman, then RPD. I was AHS Director from Region 6 from 1993-95 and had the specific job of Exhibition Chairperson.

We moved to our present location near Spring in 1977 and opened Spring Creek Daylily Garden in 1981. We have not had the success in hybridizing that I had hoped for but we are still trying. I have registered only four cultivars, *Hemerocallis* 'Orchid Harmony', 'Red Tiers', 'Watermelon Festival' and 'Color Me Happy'. Our current membership in three daylily clubs, Houston Area, Gulf Coast and Cypress Creek, translates into lots of friends, food, flowers and fun.

Flower shows are AHS's major public exposure and judges are a major necessity. Judging and Judges Clinics have been of special interest to me. I am pleased to have served as Liaison since 2000 and I appreciate all the Region 6 members who have answered the call to become Exhibition Judges and Instructors.

As bad as 2005 was weather-wise, it was a good year for Region 6 Exhibition Judges. Our total number from Students-In-Training thru Honorary Judges last year at this time was 80 and this year is 87. Considering that we lost three Senior Judges who just dropped out, the count is pretty good. Assuming that everyone has paid their AHS dues on time, we start the year off with 55 Senior Judges, 14 Junior Judges, 11 Students-In-Training, 7 Honorary Judges and 19 Accredited Instructors.

We owe many thanks to Virginia Henson and Bobo Faggard for their long years of judging our flower shows; they are now added to the Honorary Judges list. Virginia was not only a Judge, but Judges Clinics and Exhibitions Chair, jobs that now are divided among several people.

I know I have said this before but it bears repeating. Please, as you fill your fists of Judges for flower shows, endeavor to put at least one Junior Judge on each panel. And remember it is permissible to have more than one Junior Judge so long as you have two Senior Judges per panel. Junior Judges must judge at least two shows as part of the requirements for becoming Senior Judges.

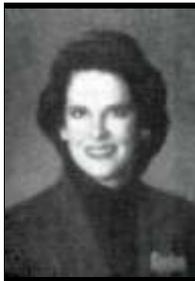
We will be having all three Exhibition Judges Clinics at the Region 6 Meeting in Port Arthur on May 18, 2006. Clinic I - 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.; Clinic II - 12:30-4:30 p.m.; Clinic III 1:30-4:00 p.m. Anyone planning to take Clinic I should order the handbook, *Judging Daylilies*, 2002 edition, from Jimmy Jordan, Publication Sales, 276 Caldwell Road, Jackson, TN 38301. I do not expect to have any available for purchase at the Meeting. The price is \$18.00 plus \$2.00 postage. If you only need the filler it is \$12.50 plus \$1.50 postage. The order form is in the back of the *Daylily Journal*. Order now, so you have time to do some studying, not that it is all that difficult but certainly much easier if you have already seen the material. If you are taking Clinic II or III you should already own the 2002 edition. The \$5.00 Clinic for Credit fee will be collected at the door. Auditors' fee is \$3.00.

Clinic I students should study Chapter C1 and Chapter C2. One basic requirement is that the student has been an AHS member for 24 consecutive months prior to taking the Clinic.

Clinic II students review Chapters C1 and C2 and study Chapter C3 on Point Scoring. Become familiar with words and phrases describing the merits and faults of daylily characteristics.

We have a new AHS Exhibition Judges Chair, Joann P. Stewart of Georgia. Kevin Walek did a great job as Judges Chair for the last several years and now has moved up to President of AHS.

By the time you read this we should have had another Clinic I. It was planned for January 28 at the Houston Garden Center in Hermann Park.



Garden Judges Liaison

Bridey Greeson

Just when you thought I was going to retire, I am back as the Garden Judges Liaison. In 1998, I became a Garden Judge and have loved voting the ballot each year. During the AHS National Convention in Michigan, I was hired by David Kirchhoff and Kay Day to assist teaching Garden Judges Workshop 2, which was putting the cart before the horse. Last year at the Regional Meeting in Dallas, Bill Ater allowed me to assist him as he was teaching Workshop 1. That same year, I taught Garden Judges Workshop 2 with the head of the Garden Judges Liaison's husband, Don Williams. That was some pressure to do things right!

Having spent two years on the Awards and Honors Committee with Rich Rosen at the helm, I have a better appreciation for the important role of the Garden Judge. Region 6 currently has 48 Garden Judges of which 8 are Honorary Judges and 9 are Instructors. We seriously need more Garden Judges and more Instructors to truly represent our opinions of the daylilies grown in our Regional area. Garden Judges Workshop 1 is a PowerPoint presentation and can be held at any time of the year as you don't need to be in bloom season to hold the Workshop. This is a great education idea for the clubs when you are looking for programs. Garden Judges Workshop 2 has to be during bloom season, as you put into action what you have learned from Garden Judges Workshop 1 and judge daylilies in bloom in the garden. The Regional Meeting is a great time to attend Garden Judges Workshop 2, but you can have this Workshop anywhere during bloom time. Call me to set up a Garden Judges Workshop program for your club. The best news is that you can become a Garden Judge in one year by attending Workshop 1 and then Workshop 2 in the same year. There is no more waiting period and no more excuses. **Become a Garden Judge today and let the AHS members know which cultivars perform beautifully in our great Region of New Mexico and Texas!**

2006 REGION 6 GARDEN JUDGES (* Indicates Instructor, H is Honorary Judge)

Term	Name	Term	Name
2008	Dudley Albright	2010	Zak Jackson
2008	Elizabeth Albright	2009	Delores Jones
2007	Binion Amerson*	2007	Clifford Lee
2010	Eddie Raye Andrews	H	Joyce Lewis
2010	Bill Ater*	2007	Judy Montgomery
2008	Jean Barnhart*	2010	Mable Nelson*
H	Elaine Boudreaux	2007	Bonnie Nichols
2010	Barbara Cohea	2010	Hooker T. Nichols
2010	Ron Cohea	H	Cora Offer
H	Nell Crandall	2010	Dr. Gene Orgeron*
2007	Naida Jo Crisp	2006	Leon Payne
2007	Margie Dumesnil	2006	Paula Payne
H	Bobo Faggard	2010	Mark Polasek
H	Anne Faggard	2010	Nancy Polasek
2006	Robert Frasier	2008	Rich Rosen*
2006	Eddie Gage*	H	Joan Senior
2006	Mary Gage*	H	Luke Senior, Jr.
2007	Bridey Greeson*	2008	Harvey Shimek
2006	Maxine Gwinn	2009	Nell Shimek
2008	Scott M. Henry	2008	Earline Tullier
2008	Carol K. Horton	H	Sharon Umphress
2010	Art Imperial	2008	Maureen Valenza
2010	Nina Imperial	2008	Robert Valenza
2008	Sue Jackson	2008	Vernon Wallis

Grace Patricia Alexander

by Ray Houston

Region 6 lost a devoted daylily enthusiast and good friend on December 30, 2005, when Grace Alexander died. We were saddened to learn of her passing.

My wife, Mary, and I got involved with daylilies in the Winter of 1984. We attended our first Region 6 Meeting in Austin in 1986. We are good friends with Inez Tarrant. Inez and Grace were roommates at all of the Regional Meetings they attended together. Grace never missed a Regional Meeting since becoming a member of AHS, attending 29 consecutive Region 6 Meetings. Inez introduced us to Grace and we hit it off immediately. It was like we had known each other for years. We could talk about anything and I really enjoyed listening to her laugh. We laughed a lot!

Thereafter, when we went to Regional Meetings, Grace always sought us out and would grab me by the arm. We would walk and talk about all that had happened in the year since we had last seen each other. When I acted up, which was often, Grace would catch my eye and she would give me that look - you know what you are doing is naughty!! - and then she would crack up with laughter.

We visited Grace and her husband, Josh, at their home in Burnet, Texas, several years ago and it was like going back to my home town. Grace treated us like we were family. Grace was so excited to show off her daylilies and the collection she had of her Mother-in-law's daylilies. Mrs. J. W. (Neva) Alexander was Grace's Mother-in-law. Neva was a Charter Member of AHS and registered *Hemerocallis* '**Rosie Meyer**', among many other daylilies.

Mary and I always enjoyed visiting with Grace and considered her one of our precious friends. We will always cherish her memory and will miss Grace greatly. Regional Meetings will never be the same without her.

I am the Region 6 Archives Chairman and Historian, and Grace was a great help to me over the last several years, supplying me with information about the earlier days of the Region. She even loaned me some Region 6 Newsletters from her collection of Newsletters when I found that the Region was missing some of the past issues. She also provided me with an article that she had written about daylilies for another publication and gave her permission to reprint it in one of the Region 6 Newsletters.

Here is Grace's obituary, from *The Daily News*, Galveston, Texas, provided by her son, Steve Alexander.

Grace Patricia Alexander peacefully passed away at her residence in the early morning hours of December 30, 2005. She boldly struggled with all her strength, but cancer overtook her body after a six-month battle. She was 78 years old. She was a Burnet, Texas, resident for the past 17 years, and a Galveston resident for the previous 29 years.

Grace was born on March 15, 1927, in Victoria, Texas, to Alvin Berthol (A. B.) and Leonie Miller. She graduated from Albany High School, and one year later married Joshua David Alexander, whom she met at Schriener College in Kerrville, Texas. After several moves, they settled in Galveston, Texas, in 1959.

Grace worked in the Personnel Department at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston for many years prior to her retirement. After retirement, she and Josh built a house on Lake Buchanan where they lived until her death.

Grace was an avid gardener and a grower of daylilies. Over the years, she sold many daylilies to Burnet area residents through Alexander Daylilies. She was a Texas Master Gardener and a Lifetime Member of the American Hemerocallis Society. She frequently traveled the country serving as a daylily Exhibition Judge for the AHS. Her last judging trip was to Albuquerque, New Mexico, this past Summer.

In addition to these activities, she was an Avon Representative for 31 years, earning numerous Albee Awards as a top-seller.

Grace loved to travel. Some of her notable trips with Josh were to Hawaii, the Panama Canal, the Caribbean, and up to Alaska in a travel trailer. She also took many trips with her friend and sister-in-law, Dolores Alexander. Grace and Dolores traveled together to the Holy Land and through parts of Europe.



Popularity Poll Facts Revisited

By Donna Peck

When I wrote the article for the Region 6 Winter Newsletter, Facts About the Popularity Poll, I included a few question marks.

Ken Cobb, AHS Archivist/Historian, researched the missing information and helped with some of the “missing links.” Here are facts that he gathered by reading the Hemerocallis-Society Newsletters. Ken mentioned that these Newsletters were issued from 1947 up to early 1955 in lieu of what we now get as other journals.

In February 1950, the Newsletter lists the poll “conducted” in 1949 as the “first” poll. It was printed in this 1950 Newsletter. *H. ‘Hesperus’* was the winner. The title was not the “1949 Poll,” but “The First Hemerocallis Popularity Symposium.” Apparently the term “symposium” came from such a use by the Iris Society. Much of our early structure was shaped by other societies. For example, in 1950, Elmer Claar had a long article panning the 1948 results. He said, “I wish to describe a plan which embodies the instructions to the judges of the appraisal technique used by the American Peony Society, the American Plant Life Society, and until recently, by the American Iris Society.”

Unlike what I printed in the last article, the so-called first poll conducted in 1949 did not have 51 entries but 101 cultivars, including 9 ties. The one conducted in 1948 had 105, including ties. (The number 51 was quoted in the 1953 yearbook. Where they got that number is still a mystery.)

In the 1949 yearbook, Evaluation Committee Chair, Ralph Schroeder, printed the 1948 results and says that he made up the ranking system without consulting the rest of the committee. So the ranking he published about the 1948 questionnaire should be considered “unofficial.” Technically, Mr. Schroeder called it a questionnaire, rather than a poll.

To get to the point, the 1948 poll was an unofficial questionnaire, and the first official poll was conducted in 1949 and published in 1950.

One other newsletters the poll results referred to the 1959 winner. Ken Cobb has found out it was *H. ‘Salmon Sheen’*. Errors in the tabulation that year caused the confusion.

After these two articles, my curiosity about the Popularity Poll has been satisfied. But after tabulating the Poll these past few years, I did want to know the history of how it started and the winners from the beginning. Many thanks to Ken Cobb and his research which helped in this matter.

Now, everyone, be sure to vote next year. Help Mark Carpenter get the best results from Region 6 ever!

REGION 6 PLANT AUCTION

After the garden tours on Saturday, May 20, 2006, we will have the annual Region 6 plant auction at the hotel. If you have a plant that you would like to donate to this auction, please bring it with you to the Regional or send it with a friend. We strongly urge donors to provide a jpeg image or 35 mm slide of their donation (please print your name on the slide) to be shown as the donation is auctioned. When you see a slide or digital picture of a daylily, it makes all the difference to the buyers to be able to see what will be blooming for them if they buy the plant.

All proceeds of this auction provide the majority of funds necessary to keep Region 6 running smoothly and to continue to provide the Newsletters. Look in your beds during the Winter/Spring months and send this form to me with your donation. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the Region.

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Greetings from Gulf Coast Daylily Society of Southeast Texas

It is with both pleasure and pride that Gulf Coast Daylily Society invites you to attend the 2006 AHS Region 6 Meeting. Even Hurricane Rita could not dampen our enthusiasm, but she surely packed a punch! Our host gardens have a few less trees, but everyone has been hard at work to show you some terrific gardens. We have eight tour gardens with a wonderful selection of daylilies and companion plants.

Our General Chairman, Fred Rice along with two Co-Chairmen and all committees have tried to anticipate your every need and desire.

Speakers will be Ted Petit of LaPetit Jardin and John Peat from Cross Border Daylilies. Separately each is a great speaker but together - **WOW!**

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Margie Dumesnil, President/Co-Chairman, Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Brown's Botanical Garden

Lanny & Margie Brown
1685 Redbud
Vidor, TX 77662

Lanny and Margie Brown preserve an impressive diverse home garden in Vidor, Texas, a small deep East Texas town dotted with numerous superb private gardens. Their home sits in an older wooded neighborhood on two corner lots; you can't miss it because it appears as a botanic garden in the middle of a small sub-division. The yard contains a vast selection of rare and beautiful plant specimens in near perfect condition. Lanny is a member of the

Vidor City Council and Margie is an extraordinarily knowledgeable self taught home gardener. She has traded and collected plants from all corners of the world and presently nurtures over 1600 varieties of plants and flowers throughout their yard. Most of Margie's plants appear to grow taller and produce larger flowers than you normally find elsewhere. This might be due in part to the clever irrigation system designed by Lanny, as well as the fertile soil amended in the composted mulched raised beds.

One special feature of the garden is the "look and feel" that extends throughout the with a hammer, saw, mortar and stone, and The front and back yards are connected by edgings that provide a unifying feel. Additionally, Lanny created a distinctive pebbled edging for sidewalks and drive ways and used homemade cement flagstones for pathways around ponds and throughout the flower beds. Dado cut timbers are used as plant stands and hose guards for the sides of raised planting beds to help protect the fragile plants. He has fabricated two distinctive lily ponds. One pond is split

continuity of design, the garden. Lanny is handy apparently anything a series of walkways and

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Dumesnil's Daylily Garden

Charlie & Margie Dumesnil
907 Neches Drive
Port Neches, TX 77651-2530

The garden of Charlie and Margie Dumesnil is located on a small city lot in the Old Town section of Port Neches on the same street where the oldest house in Port Neches can also be found. They are one-half block off the Neches River, and from the backyard one can view the large ships traveling to and from the Port of Beaumont. The two swings are favorite sitting spots for many of their friends. And if you're lucky, you may see one of the larger United States Navy ships pass by complete with helicopter escort.

Hurricane Rita changed this garden from a shady vista to almost full sun. The daylilies love it! Daylilies are featured in front, side and backyard combined with many companion plants.

Upon entering the backyard St. Fiacre, patron saint of gardeners, greets you. Along the way are other statues, along with frogs and birdhouses galore. Margie has a large colony of over 200 purple martins which migrate each spring from Brazil. They love people and will serenade and provide a summer of entertainment. A birdhouse sign sums up Margie's thoughts of her garden – "Gardening is for the Birds!"

The collection of over 600 daylilies spans many years. Older favorites are *Hemerocallis* 'Hummingbird' (Benesh & Schoeneman 1955) a small spidery red, and *H.* 'Early Morning' (W. Spalding 1976) a beautiful yellow. Newer favorites include *H.* 'Crimson Flood' (T. Bell 2002), *H.* 'Curious George' (Peat 2001), *H.* 'His Highness' (P. Stamile 2000), *H.* 'Gold Pinwheel' (P. Stamile 2003), *H.* 'Lone Star Wagon Wheel' (Payne 2005), *H.* 'Patricia Snyder Memorial' (Payne 2005), *H.* 'Rodeo Clown' (Payne 2004), *H.* 'John Peat' (Petit 2001), *H.* 'Nature's Crown' (Petit 2003), *H.* 'Margaret Tucker' (Kirchhoff 2000), *H.* 'Sergeant Major' (Trimmer 2003), *H.* 'Party Popper' (Stamile 2005),

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Brown's Botanical Garden continued

with a wooden bridge with interconnecting sidewalks. A river rock waterfall gurgles at one end and a two-tier bio-filter splashes filtered water at the other. The second larger pond is actually two ponds, a smaller pond constructed above the lower pond. Water is pumped from the large lower pond through a bio-filter which empties through two pipes designed to look like large water faucets and pours into a smaller upper pond. The overflow water meanders and ripples down a switch-back, graveled waterfall into the lower pond. Large goldfish and a pet turtle surface to be fed among the blooming Water Lilies. Clever and beautiful pieces of yard art, collected from around the world, provide contrast and beauty at every turn. At one intersection of lawn and flower bed, a large clay fish stares out from below a vine, while in another region a sculpted frog seems poised to leap into a waterfall. At various places ceramic art-bowls reflect the cool colors of tropical leaves.



Crinum and Canna Lilies are two special features in Margie's garden. She grows multitudes of these much-loved and special Southern garden plants throughout the yard. Most have been given to her by her close friend, Marcelle Sheppard, a well-known Crinum and Canna hybridizer. Others have been traded from other gardening friends. Margie cultivates large collections of Bromeliad, Rain Lily, Amaryllis, Ginger, Cacti, Fern, Grasses, Banana and numerous other tropical plants throughout her garden. Lanny has built several arbors, trellises, raised beds and greenhouses to accommodate her various collections. Margie's garden is blessed with large shade trees, small ornamental trees, and multiple shrubs and lawns. There is a continuous interplay of sun and shade falling on the plants, along with the gentle sound of waterfalls in the background thus providing a unique sanctuary for many colorful birds and butterflies.

Margie and Lanny have been longtime members of the Azalea Garden Club of Vidor and previously had many daylilies from the collection of the late Maggie Sheffield, a well known hybridizer from this Region. In the past year, since becoming members of the Gulf Coast Daylily Society, numerous daylilies have been added to the growing daylily array. Lanny has constructed new raised beds to accommodate some of the old and later named varieties and seedlings, which now number over three hundred. He has even tried his hand at hybridizing and is anxiously waiting to see what three new seedlings are going to look like. He designed and constructed a new daylily potting table and station for Margie and has improved on the method of making aluminum plant name tags by twisting the wire legs to help straighten them. Margie prints the laser tags and keeps detailed records on all her plants on their home computer.

Using unusual and rare plant material along with the tried and true, the overall yard is one of dynamic beauty. The Browns warmly welcome you to their garden and once there you will not want to leave.

Dumesnil's Daylily Garden continued

and *H. 'Meet Joe Black'* (Petit 2001). As you can see Margie is partial to doubles, spiders and unusual forms. Some of the older daylilies used to grow in large clump form, however, Margie believes plants are for sharing with new members especially youth. This belief has certainly increased her diversity of variety in companion plants and made many new daylily friends.

Companion plants really showcase the beauty of the daylilies. Larkspur, Foxglove, Delphinium, many Gingers including several varieties of Dancing Lady Gingers, both purple and white Beautyberry, Bromeliads, Plumerias, Bleeding Heart, Blue Clerodendrum, Firespike, unusual Banana trees, Duranta, several varieties of Jacobina, and many others are featured including many tropicals. Container plants grace the flagstone and dwarf Mondo Grass patio area. A small pond located on the back porch sends the sound of cascading water around the nearby area. A dry creek complete with bridge takes you to the shady side yard.

Look for guest plants from Tim Bell, Dan Trimmer, Jeff Salter, Leon Payne and Pat Stamile.

Charlie who is handy with building arbors, birdfeeders, etc. and Margie, the gardener, warmly welcome you to their garden for the 2006 Regional - Golden Memories 1956-2006.



Dad's Daylily Garden

Craig Millie Hoyal
4190 Bellview
Vidor, TX 77662

Craig and Millie Hoyal's Daylily Garden is located in the piney woods of deep East Texas on a shaded over-sized lot a little north of Vidor

Craig and Millie are active and energetic members of the Vidor Azalea Garden Club and several Daylily Societies. Craig is a locally recognized daylily hybridizer having won several of the club's hybridizing awards in recent years. His principal daylily collection consists of about 600 or more named daylily varieties and thousands of seedlings. All are professionally laid out in neatly numbered raised beds where each named daylily is identified with a metal name tag showing the hybridizer and date of registration. Millie makes sure the records all are correct and documented on their home computer.

Theirs is a garden of variety, collections and continuous blooms. The large orderly tree-shaded yard is divided into several diverse garden areas marked by well-worn garden paths, each leading to separate areas of interests. A nice collection of assorted Hostas, Hydrangeas and Hibiscus grow larger as new varieties are found in their frequent visits to gardens and nurseries in Louisiana and Texas. A lifetime collection of petrified wood now graces a large raised rock garden Craig recently constructed in the side yard. Neat beds are laid out and brim with yard art and colorful plants of every description. Vegetables, Citrus, Blueberries, Pecans, Fig Trees, Bananas, Camellias, Crinum, Angel Trumpets and Azaleas are among the many other plants that Craig and Millie favor.

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Majestic Oaks Daylily Farm

Fred and Norma Rice
7735 River Bend Road
Beaumont, TX 77713

When you depart the bus at Majestic Oaks Daylily Farm you will see a working man's dream of retirement come true. The farm was established October 31, 2002, when Fred retired.

Fred has grown daylilies for about twenty years, and at retirement started acquiring newer cultivars by selling on the Daylily Auction and using the proceeds to finance the upgrades.

Fred and Norma's home is surrounded by neatly laid out, manicured daylily beds where they are grown to perfection, many in clump form. There is over two acres in a restful, peaceful, wooded setting where birds and wildlife abound. Daylilies aren't the only thing happy here. Last Summer a pair of nesting owls raised their family happily above the glorious colors of all the daylilies. Lucky birds, their sight must have been spectacular.



At the present time, their inventory includes over 500 cultivars which is weighed heavily toward doubles and many newer large tetraploids from many hybridizers. Fred has tried his hand at hybridizing and has a beautiful large, full peony type, yellow double among his seedlings. This one is a "must see."

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Dad's Daylily Garden continued



Among Craig's favorite hybridizers are Jack Carpenter, the Stamiles and the Trimmers. Some of his older favorites were hybridized by Matthew Kaskel.

The Annie T, Giles and Edna Lankart Award beds are located in their garden. The Hoyal's have achieved a panorama of color and texture for all four seasons. They are gracious hosts, and they warmly welcome you to their garden.

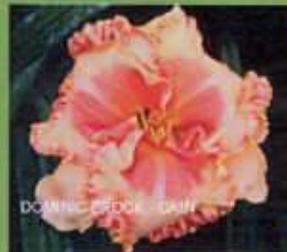


Majestic Oaks Daylily Farm continued

Look for the following newer cultivars when you visit their farm:

Hemerocallis 'Lady Betty Fritz'

- 'Christmas Cotton'
- 'Susan Pritchard Petit'
- 'Whale of a Truffle'
- 'Kay Day'
- 'Natures Crown'
- 'Jerry Nettles'
- 'Key Lime Ice'
- 'Spacecoast Cotton Candy'
- 'Grapefruit Truffle'
- 'Just for Breakfast'
- 'J. T. Davis'
- 'Sunday Sandals'
- 'Jane Trimmer'
- 'His Highness'
- 'Belle Cook'
- 'Affair D'Amour'
- 'Alternate Universe'
- 'Whistle Stop Tour'
- 'Mardi Gras Ball'
- 'Linda Agin'
- 'Treasure Truffle'
- 'Ruffled Truffle'



So, Fred retired from his regular, steady job to really begin WORK! But it is a labor of love. They love their daylilies and are delighted to have you visit their farm during our Regional 2006.

2006 AHS REGION 6 MEETING
Sponsored by the Gulf Coast Daylily Society of Southeast Texas
GOLDEN MEMORIES (1956 - 2006)
May 18 - 20, 2006

Meeting Chairmen Fred Rice; Co-Chairmen: Margie Dumesnil and Dr. Gene Orgeron
Registration Fee \$125 if postmarked before April 15, 2006
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Events:
Thursday, May 18 Regional Flower Show
Exhibition & Garden Judges Clinic
Friday, May 19 Garden Tours (4 gardens)
Lunch
Slide Show
Dinner and Business Meeting
Saturday, May 20 Garden Tours (4 gardens)
Lunch
Regional Plant Auction
Banquet with Ted Petit and John Peat, Speakers

Registration Form:

Make checks payable to Gulf Coast Daylily Society, Special Account; print information; & mail to:

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(Note) \$5 fee for each clinic payable at the start of the session.

AROUND REGION 6

Albuquerque Daylily Society

Margo Murdock, Reporter

The following officers were installed during our last meeting of 2005:

President	Mike Kittredge
Vice President	Donna Peck
Secretary	Phyllis Doherty
Treasurer	Ed Davis
Membership	Nancy Tupen

Donna Peck has arranged for our programs during 2006. The list includes some of our regular programs to prepare for our show in June, but also some informative programs by hybridizers and others to interest both new members and seasoned daylily people.

These are the programs she has set out for us this coming year:

March 18	What Are You Doing To Get Your Daylilies Ready For The Season? Potluck
April 8	Barbara Chang - Daylilies 101 - Basic Knowledge About Daylilies
April 28-29	Daylily Sale, Garden Center
May 6	Panel Discussion - Feeding, Watering and Nurturing Your Daylilies
June 17	Preparing for the Daylily Show: Jim Petty's Pep Talk and Video
June 24-25	Daylily Show and Sale
July 22	Annual Elite Daylily Sale
August 26	Mary Gage - Daylilies Who's Namesakes You Know Potluck - Chat with Mary and Eddie Gage Silent auction featuring Mary Gage's cultivars
October 14	Bob Scott - The Hybridizer's Secrets Potluck - Chat with Bob Scott Silent auction featuring Bob Scott's cultivars

Austin Daylily Society

Joan Harper, Reporter

It's been a good year for Austin Daylily Society. Two of our members, Velia Sanchez-Ruiz and Doris Green, qualified to be Exhibition Judges this last year - they already have their 2 shows lined up, so they are well on their way to Senior status.

The club auction was held in October. The club was really pleased with the plants we got from Maryott. They were large and healthy and many of them promptly put up scapes and bloomed in November! The Christmas party was a great success. It was held at the beautiful home of Joanne and Gaylen Larson - many thanks to them for their great hospitality. In addition to the wonderful food, and the intensively competitive gift exchange, (there was a UT Santa and many great daylilies amongst the offerings), the new officers were installed:

President:	Jeff Goldman
First Vice President	Art Petley
Second Vice President	Bert Marcom
Secretary:	Joan Harper
Treasurer:	Norman Mersiovsky
Austin Area Garden Council Representative:	Velia Sanchez-Ruiz

Our Spring plant sale will be held on March 25-26 at Zilker Park during the Zilkerfest celebration. Zilker Park is going all out this year, and it should have a great turnout for us. Our annual show will also be held at Zilker Park on May 27. We hope to see you all there.

Brazosport Daylily Society

Jean Lewis, Reporter

Here it is October and the temperature is still as hot as it was in July. This is the time of year we are planting our new daylilies we bought from our Fall sales, and plants we needed to transplant to new beds. We were looking forward to cooler weather.

Our slate of officers for 2006 will have few changes, we want to thank the officers who agreed to serve another year.

President	Martha Hight
1st. Vice President	Everett Crainer
2nd Vice President	Dorothy Bigbee
Secretary	Judy Leffingwell
Treasurer	Marilyn Overturff
Flower Show Chairman	Carol Horton

October is also our Daylily Auction. The club purchases a daylily for each member with one fan going to the auction. Our members also contribute plants to be auctioned, which makes a large variety to choose from. We have a fun time outbidding each other and we have a chance to add some nice cultivars to our gardens.

Our guest speaker for November was Bob Scott from Topgun Daylily Gardens in Oklahoma. He gave a very informative program on his first experiences with daylilies. He is very excited with his hybridizing of doubles and picotee edges and has made many advances in these areas. Bob's sister came from Houston, where she lives, to enjoy one of the very few programs she has had a chance to attend. Being a sister, she was happy to tell us that as a young boy, Bob always loved planting seeds and growing all kinds of plants. He planted the seeds and when the plants bloomed. He made her sell them to the neighbors, and he made all the money. After the meeting she took him to her home to visit until he had to return to Oklahoma.

Cypress Creek Daylily Club

Vernna Gibson, Reporter

The Cypress Creek Daylily Club would like to welcome the following new member to our Club: Liz Zapp.

As previously reported, our September meeting had to be postponed one week due to the threat of a hurricane along the upper Texas Gulf Coast. We're happy to report the members of our Club suffered little structural damage to their homes. There was, of course, a lot of clean up to contend with in the way of trees, limbs, etc.

Our program for the "delayed" meeting was a slide presentation given by Mary Gage on the Region 6 Meeting Tour Gardens held in Dallas, Texas.

We installed our Officers for 2006 at our October 23 monthly meeting. The Officers are:

President	Robert Valenza
1st Vice President	Mary Gage
2nd Vice President	Billy Lewis
Recording Secretary	Maureen Valenza
Corresponding Secretary	Lawrence Gibson
Treasurer	Jean Lewis

The Program for the October Meeting was a roundtable discussion on daylily culture. This is always enjoyable as we are most anxious to hear culture practices from a wide variety of daylily growers.

Our Fall Plant Sale was held on Saturday, November 5, in conjunction with the Klein Kringlefest at Klein United Methodist Church in Spring, Texas. In addition to having a successful sale, we were able to meet and talk with many people who share our passion for plants - daylilies in particular.

Cypress Creek Daylily Club's annual Christmas Party was held on Sunday, December 11, at Mercer Arboretum. The meeting room was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. We all enjoyed the good food (brought by the great cooks in our Club), the fun, fellowship and gift exchange.

We're looking forward to 2006 and the activities we have planned. A plant sale is scheduled for Spring and our Flower Show will take place in May.

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Binion Amerson, Reporter

The 2006 Officers for the Daylily Growers of Dallas are:

President	Lee Causey
First Vice President Programs	Susan Flanagan (Vicki Agee, Assistant)
Second Vice President Show	Rich Miller
Third Vice President Membership	Katherine Harris
Secretary	Doris Matocha
Treasurer	Malcolm Avaritt
Librarian/Historian	Helen Reynolds
Parliamentarian	Ron Cohea
Ways and Means	Tim Closs (Katherine Harris, Assistant)

Susan Flanagan, Daylily Growers of Dallas First Vice President and Chair of the Program Committee, has announced the programs and events for the year 2006. Programs are normally held at North Haven Gardens, 7700 Northaven Road, Dallas, Texas. Events may be held elsewhere.

Programs and events are as follows:

- January 21 - The Magic Mix for Dallas Soil. Baron Ablom of Soil Building Systems
- February 18 - Topgun Daylilies Make Their Preview. Bob Scott, Topgun Daylilies, Oklahoma hybridizer
- March 18 - Curt Hansen Reviews his Daylilies. Curt Hansen, Critonic Gardens, Ohio hybridizer
- April 15 - Spring Daylily Sale. Tentative date
- May 20 - My Favorite Daylilies. Lee Causey, Peggy Mitchell, Gwen Pennington, and Barbara Cohen.

- June 4 - Daylily Growers of Dallas Flower Show. Tentative date; location to be determined
- June - Possible Field Trip to Daylily Garden(s)
Date and garden(s) to be determined
- July or August - Possible End of Summer Party
(Date and location to be determined)
- September 16 - Landscaping with Daylilies. Binion Amerson
- October 21 - Daylily Bingo
- November 18 - Speaker and Topic to be announced
- December 16 - Holiday Pea Patch Party. Tentative date; location to be determined

Golden Spread Daylily Society

Joan Avampato, Reporter

Our group has been on Winter leave and will resume our meeting schedule in February. The officers for 2006 are:

President	Doug Smith
Vice President	Don Glenn
Secretary/Treasurer	Joan Avampato

In the Texas Panhandle it has been a rather warm Winter so far. It is the middle of January and there have been many days of temperatures in the 60s and 70s, with some cold spells every now and then. There was one day of freezing drizzle and icy roads and one day of a snow dusting and those were the only moisture the area has received since some time in the Fall. It is very dry and the average precipitation is already behind by 4 or 5 inches. In such conditions, it is important to remember that the daylilies as well as all the other plants and trees need to be watered on a regular basis even though they are dormant. The great danger is from grass and brush fires in rural areas and farmlands. There are daily reports of such fires and we can only pray that it will rain or snow sooner rather than later.

Houston Area Daylily Society

Sandra Martin, Reporter

New HADS officers for 2006 were installed at our December meeting. Serving in the coming year will be:

President	Anna Rosa Glidden
First Vice President	Judith Savely
Second Vice President	Rosemary Wollebak
Recording Secretary	Mary Gage
Correspondence Secretary	Sara Chumley
Treasurer	Leslie Wong
Historian	Catherine Neal

At our September meeting Leon Payne presented a most enjoyable program on his and Paula's hybridizing program.

They have registered some very nice daylilies and have many more in the pipeline for future registrations. Our plant sale at West Oakes Mall was held on September 17, and we sold out of plants in a very short time and could have used more.

At the November meeting Sharon Shackelford discussed how Lee Causey cut his transplant loss from 10% to 1% by dipping plants in Daconil, 4 teaspoons to one gallon of water and letting the plants air dry until the next day. Sharon discussed the layering system from Brenda Smith using layers of shredded cardboard alternating with leaves, sand, compost, grass clippings, etc.

December was Christmas party time. We were entertained by Mary Gage who read a poem "Cajun Night before Christmas." She also read "The Ballad of the Harp Weaver." Anna Rosa spoke about remembering Mr. H. O. Johnson and how he used to sing hymns at Christmas, and then she sang a very touching song about the birth of Jesus. Everyone brought a dish and we enjoyed a delicious traditional Christmas meal. As usual we ate too much, but had a wonderful time.

The club is looking forward to a fun and informative year in 2006. The January program will be updating your landscape for nature. Our speaker at the February meeting is Anna Wygrys; Galveston County Master Gardner speaking on "The Butterflies of Galveston County." In March, Glenn Forgan, owner of the Wild Birds Unlimited will give us a program on how to increase the number of wild birds visiting your yard. In April, we will have our annual plant exchange which is enjoyed by all. May will be a program and tour of Shimek's Garden "Designing from your Yard." Nell will give a program designing, from your yard. We will have a Dutch treat lunch.

Lufkin Hemerocallis Society

Maggie Koon, Reporter

All devoted Newsletter readers in Region 6 know what happened on September 26, 2005, in our area. A not so nice lady named RITA unleashed her fury on us. Daylilies survived well, but trees, shrubs and rooftops did not. I still see many buildings with blue

tarps covering all or parts of their roofs. Needless to say, our October meeting was cancelled. We were able to meet in November. The slate of officers for the year 2006 was presented and approved. Plans for the year's activities and programs were discussed.

Sally Eschenfelder hosted our annual Christmas dinner in her lovely home on December 6th. Thank goodness, the officers were installed before we ate lunch. Some of us may not have been able to stand after we ate. The following officers were installed:

President	Evelyn Barley
1st Vice President	Reba Garrison
2nd Vice President	Dorothy Hale
Secretary	Sally Eschenfelder
Treasurer	Thelma Herrick
Parliamentarian	Jeanetta Stewart
Librarian	Ruth Parker
Reporter	Maggie Koon

In January, we began our new year with a bang. We were honored to have Jack Carpenter and Josie Bomar of The Lily Farm in Center with us. Jack presented a slide show featuring his and Josie's beautiful cultivars intermixed with bits of daylily wisdom. They blessed us with a large box of beautiful daylily fans which were eagerly accepted.

Our next meeting is February 7th in the Parlor of the First Presbyterian Church. The Reverend Marlow Shubert, club member and Master Gardener, will present the program. Our annual plant sale will be Saturday, June 6th, at the Angelina County Farmer's Market Gazebo starting at 8:00 a.m. We always have customers waiting to get in and sell out by noon; so, neighbors, come early.

It is warm and oh so dry here. Some of us have discovered the aphids are enjoying the lovely Spring-like weather. I found mine last week when cleaning out a flower bed.

My dear husband helped me by using a chain saw. (Yes, chain saw) We had 18 year old Red Tips and Helli that we were tired of pruning and the roots I'm sure are under our concrete foundation - Wonder what I can plant there when hubby gets the roots dug out? Umm - it is a sunny bed, what the heck, a few more daylilies will be fine.

Nacogdoches Daylily Society

Jean Consford, Reporter

One of our Fall meetings was at the home of Lillian Lilly (with two L's!) where we enjoyed an excellent program on floral

arrangements. Several members took home beautiful finished arrangements in a "fixed" drawing of numbers. (Fixed as I was not one of the lucky winners) and everyone took home leftover flowers and supplies. Another was at the Barbeque House where they put us in the back room by ourselves. We had met there before.

Our Christmas party was hosted by Delores Jones at her home when we, as always, enjoyed a good meal and our raucous ill-mannered gift exchange. We were especially happy to have the ever generous Jack Carpenter and Josie Bomar attend and delighted with their gifts of super daylilies. Wow! My little driveway daylily garden has a long waiting list, but something will be bumped as these moved to the top.

Member, Regina Moehring, must have gotten the "bug" at the last Regional. She drove to Lee Causey's place to pick up 77 pots of daylilies with a friend - in her brand new Lexus, finding nooks and crannies the Lexus folks don't know exist. Many were between her feet and legs and in her lap. Not having moved on the return trip, she at first could not get out of her car, literally. I thought CPA's were logical.

We have regretfully closed the Jean Barnhart Daylily Garden at the SFA University Arboretum; we plan to have some of the daylilies available in our Spring Sale this year. We were deeply saddened by the loss of Donald Copenhaver, a much loved and respected plantsman and friend. Donald and Nita have welcomed our club members for many years.

We welcome two new members to our club, Amelia Flenekin and Sandy Farrar. Officers for 2006 are:

President	Candace Hughes
Vice President	Regina Moehring
Treasurer	Lillian Lilly
Secretary	Alice Mae Rooks

Several of our members are looking forward to the Gulf Coast Daylily Society's Regional Meeting as we hope for much needed rain and lower sprinkler bills.

North Texas Daylily Society

Peggy Harris, Reporter

The North Texas Daylily Society members enjoyed good food and lots of visiting during our annual July "picnic" at the Olive Garden restaurant.

The August program was a fun and interesting presentation by Luke Senior who discussed the many offices he has held in the American Hemerocallis Society.

Our annual Sale on September 24th was a huge success. In spite of the heat and no rain, we had a great sale. We sold many daylilies, but also lots of bulbs, Cannas, and pot plants. It was held at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center and we think that holding the Sale on the same day as the Fort Worth Iris Society increases the sales to both societies!

All members and guests enjoyed the Bingo in October. Tom Welches called Bingo for this fun event. Everyone won many, many prizes of daylilies, all kinds of plants, and other garden related items donated by the members. During a break in the Bingo the new officers of the society provided ice cream and cookies as a treat.

The November Seed Swap is always a popular meeting. Members brought a wealth of seeds and plants to exchange. There were daylilies (of course!), hardy Amaryllis, Mock Orange, Herbs, perennials, and lots of seeds of all kind. In addition to all the plants we had a spread of the table with all the delights of our Thanksgiving potluck dinner.

We will miss active member Bob Montgomery who passed away suddenly on December 1, 2005. Judy and Bob have been members of NTDS and AHS for many years. Our utmost sympathy and prayers go out to Judy.

We celebrated the Christmas holiday with a potluck dinner and a Chinese Gift Exchange. We enjoyed a wonderful dinner of dishes from our members. The tables were decorated with beautiful red poinsettia donated by Judy Montgomery.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the North Texas Daylily Society.

San Antonio Daylily Society

Marilyn Greenlee, Reporter

We suffered the loss of two very special people during October, 2005. On the 11th, Mary Conrad, wife of Col. Mike Conrad, died. This couple has been an integral part of SADS going back almost to its inception. On the 30th, Margaret Kane passed away. Margaret was a Charter Member of SADS, as well as a Charter Member of AHS and helped write its constitution. In the 1980's, in response to a reader of our local newspaper, Jerry Parsons, professor and horticulture specialist for the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, identified Mrs. Kane as "the foremost Texas

(perennial) expert and one of America's most knowledgeable perennial plant experts."

Most of our officers are continuing in their current positions for a second term. The only exceptions are Germaine Tuff, who succeeds Don Brown as Vice President-Programs, and Pat Schultze, who replaces Paula Teachout as Hospitality Chair. We have been blessed with many new faces among our membership. As we see our newer members grow in knowledge, we look forward to their becoming candidates for officer and chair positions that will open up in the coming year or two.

There are lots of opportunities to participate in upcoming activities. SADS will have a sales booth at the San Antonio Botanical Garden's Spring Plant Sale on Saturday, March 18. This one-day event replaces Viva Botanica, which traditionally has occurred the first weekend in April. Interested parties may offer their own gardens for club members to tour some weekend in May. We hope to have a good number of us attend the Region 6 Meeting in Port Arthur from May 18-20. SADS annual flower show and sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, at the Garden Center.

SADS is working on plans for a Region 6 Fall Seminar in San Antonio, tentatively scheduled for late October.

Programs and activities that have occurred since my last club report include a presentation on Understanding Soil pH by Marcia Richardson at our August meeting. In September, we enjoyed playing Daylily Bingo. Prizes consisted of potted daylilies brought to the meeting by game participants. In October, we held our annual club plant auction, the proceeds of which augment our treasury and help us pay for various club endeavors. And this year we had some exceptionally beautiful, new cultivars on which to bid. During our November meeting Pat Schultze built a lovely floral arrangement, using various cut flowers of red and white. Lucky Lori Potrykus won the finished piece as an attendance prize and was able to make it the centerpiece of her Thanksgiving table.

Our holiday get-together was held in Leon Springs on Saturday afternoon, December 10. The community clubhouse of the neighborhood in which Dick and Dana Griffin reside became "party central." The food was delicious, and the traditional Chinese gift exchange resulted in some very spirited trading. It was evident that some couples have devised devious schemes to ensure securing their choice gifts.

We welcome anyone in the vicinity to attend our monthly meetings held in the second-floor meeting room of San Antonio Botanical Garden's Carriage House. We usually meet on the third Sunday, starting at 2 p.m. and adjourning by 3:45 p.m. Generally, no business sessions occur during May and December.

2006 Region 6 Exhibition Judges

Alexander	Grace	EX		Lewis	Joyce W.	E/h
Amerson	Binion	EX	I	Matthews	Mabel	EX
Andrews	Eddie Raye	S		Mayfield	Michael J.	E/j
Arthur	Susan	E/j		Montgomery	Judy	E/j
Ater	Bill	EX	I	Montgomery	Robert	S
Ater	Mary Anne	EX	I	Nelson	Mable	EX
Baker	Jeri	E/h		Nichols	Bonnie	EX
Barnhart	Jean	EX		Null	Barbara	S
Bigbee	Dorothy	EX		Ogee	Michelle	EX
Burton	David	EX	I	Orgeron	Dr. Eugene B.	EX
Chang	Nolanne	EX		Payne	Leon	EX
Chang, MD	Barbara K.	EX		Payne	Paula	EX
Cohea	Barbara	EX		Peck	Donna	EX
Cohea	Ron	EX		Pennington	Gwen	S
Crainer	Adrian (Chris)	E/j		Perez	Cecilia P.	EX
Crainer	Everett	E/j		Petty	Jim	EX
Crandall	Nell	E/h		Reynolds	Helen	EX
Crisp	Jo	EX		Rice	Fred	EX
Dumesnil	Margie. A.	E/j		Roberts	Barney	S
Dungan	Cheryl	EX		Roberts	Sandra	S
Eskine	Mildred	E/j		Rosen	Richard H.	EX
Eskine	Paul	E/j		Sanchez-Ruiz	Velia	E/j
Faggard	Albert C.	E/h		Senior	Joan	E/h
Farar	Boyd	S		Senior, Jr.	Luke	E/h
Gage	Eddie	EX		Shimek	Harvey	EX
Gage	Mary	EX	I	Shimek	Nell	EX
Glidden	Anna Rosa	EX		Shirley	Betty	S
Goza	Ruth	EX		Tarrant	Inez	EX
Green	Doris	E/j		Theilen	Hershal	E/j
Greenlee	Marilyn	EX		Theilen	Katherine (Kae)	E/j
Greeson	Bridey	EX		Travis	E. D.	S
Henry	Scott M.	EX		Tuffnell	Rozanne	S
Henson	Virginia	E/h	I	Umphress	Sharon	EX
Hill	Kreg	EX		Valenza	Maureen	EX
Holt	Ruth	E/j		Valenza	Robert	EX
Hoover	Elizabeth	EX	I	Wingfield	Steve	S
Horton	Carol K.	EX		Winkelman	Beverly	EX
Houston	Mary	EX	I	Wood	Walter	EX
Houston	Ray	EX	I			
Imperial	Arturo D.	EX				
Imperial	Nina	EX				
Iskra	Cal	EX	I			
Johnson	Richard	EX				
Kellerup	Linda	EX	I			
Kwan	John	EX				
Kyser	Judith	EX				
Kyser	Patricia R.	EX				
Lewis	Billy	EX				
Lewis	Jean	EX				

This list is predicated upon the Judges having paid their dues by January 1, 2006.

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REGION 6

DISPLAY GARDENS

Following is the list of official AHS Display Gardens in Region 6. We have listed the gardens, their address and the contact person and a telephone number. All of these gardens have been reviewed and approved by the American Hemerocallis Society national chairperson as meeting the standards to be considered for this designation. You will note that we have a great list of gardens that are located all around Texas and New Mexico. Because of the wide variation in climate and altitude in the Region, you will find that peak bloom season in these gardens will vary by as much as 2 months.

Our variety of gardens also allow us to see quite a variety of different cultivars by different hybridizers around the country. If you are a real junkie, you could see several of these gardens in a single year and hit each at peak bloom. Make it a point to contact these folks when you are in their area and enjoy viewing some of the best daylily gardens in the country.

Binion Amerson, 13339 Castleton Circle, Dallas, TX (972) 241-1726

Jean & Kathy Barnhart, 2496 County Road 104, Nacogdoches, TX (936) 564-2920

Barbara & Nollanne Chang, 13608 Apache Plume Place N.E., Albuquerque, NM (505) 858-2516

Robert W. Frasier, III & Jean Occelli, 21 Arroyo Nambe, Santa Fe, NM (505) 455-3318

Mabel S. Matthews, 405 Crosstimber Drive, Hurst, TX (817) 268-5189

Mark & Nancyann Polasek, 512 West 32nd. Street, Houston, TX (715) 869-1682

Richard & Anna Marie Rosen, 10903 Catthorn Cove, Austin, TX (512) 331-0243

Harvey & Nell Shimek, 3122 County Road 237, Alvin, TX (281) 331-4395

Rozanne & Alan Tuffnell, 2112 Bluecorn Maiden Court N.E., Albuquerque, NM (505) 298-8992

Tyler Municipal Rose Garden, 420 S. Rose Park Drive, Tyler, TX
Liaison: East Texas Daylily Society, Sharon Umphress (903) 565-4051

Steve Wingfield, 415 Starlight Pass, San Antonio, TX (830) 980-5230

Plan Now to Attend

2006

AHS National Convention

The Long Island Daylily Society is proud to be the host of this event, July 13-16, 2006. You will be sure to enjoy your visit, with great events and beautiful gardens to view. If there are non-daylily family members or if you wish to plan a vacation on Long Island, there are plenty of activities. Please join us for a great time!

Partial Convention Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Open Gardens - Check Listings

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2006

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Open Gardens - Check Listings
9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Master Panel
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Boutique Open
11:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibition Judges Clinics
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Garden Judges Workshop
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	RVP Forum
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Exhibitions Clinic
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	Plant Auction

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2006

6:30 a.m. - 7:00 a.m.	Registration
7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Garden Bus Tours
3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Boutique Open
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Scientific Committee Forum (Patrick Stamile)
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	RVP Meeting
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Round Robins
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Garden Judges Forum (David Kirchhoff)
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Convention Planning Workshop
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Banquet-AHS Business Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2006

7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Garden Bus Tours
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Garden Judges Workshop 2 in a Tour Garden
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	AHS Awards Banquet - Ballroom

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2006

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Open Gardens - Check Listings
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REGION 6 DAYLILY SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTS AND MEETING SCHEDULES

ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Mike Kittredge - hmkkitt@aol.com
9225 Snowridge Ct. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111, 505-298-3785
Meetings: Mar - Aug, and Oct

AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - Jeff Goldman
505 Canyon Wren Dr.
Buda, TX 78610-2608
Meetings: 1st Thurs in Apr -May, Aug - Dec

BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Martha Hight
5614 Edgewood Place Dr.
Spring, TX 77379, 281-257-3065
Meetings: 2:30 p.m., 2nd Sun, Lake Jackson Library

CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

President - Robert Valenza
5903 Riverchase Trail
Kingwood, TX 77345
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 4th Sun, Jan-Apr, Sep-Oct

DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

President - Lee Causey - lcausey@firstfitness.com
8204 Firestone Dr.
Flower Mound, TX 75022-6494, 817-430-6260
Meetings: 10:00 a.m., 3rd Sat, except Jun, Jul, Aug and Dec
North Haven Gardens, Dallas

EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Clyde and Elliott
3225 McDonald Dr.
Tyler, TX 75701
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 2nd Sun, Tyler Rose Center

GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Doug Smith
726 Lefors
Pampa, TX 79065, 806-665-3410
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 4th Sun, Feb-Oct
Amarillo Botanical Gardens

GULF COAST DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Margie Dumesnil
907 Neches Dr.
Port Neches, TX 77651-2530, 409-727-0482
Meetings: 1st Sat, Feb, Apr, Aug, Sep, Dec

HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Anna Rosa Glidden - annalily@wt.net
714 Benbrook
Houston, TX 77076, 713-697-0362
Meetings: 10:00 a.m., 2nd Thurs
Hermann Park Garden Center

HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - Robert De Veau
974 W 42nd St
Houston TX 77018-5312, 832-659-7797
robertdeveau@sbcglobal.net
Meetings: 7:30 p.m., 4th Thursday in Jan - Apr, Sep - Oct
Hermann Park Garden Center

HUNTSVILLE MUDDY BOOTS DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Bonnie Strub
1327 15th Street
Huntsville, TX 77340, 936-295-2253
Meetings: 2nd Sun of each month

JOHNSON COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Donald Hodges
397 HCR 1432
Covington, TX 76633
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 2nd Sat of each month
United Cooperative Services, Inc.

LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Paul Eskine - peskine@houston.rr.com
3516 East Orange Street
Pearland, TX 77581, 281-485-4567
Meetings: 2 p.m. 3rd Sun, Alvin Senior Citizen Building

LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - Evelyn Barley
563 Lone Star Road
Lufkin, TX 75901
Meetings: 2:00 p.m. 1st Tues

NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Candace Hughes
545 CR 236
Nacogdoches, TX 75961, 936-552-7830
Meetings: 7:00 p.m., 2nd Tues

NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY - FORT WORTH

President - Shirlene Holt
300 Oak Ln.
Euless, TX 76039-2306, 817-267-1858
Meetings: 7:30 p.m., 3rd Thurs, Fort Worth Botanic Center

SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Jean Vanderhider - jeanvand@sbcglobal.net
2605 Hidden Grove
Schertz, TX 78154, 210-945-9401
Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 3rd Sun
San Antonio Botanical Gardens

Please notify the Newsletter Editor of any changes of names, officers & addresses. Note that my new e-mail address is daylilies@exclamationprinting.com.

On the back cover from the upper left going clockwise: *Hemerocallis* 'Nature's Crown' in the Dumesnil Garden; a seedling from the Rice Garden; a Craig seedling from the Hoyal Garden. See the articles in this issue about these gardens that are on tour during this year's Region 6 Meeting in Port Arthur.

