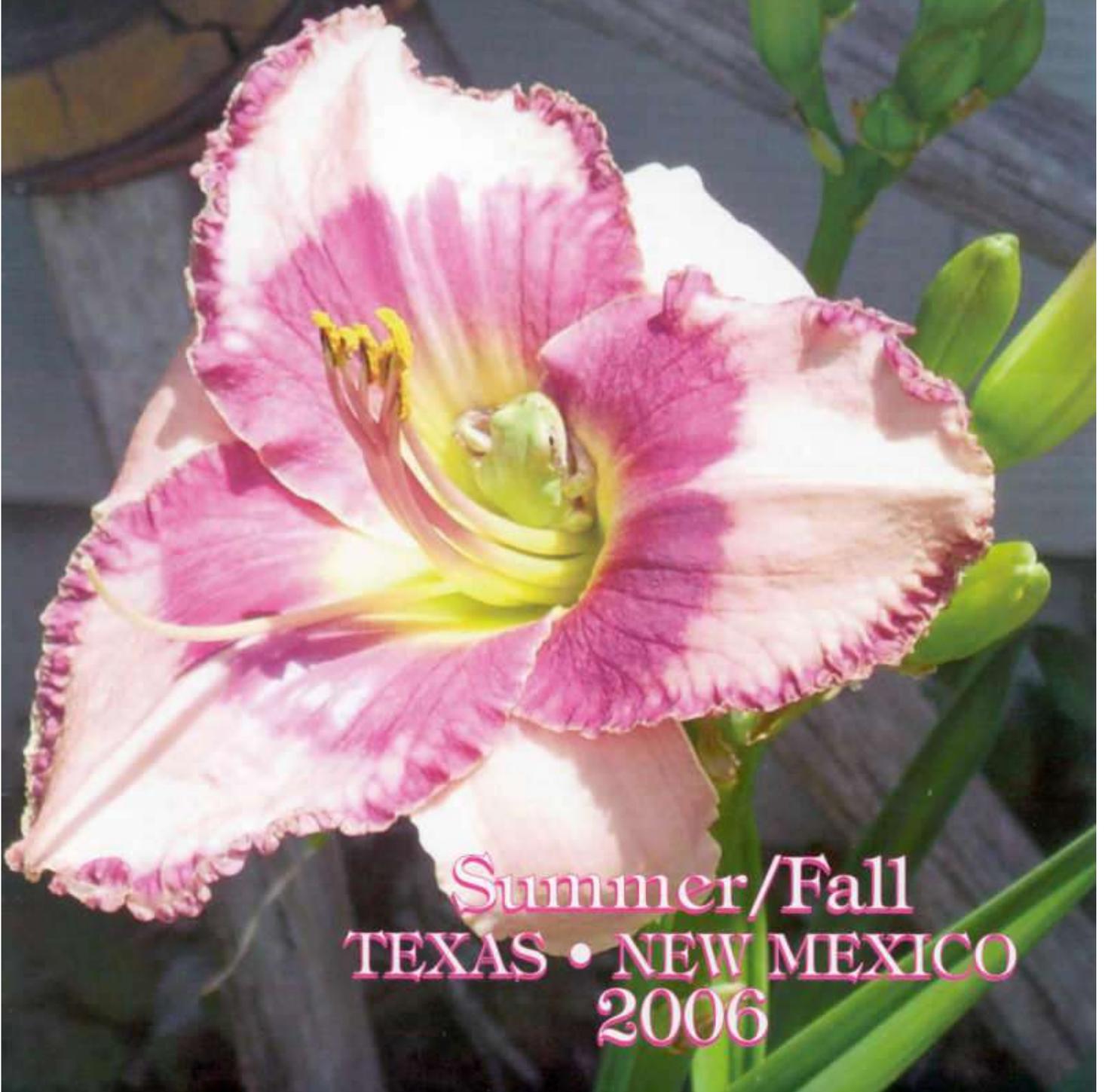


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April 27-29, 2007	Region 7 Meeting San Marino, CA
May 24-26, 2007	Region 6 Meeting Nacogdoches & Lufkin, TX
June 15-16, 2007	Region 13 Meeting Searcy, AR
July 25-28, 2007	AHS National Convention Hemerocallis Society of Minnesota and AHS Region 1 Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN

THANKS

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the folks who have stepped in to help out with the 2007 Region 6 Meeting - especially the folks in Nacogdoches and Lufkin who have gone out of their way to make this a memorable event.

THANKS! Jim

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THE NEXT ISSUE

The next issue will list the Region 6 Garden Judges, the Region 6 Exhibition Judges and the Region 6 Display Gardens. Also we will feature a review of the Lufkin and Nacogdoches tour gardens and the program for the 2007 Regional Meeting.

RVP REPORT



Well, this one has been a long time coming. With all the best intentions - I guess I bit off more than I could chew with my business and the Region 6 stuff all at once. Putting that behind us, let's talk daylilies.

Of course, the most important thing to say is what a great Region 6 Meeting the folks in Beaumont/Port Arthur put on! I am still amazed at the gardens just 8 months after the hurricane. Each one was spectacular in its own way, and we thoroughly enjoyed what gracious hosts the people of the Gulf Coast club were. They pulled off a miracle in every aspect of putting on a Regional Meeting. We all should take a lesson from these people in organization and damage control.

And let's not forget the food!! I want some more of those pralines! Each garden host not only poured hours and hours into getting their garden ready, but they each treated us with some of their favorite homemade treats. I, for one, did not need to sample everything, but I did, and it was worth every calorie.

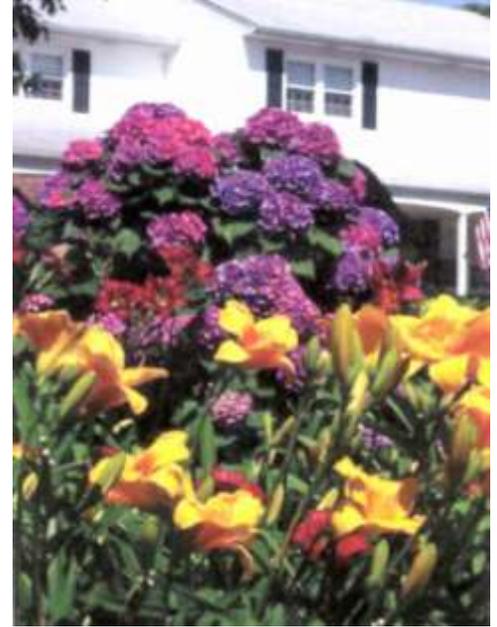
Margie Dumesnil and her crew deserve all the credit for one of the best Regional Meetings we have ever had. I am



glad that the cover picture turned out to be from her wonderful garden. I had a lot to choose from this time, but this continued to be my favorite for many reasons. I'm not sure how she trained that frog to sit just so in that flower, but my hat goes off to her.

After the Regional Meeting, I was able to go to New York for the National Convention. This, too, was a special treat as far as daylily gardens was concerned. Not only were

the tour gardens lovely to look at, but the way they were grown blew me away. Things that grow 3 feet tall in my garden were above my head with scapes the size of garden hoses!! Each of you should make it a priority to travel to as many Nationals as you can afford and



have time for. We are lucky to be hosting the 2008 Convention in Houston with some of the best gardens in the country. Make it a point to be there!!

The next thing to think of now is our 2007 Region 6 Meeting. The folks in Nacogdoches and Lufkin stepped up to the plate at the last minute to help the Region with a place for our next Meeting. Jean Consford, our past RVP, Treasurer, etc., and most recent Service Award winner, got me all the information about the hotel and talked with the folks there to get me started and continues to help me as we put this thing together. The folks from Lufkin, lead by Shirley Eschenfelder, volunteered their gardens for tours. And then the treat we all have been waiting for since the last meeting in that area, Jack Carpenter continues to generously support the Region allowing us to tour his spectacular garden while we are there.

Thanks to all of the folks, including many other clubs who are pitching in, for all of the hard work and the willingness to step up



to the plate at the last minute. I hope each of you will make it a priority to be at this very special Regional Meeting.

RPD REPORT



This year's Region 6 Popularity Poll proved to be an all-time success story! We had a record number of votes, a record number of cultivars nominated, and a race down to the wire for the winner, which was Hemerocallis '**Red Volunteer**'. But the real story was the methods used to literally **MORE THAN DOUBLE** the

total number of votes from last year to this year. Here is what we did:

First, I put together a contest where I would give away my 3 new introductions this year plus one of Jack Carpenter's (nothing new here, we've all tried it), but I changed the focus of the contest. Rather than give it to an individual, I would give the collection of 4 daylilies to the **CLUB** with the **highest overall voter turnout** AND to the club with the **highest percentage** of voters who vote. I informed the clubs that the winners could then auction these cultivars off as fundraisers for their club's coffers. Now hopefully a greater incentive was in place. Next, our Region 6 Webmaster, **Ray Houston**, put the contest front and center on our Region 6 Web Page with pictures of the cultivars being given away and details of the contest along with my email address.

But by far I believe the next step was what made the biggest difference. **I contacted every club president that had email and informed them of the contest.** I made it clear to them that I believed a BIG part of their responsibility to AHS was to get their members to vote, and I then asked them to **assign a Popularity Poll Chairman for each club that was responsible for getting the vote out.** As emails started coming in, I compiled them all in an Excel file and sorted by their individual clubs, and each week I would email each club president the names of all who had voted for all clubs. As they would see these updates, it pressured them to see some clubs POURING in the votes, and I would implore all of them via more email notes that their clubs were/were not doing the job in getting out the vote.

In addition to the above, **Rebecca Board's placing the ballot on the AHS web site** also generated quite a few votes for me. If we make it easy for them to vote, **THEY WILL!** So kudos to you as well!

Now here is the truly remarkable part. First, the address listed for me in the *Daylily Journal* is incorrect. It says 8518 Cheffington Drive, but it's Chessington Drive. So I've probably missed some votes due to the wrong address. Second, the article I wrote for the Region 6 Newsletter with the ballot never came out before voting ended due to our being late to press, so NO votes came from that.

But, our Region 6 RVP, Jim Petty, knew the mailing would be late so he sent out a **separate mailing to all registered voters with the Popularity Poll ballot in it and my mailing address.** This led to many of those voters who were unaware of the contest or were not local club members to also be able to get their vote in. This increased the total yet a bit more.

All of the above combined into a snowball effect. As my emails to the club president's with each week's update included in it kept growing, more and more of our club president's really dug down deep so their clubs would be well represented. **The end result was multiple clubs had 100% participation!** Unbelievable but thrilling!

Final Takeaways:

First: **Club president's desperately need to be on email.** They are their clubs' top influencing officer, and they can "lead" by example while also contacting their individual club members to support the cause. **Rather than the RPD trying to get all the members to vote, have each club president be responsible for getting out their club's vote.** At SADS, we assigned a Popularity Poll Director, Steve Wingfield, and he contacted every single member and basically badgered them until he got 100% of the club's voters to vote.

Second: **An individual separate mailing** like Jim Petty did definitely helped increase the vote. They did not have to cut out the ballot, nor did they forget about it as they read their Newsletter. Having it by itself in an envelope helped them focus on filling it out and sending it in.

Third: **Email** is by far the most powerful method of voting. Your putting the ballot on the AHS web site and **Ray Houston's** putting it on the Region 6 web site were difference makers.

Fourth: The weekly updating via Excel made it easy for each club president to identify their members who had/had not voted. I alphabetized each list for each club so it took them only a glance to see who had voted and who had not. Needless to say, when their club's list initially had only 2 or 3 people on it, **the "embarrassment" aspect** kicked in, and I imagine led them to contacting members themselves to get the vote out. It worked!

I hope this helps. Feel free to publish this however you want to whoever you want. Hopefully it will lead to a true resurgence in voting for next year!

WAY TO GO REGION 6!!!

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Anna Marie and I just got home from the National Convention on Long Island, New York. Somebody has a connection with the big guy upstairs, because their timing was perfect. They had lots and lots of rain up to just before the Convention, and then a heat wave set in just after the Convention. They had about a four day window of nice weather and they hit it. The daylilies and gardens looked fantastic. I was really impressed with the many cultivars and hybridizers I was not previously familiar with. I don't think many of them will grow for me here in Austin, but they would probably do fine in the parts of Region 6 that can grow dormants, like Dallas, Fort Worth, and Albuquerque.

Congratulations to Jean Consford for winning the Region 6 Service award at the Convention. She is very deserving. And congratulations to Bill Ater for winning a Newsletter Award for Best Garden Write-Up that he did for Binion Amerson's garden. As usual, I didn't have enough time to talk with friends from Region 6. As Awards & Honors Chairman, I keep busy at the Conventions. I did a digital slide show of all the award winning cultivars, and it was well received. I also attended the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. Let me touch on the high points:

The dues increase for 2007 you have heard about before was approved by the membership. But if you get your 2007 dues to Pat Mercer, AHS Executive Secretary, before October 1st, they will still honor the old rate. See the *Daylily Journal* for specifics.

The new online database of cultivar registrations is now up and running. You can get to it from the AHS home page (www.daylilies.org) by clicking on "Cultivar Database Online." The next step will be to load images of the cultivars so we can see what they look like.

We approved the creation of a different type of Daylily Display Garden. They will be called Historic Daylily Display Gardens. If you have a significant collection of historic daylilies (presently defined as registration prior to 1970), you will be able to apply. Watch the *Daylily Journal* for details.

Lastly, thanks to Margie Dumesnil and the Gulf Coast Daylily Society for doing a great job on this year's Region 6 Meeting. The hotel arrangements, the gardens, and the daylilies were all super, even though they were still recovering from Hurricane Rita.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about AHS, please contact me. Rich Rosen



Rich presents the Service Award

REGION 6 TREASURER



Malcolm Avaritt and his wife, Michelle moved to Midlothian, Texas, last year and along with a new house now have 1 1/2 acres for daylilies. We have two children; Taylor who is 8 and going into 3rd grade who loves baseball, swimming, GameBoy, and doing PowerPoint presentations. Payton who is 5 and going into kindergarten enjoys all things that are girly, dress up, and coloring as well as eating tomatoes from our garden. Malcolm and Michelle met in college while at Texas Tech and married in 1991. For the past 16 years I have worked for Honey-Baked Ham Co. as a retail manager. In addition to daylilies I enjoy baseball along with my son, looking at the new daylilies with my daughter, gardening, travel, golf, and snow skiing.

I have been involved with the Daylily Growers of Dallas since 1997. The first meeting I attended, I was all set to go with my complete knowledge of both types of daylilies, yellow and orange. Fortunately, Joyce Lewis was the guest speaker that day and I was soon intrigued as well as overwhelmed. From there, I have grown to begin my own hybridizing with the hope of being as famous as everyone else in Region 6 that hybridizes. What a tremendous talent pool we have in Region 6.

EXHIBITION JUDGES LIAISON



We had another really good year for Exhibition Judges Clinics in Region 6. On January 28, we held Clinic I in Houston with five students. Then on May 18 in Port Arthur, Texas with the Region 6 Meeting we held all three Clinics. We had, one student in Clinic I, four students in Clinic II and seventeen Judges refreshing in Clinic III.

We are holding fairly steady on the numbers as to Senior, Junior and Students-In-Training and we will have a count for the Winter Newsletter. I am pleased that so many clubs invited Junior Judges to participate in judging. Several of our Junior Judges have completed the requirements for Senior Judge accreditation so we will be listing more Seniors come next January.

Please remember that Clinic I, Introduction to Exhibition Judging may be held at any time of the year because we use slides instead of fresh flowers. Let me know if any club wishes to sponsor Clinic I this Fall or early next Spring to be ready for Clinic II with the 2007 Region 6 Meeting.

Regretfully we lost two of our long time Senior Judges, Grace Alexander and Inez Tarrant since our last report and also Robert Montgomery who was just starting out as a Student-In-Training. We send condolences to their families and friends.

Mary Gage

REGIONAL SECRETARY



**Annual Business Meeting
Region 6 Spring Meeting
Port Arthur, Texas
May 19, 2006**

Members were welcomed to the Annual Meeting, hosted by the Gulf Coast Daylily Society of Southeast Texas, by Margie Dumesnil, President and Co-Chairman. The Meeting was held at the Holiday Inn Park Central in Port Arthur, Texas.

The Reverend Marlow Shubert gave the invocation.

Margie introduced Jim Petty, Regional Vice President, who thanked the Co-Chairmen and everyone who worked on the Regional.

The names of members who had passed away since the last annual meeting were read, and they were honored with a moment of silence.

The Region 6 Business Meeting was called to order and officers introduced. Minutes of the 2006 Meeting were approved as published in the Summer issue of the Region 9 Daylily Newsletter.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer's Report was read by Treasurer Malcolm Avaritt and filed as read. The balance at the time of transfer \$53,667.96.

Director:

Rich Rosen, AHS Director, discussed the planned dues increase for membership in the American Hemerocallis Society. Rich pointed out that it has been 18 years since the last increase, and that the Society has been operating with a deficit for the past three years. The Board approved the increase at their Fall meeting, and members will vote at the National Convention in Long Island in July. If approved, dues will increase from the present \$18 for members, \$22 for a couple; to \$25 per member and \$30 per couple.

Garden Judges Workshops:

Rich explained the duties of Garden Judges. Bridey Greeson honored Rich for his work as Awards and Honors Chairman, and further discussed the need for more Garden Judges. Three members participated in Workshop 1, with participation in Workshop 2, plus renewals, giving a total of five new Garden Judges. Bridey suggested offering Workshop 1 at club meetings during the Winter; members could then attend Workshop 2 at the annual Meeting as this needs to be done in gardens during daylily bloom season.

Publicity:

Bridey Greeson gave the Regional Publicity Director's report for Mark Carpenter who was unable to attend. Region 6 has 17% participation in the Popularity Poll at present. Mark has offered to award his three newest introductions to the club with the greatest participation in 2006.

Publication:

Jim Petty, Editor of the Region 6 Daylily Newsletter, thanked contributors and requested ideas for future articles. Jim also requested rosters of members from each club and pictures of their members. He is using photographs supplied by Regional Hybridizers for Newsletter covers.

Exhibition Judges Clinics:

Mary Gage reported on the Exhibition Judges Clinics. Two experienced Judges, Inez Tarrant and Grace Alexander, passed away this year, as well as Bob Montgomery, a Student-In-Training. A Clinic held earlier this year in Houston resulted in 4 new Students-In-Training.

As of May 17, Region 6 has 54 Senior Judges, 13 Junior Judges, 10 Students-in-Training, 19 Instructors, and 7 Honorary Judges; 3 additional Judges are sending in documentation for a total of 57 Senior Judges. During Clinics held on May 18, 2006, 2 Judges completed requirements to become Instructors (for a total now of 21 Instructors), one person completed Clinic I, four members completed Clinic II and the Clinic III Refresher was attended by 17 members.

Instructors for the May 18th Clinics included Mable Nelson and Mary Gage, with Richard Johnson assisting in Clinic I; Bill and Mary Ann Ater instructing Clinic II; and Rich Rosen and Helen Reynolds instructing Clinic III with Jim Petty assisting.

Mary thanked all Judges for their support and interest in serving AHS as the flower shows are our main source of publicity of daylilies to the public.

Old Business:

Bridey Greeson was awarded lifetime AHS membership in appreciation for being past Regional Vice President and her many contributions to Region 6.

Nominating Committee:

Jim Petty explained requirements for the Regional Vice President Nominating Committee and nominations were accepted from the floor. Alan Tuffnell nominated Bridey Greeson, Donna Peck nominated Marilyn Greenlee, and Rich Rosen was nominated to serve as a Committee Chair to nominate the next RVP. Motion was made, the nominations were seconded and a voice vote was unanimous.

Nominations were made for a committee to nominate the Region 6 Director to the American Hemerocallis Society Board. Rozanne Tuffnell nominated Mary Gage, Paula Payne nominated Leon Payne, and Donna Peck nominated Marilyn Greenlee. Motion was made and seconded, and a voice vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned by RVP Jim Petty.

Margie Dumesnil thanked Anna Archer and the decorating committee for their work in preparing for the banquet, and drawings were held for centerpieces and daylilies.



**Awards Banquet
Region 6 Annual Meeting
May 20, 2006**

Opening remarks were by Margie Dumesnil, President of the Gulf Coast Daylily Society of Southeast Texas, and Co-Chairman of the Annual Meeting. Invocation was given by the oldest member of the Gulf Coast Daylily Society.

Fred Rice, Co-Chairman of the Annual Meeting was introduced, and offered a toast to members of Region 6 and the 50th Anniversary of the Gulf Coast Daylily Society. Members sang "Happy Anniversary to You" to our hosts and celebrated with birthday cake and ice cream following the dinner.



Leon Payne

Bobo Faggard

Awards:

The Edna Lankart Award for the best seedling entered by a Region 6 member who is not a member of the host club, went to Leon Payne (letter D). The Annie T. Giles Award for best seedling entered by a hybridizer who is a member of the Gulf Coast Daylily Society of Southeast Texas went to Bobo Faggard (#6). Awards for the Regional Flower Show were given. Officers at the head table were introduced, followed by Region 6 members by clubs, youth members and out of town guests.

Auction:

Bridey Greeson reported that 110 cultivars had sold at auction for \$11,240. She thanked donors, helpers and purchasers.

Speakers:

Fred Rice introduced speakers John Peat of Canada and Ted Petit of LePetit Jardin in Florida. John led a game of "Pictionary" to identify daylily flowers, and both men spoke on their hybridizing efforts, with accompanying slide show.

Bridey Greeson invited members to a Fall Seminar to be held on October 21st.

Annual Meeting, 2007

Next year's Annual Meeting will be held in Nacogdoches and will be a joint effort by all Region 6 daylily clubs.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Elder,
Regional Secretary

REGIONAL FLOWER SHOW

The Regional flower show was a resounding success. Not only was it beautifully staged, but it seemed to go off without a hitch even with last minute modifications due to hotel changes and continued construction to repair damage left by Rita. Congratulations go to all of those who helped stage the show and who participated from around the Region.



Congratulations to Mary Gage for her Tricolor Award winning arrangement at the Regional Daylily Show

AUCTION REPORT - 2006**REGION 6 LIVE AUCTION RESULTS**

Bridey Greeson, Chairman



With 100 less lots than last year's auction, we still made a gross of \$11,240, selling 232 lots and 110 different cultivars. For the third year in a row, Jack Carpenter's Lily Farm donations produced one half of the total amount raised. Adding the total raised from the sale of the Lily Farm donations in the past three Regional auctions, we have received over \$15,000 in revenue for the Region. The entire Region owes a huge amount of gratitude to our own generous hybridizer, Jack Carpenter.

Friends of Region 6 contributed a total of \$2600 to purchase plants from The Lily Farm, Rollingwood Gardens, Daylily World, Frank Smith Daylilies, Floyd Cove Daylilies, Water Mill Gardens and Bob Carr. The Friends are Albuquerque Daylily Society, Austin Hemerocallis Society, Cypress Creek Daylily Club,

Daylily Growers of Dallas, Gulf Coast Daylily Society, Lone Star Daylily Society, Kay Day Pricola, Luke and Joan Senior, Helen E. Reynolds, Nix Bodden and Beth Zimpelman, North Texas Daylily Society, Robert and Maureen Valenza, San Antonio Daylily Society, Virginia L. Henson, and Bridey Greeson. Members of Region 6 who donated plants are as follows: Nina and Art Imperial, Margie Dumesnil, Leon and Paula Payne, Larry and Margie Brown, Martha Gayle and Bridey Greeson.

You cannot have a successful auction without great help along the way. Thank you to the following people who helped us unload, move, organize and work during the live auction: Scott Henry, Sheri Jehlen, Jean Barnhart, Malcolm Avaritt, Kay Day Pricola, Helen Reynolds, Judy Montgomery, Jim Petty, Michelle Ogee, Linda Kellerup, Allan Tuffnell, Rich Rosen, and Mary Ann Ater.

THANK YOU TO ALL THE DONORS, BUYERS AND WORKERS!!!

Jean Consford

Region 6 Service Award - 2006

It was my great pleasure to be in the crowd at the National Convention in New York to witness Rich Rosen award Jean Consford the Region 6 Service Award for



2006. If you have not had the pleasure to work with Jean, you have missed working with a great lady. Not only has she given tirelessly to the Region, but it's always fun to be around her. She is always so upbeat

and positive that it is hard not to catch some of her enthusiasm. She is always there to help and lighten the mood with her wonderful laughter and positive spirit. Jean continues to help the Region as we look forward to the meeting in Nacogdoches.

I was also able to spend some fun time with Jean during the Convention and even ran into her afterwards on Broadway where we again shared our stories of the day and our adventures in The Big Apple.

Jean Consford is certainly more than deserving of this prestigious award. Following are some of the glowing words that were submitted to AHS nominating Jean for this award.

Again - Congratulations to a grand lady from Region 6.

Nomination 1

I would like to put Jean Consford's name up for the Region 6 Service Award. She has held every position in the local club - several times President, several times Reporter, several times Treasurer. She is always willing to help and ready with a smile.

For Region 6 she has served as Regional Treasurer (1998-99), Regional Vice President (RVP) (2000-01), Chairman

of the Region 6 Meeting in 1999. She has won an AHS Newsletter Award for employing humor in articles. She is a Garden Judge. Her garden was on tour for the 1999 Region 6 Meeting in Nacogdoches, TX.

She is just an all around "good nut" and a marvelous example for the daylily lovers and the daylily gardens. She inspires the rest of us!

I feel she deserves this award.

Nomination 2

I wanted to take a few minutes to write you a letter endorsing Jean Consford for the Region 6 Service Award. Jean has been a fixture in our Region since I first became a member over a decade ago. Jean was the Regional Treasurer in 1998-99 and became the Region RVP for 2000-01. In addition, she was the Regional Chairman for her local club when it hosted the Regional in Nacogdoches while also having her garden on tour for the Region. She consistently attends the Regional Meetings as well as donating to the Regional auctions. I know she is also currently working hard for the Region by trying to arrange a 3 club Regional Meeting for 2007. She also was instrumental in getting Jean Barnhart to National to receive her Service Award. As you know, Jean Barnhart doesn't travel anymore, so that in itself was quite an accomplishment!

From a personal standpoint, I know that Jean endured some very difficult times in the Region during her tenor, but she never complained about it and always moved forward with a bright smile and a sharp wit. Her positive attitude was instrumental in keeping the Region moving forward during that time. The Region 6 Service Award should be granted ONLY to those who have consistently contributed to the Region in numerous avenues over an extended period of time. As detailed above, I cannot think of a more deserving recipient for our Region.

Thank you for the consideration.

2006 Regional Garden Tours

Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Brown's Botanical Gardens

By Bridey Greeson

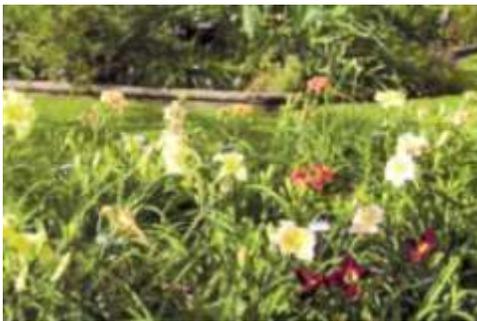


Located in Vidor, Texas, Lanny and Margie Brown have a most wonderful and lush garden filled with not only daylilies but every perennial imagined. If you

need ideas for your garden at home, look around the Brown's and you will see small touches that really grab your eye. Along the side of the house, they had a moss growing on a large braided rope to form the edging for that bed. In the back was a very impressive multi-trunk tree of double white Rose of Sharon. I also loved the Variegated Buddha Belly Bamboo. The water pond had a fountain with water coming out of the mouth of a fish.



So many daylilies were in perfect form when we arrived. Dr. Orgeron would be pleased to see a fantastic clump of his *H.* 'Theresa Ryan' with 5 blooms open on 12 scapes. Jack Carpenter's *H.* 'Elsie Spalding Memorial' grabbed your



attention with her huge bloom. For those who love to show daylilies, *H.* 'Little Red Dazzler' impressed me with her great branching and bud count as a miniature red flower. Our speaker, Ted

Petit, would have been proud to see *H.* 'Meet Joe Black' in bloom with a reverse bitone coloring and very dark eye. And I have always loved *H.* 'Double Blueberry Pie' with its rich dark frosted purple colors which you would find in the Maggie Sheffield Memorial Bed. Green throats and edges are all the rage in Florida, but you could find a strong green throat at the Brown's when you looked at *H.* 'Green



Warrior' of Ned Roberts. With many Joiner introductions to see, my favorite was *H.* 'Sebastian the Crab' which is a peach double UFO.

Without a doubt, I have never seen more perfect tomato plants that did not have one yellow leaf on any plant. And the leaves were lush green all the way down to the dirt. The rest of the vegetable garden was just as healthy. Behind the vegetables, I spied one of Leon Payne's seedlings. It was a gold Spider with a dark orange eyezone and white midribs. I bet Leon got a few fans back of this impressive seedling to take home with him!

Everywhere you looked in the garden, the plants were grown to absolute perfection. Pink Cleome, Crinum, Maidenhair Ferns, the white double Pom-Pom Daisy and Rain Lilies are just a few of the perennials found throughout. For the feathered visitors, there were many great bird houses to seek shelter any time of the year. Hats off to a magnificent garden and to our wonderful garden hosts, Lanny and Margie.

Bobo and Anne Faggard's Garden

By Donna Peck



I have wanted to visit Bobo and Anne Faggard's garden since 1994. In that year we had the Regional Meeting in

Albuquerque, and my husband and I sat with them at the banquet. It was our first Regional Meeting and what a good time we had! Bobo had been so generous with giving our club guest plants and told me I could keep his in our garden. I have grown those successfully and have moved a few fans of them to the home we live in now. So when I got off the bus and saw *H.* 'Little Orange Tex' circling one tree and *H.* 'Mambo Maid' surrounding the front rectangular bed I was so pleased to see the daylilies in their proper setting.



The next color I noticed was the beautiful window box at the front window of their home. There were delicate colors of annuals with bright spots of pink Geraniums. The front window was etched with lovely letters which said "The Faggard's." A perfect entrance to their home.



As I walked towards the back I was surprised to hear that a huge Oak tree had crashed in their yard from Rita. Bobo said the workers were stomping all over his garden and there had been transformers everywhere. You would have never noticed it. His back yard was arranged in different segments, all growing beautifully. One segment name "Bobo's Doubles" was filled with, of course, beautiful doubles. *H.* 'Double Copper Glow' was one of Bobo's and a charmer. The others I was attracted to were *H.* 'Caribbean Double Coral', 'Guadalajara' and the deep purple of 'Evening Enchantment'.

Bobo had grown 45 miniature doubles just for the Regional, but as Mother Nature would have it, none were blooming except *H.*



'Little Wild Flower' of Grace Stamile. Mother Nature also wasn't kind to Mary Gage's *H.* 'Orchid Harmony', 'Color Me

Happy' and 'Red Tiers', either. But the numerous buds were just ready to burst any day. However, the brilliant purple of *H.* 'Boom Town Celebration' was outstanding.

But in other areas the daylilies were sending up lovely blooms. In fact without the shade of the tree that had fallen, they seemed happier than before. That also includes his other interesting plants. Bobo likes Crinum and many of those were in bloom. His Mayhaw, a May Apple tree (that they use for jelly), had been grafted with named varieties from Louisiana. His Blanco Crab Apple tree was from a rare plant farm in Texas. I had never seen a double Amaryllis before, and this one was a beauty.

Two other plants which were a pleasure to see were the Angel's Trumpet and the giant fig. From this part of the garden I went to the food area where Anne had made fresh pralines for everyone. They were the best pralines I had ever tasted. I can see why Bobo made the statement, "I'm still living with the

same woman since 1957." They both made us feel very welcome in their garden. Thanks Bobo and Anne for your graciousness and hospitality.

Dumesnil Garden

By Malcolm Avaritt

Hurricane Rita and downed trees could not keep the beauty of



Charlie and Margie Dumesnil's garden from shining through. Two steps off the bus was all it took to be greeted by *H.* 'Lady Neva' (Alexander 1970) standing tall and proud just like the U.S. flag in the front

yard. "Gardening is for the birds" at the Dumesnil's as we were

greeted by 200 plus Purple Martins and Charlie's handiwork of numerous birdhouses and birdfeeders. A bed of seedlings from the Payne's had a long line of gawkers who oohed and aahed. In addition to several gazing balls,



Cannas and Roses the U.S. Navy, cargo ships and barges were also on display in the Dumesnil's back yard. I hope you did not miss out on Margie's "herbal bath" of mint, thyme and purple verbena or the little green frog that made *H.* 'Battle of Gettysburg' home for the day. Many daylilies were in peak



bloom including *H.* 'Double Talk' which was so big and full it could barely stand up. *H.* 'Wild Horses' (Trimmer 1991) and 'Kingdom Border' (Bell 2004) tried to cover the entire backyard but *H.* 'Azure Wings' along with 'Wild and Free' (both by Stamile 2006) took their fair share of attention. Be sure to check out *H.* 'Rocket Booster' (Santa Lucia 1997), 'Vivid Vision' (Salter 2001), and 'Spacecoast Sensation' (Kinnebrew 1998) next time you're in the Dumesnil's garden.

Kerr Residence

By Margo Murdock



Everyone who has a daylily garden dreams that when they sell their home, the buyer will love daylilies as much as they do. Mable Nelson was granted that wish - Scott and Shelly Kerr love the daylilies

and their home. It was heartwarming to see Scott, Shelly, and Mable acting as garden hosts. How wonderful for Mable to enjoy both her daylilies and her friends from the Region. How gracious of the Kerr's to share their garden hosting duties.

The Kerr's newly renovated landscaping accented the daylilies and the home. Azaleas, Hydrangeas, and Agapanthus were in bloom and the deep purple of a Loropetalum contrasted beautifully with the brick. The lawn looked like sculpture. Lovely tall trees provided shade for the front



gardens. For people who just wanted to get away from the crowds, the Secret Garden was the perfect place to hide - shady, cool and quiet. In the back patio area, the purple eyed Althea blooms garnered attention. The pond, waterfall, bronze birds, arbor, conversational area, and built-in grill created a warm entertaining space for those garden visitors that would rather eat and enjoy than make lists of daylilies. And to set the mood, the Kerr's had a Baby Grand playing music in the foyer.

The Kerr's are new to daylilies, but Shelly likes daylilies in pink and yellow with good substance, Spiders, and Unusual Forms. Scott likes dark ones such as *H. 'Caribbean Frank Lee'* which was not in bloom the day of the tour. The Kerr's were quick to give praise to Margie Dumesnil and Mr. Toler for their planting, growing, fertilizing, and care advice. I suspect some daylilies may have changed hands along with the



advice. The daylilies in their gardens looked lush.

For those checking out the gardens, there were many, many daylilies in bloom the day of the Regional Meeting. Curt Hanson's *H. 'Bela Lugosi'* in particular put on "show grade" deep purple blooms for us. Salter daylilies *H. 'Edge of Heaven'*, *'Lee Pickles'*, *'Hillbilly Heart'*, *'First Knight'*, and *'Mandalay Bay Music'*, and Kinnebrew daylilies *'Spacecoast Discovery'*, *'Spacecoast Extreme Fashion'*, and *'Spacecoast Cotton Candy'* bloomed beautifully for us. Local favorites *'Mambo Maid'*, one of Bobo Faggard's daylilies, and *'Double Red Magic'*, one of Mable Nelson's, outdid themselves. Houstonian Mary Gage's *'Color Me Happy'* made a statement in coral. Large flower, unusual forms, and Spiders such as *'Jenny Lynn'*, *'Long Stocking'*, Shelly's favorite *'Fol de Rol'*, and a beautiful tall lemon colored UFO that I didn't get the name of, put on a show for us. *'Baby Betsy'*, Shooter's *'Circle of Friends'*, and one of Scott's favorites *'Baby Lamb'* also caught our attention.



We considered ourselves fortunate to see such a harmoniously designed landscape where we were made to feel so welcome and comfortable. We all wanted to stay, but it was time to visit another beautiful Gulf Coast garden - lucky us.

The Hoyal Garden

By Rozanne and Alan Tuffnell

The Hoyal garden is located in North Vidor, Texas, in the piney woods. Their garden is a labor of love, a work in progress that



has been in the works for over 40 years. You enter their garden from a quiet, shady street. As you tour the gardens, each individual garden has its own theme and mood. One of the gardens

contains a collection of petrified wood that Craig has collected over a lifetime. This garden contains plants that one would find in the Southwest. Since they have moved in they have expanded by two additional lots to allow for the expansion of Craig's seedling beds, which are located in the back of the property. While visiting the



Dr. Orgeron's Garden

by Jim Petty



seedling beds we were amazed at the large number of outstanding plants in bloom and the volume of seedlings being grown in a private garden. Walking through the gardens on the right was a beautiful

shade garden full of Hostas and Hydrangeas and other shade loving plants, a peaceful serene setting. Oh yes, lots and lots of beautiful . daylilies throughout the yard, over 600 registered cultivars, a special bed with Grace Stamile's small flowers, and a memorial bed for his friend Donald Copenhaver. A large number of hybridizers were represented in the gardens, one of our favorites was *H. 'Texas Kaleidoscope'* J. Carpenter 2006.



Not only is the garden full of daylilies, you will find very aromatic Lemon Verbena, Rosemary and many other herbs. Also included in their garden were Hydrangeas, Foxgloves, Hostas, Camellias, Angel's Trumpet, Crinum, Chenille Plant, Azaleas, Pecan, Citrus, Fig, Blueberries and a large vegetable garden all nestled among the tall pines. Rita took its toll on the pine trees, as 12 were lost to the storm along with the roof of his garden shed and a year's collection of daylily seeds that molded from the storm.

The Annie T. Giles and Edna Lankart Award beds were clearly marked by lovely placards painted by one of the club members.

The gardens were beautifully maintained and well labeled. As we walked through the garden with Craig, he reached down and pulled the only weed that was in the garden, quite a feat for such a large garden. Thank you for sharing your beautiful garden with all of us.



As we arrived in this suburban neighborhood it was apparent which house held the daylily enthusiast. The daylily welcome sign ushered us into a surprise of daylilies and wonderful companion plants in a superbly manicured garden. Though this was Dr. Orgeron's third time to host a Regional tour in his garden, this was the first time in this garden. His garden in Porte Neches has been twelve years in the making and is obviously a labor of love for our favorite flower.



You can see Dr. O's interest in doubles when

you first enter his garden. He has his hybridizing area here with a few of his latest showing off for the tour guests. He has used Larkspur interspersed in the garden to give it a natural feel and add some blue to contrast with the daylilies.



He was lucky to have little interior house damage from the hurricane, but did lose five trees and of course had some fence and garden damage. You would never know a storm had come through without him pointing out the spots where a tree had once stood.

Dr. Orgeron has retired from a long Pediatrics practice in the area and included the sign that once was outside his offices on the fence in his garden. He has combined a variety of plants and of course daylilies to create a garden awash in color and style that welcomes you to sit on the patio and view it across the pool or stroll around the curved beds. His use of background plants to stand behind the daylilies sets them off to the best advantage. I came away from this garden with some great ideas for my garden and thank Dr. Orgeron for his hospitality and hard work for the Region.



Majestic Oaks Daylily Farm

By Linda Kellerup



Our first view of Fred and Norma Rice's Majestic Oaks Daylily Farm from the tour bus revealed a neat orderly arrangement of a great many daylilies. Several long rectangular beds with wooden borders were lined up in a single

row running along both sides of their house with a soft mulch between each one. Because of this arrangement, it was possible to get a good look at each of the daylilies. In every bed there were lots of quality daylilies to study and admire up close and personal.



The name Majestic Oaks comes from many beautiful Oak trees that once graced Fred and Norma's garden but that were lost to Hurricane Rita. I could only imagine how pretty they must have been and how they had enhanced the yard. I'm sure they are greatly missed.

As we started to tour the garden, everyone came to a stop at H. **'Treasure Truffle'**, a lovely apricot orange double. **'King Kahuna'**, a yellow double in the same bed, was attracting a lot of attention, too. Fred is partial to doubles and his garden is a double daylily lover's delight. Among the doubles that attracted my attention were **'Double Salmon Truffle'**,



'Two to Tango' a salmon rose blend, **'Miami Heat'** orange with a red eye, **'Second Millennium'** a rosy salmon, **'Pink Duality'** a creamy pink, and **'Nature's Glow'** a golden yellow with a hint of orange and a crimped ruffled edge. While I was touring the garden, it was brought to my attention that one of Fred's favorites was **'Affair d'Amour'**, a peachy orange double with a red pencil eye. Also, in the garden was another special daylily, **'Just for Breakfast'**, which won its class in the flower show, and of which everyone who owns it says it is always perfect.

Other daylilies that caught my eye were **'Snow Blizzard'**, sparkling in the sun, **'Desperado Love'**, a big yellow with a

large maroon eye, **'Navajo Princess'** sporting many blooms and **'Medieval Splendor'**, a lovely lavender with a purple eye.

It didn't surprise me as I was leaving to overhear someone say I don't want to go."

One last note. I have to confess that I didn't write this garden review all by myself. I got a lot of help from Mark Polasek from Houston, TX, and am grateful to him for sharing his insights with me.

The Lucky Bug Garden

By Carolyn Kittredge



James and Barbara Riley's wooded acreage in Beaumont, Texas, made me feel like a kid again. Walking up the lane toward the house, I took a left turn through tall blooming bushes into a gnome

garden under the trees. Daylily seedlings grew near the Toad House and a gnome holding a welcome sign.

Near the front gate is a sign advertising "Garden Tours - 5 cents" with a tin can attached. Antique Roses covered the fence. H. **'Fox Hunter'**, a guest plant, bloomed in a pot out front **'Denali'** was showing off as a huge beautiful single bloom today



The Rileys are members of the Native Plant Society of Texas and their garden is registered as a wildlife habitat. It was designed with cuttings and seeds collected over the years



on walks through the woods. They started with daylilies about 5 or 6 years ago and James already has seedlings blooming.

Daylilies were scattered around the landscape in pots as well as in beds with blooming native plants. Peace reigned as birds sang where Hurricane Rita had torn through just months before. The caution signs

now warned of pink roots growing above ground. Sunflowers grew way over my head. Walking Iris, Lantana, Old Roses, hidden spaces, Flamingos, an art bird (peacock?) and a coil Gat added to the fun of discovery in this beautiful woodland garden.



2007 AHS REGION 6 MEETING

Sponsored by Region 6

May 24-26 2007

Registration Fee \$130 if postmarked before April 15, 2007
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 \$150 after April 28, 2007
 \$50 youth registration

Hotel The Fredonia Hotel & Convention Center
 200 N. Fredonia Street
 Nacogdoches, TX 75961; Telephone 800-594-5323
 Group room rate: \$75.00 plus tax per night
 (Mention this rate when making reservations and that you are with the Daylily Group.)

Events:

Thursday, May 24 Regional Flower Show
 Exhibition Clinics & Garden Judges Workshop

Friday, May 25 Garden Tours (4 gardens)
 Lunch
 Regional Plant Auction

Saturday, May 26 Garden Tour- Jack Carpenter Daylily Garden
 Lunch
 Business Meeting and Banquet

Registration Form:

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If you plan to attend any of these scheduled events, please check:

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

AROUND THE REGION

Albuquerque Daylily Society

Margo Murdock, Reporter

Connie Elmore brought many new members into the society this year from the Mesa Diggers Garden Club. With all the new members wanting to learn about daylilies, Donna Peck scheduled a variety of programs to get them up to speed on daylily lingo and culture. And if we'll admit it, it helped the veteran members, too. In March, we had a panel of "seasoned" members discuss "What Are You Doing to Get Your Daylilies Ready?" where the panel discussed mulching (or removing mulch in some cases), watering, and fertilizing.

Then in April, Barbara Chang gave us an excellent talk on Daylilies 101 - what is a daylily, what are the parts, daylily history, daylily lingo, and daylily culture. We all learned something new. For example, I learned that the genetic material of a daylily is in the crown, not the roots and that the forms for UFOs are: crispate, cascading, and spatulate.



Cal Iskra and Carolyn and Mike Kitredge enjoy the regional meeting.

In May, we had another panel, this time on "Feeding, Watering, and Nurturing Your Daylilies." As usual it was interesting to hear what members do that's the same, and what members do that's different. Then he club paid \$50 towards the registration or members attending the Regional Meeting in Beaumont. So we had 12 members attend where we had a wonderful time visiting with friends, admiring gardens, writing down daylily names for our wish lists and in many cases other plant names as well, and of course eating. Love those Barbequed Crabs!

June's program was training with the Master, Jim Petty, on how to prepare for our daylily show. It must have worked because we had several new entrants at the show and at least one, Kate Avery, won 11 blue ribbons.

June is also the month when we hold our show and once again Connie Elmore put on a tremendously creative flower show. This year the theme was "Daylilies in the Bio Park." Donna Peck stole the show, literally, winning Best of Show and Miniature Flower with *H. 'Little Grapette'*, Small Flower with

'Gypsy Cranberry', Double with *'Nagasaki'*, Spider with *'Mountain Top Experience'*, Unusual Form with *'Spider Webb'*, and Sweepstakes with 39 blue ribbon winners. Carolyn Kittredge and Rozanne Tuffnell sneaked in with the Large Flower *'Hot Ember'* and Popularity Poll *'Jason Salter'*, respectively. Sweepstakes Design and Tricolor were won by Connie Elmore (how does she do it all?) and Courtney Petty won Designers Choice. Scott McFarland walked away with the single flower and clump photography awards. And we all had fun either helping with the show and/or the sale. But next year Donna may not win as many because Barbara Chang will be back - Barbara helped judge the show this year.

Brazosport Daylily Society

Jean Lewis, Reporter

During the Winter months, we try to stay warm as we find ourselves dreaming of the new daylilies and wondering where to make more beds. It's a never ending job for the flower we love, but that's okay.

In January, our speaker was Ron Brown, on the subject of "Do it Yourself Landscaping." It was very informative.

February we enjoyed hybridizer Tom Maddox from Mississippi. He had slides to demonstrate his method of growing his seedlings in pots that were sitting in water.

In March, Clarence and Beth Crochet gave a slide presentation on Best of the New and Best of the Classic Daylilies. Clarence told some Cajun jokes and stories. Everyone enjoyed their visit.

April is preparation time for our flower show. Art and Nina Imperial gave a demonstration on grooming daylilies, and design techniques, plus instruction on clerking, placement and set up. It's important for everyone to know their job ahead of time.

Thanks to Carol Horton and all his show committee for a very successful flower show. Also, to Gerald and Marilyn Overturff and their assistants for a profitable plant sale. We encourage everyone to participate by entering their flowers. It only takes one for Best of Show. Everyone did a great job and the show was a success.

We want to applaud the Gulf Coast Daylily Society for a great Regional. The gardens were beautiful. (What Hurricane?) and a lot of hard work went to make it a success.

This year for our June meeting members toured the AHS Display Garden of Mark Polasec, Houston, the lovely garden of Loris Garrett of Cypress, and the garden of Mack and Doris Walpole in Hockley. Our business meeting and lunch was enjoyed in the Walpole Garden.

The Brazosport Daylily Society mourns the loss of Inez Tarrant on April 13. She was a dear friend to all who knew her. Inez was well known for her hybridizing of *H.* 'Wind Frills', 'Lacy Marionette' and many more. As I walk through my garden, her name is on my favorite daylilies. **Daylilies have a way of making beautiful memories.**

Cypress Creek Daylily Club

Vernna Gibson, Reporter

Members of the Cypress Creek Daylily Club are looking forward to 2006 and the many daylily-related activities that the year will bring.

Among the activities, Program Chairman, Mary Gage, has provided some very interesting and informative programs for our Club this year.

Our January Program consisted of a presentation by Mr. John C. Ferguson entitled "An Introduction to the Soil Food Web." Mr. Ferguson explained why biological and organic (versus chemical) methods work, how to prevent many soil and gardening problems from occurring, why some mulches attract fire ants and why compost teas are so effective.

Mr. Ferguson operates Nature's Way Resources, Inc. and has extensive education, experience, and knowledge in environmental gardening issues.

Merlene Cain was our speaker for our February program. The topic of her program was "Invasive Plants." Ms. Cain gave us a list of plants that were considered invasive, and of course, at the top of the list was Kudzu Vine - the plant that ate the South!!

In March, we held our Club Daylily Auction, featuring daylilies from Dan Trimmer. The Auction was a lot of fun and there was a lot of good-natured competition for the plants as we all wanted to add some of these daylilies to our own collection. This was one of those "win-win" situations. Our Club profited and some of us were fortunate enough to be successful with our bidding.

Our April Program consisted of tips for "Flower Show Preparation" by Mary and Eddie Gage. Mary showed us grooming techniques that would help us get our blooms ready for the Show.

Eddie Gage, Chairman for our Spring Plant Sale, reported that we again experienced a very successful sale. This was a two

day plant sale (March 24 and March 25) and was held at Klein United Methodist Church in conjunction with their EggStravaganza Market. Thanks to all who donated plants and worked the sale!

Cypress Creek Daylily Club's Annual Flower Show was held on Saturday, May 6 at Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens. The theme for this year's show was "Dreaming of Daylilies." Flower Show Chairman Billy Lewis reported that we had 130 entrants. Even though we had a rainy start to the day, that cleared up by "show time." We had quite a few visitors who were interested in seeing the blooms and who also had questions regarding the culture of daylilies. As an added bonus, we added a new member to our Club. We want to welcome Ann Franklin to our group!!

Our Club does not meet during the Summer months - we'll see everyone in September!

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Binion Amerson, Reporter

Members of the Daylily Growers of Dallas had a really hot and dry Spring 2006. Our daylilies were not in prime condition for our garden tours and annual flower show. The scapes had little branching and thus low bud count. But we did manage to hold a wonderful daylily show at the Dallas Arboretum.

This locality was a first for the Daylily Growers of Dallas and the public relations proved fantastic. We got lots of exposure to the general public. The show was held on June 11 in Rosine Hall located in the new Trammell Crow Visitor Education Pavilion. The theme was "Strolling Through the Garden." In all, 241 entries were made in the Horticulture Division and 16 entries were made in the Design Division.

An AHS Special Appreciation Award went to Peggy Mitchell for her excellent Education Exhibit featuring the different types of daylilies. Rich Miller, Show Chairman, and the Show Committee thank everyone who brought daylilies and designs which made for a most successful 2006 DGD Flower Show.

The club now has a 2006 Yearbook thanks to hard work by Peggy Mitchell. We are holding a Summer potluck event so members can vote in the AHS Region 6 Popularity Poll and keep in touch. Fall programs planned include Landscaping with Daylilies, Daylily Bingo, and My Favorite Daylilies.

Golden Spread Daylily Society

Joan Avampato, Reporter

It has been hot and dry so far this Spring, in fact it has been Summer since the beginning of May. The temperatures have been over 90 for the majority of days and most of those have been in the high 90's. Rainfall has been less than an inch until the end of June when it rained here and there in Amarillo. The rain pattern was spotty but we will take whatever we get. Along with the rain came some cooler days in the 80's, that were thoroughly enjoyable. We are still in drought conditions and wildfires are daily occurrences all around us. The sad fact is that the Spring months are usually the rainy season.

We were one of many plant societies and clubs that took part in the plant sale at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens Garden Fest on Saturday, May 6. Don Glenn supplied the majority of daylilies from his garden, digging and cleaning them for the sale. Members labeled and tagged the plants and we were sold out by 10.30. It rained the night before and in the early morning of the sale, but held off long enough for the sale activities to be completed.

We met at Don Glenn's gardens for our June meeting and enjoyed seeing all the daylilies as well as numerous other plants. New member Suzanne Yaws came to her first meeting and was joined by Ken Mazurek, Doug Smith, Joan Avampato, Don, the host, and Frances Dauner, who brought lemonade and muffins. The weather was wonderfully cool and we had a good time.

Our daylily garden area at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens is ready for us to start planting. Don has been holding our daylilies in his garden while the ABG has been undergoing extensive remodeling and building for the last 3 years. Their gardens look great and are still a work in progress. We walked around Don's garden trying to decide which daylilies to move and how to layout the garden.

We are sad to report of the death of one of our members. Andy Harris died on June 15, and we have lost a loyal member who contributed his time and talents to all our activities.

Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Mary Gage, Reporter

Oh, what a year this has been! Everyone, starting with Chairman Fred Rice and Co-Chairs Dr. Eugene Orgeron and Margie Dumesnil, worked hard to have a great Region 6 Meeting and it must have been as we are getting lots of "Thank You" notes. Our tour gardens suffered damage, mainly the loss of trees, from hurricane Rita but the silver linings in the clouds meant more sunshine for daylilies and our gardeners certainly

took advantage of it. Craig and Millie Hoyal grew plants generously donated by Jack Carpenter for gift and bus plants, and also hosted the Region 6 Hybridizers' Awards Beds. Congratulations to Bobo Faggard for his Annie T. Giles winner FMD05-99, a small creamy yellow double with a red eye and to Leon Payne for his pink Unusual Form daylily with a chevron eye, winner of the Edna Lankart Award. The Region 6 Tour Garden reports will reflect how well the daylilies grew and bloomed, some after being planted only recently. Bus Captains James Tolar, Kevin Angened, Sheri Jehlen, and Scott Henry kept us on schedule and entertained with Dr. Orgeron's witty letter and AHS quiz. Deana Spradley's painted garden signs were great additions to each garden and she also made beautifully sculpted ruffled, edged daylilies as gifts for our guest speakers, Ted Petit and John Peat.

Back at the hotel, Joe and Earline Tullier saw to it that we had a neat place for folks to relax, nibble goodies and visit with friends in the hospitality room. We had lots of compliments on banquet and luncheon food, thanks to Nancy Orgeron, who took charge of that. Other well done items and workers on the schedule were registration - Ann Marks, silent auction - Sylvia Pattison, boutique - Dee Dee Toler, ditty bags - Rita Legé, raffle - Julie Choate and slideshow - Margie Brown. Bridey Greeson will have her Region 6 Auction report elsewhere in the Newsletter, but we want to add our word of thanks to her and Kay Day Pricola for a job well done. And finally, let's not forget the ingenious use of spent daylily scapes in the lovely banquet table decorations by Anna Archer, as we enjoyed having the whole Region join with us in celebration of our Fiftieth Anniversary with cake and ice cream.

Starting in January, we had three workshops to prepare for the Design Section of the flower show. Nell and Harvey Shimek and their granddaughter, Erica, taught the first workshop. The second and third were taught by Gulf Coast members Elizabeth Gibbs and Anna Archer. This helped even our novice designers to have some exciting designs reflecting "Golden Memories from the Golden Triangle." We appreciate Eddie Gage and Billy Lewis as Show Chair and Co-Chair as well as members from other Region 6 clubs for the helping with the flower show and donating all of the awards. The flower show winners of AHS Rosette Sections are reported elsewhere in this Newsletter. Other flower show award winners were People's Choice Award - Megan Spradley for *Hemerocallis* 'Whimsical Witch' and Section IV Design Novice - Sheryl Broussard.

We appreciate Donald Cart's generosity in donating the plants we sold in conjunction with the Thyme for Herb Society at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on April 29. We also had another sale on May 13 at Central Mall in Port Arthur. Thanks to Sharon LeBlanc for taking charge and to Lamy and Margie Brown for having the workday at their home to prepare the plants. And of course, the big sale was with the Region 6 Meeting when we had tons of potted daylilies including many newer varieties. Thanks to Lamy Brown for caring for the potted plants. Our

May 6 meeting was at Groves Senior Citizen Center with a program on grooming daylilies by Dr. Orgeron.

Now we can look forward to next year's Region 6 Meeting in Nacogdoches where we will be helping with some part of the meeting. Having worked so hard this year we will certainly appreciate the hosts of future Regionals.

Lone Star Daylily Society

Paul Eskine, Reporter

Lone Star Daylily Society has not submitted a report since last Summer, so this report covers a year of fellowship and good times. We currently have 55 members and are going strong.

In a quick look back in the last half of 2005, LSDS was honored to have as a guest speaker last August, Christie Dixon, of Christie's Daylilies. Christie gave a beautiful slide presentation of her hybridizing program, including present and possible future introductions. In September, Paul Eskine, gave an informative slide program dubbed "Daylilies 101." The program was well received as a great program for "newbies" along with long time daylily members. In October, LSDS had our annual daylily auction to raise money for upcoming programs and events. In November, Richard Johnson gave a delightful program on LSDS hybridizer's future introductions. The year ended with our annual holiday party and installation of officers for 2006.



Best in Show H. 'Midnight Magic' - Leon & Paula Payne

New 2006 LSDS Officers:

President:	Paul Eskine
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Treasurer:	Mike Peppers
Flower Show Chair:	Barney Roberts



Eddy provided a very informative discussion. The meeting concluded with an auction of Eddy's daylilies and a potluck dinner.

In January, the year 2006 started off extremely well as we were honored to have Eddy Scott, of Countryside Daylilies, present a slide program of his beautiful daylilies.

February and March brought Master Gardener Louis Mickler, with the Harris County Master Gardeners. In February, he gave a presentation on Soil Preparation and Composting, and in March, a presentation on Micro Irrigation. Both programs were well received by the members, and gave many ideas in furthering their daylily programs.

Also in March, Erica Bird, an LSDS member, and granddaughter of Harvey and Nell Shimek, gave a very interesting short program on daylilies and then our members participated in a perennial plant swap.



In April, LSDS Barney Roberts and Nell Shimek gave demonstrations and information advising how to prepare horticulture entries and artistic arrangements. Also, we had a program on point and shoot digital photography from guest speaker, Becky Sheehy. Becky gave an informative discussion on the basic aspects in photographing flowers and garden settings.

Our annual Flower Show and Plant Sale was held on May 6th. The setting this year was the Katy Mills Mall, in Katy, Texas. The Show and Sale was a huge success, despite an overnight and early morning severe thunderstorm with hail that damaged many of our member's plants. We managed to have 133 on-scape entries. Mildred and Paul Eskine won the best small daylily with H. 'Just For Breakfast', the best Miniature daylily with 'Dragon's Orb', and the best Unusual Form daylily with 'Wind Beneath My Sails'. The best Youth Entry was won by Erica Bird, with 'Courting Trouble'. The rest of the awards, including Best of Show and Sweepstakes, went to Leon and Paula Payne. Their winnings included best Extra Large daylily, 'Lilly And Petals', best Large daylily and Best Of Show daylily, 'Midnight Magic', best Double daylily, 'Forty Second Street', best Spider daylily, 'Lacy Marionette', best Popularity Poll daylily, 'Jason Salter', and best Seedling daylily, #04-209. The Tricolor winner was won by Nell Shimek with her design "Suburban Cowboy in Daylilies." The Designer's Choice winner was won by Erica Bird, with her design "The Bunny Trails."

In June, LSDS visited several daylily gardens from members of other local clubs. It was hot, as normal, but wonderful daylilies were in view for our members.

And this brings us to July, where LSDS just completed our meeting with guest speaker, Linda Knowles, of the Native Plant Society of Texas. Linda gave an intriguing slideshow and discussion on the Native Trees and Plants of Texas and using these in our Southeast Texas landscape.

Now, the dog days of Summer are upon us and we pray to keep some rain in the forecast, bypassing any major tropical system or flood, and hope, of course, to get pass the rot season as we look forward to Fall.

Lufkin Hemerocallis Society

Maggie Koon, Reporter

I cannot believe it is July, where has the year gone? What happened to Spring? We had covered dish luncheon in April at Koon Kountry in the picnic area overlooking the lake. In May, we met at Sally Eschenfelder's for a plant exchange and finalize plans for our annual sale.

We were very busy in May and June. We toured member yards as well as a trip to The Lily Farm in Center. Naturally, one cannot go there and just look and visit with Jack and Josie. We all came away with daylilies that we just could not live without. There were some really awesome specimens in bloom, but Jack still uses his NO word and BLUE flags often.

Nine of our members attended the Region 6 Meeting at Port Arthur in May. Some of them became ill the day after returning home. They thought allergies from the hotel renovation, but could it have been too many beautifully landscaped gardens and fabulous refreshments?

Our annual sale was June 3rd at the Angelina County Farmers Market. As usual, cars were waiting for the gates to open at 8 a.m. We had a very good selection of daylilies as well as other plants. Our membership participated well in the preparation of plants and also assisting customers on sale day.

We do not meet in July and August. Those months are devoted to weeding, watering and weeding again and again. We will meet in the Fall and Winter beginning September 5th

We were saddened with the loss of our dear Bernice Poole. She was always "The Life of the Party." The blessing is that she went peacefully in her sleep. The good news is that we have Pat Levens as a new member. She has just retired from many years of teaching (34, I think) and the BUG has bitten her, but good.

In spite of our very dry Spring, the daylilies had an awesome bloom season. My late blooming plants are showing color and I also have reblooms. Due to the extreme heat and wind in our area, the foliage is showing stress.

Fall is almost here; so, happy digging and dividing.

Nacogdoches Daylily Society

Jean Consford, Reporter

We joined with local garden clubs and nurseries to participate in the downtown plant sale in conjunction with the annual Azalea Trail Festival on a cold very windy day in March. Sales were fairly good considering the weather which only "threatened" rain. Not always, but often appreciating the humor in a bad situation, I briefly enjoyed the sight of Candace and her helpful husband transporting the fully erected tent down the town square into a direct wind! They had been instructed by those in charge to set up at the other end of the plaza, which was the garage sale section. I say "briefly" because the look on her face did not encourage further grinning!

We had another smaller sale in my driveway during April. One of our newest members, Sandy Farrar, generously hosted all of us and several spouses at her home and expansive gardens for a delicious lunch. She and her husband have and are creating a very special place, including a walk through the woods to the pond. The group had a really good time.

Attending and enjoying the Regional Meeting were Jerry and I, Jean Barnhart, Lillian Lilly, Sigrun Hughes, Alice Rooks, and Regina Moehring. Thanks to the Gulf Coast Daylily Society for sharing your hospitality and your gardens with us and a special Thanks for hanging in there in spite of Rita. I personally enjoyed overspending at the auction; it had been awhile. Jerry and I had a good visit with Jack Carpenter and Josie Bomar, left with "just a few plants, only those I really had to have," and Bridey Greeson and I rode around with Jack on his cart "helping" to pick out your gift plants for the 2007 Regional here in Nacogdoches. Jack's generosity is amazing and very much appreciated.

My daughter escorted Mama to the 2007 National in Long Island, New York, where the daylily gardens were just beautiful and the people were so friendly. I will long remember the fragrance and the sight of the many Oriental Lilies in addition to the daylilies. Our bus was one from Albany, New York, and we were almost the only ones not with their club. One of them lunched at our table and smiling, remarked that he felt as though he was at the UN - he was hearing French Canadian on one side and Texan on the other. I don't get it? We then attempted to "do New York City" in less than two full days! As my steroid shot was wearing off, most of my doing was from the top of a tour bus in the beginning of their recent heat wave. We had joked with the Kwans and the Imperials that surely we would run into each other in New York City. During the intermission of "Mama Mia," Jim and Courtney Petty suddenly appeared! What happens in New York stays in New York!

On a very personal note, it has been my great unexpected honor to receive the Region 6 Service Award, joining a most

esteemed group of individuals and couples, many of whom have been so supporting and inspiring to me. I have gained much more than I have given to Region 6; again, this is an honor I will tuck under my wing and cherish forever.

San Antonio Daylily Society

Marilyn Greenlee, Reporter

At our first meeting of the year on January 15, Mark Carpenter talked about what we should be doing in our daylily beds. He answered various questions posed by an attentive audience. Our February 19 meeting was canceled at the last minute due to a freezing rain that hit the area. SADS participated in the March 18 Spring Plant Sale held at the San Antonio Botanical Garden. This event replaces the two-day Viva Botanica event, which traditionally was held the first weekend in April. Darlene Welge, owner of D&D Creations was guest speaker at our March 19 meeting. Darlene's creative ventures encompass a variety of arts and crafts, all with an emphasis on nature. In her presentation, she discussed how to photograph daylilies for an interesting and attractive effect.

At our April 23 meeting, member Don Tuff, an entomologist, described critters and their feeding mechanisms, which determine what type of pest control to use. Steve Wingfield addressed how to prepare daylilies for exhibition, and Pat Schultze detailed specifications of the Design Division. We held no meetings during May or June, but, as usual, this was a very busy and eventful time for us. Don and Sandy Brown, Thelma Pratts, and Mark Carpenter opened their gardens for members to tour over various dates in May. On May 13 we participated in our second daylily sale of 2006 with a booth at the Festival of Flowers, an event held annually at the Alzafar Shrine.



Gulf Coast Daylily Society of Southeast Texas, who planned an

excellent program. We can hardly imagine the amount of work it took to get those gardens back into such good shape after the damage inflicted by Hurricane Rita. Pictured, left to right, are Nix Bodden, Ruben and Lucy Valdez, Pat Schultze, Marilyn Greenlee, Beth Zimpelman-Bodden, Ray Jordan, Jean Vanderhider, and Thelma Pratts. Bridey Greeson, busily attending to her duties as Garden Judges Liaison and Auction Chair, was unavailable for this photo op at the Riley's in Beaumont. Wafting high above our heads are giant sunflowers, just one of the many native plants gracing The Lucky Bug Garden.

On May 28 SADS members helped Col. Mike Conrad celebrate reaching 88 years of age earlier in the month. We enjoyed ice cream, cake, and burgers grilled under the tall Live Oaks that populate



Mike's property. Seen here are two Chinese American youth performing the Lion Dance to entertain guests amidst his sprawling container garden.

Our annual daylily show and sale was held on Saturday, June 3, again this year at the San Antonio Garden Center. Next year we will increase our order of plants, as we quickly sold out. With the bloom season having begun early this year and with our show occurring a little later than usual, we experienced some rebloom in our exhibits. A listing of our AHS Rosette Winners will appear in the upcoming report of all of the Region 6 shows held in 2006. Our local blue rosette was awarded to Mark Carpenter for his off-scape display of *H. 'Jade Glow'*. People's Choice Awards were voted on by all show attendees. For the fourth year in a row, the public chose Beth Zimpelman's design, which also earned her the AHS Tricolor Award. The public's favorite cultivar was Janice Green's lovely red double seedling.

Future meetings will include Daylily Bingo, our plant auction, and in November the election of new officers to serve during 2007. We will close out the year with a December holiday potluck dinner and gift exchange.

Edna Lankart and Annie T. Giles Hybridizer's Beds 2008 AHS National Convention

Seedlings for the Region 6 competition beds, Annie T. Giles for host club hybridizers and Edna Lankart for the rest of the Region, may be sent this Spring to have time to establish and show off to their best in 2008. The Region 6 Hybridizers' beds will be in the garden of Loris Garrett and he is ready for them now. When you plan to send seedlings please let him know to be expecting them.

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