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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**May 14-17, 2008**

**AHS National  
Convention  
Houston, TX**

**May 21-23, 2009**

**AHS National  
Convention  
Orlando, FL**

**Spring 2009**

**Region 6 Meeting  
North Texas Daylily Society**

**Spring 2010**

**Region 6 Meeting  
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**Summer 2011**

**Region 6 Meeting  
Albuquerque Daylily Society**

## SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people in Region 6 whose extra efforts made the Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches a success.

**Jean Consford** for her grace under fire and coordination of the hotel and menus.

**Sally Eschenfelder** who volunteered to coordinate tours of gardens in Lufkin.

**Donna Peck** and **Alan and Rozanne Tuffnell** who kept everything on track.

**Binion Amerson** and **Daylily Growers of Dallas** for giving us a superb flower show.

**Anita Causey** for her great enthusiasm and Christmas in May.

**Malcolm Avaritt** for taking on the Regional Auction when previous plans fell through.

**Margo Murdock** who acted as Registrar.

**Jack Carpenter** for opening his garden in peak season and his continued generosity to the Region.

**Barbara Shapiro** who helped at the last minute to fill in as Secretary.

**The Austin club** for their support of the silent auction.  
**The Gulf Coast club** and **Deane Spradley** who planned and manned the hospitality room.

All of those who donated plants for the auction and those of you who were there to buy the plants and support Region 6.

**Art Bova** for his great program on photography. And all of the others who worked at the registration desk or any of the other jobs that it takes to put one of these things together.

If I have forgotten you I'm sorry, but you know that I feel a great debt of gratitude to you all.



# RVP / EDITOR REPORT

Jim Petty

Well, I guess I can't even give this thing away!! So here goes another round as Editor and RVP. Wasn't the Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches and Lufkin great?! If you missed this one, you missed a fantastic time. It, of course, did not go off without a hitch, but came pretty darn close. The food was the best overall of any large meeting I have ever attended thanks to Jean Consford who did the hotel menu planning, Deane Spradley who did the hospitality room, Sally Eschenfelder who organized the lunch in Lufkin, and each of the garden hosts who never thought we had eaten enough.

The tour gardens were fantastic in all respects. Not only did they display some superb daylilies, but the tour was well coordinated and each garden host seemed truly happy to see us arrive. We had a variety of gardens to see from the small home garden in a fantastic retirement community to the HUGE acreage of Jack Carpenter. What a treat to see Jack's latest at peak bloom - it overwhelmed me from the moment I stepped off the bus. I will have to admit that I danced a little jig when the buses showed up that first morning since we had such a time getting that piece put together.



Enjoying the meeting and banquet on Saturday night

The Flower Show was one of the best we have seen at a Regional. Thanks to Binion Amerson who coordinated it and the Dallas Club who sponsored it. And let's not forget all the people who really made it work - the people who brought exhibits - some from hundreds of miles away. And of course I cannot thank Malcolm Avaritt enough for the super job he did with the Regional Auction. Also, I can't forget all the folks from Albuquerque who stepped in at the last minute to help keep this thing on track. Donna Peck and Alan and Rozanne Tuffnell who led the charge and Margo Murdock who became the Registrar along with each of the other folks who stepped in to fill a spot made this thing really happen.



top of the heap for 2007.

One small area of Jack's plants

Now let's talk about daylilies. We are at the end of our peak blooming stage right now. Albuquerque's show was the last weekend in June so we are a little behind you all in Texas. I am continually amazed at some of the new cultivars and one that has surprised me this year is *H. 'Cinderella Sue'*. This Josie Bomar introduction is new to my garden, but what surprised me is that it was as fresh at nine o'clock at night as it was at nine o'clock in the morning!! That's a real feat in Albuquerque. This would be on my Popularity Poll list if it were not so new to my garden. Having brought up the subject, don't forget to turn in your Popularity Poll ballot before the September deadline. Let's maintain our spot at the

Again, you will see that I remain in my "Big Bloom" period and think I will close out my run as Editor with large bloom covers. Hope you enjoy it and that this finds you well and reminiscing over a fabulous daylily season shared with family and friends.



# EXHIBITION JUDGES

## LIAISON

### Binion Amerson

Thanks for allowing me to follow in the footsteps of Mary Gage, AHS Region 6 Exhibition Judges Liaison, for the last several years. I hope I can keep up the high standards that she has set. While I had my hands full as Flower Show Chairman in Nacogdoches, Mary Gage was conducting Clinics I, II, and III. Eight students took the Clinics.

Please remember that Clinic I - Introduction to Exhibition Judging - may be held at anytime of the year because we use slides instead of fresh flowers. To take Clinic I, one must have held AHS membership 24 consecutive months. Let me know if any club wishes to sponsor Clinic I this Fall or early next Spring so as to be ready for Clinic II when the 2008 AHS National Convention is held May 14-17, 2008, in Houston, TX.

All Exhibition Judges and beginning students are required to own the latest edition of the AHS Handbook, *Judging Daylilies*, which was revised in 2006. Anyone needing this Handbook should order it from AHS. The order blank may be found in the back of your AHS *Journal* and should be sent to:

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The latest list of Region 6 AHS Exhibition Judges may be found in the Spring 2007 issue of the Region 6 Daylily Newsletter. I am pleased that a number of clubs invited Junior Judges to participate in judging this Spring. Several of our Junior Judges have now completed the requirements for Senior Judge accreditation.

*Since we are changing Liaisons in mid-stream and since Mary was in charge of the Clinics at Nacogdoches, we thought it would be a good idea to have a few notes from Mary in addition to the report by our new Exhibition Judges Liaison.*

Exhibition Judges Report  
By Mary Gage

We are in good shape as far as numbers of Judges and Instructors, but please realize that we need to keep more new Judges coming on as we do lose Judges and Instructors from time to time. As of this writing we have 64 Senior Exhibition Judges, 7 Junior Judges, 4 Students-In-Training, 6 Honorary Judges and 21 Instructors.

At our Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches we had one student in Clinic II and 7 in Clinic III. Clinic I was cancelled because we had no students taking the exam.

After 6 years as Region 6 AHS Exhibition Judges Liaison, I am stepping down and Binion Amerson has taken my place. I appreciate the cooperation and willingness to serve from our Region 6 members and I know you will continue to be as supportive of Binion.



# **GARDEN JUDGES**

## **LIAISON**

**Bridey Greeson**

### **WE HAVE NEW GARDEN JUDGES!**

Congratulations go to our twelve new Garden Judges for Region 6: **Malcolm Avaritt, Charlotte Barker, Tom Bevel, Mark Carpenter, Lee Causey, Chris Crainer, Everett Crainer, Ruth Holt, Carolyn Kittredge, Margo Murdock, Barbara Shapiro, and Steve Wingfield.** Not only do we have many new Judges, we have had a record number of Judges attend Garden Judges Workshop 2 to stay ahead of their renewal dates. With the changes in the Garden Judges requirements, you don't have to take Workshop 1 before Workshop 2 and you can take both Workshops in one day and become a new Judge in a matter of a few hours. Everyone has had a great time with a new part of Workshop 2 which is learning to measure a Spider. We are now given a chart to use so we can measure a Spider and understand what it takes in measurements to be a 4 to 1 ratio. By 4 to 1, I mean that the length of the petal when it is stretched out is 4 times longer than the same petal's width. You find the flower's longest petal and stretch it out to find out the length of the petal. Then you measure the widest point of the petal without spreading the petal or flattening the petal. When you multiply the width measurement by 4, this number equals the minimum length you need for the flower to qualify as a Spider. With Workshop 2, you will have a chart for Spider measurements which makes your task very easy. Little did I know that having a tape measure is an important part of teaching Workshop 2.

We still must not rest on our laurels until we can get more Garden Judges Instructors. I would love for the Region to have a Garden Judge Instructor in New Mexico and more in Texas- With so few Instructors, it is hard for me to be everywhere to teach the Workshop. Don't forget that you can take the Workshops at the National Conventions and other Regionals. Please be patient with my ability to come teach a Workshop for your club, as I have several family members that are very ill and continue to decline. As much as I love to teach the Workshops, I have to be here for my family, as well. It is easier for me to do Workshops during the week versus the weekend so please keep that in mind when you call. If you have your renewal application ready, send it to me now and beat the last minute deadline. Thank you to all of the new Judges for coming to the Workshops and adding to our list of great Garden Judges.

## **REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE DAYLILIES**

**VOTE FOR ONLY 1**

**OR**

**VOTE FOR UP TO 10**

**VOTE ONLINE AT THE REGION 6 WEB SITE**

**OR**

**VOTE BY WRITTEN BALLOT**

**BUT**

**VOTE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1**



# RPD REPORT

Mark Carpenter

!!!! 50% 50% 50% !!!!

As you know, we broke every record I could find in Region 6 AND AHS for our 2006 Popularity Poll turnout (39% of all voters, 2nd place Region 10 was 26%)!! Last year's chart is below. We were jaw-dropping amazing in our performance, and the reason quite simply was all of your efforts, and I appreciate it greatly. Here is how we will BEAT the incredible performance we had last year - and we WILL beat it!

Our goal is so high we need to get every single vote to beat last year's performance!

I will offer the following to the clubs who achieve the following:

- Any club turning in 100% of their AHS members votes will all receive a fan of my 2005 introduction *Hemerocallis* '**Robes of Royalty**' to auction to raise club funds.
- The club with the MOST total votes from their AHS members will all receive a double fan of my 2005 introduction *H.* '**Curves That Swerve**' to auction off to raise club funds.
- All clubs that turn in 100% of their AHS members votes, I will put all of these clubs into a hat and have my daughter randomly draw out a name. That club will be sent a double fan of Frank Smith's 2004 introduction *H.* '**American Freedom**' AND a 2007 introduction from Jack Carpenter (my choice, and it will be a GREAT ONE I PROMISE!!)

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE write your club affiliation on your electronic votes or write-in and mail-in ballots. This would save me DAYS of follow-up!! Remember, you MUST be an AHS member, and you can vote for just 1 cultivar, or up to 10. It's SO EASY!!

## Voter Response in 2006

| Region | Turnout    |          |          | Change from 2005 |          |           |
|--------|------------|----------|----------|------------------|----------|-----------|
|        | Membership | #Ballots | %Turnout | #Ballots         | %Turnout | Gain/Loss |
| 1      | 328        | 35       | 10.7%    | -9               | -2.8%    | -20.5%    |
| 2      | 1628       | 272      | 16.7%    | 27               | 2.0%     | 11.0%     |
| 3      | 941        | 233      | 24.8%    | -11              | -0.7%    | -4.5%     |
| 4      | 1244       | 203      | 16.3%    | 35               | 2.8%     | 20.8%     |
| 5      | 821        | 128      | 15.6%    | 8                | 1.2%     | 6.7%      |
| 6      | 662        | 260      | 39.3%    | 138              | 21.6%    | 113.1%    |
| 7      | 230        | 27       | 11.7%    | -28              | -11.2%   | -50.9%    |
| 8      | 132        | 26       | 19.7%    | -31              | -22.8%   | -54.4%    |
| 9      | 193        | 29       | 15.0%    | -11              | -0.8%    | -27.5%    |
| 10     | 681        | 178      | 26.1%    | -55              | -7.9%    | -23.6%    |
| 11     | 566        | 115      | 20.3%    | -8               | 0.1%     | -6.5%     |
| 12     | 400        | 74       | 18.5%    | 0                | 0.0%     | 0.0%      |
| 13     | 520        | 47       | 9.0%     | -15              | -1.4%    | -24.2%    |
| 14     | 934        | 225      | 24.1%    | 14               | 1.0%     | 6.6%      |
| 15     | 784        | 135      | 17.2%    | 20               | 3.0%     | 17.4%     |
| Int'l  | 142        | 4        | 2.8%     | 3                | 2.2%     | 300%      |
| Total  | 10206      | 1991     | 19.5%    | 77               | 1.3%     | 4.0%      |

Everyone, I've been told my goal for this year is impossible, that I'm crazy, and that it won't happen. 50%, you read it right. I want 50% of all members to VOTE! We can only do it if you guys PUSH your clubs and get their votes. Call them on the phone if you have to and send it to me yourself, but let's get it done. Let's rock the POPULARITY POLL world of AHS for 2007!!!



# TREASURER'S REPORT

**Malcolm Avaritt**

## **Region 6 Financial Statement**

**Beginning Balance June 2006** **\$53,667.96**

### **Income**

|                           |                 |
|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Interest                  | \$1,891.15      |
| 2006 Auction              | \$11,240.00     |
| Club Donations            | \$6,303.35      |
| Service Fee Reimbursement | <u>\$210.00</u> |

**Total Income** **\$19,644.50**

### **Expenses**

|                                  |                 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Service Fee                      | \$231.00        |
| Web Page                         | \$49.00         |
| Postage                          | \$53.40         |
| 2006 Newsletter                  | \$2,964.38      |
| Region 6 Brochure                | \$515.57        |
| RVP Life Membership              | \$500.00        |
| Insurance                        | \$165.50        |
| 2006 Plant Auction Reimbursement | \$500.00        |
| 2007 Region Meeting Fund         | \$1,000.00      |
| Bus Rental                       | \$4,950.00      |
| Auction Plants                   | \$2,850.00      |
| 2007 Spring Newsletter           | \$2,282.61      |
| Show Ribbons                     | \$118.00        |
| AHS Brochures                    | \$10.00         |
| Board Member Expense/Travel      | <u>\$500.00</u> |

**Total Expenses** **\$16,689.46**

**Ending Balance June 2007** **\$56,623.00**

# GARDEN TOUR

## REVIEWS



### Evelyn & Max Barley 563 Lone Star Road Lufkin, TX 75901

By Barbara K. Chang, MD, MA, Albuquerque

The sign at the entry in the garden says it all. "Welcome Friends." Evelyn and Max Barley's garden impresses one immediately with the warm welcoming and relaxed environment that it conveys. Friends and visitors - one suspects that all garden visitors here are "friends" in the Barley's - are free to stroll around the many daylily beds or to just sit in several

comfortable venues to enjoy the shade of the huge Live Oaks (or Water Oaks). Theirs is a family garden that draws upon their youth in a rural setting and fondness for working the land. The garden's name, which is displayed over the arbor, is also appropriate "Rustic Acres."

The garden is equally inviting of



Other annuals, perennials, and shrubs were scattered throughout the garden. One of the most unusual was the so-called "Fireman's Helmet" (Erythrina).

Likewise, there are many places that one can sit comfortably and sip tea, while relishing being outdoors in colorful, yet peaceful surroundings. Many of our Region 6 members took advantage of various pleasant spots situated throughout the garden as a respite from the often hectic pace of Regional Tour Gardens.



exploration and of just sitting and enjoying the cool breezes through the trees and shrubs. For the more energetically inclined, the prospect from the road and entry beckons one to explore the well arranged and well groomed beds throughout the property.

Mrs. Barley says she's been growing daylilies for over 30 years, but has only been a member of the Lufkin club, of which she is past President, about 21 years. In her modest way, she neglects to mention that she introduced many in the Lufkin area to the delights of growing daylilies.

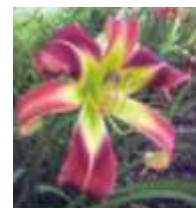
Although she unfortunately suffered a hip fracture this Spring, she is gaining strength and loves to spend as much time in her garden as possible.

She estimates that she and her husband have about 300-400 daylilies covering over one acre of garden space. If there is an overall daylily theme for her garden, it is a large representation of Jack Carpenter seedlings and also seedlings of her many friends. The Barleys visit Carpenter's Lily Farm at least once a year to see what is new and worth adding to their collection. Their selection criteria are very simple: "We buy the prettiest things that we see."



which she knew for many years as "Texas Star", and *H. 'Mad Max'*, as her husband is named Max.

Mrs. Barley also is fond of Spiders - in particular, one called *Hemerocallis 'Marse Connell'*,



One is struck by a large number of lovely and well-grown seedlings - as illustrated below:



Thus, the Barley's garden will be remembered long after the tour as a lovely, tranquil space where friends are always made to feel welcome to enjoy the beauty of the daylilies and the restful setting. On behalf of Region 6, I would like to thank the Barleys for sharing their garden with us.

# Jack Carpenter's Lily Farm

By Rich Rosen



There is a farm along Highway 7 between Nacogdoches and Center, Texas, that grows a most beautiful crop. The crop is daylilies and the farmer is Jack Carpenter. The Lily Farm is aptly named. It is not a garden. It is a farm. There are rows upon rows of beautiful seedlings, future introductions, and registered

cultivars. I've been to daylily gardens and nurseries all over the country, and I've never seen anything equal to it.

As we got off the buses, we were greeted by Jack Carpenter and Josie Bomar. Josie helps manage The Lily Farm and is a noted hybridizer in her own right. Even if people had never met



Jack before, he has been a good friend to all members of Region 6 through his generous donations to Regional events and fundraisers.

On a sunny May day, the place to start is in the extensive shade houses. This is where you find blocks of the newer introductions, and seedlings going through final evaluation. I could go on and on about all the stunning daylilies I saw, but you really need to see them in person to fully appreciate their beauty. But I will try to describe a few that really stood out for me.

*Hemerocallis* '**Beauty Of The King**' (Spring 2005) was a rich lavender purple with a bluish purple eye and lighter edge; and the scape had great branching and bud count. This flower has stuck in my mind more than any other this year. Jack has produced several beautiful reds, but *H.* '**Feliz Navidad**' (Fall 2006) was spectacular. It is a large bright red with a dazzling yellow throat and edge. *H.* '**Sunset Extravaganza**' (Spring 2006) was on fire. The flowers are a glowing yellow and orange blend that looks too hot to touch. And *H.* '**Exotic Pattern**' (Spring 2007) has a wild and crazy purple eye pattern

on a peachy cream background that must have come from its *H.* '**Texas Kaleidoscope**' parentage. It looks like something from a 1960's psychedelic dream.

If you were there in person, I'm sure you had your own long list of favorites. But you are not going to find many small flowers or Spider forms on your list. That is not part of Jack's (or Josie's) vision. Carpenter daylilies have a look about them that can be recognized wherever you see them. They are large, extra-large, really nothing much is less than 6 inches in diameter. They are seldom recurved. The flowers lay out flat, showing off their vibrant colors and patterns to maximum advantage.



You see very few cultivars by other hybridizers at The Lily Farm. (The only one that really caught my eye was *H.* '**Ledgewood's Citation**' by Gunda Abajian.) But talking with Jack, he does use the genetics of other hybridizers that fit his

goals. Some Stamile and Trimmer, but more than any other this has been Jeff Salter. Jack also supposed that one of Elizabeth Salter's smaller blue-eyed creations must be in the background of Jack's famous *H.* '**Lavender Blue Baby**'.



All of the plants were lush and green. I asked Jack about the soil mixture he is using to get such beautiful foliage and flowers. To each 5' x 50' bed of naturally sandy soil, he blends in 3



inches of twice-ground pine bark, 50# of alfalfa, 50# of cotton seed meal, 25# of corn meal, and 50# of Nutricote (360 day time release fertilizer). This soil along with frequent watering results in whopping big fans and scapes.

It's a long drive from Austin to Nacogdoches, but it was *H.* '**Worth It All**' (Carpenter 2003) to see *H.* '**How Beautiful Heaven Must Be**' (Carpenter 2002) at The Lily Farm.

# Jerry and Jean Conford's Garden

By Bridey Greeson



When you enter the Consford's neighborhood, you see the most fabulous, lush, green trees with a canopy that is several stories high. As everyone knows, Jean has always had a wonderful daylily garden and her latest garden is chock full of wonderful daylilies and perennials. And if you have heard of Jerry's skills, you are sure to see a large collection of bird houses that he has built over the years.

As I exited the tour bus, the first daylily to catch my eye was a picture perfect flower of Jack Carpenter's *H. 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'*. Having been a long time fan of Jack's, Jean had other great Carpenter introductions



blooming throughout like *H. 'Morning Breaks Eternal'* and *H. 'God's Handiwork'*, *H. 'Mississippi Red Bed Beauty'* and a magnificent bloom of *H. 'Worth It All'*. Other daylilies blooming that really grabbed my attention

with their color saturation were *H. 'Belle Cook'*, and *H. 'Red Grace'* of John Benz. My personal favorite daylily was picture perfect in her garden which was *H. 'Tune The Harp'*. On the front porch of the house one would find many of Jerry's fantastic bird houses.



Past the black iron fence into the back side of the house is a garden lover's paradise. Purple Ageratum grabs your attention as it blooms along the borders of the beds. Living in South Texas, I envy Jean's wonderful and healthy Iris plants; Japanese Maples; blue, purple, and pink Hydrangeas; and Hostas. You can't grow those perennials in Victoria. There are huge, tall, Pine trees in the back garden that offer shade, yet still give the garden just the right amount of light for the best growing conditions. There is a fountain with three frog statues that make you smile with their poses. Along the back fence is a wonderful wood bench with red Verbenas growing in the seat. For the shade spots Maidenhair Fern filled in the low areas of the beds. Everyone was also crowded around the spider web garden art. And the back garden would not be complete without my favorite bird house of Jerry's that resembled an old wooden church with its rusted tin roof.



Jean Consford has a wonderful collection of daylilies and perennials. I can't help but imagine that Jean has assumed one of the poses of her frogs by the fountain by having her hands behind her back, a big smile on her face and a sense of a garden that is grown to perfection. Hats off to Jean and Jerry and thanks for having us over for a visit.

As an aside - In addition to getting their garden ready for us, Jean was my right hand in putting the whole Regional Meeting together. She acted as the go between with the hotel and coordinated the buses for the Nacogdoches/Center tours. You have her to thank for the wonderful meals during the Meeting and coordinating with the Lufkin folks to assure we didn't duplicate meals. Jerry was also busy doing the bird houses for the table prizes at the banquet. My hat goes off to these great people.

# The Eschenfelder Garden

By Deane Spradley



Tucked away in a neatly ordered and manicured suburban setting in Lufkin, Texas, we were delighted to visit the gardens of Sally and Charles Eschenfelder. As we disembarked from the bus, we were greeted with an immaculately kept landscape of garden beds containing a mixture of daylilies and perennials which none of us could have guessed had only been in place since March of this year. The robust, healthy plants were a tribute to Mrs. Eschenfelder's passion and dedication to her gardening.



Intermixed with such perennial favorites as Lily of the Nile, Whirling Butterflies, and Snapdragons were *H. 'Jan's Twister'*, *H. 'Seducator'*, and *H. 'Mardi Gras Parade'*. The Eschenfelder's garden is proof that daylilies do well combined in the landscape with shrubs, small trees, perennials, and annuals. The beds had a flow that drew you through the yard from the front door to the garden space running street side. Several of the beds had beautiful pieces of garden art showing off the gardener's eclectic tastes. The art paired beautifully with daylilies such as *H.*



*'Gypsy Cranberry'* and the large blooming *H. 'Slade Brown'*.



A secluded courtyard awaited us with comfortable seating and refreshments along with a view of the indoor pool. The atmosphere was welcoming and inviting and we all enjoyed partaking in the warm hospitality that was offered.

Mrs. Eschenfelder has a blank canvas in a side yard that she is looking forward to designing and filling, possibly with more of her favorites, which are Spiders. Some blooming in her yard that she particularly likes are *H. 'Mexican Hat Dance'*, *H. 'Frank Gladney'*, and *H. 'Golden Compass'*. Overall a beautiful garden surpassed only by the graciousness of the hostess and the sincere welcome we all received. Thank you for letting us share in your passion and love for the daylily.



In addition to preparing her garden for this tour, Sally was the Lufkin coordinator for the Regional Meeting. She lined up the gardens to be toured in Lufkin and arranged for the great luncheon at the Country Club. This all came about from her volunteering at the Regional Meeting in Port Arthur last year. That takes a lot of dedication since she also moved during that year.

# Dorothy Hale's Garden

By Donna Peck



**Chapter 1:** Five years ago I received a phone call from a lady in Texas who wanted to attend our daylily sale in Albuquerque. I was surprised to receive the phone call, but she said she was coming with a friend to Albuquerque and wanted some of our daylilies. Our sale was that weekend and I was going to be out of town. So I asked Rozanne Tuffnell, who was in charge of the sale, to help her get the best daylilies she could. Rozanne said this lady came, and she and her friend went home with a car full of new daylilies.

**Chapter 2:** I was delighted when I received my assignment to do a write-up on Dorothy Hale's garden. I always enjoy being asked, because I learn so much when I write an article. I saw Dorothy at the Fredonia Hotel and told her I was going to write an article about her garden. Dorothy said, "Don't you remember me?" Her friend who was with her, Reba Garrison, also said, "Don't you remember me?" I dug back in the cobwebs of my memory and



said, "No, it can't be! Did you phone me a few years ago about coming to buy daylilies at our Albuquerque daylily show?" Yes, indeed, Dorothy and Reba were the Texans that called me five years ago!!

**Chapter 3:** When I heard Dorothy had moved from her large home on the golf course into a retirement



community, I felt bad she wouldn't have room for all those daylilies. But what a surprise! I've never visited a retirement community like this one. The houses are beautiful. The lawns

and gardens were lovely and well kept - and Dorothy's in particular. When Dorothy moved into the house three years ago, there were no flower beds. She designed her garden herself and did it by herself. She is a Wonder Woman in what she did!

**Chapter 4:** She now has 400 daylilies and she loves her "small yard" (she calls it) because, "I can tend all my daylilies myself, and that is my favorite way to spend my time." She calls herself a compulsive plant shopper and buys "the flower on how it looks."

One day of the Regional, two of her favorites were blooming, *H. 'Beautiful Edgings'* and *H. 'Esperanza'*. Other favorites of Dorothy's are *H. 'Highland Lord'*, *H. 'Super Double Delight'*, and *H. 'Merle Kent Memorial'*. She said that her *H. 'Purple Stella De Oro'* had one hundred blooms on it! And her *H. 'Cabbage Flower'* was one of the daylilies she purchased from the Albuquerque Daylily Sale!

As you walk to the front of Dorothy's home, you are greeted by a brick-lined garden around the house filled with



outstanding daylilies and Roses. She has a Rose trellis that was finished blooming, but it must be fantastic in its season. Her garden has special sculptures in hidden areas. The little girl with a water pitcher, a painted bird house and the two beautifully sculptured cranes add to the charm of the garden. Her potato vine and Verbena perennials in baskets were lovely.

**Chapter 5:** To make her daylilies so healthy she fertilizes four times a year. And in November she cuts them back and fertilizes again. She uses a combination of Super Phosphate, Miracle Grow and Epsom Salts. In the Spring she uses "a Miracle Grow special blooming fertilizer."

When people go by Dorothy's home and see the daylilies, they stop to ask her if she would sell them. Her rule is that she won't sell them to "anyone who won't keep a name on it."

**Chapter 6:** To say goodbye to Dorothy was like saying goodbye to a friend - but one I had never met. She and Reba said they will be coming back to Albuquerque. And hopefully this time I won't be out of town. Dorothy was so gracious in opening her garden for the Regional Meeting.

# Reverend Marloe and AdaLee Shubert Garden

By Mary Gage



Marlow has been gardening for over forty years, having developed the interest as a child. He and his lovely wife, AdaLee, have been in Huntington for ten years and with two acres, they have the space to create some interesting, eye-pleasing landscape designs.

As with any successful project, when you begin where you are, with what you have, and put your heart and talents into it, new inspirations come that lead to greater beauty in this world. Marlow started his daylily garden with straight, rectangular beds which were pretty enough, but realizing that curved lines



would add more variety and interest, he set about doing just that. His first such project was a figure eight bed, the edging for which he spent hours with a chainsaw, cutting the landscape timbers at just the right angles for a successful fit. Then using a water hose to lay out other pleasing curves, he continued to enlarge the garden.

He began hybridizing daylilies about two years ago and today he grows about 200 registered cultivars and many, many seedlings. Though this is not a commercial garden, he does sell enough to support what he calls his "addiction." That is, to daylilies. We can all relate to that.



Many Jack Carpenter and Josie Bomar daylilies grace this garden. *H. 'Mount Herman Majesty'*, a large red coral self, *H. 'Feliz Navidad'* with that special edging, *H. 'It Is Finished'*, another great red, *H. 'After The Dawn'*, pink with a

rose-pink eye and *H. 'Dinett Sue'* a creamy white blend. I suppose one reason I like *H. 'Dinett Sue'* so much is that it comes from Josie's *H.*



*'Rainbow Radiance'*, one of my all time favorites. Dan Trimmer's *H. 'Spice Hunter'* and *H. 'Cherry Burst'* are two of Marlow's favorites as well as *H. 'Alternate Universe'* from Pat Stamile.

Though daylilies are now taking center stage, other plants made their own splashes of color. Moss Rose lined the driveway, leading past Crape Myrtles and pink Vitex. Other beds feature Roses; a vibrant, full-petaled yellow one caught my eye. He called it Grandma's Yellow. Red Gladiolus and Salvia added their touch to the landscape. In addition to a feast for the eyes, this garden also had something for the tummy - a nice patch of corn on the cob. And what is a garden without birds? Water and bird houses invite our feathered friends to make themselves at home here and feast on mosquitoes and other insects.



Marlow, the Pastor of a church, finds deep meaning in these words carved into a stone, "One is Nearer God's Heart In The Garden Than Anywhere Else On Earth." That is the final thought we took from this garden.

# MINUTES OF THE REGION 6 ANNUAL MEETING



The Registration table was a busy place as folks started signing in for the 2007 Region 6 Meeting in Nacogdoches, TX.

The 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Hemerocallis Society Region 6 was called to order by Regional Vice President Jim Petty at 7:50 p.m. on May 26, 2007, at the Fredonia Hotel in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Extensive thanks were given by Jim Petty to all members of Region 6 clubs who participated in making this a successful Meeting, organizing the flower show and volunteering and running daylily tours in the area. Special thanks were given to Jean Consford and Sally Eschenfelder for organizing the Meeting and the tours, to Binion Amerson for running the flower show, to Malcolm Avaritt for running the auction, and to numerous members of the Albuquerque Club who handled



Jim Petty and Jean Consford enjoy a moment before the Banquet and Meeting.

Special Guests were then recognized and all the members of the clubs who attended the Meeting. Leo Sharp, the Bremmers

from Nebraska, and members from Region 10 were also noted as special attendees.

Malcolm Avaritt announced that the successful Region 6 auction netted \$8,045 and that he learned to use PowerPoint in the process.

The Region 6 officers were introduced: Rich Rosen, Director and representative to the AHS Board; Mark Carpenter RPD; Secretary, Susan Elder; Malcolm Avaritt, Treasurer; Binion



Malcolm Avaritt gives the Treasurer's report

Amerson, Show Coordinator and Exhibition Judges Liaison; Bridey Greeson, Garden Judges Liaison; and Judy Montgomery, Awards and Honors Chair. Ray Houston who is Historian, Archivist and Webmaster was not present.

Minutes from the 2006 Meeting were approved as published in the Summer/Fall Newsletter.

Malcolm Avaritt gave the Treasurer's report that showed an ending balance as of May 15, 2007, of \$56,623. Income for the year was \$19,644.50 and expenses were \$16,689.46. He also announced that the practice of using a local bank for the Regional accounts had been changed, and that he was now using a regional bank so that the account did not have to be transferred with each new Treasurer. His written report was filed as stated.

Rich Rosen, current Director on the AHS Board, announced that he was serving his last year (his second three year term) and reported on the AHS. He called special attention to AHS Special Membership promotions, where club members who don't belong to the National can join for free, by paying the dues and the AHS will send a nursery voucher back in the amount of \$25. He anticipated the Board Meeting to be held in July and asked for input on questions and concerns to take to the meeting.



Rich Rosen talks about AHS membership incentives



RPD Mark Carpenter thanked Jim Petty for his work on the Regional Meeting, thanked Jack Carpenter for his donated daylilies. He reported that Region 6 broke records in participation in 2006 with a more effective mailing of ballots and entries made online. He reported that the new 2007 Popularity Poll is due on September 1 this year. He will give away two new introductions to

the club with the most votes and earliest entries.

Newsletter Editor Jim Petty announced that we are looking for a new Editor for the Region 6 Newsletter. Margie Brown, who was to be the new Editor, is now unable to do the job. The deadline is July 15 for articles and news for the Summer Newsletter and should be sent to Jim as in the past.

Garden Judges Liaison, Bridey Greeson reported that there were now 12 new Garden Judges who went through the training and took the test at this Meeting. She announced a Workshop to be held in San Antonio in July; a Workshop on June 4 in Alvin, Texas and one in San Antonio in July. She reminded people to call her with any questions they may have.



Former Exhibition Judges Liaison, Mary Gage reported on successful Judge's Clinics held at this Meeting and reminded people of the need for Judges because of overlapping dates on shows. Binion Amerson has taken over her job for the remainder of the year. There are now 63 Senior Judges in the Region, 8 Junior Judges, 7 Students-In-Training and 6

Honorary Judges.

Because the Webmaster was not at the Meeting, Jim Petty summarized the spectacular work that Ray Houston has done in building a web site. He noted that we can be proud of our Regional web site as one of the best sites in AHS. Ray has continually updated the site as new items were available. He immediately put the registration for this Meeting up and the ballots for the Popularity Poll which helped in making the good showing for Region 6 in 2006.

Ballots for the Region 6 Director were distributed with the Summer/Fall Newsletter to all Region 6 members. These ballots were sent to the Chair of the Director Nominating Committee, Mary Gage. Mary tabulated these ballots and reported the results of the election of the Region 6 Director. Donna Peck had been nominated by the nominating committee



and was elected as the new Director with her three-year term to begin on January 1, 2008.

The Chairman of the RVP Nominating Committee, Rich Rosen, held the election of a new Regional Vice President. Steve Wingfield of San

Antonio, TX, had been nominated and was elected for the new term beginning January 1, 2008.

There was no new business to conduct.

A motion to adjourn was made by Margo Murdock, seconded and the Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

As the Meeting was adjourning an invitation for the 2008 Region 6 Meeting was extended by the Co-Chair. This will be in conjunction with the AHS National Convention in Houston, Texas - May 14-17, 2008 sponsored by the area clubs.

Jim Petty thanked them for their invitation and encouraged all present to take advantage of having the National in our Region and make plans now to attend. In addition, he announced that the Regional Meetings had been scheduled through 2011. The following clubs have asked to have the Meetings:

2009 - North Texas

2010 - Austin

2011 - Albuquerque

He noted that a Regional Meeting could be put together in less than a year as this one in Nacogdoches was, but that it was not his recommendation, and Jim asked all other clubs to start now to plan for possibly hosting 2012 and beyond.

My thanks go to Barbara Shapiro for filling in for Susan Elder who could not be present due to new job commitments.

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND  
2008 AHS NATIONAL  
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AND  
REGION 6 MEETING  
HOUSTON, TEXAS**

**MAY 14-17, 2008**

*I received this article via email this Summer and thought it might be of interest to all of you in wetter climates. It is reprinted with the permission of the author and has some great suggestions concerning detection and control of Rust.*

### **Daylily Rust Control Suggestions**

#### **Tim Closs, Daylily Growers of Dallas**

With the torrential rains affecting the North Texas region, daylily enthusiasts are concerned about Daylily Rust showing up in their gardens. Below are some control products and techniques that have worked for me...

1. Scout your plants looking for telltale pustules of Rust. A great link for information on Rust can be found at <http://web.ncf.ca/ah748/rust.html>
2. In my opinion, if Rust is found, don't panic. Rust tends to disfigure the foliage, but rarely will kill the plant!!! Maybe it is my Horticultural background, but Rusts are common in many plants and some of the early hysteria associated with Daylily Rusts still persists today.
3. Many people like to cut off all of the infected foliage. If you do, make sure that you collect all of the rust infected foliage and dispose of this foliage in the trash. Do not incorporate rust infected foliage into your compost pile. Be sure and disinfect your scissors or pruning shears after cutting rust infected foliage. A quick dip in either 70% alcohol or a 10% bleach solution (1 cup bleach in 9 cups of water) will work. Allow the scissors or shears to air dry. If you use bleach, be sure to rinse the shears off after the air dry period. This will stop the bleach from damaging your tools.
4. Start a spray cycle using the following product:
  - a. Fertilome Liquid Systemic Fungicide (Active Ingredient: Propiconazole) applied at 2 tablespoons per gallon of water. This is fairly expensive (\$21.00 for 16 ounces) but is readily available and very effective.

“These results imply that all fungicide treatments were able to suppress rust development on daylily leaves if applied within one day after rust inoculation. However, by three days after rust inoculation, full rust suppression was provided only by the systemic chemicals (Heritage containing azoxystrobin, Banner containing propiconazole, and Nova containing myclobutanil). Among the contact fungicides applied three days after inoculation, the dishwashing liquid was able to reduce rust development to a level not significantly different from that of the systemic fungicides, but this value was also not significantly different from the inoculated check. The remaining contact fungicides (Daconil containing chlorothalonil and Fore containing mancozeb) did not suppress disease compared to the inoculated control, and may have even enhanced disease although not to a statistically significant level from the inoculated control for treatments three days after inoculation. For fungicide treatments seven days after rust inoculation, there was distinct separation of systemic and contact treatments. All three systemic fungicides were able to fully suppress disease development, while the contact fungicides resulted in counts equal or higher than that of the inoculated control.”  
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- b. Repeat applications on 2 week intervals until the Rust is controlled.
  - c. There are many other fungicides that are available that are labeled for Rust control. The Rust information link as a tremendous amount of information. You probably want to read the following study [www.uoguelph.ca/~thsiang/pubs/pdf/04daylilyrust.pdf](http://www.uoguelph.ca/~thsiang/pubs/pdf/04daylilyrust.pdf)
5. When I had a small Rust outbreak 3-4 years ago, I got control after only two applications following the foliage removal. I had a small outbreak early this Spring on a couple of plants I received from a Florida grower. Again, after 2 applications, I could not find any more Rust pustules. As of today (7/5/2007), I have not found any rust in any of my daylily beds, but will continue to check on a daily basis.

# Albuquerque Daylily Society

Margo Murdock, Reporter



Albuquerque was well represented at the Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches with 14 people attending. Several members including Jim Petty, Donna Peck, and the Tuffnells were deeply involved with the

organization of it and other members assisted with hospitality and registration. The Petty's were really impressive in the design section at the beautiful show run by Binion Amerson and the Daylily Growers of Dallas. A thanks to all who helped make the Regional meeting the success it was and that includes the Lufkin and Nacogdoches members especially.

The June meeting was exciting for us because Dan and Jane Trimmer visited. And in their honor we had some really strange windy weather so their plane barely made it down. Dan presented several ideas that were new to members: that soil testing is key because daylilies are monocots and are closer to grasses than perennials, daylilies need nitrogen for fertilization like grass (Dan suggested using Milorganite), daylilies need lots of water about 1-1.5 inches per week, a slightly acid pH is desirable, calcium and magnesium are critical micronutrients, and that BAP-10 can be used to propagate daylilies more quickly. Dan provided instructions for care and propagation.

Albuquerque gets an average of 9.5 inches of rain per year and



Barbara Chang from Albuquerque, Gene Koonce from Arizona, and Carol Horton from Texas were three of the Judges for our show in June

we have very alkaline soil so we have our work cut out to be successful in daylily growing. We really enjoyed hearing from Dan and seeing the direction he and Jane are taking their hybridizing programs.

June, being our month of peak bloom, and of course the hottest month of the year, is the date for our show. This year it was June 24th and Rozanne Tuffnell was Show Chairperson. Donna Peck won many of the top awards in the Horticulture Division, but Rozanne stole "Best of Show." In the Design Division Connie Elmore took the Designer's Choice Award. Scott MacFarland once again took honors with his great photos. Connie Elmore's decorations were so creative - ask her about the gorilla, the umbrella, and the Hawaiian music.

The first weekend in July we toured 5 gardens: Petty, Kittredge, Chang, Tuffnell, and Peck. Breakfast in the Petty garden included those great breakfast burritos served at our

Regional Meeting and a lemon cake to die for. It was a tough choice, food first or daylilies first. The Petty garden has lots of shade (desirable in New Mexico) and beautiful Carpenter



daylilies among others, the Kittredge garden also had many favorites in bloom, but the stars of the show were two daylilies Carolyn hybridized. The Chang garden always has lots of interesting Joiner and Trimmer daylilies interspersed with native plants, the Tuffnell garden is for goats (steep slope), but the daylilies are moving lower down the hill and getting better and better each year, and finally the Peck garden was loaded with blooms and Donna generously offered to give a daylily of choice to attendees when she digs next. What a great tour. Members ate a late lunch in the beautiful Peck garden in Placitas.

## Brazosport Daylily Society

Jean Lewis, Reporter

We always look forward to Spring, planning and planting our gardens. We have had a very wet Spring, which is good to get our plants growing but how much is enough?

As April comes in, we are watching our daylilies to see which ones might qualify for the shows. At our meeting for April we have new members we want to encourage to enter the show. All they need is one daylily to get Best of Show, or any of the top awards. Our program is always designed for the beginner or anyone interested in entering the show. Mary Houston presented the rules and points system for the daylily. Nina

Imperial showed the steps in grooming and Nell and Harvey Shimek demonstrated the designs with samples of flower containers and other items to be used in putting a design arrangement together.

A show not only takes flowers, but the members to work hard together. We had as many Junior Judges as possible, so they could meet their qualifications to be a Senior Judge. It is a great experience to be a Judge, you meet so many nice people, and see daylilies not grown in your area.

This year we had a special award added to our show, the Inez Tarrant Spider Crystal Award donated by Edgar Tarrant. The award was won by Art Imperial for *H. 'Exotic Rhythm'* hybridized by Inez Tarrant. We had a great show this year and a sold out plant sale, thanks to John and Toni Kwan and all their committee members.

What an enjoyable Regional Meeting we had, beautiful gardens in Lufkin, Nacogdoches and a tour of Jack Carpenter's Farm to see all of Josie's daylilies. Jack will make it someday! All the gardens were so neat, with a variety of flowers that make a garden personal. We had a great flower show, thanks to Binion, Donna Peck, and all the clubs who pitched in when help was needed.

We also thank our red headed Santa Claus for all the fantastic surprises she distributed to all at the banquet. A special thanks to Lee and Anita Causey for the tremendous job of bringing Daylilies and gifts to the Regional Meeting. I was one of the lucky ones to win a handmade bird house by Jerry Consford. Thank you Jerry and Jean for your hard work in putting this Regional together on such short notice, you did great. It's amazing to sit on the sidelines and see all the work from so many people who make this Region 6 run smooth (as possible). And thank you Jack for all the beautiful daylilies you so generously contributed.

Our June meeting had to be canceled on account of rain. July was Regional pictures by Art Imperial and Jean Lewis.

## Cypress Creek Daylily Club

Vernna Gibson, Reporter

We always look forward to our first meeting of each year and seeing all of our friends after the holidays. This year was no exception and we feel we got off to a very energetic start! Our Program Chairman, Mary Gage, made arrangements for Carol Ann Short (a.k.a. "The Gourd Lady") to speak at our January

meeting. The topic of Carol Ann's program was "More Than You Ever Wanted to Know About Gourds." Carol Ann touched on every aspect of gourds: the different types of gourds, the history of gourds, the many uses of gourds and how to grow gourds. Carol Ann has a great enthusiasm for her subject and it showed in her presentation. In addition to being "The Gourd Lady," Carol Ann is also a Montgomery County Master Gardener.

The program for February was a presentation on "Plant Propagation" by Joyce Nelson. Mrs. Nelson told us of the many different ways we can increase our plant numbers, including: (1) Starting plants from seeds, (2) Leaf cuttings (leaf petiole cuttings, leaf vein cuttings, leaf cross-sections), (3) Layering (air and ground), (4) Division, (5) Stem cuttings, and (6) Root cuttings. This was a very informative program which we all enjoyed!

The March meeting featured our Club Daylily Auction. This year, the Auction showcased daylilies from Ted Petit. As always, the Auction was a lot of fun and we were pleased to be able to add some of these beautiful daylilies to our own collection.

"Flower Show Preparation" was the subject of our April program. This is a very valuable tool for those of us who have not entered a Flower Show before and it also serves as a refresher for those who have.

Plant Sale Chairman Eddie Gage reported that we had another successful Spring Plant Sale. This was a two-day sale held on March 21-22 at Klein United Methodist Church in conjunction with their EggStravaganza Market. We sincerely appreciate all the plants that were donated for the sale and we want to thank everyone who came out and worked the sale.

Our annual Flower Show was held on Saturday, May 5, at Mercer Arboretum. Flower Show Chairman Billy Lewis reports that we had 140 entries in the Show. Thanks to all who entered blooms and congratulations to the winners! There were a number of visitors from the public who visited the Show and they were impressed with the many beautiful daylily blooms that were displayed.

"Thank You" to all who were involved in putting together a great Region 6 Annual Meeting ... and a special thank you to the Nacogdoches and Lufkin Daylily Clubs. The gardens were beautiful and we certainly enjoyed the good food! It's always a pleasure visiting with our daylily friends from other clubs and we welcome the opportunity to make new friends and meet our "fellow enthusiasts."

# Daylily Growers of Dallas

Binion Amerson, Reporter

The Daylily Growers of Dallas had a most wonderful Spring 2007. We started off with a visit in March from Dan Hansen of Lady Bug Daylilies fame. In April, we had a fantastic Daylily Plant Sale and sold all plants by late morning. For the May meeting, a panel of long-time members gave pointers on grooming daylilies for the flower show.

For the 7th year, the Daylily Growers of Dallas presented scholarships, in total of \$2,000, to two students at Naaman Forest High School in Garland, Texas, to assist in their future Horticulture education. Both young ladies are outstanding and represent the future of Horticulture.



Several members attended the AHS Region 6 Meeting and Flower Show in Nacogdoches, including Binion Amerson, Malcolm Avaritt, Lee and Anita Causey, Kathy Harris (Flower Show only), Virginia Henson, Judith Kyser, Patsy Kyser, Mabel Matthews, Gwen Pennington, Helen Reynolds, and Vernon Wallis.

On June 3, we held a most successful Daylily Flower Show in Rosine Hall at the Dallas Arboretum. Rich Miller, Flower Show Chairman, reports 346 horticulture entries and 16 Kudos to Diane Taylor and Barron Bozeman for leading our Scholarship Committee. Next year, the club should surpass the total amount of \$15,000 given to deserving students.

We are planning a mid-August Popularity Poll Party at one of the member's lake house.

## Golden Spread Daylily Society

Joan Avampato, Reporter

Spring 2007 has been unusual in this area of the Texas Panhandle in that we have had rain on a rather regular basis.

The rain has continued to bless us to the end of June and hopefully the trend will keep up. All plants seem to be doing well and we have been spared the grass fires we endured last year.

Our daylily garden at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens, planted last Spring is doing well. The ABG gave us more space next to our current garden so we have expanded into it. Don Glenn and Doug Smith do the planting as they have the plants and the time. Our collection of Stout Medal Winners will be planted there.

The Randall County Cooperative Extension office in Canyon, TX, has dedicated a small garden to daylilies and Don has donated plants from his garden as well as planting them. There are various daylily varieties scattered among the other plants in their other gardens, also. The Potter County Cooperative Extension Office in Amarillo also has daylilies planted here and there throughout its gardens, courtesy of Don.

We had our Spring sale, held in conjunction with many other gardening groups, at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens annual Garden Fest on May 5. Business was good and we gave bargains as closing time approached. Of course, we spent considerable time in preparation for this event and the sale itself. We are grateful to our loyal members Betty Palmer, Ruth Malacara, Doug Smith, Don Glenn, Suzanne Yaws, Frances Dauner, Joan Avampato and Gayle and Robert MacMillian for all their help. Special thanks to Don Glenn for doing all the dirt work, the digging and cleaning of the plants.

Right now it is early July and the daylilies are in full bloom. There is gorgeous color and seemingly endless variety among the daylilies. Our group had its June meeting at Don Glenn's beautiful gardens, a good part of which is daylilies. He has such an extensive collection that we were able to walk through and pick out and record our favorites. It is a special treat that we look forward to every year. A few invited guests also came to see the gardens and we especially welcomed our former Secretary/Treasurer, Betty Sproul. We are headed into the hot Summer months and are enjoying the daylilies for as long as they continue to bloom.

## Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society

Peggy Cathey, Reporter

Our club meets on the second Saturday of each month, except for August. We meet in the Cleburne United Cooperative Services community room, usually at 2:00 p.m. We currently

have 42 registered members, with an average meeting attendance of 30.

Our annual Daylily Giveaway and Auction was held in March, which is early for a lot of growers. We were pleased to get plants from Lady Bug Daylilies in Florida this year and Dan Hansen sent some great ones. Each qualified member received a gift plant and the rest were put into the auction, which was a great success. Everyone was enthusiastic about the plants from Lady Bug and the bidding netted more than the cost of all the plants received.

For our May meeting, we had a daylily garden tour hosted by our club Treasurer, Janice Green, and barbeque provided by our Program Chairman, Glenn Huddleston. Janice is a serious collector of the newer introductions, and her garden is always spectacular.

We have had a good Spring and LOTS of rain. Over 13 1/2 inches in June. Our daylily gardens have really outdone themselves. After 2 years of drought, the rains have been greatly appreciated and our daylilies have had their best bloom season in a really long time. With lots of plants going into rebloom, I expect our bloom season to continue for quite awhile.

We will begin our new club year in July with a noon potluck luncheon and our Iris Giveaway and Auction. We are very fortunate to be an Iris and Daylily Club, where we can extend our growing and bloom season from very early Spring until late Fall and early Winter. Our July meeting is also when we conduct our installation of officers. Officers for the 2007-08 year will be:

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| President                          | Peggy Cathey                                    |
| 1st Vice President - Programs      | Glenn Huddleston                                |
| 2nd Vice President - Membership    | Dan Cathey                                      |
| 3rd Vice President - Show Chairman | Myrtle & Donald Hodges                          |
| Secretary & Reporter               | Gloria Huddleston                               |
| Treasurer                          | Janice Green                                    |
| Parliamentarian                    | Janet Wallace                                   |
| Publicity                          | Bonny Gatchel                                   |
| Hospitality                        | Vicky Howard, Irean Bell, Naomi & Leroy Nabors. |
| Historian                          | Beth Griffith                                   |

We do not meet in August. We will begin again with our annual plant sale at the Farmers Market in Cleburne on September 8th from 9-2. This is always a lot of fun and a great

opportunity to recruit new members into the club as well as a great fund raiser.

# Lone Star Daylily Society

Katy Breeden, Reporter

The highlight of our Club activities is always the Spring Daylily Flower Show and Sale. This year's Show and Sale, coordinated by Flower Show Chair Richard Johnson, was held at Katy Mills Mall on May 19, 2007, and was a roaring success. Entering the Mall, the public strolled through the outstanding Design Division, then were greeted with the vast array of flowers on display in the Horticulture Division. Visitors were encouraged to gather information and ask questions in the Education display, and then pick out plants for their own gardens from a huge selection in the Sale area.

Nell Shimek won the Tricolor Award with Sara Chumley winning the Designer's Choice Award in a tightly contested Design Division. In the Horticulture Division, Leon and Paula Payne were winners for Extra Large, Large, Small, Miniature, Unusual Form, Popularity Poll and Seedling. Everett Crainer showed the winning Double, Mildred and Paul Eskine had the top Spider, and Erik Eskine was the Youth Section winner. Best Of Show went to Leon and Paula Payne for their very own *H. 'Lone Star Wagon Wheel'*.

Our monthly programs continue to be both educational and interesting. Laura Wreen, Harris County Master Gardener, presented many helpful hints and ideas on incorporating water features in our yards and gardens at the June meeting, and another Harris County Master Gardener, Doug McLeod, gave us insight on the best citrus and fruit plants for our area at our July meeting. We are getting the information we need to become well rounded gardeners (in addition to the well-rounded we approach from the delicacies served by our hosts at each meeting).

While we have been spared the floods that have struck other areas, it has been a very wet Spring season. Daylilies have bloomed exceptionally well, and rebloom is generally better than usual. Now, we'll have to wait and see what Summer will bring us.

# San Antonio Daylily Society

Marilyn Greenlee, Reporter

On December 10, 2006, Gladys McDonald, a member since 1976, passed away at age 97. Although she lived in Lytle, Texas, Gladys had attended meetings regularly until she became ill. We send SADS greetings to other Lifetime Members, Cora Offer, who celebrated her 98th birthday in January, and Col. Mike Conrad who reached age 89 in May. These folks are evidence that an appreciation of the beauty of

nature, and the gratification gained in cultivating it, are good for body and soul.



Leonard Marshall delivers Daylilies 101 at our January meeting. Steve Wingfield continued the discourse with Daylilies 201 at the February meeting.

On March 18, guest speaker, Bruce Lee Deuley, shared his views on Organic Pest Control, with special emphasis on dealing with thrips. Check out Bruce's very informative website, [www.deuleysown.com](http://www.deuleysown.com).



Mark Carpenter, Leonard Marshall, Marcia Richardson, and Steve Wingfield have been spreading the daylily message by making presentations to various garden clubs and groups.

SADS held several work sessions at the San Antonio Botanical Garden transplanting daylilies from their established bed to the new plot.

The April program dealt with our May 12 flower show, "Dancing With Daylilies," held at the San Antonio Garden Center. Beth Zimpelman covered principles of design. Steve Wingfield's presentation focused on grooming scapes.

Members entered 112 on-scape exhibits and built a dozen arrangements at the show. Boyd Farar walked away with the Tricolor Award for his interpretation of "The Twist." The People's Choice Award went to Pat Schultze for her "Twist" arrangement, which was a close runner-up for the Tricolor. The



People's Choice of favorite cultivar was H. 'Velvet Rose' exhibited by Thelma Pratts. Don Brown received SADS' blue rosette for the best off-scape entry, H. 'Tigerland'. Show results will be published in the next Newsletter, but the Best of Show went to Steve Wingfield for his seedling.



Rich Rosen, Doris Green, and Velia Sanchez-Ruiz of the Austin Daylily Society judged our show. I had the privilege to reciprocate by serving on one of the panels at their big, beautiful show held the following Saturday, May 19.

Lori Potrykus, assisted by other members, managed our sales table at the Festival of Flowers held at the Alzafar Shrine on Saturday, May 26. Meanwhile, Steve and Margaret Wingfield, Ruben and Lucy Valdez, Ray Jordan, Thelma Pratts, Mark Carpenter, and Bridey Greeson attended the Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches. They praised the beautiful gardens they had toured and the delicious food they were served. SADS is pleased and proud that Steve Wingfield was elected RVP for 2008-09.

SADS chartered a bus to travel to Pearland, Texas, for a daylily shopping spree at Payne's In The Grass Daylily Farm on June 2. We offered any vacant seats to several Master Gardeners groups, and were happy to have them join in the camaraderie that our members always enjoy.



Ray Elizondo stops to check out his camera on the way to the bus with a wheelbarrow full of his purchases

Following more than two weeks of daily rain showers that precipitated a number of flash flood warnings and a bout of cabin fever, we were finally able to gather outdoors on July 8 for a picnic at the home of Steve and Margaret Wingfield. Before indulging in a bountiful potluck smorgasbord, we leisurely strolled through Steve's beautifully manicured AHS Display Garden, gazing at a score of rebloom daylilies and a variety of thriving companion plants. In August, we go back to our regular schedule of meeting on the third Sunday of the month at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens.

# REGION 6 DAYLILY SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTS AND MEETING SCHEDULES

## ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Alan Tuffnell  
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## AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

President - Jeff Goldman  
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Meetings: 1st Thurs in Apr -May, Aug - Dec

## BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Everett Crainer  
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979-964-3468, emcrainger@yahoo.com  
Meetings: 2:30 p.m., 2nd Sun, Lake Jackson Library

## CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

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

## DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

President - Tim Closs  
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North Haven Gardens, Dallas

## EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY

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Meetings: 2:00 p.m., 2nd Sun, Tyler Rose Center

## GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY

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Amarillo Botanical Gardens

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Hermann Park Garden Center

## HUNTSVILLE MUDDY BOOTS DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Bonnie Strub  
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## JOHNSON COUNTY IRIS AND DAYLILY SOCIETY

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## LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY

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## LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

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## NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY

President - Jean Consford  
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## NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY - FORT WORTH

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## SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

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