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REGION 6 Says "Thank You" to the above generous contributors to this Newsletter.

LAST, "THANK YOU" to all who helped and/or attended the National Convention in Houston this year. You put on one heck of a great show!!!

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Donna Peck

Congratulations to the Brazosport Daylily, Cypress Creek, Houston Area, Houston Hemerocallis and Lone Star Daylily Societies for an excellent 2008 Regional Meeting and National Convention. The organizational team of Maureen Valenza, Mary Gage, Eddie Raye Andrews, and Billy and Jean Lewis did a fine job to make sure all of us had a terrific time. Each garden was special showing lots of love, hard work, while emphasizing a bit of Texas charm. The Gages and Paynes were extra generous by presenting to each of us one of their own hybridized Daylilies.

What better celebration is there than to have two of our extraordinary members receive high honors. I had the privilege of presenting Anna Rosa Glidden the Region 6 Service Award. I think we both ended up crying as I presented her with the medallion. And of course the highest award possible, the Stout Medal, was presented to our deserving Jack Carpenter for *Hemerocallis 'Lavender Blue Baby'*. I think we all said, "It's about time" (for both Jack and Anna Rosa). And to add frosting to the cake, Jack was also presented with the coveted Bertrand Farr Silver Medal hybridizer's award.

I attended both the National Board of Director's meeting and the Regional 6 Business meeting. Both minutes will be in the Regional Newsletter and *Journal*, but let me mention a couple of the highlights.

The new Executive Editor, Meg McKenzie Ryan, of *The Daylily Journal* presented a very positive report showing us six pages of the new, revised and complete overhaul of the *Journal*. If you haven't joined the National AHS, you'd better do it now. It will be well worth the price when you receive this beautiful new magazine.

And remember, new members can take advantage of the Voucher Program that was instituted last year. One year membership is \$25 for an individual and \$30 a couple. But when a new member joins they will receive a voucher good for \$25 worth of free daylilies which can be redeemed from a number of daylily nurseries. If your club hasn't started this program, check with your President to make sure you start immediately.

A bit of trivia that I always like to hear was the report of Gretchen Baxter, our Registrar. The 2007 registration year was very busy with 2,255 cultivars being added to the record. We now have 61,271 cultivars officially recorded to date.

Enjoy your daylily season. Here in New Mexico, our scapes have only begun to pop up. So seeing the beautiful daylilies in Texas was a big treat for us. However, as I am writing this, May 22, I am watching hail as big as moth balls, really, come down from the sky and covering my daylilies in a white blanket. I hate to see what the hail has done to the foliage and the few scapes I have.

In closing, don't forget the Region 6 Meeting next year hosted by the North Texas Daylily Society on May 28-31, 2009, and the National Convention in Orlando, Florida, hosted by the Sunbelt Daylily Chapter May 21-23.

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter I am AHS's Ombudsman, so let me know if there are any questions or concerns that I can help you with. My email is dpeck@unm.edu.



REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Steve Wingfield

First, let me extend a big congratulations and thank you to Maureen Valenza, Mary Gage, and Eddie Raye Andrews for leading the 2008 AHS National Convention this past May in Houston, Texas. However, this grand event was also hosted by five of our clubs: Brazosport, Cypress Creek, Houston Area, Houston Hemerocallis, and Lone Star Daylily Societies. Why was the National Convention such a total success? It was because of the members from these clubs who gave countless hours deadheading, weed pulling, mulching, and planting that made the gardens spectacular. In addition, these same members took the time to bake goodies and provide them for all the Convention attendees. No detail was overlooked that I could see because of the pride our folks took during this short daylily "Mecca" week in Houston. The gardens we visited were spectacular. I could not count the times I heard other members of Region 6 state how surprised they were to see how large the daylilies were, how various cultivars had increased branching, and how the foliage was rust free and emerald in color. I know it motivated me to get back into my garden and try to replicate these traits in my daylilies when we returned to San Antonio. On a financial note, the Thursday evening auction resulted in just over a \$15K profit which our Region can use for future Regional Meetings.

History was in the making during this Convention. Congratulations go to Jack Carpenter for winning the 2007 Stout Silver Medal for his 1996 *H. 'Lavender Blue Baby'*. This is the highest award that can be bestowed upon a daylily and it is only the fourth time in our history that a Region 6 hybridizer has won this award. It should also be noted that Jack was the recipient of the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal. This award is presented annually to an AHS member who has attained outstanding results in the field of hybridizing and it marks only the fourth time this award has been given to a member in our Region. Our Regional Service Award was presented to a distinguished "young lady" who Margaret, my wife, and I had the pleasure to have lunch with. This year's Service Award went to Anna Rosa Glidden, a lady who knows more about daylilies, how clubs should grow and thrive, and what it takes to have a strong Region 6 than I will ever know. I learned more in that one-hour lunch break with her than I have during my entire time affiliated with daylilies.

Attention Garden Judges Applicants: Please, when you have completed Garden Judges Workshop I and II, mail your completed Garden Judges application to me as your RVP. Garden judges renewal applications should also be sent to me along with your five-year garden log. As of this publication, we still do not have a person who would like to fill the Garden Judges Liaison position and we are still looking for a volunteer. Please contact me if you are interested.

A plug for the 2009 Region 6 Meeting: The North Texas Daylily Society will be hosting this event on May 28-30, 2009. Make plans to join us in Fort Worth as we visit seven beautiful gardens, see the newest in daylilies and share the good times with friends. You can contact our Co-Chairs Gwen Pennington (gjpenntx@msn.com) or Tom Bevel (tombevel@scglobal.net) for more information.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT

Mark Carpenter

What a tremendous job by the joint daylily clubs' efforts in Houston! Although I only had the pleasure of attending the awards dinner, I heard person after person talk about the great accommodations, great food, great gardens, and of course, great daylily people. Without a doubt, the Brazosport, Cypress Creek, Houston Area, Houston Hemerocallis and Lone Star Daylily Societies have much to be proud of! A special thank you goes out to Maureen Valenza, Chairman, and Mary Gage, Co-Chair of the Convention. Super job ladies!

Currently, I am planning on putting out 3 Newsletters per year. My wish is to fill them with splendid daylily pictures which hopefully capture the magic of the events for that 4 month period between each Newsletter. In this case, it is the National Convention which I hope to capture the magic of for those who could not attend. I want to thank all of the clubs who have contributed to the Newsletter color fund, as this enables me to make my wish come true. I hope you enjoy the pictorial collages that follow.

On a different note, some members have asked questions of me, such as "What are the requirements for a person to receive the Region 6 Newsletter?" The answer is this: You receive the Region 6 Newsletter if you are a member of AHS, or if you subscribe to it by paying the Regional Newsletter fee. If you answered "yes" to either of the above and you still did not receive it, then please contact Steve Wingfield with your information. Steve handles all the subscriptions. Please do not send any checks or funds to me, as I have to then forward them on to our Treasurer. I create and edit the Newsletter, Jim Petty prints up the Newsletter, and Steve handles all distribution. Hopefully we have everyone receiving this issue that should be getting it.

Thank you again to everyone who has so graciously sent me articles and pictures. I've included all that I could, and without a doubt those pictures are what makes this Newsletter. Keep sending them in along with your ideas to improve YOUR publication, and have a wonderful summer!



EXHIBITION JUDGES LIAISON REPORT

Binion Amerson

No report this month, but here are some interesting links to check out showing what Binion has been busy doing this daylily year.

In addition to attending the AHS 2008 National Convention and a NGC Flower Show Symposium in Houston in May and June, I have been busy judging horticulture and entering floral designs in daylily flower shows. I won the Tricolor ribbon in both the Daylily Growers of Dallas and North Texas Daylily Society Flower Shows and just missed that ribbon in the Albuquerque Show. Attached are links to recent articles I posted to an online site here in Dallas:

<http://www.neighborsgo.com/stories/16233>
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REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Lori Potrykus

Greetings daylily lovers! My name is Lori Potrykus and I will be representing the Region as your Publicity Director. This is my first publication since I have taken office, so I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce myself. I have been growing daylilies in my own garden for 14 years and have been involved with the local San Antonio Daylily Society for 8 years. During that time I served multiple times as the Show Chairperson and hosted several tours in my own personal garden. When I first became involved with the local San Antonio chapter, I had approximately seven daylilies of the same variety in my backyard. At the present, I have about 300 different varieties, and yet I am still not satisfied.

When I attended the National AHS Convention in Houston this past May, I was truly amazed. The garden tours were beautiful! It made me realize that although I feel my garden is great, there are always new ways to enhance my garden with these spectacular blooms. If you have never attended a Regional Meeting or National Convention, I would encourage everyone to do this right away!

I am looking forward to being involved with our Society at the Regional level. I had the chance to collaborate with some amazing people at the Houston Convention. We had a wonderful time brainstorming ideas and strategies that will enhance the publicity of our organization. We shared a wealth of gardening knowledge that I will be sure to pass on this growing season.

One of the most exciting aspects of my job as the Publicity Director is to tabulate the votes of the "Popularity Poll." As a gardener myself, I know that you all have your favorite daylilies. This poll is a great way to nominate a favorite flower that flourishes best in your area. Not only is this fun for members to see a lot of beautiful blooms, but it is a great way for potential members to choose a cultivar that will grow best in their region. Be sure to submit your favorite flower as soon as possible. You can send them to me through mail or e-mail at lpotrykus@satx.rr.com. This year AHS has made it easier than ever to vote. A pull out ballot was included in your previous *Daylily Journal*. **Just "pull it out, fill it out, and mail it out!!"** Every vote counts.

In order to keep up with what is current in our organization, be sure to register online at the AHS website (www.daylilies.org) and subscribe to Daylily E-News. E-News will provide updates on information, announcements, and press releases that occur between issues of the *Daylily Journal*.

A Public Relations Tip ...

One of the best ways to attract others to chapter events is through your community newspaper. If your daylily chapter is not doing this, take advantage of this (sometimes free) opportunity right away. The benefits of this easy PR move can provide your daylily organization with new members and potentially increase plant sales, which benefit everyone!

AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY 2008 NATIONAL CONVENTION SUMMARY

To: Mark Carpenter

Subject: AHS May 2008 National Convention

Dear Mark,

First of all let me thank you for coordinating and contacting all the hybridizers for our 2008 AHS National Convention. We could not have succeeded without your support and efforts.

Second, I want to congratulate all Region 6 club members on a very successful National Convention. If it were not for your donations and support of our dedicated members, we would not have realized our goal of \$35,000 profit.

This letter is to provide a breakdown of the results of the 2008 National Convention as follows:

We had 395 attendees

The Convention was sponsored by the following clubs:

Brazosport Daylily Society (BDS)

Cypress Creek Daylily Club (CCDC)

Houston Area Daylily Society (HADS)

Houston Hemerocallis Society (HHS)

Lone Star Daylily Society (LSDS)

The executive committee crafted an evaluation survey to provide future Conventions with feedback to show continuous improvement based on the responses. The survey result shows a 25% response rate with an overall rating of 1 or "exceeded expectations," with continual emails and letters sent to various committee members.

We learned some lessons for future Regional Meetings that are easy to correct, but the most important take away is that all attendees had an enjoyable and safe Convention.

Convention Plant Auction results were \$15,836. These proceeds are being forwarded to Region 6. We will send a check to the AHS National for \$2,000 to support future National Conventions.

Return of seed money and percentage of the proceeds from sponsoring clubs \$13,750.

Our plant table sales were \$4,253.

Plant and Gift Raffle sales were \$4,036 and the Silent Auction added another \$1,023.

We received donations from our various Region 6 clubs and individuals totaling \$3,300, which provided us funds for purchasing auction plants. This fund mushroomed overnight with overly generous donations from hybridizers and friends of Region 6 that donated and contributed to the auction success.

Remaining proceeds are in an account until we finalize expenses, at which time we will divide the remainder among the sponsoring clubs at a later date.

For those that attended the Convention, we hope you had a great time and we look forward to seeing you in Fort Worth, Texas for the 2009 Regional. Some of the feedback we received from the evaluation sums up the Convention very nicely:

"It was wonderful to see the hospitality of all the garden hosts. It made me proud to be a Texan."

"I love to come for the flowers and the people that share my deep interest in gardening."

"Everyone treats each other like family. I had a wonderful time."

I think these comments reinforce our purpose for having Conventions and Regional Meetings in the fact that we are all sharing a common love of daylilies and friends. Again, thank you for your support, and let's celebrate having achieved a wonderful Convention for 2008.

Sincerely,

Maureen Valenza

On behalf of the 2008 AHS Convention Executive Committee

National Convention 2008 : The Gardens



The Valenza Garden. Photo by JoNelle Zager



Eddie and Mary Gage's Spring Creek Daylily Farm. One of the many spectacular stops along the Convention trail. Photo by Lori Potrykus

National Convention 2008 : The Gardens



The garden of Robert and Maureen Valenza

Photo by Lori Potrykus



The Valenza Garden

Photo by Ray Elizondo



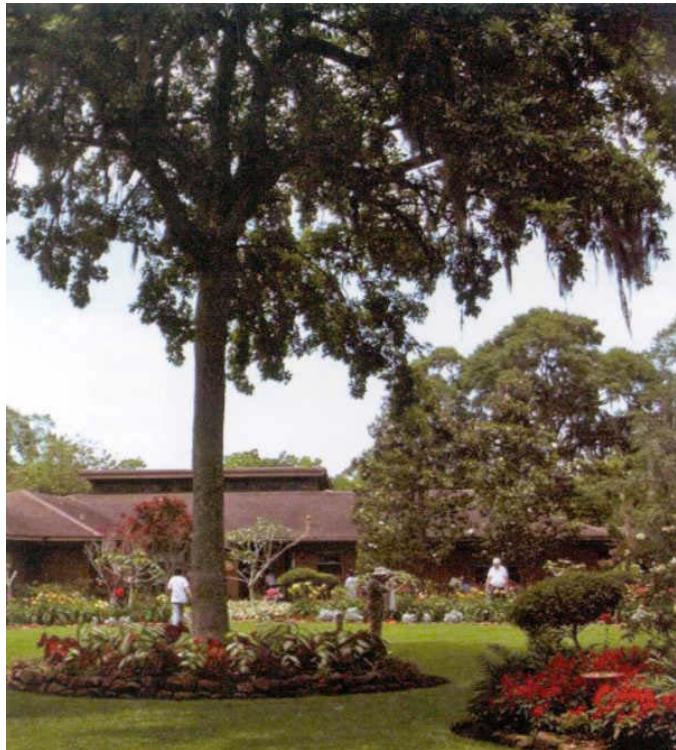
The Eskine Garden welcomes the Convention attendees to their beautiful lot. Photo by JoNelle Zager



The Imperial Garden

Photo by JoNelle Zager

National Convention 2008 : The Gardens



The Imperial Garden
Photo by JoNelle Zager



The Shimek Garden
Photo by JoNelle Zager



The Shimek Garden
Photo by JoNelle Zager

National Convention: Time For Your Solo



This clump of *H. 'Rodeo Clown'* was spectacular! Photo by JoNelle Zager



H. 'Debary Canary' was all that and more! Photo by Ray Elizondo



H. 'Sunday Sandals' was truly spectacular
Photo by Linda Dyer



H. 'Dutch Yellow Truffle'
Photo by Ray Elizondo



H. 'All About Eve' showing off
Photo by Ray Elizondo

National Convention: Time For Your Solo



H. 'Cardigan Bay' Photo by Ray Elizondo



Photo by Linda Dyer



H. 'Tickle My Fancy'
Photo by Ray Elizondo



Picture taken at the Shimek Garden. *H. 'Elfin Illusion'* Photo by Ray Elizondo



H. 'Lovely Ladybug' Photo by Ray Elizondo



H. 'Lady Blue Eyes' Photo by Ray Elizondo

National Convention: The People



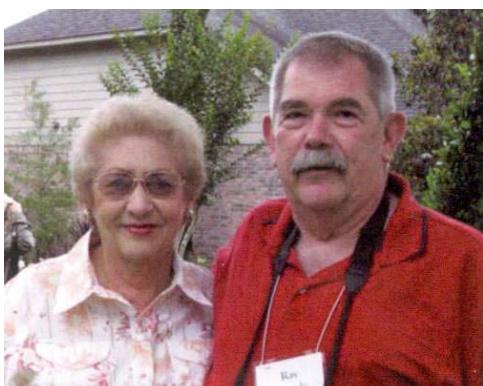
Mingling inside the glorious hotel lobby. The Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel was a spectacular host. Photo by Lori Potrykus



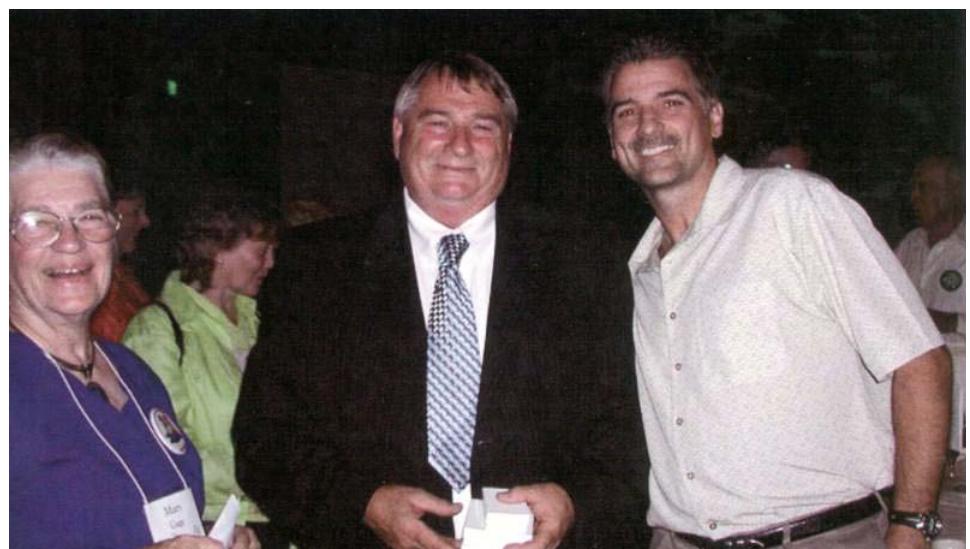
Lori Potrykus, Linda Dyer, and Thelma Pratts enjoying the Convention.



Dr. Art Imperial and his incredible garden!



Thelma Pratts and Ray Elizondo at one of the many beautiful gardens



Mary Gage; Bertrand Farr Silver Medal Winner and Stout Medal Winner, Jack Carpenter; and your Editor, nephew Mark Carpenter



Ray Jordan enjoying the festivities

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FEATURE ARTICLE

"GEORGIA ON MY MIND"

By Rich Rosen

For daylily fanatics, the term Mecca does not refer to an Islamic holy city in Saudi Arabia. It refers instead to the gardens of daylily hybridizers in the Orlando, Florida area. Each spring, hundreds of daylily worshipers from all across the country, make the pilgrimage to Stamile's, Trimmer's, Kinnebrew's, Smith's, Lambert's, Abajian's, Hansen's, and until recently Salter's and Kirchhoff's to pay homage and money. If you have never been, I suggest you go. All joking aside, it is almost a religious experience. You will see some of the latest breakthroughs in daylily hybridizing. In fact next year (May 21-23, 2009) would be a great time to go since they will be hosting the AHS National Convention, and all the gardens will be in an even higher state of readiness.

But, you don't have to follow the flock in order to make a daylily pilgrimage. There are other places you can go. Being a basic cheapskate, skin flint, and tight wad, I never spring for the new Florida introductions, anyway. Why not go to the daylily nurseries that offer cultivars in all price ranges, from hybridizers all over the country? So, last year (2007), I visited daylily nurseries in South Georgia. I had such a wonderful experience; I want to share it with you.

I flew into Atlanta, and drove down to Albany, Georgia, my base of operations. From there I made day trips, returning to the Quality Inn Merry Acres each evening to recharge my batteries, camera batteries, that is.

Day 1

I got up early and drove 85 miles to Dothan, Alabama, and the greenhouses of Larry Grace. Though Larry got out of daylily hybridizing for awhile, let me assure you, he is coming back in a big way. I saw round, ruffled daylilies in all kinds of colors and patterns. And I was very impressed with the scape height, branching, and bud count. But those daylilies are still years away from my garden, so on to the next stop.

Marjorie Kirkland (Kirkland Daylilies) has been gardening for many years just outside of the little town of Newville, Alabama, (16 miles north of Dothan). She offers about 800 cultivars for sale, ranging from golden oldies to cutting edge new ones. Some that caught my eye were: *Hemerocallis 'Special Ovation'* (Stamile 2005) a 5.5" bright creamy yellow with rose-red eye and edge, *H. 'Holiday Charmer'* (Salter 2003) a 6" hot pink with a lighter pink watermark and borders, plus narrow white ruffled edges, *H. 'On To Something'* (Grace 1999) a huge 7" pale pinkish lavender with faint darker eye and thin gold edge, *H. 'Double Blue Blood'* (George-T. 2005) a 5.5" bluish red double with a golden throat and white midribs, and *H. 'Rhapsody In Black'* (Atkiss1984) a 6" dormant tetraploid that approaches black from the direction of brown, rather than red or purple like other near black flowers, very striking.

My last garden today was Peace On Earth Gardens in Blakely, Georgia, at the home of Jim & Mary Netherton. They had given me advance permission to visit, even though they were not home. This was a good thing because they surely would have kicked me out, as I was there about 5 hours. They offer about 1600 cultivars for sale, including their own creations. Mary works primarily with diploid doubles, and Jim with single tetraploids. They have a huge front lawn with edge and island beds, and a backyard just filled with more daylily beds. Some that stuck in my mind are: *H. 'Broadway Phantom'* (Stamile-G. 2005) a miniature purple with a coal-black eye, *H. 'Blues Avenue'* (Mors 2004) a 6" smoky orange with a violet psychedelic eye, *H. 'Open My Eyes'* (Grace 2001) a stunning 5" pale orange with a huge burgundy eye and wide matching edge, *H. 'Willa Jean'* (Netherton-J.) a screaming, bright orange, 9" flower with a large hot red eye and golden yellow throat, *H. 'Gaudy Knight'* (Kirchhoff 1990) a 5" distinctive burgundy double with wide cream edges, and *H. 'Julian's Joy'* (Netherton 2004) a 30" tall, 4.5" rich yellow with a subtle red blush eye.

Day 2

Patron Gardens is the huge beautifully maintained garden of Ron & Pat Bonner, in Albany, Georgia. They offer about 800 cultivars for sale. Pat is the RVP for Region 5, and they are both tremendously gracious people. Everything was extremely well grown, and they had the newer introductions from many different hybridizers. One hybridizer's work I was unfamiliar with, but very impressed by was Joseph Tomlinson from Pennsylvania. Many of his are dormant, which does not usually work for me, but should be fine for Region 6 members in North Texas and New Mexico. *H. 'Lyndell's Pink Lemonade'* (Tomlinson 2004) a 5" luminous pink Unusual Form with a large chartreuse throat was just one of several gorgeous introductions. *H. 'This One's For You'* (Joiner-J. 2002) was a huge 6" baked apple double, with excellent bud count and branching. *H. 'Rusty Renegade'* (Joiner 2004) was another stunner, a 5" cherry red and light orange bicolor double. *H. 'Bi-Colored Bite'* (Lambert 2002) a 5" lavender and purple bitone with a darker eye and yellow toothed edges on the petals was very striking. Jack Carpenter was well represented. His *H. 'Lavender Cascades'* (2002) made you stop to admire the ruffled, smoky lavender tepals with a rose colored eye and edge. *H. 'Kathy Macartney'* (Roberts-N. 2005) was a striking 5" burgundy black spider. *H. 'Saber Tooth Tiger'* (Gossard 2005), an 8.5" orange and yellow bicolor open form bloom had huge jagged teeth. And *H. 'Fluff And Stuff'* by Chris Rogers (2005) was a very refined 6" ruffled cream with a pastel yellow edge.

Don & Nancy Eller's Sunshine Garden is just 11 miles north of Albany in Leesburg, Georgia. They are both hybridizing some beautiful and distinctive daylilies. Nancy is creating both diploid and tetraploid doubles. Her *H. 'Amanda's Little Red Shoes'* (2004) is one of the most distinctively beautiful doubles I have seen. It is a 6" medium red pom-pom double with darker veins and white edges. Nancy's *H. 'Marion Tyus'* (2005) a rich purple 5.5" double with a dark burgundy eye and yellow throat was also beautiful. I also learned that if you take a young man named Donald, and call him Donald Duck enough times, he might grow up to be a daylily hybridizer that incorporates a duck theme into all of his introductions. *H. 'Quack Fire'* (Eller 2005) is a 6" peach with a large maroon eye and a two-tone edge of maroon and gold. *H. 'Duck Pond Dawn'* (Eller 2005) was a 5.5" breathtaking ruffled soft pink with a subtle dark pink halo, and creamy pink edges. They grow cultivars by many other hybridizers, and offer about 500 for sale.

Day 3

Forty miles east of Albany, Georgia, is the most beautiful daylily garden in the world. Granted, I haven't seen every daylily garden in the world, but I've seen enough to know that Tim Bell has created daylily paradise. Border and island beds are near the house and parking area, and long sweeping paths bordered by daylilies take you down to the pond. Tim's hybridizing area is off to one side, under shade cloth. Everything is watered and watered some more, to produce beautiful big lush plants. *H. 'Quasimodo'* (Stamile 2001) was one of the prettiest open form flowers I've ever seen. It had 9" flowers of intense violet red, with a huge maroon eye and large chartreuse throat. Carpenter's *H. 'Abundant Cascades'* (2004) was hypnotic, with clear lavender petals and a slate blue eye and edge. Ted Petit's *H. 'Inca Puzzle'* (2004) was an interesting dusty lavender with a pale copper watermark and yellow throat. *H. 'Spacecoast Technical Knockout'* (Kinnebrew 2004) scored a TKO on me with smoky rose petals and of course, a black eye. *H. 'Gilded By Grace'* (2005) was a very refined melon cream with a bold maroon eye and maroon/gold edge, by a Georgia hybridizer I was not familiar with, Mary Gaskins. But some of the most stunning daylilies were Tim Bell's own introductions - *H. 'Beside Still Waters'* (2005) was a round, ruffled, 6" purple flower with a pale lavender eye and edge. *H. 'Hem Of His Garment'* (2001) is a 5" cream flower with a dusty lavender eye and border, with a thin gold edge. *H. 'Living Legend'* (2006) is a 6" eye-popping smoky pink with a big burgundy eye, and a wide two-toned edge of burgundy and bright yellow. Tim offers about 900 cultivars for sale, including many more beauties of his own.

I then motored on to Dublin, Georgia, specifically to see the good things I had heard about Tim and Katisue Herrington's program. I was not disappointed. Tim is creating some beautiful diploid miniature/small flowers, including a lot of doubles. *H. 'Calypso Green'* (1998) is a 3.5" vibrant yellow with a green infusion that extends way out onto the petals. *H. 'Red Light Green Light'* (2005) is a striking 4" rose flower with a big bright red eye and green throat. And there is a whole series of small doubles with "cupcake" in the name. All of them are adorable. Katisue is working wonders with her program. *H. 'Dorothy And Toto'* (2003) is a big 6" tetraploid double in a blend of cherry red, peach and cream, with a thin gold edge. *H. 'Blackberry Boogie'* (2004) grabs your attention from across the garden with 5.5" golden yellow flowers with a huge dark red eye and edge. And in the open forms, *H. 'Christmas In Oz'* (2004) was a very striking bright pink with a chevron red eye and large yellow/green throat. The Herringtons offer about 300 cultivars for sale, including those of many other hybridizers

Day 4

Rain, glorious rain. It dampened my plans, but boy did they need it. I drove back to Atlanta and visited Bill and Diana Waldrop. Bill has a very well planned operation, and is creating some unbelievably beautiful round ruffled cultivars. His first intros were just 5 years ago, but he is pushing the envelope. All of them were very nice, but two stood out in my mind. *H. 'Kennesaw Mountain Hayride'* (2008) was just delicious. It is a round 6" orange sherbet flower with a big chartreuse throat and lovely ruffled yellow edges. And a future introduction, to be called *H. 'Morticia's Mascara'*, was a drop-dead gorgeous dark, dark purple with a large black eye. Then I headed back to the airport and home to Texas.

I probably picked a bad year to visit South Georgia. In early June 2005, the prolonged drought was continuing to worsen, and smoke from the burning Okefenokee Swamp, over 100 miles away, was often irritating to the eyes and throat. But it was still a wonderful few days, filled with nice people and mind numbingly beautiful daylilies. You will get a chance to see the Bell and Bonner gardens in 2010 when Valdosta hosts the AHS National Convention. Given that their climate is similar to Region 6, I think you would be making a huge mistake to miss it.

On a side note, the last four years, the AHS Conventions have all been up north. I attended these Conventions and enjoyed them very much; but it was frustrating for me to see so many dormant cultivars. Well the next four AHS Conventions are all down south - Houston, Orlando, Valdosta, and Baton Rouge. I would really like to see Region 6 return to the tradition of having one of the largest contingents at National. Please make it a habit that you will never want to break.

MINUTES OF THE REGION 6 BUSINESS MEETING

The Region 6 annual business meeting was held at 4:30 p.m. on May 17, 2008, at the Greenspoint Wyndham Hotel as part of the AHS National Convention. Attending were 16 members, including the following officers: Steve Wingfield, RVP; Lori Potrykus, RPD; Susan Elder, Secretary; Malcolm Avaritt, Treasurer; Donna Peck, Director; Binion Amerson, Exhibition Judges Chair; Beth Zimpelman, Awards and Honors Chair; Rebecca Board, AHS Popularity Poll Director; Alan Tuffnell, President of the Albuquerque Daylily Society.

Mark Carpenter, Newsletter Editor; and Ray Elizondo, our new Membership Chairman, were absent.

Donna praised Region 6 for its representation of the National Convention. She then reported to the members about her new assignment on the AHS Board. Her's is the new position of Ombudsman, in which capacity she will serve as a neutral party to look at the problems and concerns of AHS members.

Rebecca spoke on the 2008 Popularity Poll. Our new *Journal Editor*, Meg McKenzie Ryan, plans to "tip in" the form in the *Journal* so members can tear it out easily and mail it to their Popularity Poll Chairman, or alternatively they can find the form on the AHS web site and submit it electronically.

Discussion was held about the AHS voucher program for new members, which is very popular. The voucher will also be given to current members who increase to a 3-year membership or become life members.

The Minutes of the 2007 Region 6 Business Meeting were published in the Summer, 2007, issue of the Newsletter, so were not read at this time.

Malcolm gave the Treasurer's report showing a total of \$58,762.64 in our account as of April 30, 2008. He will present a budget at our next Executive Board Meeting and will see if a review of our financial records will suffice in place of an audit because of the cost and small amount of business activity we perform in our Region.

Steve told us that he and his wife, Margaret, had checked to be certain that all Region 6 members are on the Newsletter mailing list. He asked that club presidents keep the list of their members updated, and said that the cost of a Newsletter to each member is approximately \$8.00. Steve said that additional copies of the Regional Newsletter would be sent to club presidents so they can give them to their members who may not have received a copy. The Executive Board commissioned a design for a condolence card to be sent by the Secretary to the families of our deceased members on behalf of our Region. Steve also requested that club presidents advise him of the death of any members. Susan mentioned that she had recently sent a card to Mary Anne Ater at the time of the death of her husband, Bill, our long-time member. Steve also noted that he is searching for a volunteer to be the Region's Garden Judges Liaison position. In the interim, Steve is filling this position.

Lori reported on her new position as Regional Publicity Director. She has been learning from discussion with other RPDs, and presented the possibility of signing up for the E-Mail newsletter. Lori asked that each club send her information regarding their tours and sales as she plans to contact garden writers in Texas and New Mexico to get publicity for our activities.

Steve praised Region 6 for having over 50% of our membership participate in last year's Popularity Poll. This was the largest participation in the AHS and we hope to do this again in 2008. Steve mentioned that he hopes

members will participate through the AHS web site which goes directly to Lori, but will certainly accept those mailed to her. Lori will talk with Mark about continuing the present program of prizes.

Binion reported that Region 6 currently has 82 Exhibition Judges. Ray Houston will post the status of both Exhibition and Garden Judges on the Region web site. A Clinic for Exhibition Judges is planned in Dallas two weeks after the Regional.

Webmaster Ray Houston is exploring the possibility to make all past issues of our Newsletter available on CD for a fee if the demand warrants it and the Executive Board approves the funds. In addition, he plans to update tributes to Region members who have passed away.

The Executive Board approved an Award For Design to be named in memory of Bill Ater and awarded at a Regional Meeting, which includes a flower show. It was decided that the Award For Design should carry Bill's name as he served as a mentor in that field throughout our Region. The award will be a rosette.

The By-Laws require that we start looking for a successor RVP, which will be voted on at the next Regional Meeting. Eddie Raye Andrews will chair this committee. Two people were nominated and voted on to serve with her, Alan Tuffnell, President of the Albuquerque Daylily Society, and Beth Zimpelman, Chairman of the Regional Awards and Honors Committee and who is a member of the Austin and San Antonio Daylily clubs.

Service Awards were discussed. Anyone can write a letter of nomination and these should be sent directly to the Executive Board of AHS. Ray Houston will research the criteria necessary for an individual to be nominated for one of these awards, and will post this information on the web site. We hope to have winners from our Newsletter for the 2009 AHS Convention in Orlando.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Elder, Secretary

EARLY BIRD REMINDER FOR 2011 REGIONAL MEETING

EDNA LANKART AND ANNIE T. GILES HYBRIDIZER'S BEDS 2011 REGION 6 MEETING

Held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 30-July 2, 2011

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 year to have time to establish and show off to their best in 2011. It takes at least three years in Albuquerque to establish a good clump. So send them as soon as possible!

The Award Beds will be in Mimi Glover's garden and she's ready for them, now.

Send them to:

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CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

Albuquerque Daylily Society - We have had four meetings so far this year. Our first meeting was March 15th at the Garden Center with a guest speaker, Dick Fagerland (The Bug Man), with a question and answer presentation on managing structural pests in an environmentally friendly manner. Pot luck lunch followed the meeting. Our second meeting was held on April 19th at the home of Sharon Jensen. Art Bova, our local photography expert presented a program on how to better photograph your daylilies. He instructed many members on how to get the most out of their cameras in an effort to encourage more members to enter the photo section of our Flower Show. Our third meeting was on May 10th at High Country Gardens, with a program on "Companion Plants for Daylilies," presented by David Salman (owner and founder of High Country Gardens). Of course, we all went shopping after the meeting. June 14th, at the home of Rozanne and Alan Tuffnell our fourth meeting was held with a program on preparing daylilies for the upcoming show. Donna Peck, Jim Petty and Rozanne Tuffnell instructed members on choosing flowers, grooming and transporting flowers for the show. Margo Murdock covered the topic of filling out entry tags for classification. At a number of our meetings so far this year we have also had plant raffles and silent auctions, and always lots of good food and fellowship.

Our flower show this year was held on June 29th at the Albuquerque Garden Center. All of our encouragement and instruction seems to have helped; we had 159 entries in horticulture, 30 entries in design, and 29 in the photography section. We also had a plant sale for the public that sold out in less than an hour and the flower show was well attended. Good publicity really pays off!!!

July 12th brings a tour of member's gardens, with no business meeting, just fun in the gardens and time to visit.

Rozanne Tuffnell, Reporter



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Cypress Creek Daylily Club - Is looking forward to the varied daylily-related activities that have been planned for 2008. Along with that, Program Chairman Lawrence Gibson has provided some interesting and informative programs thus far.

For our January program, he did a presentation on "PowerPoint Basics." This was actually a demonstration on some of the things you can do to enhance the PowerPoint presentations you give.

Ceil Dow was our speaker for February. The topic of Ceil's presentation was "Gingers." Ceil has been growing Gingers for over 20 years. She is the Ginger Grower for Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens' sales and symposiums. In fact, Ceil received the Harris County Master Gardener of the Year Award for 2007 for her many hours she spent working at Mercer. Ceil's knowledge of, and enthusiasm for, Gingers is readily apparent.

In March we had our Annual Daylily Club Auction. This was handled somewhat differently from our previous auctions in that each member used "Billy's Play Money." This was a way for the club members to benefit for all their hard work. To say that we all enjoyed this auction is an understatement! In fact, we're hoping for an encore!

"Cattleya Orchids" was the topic of our April program and it was presented by Vernna Gibson. This presentation focused mainly on the culture of Cattleyas and how we can grow them in our area.

Plant Sale Chairman Billy Lewis reported that we again experienced a very successful plant sale. This was a two day sale (March 12-13) and was held at Klein United Methodist Church in conjunction with their EggStravaganza Market. Sincere thanks to all who donated plants and worked the sale.

The 2008 AHS National Convention held in Houston (May 15-17) has come and gone. For those of you who were able to travel to Houston for the Convention, we hope you had a great time. We truly enjoyed meeting so many of you!

Vernna Gibson, Reporter

The Brazosport Daylily Society - Hot and dry. How often have we heard those words this year? Any gardens receiving the much needed rainfall are the envy of the thirsty daylily beds awaiting their turn. The last remembrance of cool weather was during our Convention. The days and weeks following have been scorching.

Our club has had a busy past six months with the Convention, flower show and sale, and garden tours. All were extremely successful due to the countless hours of dedication by so many of our club members and others. A big "Thank you" and "Congratulations" is deserved by all.

The programs at the monthly meetings have been both entertaining and informative. Art Imperial had a PowerPoint presentation in January on the 2007 AHS National. In February, Pam Peltier, a Brazoria County Master Gardener, spoke about the dreaded "Fire Ants." Members saw a PowerPoint presentation in March of the daylilies of Linda Agin, hybridizer from Prattville, Alabama, given by David and Nancy Freshour. The guest speaker in April was Donna Fay Hillard of Pearland, Texas. She demonstrated making hanging baskets and compost tea. Joanne Berry and Nancy Hackney also gave great tips on grooming daylilies.

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The Brazosport Daylily Society held its annual Flower Show and Sale in May. The winners were:

Extra Large	<i>Hemerocallis 'Julie Newmar'</i> (Morss, 2000)	Art & Nina Imperial
Large	<i>H. 'My Special Angel'</i> (Salter, 1996)	Leon & Paula Payne
Small	<i>H. 'Berried in Texas'</i> (Payne, 2006)	Leon & Paula Payne
Miniature	<i>H. 'Fairy Firecracker'</i> (Hudson, 1984)	Nancy Freshour
Double & Polytetal	<i>H. 'Dutch Yellow Truffle'</i> (Kirchhoff, 2003)	Art & Nina Imperial
Spider	<i>H. 'Marked by Lydia'</i> (Temple, 1994)	Leon & Paula Payne
Unusual Form	<i>H. 'Storm Damage'</i> (Hansen, 2004)	Leon & Paula Payne
Youth	<i>H. 'General Francis Marion'</i> (Roycroft, 1997)	Suyuri Delgado
Popularity Poll	<i>H. 'Jason Salter'</i> (Salter, 1987)	Art & Nina Imperial
Seedling or Pre-registered Seedling		Everett Crainer
Best-in-Show	<i>H. 'Fairy Firecracker'</i> (E. Hudson, 1984)	Nancy Freshour
Sweepstakes		Leon & Paula Payne

The following week in May was filled with the excitement of the 2008 AHS National Convention. Congratulations to member Anna Rosa Glidden who received the Region 6 Service Award at the National Awards Banquet.

June was Garden Tour time for our club. Members visited the gardens of Bob and Judy Leffingwell in Freeport, Everett and Chris Crainer in Brazoria, David and Nancy Freshour in Lake Jackson, and Art and Nina Imperial also in Lake Jackson. It was exciting seeing the daylilies of others, and of course, adding to our "wish list."

In July Greg and Marti Graves, members of the American Hibiscus Society, presented an informative program on propagation and care of Hibiscus. Eddie Raye Andrews had a slide presentation from the pictures she had taken during the Convention garden tours. The meeting was also made special by the generosity of Art and Nina Imperial who donated many gift plants for the attendees.

The previous months have been busy yet fun, hot and dry. But as we know in Texas tomorrow that can all change.

Wanda Lubojacky and Shelly Stasney, Reporters

Golden Spread Daylily Society - We did not get our news in the Spring Edition because we missed the notice that there was a new Editor and sent the news to the old Editor. The officers for 2008 are: President, Doug Smith; Vice President, Don Glenn; Secretary/Treasurer, Joan Avampato. The first meeting for 2008 was on February 24 and started another year of daylily activities.

The spring daylily sale was held May 3 at the annual Garden Fest Plant sale of the Amarillo Botanical Gardens. The weather was good and many took advantage of the variety of plants that were available and suitable for the Texas Panhandle. Daylilies were available in a great variety and gave many the opportunity to choose specific colors.

The Kate Graham Daylily Garden at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens is thriving thanks to Don Glenn and Doug Smith. The daylilies along with the companion plants that were planted there make for a beautiful garden that is enjoyed by all visitors. Don has done a lot of landscaping with stones and channels to lead the water away from the plants. Unfortunately, we are located in a low area where there is much running and standing water when it rains.

We made our annual visit to Don Glenn's extensive daylily gardens on June 21, which also served as our June meeting. It actually rained in the morning but we met at 12 noon before the heat of the day set in and an added bonus was lunch of brisket on a bun, potato salad, cake and iced tea. We had an unusually hot spring with not much rain so not all daylilies were in bloom. However, many were and everything looked great. As was our custom, each member made a list of 10 favorites, which were then sent to the AHS favorites voting. It must have been a coincidence when we all received the *Daylily Journal* containing the voting list later that same afternoon. What a terrific issue that was with all the photos of the flowers, gardens and the people we have heard about but now to meet them through their photos. Kudos to the Editor, it was outstanding.

Joan Avampato, Secretary

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Daylily Growers of Dallas - held its 2008 Daylily Flower Show (picture bottom center) in Rosine Hall at the Dallas Arboretum, 8617 Garland Road, Dallas, TX on Sunday, June 1. The theme was "It's A Jungle Out There." Flower Show Chairman Mary Alice Caffarel of Rockwall reports that there were 343 Horticulture entries, 12 Floral Design entries, and two Educational Exhibits.

In the Horticulture Division, Hooker and Bonnie Nichols of North Dallas won Best of Show with *Hemerocallis 'Texas Shogun'*. Lee and Anita Causey of Flower Mound won Sweepstakes Award. In the Floral Design Division, Binion Amerson of Farmers Branch won the Tricolor Award.

Top winners were as follows:

Horticulture Division

- Best Extra-Large Flower Award: *Hemerocallis 'Bottle Rocket'*, Lee and Anita Causey, Flower Mound. (picture bottom right)
- Best Large Flower Award: *H. 'Deep Peace'*, Lee and Anita Causey, Flower Mound
- Best Small Flower Award: *H. 'Texas Shogun'*, Hooker and Bonnie Nichols, North Dallas
- Best Miniature Flower Award: *H. 'Siloam June Bug'*, Mary Alice Caffarel, Rockwall
- Double and Polytetal Flower Award: *H. 'Raspberry Cup Cakes'*, Lee and Anita Causey, Flower Mound
- Best Spider Flower Award: *H. 'Small Wonder'*, Tim Closs, Princeton
- Best Unusual Flower Award: *H. 'Green Dragon'*, Lee and Anita Causey, Flower Mound
- Best Seedling Flower Award: Unnamed Cultivar, Lee and Anita Causey, Flower Mound
- Sweepstakes Award: Lee and Anita Causey, Flower Mound
- Best of Show Award: Hooker and Bonnie Nichols, North Dallas
- People's Choice Award: *H. 'Primal Scream'*
- Region 6 Popularity Poll Award: *H. 'Red Volunteer'*, Tom and Diane Bevel, Grand Prairie

Floral Design Division

Section 1. Tricolor

- Class A. "Big Cats": Binion Amerson, Farmers Branch (pictured bottom Left)
- Class B. "Monkeying Around": Diane Bevel, Grand Prairie
- Class C. "Jungle Jumbos": Wilma Smith, Allen
- Tricolor Award: Binion Amerson, Farmers Branch

Educational Division

Award of Appreciation: "Daylilies and How to Grow Them In Dallas and North Texas": Peggy Mitchell, Farmers Branch



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Lufkin Hemerocallis Society - Our club ended the old year and started the new one at Crown Colony Country Club with a nice luncheon and installation of officers.

Marlow Shubert always opens our meetings with a prayer and a very inspiring devotional. This day he reminded us to compare our potential to those of the Daylily Seeds.

Dorothy Hale, outgoing President, was presented with a "cobra garden tool" which was the envy of all gardeners.

Officers for 2008 were installed by Carol Moore:

President: Debbie Lambing

1st V. President: Sally Eschenfelder

2nd V. President: Marlow Shubert

Secretary: Reba Garrison

Treasurer: Pat Levins

Historian: Barbara Picou

Parliamentarian: Maggie Koon

Reporter: Reba Garrison

Carol presented each of us with a bottle of different color pills (jellybeans). Then challenged us to follow the directions instilled in us and go forward to a healthy and productive life for ourselves as well as our gardens.

Our club has donated money to the 2008 Region 6 Newsletter and daylilies for the auction at the National Convention and the Lufkin Landscape & Task Force. Also, *Hemerocallis 'Stella De Oro'* was provided by Marlow and Adalee Shuburt and given on behalf of our club to the Lufkin State School Landscape Project.

Our club meets the first Tuesday of the month in the parlor of First Presbyterian Church unless otherwise stated. The programs we have had so far this year have been very interesting. Jeanetta Stewart brought a slide show of some beautiful gardens of Tulips and other landscapes from her recent trip to Holland. Marlow and Adalee Shuburt presented a slide presentation of their before and after spacious garden. It is hard to believe a crawdad infested place can transformed into a daylily farm and numerous other flowers and plants. Their garden was one of the gardens visited by Region 6 Meeting tour groups.

A trip to Pat & Leon Levens beautifully landscaped place was enjoyed by all. Leon's vegetable garden caught our eyes and showed what can be done with veggies as well as daylilies.

We were all anxiously waiting for the time to visit Debbie & Dick Lambing's place. The extra large wrought iron gate with daylily motifs was very inviting. Daylilies covering every space were spectacular.

The Lambings, along with their daughter, Rivers Carr, were planning for Lillie Lu's Daylily Farm, which will open to the public May & June.

Jack Carpenter and Josie Bomar met with us at the County Extension complex. Jack gave a good talk on taking care of what you have by fertilizing and treating for pest on a regular basis, and many other good tips. The slide show of many areas of their place was enjoyed by all. As usual, everyone present was presented one of their named daylilies.

Our club was well represented at the Convention in Houston. Several of our new members were so excited with all of the programs, etc. The visits to the gardens with all the beautiful daylilies, great landscaping and hospitality shown at each garden were AWESOME!!

Preparing plants for our sale & show was a good day for those of us who gathered at the Shubert's for some good visiting and getting dirt manicures. The sale on Saturday, June 7th was a very good one. The monies received are used to pay every member's dues for local and National. We also help to support local landscape projects as well as Regional and National.

Reba Garrison, Reporter

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

Nacogdoches Daylily Society - We began our year with a luncheon at the Victorian Inn. Our plans were to discuss upcoming daylily events. Unfortunately we learned the reason why our mothers always told us not to put our elbows on the table. There was a loose board on the table which sent our food flying. Actually it only raised our plates a few inches giving us a good laugh and a taste of the fun and learning we would have during the daylily season. Our main focus for the year was to tour some of the gardens in Lufkin and Nacogdoches.

Several of us were able to attend the National in Houston. This gave us the opportunity of not only seeing the gardens and different varieties of daylilies but also to see one of our honorary members receive the Stout Medal as well as the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal. We applaud you Jack.

Sally Eschinfelder from Lufkin set up a series of tours to five gardens in Lufkin including hers. There we were able to see many interesting Spiders. Then on to Dorothy Hale's. She has been growing daylilies for over 25 years. In her yard we were able to see old varieties as well as the new. Our next visit was to a commercial garden owned by Marlow Schubert. His two acre garden contained many seedlings as well as 200 named varieties. To end the morning we visited a lovely garden built on the shores of Lake Sam Rayburn where we were also served a nice lunch. Afternoon found us visiting the commercial garden of Debbie Lambing. It is an exquisite garden with flowerbeds growing downhill toward a pond. The pond is surrounded by trees which give the place a sense of peace and tranquility.

The following week we toured three gardens in Nacogdoches. The day began with a visit to the garden of Jean and Jerry Consford. It is a small formal garden with straight paths laid out on an axis. Jerry has built a frog pond, ornamental fences, and bird houses. Jean has selected evergreens to provide structure as well as many perennials and annuals. This well designed garden provides everyone with new ideas. Then on to my yard, a collector's garden containing over 800 varieties of daylilies, some dating back to the 1940's. The only way I seem to be able to part with a plant is for it to die. The last garden of the day is also a large country estate. The well maintained garden of Lillian Lils also has many varieties of perennials and daylilies. The day is ended by another fabulous lunch along the shores of a pond in her backyard.

The following week members drove to Grapeland to see member Sandy Farrar's garden. She is another great garden designer. Besides the daylilies, roses and herbs she has crafted a small woodland garden that leads to a pond. It was well worth the drive and lunch outdoors was also nice. The final tour of the year took us to the commercial garden of Francis Jones. This is another garden containing copious amounts of daylilies and perennials. Best of all after lunch we left with cuttings from her garden. Our season ended with a luncheon at Chili's to discuss all the beautiful gardens we had seen. Yes we like to eat.

Delores Wilson, Reporter.

HELP NEEDED FROM REGION 6 HYBRIDIZERS!!

REGION 6: PLEASE SEND YOUR EDITOR DIGITAL PICTURES OF YOUR BEST NEW SEEDLINGS FROM THIS YEAR FOR OUR WINTER ISSUE. WE WANT TO SHOW REGION 6 MEMBERS JUST HOW TALENTED OUR HYBRIDIZERS ARE!!

SEND TO: MARK CARPENTER@SATX.RR.COM BEFORE OCTOBER 15 PLEASE!!!

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

San Antonio Daylily Society - SADS member Marcia Richardson gave the "Women's Perspective" during her presentation of Daylilies 101. Marcia is dedicated to educating the public about daylily culture through her presentations to organizations in San Antonio and surrounding areas.

SADS participates in three events each year. Chairmen were announced at the February meeting. Ray Elizondo, Sue Camplen and Pat Schultze combined efforts for the plant sale put on by the Botanical Society at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens in April. Ray, Pat and Sue also organized the members and plants for SADS contribution to the Festival of Flowers event. Lori Potrykus was the Chairperson for our own SADS Daylily Show and Sale at the San Antonio Garden Center on May 31.

In February, Thelma Pratts was awarded with a Lifetime Membership in our organization for her long time service and dedication to SADS.

Boyd Farar gave a most informative demonstration on "Designing for the Tricolor Award" at the March meeting. The tips he gave were put to use by those members entering that category for our SADS Daylily Show.

Lori Potrykus and Pat Schultze gave the presentation at our April meeting, refreshing our memories on how to prepare our flowers for entry into the show. Ms. Potrykus gave a good demonstration on grooming the flowers and Ms. Schultze went over the rules for the Tricolor event. Our theme was "Sunshine and Moonbeams in the Spring with Daylilies."

May is always our busiest month, therefore, we did not schedule a regular meeting. We had two big flower events in May. We set up our booth on May 24 at the Festival of Flowers, yearly plant extravaganza at which most garden clubs in San Antonio and the Hill Country participate. Vendors attend to pass out information on the latest garden products and to sell their wares. SADS was sold out of daylilies by noon, so the plan is to place a larger order of plants for next year's sale!

Our San Antonio Daylily Society Annual Daylily Show and Sale was held on May 31st at the San Antonio Garden Center. We had a good crowd and sold most of our daylilies. The members prepared a potluck lunch for the judges and show workers. Educational materials, a daylily display showing different cultivars, and a continual playing video of members' gardens and pictures of individual blooms showing the identification markers was part of the educational display. Steve Wingfield gave a presentation to the public on "Daylilies 101" and Don Olson, Master Gardener & Master Designer, demonstrated using daylilies in arrangements. These classes were very well received.

Steve Wingfield took top honors with 16 blue ribbons and Best of Show award with *H. 'Bitsy'*. Pat Schultze took the Tricolor Award for her design, "Twisting in the Sunshine." Pat was given special credit for her work at, and in preparation for the show.

The June meeting of SADS was moved to June 22 because the regular scheduled date fell on Father's Day. We had an exciting discussion by the 13 SADS members who attended the National Convention in Houston. Each gave their thoughts on what they enjoyed the most about the experience. It was concluded that as many of us as possible should plan to attend the Region 6 Meeting in Fort Worth next May.

President Don Tuff urged members to quickly send in their ballots for the annual AHS Popularity Poll and spoke of the importance of membership in the AHS, and urged non-members to join.

We are all looking forward to our annual picnic, to be held at Margaret and Steve Wingfield's home again this year in July. Their Region 6 Display Garden is something to behold!

Maintenance of the Daylily beds at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens is ongoing. The extra hot days were hard on the plants in our SADS garden beds as well as in our own daylily gardens. Very little rain fell all spring and up to the first part of July. The daylilies bloomed late this year if they bloomed at all. We managed to have enough in bloom for a successful daylily show. Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative next year.

Germaine Tuff, Reporter

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

North Texas Daylily Society - The North Texas Daylily Society, 20 years old in July, has been busy with many activities and events including preparations for the 2009 Region 6 Meeting. We look forward to hosting this important event next year and visiting with many of our Region 6 daylily lovers.

The NTDS has had some leadership changes. Sam Northrip took over as NTDS President in February. Bob Harper was subsequently elected as the new Secretary to follow Sam. The presiding NTDS officers for 2008 are:

President: Sam Northrip

First VP Programs: Vernon Wallis, Joan Schmidt, Janet Howe

Second VP Membership: Vernon Wallis

Third VP Publicity: Beth Northrip

Fourth VP Treasurer: Shirlene Holt

Secretary: Bob Harper

Sunshine Committee: Joan Schmidt

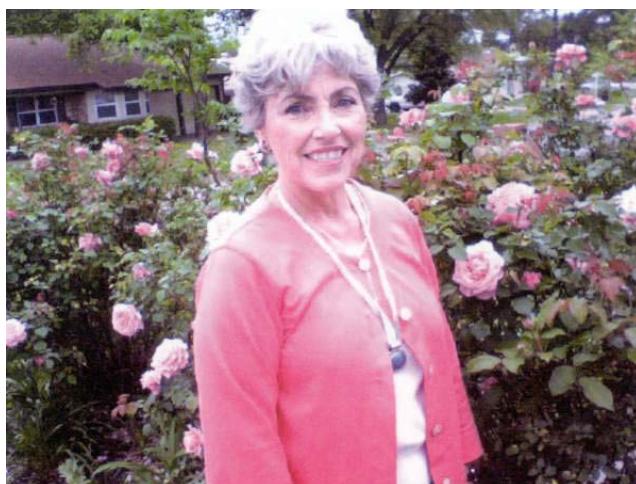
Gail Manning, an education horticulturist and entomologist with the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, spoke to our club in January about butterflies. She showed many interesting photographs showing them evolving and their habitats. Later, there were over 12,000 butterflies released in the conservatory during the month of March as the Fort Worth Botanic Garden sponsored *Butterflies in the Garden*.

In our February meeting, we began with the membership giving a well-deserved special thanks to Jim Bartlett for all his work in publishing the NTDS newsletter. Later, Keith Johansson, owner of Metro Maples in Fort Worth and an expert in growing Maples in hot climates, gave an excellent slide presentation on Maple trees for North Texas.

In March, Regional Meeting Chairperson Gwen Pennington and Tom Bevel gave an update on preparations for the 2009 Region 6 Meeting, including acquiring donations for a silent auction to raise funds. Gwen went over a sample schedule of activities. For the evening's program, Bob Scott of Bob Scott's Nursery in Yukon (Oklahoma City), OK, gave a very humorous and informative slide presentation on his well-known and award winning Topguns daylilies. After his presentation there was an auction of several of his Topguns daylilies that he donated along with a Shantung Maple tree donated by February's speaker Keith Johansson of Metro Maples. Bob Scott also offered a large discount for a NTDS group order and Janet Howe consolidated the individual member orders.

Our April meeting had barely begun before a tornado warning forced us to move into the Botanic Garden auditorium for safety. Shortly after we were able to resume the meeting, we were again interrupted by another warning as the violent storm raged outside. After we were finally able to continue, member Diane Bevel gave an informative presentation on artistic design, utilizing two nice design samples that she brought. She demonstrated design criteria and provided instruction on how to prepare a design entry. With the continuing storm threat, Diane abbreviated her discussion and we adjourned early. Fortunately, all made it home safely although totally stressed out.

The NTDS participated in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Spring Plant Sale on April 19th. Joan Schmidt (below) was the Chairperson for our involvement which successfully met our goal of raising extra funds needed for the 2009 Region 6 Meeting. Gene and Shirlene Holt and Sam and Beth Northrip potted over 150 daylilies in preparation for the event.



At our May meeting, members Lee and Anita Causey shared their expertise on how they win so many awards at the daylily shows. They explained how they grow and select their plants for the shows and demonstrated how they meticulously groom their entries.

The 2008 NTDS Annual Daylily Show was held on Saturday June 7th at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. This year's show, Dancing with Daylilies, had a whopping 353 entries. The judges praised the outstanding quality of the entries. The tables were awash with blue and purple ribbons.

The Causeys (see Lee, below) again validated their superior technique by winning 10 of 14 categories at our show. Their 146 entries were awarded 141 blue ribbons and 97 purple ribbons, allowing them to capture the Sweepstakes Award for the 43rd consecutive show they have entered. Wow!!!



At the NTDS luncheon at the daylily show, we enjoyed Ron Taylor's specially prepared brisket. Also at the luncheon Gene Holt (pictured below) was announced as the 2008 NTDS Daylily Person of the Year. Much of Gene's work is quietly done behind the scene, but our membership showed their awareness and appreciation of all that he does to make our club successful by presenting this award. Gene has long been a tireless worker and great supporter of our club and is richly deserving of this recognition.

On Saturday June 14th, the NTDS held its summer picnic. This year we had a fish fry hosted by members Linda and Ken Long at their home near Weatherford, west of Fort Worth. Thirty-five people attended and were treated to an outstanding dinner and a tour of the Longs' gardens. Ken Long furnished lots of fish. The club provided meat, drinks and many nice door prizes. The members brought side dishes and desserts, lots of desserts. We sat under the big shade trees, sipped our drinks and swapped tales, even some true ones, until late in the evening.

Sam Northrip, Reporter



Region 6 In Memoriam

Billy “Bill” Frank Ater

1984-85 AHS President

1996 Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal Recipient

August 6, 1930 - April 23, 2008

by Ray Houston, Region 6 Historian/Archives Chairman

(Extracted from Region 6 Newsletter Archives

and the Austin American Statesman Obituary)



Bill Ater died April 23, 2008, in Austin, Texas, after a long struggle with pancreatic cancer. Bill was born August 6, 1930, to Ethel Price and Will R. Ater in the Joppa Community in Burnet County, Texas. He was one of six children: Mary Louise, Dorothy Mae, Martin Luther, Kenneth, and Joann, all of whom predeceased him. Bill is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary Anne; and their two daughters, Patricia Lynne and Laura Anne.

Bill graduated from Bertram High School in 1947, and then attended St. Edwards University and the University of Texas in Austin, where he majored in Accounting. He worked at the Austin National Bank while in school until he was drafted in 1952 into the U.S. Army. He did his basic training at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri for two years. Upon his discharge, he returned to Austin to continue his education at the University of Texas in 1954.

Bill worked part-time at the Austin National Bank where he met Mary Anne Stephenson, whom he married on November 23, 1955. They lived all of their married life in Austin. He worked for Swearingen Motors, the dealer for the Edsel automobile, for two years before working for the Texas Highway Department in the Right of Way Division. In 1967, he began working as Business Manager for Clinical Pathology Laboratories from which he retired in 1985. He continued his interest in Accounting and Real Estate Management.

Bill has been very active in many plant clubs over the years, having served as President of the Heart O’ Texas Orchid Society, President of the Capital City Judges Council of Flower Shows, President and Life Member of the Austin Hemerocallis Society, Life Member of the American Hemerocallis Society, and member of the Violet Crown Garden Club.

Bill and Mary Anne began growing daylilies in 1960 and joined the Austin Hemerocallis Society in 1965. They have been very active in every aspect of their club.

Bill served as the AHS Region 6 RVP, 1978-79. In 1980, Bill received the AHS Newsletter Award for his editing of Region 6 Newsletters during his term as Region 6 RVP. He served six years on the AHS Board of Directors, acting as Chairman of Accredited Hemerocallis Shows and Chairman of Exhibition Judges & Clinics, and the last two years he served as the AHS President, 1984-85. Mary Anne and Bill were the 1996 AHS Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal recipients. Bill served as the Region 6 Historian and Archives Chairman, 1998-2001, and was the Region 6 Garden Judges Liaison, 2002-03. He was an AHS Senior Exhibition Judge and Instructor for Exhibition Judges. He judged daylily flower shows all over the United States. He was currently serving as the Austin Area Garden Council Treasurer. Bill was also a National Council of Garden Clubs Master Flower Show Judge, and at the time of his death was only one of four male National Council of Garden Clubs Master Flower Show Judges in Texas.

Bill has always been available to share his interest in and knowledge of plants and flowers. Bill traveled all over Region 6 presenting programs to the Region’s clubs on successful floral arrangement designs for flower shows.

Bill will be greatly missed by his family and his many friends.

REGION 6 DAYLILY SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTS and MEETING SCHEDULES

Albuquerque Daylily Society

President - Alan Tuffnell
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Meetings: March-August, October every 3rd Saturday, 9:30 a.m. at member's homes.

Austin Hemerocallis Society

President - Art Petley
12004 Wander Lane Austin, Texas 78750
(512) 250-0744 arthur.petley@sbcglobal.net
Meetings: February-May, August-December, 1st Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Austin Area Garden Center

Brazosport Daylily Society

President-Everett Crainer
5748 FM 2611
Brazoria, Texas 77422
(979) 964-3468 emcrainer@yahoo.com
Meetings: Monthly 2nd Sunday, 2:30 p.m. , Lake Jackson Civic Center

Cypress Creek Daylily Club

President - Gerald Overtuff
2414 Trenton Houston, Texas 77093
(281) 442-0200
Meetings: Jan-April, Sept-Oct, 4th Sunday, 2 p.m. at Mercer Arboretum

Daylily Growers of Dallas

President-Tim Closs
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Princeton, Texas 75407-2549
(972) 734-2858 bcfarm@att.net
Meetings: Jan-May, Sept-Nov, 3rd Saturday, 10 a.m., North Haven Gardens, Dallas

East Texas Daylily Society

President - Clyde Elliot
3225 McDonald Road Tyler, Texas 75701
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Meetings: Monthly 2nd Sunday, 2 p.m., Tyler Rose Center

Golden Spread Daylily Society

President - Doug Smith
726 Lefors
Pampa, Texas 79065-4824
(806) 665-3410
Meetings: Feb-Oct, 4th Sunday 2 pm, Amarillo Botanical Gardens

Gulf Coast Daylily Society

President - Deane Spradley
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Lumberton, Texas 77657
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Meetings: Feb, Apr, Aug, Sept, Dec-1st Saturday

Houston Area Daylily Society

President - Sharon Shackelford
14419 Wickhurst Cypress, Texas 77429-1849
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Meetings: Jan-May, Sept-Dec., 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m., Hermann Park Garden Center

Houston Hemerocallis Society

President - Hershal Theilen
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(713) 681-2644 htheilen@flash.net
Meetings: Jan-Apr, Sep-Oct, 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Hermann Park Garden Center

Huntsville Muddy Boots Daylily Society

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Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Sunday, 1 p.m.

Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society

President - Glenn Huddleston
972 HCR 2128 Whitney, Texas 76692-4960
(254) 694-5446
Meetings: Monthly 2nd Saturday, 2 p.m., United Cooperative Services Community Room in Cleburne, Texas

Lone Star Daylily Society

President - Paul Eskine
3516 East Orange Street Pearland, Texas 77581
(281) 485-4567 peskine@houston.rr.com
Meetings: Monthly 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m., Alvin Senior Citizen's Building

Lufkin Hemerocallis Society

President - Debbie Lambing
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(936) 639-4768 riversann@hotmail.com
Meetings: Monthly 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m., T. U. Electric Meeting Room

Nacogdoches Daylily Society

President - Candace Hughes
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(936) 552-7830
Meetings: Monthly 2nd Tuesday, 7 p.m.

North Texas Daylily Society-Fort Worth

President - Sam Northrip
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Meetings: Monthly 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Fort Worth Botanic Center

San Antonio Daylily Society

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Meetings: Monthly 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m., San Antonio Botanical Gardens

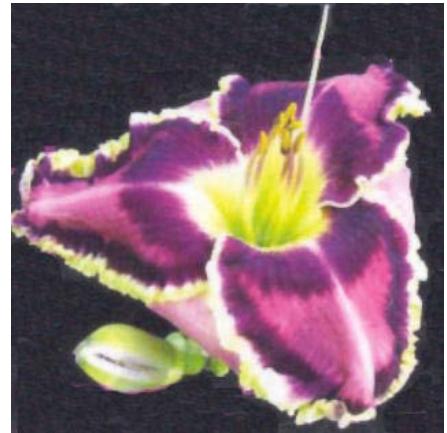
SOME OF THE DAYLILIES MENTIONED IN THIS ISSUE'S "FEATURE ARTICLE" ARE PICTURED BELOW - ENJOY!!!!



Hemerocallis 'Broadway Phantom'
Photo Courtesy of Christie Dixon



H. 'Open My Eyes'
Photo Courtesy of Patrick Guidry



H. 'Living Legend'
Photo Courtesy of Tim Bell



H. 'Quasimodo'
Photo Courtesy of Sue Brown



H. 'Lyndell's Pink Lemonade'
Photo Courtesy of Joseph Tomlinson



H. 'Saber-Tooth Tiger'
Photo Courtesy of Jamie Gossare