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- Many members enjoy daylily discussion groups called Robins, either by mail or online
- Through local clubs, AHS offers workshops for prospective Exhibition and Garden Judges whose votes determine the winners of major daylily awards

See page 3 for more information and a membership application!

Come for the flowers. Stay for the people!

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

Donna Peck

As I write this, I've just returned from our Fall Board of Director's Meeting in Valdosta, Georgia. It was the first time I have had the privilege of voting for many of the important awards. By now if you have visited the web site you know that Van Seller's 9 inch, outstanding red self *H. 'All American Chief'* won the prestigious Stout Medal Award. It was a popular winner, not only among the Garden Judges who voted for it, but also in the email Robin that had it at the top of the list.

The Lenington All-American Award was not that easy. The Directors had to vote a number of times for one to receive a majority of the votes. All the daylilies were so qualified for the award. Clarence Crochet's beautiful medium yellow double, *H. 'King Kahuna'* was the proud winner. Congratulations to our own Jack Carpenter who won an Award of Merit for *H. 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'*. He also won several Honorable Mentions along with other Region 6 hybridizers - Leon Payne, Josie Bomar, and Mary Gage. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

Some of the highlights of the meeting were:

1. The membership for 2008 totals 8,963 members. This represents a loss of 800 members since 2007. A challenge is on for every AHS member to try to recruit new members for their clubs. The voucher system is an excellent incentive.
2. AHS President, Kevin Walek, announced that in conjunction with the publication of the new *Daylily Journal*, the winter issue will be sold to local clubs for \$1.00 to be used as an incentive to attract new members to the local and national organizations. By now each President of our local clubs should have received their letter requesting each club to take part in this. I hope all the clubs have done so.
3. Tim Fehr, AHS Webmaster, is creating a new look for our web site. Be sure to log on to www.daylilies.org.
4. An Ad Hoc Committee reported that AHS would replace the term "polytepal" with the term "polymerous" for those daylilies that have more than three segments per floral whorl. To simplify the explanation, polymerous is a "better scientific" name. You'll hear more about it in further reports.
5. The Board approved the action that the Popularity Poll is intended to be an individual's own personal vote for the member's favorite daylilies. Memberships held by clubs, corporations, and institutions may not vote nor should be voting when determining participation. This year Region 6's Popularity Poll winner was *H. 'Jason Salter'* and the entire membership's winner was *H. 'Primal Scream'*.
6. Next year the Popularity Poll ballot will list the daylilies that have received more than four votes the previous year, plus it will have write-in blanks at the bottom of the ballot. Many of the RVPs who have tabulated the ballots agreed that this would be easier to count and would give the members a wide choice if they can't make up their minds easily.

The Publicity and Media Relations Committee has designed a striking poster to encourage and promote our beautiful flower. Keep watching the AHS web site which will announce the availability of the free posters. Also a banner is being designed which our clubs will have a chance to receive for their use with a \$39 donation. The banner is provided by a \$5,000 gift by Region 2.

And Congratulations go to our own Mabel Matthews who has made available a scholarship of a minimum of \$5,000 each year. The annual scholarship will be from the interest of \$100,000 Mrs. Matthews plans to establish for this purpose. The scholarship will allow an AHS member to pay tuition for a minimum of 12 hours credit for one semester at most universities. A press release will be announced with more details at a later date. What a nice gesture, Mabel.

As you can tell, we had a very busy Saturday. And I didn't even mention all the By-Law changes and other matters which I will bring up in further columns. The Valdosta Daylily Club did an excellent job of hosting us, giving each of us one of Tim Bell's daylilies and showing us pictures of some of the gardens to be visited during the 2010 National Convention, which will be held there. If their treatment of us during this weekend is any indication, they will have a wonderful Convention.

Again, I will remind you that I am the AHS Ombudsman, so if you have any questions or concerns, please let me know. Next year I will also be the Chairman of the Policy and Procedure Committee and also a member of the Executive Committee. I am very proud to represent Region 6 at these meetings.



REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

Steve Wingfield

In these days of corporate bailouts and a frenzied stock market, it is imperative that we take time out to regenerate our energies, and renew our desires, and dare again to have the “confidence to be in high spirits.” Moreover, what better place is there for such rejuvenation than in our gardens working with our daylilies, and even creating a small piece of beauty for future generations by hybridizing our favorite flowers?

When working in the garden it reminds me of an old Greek myth. I feel like Antaeus, the son of Terra, the Earth. He was extremely strong and each time he touched the ground (his Mother Earth) he would be rejuvenated and his strength would be doubled. For me the down-to-earth art of gardening is the best therapy for the stress and strain of our uncertain and complex world.

While the *Hemerocallis* cannot be found in Greek mythology, hybridizing daylilies reminds me of what Neil Armstrong said when he first landed on the moon, “that’s one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind.” I believe it is our duty to encourage hybridizers to create superior varieties, to evaluate them without prejudice, and to register only the “cream of the crop” knowing all along that these new creations are only a springboard to something better.

Being a very neophyte hybridizer (50 or so seeds, a year) I recognize that mediocrity has no place in your garden or our world. Therefore, while culling out your daylily seedlings remember what you think is unique and eye-catching, your spouse may think is nothing more than the next addition for the compost mound. Follow your passion, in spite of what others say, and enter your seedlings at your local flower show and who knows, you may just win Best in Show. I was blessed, and did.

Since our last Newsletter was published, we have had several cases of unusual weather that damaged many of our members’ daylily gardens. First, we had a long, severe summer, then a prolonged and serious drought, and for some this was all followed by hurricane devastation. Yet, reports are that almost everyone has managed to replant (some with the help of their club members) and some have added new varieties that they simply had to have. This type of commitment to our favorite flower shows that when friends work together in a common interest, everything is possible.

The North Texas Daylily Society is hard at work preparing for the 2009 Regional. Seven beautiful gardens will be on tour and nightly entertainment will be available in the stockyards and Sundance Square. Everyone mark your calendars for May 28-30, 2009.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR REPORT

Mark Carpenter

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all! Hopefully you will be receiving this issue just before Christmas, and if the Postal Service is “on time,” you should have quite a few spectacular pictures to look at. We are featuring five hybridizers in this issue, some of whom you know, and others who may be new to you. But certainly they all have spectacular seedlings!

As I look over these seedlings, it amazes me how the hybridizers continue to discover new traits in their daylilies. A double edged diploid? You’ll see it in this issue. A UFO whose sepals are so tight it looks like you could throw it across the lake? You’ll see it in this issue! Colors that are so near to perfection you’ll swear the pictures were doctored? Look inside!

I am also hoping this issue finds those who were affected by Hurricane Ike doing well. I know many of you have noted your number one wish is just to “get back to normal,” and hopefully you are at that point now.

Be sure all of you who are planning on attending the Region 6 Meeting next year in Fort Worth. Get your registrations in early! It makes a world of difference to the planners of these large events to have an accurate head count early. Your thoughtfulness will be greatly appreciated by the folks in Fort Worth!!

Lastly, I have a special request. Here is a list of topics that I would like for you to consider writing an article on:

1. My start in hybridizing
2. Care for daylilies during our summer heat in Region 6
3. Digital photography tips for the beginning photographer
4. How we have built our club’s membership over the years
5. How to run a spectacular flower show
6. Traits I look for in a daylily, and why
7. My first \$100 daylily purchase
8. How the economy is affecting my daylily plans this year
9. A summary of your most special daylily trip of your life
10. ANY humorous article on daylilies. Everyone enjoys a good laugh!!

Simply email me your article to: markcarpenter@satx.rr.com

Thanks everyone, and may all your daylily dreams come true!!



EXHIBITION JUDGES LIAISON REPORT

Binion Amerson

No Report, but we’ll hear from Binion in the Spring Issue again!



REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Lori Potrykus

Greetings once again my fellow daylily lovers!

As I sit in my chair gazing out the window, I sadly realize that my beautiful garden will soon grow dormant. I am sure that many of you are noticing the same of your own garden. During this time, we all begin to make our lists of garden improvements that need to be done over the winter months. Be sure to visit the AHS web site (www.daylilies.org), as it can be a great resource for information, tips, and tools to help enhance your garden.

There is always a desire for additional garden information. Club Editors eagerly await fresh, new ideas to pass on to their members. I would like to begin an article swap of sorts that would be available to all clubs in our Region. Think recipe swap, but better. If you have a fabulous article, lecture, or tidbit of your own that you would like to pass on, please email me at lpotrykusgsatx.rr.com or you may send it directly to my home at 15046 Preston Hollow, San Antonio, Texas, 78247. Please include your name and contact information. We are interested in collecting all types of information. Share your knowledge with fellow gardeners.

I would like to thank each of you for submitting your favorites for the Popularity Poll this year. This is a very important event for the American Hemerocallis Society and it is absolutely terrific that we had such tremendous feedback. There were over 618 different cultivar nominations. One hundred thirty-two AHS members voted. The top ten cultivars are as follows:

1. Jason Salter (E. Salter-1987)
2. Orange Velvet (Joiner-1988)
3. Red Volunteer (Oakes-1984)
4. Lavender Blue Baby (J. Carpenter-1996)
5. Beautiful Edgings (Copenhaver-1989)
6. Halloween Masquerade (L. Payne-2003)
7. King Kahuna (Crochet-1994)
8. Witches Wink (E. Salter-1993)
9. Little Orange Tex (Faggard-1985)
10. Black Ambrosia (J. Salter-1991)

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Regional Meeting on May 28-30, 2009. The North Texas Daylily Society will be hosting the event in Fort Worth at the Meacham Boulevard Radisson Hotel. Seven beautiful gardens will be available to tour. It is sure to be a lot of fun. I hope to see you all there.

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Region 6 Electronic Archives - Information in a Flash!

by Ray Houston, Region 6 Archivist/Historian

In December 2005, I began a project to convert the archived Region 6 Newsletters into electronic format. The archives contain Newsletters dating 1961-present. That is 47 years of Region 6 history just sitting in a box. It was my desire to make the information in the Newsletter archives more readily accessible to the members of Region 6 and AHS.

I used my scanner and Nuance's OmniPage Professional program to perform optical character recognition (OCR) to make the scanned Newsletters fully searchable for any string of text. The scanned Newsletters were then converted to Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat format. A good portion of today's computers have Microsoft Word installed, however, many do not and that is the reason for also converting to Adobe Acrobat format. Most of today's computers come equipped with the Adobe Acrobat Reader program, if not, the Adobe Acrobat Reader program is downloadable from the Internet on the Adobe web site free of charge.

Anyone who has used a program to perform OCR knows that this is an imperfect process. Today's OCR programs do an excellent job of interpreting scanned characters, however depending on the quality of the scanned text, they do make some mistakes. Therefore, I had to proofread each scanned Newsletter for errors. This was a time consuming process. As I proofread each scanned Newsletter, I learned a lot about Region 6 from the archives that I did not know or had forgotten.

Since I am also the Region 6 Webmaster, I have also been posting information gleaned from the archives to the Region 6 web site, <http://www.ahsregion6.org/>. This information includes articles written about people who have been an integral part of Region 6's history, a listing of Region 6 hybridizers and details of their efforts, a listing of daylily names and their origins, Popularity Poll results, etc.

I successfully scanned and converted 142 Region 6 Newsletters through the 2008 Spring Newsletter issue, and finished scanning the Newsletters on July 2, 2008.

How can the Electronic Region 6 Archives be useful to you?

If you are in need of information from past Region 6 Newsletters and don't have them in your possession or you simply need to know which Newsletter contains the information for which you are searching, this information can now be easily and quickly found for you. I can tell you where to find the information, the information can be printed and mailed to you, or it can be sent to you as an e-mail attachment.

Several times in 2007, Ken Cobb, AHS Archivist/Historian, requested information from the Region 6 archives and I was able to provide that information for him within a matter of minutes.

This year I have also assisted Binion Amerson with his recent requests for historical information for the Daylily Growers of Dallas 50th Anniversary Celebration in September 2008.

If you need information from the Region 6 Newsletter archives, contact me at 413 Forest Oaks Lane, Lake Jackson, TX 77566-5971, call me at 979-297-5814, or e-mail me at krhouston60@att.net. I will do my best to provide you with the information you need.

Region 6 is now looking into the feasibility and legality of selling CDs containing the archived Newsletters.

If the price of the CDs is set by the amount of time I have spent working on this project, they shouldn't cost over \$1000 per CD!!!

Region 6 Electronic Archives - Information in a Flash!

Missing Region 6 Newsletters

We need your help in completing the Region 6 Newsletter archives. The following list shows the Newsletters which are missing from the Region 6 archives. If you have these Newsletters and would donate them to the archives, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any of the listed Newsletters and wish to keep them, but would temporarily loan them to the Region, I will scan the Newsletters and then send them back to you.

If you are a long time member of the Region and have any details as to whether or not some of these Newsletters were not published, I would appreciate your letting me know those details.

Year	Missing Issues	Comments
1964	All	
1965	All	
1966	#1, #2, #3	We have issue #4
1972	April-May-June	
1972	Oct.-Nov.-Dec.	
1973	Oct.-Nov.-Dec.	
1974	Oct.-Nov.-Dec.	
1975	April-May-June July-Aug.-Sept.	We have the Jan-Feb-Mar issue and the Oct.-Nov.-Dec. issue
1977	April-May-June	
1997	Summer	Torn pages - needs to be replaced

Ray Houston, Region 6 Archivist/Historian

CONGRATULATIONS TO BINION AMERSON!

Region 6 member Binion Amerson's Tricolor Award Winner in the Daylily Growers of Dallas 2008 Flower Show placed second in the AHS Tricolor competition.

AWESOME JOB and CONGRATULATIONS Binion!!

ASK THE OMBUDSMAN - NEW FEATURE!!

By Donna Peck, Region 6 Director and AHS Ombudsman

Donna Peck is the new Ombudsman for the American Hemerocallis Society. An Ombudsman "is an independent, neutral party who is able to look at problems that come up in an unbiased fashion." In this series of articles, she will present a problem that has been asked her and offer an answer that she hopes will benefit, not only the member that had the problem, but others as well. If you have a problem, question or situation with which you need help, contact Donna at ombudsman@daylilies.org.

QUESTION: We understand that AHS has introduced a new voucher program that allows new members free daylilies? Our club does not fully understand just what they need to do to join this program. Can you help us out?

RESPONSE: It is really a very simple process that your club needs to do. As soon as you have a new member, send in their name(s) with the membership check(s) to Pat Mercer (AHS Executive Secretary-Membership) P.O. Box 10, Dexter, GA 31019. The member will soon receive a letter from Pat explaining the program, the voucher that entitles the member to obtain the daylily, and the list of hybridizers who will honor the voucher. Some hybridizers require you to order a certain amount before they honor the voucher, while others will just send you the daylily which can be worth \$25, and in some cases more. You will probably be required to pay shipping. An important note on the voucher program is that it also applies to AHS members who renew at a higher level.

For more detailed information check the web site, www.daylilies.org, or contact Pat Mercer through email: patmercerc@progressivetel.com.

QUESTION: I've just read on the AHS web site that *H. 'All American Chief'* has won the Stout Silver Medal for 2008. I don't understand with all the newer cultivars that have been hybridized in the last couple of years why an old daylily of 1994 won the award. Why can't it be given to one of the newer varieties?

RESPONSE: You probably know that the Stout Silver Medal is the highest honor bestowed upon a daylily. It is given to a daylily not only for its beautiful and distinctive qualities but also for how well it grows over a wide geographical region. A newer cultivar wouldn't have proven those qualities. Here are the steps that a cultivar needs to go through to be eligible for the Stout Silver Medal:

1. **Honorable Mention** - This award is the first official "stamp of approval" by the AHS where good performance goes beyond the local or regional level. (From *Judging Daylilies Handbook*.) Hybridizers nominate their best cultivars, and the Award and Honors Committee may each year also nominate up to 10 cultivars, which have been overlooked. When nominated, the cultivar must have been registered for at least three years. The Garden Judges then vote for only the cultivars observed in their own regions.
2. **Award Of Merit** - This award is given each year to the twelve cultivars which have been observed in their own regions and have received the most votes by the Garden Judges. To be eligible a cultivar must have received the Honorable Mention Award a minimum of three years previously.
3. **Stout Silver Medal** - The Garden Judges vote for their favorite Award of Merit cultivars that they have observed in their own Regions or at the National Conventions. To be eligible for the Stout Silver Medal, a cultivar must have received the Award of Merit a minimum of 2 years previously. It will remain eligible for three years.

As you can tell, a cultivar has at least eight to ten years to prove it is worthy of the Stout Silver Medal. As a bit of trivia, *H. 'All American Chief'* was the Stout Silver Medal runner-up in 2006 and 2007. If it hadn't won this year, it would then have been considered for the Lenington All-American Award. (You can get more information and details from the AHS *Judging Daylilies Handbook*.)

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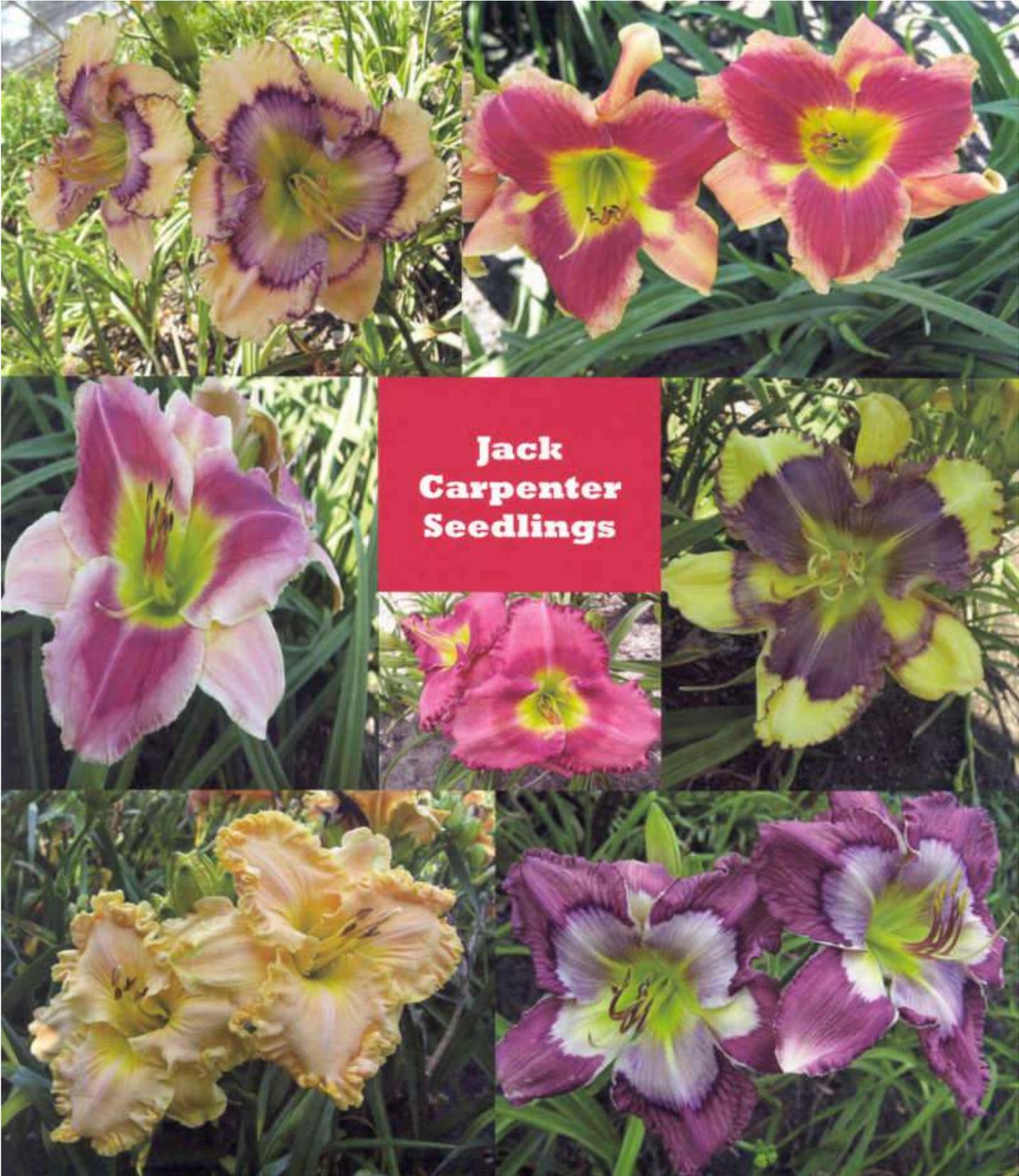
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Walker
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Seedlings**



“If I Were To Start A Hybridizing Program With a \$500 Budget”

By Mark Carpenter

If I had \$500 to start my own hybridizing program, here are the daylilies I would choose to start this program, along with the reason why.

1. Tetraploid *H.* ‘**Lavender Blue Baby**’ (Jack Carpenter). This is not only a beautiful and very unique daylily, it is also the parent to a TON of current registrations, many of which are truly spectacular. This is a superb parent and one that will give you very special kids. You can find this one for around \$100.
2. *H.* ‘**Forever Red**’ (David Kirchhoff). This is a very full formed, gorgeous red daylily from the master of reds, David Kirchhoff. Great form, great plant habit, and a super parent for reds. And you can get it for around \$8.
3. *H.* ‘**Spacecoast Tiny Perfection**’ (John Kinnebrew). This daylily is the definition of “perfect form.” You will need something special to work on your miniature program, and for me, this is the one. It never disappoints! You can find it for around \$11.
4. *H.* ‘**North Wind Dancer**’ (Gary Schaben). I have always loved the soft pastels on this gorgeous unusual form beauty. As the name states, it just seems to dance. It can be found for around \$56.
5. *H.* ‘**Glazed Porcelain Truffle**’ (David Kirchhoff). One of the prettiest doubles I have ever seen, this one is a super parent that throws a lot of doubles for you. And you can find it for around \$25.
6. *H.* ‘**Jade Glow**’ (Patrick Stamile). Huge flower with a green cast to it, giving it a “jade glow.” Great form, tall scapes, and a wonderful parent for near-whites. One of the best performing daylilies in my garden. You can get it for around \$35.
7. *H.* ‘**Texas Esmeralda**’ (Jack Carpenter). To this day I still do not know if I have seen a prettier yellow daylily than *H.* ‘**Texas Esmeralda**’. Clear, brilliant rich yellow with zero hint of cream to it. Great performer, and one you can find for around \$12.
8. *H.* ‘**Fashion Police**’ (Dan Trimmer). Spectacular daylily with a huge eye, tall scape, and brilliant, consistent performance. Worth every penny! You can find it for around \$100.
9. *H.* ‘**Belle Cook**’ (Mal Brooker). This is one of the best pink parents out there, producing numerous spectacular introductions. You have to have a clear pink in your program, and for me, this is the one. You can find it for around \$40.
10. *H.* ‘**Doyle Pierce**’ (Frank Smith). Purple is my favorite daylily color, so this is the one I would use to start with. Pretty watercolor purple with a light blue eye and edge. Scrumptious for around \$100.

There you have it, my friends. I’m willing to bet that \$500 investment would pay off with some SUPERB SEEDLINGS!!!!



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What Does It Take To Make A Newsletter?

By Mark Carpenter

Have you ever wondered what went into building your Newsletter? If you are like me, probably not too much thought has gone into this question. You get your mail, wonder why you have not received it yet, and then when you do finally get it in the mail, you sit down at the table, gaze at the incredible pictures and read the articles of interest to you, and then file it away until the next one comes. Oh, if only it was that easy!!

There are numerous components to building a quality Newsletter. First, you have to have some sort of software program to put it together. A program that will put it together in a Newsletter format, one that will let you change/add multiple background colors on the same page, one that will let you use multiple fonts and adjust the letter sizes as needed, etc. For your Newsletter this Editor uses Microsoft Publisher. Why, you may ask? Simple. It came with my computer!! Ha!! Top notch programs that really add the bells and whistles can easily run into the \$1,000 or more price range. These programs can let you do special effects on pictures, backgrounds, etc, all adding to your reading enjoyment. But for most Regions, this cost is prohibitive, in that you cannot transfer these programs around legally yet many Regions will change Newsletter Editors every few years. In fact, this will be my last year for doing the Newsletter, so we ask that all of you out there consider stepping up to the plate for this position in 2010.

There are some “keys” or “must have’s” that are required to make a good Newsletter. First, and by far the most difficult to obtain, is articles. There is so much talent out there in our Region, but very few individuals are willing to take the time to write a one or two page article. Sharing your knowledge of daylilies is one of the great attributes of our Society, but we need members to take that little bit of time to impart this knowledge to others. Hybridizing techniques, stories about hybridizers, photographic techniques, chemical free gardening, rust control, soil preparation, and on and on are just a few of the multitude of topics out there. These articles are the “meat on the plate” of the Newsletter, while the second key item, quality digital pictures, is the dessert. I am lucky in that I have received numerous superb digital photos of daylilies, and most all of these have been in your Newsletters. These are the pictures that make you drool, that lead you to open your wallet and drain your savings account to obtain them! You’re welcome!

Other key parts to building a Newsletter include timely information sent from the Regional Officers, including their reports; club activity reports; accurate club officer information; obtaining rights to use pictures with permission; having all necessary information for future events such as Regionals, Nationals, etc; a good “goof” Editor to find the Editor’s mistakes they are blind to (for us, that is Margaret Wingfield); and last but certainly not least, a super publisher who can take the file and turn it into the magic you receive three times a year. For us, that magician is Jim Petty. Oh yes, you also need lots of patience, prayers, and the smart’s to save your work at all times!!

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:

Mimi Glover
110 Santa Maria
Corrales, NM 87048
email: mglover47@aol.com

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

Albuquerque Daylily Society - Our regular meeting for 2008 has just been completed with the election of new officers for 2009.

The August 18th meeting and Elite Plant Raffle were held at the home of Donna and Dick Peck in Placitas. It is always a treat to have a meeting at their home; the views from their hill top home are fantastic. Our Elite Raffle is an effort to get newer and more expensive plants into members' gardens at a reasonable price, always a popular event.

September 18th was our club's date to co-sponsor the flower show at the State Fair. Many of our members volunteered to help out at the flower show.

Our September 27th meeting was at the home of Pete and Veronica McGrath, with Pete presenting a program on soil preparation. This was our first visit to the McGrath's home and garden and we all enjoyed visiting their garden for the first time.

Our final meeting for the season was held at the lovely Corrales home of Mimi Glover on October 18th. Visiting her garden is always a treat, seeing the changes in the garden along with all of the new sculptures that she has added to the garden. At this meeting we elected our officers for 2009, they are as follows: President: Alan Tuffnell; VP Programs: Sharon Jensen; Secretary and Membership: Nancy Tupen; Treasurer: Bill Tupen.

After the election of officers, a program on duties and responsibilities of Garden Judges was presented by Barbara Shapiro, Margo Murdock and Susan Elder. The last item was the ever popular raffle.

The members present at the October meeting voted to have our second annual holiday party on December 13th at the Tuffnell's. Again we will have a pot luck dinner and Chinese gift exchange; it brings out the competitive spirit of our members!

Rozanne Tuffnell, Club Reporter

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

Cypress Creek Daylily Club - The custom has always been for our club to take a “summer vacation,” with no meetings planned for that time period. This means that we always look forward to September and a chance to see our daylily friends again.

This year was no exception. In fact, in addition to our September meeting we had also planned to participate in Mercer Arboretum’s Garden Fair to be held September 27-28. Our club, along with the Houston Area Daylily Society, had arranged to have a booth at the Garden Fair for the purpose of selling plants and making contact with new daylily enthusiasts who we had hoped to interest in joining one of our area daylily clubs.

You’ve probably heard this quote before, “The best laid plans of mice and men oft times go astray.” That is exactly what happened to us! Hurricane Ike paid this area a visit on September 13. A number of our people suffered varying degrees of damage. Some of us had our landscapes “redesigned” and almost all of us were without power for some time.

Our club holds its meetings at Mercer Arboretum and it was also to be the location for the Garden Fair. Unfortunately, Mercer received damage from Hurricane Ike. So, the Garden Fair had to be cancelled along with our September meeting.

Needless to say, we’re all looking forward to our October meeting and getting some sense of normalcy back in our lives!

Verna Gibson, Reporter

Brazosport Daylily Society - As you may know, Brazosport Daylily members live very near to the Texas Coast. Some closer than others, but I am sure all lives were affected in some way by Hurricane Ike, just in different degrees according to proximity. Therefore, much of our recent attention has been dedicated to evacuation, clean-up, electricity, and construction, so our last meeting was cancelled.

Pre-Ike, members were in need of rain, and they discussed that it was best to water in the mornings. Though temperatures dropped after the storm, temperatures are back to the 90s, and I am sure daylily-lovers are back to watering.

An informative July discussion that the group had was about summer dormancy. Since we usually believe plants go dormant in the winter, this came as a surprise to some. Most importantly, when you think you’ve lost a plant, you don’t have to pull up the tag and believe it is gone. Have hope, leave the tag! It may just be suppressed for the summer, and you may someday find a baby daylily coming out of the soil, only to wish you could remember what you planted there!

Our club recently has had a daylily banner logo contest in progress. Our club was in need of a banner to hang up when we have events or are in public settings. The voted winner will receive \$50!

Lastly, one of our youngest members, Suyuri Delgado, has graduated from high school, and she is now attending college. We are proud of our Honors Graduate!

Hopefully, by now all members have electricity, and their lives are getting back to normal post-Ike. I am sure everyone will have a hurricane story to share at the October meeting!

Shelly Stasney, Reporter

CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

Golden Spread Daylily Society - We have had some very nice cooler weather this fall and had an unprecedented 4 days of rain starting October 4. Some parts of Amarillo received almost 4 inches. The Kate Graham Daylily Garden at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens was in the area that received this large amount, and despite being slightly too wet the daylilies are doing well.

Planning for the annual fall daylily sale occupied members in August and the sale was held on Saturday, September 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ken Mazurek decided to reduce his garden, and all the daylilies for the sale were dug from his garden. Don did the digging and clean up of the plants. Members Betty Palmer, Suzanne Yaws, Frances Dauner, Don Glenn and Doug Smith met on Tuesday to label the plants. The name, mature height and color of the flower appear on the label. Each name is placed in a separate box and they are set out on the table grouped by color. Many shoppers look for a particular color or height and can easily locate the plants they want. What really sells a particular daylily is the photograph of the flower that is placed on the front face of the box. The above members plus Jean Moos, Leonore Jensen, Robert Macmillian, Ruth Malacara and Joan Avampato were present for the sale. Bargains were given as time for closing approached so all the plants were sold. Only the annual dinner remains on the activities for 2008 and we will not meet again until February 2009.

Joan Avampato, Reporter

Daylily Growers of Dallas - On September 20, 2008, the Daylily Growers of Dallas celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a big cake, punch, and my presentation of "Past, Present, and Future of Growing Daylilies in Dallas." Everyone received a bound copy of the DGD 50-Year History Booklet. In honor of the occasion, all DGD members present were given a new daylily named *H. 'Dallas Legacy'* (D. Hansen, 2008). DGD commissioned Dan to name and register this new daylily cultivar in honor of its history.

Binion Amerson, Newsletter Editor Daylily Growers of Dallas

Lufkin Hemerocallis Society - After a very hot summer and no meetings for our club during those three months, we reconvened in September with sharing of summer activities and plans for our fall and winter months. Our programs have been most informative! In September, Marlow Schubert demonstrated how to clean and divide daylilies. In October, Sallie Eschenfelder gave a slide show presentation of those beautiful gardens toured during the AHS Convention in Houston. In November, Dorothy Hale showed pictures of her garden and discussed the advantages of hybridizing. We are looking forward to our December luncheon in the home of Chic and Donna Chicoine at which time our 2009 officers will be sworn in. We have great plans for 2009 with exceptional programs planned and efforts for our big daylily sale underway.

Reba Garrison, Reporter

Houston Area Daylily Society - Our September meeting was cancelled due to the hurricane, so our October meeting was our first since May. Darla chaired it since Sharon was on a trip. We had a lot of items to consider but the main thing was election of officers for 2009. Many were repeats but Eddie Gage as President, and Inez James as Second Vice President were new. Attendance was down as had much sickness among our members. We hope the ill ones improve, and we get back to normal soon.

Anna Rosa Glidden, Reporter

San Antonio Daylily Society - The program for the October meeting was our annual daylily auction.

We had many beautiful flowers to bid on, and I think everyone went home with new daylilies. Thelma Pratts had ordered the daylilies from Gold Coast Daylilies in California. Gold Coast was very generous and sent Thelma many free daylilies in addition to the ones that she had ordered for the auction. Thanks to Gold Coast Daylilies, our treasury now has some extra dollars. Remember that the accumulation for SADS points for next year's auction has started. SADS points are not carried over from year to year, so now is the time to start doing some of the extra volunteer jobs that are available to do all year long, and you will be rewarded with SADS points to spend at next year's auction.

Ray Jordan, member of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for 2009 at the October meeting. They were voted on and accepted as there were no additional nominations from the floor. The officers for 2009 will be as follows:

President - Ray Elizondo, Vice-President Programs - JoNelle Zager, Secretary - Pat Schultze, Assistant Secretary - Thelma Pratts, Treasurer - Nix Bodden, Assistant Treasurer - Steve Wingfield, Hospitality Chairperson - Jere Porter, Vice-President Yearbook - Sue Camplen, Vice-President Newsletter - Linda Dyer

One of our members, Randolph Blakeman, is also a member of the San Antonio Rose Society. Randolph won two trophies at the recent October 25 Rose Show, one for his Rose, Dowager Queen, and one for an arrangement he created. Congratulations, Randolph! How's that for talent!

We recently learned the sad news that Janice Green's father passed away. We extend our sympathies to Janice and Bob. While Janice and husband, Bob, were taking care of the arrangements in McAllen for her Dad, Bob suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized. The good news is that Janice and Bob are home now and Bob is recovering nicely. Most of you know Bob as he was the "guitar man" and singer (along with Janice) at our last Christmas party. We also learned a few days ago that Tom Richardson, husband of our member, Marcia, is in the hospital. Hopefully, we will have good news to report about Tom, soon. We did have good news from Steve Wingfield that his family members are all slowly improving. Steve's Mom, brother, and daughter were all in different hospitals the same week, plus Steve's Mom had hurricane damage to her house that week. It is really good to hear that their situations are improving.

Here's some good news to report. At the October meeting, we welcomed a new member, Rosemary Duke. It is always good to see our club grow with new people who love daylilies.

We have six November birthdays. Three of our members share the same November 15 birthday. Sandy Brown, Pat Gathright, and Pat Schultze were all born on November 15. Florence Zwirn has a birthday on November 9, Marsha Weston has a birthday on November 13, and Lucy Valdez celebrates her birthday on November 26. Happy Birthday to all of you!

Our next meeting will be November 16. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Botanical Center, but this meeting will be upstairs in the Carriage House in our old meeting room. This meeting will be a sharing meeting with remembrances and pictures of this past year's events and of plans for things to come in this next year for our club. Ray Elizondo, Programs Vice-President, asks that any of you who have information or pictures of events that you would like to share with the club members to contact him. Ray's email is tu1964@earthlink.net.

It is getting time to pay those dues again! The dues for 2009 will be \$12 per person and will be due at the January meeting. Dues can always be paid before January. Your dues can be paid at the November meeting or the December Christmas party, or you can mail your dues to Nix Bodden, P.O. Box 1828, Wimberley, TX 78676 or to Steve Wingfield at 415 Starlight Pass, San Antonio, 78260.

Linda Dyer, Reporter

REGION 6 DAYLILY SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTS and MEETING SCHEDULES

Albuquerque Daylily Society

President - Alan Tuffnell
2112 Blue Corn Maiden Ct. N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87112
(505) 298-8992, abtuffnell@msn.com
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 pm, Austin Area Garden Center

Brazosport Daylily Society

President - Everett Crainer
5748 FM 2611
Brazoria, Texas 77422
(979) 964-3468, emcrainger@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
1371 Carlo Drive
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
(903) 238-7981, barbara1026@juno.com
Meetings: Monthly 2nd Sunday, 2 pm, 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 p.m., Amarillo Botanical Gardens

Gulf Coast Daylily Society

President - Deane Spradley
1615 Mo Drive
Lumberton, Texas 77657
(409) 755-6623, artnbloom@yahoo.com
Meetings: Feb, Apr, Aug, Sept, Dec - 1st Saturday

Houston Area Daylily Society

President - Sharon Shackelford
14419 Wickhurst
Cypress, Texas 77429-1849
(281) 304-0549
Meetings: Jan-May, Sept-Dec., 2nd Thursday
10 a.m., Hermann Park Garden Center

Houston Hemerocallis Society

President - Hershail Theilen
5047 Oak Shadows Dr.
Houston, Texas 77091-4529
(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

President - Rozalyn Mansfield
929 Robinson Rd.
Huntsville, TX 77320
(936) 291-0863, seedsofdiscovery@yahoo.com
Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Sunday, 1 pm.

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, 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
580 Landrum Rd,
Lufkin, Texas 75904
(936) 639-4768, riversann@hotmail.com
Meetings: Monthly 1st Tuesday
2 p.m., T.U. Electric Meeting Room

Nacogdoches Daylily Society

President - Candace Hughes
545 CR 2346
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961
(936) 552-7830
Meetings: Monthly 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm

North Texas Daylily Society - Fort Worth

President - Sam Northrip
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Bedford, Texas 76022
(817) 283-3820, sam.beth@sbcglobal.net
Meetings: Monthly 3rd Thursday
7:30pm, Fort Worth Botanic Center

San Antonio Daylily Society

President - Don Tuff
1789 York Creek Road
New Braunfels, Texas 78130
(830) 629-1127, d_tuff@hotmail.com
Meetings: Monthly 3rd Sunday
2 p.m., San Antonio Botanical Gardens

Pictures from around Region 6



San Antonio Daylily Society's Pat Schultze's Tricolor Winner "Twisting In The Sunshine"



San Antonio Daylily Society's Janice Green with her winning Large Flower H. 'Ida's Magic'



Bobo Faggard's winning seedling at the AHS National Convention in Houston for the Edna Lankart Award labeled BOBO FDO-1-99



Leon Payne's winning seedling at the AHS National Convention in Houston for the Annie T. Giles Award labeled LEPA 95-326