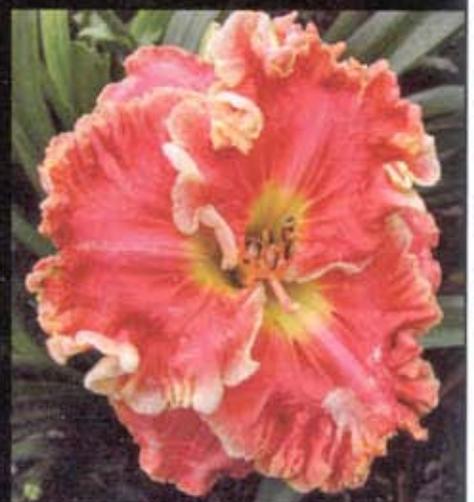


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**Region 6 Meeting in Austin, Texas**

**Gardens On Tour**

**A Special Article You Will NOT Want To Miss**

**Listing of all Region 6 AHS Judges**

**Binion Amerson's First Issue as Editor of the Newly Named "Daylilies of the Southwest"!**

**Plus SO MUCH MORE!!!**

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## REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Donna Peck

When I wrote my last Director's report for the Summer Newsletter I said I was in deep depression. After visiting the outstanding gardens at the National Convention in Florida and the beautiful and well manicured gardens in Houston at our Regional Meeting, I came home to New Mexico to see only one daylily blooming.

I shouldn't have been so disillusioned because this year my daylilies performed better than most years. I loved walking through my garden every morning and seeing a whole new picture. I tell people I have my own new work of art every day. I have a beautiful art museum all summer long. However, now I have only one daylily blooming, but at this time of year I just love looking at it, as lonesome as it seems.

In New Mexico we do need to water often, but our daylilies survive in spite of our arid temperatures because of the TLC we give them. You will see ours at the 2011 Regional Meeting.

As AHS Ombudsman, I receive numerous emails and phone calls about questions and concerns from our members. (This year I've received over 250 questions). One prominent concern this year was about the Popularity Poll voting. This change came about because our Popularity Poll votes had declined through the years. The Board thought the system should be changed to make it easier for the members. Many of you in Region 6 wrote me about your opinion. You were disturbed that some daylilies were already listed on the ballot. However, other members welcomed the idea of just checking off the list of daylilies that were the most popular last year and then adding their own five. Only time will tell if we will continue with this system. To clarify the Popularity Poll voting procedure, Melodye Campbell (new Chairman of the Popularity Poll voting) has written the "Ask The Ombudsman" column for this Newsletter issue. You will be more informed after reading it.

It's always my pleasure to visit other gardens outside our Region. This August while we were visiting our son's family in Ithaca, New York, we stopped at Cayuga Gardens there and met Ann Ryder. I hadn't seen any New York Gardens before (I missed the National at Long Island), so to see various hybridizers' daylilies I hadn't seen before was very informative. My husband, Dick, was fascinated with the 72 inch *Hemerocallis* 'Sears Tower' by Goldner and an old Fass hose and hose double, *H.* 'Cheek To Cheek'. They are now in our Placitas garden. We'll see how they will like the climate change.

We also made a trip to Ann and Tom Rood's Grace Gardens in the Finger Lakes region. We came home with some of Ann's mini-daylilies and large cultivars of Tom's which we will enjoy in our garden.

I'm hoping that next year when you are visiting relatives or friends you will check to see what daylily gardens are close by and visit. It is great fun and daylily people are very special.

I'm writing this before attending our October Board Meeting. In the next issue I will tell you about the subjects we discussed.

However, the next issue will be done by our new Editor, Binion Amerson. He has already researched the other Regional Newsletters and has many new ideas for our Newsletter. We must say a big thank you to Mark Carpenter who was our Editor this year, along with Jim Petty who printed it. Mark gets credit for thinking of naming our Newsletter. As you notice on the cover of this issue it is now the "Daylilies of the Southwest Newsletter." Another big thank you to Steve Wingfield for being our RP and all his officers. We wish Maureen Valenza and her officers the best in 2010. I know it will be a very good year for Region 6.

Remember let's get new members for AHS. Each new member gets a \$100 new introduction from Maryott's Gardens plus a \$25 or more voucher from various hybridizers.

Enjoy the holiday season - even without blooming daylilies in your garden. I'm looking forward to a wonderful 2010!



# REGIONAL PRESIDENT

Steve Wingfield

As the year ends, I am taking this opportunity to wish all of our members of the American Hemerocallis Society an enjoyable Christmas Season. I also hope that each of you will have been able to reach some measure of attainment as far as your goals for the year are concerned.

This will be the end of my tenure as your Regional President. During these past years, I have learned much more about our Society than I was formerly acquainted with. I appreciate all the helpful suggestions and these courtesies will be remembered.

The hardest working officer on the Board has been Mark Carpenter as Editor. He not only learned to produce a Newsletter, he took giant steps to improve it with each issue. Coupled with Mark I must recognize the outstanding work and support from Jim Petty who prints our Newsletter and my wife Margaret who helps me with proof reading the Newsletter and updating the membership roster that is used for the Newsletter mailings.

As I end this year, I would like to thank the following Officers and Chairmen:

Binion Amerson who contributed numerous hours as our Exhibition Judges Liaison. He spent long hours encouraging potential Judges to increase our pool of Judges, and conducted some of the most professional Clinics that I have ever seen. Malcolm Avaritt for keeping track of our finances and serving as our Auction Chair at our last Regional Meeting. Beth Zimpelman for serving as Awards and Honors Chair and for developing the Bill Ater Award. Ray Houston for keeping our web site up to date and running flawlessly. Susan Elder who served as your Secretary during the first half of my tour and my wife Margaret who filled this position when Susan relocated out of our Region. Lori Potrykus, our Publicity Director, for trying her best to get the most Popularity Poll votes from the Region membership and for getting articles in on time for our Newsletter.

Before moving on, I must express my gratitude to three terrific people who assisted me these past years. Donna Peck (our Regional Director), Rich Rosen (our previous Director), and Bridey Greeson (a past Region 6 President) guided and kept me on track these past years. These three folks have shared their advice, perspective, and knowledge about the Region with me, and my gratitude is immense.

Henry Ward Beecher once said, "Gratitude is the fairest blossom which springs from the soul." In that vein, I would like to acknowledge and thank each and every one of you who have supported the Region by hosting a Regional, donating and working in the auction, writing articles for the Newsletter, and all your financial contributions.

My best wishes for a happy holiday season to all of you and that the coming year will be more successful than the last, both personally and florally.



## REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Lori Potrykus

Greetings to all my fellow daylily lovers. I am so excited to present the top 10 winners from the AHS Popularity Poll. Thank you so much to everyone who participated. One hundred forty six members voted, yielding 1,369 votes and with several ties. It was a very close race. There were also 310 different "write-in" cultivars to be considered for next year. The top ten cultivars are as follows:

*Hemerocallis* 'Red Volunteer'

H. 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'

H. 'Elizabeth Salter'

H. 'Hillbilly Heart' and H. 'Lavender Blue Baby'

H. 'Beautiful Edgings'

H. 'Color Me Happy' and H. 'Halloween Masquerade'

H. 'Jason Salter'

H. 'Orange Velvet'

H. 'Orange Tex', H. 'Mister Lucky', H. 'Moonlit Masquerade', and H. 'Witches Wink'

H. 'King Kahuna', H. 'Sabine Baur', and H. 'Victorian Lace'

Calculating the winners of the Popularity Poll was so much easier this year because of the changes made to the voting system. We would love to hear your feedback regarding Popularity Poll voting procedures. I hope you loved the new method just as much as I did. For next year I would like to encourage the collection of votes at your club's monthly meeting. This encourages all members to vote. Once votes are collected, they can be mailed in one large envelope. Several clubs tried that this year. It was a great way to save on postage and encourage participation.

As our bloom season comes to an end, it is time to reflect on the cultivars you grow. How did they perform this year? Drought and heat made our growing season very difficult. Take weather into consideration when planning changes for your garden next year. I hope that this year's Popularity Poll inspires you to integrate some colorful choices into your yard.

Thank you so much for allowing me to serve as your Region 6 Publicity Director for the last two years. It has been a wonderful experience. Due to other commitments, I will not be returning to this position. If you are interested in serving as the Region 6 Publicity Director, please contact our Regional President. Thank you again for the great experience.



## EXHIBITION JUDGES LIAISON

Binion Amerson

I am very pleased to report that as of October 2009, AHS Region 6 now has 79 Exhibition Judges/Student Judges. That number breaks down to the following: 55 Senior Exhibition Judges, 6 Honorary Exhibition Judges, 4 Junior Exhibition Judges, 13 Student Judges, and 1 of unknown status. In addition, we have 16 Senior Exhibition Judge Instructors.

Congratulation to all the new Judges and Student Judges. It has been a pleasure to serve AHS Region 6 as your Exhibition Judges Liaison the last two years. I turn that position back over to Mary Gage who I am sure will continue her earlier efforts in that same position.



# NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Mark Carpenter

So here it is, my final Newsletter for AHS Region 6 for this term in office. I can honestly say this has been a terrific experience, and certainly one where I have learned a great deal over the past 2 years. This is a job which you can only truly appreciate once you have done it. My hat's off to ALL the volunteer Editors out there in AHS. Your Newsletters are superb, and behind the scenes I know just how much work and time you put into them. To me, the Regional Newsletter is the second most important benefit you get from being an AHS member, ranking right after the incredible AHS Journal we receive.

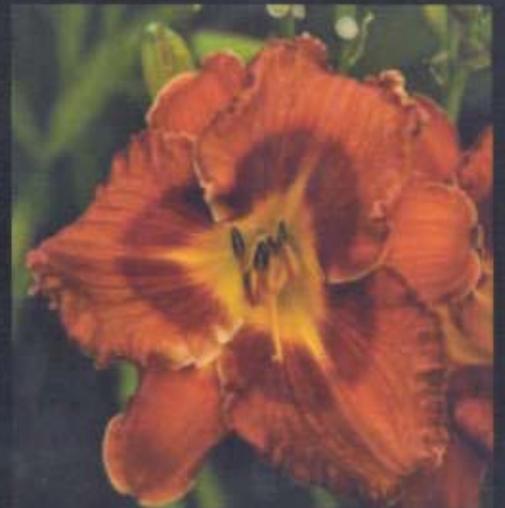
In random order, here are my final thoughts for my final column:

1. Binion Amerson, my replacement, is an absolutely PERFECT choice as the next Editor for Daylilies of the Southwest. Binion loves daylilies, he loves people, and he loves promoting daylilies and daylily news to anyone he meets. He will do a terrific job! Thank you for stepping up to take over, Binion!
2. I want to thank all of you who have so generously donated your time sending me articles and pictures to be included in our publication. You are who makes this Newsletter what it is.
3. A huge THANK YOU also goes out to all of the Region 6 Officers for the time you give to all of us Region 6 members, to make our experience a great one. Region 6 is strong, and will grow stronger in the coming years with the right leadership in place.
4. VOLUNTEER to help out your Region!! If the same people continue to hold the same positions year after year, you are not growing as an organization, but rather you are dying. If you have not stepped up to the plate yet in your Region, please consider doing so. If everyone "sat on the sideline," nothing would be accomplished. Use your talents, whatever they may be, to make your Region stronger. This, in turn, will make AHS stronger. Promise yourself to contribute something at least one time this coming year to our Region.
5. Jim Petty, I want to thank you for making my Newsletters look better than they really are! Ha! You do a wonderful job making the colors in our Newsletter very "true to life," and that is not an easy task.
6. Steve Wingfield, you have been tremendous as our Region 6 Regional President. Thank you and Margaret for all the countless things you do "behind the scenes" to make our Region great. They number many!
7. Donna Peck, you also are to be thanked for the time and effort you give to us in Region 6 as our AHS Board Member. Great job as always from you, and for the many hours you contribute to our Region.
8. Attend your Regional Meetings folks! There are few things in life more fun than seeing spectacular local gardens, enjoying all the great food, and of course the renewing of friendships at a Regional Meeting. Economic times are tough, but think about where your spending dollars go and what you get out of them. Few things give you more "Bang for the Buck" than attending a Regional Meeting.
9. Learn to hybridize, if only in your backyard. You are working with nature to create something nobody else on earth has. Every daylily seedling that blooms is genetically unique from all others - and you were the artist! How awesome is that!
10. Follow your dreams. Be able to say, at the end of your time on earth, that you pursued your dreams. It matters not if you achieve that dream, but rather that you truly pursued it.

Thanks again for all your support. I have to begin chasing my next dream!

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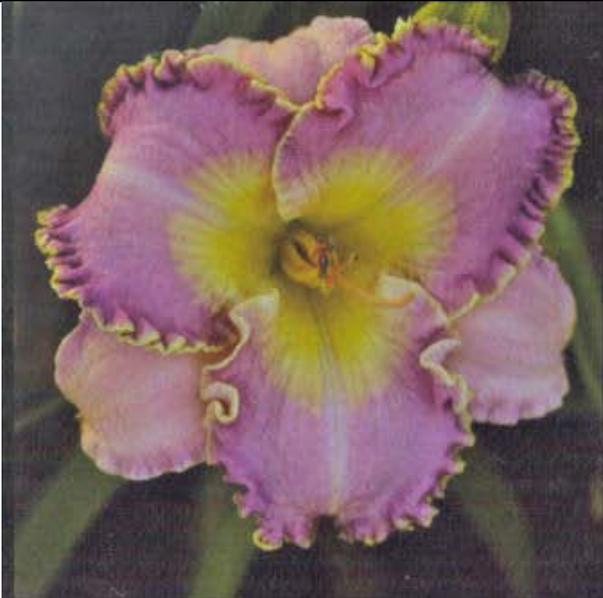
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# SPECIAL FEATURE: Ask The Ombudsman

By Donna Peck, Ombudsman for AHS



Donna Peck, the AHS Ombudsman, has been writing *Ask The Ombudsman* columns for the Regional Newsletters answering questions that AHS members have asked. This year there were numerous questions about the Popularity Poll ballot. She hopes that this column, which was written by Melodye Campbell (Chairman in charge of Popularity Poll), will clear up some of the concerns the members have raised.

**QUESTION:** What is the AHS Popularity Poll?

**RESPONSE:** Very simply, the Popularity Poll is a record of the most popular/favorite plants in each AHS Region. To find out when it originated, I asked the AHS Archivist and Historian, Ken Cobb. He said that "some believe that the Popularity Poll began in 1961 with the David Hall Medal. Not so! Some believe it began in 1950 with the AHS Awards system. Not so! It did not even begin with the formation of the Midwest Hemerocallis Society. It began in the mid-1930s and was published annually in *Herbertia*, the Journal of the American Amaryllis Society."

**QUESTION:** How do the results help the members?

**RESPONSE:** Results from the Popularity Poll present a picture of which daylilies perform well in a given Region and which cultivars are best liked by the AHS members. The results most certainly are useful in recommending cultivars to those new to growing daylilies. The winners are also important as a category in Daylily Exhibitions.

**QUESTION:** Why was there a change in the voting of the Popularity Poll this year?

**RESPONSE:** During my years as an AHS member, there has always been dismal participation in Popularity Poll voting. On average, a Region is fortunate if 20% of the membership participates. From the Archivist, I learned that there is mention of the poor voting percentage as far back as the 1930s. With the old format, votes were spread over hundreds and hundreds of daylilies, thereby

diluting the results and making them less meaningful. Last year, for instance, *Hemerocallis* 'Ruby Spider' won the Popularity Poll for Region 1 with just 14 votes and only 11.6% of the Region 1 members participated. In 2008, Popularity Poll Special Chair, Rebecca Board, proposed the format be changed. Each Region's ballot is comprised of their 75 vote getters (including ties). When voting, each member can select 10 from the ballot or select 5 from the ballot and write in 5 of their own.

**QUESTIONS:** Won't the ballot become "stale?" and How do newer cultivars get on the Popularity Poll ballot?

**RESPONSE:** After the new format was approved by the Board, Popularity Poll Chair, Rebecca Board, gave RPs and RPDs several suggestions on how to keep the ballot "fresh" year after year. Regions have responsibility for their Popularity Poll ballot and may optionally select additional cultivars to add to the ballot and each Region may determine the method for selecting these cultivars. There are many ways to keep the ballot fresh for subsequent years.

**QUESTION:** What did it try to accomplish and did it succeed?

**RESPONSE:** The purpose of the new format is to increase participation, thereby making the results more statistically relevant and meaningful to our members. Change is always difficult so I cannot state with certainty that the new format has increased participation. The percent increase in several Regions was significant. In other Regions, participation decreased. We've taken the first step to improve our Popularity Poll and time will tell.

*Ombudsman comment: I always buy the top five daylilies which are chosen in Region 6. These cultivars have never failed to please me. I don't understand why more members don't vote because the results are so beneficial to the members. Hopefully next year the Popularity Poll results will increase.*

## Bill Maryott's Challenge to Region 6

At the Region 6 Meeting in Fort Worth, keynote speaker Bill Maryott offered potential new members to AHS and Region 6 a very compelling offer: Join Region 6 THIS YEAR and Bill will let you have a \$100 value registration absolutely FREE!

So let's see if the Editor here has it right ..... you join AHS for \$25, and you receive three full color issues of the Region 6 Newsletter, three full color issues of the AHS *Journal*, a \$25 daylily from participating daylily growers, AND a \$100 registration from Bill Maryott. Call me crazy, but this is a ONCE IN A LIFETIME DEAL!

CLUB PRESIDENT'S ... IT IS YOUR CALL TO DUTY THAT AT YOUR NEXT MEETING please cover the above in detail with your non-AHS members. I can't imagine a SINGLE ONE not joining up. INCREDIBLE! Thank you Bill!!!

Please visit his web site at:  
[https://daylilygarden.net/cgi-bin/Web\\_store/web\\_store.cgi](https://daylilygarden.net/cgi-bin/Web_store/web_store.cgi)

Here are examples of Bill Maryott's current introductions:



Annabelle's Blush



Forty Pinkies



Hot Lava



Extraweg



Chord Fantasy

# Humor Article

## Daylily Label Vandals

by Ray Houston

I thought I had seen every possible problem in my daylily beds, but this is a new one. Something is messing with my daylily labels during the night. Three times in the past week I have looked out my back window in the early morning to find several of my daylily labels either on the ground or bent up in their stakes.



This is only happening in one end of a daylily bed which is at the back of my flower bed area.

In the first incident of this label vandalism there were 14 labels either on the ground or bent up in their stakes. The second incident involved 10 labels. The third incident involved 5 labels. Luckily, I know the daylilies in this area well enough to be able to place the labels back in front of the proper daylily. At least I hope I placed them in the right positions!!!

I had written this article on August 18<sup>th</sup> and had not had any more incidences with the labels for a few weeks. However, today, September 5<sup>th</sup>, I finally caught the culprits in action. It is a flock of crows!!! They had bent up and/or removed another 14 labels. I'm considering eating some Crow!!!



# CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

## ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY

We had a tour of gardens of some of our members' gardens on July 18th. No meeting, just flowers, food and fellowship. We were able to see a new garden that was just completed on the far west side of the city by Francis Richardson. She demonstrated that you can have a lovely garden in a small space. Then on to the homes of Donna Bleck and Carolyn and Mike Kittredge, and last the garden of Rozanne and Alan Tuffnell. Each garden is unique in its own right. Donna's garden is surrounded by lots of grass - that's right, grass in Albuquerque, along with an inviting swimming pool and large fountain. Carolyn and Mike's garden also has grass and a swimming pool along with lovely daylilies, combined with many fruit trees. The last garden on tour that day was the garden of Rozanne and Alan Tuffnell located in the foothills again with a swimming pool and a waterfall and pond. Along with viewing the later blooming daylilies, we enjoyed great refreshments and a daylily raffle.

The August 15th, meeting and Elite Plant Sale was held at the home of Donna and Dick Peck in Placitas, always a spirited event. We had nomination of officers for 2010 along with the Elite Plant Sale, and of course wonderful refreshments.

Our last meeting for the year was September 12th at Jericho Nursery. Owner Rick Hobson presented a program on "Treatment of Thrips, Snails, Aphids and Other Garden Problems." He opened up the program to discussion and questions and answers, a very informative program. We also got 20% off anything we bought that day and a tour of the garden center. In addition to the program we had our election of officers for 2010. They are President (Tentative) Liz DeKinder; VP Amy Howard; Secretary, Dorothy Koopmans; Treasurer Bill Tupen; and Membership Chairperson Nancy Tupen. Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve.

Though the season for daylily bloom is over for this year, those of us that will be on tour in 2011 are busy getting our gardens ready for visitors. Planning for the 2011 Regional Meeting is underway. Mark your calendars for June 30th through July 2nd, 2011. Yes, we are promoting our Regional Meeting, now, so you can plan ahead for the "Red Chile Rendezvous" in Albuquerque.

Rozanne Tuffnell, Reporter

## GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY

We just finished our annual Fall Daylily Sale, which was held on Saturday, September 12, at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens. It was a cool and cloudy day with the possibility of rain, but the sale was held indoors so the weather was not a problem. Many came to the sale and found a great selection of daylilies to choose from. Although we were scheduled to sell from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., we were happily sold out by 10:30 a.m.

Our members put in a lot of preparation for the sale and we thank them all for their dedication. Thanks to Don Glenn, Douglas Smith, Betty Palmer, Frances Dauner, Ruth Malacara, Leonore Jensen, Joan Avampato, Suzanne Yaws, Ken Mazurek, Sherry Ward, Jean Moss and Gayle and Robert MacMillian. Special thanks to Don Glenn, who contributed most of the daylilies from his extensive garden; to Douglas Smith, for some additional plants; and to the Amarillo Botanical Gardens for the use of their facilities.

The August meeting featured a special demonstration of daylily hybridizing by Doug Smith. Suzanne Yaws had requested these instructions and we all benefited from the lesson.

The year will come to a close in October when we will meet for our annual dinner and enjoy good food and fellowship. The New Year for the GSDS will start in February 2010.

Joan Avampato, Reporter

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# CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

## HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

Prior to mid-summer, HHS had a daylily plant sale and a bus trip.

The plant sale was held at "Another Place In Time." The highlight of this sale, besides the large number of daylilies sold, were Ruby Lair, Cynthia Corn-Parker, and Martha Balch who fell in love with daylilies and joined our daylily society, on the spot.

Our next activity was a bus trip to the Jack Carpenter's "Lily Farm." The weather was hot and dry; the bus was cool and relaxing. During transit, Boone Keeling tested our daylily knowledge with an educational game based on daylily history and plant facts. Prizes for the game were daylilies and associated items. After viewing the amazing clumps and fields of color we shopped till we dropped. Exhausted, (shopping is hard work), everyone settled in to enjoyed a catered barbeque dinner under the shade trees and enjoyed the nice breeze along with their meal.

The HHS 2009-10 first Fall meeting in September featured a lively presentation on "The Houston Garden Center History and Prospects For the Future." Karen Wright has a Master Gardener scheduled to speak at the October 22nd meeting at the Houston Garden Center along with the program "Water Conservation - Do Native Plants Help?"

In addition to the three new members from our plant sale, we welcome our other new members Debbie & Larry Blankenburg, Sharon & Jim Meisetschlaeger, and Gary Davis. We are all looking forward to an exciting 2009-10 year with daylilies.

Hershal Theilen, Reporter

## BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY

Like most other Texans, those of us in Brazosport Daylily Society spent the months of June and July just trying to give our plants enough water to keep them alive. The sun was hot and the rain was none, but somehow we managed to have blooms.

At the June meeting, Eddie Raye Andrews presented a slideshow of her pictures from Regional and the National Convention for all of those who were not able to attend. The pictures were very much enjoyed and then the club took pleasure in fellowship and a pot luck meal.

In July, we were blessed to have Katy and Kenneth Breeden present to the club a slideshow with pictures of

their gardens, deer-proof fencing, and hybridizing program. The Breedens do a great job of presenting. Their presentation is just the right length, very informative, yet relaxing. They have some great ideas for varmint proofing the place, and the flowers that they hybridize are gorgeous. You can enjoy some of the same photos that the club saw at their web site:  
<http://www.kenefickdaylilys.com/index.html>

Moving on to our August meeting, Eddie Raye Andrews presented the club with a slideshow of Leon Payne's Hybridizing Program. The pictures were absolutely fantastic. Leon plants approximately 5,000 seedlings each year. You can "ooh and aah" for yourself if you visit Leon's web site and view his seedlings:  
<http://www.paynesinthegrassdaylilyfarm.com>

September brought rain. It was enough to give our water hoses and water bills a relief, but not us. Rust began to spore up here and there, and we had to start spraying. Our September meeting was a nice break because Loris Garrett presented to the club his hybridizing program. He included a slideshow of his stunning garden, "Benvenuti!" which you may have seen at the National in Houston if you were able to make it. Loris also gave the club some good tips about things he does to his soil including using expanded shale. To view his garden -  
[http://www.lonestardaylilysociety.org/html/loris\\_garrett.html](http://www.lonestardaylilysociety.org/html/loris_garrett.html)

All club members are looking forward to the October meeting, where we will receive a free plant if we have attended at least two meetings.

Shelly Stasney, Reporter

## CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB

As is our usual practice, Cypress Creek Daylily Club took the summer off with no scheduled meetings or activities. To many of us, this has been an extremely "harsh" summer with not much rain and very high temperatures.

Our September Program was a PowerPoint program on the gardens which were featured on tour during the 2009 Regional Meeting. As always, Mary Gage did a great job in putting this on. Thank you, Mary!

The Houston Area Daylily Society and Cypress Creek Daylily Club jointly participated in Mercer Arboretum's Garden Faire. This is an annual event which is held the last weekend in September. The Garden Faire gave us the opportunity to sell plants and also gave us exposure to folks who might be interested in daylilies, and hopefully, interested in joining one of our clubs.

And while we're on the subject of new members, our Club would like to welcome a new member, Sam Borissova.

Vernna Gibson, Reporter

# CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

## LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY

Since I was re-miss in submitting a report for the last Newsletter I need to play a little catch-up.

In April, Lone Star was fortunate in hosting Ludlow Lambertson of Art Gallery Garden, Lake Helen, Florida, as a guest speaker. I think it was the first time that Luddy had been a speaker in Texas and he charmed and entertained us with images of his beautiful art work as well as his daylily introductions. His eye for color and art is evident in everything he does. We also had an auction after his program for some of his introductions and lots of lucky members went home with some of his newer introductions at reduced prices.

Lone Star held their annual flower show and sale in May in a new location this year - our meeting place, the Alvin Senior Citizen's Building - with much apprehension. But, all was for naught since it was a huge success. We sold out of plants before noon which is always a plus. In addition, our show was well attended. We had a total of 151 scapes entered and a very curious outcome. Actually a lot of us had just attended a Judges Refresher Clinic where we found out that the situation that occurred at our show almost never happens. What was it? We had a tie for Best in Show. That was remarkable enough in itself, but when the panel used the required criteria to break the tie, a tie still remained. In fact, they had to refer to the tie breaking rules for the third time before the winner was finally decided - which was *Hemerocallis* 'Sergeant Major' exhibited by Paul and Mildred Eskine. Also making a showing on the head table with their outstanding entries were Paula and Leon Payne; Art and Nina Imperial; Erik Eskine; and other entries by Paul and Mildred Eskine. In our Design Section, Nell Shimek won Tricolor and Designer's Choice Awards. We continued with our Photography Contest this year which has proven very popular with our members as well as attendees, and the winner this year was Mike Peppers with his "Critter" entry.

In July, we had a very instructional program from Ron Brown of the Harris County Master Gardener's Program on composting and soil preparation. We all had a lot of questions and everybody learned a lot.

In early June we had a garden tour of several local gardens. Those gardens visited were Mike and Susan Peppers; Paul and Mildred Eskine; Mike Mayfield; and Paula and Leon Payne. It was hot but worth our efforts as we ended our morning with a delicious lunch at Gringo's Mexican Restaurant. We all had a good time.

August was much looked forward to by our members because Lone Star hosted another guest speaker - Dan Trimmer of Watermill Gardens, Enterprise, Florida. Lots of members met on Saturday night before the meeting Sunday to enjoy a barbeque dinner with Dan at a local restaurant. The presentation he gave was enjoyed by all those attending and we had lots of guests from other local clubs to visit that day to hear him. Again, we had an auction at the conclusion of his program and lucky members again went home with bargain basement priced introductions.

September has arrived and with it a little cooler weather. Now, it's time to get back out in the garden and catch up with the chores that we've all put off during the never ending heat of our summer. Soon, Old Man Winter will rear his head and bring with him some much needed rain, I hope.

Paula Payne, Reporter

**May 20-22, 2010**

## REGIONAL IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

### ATTENTION ALL HYBRIDIZERS!!

**Plants are needed for the Annie T. Giles and Edna Lankart Award Beds!**

**Limit of 4 plants per hybridizer.**

**Please send your plants in late September to early October of this year to:**

**Doris Green  
P.O. Box 180  
Jarrell, Texas 76537  
Phone (512) 746-4299**

# CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

## DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS

We enjoyed a hot and dry summer and now a wet fall. We had a great Flower Show back in early June. Lee and Anita Causey won the AHS Sweepstakes Rosette, Sondria Feducia won the AHS Best of Show Rosette, and Tim Closs won AHS Best Seedling Rosette. Wilma Smith won the Tricolor Award in floral design. We had a delightful and well attended Popularity Poll "End of Summer" Party at Mary Alice and Greg Caffarel's home in late August. Our September meeting featured daylily hybridizer Guy Pierce, owner of Floyd Cove Nursery. And, our October 3 Daylily Plant Sale at North Haven Gardens was a big success. You can read about these events online.



**DGD Flower Show**



**Best of Show**

**H. 'Little Red  
Dumplings'**



**Best Seedling**

**by Tim Closs**

## SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY

Summer of 2009 was very difficult for gardeners in Central Texas. We had more than 60 days at or above 100 degrees and no rain. Water restrictions hurt the San Antonio growers as they were only allowed to water once every two weeks in September. Finally, the temperature dropped into the 80's in October and we got rain. Now it is a weeding frenzy!

The SADS annual picnic was changed to a picnic brunch in order to beat the heat. Margaret and Steve Wingfield hosted the event at their lovely home in San Antonio in July. We always look forward to visiting the Wingfield garden. Even with the drought, their garden was still wonderful. We enjoyed our morning strolling under the Oaks, comparing notes on the daylilies that were blooming.. Of course, the food was outstanding. It just proved again that gardeners are good cooks.

Pat Gathright, a teacher of high school yearbook, newspaper, and photography, gave an excellent program in August on taking better digital photographs of our daylilies. This program was initiated to see if our members would have enough interest in pursuing a photographic section for our daylily show. Pat answered numerous questions from the members who showed a genuine interest in photographing their daylilies.

The SADS board members, at their September meeting, approved adding a photography exhibit to the daylily show in 2010 pending AHS sanctioning. Daylily Bingo replaces a program for September. We all want to be first to yell BINGO for a daylily prize.

SADS daylily beds at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens are being refurbished this fall. The beds were amended and additional plants were purchased to fill in the blank spots where some of the daylilies met their demise. Several members sponsored plants. The new daylilies were planted in clumps for a better show in the spring. Don Tuff, who is in charge of this project, has done an excellent job of redoing the "map" of the beds and compiling the list of all the plants. With the cooler weather now in October and the blessing of rain several times in the last few weeks, we should have beautiful daylilies in our Botanical Garden bed as well as in our own gardens.

Germaine Tuff, Reporter

# CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

## HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY

We reconvened in September after hiding out from the summer's wretched record breaking June, July and August heat. Between the bleached daylily blooms and unrelenting rust on my foliage, I was ready for a clean slate.

This reporter must have been dreaming of far away cool escapes because the July Newsletter deadline slipped right by me. I must mention May's flower show and plant sale which was a great event and featured over 197 horticultural entries. Eddie and Mary Gage contributed their usual generous amount of plants.

Leslie Wong and Anna Rosa Glidden were Co-Chairs of our DAYLILY DEVOTION flower show and the theme was appropriate to the amount of work our members put in. Leon and Paula Payne took top honors, winning Sweepstakes and Popularity Poll. Loris Garrett won People's Choice and Best in Show. Darla Oakes was our Plant Sale Chairperson.

Our September meeting introduced the new slate of officers for 2010.

President - Eddie Gage  
First Vice-President- Sue Arthur  
Second Vice-President - Sara Chumley  
Recording Secretary - Mary Gage  
Treasurer - Leslie Wong  
Historian - Catherine Neal

Our program was a round table discussion on preparing for fall-dividing, fertilizing, watering and transplanting daylilies and other plants.

Our October meeting will be our annual Daylily Auction and a special 80th birthday celebration for Anna Rosa Glidden, a special member who is known throughout the Daylily Society for her hard work ethic and dedication to her clubs. She's had a rough year, health wise, but is managing to get back to meetings, which makes us all very happy.

Sharon Shackelford, Reporter

## LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

At our September meeting we were treated with popcorn and candies while Donna Chicoine and Dorothy Hale presented a beautiful PowerPoint show of the National Convention. Rain and muddy gardens did not keep us from enjoying "our day in the gardens" as shown in the presentation.

We were saddened by the death of our dearly and beloved Edythe Weeks. She was the oldest member of our club and had helped each of us along our way to becoming addicted to the joy of growing daylilies.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President - Lois Powell; 1st Vice-President - Donna Chicoine; 2nd Vice-President - Tracie Pruitt; Secretary - Pat Levens; Treasurer - Connie Hugon. The Reporter, Historian, and Parliamentarian will be appointed by the incoming President. These officers will be installed by our outgoing President, Sally Eschenfelder, at the December (Christmas) Luncheon in the lovely home of Pat and Leon Levens.

Pat and Leon Levens home was on the Lufkin Landscape Task Force Garden Tour in 2008 and at our October meeting she shared with us the DVD presentation of their lovely garden. Also, Tracie Pruitt, one of our newest and youngest members, showed a movie of her daylilies in bloom this past year. We were so impressed with the beauty of so many named daylilies and her superb photography, and will be looking forward to next May when we can tour her garden.

After serving as Reporter of the Lufkin Club for many years, let me say it has been my pleasure. I always look forward to our Region 6 Newsletter.

Reba Garrison, Reporter

## MARK CARPENTER'S DAYLILY DEFINITIONS

Daylily: A unique flower that has mystical power of your bank account.

Hybridizer: A crazed individual who believes he/she can create colors in flowers that do not exist in our world!

Regional: A great excuse for a party!

Pod Difficult: No matter how much you spend, you are not getting pods set on this baby!

Volunteer: Generally a brand new member to a daylily club. Have we got plans for YOU!!!

Flower Show: A gathering of crazed individuals who love ribbons, but love their flowers even more.

Unusual Form: It's not really a spider in technical terms, it's not a bagel, it's not a .... Well, you know .... it's an unusual form!

Pod: A small, hull-like shell that many believe is a magic box, one that will grant wishes like the color blue, or a 10" sized bloom!

# CLUB NEWS FROM AROUND REGION 6

## NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY - FORT WORTH

Our club has been all about plant sales in recent weeks. The club has enjoyed meeting a lot of prospective new members in the Fort Worth garden community. Below is the NTDS booth at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Fall Plant Sale. Look closely, and you'll see two of our Regional Meeting tour garden hosts.



The club enjoyed Daylily Bingo at its October meeting and in noting the room was full, we counted 48 people in attendance which included 3 new members and 3 visitors. We have been fortunate in having new members join almost every month since the summer.

There were tons of plants and garden art items at the Bingo prize table and we all took home a lot of prizes.

We want all of you to keep Lee Causey in your prayers as he is recovering from a serious back surgery. Ken Long, pictured above, will also be having back surgery. Lee has had recent problems from a football injury that he suffered at the University of Florida where he played Linebacker for the Gators.

Each year the club has a plant sale in September simultaneously with another garden club and we had a lot of fun with both our tagging parties and the sale itself. All of us ran for the Maryott plants that came in, and everyone who worked got to pick out a free plant courtesy of the club. We had plenty of help as a result for both days that we tagged - about 14 workers each day. The sale was profitable, and the leftover plants were sold at either the Botanic Garden Fall Plant Sale or as Bingo Prizes.

Our November meeting will be a Thanksgiving Dinner and a Plant Exchange. In December, we will have our Christmas Dinner and a Chinese Gift Exchange. This year we will have special entertainment by the Trinity High School Show Choir "Harmony." We'll have about 15 teens join us for our dinner, and hope that we can plant some gardening ideas among the group.

We wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season and come visit us at [www.northtexasdaylilysociety.com](http://www.northtexasdaylilysociety.com)

Sam Northrip, Reporter

## REGIONAL BUS PLANT INFORMATION!

Here is information on the bus plants you received at the Fort Worth Regional this past May. The cultivars were provided by Dan Hansen.

*Hemerocallis* 'Cowntown Cutie', Evergreen, 28", Early, rebloom, 5" round flat ruffled pink, tetraploid, bud count 25



*H.* 'West Texas Windmill', Evergreen, 26", Midseason, rebloom, 7" narrow UFO, yellow to chartreuse, diploid, bud count 18



# My Senior Citizen Patio Vignette Garden in Zone 9

Article by: Catherine L. B. Neal (281) 444-7804, Houston, Texas

The tropical vignette viewed from my patio door contains three statues surrounded with colored foliage plants that complement each other. The overall design consists of different shades of green with small amounts of burgundy, chartreuse and sprinkled with light yellow as an accent. A bronze statue of a girl feeding rabbits reminds me of my youth. The Mother-In Law's Tongue with the yellow striped edges is a nice contrast to the bronze statue. Various green colored Ivies stream down the 5 gallon containers adding various shades of green. In the background are Crotons with different leaf shapes and coloration that carry the eye to the depth of the island. Life-sized statues of Blue-Jays and Cardinals appear here and there among the plants. The border plants are pink and white Cryptanthus Starlite (Cryptanthus roseus pictus)

The white statue of the young man thinking reminds me that to dream is the first step in planning a garden or solving what I want to do with the rest of my life. The boy is surrounded by small feathery Palms in the background with staked Cane Begonia against the house wall. Surrounding the white boy statue in the planter bowl is the green and white foliage of the Red Bird Plant and Red Tip Tropical Plant.

The statue of a lady painting reminds me that Grandma Moses was in her 80's before she got started. You are never too old to dream, retrain and do what you want to do if you are willing to work at it. Shading this area is the sleeping Hibiscus that will bloom red in the winter months.

On the other side of the plant island are two chairs overlooking the backyard planted with Jack Carpenter and Josie Bomar daylilies. This vignette is one of three vignette gardens that are joined by a garden path along the back of my home. There are different gardens viewed from three different windows. Each has its own theme. The five small statues represent my grandchildren. An angel statue is babysitting and reading a book to them. This statue reminds me that reading is the key that opens the door to all learning. Out of the Victorian bedroom window in the background of this vignette, I have a large Bleeding Heart vine that blooms from October to April the following year.

At the end of the trail, the third window view overlooks the Hibiscus tea room with the entrance flanked by two Ginger plants.

Rules for a vignette garden are found in the *Judges Handbook* of the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Editor's Note: Catherine's regular feature articles recall 75 years of memories she is sharing with our Region 6 audience as her way of "giving back" to all who love gardening. Thank you, Catherine!

## WANT A FREE \$100 DAYLILY INTRODUCTION ????????

Region 6 Members, if you are reading this then you are probably already a member of AHS and so you do not qualify. But for ANY of your friends or club members who are NOT members of AHS, this is for them! Please get this information to them ASAP before the offer expires at the end of this year!

Here's the deal: Bill Maryott of Maryott Gardens in California has made an incredible offer to any non-AHS member in Region 6. It's so simple. Join the AHS this year, and Bill will send you a \$100 value introduction absolutely free!! Spread the word! Below are some of the offerings from Maryott Gardens along with Bill's web site address, which is: [https://daylilygarden.net/cgi-bin/Web\\_store/web\\_store.cgi](https://daylilygarden.net/cgi-bin/Web_store/web_store.cgi)



# 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: April-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 Overturff  
2414 Trenton  
Houston, Texas 77093 (281) 442-0200  
Meetings: Jan-April, Sept-Oct, 4th Sunday, 2 p.m.  
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 - Bill Pace  
8180 Charlya Drive  
Athens, Texas 75752-6108  
(903) 670-3302 dbpace@sbcglobal.net  
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, 2nd Saturday 10 a.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, Texas 77320  
(936) 291-0863 seedsofdiscovery@yahoo.com  
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 - Michael Mayfield  
2402 Longwood  
Pearland, Texas 77581  
(281) 996-9310 mjmayfield45@aol.com  
Meetings: Monthly 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m.,  
Alvin Senior Citizen's Building

## **Lufkin Hemerocallis Society**

President - Sallie Eschenfelder  
602 Crown Colony Drive  
Lufkin, Texas 75901  
(936) 699-2557 cesch@consolidated.net  
Meetings: Monthly 1st Tuesday, 2 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church Parlor

## **Nacogdoches Daylily Society**

President - Jean Consford  
3925 Timberwood  
Nacogdoches, Texas 75961  
(936) 564-2320  
Meetings: Monthly 2nd Tuesday, 6 p.m.

## **North Texas Daylily Society-Fort Worth**

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

## **San Antonio Daylily Society**

President - Ray Elizondo  
1315 Mary's Cove  
New Braunfels, Texas 78130  
(830) 606-0198, tu1964@earthlink.net  
Meetings: Monthly 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m.,  
San Antonio Botanical Garden

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# Daylilies of the Southwest

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