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Editor's Corner:

Oops

The Editor wishes to note that the photographs of Marcus Dugas' daylily seedlings in the 2009 Fall/Winter Issue (Page 8) were taken by both Marcus and Patricia Dugas. Marcus notes that "Patricia plays an integral role in our efforts at producing hybrid daylilies and is my reason for engaging in the project." Send encouraging comments to Patricia at rayburnbabe@aol.com.

Articles, Reports, and Deadlines

We appreciate everyone's participation in creating this Newsletter and look forward to great stories from our members. As you may be aware, we have deadlines for finalizing newsletters. They are: Spring, February 1; Summer, July 1; and Fall/Winter, October 1. However, if your report or article is ready early, send it as soon as possible.

We Need Your Feedback

Because this Newsletter serves all members of AHS Region 6, your Newsletter Editor is asking for feedback as to this Newsletter's contents, layout, and readability. If you would like to comment, please write or send email to Binion Amerson. Look for a survey in the Summer issue of *Daylilies of the Southwest*.

AHS REGION 6 DIRECTOR REPORT

Donna Peck



Donna Peck

This is the first report I've written in 2010. So first of all, Happy New Year!

We have a new Editor of the Region 6 newsletter, Binion Amerson. I know he will do a great job. We also have a new Regional President, Maureen Valenza. She has a terrific group of officers lined up to serve Region 6. Many thanks for those who volunteered to help our region. I can see only good results from Maureen and her board.

We also have a new AHS President, Mary Collier Fisher. Our Fall Board Meeting was held in Baton Rouge in October. Because of a professional meeting elsewhere that our previous president, Kevin Walek, had to attend, Mary conducted the meeting. I can tell you she will be excellent as our new president.

As your "old" Region 6 Director, I hope this year to see increased membership and improved communication among all of us. We have a wonderful incentive for new members. Any local member receives a voucher good for a minimum of \$25.00 towards a daylily purchase. To all new AHS members, Maryott's Gardens last year promised a \$100.00 introduction. This offer closed on January 1, 2010, but anyone who joined before then, should receive their introduction. If they joined after their shipping season in September 2009, they will receive a 2010 introduction after they start shipping June 15, 2010. It was a very generous offer from Maryott's Garden.

Since my last report, I attended the Fall Board of Director's Meeting, mentioned above. It was hosted by the Baton Rouge Daylily Club. And if it's any indication of how they will treat us at their National Convention in 2011, we'll be spoiled by the friendliness of the members, delighted with the accommodations, and will enjoy the outstanding food of Cajun country. Be sure to start making plans to attend the 2011 event.

One of my jobs as Chairman of the Policy and Procedure committee is to get the P&P document updated. Also to make sure all the forms that AHS members use are uniform and professional looking, I'd like to ask a favor. Whenever any of you uses a form that doesn't have our logo on it, please let me know. Correcting such oversights is one of the duties that our previous president, Kevin Walek, assigned to me.

The other duty is to create an annual calendar listing all the project and report deadlines for our committee chairmen, Board Members, and other AHS members to meet. The third project is designing an AHS letterhead for all AHS members to use. Kathy Lamb is the chairman of this, with me on her committee. In the near future you should see more professional looking materials coming from AHS.

My Ombudsman job, created when I went on the board a year ago, is keeping me very busy. My excellent committee members and I have had 350 or more questions to answer in 2009. As I mentioned above, communication is a very important part of this year's objectives. Members need to be in communication with one another, and with the regional officers. If you ever have a question please ask me or one of the regional officers. If we don't know the answer, we will get someone who does.

One thing I'd like to emphasize is that all of us should be making use of our AHS website, www.daylilies.org. There is

now a revised Daylily Dictionary which defines and illustrates many botanical terms as related to the daylily. Patricia Loveland, Director of Region 8 and Chairman of the scientific committee, continues to update existing definitions and add new ones. It will educate everyone on the daylily terms with which we should all be familiar.

The website will also tell you of all the 2009 daylily awards. These awards have helped me choose many of the daylilies that I grow in my garden. By now you probably know the highest award given to a daylily is the Stout Award Medal. This year it was awarded to *Hemerocallis* 'Skin Walker'—the outstanding spider by the late Ned Roberts. It had won the Harris Olsen Spider Award in 2004.

If I can digress a bit, Ned and his wife, Betty, were the reason my husband, Dick, and I got involved with the Albuquerque Daylily Society. Dick had met Ned at a University of New Mexico function, and Ned suggested to Dick that we plant daylilies at the president's yard (we were living at the president's house at that time). He brought many of his seedlings which we planted there. And each morning when I walked out to look at the daylilies, and saw one of Ned's blooming that was outstanding, I'd call him and say, "Ned, come on over. I think you have a winner." When he came, and agreed with me, he would dig up the plant and put it in the Albuquerque Greenhouse, where he kept his seedlings. So, many of his award winning daylilies actually were started in Albuquerque. And what a disappointment, for us, when the Roberts decided to move to Colorado to be with family. But as a charter member of our Club, Betty still keeps in contact and judges our flower shows for us from time to time. We still want to secretly claim the Roberts as Region 6 members!

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AHS REGION 6 PRESIDENT REPORT

Maureen Valenza



Maureen Valenza

To all of American Hemerocallis Society Region 6 Daylily Members: A warm welcome and thank you from your new Region 6 Executive Committee. We are listed in this newsletter (see Page 2) and look forward to serving you for the next two years and hope to keep you well informed on Regional and National matters as members of AHS.

There are a number of challenges facing this committee and we need your help. Our first challenge is that we are in desperate need of a Garden Judge Liaison and if you are interested in being one, please contact me by phone or by email as noted in this newsletter. One requirement for a Garden Judge Liaison is that the person must be a garden judge. Responsibilities of a garden judge liaison are to keep track of the judges, coordinate regional clinics for new judges, and refresher clinics for existing judges.

Our next challenge is that we need clubs to sponsor the 2012, 2013, and 2014 Regional meetings. We know that this is short notice, but 2012 will be here before we know it and a Regional meeting does not have to be at the same level as a National Convention with 2 days of garden tours. Please consider your club as a sponsor and we will help you to have a successful Regional.

The new executive committee will have a tough act to follow since Steve Wingfield and his committee did such a great

job. A special thanks to Steve, Lori, Mark, and all those on his committee for all their efforts over the last 2 years.

Year 2010 will be an exciting year for us especially after we have probably come through one of the worst winters in Region 6 that we have experienced in a long time. Some of us were fortunate not to have sprinkler heads blow and water leaks. Many of us lost fragile plants and trees and experienced other garden woes from such a cold winter. In the Houston area, we had a snow flurry or two and the scenery was so pretty and peaceful having snow cover the ground before Christmas. However, the snow cover may have been pretty but my 60 Gerber daisies that I edged some beds with did not appreciate my sentiment.

One of my nieces got married in Jacksonville, Florida on January 9. The temperature that day may have hit a high of 34 and I felt sorry for my niece walking down the aisle in a beautiful but shoulder-less wedding gown while the majority of us were cuddled in our winter coats. I told her she looked alert and therefore knows what she was getting into. Just kidding, she and her new husband will do just fine. The day after the wedding, Robert and I took some nieces and nephews to the Jacksonville zoo. The kids loved it since they could take as many pictures as they wanted. Most of the animals seemed to be in suspended animation especially the alligators with 22 degree nights. We did not see any apes or monkeys but there were plenty other brave sports sunning themselves to stay warm. We got back to Houston and faced a number of dead plants and broken pots. I went into immediate action at the start of this new growing season and now have more room for "daylilies."

But out of something bad comes something good, and Mary Gage reminded me that those of us that have dormant daylilies will see a great showing of scapes this growing season and that many of the daylily colors will be more vibrant due to

the cold spells they have encountered this winter. Daylilies will respond well to cold temperatures so we are in for a colorful display come May and June. Our Regional meeting will be in Austin on May 21-23. Rich Rosen and his committee and tour garden owners have a great schedule lined up for this meeting. They are planning on having a tour of the Zilkners Botanical Garden and maps available for other Austin places of interest, a flower show, a forum on "Optimizing Daylily Growth" and on Saturday there will be four gardens on tour followed by an auction of incredible plants. Details of the Regional meeting are covered in this edition, so please sign up and join us.

Another major event for May is the AHS National Convention that will be held on May 27-29 in Valdosta, Georgia. Tim Bell is the chairman and his gardens will be on tour as well as many others. Please keep both of these events in mind. You just can't get enough daylilies during the peak bloom season. We advise you to register as soon as possible for both of these events since budgeting for these meetings is dependent on the registration fees and many hotels require payment for the banquet dinner(s) way ahead of the event. Early registration helps those who have to manage estimates. When we held the 2008 National Convention, we budgeted from 365 (low) to 650 (high) attendees. Registration peaked at 395 with a number of last minute cancellations within days of the convention. We had a wonderful group of people and some of the feedback we received commented on the friendliness and the hospitality of all the Texas folks who attended and helped during the convention.

These National and Regional events give us the best opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy each other's company and have a great time talking about a subject that is dear to many of us and that is daylilies. So come join the fun and have a wonderful time and most of all have a wonderful healthy, prosperous, and blessed New Year.

PUBLICITY DIRECTOR

Rozanne Tuffnell



Rozanne Tuffnell

Greetings from Albuquerque, New Mexico. My name is Rozanne Tuffnell and I am your new RPD for Region 6. For those of you who do not know me, let me introduce myself.

I have been active in the gardening community here in Albuquerque for the past 15 years, joining the local daylily club in the fall of 1994, right after they had hosted the Region 6 meeting. I was also a member of the Rose Society, Uptown Garden Club, and became a Master Gardner in 1997. I held the office of Treasurer for the Council of Garden Clubs during the extensive renovation project of the facility. As for the local daylily club, I served as Treasurer for 7 years, President in 2003, and Secretary in 2007. I have also chaired the flower show for the past 3 years and I am an AHS Exhibition Judge. Our garden "Bluecorn Daylily Gardens" is currently the only AHS Display Garden in New Mexico and will be on tour in 2011 for the Region 6 meeting.

It is now January, the Holidays are over, and most of the leftover turkey is gone. This is the time when we study all those catalogs and make our wish lists for new additions to our gardens. My garden is still covered in snow, the pond is an ice rink, and spring seems a long way off.

There have been some changes in the procedure for voting in the Popularity Poll that went into effect last year. You

can still vote for 10 of your favorite daylilies, 5 from the list of previous favorites from your region and 5 independent selections. There are so many beautiful daylilies to pick from these days I have trouble limiting my list to 10. I encourage all of you to participate this year in the process for selecting the 10 favorites for Region 6. Remember you can vote for flowers that you observe growing well anywhere in your region, not just in your garden. I will pass on any further changes to the Popularity Poll as I become aware of them. I was encouraged to see some new names on the list last year. Let's keep up that trend for this year's vote. My goal for this year is to increase the participation in the vote region wide and to see Region 6 be number one in American Hemerocallis Society.

I know that all daylily clubs are looking for new ideas to increase membership and increase interest in daylilies in their communities. Some of the things that we have done here in Albuquerque are printing flyers advertising our summer sale and flower show along with our fall sale and hand them out at the spring sale. We also have membership forms for local and national available at all sales. I have done programs on daylilies in my garden for local garden clubs and have gotten new members and new customers for our sales this way. We put up educational displays on daylilies at the garden center along with membership forms and copies of the region newsletter and surplus catalogs. We have done interviews on local talk radio and local newspapers.

I look forward to serving as your RPD and hope to see you all at the Region 6 meeting this May 21-23, 2010 in Austin, Texas.

Should you have any questions or suggestions for publicity, I can be reached at rtuffnell@msn.com.

YOUTH

Tim Closs



Tim Closs

Greetings from Princeton, Texas, a small rural city northeast of Dallas. My name is Tim Closs and I am your new Youth Liaison for Region 6. For those of you who do not know me, let me introduce myself.

I have been active in the daylily community since 1998, when the Daylily Growers of Dallas approached the high school, where I teach horticulture, about scholarship opportunities for the students. Since then, the students at Naaman Forest High School in Garland have received over \$15,000 in scholarship funds from the Dallas club. I've gone from two or three unknown daylilies in my landscape to over 850 named cultivars and several thousand seedlings each year. I've entered scapes in shows, won some sections against my friend Lee Causey, and have become both a Garden and Junior Exhibition Judge. I've served as the Ways and Means chairman and President of the Daylily Growers of Dallas. Yes, I have been infected with the "Hemerocallis" disease and am a better person for it!

Now, I want to try and expand this passion for daylilies to more young people. Look for a future article in the newsletter detailing my ideas on how we can tap into established youth groups to help develop their passion for daylilies.

If you have suggestions for this effort, please contact me at b-cfarm@att.net.

See you in the garden....

AHS REGION 6 NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Binion Amerson



Binion Amerson

Oh My! Where to start? It is going to be a tough act to follow Mark Carpenter and his staff who produced such a wonderful and informative Region 6 Newsletter for the last two years. And, I love the new name—*Daylilies of the Southwest*.

Jim Petty is again going to print and mail the newsletter. This in itself is a tremendous job. And, I want to thank Loris Garrett, new Membership Chairman, who is assembling a new mailing list for Region 6. This involves obtaining the master list of Region 6 members from Pat Mercer, AHS Executive Secretary. Then, getting membership lists from all the daylily clubs in Texas and New Mexico, merging all the lists, and finally getting that in a form that Jim Petty can use for bulk mailing the newsletter.

Now, a little about myself. My name is Binion Amerson and I live in Farmers Branch, a northwest suburb of Dallas. I am originally from Macon, Georgia. Both my grandparents were farmers and as a kid I loved the outdoors. My mother was an avid garden club volunteer, officer, and flower show judge.

After graduating from Mercer University (Biology 1958), I attended the University of Georgia in the Entomology Department where I became interested in medically important arthropods. I finished coursework for a Masters Degree, but never finished it as I received a full scholarship to the University of Kansas in their Entomology Department.

At the University of Kansas, I specialized in acrology (ticks and mites). In the summer of 1962, I was a member of a team of KU faculty and graduate students who spent two months conducting a field study of animals and medically important arthropods of the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. We were funded by the U.S. Defense Department to produce a classified document for the U.S. Army. Castro had just invaded Cuba and the military wanted to know what harmful animals might be present in case troops had to be sent to that area. It was a fantastic experience which opened my life to the exciting world of natural history, ecology, and environmental field studies and in writing and editing.

In December 1962, it was snowing outside as I was sitting in the lab at KU and the phone rang. It was an officer at the Pentagon. He had learned of my involvement in the Yucatan field work and asked if I would like to do similar work for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. It would involve studying the animals and plants of various islands in the Pacific. I flew to D.C., interviewed, was hired, and started work immediately.

For the next seven years (1963-1970), I flew back and forth between D.C. and the Honolulu where I worked out of Pearl Harbor. We surveyed the Northwest Hawaiian Islands, Line and Phoenix Islands, Marshall and Gilbert Islands, and American Samoa. We banded over 1 million birds and tagged numerous Hawaiian Monk Seals and Green Sea Turtles. We were taken to islands by U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships and private vessels and dropped off to camp and study the islands. It was dangerous and adventurous. And, yes, it was funded by the Defense Department and it was a secret operation at the time.

As one of the team leaders, I had to document all our scientific finds into field notes and island natural history summaries. These were later revised and published in the scientific literature.

When the Smithsonian work ended in 1970, I went back to the University of Kansas where I resumed my graduate work at the Natural History Museum. My Masters Degree in Ecology and Environmental Studies was concerned with "Seabird Migration in the Pacific." You can find reference to my publications by searching on the Internet for "Amerson Pacific Island Studies."

My Ph.D. studies were cut short as I was hired by Environment Consultants, Inc. of Dallas to head up a Natural History Study of American Samoa. I lived there for 1-1/2 years and worked for that firm for a total of 10 years conducting ecological work all over the United States, Canada, Central and South America, and various Pacific Islands. I published many scientific studies during these years.

The environmental work dried up in the mid-1980s. So, I went to work for high-tech companies where I wrote, edited, and published technical manuals for computer software and hardware companies. I retired in 2001. I became proficient at working with computers and with document and publishing software. My favorite is Adobe FrameMaker which I am using to write, edit, and produce this Region 6 Newsletter.

In 1994, I moved to a house where I started growing daylilies and joined the Daylily Growers of Dallas and the American Hemerocallis Society. Until the recent move to my present address, I had an AHS Display Garden. I was editor of the Daylily Growers of Dallas *Hem Line* newsletter from 1998 until the end of 2009. I gave that up to be AHS Region 6 Newsletter Editor.

So, as you can see, I have had a varied life in scientific and technical writing, editing, and publishing. I look forward to working with all the daylily clubs in Region 6. My goal is to produce a readable, informative, attractive, colorful, and budget-conscious newsletter.

AHS REGION 6 EXHIBITION JUDGES LIAISON

Mary Gage



Mary Gage

Well, it seems I am back at my old job of Exhibition Judges Liaison after a “vacation” of two and a half years. I thank Binion Amerson for taking over the reins when my hands were full, working on the 2008 AHS National Convention. I did not know I would even be coming back to this job but now Binion has moved on to being our Region 6 Newsletter Editor. Let us all support him in this endeavor and keep our newly-named newsletter, *Daylilies of the Southwest*, interesting and informative.

Binion and I have been busy updating your addresses, emails, and phone numbers and you will find the list on Page 21 of this newsletter. The breakdown on our 75 judges is 56 Senior Exhibition Judges, 2 Junior Exhibition Judges, 11 Student Judges, 6 Honorary Judges, and 16 Instructors.

AHS has again updated the handbook, *Judging Daylilies*. As of January first, the 2010 version is on the AHS website to be printed off. There are enough revisions and additions that it is necessary to print the entire book, not just a few pages with changes and, again, it is full letter size pages for a 3-ring binder, 100 pages. The 2009 version was 97 pages.

We always welcome, and more than that, “attempt to entice” anyone with an interest in becoming a judge to begin the process and attend Clinic I. Requirements to

begin the training are:

1. AHS membership for at least 24 consecutive months.
2. Be a paid-up AHS member as of January 1 annually.
3. Have a keen interest and knowledge of daylilies.
4. Grow daylilies from at least ten hybridizers.
5. Obtain the latest (2010) edition of *Judging Daylilies* (referred to in paragraph 3) and become familiar with Chapter 3 before attending Clinic I (Introductory Judges’ Training Clinic).
6. Attend Clinic I and pass a written test on the material covered.

Exhibition Judges Clinic I, II, and III will begin at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 21. We have them scheduled 15 minutes ahead at 11:45 a.m., allowing time for clinic registration just outside the doors so we will be ready to begin instruction on time. I cannot stress too strongly that students in Clinics I and II should obtain their 2010 *Judging Daylilies* handbook early and study Chapter 3 thoroughly so as to be very familiar with the material. We must move along timely and cannot go overtime because with a tight schedule the rooms will be used for another function after our clinics.

For Exhibition Clinic I, read pages 31-39. Much information is packed into those nine pages: Responsibilities and Requirements, Ethics, Judging Standards and Organization, Rules, Accreditation, and Characteristics of Daylilies. For Exhibition Clinic II, read pages 40-56: Judging Daylilies in Exhibitions, Point Scoring Scapes, and using specific words and terminology to describe merits and faults as reasons for points awarded or deducted.

Although we have a three-day Regional Meeting, May 21-23, I would encourage anyone, who is able, to arrive on Thursday afternoon or evening and bring a few scapes to enter in the flower show, both Horticulture and Design Sections. Cut

scapes the last thing before you leave for Austin. Scapes may be cut even the morning of the day before the show and successfully compete for ribbons and trophies. Grooming the evening before the show is easier anyway without open blooms. When bloom scars are trimmed, a touch of Vaseline will help keep them fresh and less likely to dry out and need be re-trimmed.

If you arrive by early afternoon, try to get an outside room on the west side of the hotel and let your daylilies bask in the window as long as there is sunshine. Also leave off air conditioning as much as possible. For the night, keep the air temperature moderate, not cold. We have been lucky enough at times to have a balcony where our scapes could be outside over night. We had a ground floor room in Nacogdoches right next door to Art and Nina Imperial and between us we had the walkway full of daylilies. Also the bathroom can be kept a bit warmer by having the door closed and the light on. (Oh my, all this we do and call it fun.)

On Friday morning your daylilies will already be groomed and you can get them in the show early, leaving time to visit Zilker Park before the show opens at 1:00 p.m. As those of you who have hosted Regional Meetings know, the Austin folks are working hard to host this party and the more good times and fellowship we pack into these three days the more delighted they will be and feel it was all worthwhile.

Flower shows are perhaps the main way we reach out to the public to show them the vast array of colors, patterns, and forms of new daylilies and older ones that have stood the test of time. Yes, judging is work, examining so many daylilies even to the tiniest of details. But ask any long-time judge and he/she will tell you that it has been a labor of love of our favorite flower, friends both old and new, and food. (Host clubs always feed us scrumptiously.)

AHS REGION 6 MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN LORIS GARRETT



Loris Garrett

Spring is almost here and by the time this reaches the Editor's desk, gets edited, printed, and the newsletters are sent out it will be spring. As we all have heard membership in the AHS has dropped over the past few years. Now that spring is here I would like to encourage all

members of Region 6 to get out there and talk up daylilies. I know we all can. I am one of those people that once you get me started it is pretty hard to get me to stop. Talk to your friends and acquaintances that haven't been bitten by the daylily bug about joining your local clubs and the AHS. Let them know what a diverse group we are and how joining a local club and the AHS will open doors to new friendships and a wealth of information about almost anything that sprouts out of mother earth. Let them know about the perks like the AHS Membership Voucher Program, *The Daylily Journal*, the Region 6 Newsletter *Daylilies of the Southwest*, informative speakers, bus trips to fabulous gardens, and so many other events. Maybe your club can come up with some additional incentives to entice them to join like giving new members a daylily provided by your club in

addition to the voucher from the AHS. Surely the clubs coffers can come up with a few dollars and I know all our clubs have generous members that would be willing to donate a few fans of a recent cultivar for that purpose. I have heard of some clubs that have given presentations about growing and hybridizing daylilies to their local 4H and FFA clubs and are having some success recruiting new young members. I am sure we can all come up with some bright ideas to attract new members.

I would also like to ask all Region 6 Club officers and members to be sure and update and renew their AHS and Club memberships ASAP so that we will have their most current personal information, mailing address, email address, and phone numbers. Don't want anyone to get left out!

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIAN & WEBMASTER

Ray Houston



Ray Houston

I have served as the Region 6 Archivist/Historian since 2002, and look forward to continued service in this capacity. For a period of four years (2005-2009), I scanned all of the Region 6 Newsletters (1961-present) and put them into searchable documents in Microsoft Word and Adobe Acrobat. This information is now readily available to anyone who needs historical information about the Region. All one has to do is contact me and I can quickly find most anything about the

Region from the electronic files. My phone number is (979) 297-5814 and my email address is krhouston60@att.net. I have assisted Ken Cobb, AHS Archivist/Historian, with the answers to many historical questions in the Daylily World.

I have served as Region 6 Webmaster since 2001. I enjoy creating and managing web pages for the Region. Since I am also the Archivist/Historian, I have ready access to the Region's historical files and have used these electronic files to add historical information to the Region 6 web site <http://www.ahsregion6.org/>. In my capacity as Webmaster, I am attempting to make the web site a useful tool for the users so they can quickly find most of the information they need about the Region. I am always looking for ways to improve the web site and welcome any suggestions you may have. It is quite a task keeping the web site up to date and with correct information. If any of you should find that I have posted incorrect

information to the web site, please let me know and I will correct that information as quickly as I can.

**You Are Invited
To Enter
The
Daylily Flower Show
On Friday, May 21
At The
2010 AHS Region 6
Meeting and Garden
Tours**

**May 21-23, 2010
Austin, Texas**

TREASURER AND W. E. MONROE ENDOWMENT FUND LIAISON Malcolm Avaritt



Malcolm Avaritt

The Daylily Plant Auction at the Region 6 Meeting is the primary fund raiser for our Region 6 Newsletter —*Daylilies of the Southwest*. It is also great fun and a chance to acquire some great new daylilies at bargain prices. So, attention AHS Region 6 Clubs, Individuals, and

Friends

of Region 6: We Need Your Donations! You can donate either Plants or Cash as follows:

Plant Donations (\$25 minimum value)

Contact: Region 6 Auction Chair
Steve Wingfield
415 Starlight Pass
San Antonio, TX 78260
swingfield@satx.rr.com
830-980-5230

Cash Donations (Make checks payable to AHS Region 6 Auction)

Contact: Region 6 Treasurer
Malcolm Avaritt
4121 Stonewood Circle
Midlothian, TX 76065
malcolm.avaritt@sbcglobal.net

972-723-0920

Finally, come to the Region 6 Plant Auction during the upcoming AHS Region 6 Meetings in Austin. It is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. It is after the Garden Tours and before the Awards Banquet. Hope to see all of you there!

**ATTENTION AHS REGION 6
CLUBS AND INDIVIDUALS!
SEND YOUR
DAYLILY PLANTS AND CASH
DONATIONS TODAY
AND ATTEND THE
DAYLILY PLANT AUCTION
AT THE
2010 AHS REGION 6 MEETING
MAY 21-23, 2010 — AUSTIN, TX**

AWARDS AND HONORS

Beth Zimpelman



Beth Zimpelman

Greetings from Wimberley, Texas. My name is Beth Zimpelman and I continue serving Region 6 as your Awards and Honors Chairman. I am a longtime member of AHS, Austin Daylily Society, and San Antonio Daylily Society.

Two Region 6 Hybridizer Awards are given each year at the Regional Meeting. The Edna Lankart Award is presented for

the best seedling by a Region 6 hybridizer who is not a member of the host club. The Annie T. Giles Award is presented for the best seedling hybridized by a member of the host club. Because of space in the award beds at each Regional, there may be a limit as to number of plants per hybridizer.

2009 Region 6 Award Winners

Photographs of the 2009 Region 6 Award winners are shown on Page 30.

2010 Region 6 Award Beds

Doris and Arnold Green (Host Garden for the 2010 Region 6 Award Beds at the Austin Meeting and Garden Tours) have so far received four entrees for the Annie T. Giles Award and three entrees for the Edna Lankart Award. The daylilies are doing great. We need more entrees, however. If you have seedling daylilies to enter, contact and get them to Doris and Arnold Green as soon as possible.

The address is:

Doris and Arnold Green
P.O. Box 180
Jarrell, TX 76537
Phone (512) 746-4299
[Email: djgreen46@wmconnect.com](mailto:djgreen46@wmconnect.com)

2011 Region 6 Award Beds

The Annie T. Giles and Edna Lankart Award Beds for the 2011 Region 6 Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, will be in Mimi Glover's Daylily Garden. She is ready for them now. Limit of 4 plants per hybridizer. If you have seedlings to enter, send the plants to:

Mimi Glover
110 Santa Maria
Corrales, NM 87048
Phone: 505-897-7456

[Email: mglover47@comcast.net](mailto:mglover47@comcast.net)

Hybridizers, remember that it takes longer for daylilies to establish in the Albuquerque climate. So, if you have not sent your entries, do so as soon as weather permits.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE 2010 REGION 6 MEETING & GARDEN TOURS “GOLDEN DAYLILY JUBILEE” Celebrating Austin Daylily Society’s 50th Anniversary

You are personally invited to attend a celebration of Austin Daylily Society’s 50th Anniversary, as we host the May 21-23, 2010 AHS Region 6 Meeting and Garden Tours. We are planning on you coming and having a great time!

Hotel: The Holiday Inn NW/Arboretum is a beautiful little hotel. It is big enough to hold us, but small enough that we will have the run of the place. You will find friends around every corner, both new and old. In addition to the meeting facilities there is free parking, an indoor pool, exercise equipment, and a first class restaurant. It is at the intersection of U.S. Hwy 183 and Mopac/Loop 1, so it is convenient to all of Austin.

Austin: Take some extra time to explore some of Austin’s many attractions, such as:

- **Zilker Botanical Garden** - 2220 Barton Springs Rd., just 15 minutes from the hotel.
- **Blanton Art Museum** - UT’s beautiful new facility, just 13 minutes from the hotel.
- **Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum** - across the street from the Blanton Art Museum.
- **Congress Bridge Bats** - See 1.5 million bats emerge at dusk from the Congress Avenue bridge over Lady Bird Lake (Town Lake). It’s the largest urban bat colony in North America.
- **Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center** - See the beauty and diversity of wildflowers.

Daylily Flower Show: See the finest exhibitors in Region 6 compete in horticulture and design sections. Bring entries of your own, and enter!

Daylily Gardens: One day of garden tours with four beautiful daylily gardens, including breakfast and lunch. Several Austin-area daylily gardens will be available to visit on Sunday, May 23. Look for a list of these Open Gardens at the Meeting.

Judging Clinics and Workshops: Please consider becoming an AHS Garden Judge or Exhibition Judge by attending training.

Forum Program: Panel discussion of how to maximize daylily growth in your garden, featuring Lee Causey, Rozanne Tuffnell, Loris Garrett, and Steve Wingfield.

Boutique/Plant Sale: Less expensive daylilies and other garden items for sale. (If you know someone who would like a table, please contact Rich Rosen.)

Region 6 Auction: This is the primary fund raiser for our Region 6 Newsletter. It is also great fun and a chance to acquire some great new daylilies at bargain prices.

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Banquets: Two banquets, with featured speaker Tim Herrington. The Herrington family has been hybridizing award winning daylilies in Dublin, Georgia for 30 years. In addition to many cultivar awards, Tim has also won the Region 5 Service Award. Tim is probably best known for his stunning small double “cupcake” daylilies. He will be speaking about “Diversity in Daylilies.”

Rich Rosen, Chairman

2010 REGION 6 MEETING & GARDEN TOURS

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

“Golden Daylily Jubilee”

Sponsored by the Austin Daylily Society

May 21 - 23, 2010

Registration Fee: \$115.00 per person if postmarked on or before May 3, 2010
\$125.00 if postmarked after May 3, 2010
\$95.00 youth (17 or younger) registration

Hotel: (Make Your Own Reservations)

Holiday Inn Austin NW/Arboretum
8901 Business Park Drive
Austin, TX 78759
800-465-4329 or 512-343-0888
<http://www.hotelaustin.com/>
Room Rate: \$99.00 plus tax Thursday
\$89.00 plus tax Friday, Saturday
Ask for Austin Daylily Society rate
Room Reservation Deadline: April 30, 2010

Registration Form

Make Check Payable to: Austin Daylily Society
Diane Key, Registrar
8413 Danville Dr.
Austin, TX 78753
Phone: 512-837-6326 [Email: dkey7@austin.rr.com](mailto:dkey7@austin.rr.com)

Names: (as you want them to appear on badge)

(1) _____

(2) _____

Address:City: _____

State: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Email Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please check if you plan to attend any of these scheduled events:

AHS Exhibition Judges Clinic I _____ AHS Garden Judges Workshop 1 _____

AHS Exhibition Judges Clinic II _____ AHS Garden Judges Workshop 2 _____

AHS Exhibition Judges Clinic III _____ (Refresher)

A \$5.00 fee will be collected at the start of each training session.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2010 REGION 6 MEETING

AUSTIN DAYLILY SOCIETY

“Golden Daylily Jubilee”

Celebrating Austin Daylily Society’s 50th Anniversary

Holiday Inn Northwest, Austin, Texas

May 21 - 23, 2010

Friday, May 21, 2010

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Flower Show Entries Accepted
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Flower Show Judging
11:45 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic III
11:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Exhibition Judges Clinic II
11:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Exhibition Judges Clinic I
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Flower Show Open To Public
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Boutique / Plant Sale Open
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Registration
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Garden Judges Workshop 1
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Hospitality Suite
3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Program/Forum - Maximizing Daylily Growth
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Regional Officers Meeting
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Hospitality Hour - Legends Bar
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Banquet and Region 6 Business Meeting

Saturday - May 22, 2010

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.	Full Breakfast (included in registration) Registration
7:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Bus Tour of Green, Ogee, Petley, and Rosen Gardens including Lunch
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Boutique Open Hospitality Suite
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Region 6 Auction
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Hospitality Hour - Legends Bar
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Award Banquet and Silent Auction Results Speaker - Tim Herrington, Georgia Hybridizer Subject - Diversity in Daylilies

Sunday - May 23, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Garden Judges Workshop 2 (Rosen Daylily Garden) Open Gardens (List available at the Meeting)
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512-331-0243
rosen3@austin.rr.com

Suzanne Adair, Co-Chair
512-258-6192
sadair25@austin.rr.com

A PREVIEW OF THINGS TO DO AND SEE IN AUSTIN AT THE REGION 6 MEETING, MAY 21-23, 2010



Holiday Inn Austin Northwest/Arboretum: Convention Headquarters and Facilities



Downtown Austin, Texas: The City Is Built Adjacent To The State Capital



**Lady Bird Johnson
Wildflower Center**



**Nighttime
Lights and Entertainment**



**Zilker Botanical Garden
Beautiful Flowers Everywhere**

American Hemerocallis Society Region 6 2010 Tour Gardens

Michelle Ogee
Ogee - It's A Daylily Garden
1314 Sloan Street
Taylor, Texas 76574

In 1996 when I bought my first daylilies I never dreamed it would become such a passion not just for the flower but the friends I've made. In the fall of 2000 I found a small 1920's bungalow in the bedroom community of Taylor which is located 25 miles northeast of Austin, Texas. After cutting down forty-two Hackberry trees the yard slowly evolved into a cottage garden with daylilies, antique roses, and natives.



Michelle Ogee's Daylily Garden As you drive up to my home you will see a large L-shaped flower bed filled with double, small, and miniature daylilies. The daylilies are mixed amongst antique roses and natives of every kind. I am located within the Blackland Prairies which consists of heavy clay soils. The soils are considered some of the most fertile in Texas, but they can be difficult to grow some of my favorite flowers. While you wander, look and see if you can find daylilies from your favorite hybridizers. You will find the names Salter, Herrington, and Morse. You will even find a bed of cactus and agaves and with luck they also might be in bloom.

In the backyard, you will find my passion. Not just English and Antique roses but flowers that are considered exotic and unusual. The front yard is for everyone to see and enjoy but my passion and secret desires are found in the backyard. The backyard is the home of my spider, unusual, and anything that doesn't fit the

normal flower shapes. You will find the modern spider daylily, but you will also find some old spiders that are long forgotten. The backyard is also my oasis in the world so come and sit and relax.



Ogee - It's A Daylily Garden

Richard and Anna Marie Rosen
Rosen Daylily Garden
10903 Catthorn Cove
Austin, TX 78759

The backyard garden of Rich and Anna Marie Rosen in northwest Austin has about 700 daylilies. (He has downsized from 500!) They are behind a tall fence to protect them from deer. Hopefully you will see some things that you have not seen before, as Rich enjoys collecting unusual daylilies from lesser known hybridizers. But, well known hybridizers such as Salter, Stamile, Carpenter, Kirchoff, Joiner, and Bell are well represented. Spiders and doubles are worked in with regular forms of all sizes. You will not see the newest cutting edge daylilies, since Rich is also a skinflint. The exception is guest plants that were generously donated by Trimmer, Netherton, Jarvis, Herrington, and Goudeau.



Rosen Daylily Garden

Hopefully, you will also see companion plants including aloes, bromeliads, lilies,

eucomis, brugmansias, and others. Some of these are new additions to the garden, and time will tell if they survive. Other companions like amaryllis, daffodils, and Dutch iris are planted among the daylilies, but will be done blooming when you visit.

Rich and Anna Marie also enjoy collecting yard art, and you will see sculptures by Damian Priour, Jay Lyle, Marshall Alexander, and Richard Rosen. Lesser pieces of whimsy are scattered throughout the garden. Hope you enjoy it all.

Editor's Note: For a preview of Rich and Anna Marie's Daylily Garden, there is a very nice video online at:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWOLu5xHplc

A. J. and Doris Green
Green Daylily Garden
P. O. Box 180
Jarrell, TX 76537

When I walk out from my home I am overwhelmed with the beautiful blessings that surround me. I have always loved to garden and I have a passion for plants of all kinds. About eleven years ago, my husband and I decided to move from Austin to the small community of Jarrell. The acre that we bought was truly a blank canvas, just a large lot of land with a dried up tank in the back. After having a well dug so we could keep the tank at a constant level, we began to landscape around it. There are trees and plants overflowing the banks, as well as water lilies and other aquatic plants scattered throughout the pond. We strategically placed swings and benches so that we could sit and take in the beautiful views.

After the pond and its landscaping were set we began the many other theme-like gardens that we have on our property. Coming toward the house there is both a rose garden and an iron gazebo that showcase my beautiful rose collection.

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Tour Gardens

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Green Daylily Garden

Against the house you will find an outdoor dining area that is surrounded by a Mexican-themed herb garden. Moving to the back porch there are rockers and a porch swing with flowers and potted plants placed throughout, welcoming both hummingbirds and butterflies. As you cross the back porch, you enter my oriental-themed garden with beautiful honeycomb rocks. Hand-painted stepping stones aide in creating the theme. The front yard is an assortment of island beds. These mini gardens create a cottage garden feel, draped with statuary and a wide array of garden art. Throughout these gardens are many daylilies. These hidden jewels sparkle in the sun, each with their own unique characteristics.

My family and I are looking forward to your visit. There is a lot to discover in our yard. Not only do we showcase roses, herbs, and daylilies, we have many collections of beautiful heirloom plants. As you visit and are enjoying our property, I challenge you to discover our surprise “Oz-themed” garden. You will not be disappointed.



Green Daylily Garden

As I said previously, I am truly blessed with a husband that does more than his share in keeping our gardens tip top and generous friends and family that contribute to the plant assortment and garden art within my gardens. We can't wait to share our treasure with you. Until then, I will leave you with a quote from Jane Austin, “The beauties of nature must for me be one of the joys of heaven.”

Art Petley
Art Petley Garden
12004 Wander Lane
Austin, TX 78750

Seeing plants as they are in a wild setting gave me a different approach to designing this garden. After a plant collection trip to Mexico, my plan was set. The last day of collecting before we headed for the border was in a small mountain town called Jame. It was set at 6,500 feet. In mid August it was a pleasant 62 degrees and these plants were in full bloom. A myriad of colors dotted the mountainside. We saw red, pink, orange, coral, and yellow which was very unusual for this species of *Salvia*.

Then, Carl Schoenfeld of Yucca Do Nursery yelled out, “You all have to see this!” It was the first ever two-tone *Salvia greggii*, a very compactly growing plant with a yellow and pink two-tone flower. Wow what a specimen! So cuttings were taken and rooted. It is now known as *Salvia greggii* ‘Sierra San Antonio.’ Well, after that, I was hooked (most of us know that feeling huh?). I would have to start hybridizing. This was just the most amazing place I had seen.

I began collecting *Salvia greggii*, *S. microphylla*, *S. darcyi*, and *S. lycioides*. My garden has other *Salvia* species as well, but lots of hybrids. I have released several cultivars to the local market in Austin. But a special cultivar “Silkes Dream”—that is now in Australia, England, and the U.S. from my collection—is my best to date. Because there is no registration authority it is not registered. It too is a first of its kind, a *S. microphylla* x *darcyi* cross. Hybrids like this can only happen in the garden.

So on to the rest of our garden. Some of

our collection is of rare plants or in one case a species that is on the brink of extinction. I have turned my interest in other directions as well. In our garden you will find plants from Africa, Greece, India, South America, Central America, the Middle East, China, and other countries. I knew our garden was still missing something.



***Salvia greggii* x Pastel Purple**
(*lycioides* x *greggii*) cv. “Rose
Pink Bright” (Hufault 2001)

I went to my first daylily meeting and was impressed with how much diversity was being bred in the genus *Hemerocallis*. So I began our collection (ok obsession) of daylilies several years ago. To date, we have 250 cultivars and growing. We really like plants that are different or unusual. The spiders, unusual forms, appliqué, and small flowers with good bud counts fit right in. So to us the most important aspect is they have to be disease resistant, vigorous, and easy to grow. We use the flower in salads at home for a little color.

We hope to see everyone in the garden on Saturday, May 22!



H. ‘Green Morning Glow’
(Carpenter-J. 1964)

ASK THE OMBUDSMAN Donna Peck

Donna Peck, the AHS Ombudsman, has been writing "Ask The Ombudsman" columns for the regional newsletters answering questions that AHS members have asked. The question this time was not only asked through her Ombudsman email but also asked in the daylily robin and by her program chairman in the Albuquerque Daylily Society. Since most clubs are organizing their programs for next year's meetings, she thought this was an excellent question to discuss.

QUESTION: This year I'm in charge of organizing the programs for our local daylily club. What ideas can you give me to make each meeting special and educational and one the members don't want to miss?

RESPONSE: First of all, look around your own community. At our Albuquerque Daylily Society meetings, we have had speakers from our own nurseries talking about preparing the soil, combating insects, growing companion plants, and explaining various types of fertilizers and composts. Locals know what is best for your garden. We often have our meetings at the nurseries which is good for the speaker, because he usually sells many of the products he talks about. And it's also good for the members, because often they are offered discounts on the plants and products. They also get to know the speakers and can use them as resources during the year. The nursery speakers are usually free and it is a win-win situation. Also, don't forget your County Agents. They have excellent information on various subjects.

Second, look at your own club members. One of our meetings we do annually is having a panel of three or four members just talking about raising daylilies. This has proven one of the most popular meetings of the year. About two months before that meeting, the program chairman asks for questions from the members that they would like addressed, and then ask the members who would give the best answers to be on the panel. After the panel discussion we open up the discussion. We usually go overtime at

this meeting. Everyone enjoys it and learn a lot from it.

Every couple of years we have a program called Daylilies 101. It is really for new members, but we find that the veteran members also learn something new. It is just a primary instruction on daylilies—using the correct terms, explaining the various types of daylilies, the parts of the daylilies, and anything basic that everyone that grows daylilies should know. We try to educate the members with a "daylily vocabulary."

Third, look around your own Region. I'm sure you have many "experts" who would enjoy coming and talking to your club. You usually have to pay their expenses, but getting to know these members and hearing their talks is well worth the expense. As an example, our club had Mary Gage, from Texas, (part of our Region 6), come speak to us about "Who are the Daylilies Named For?" She had pictures of the "real people" and pictures of the daylilies that were named after them. These included *Hemerocallis 'Joan Senior,' H. 'Bertie Ferris,'* and *H. 'Pat Mercer'* to name a few. Mary is also our Region's Exhibition Judges Liaison so she is valuable for the club to get acquainted with.

Hybridizers are important resources. Invite one of the hybridizers whose daylilies grow well for you. Again, you need to pay their expenses. Many of them bring their own daylilies with them that you can auction off and get back most of the money you paid for their plane fare. I find the members learn a great deal from the hybridizers we have hosted. For example, we had Bob Scott come to one of our meetings. And his emphasis was on dormant daylilies, which grow very well for us in New Mexico. He showed us and influenced us on growing dormant ones here. We have had other speakers to show us their daylilies and let us in on their "latest creations." Some of the ones we had were Dan and Jane Trimmer, Mort Morss, David Kirchhoff, the Stamiles, and Dave Talbott. All were informative, lots of fun to get to know,

taught us about hybridizing, and made us realize what is to come in the newest cultivars.

Don't forget the AHS Media Library. One of the benefits to your AHS membership is the ability to rent programs from the library for presentations and personal use. Contact Nikki Schmith for further details: schmiths@sbcglobal.net. She is currently updating new programs but here are a few that are being offered now.

- 2007, 2008, and 2009 National Conventions
- Region 3 Tour Gardens
- Gardening With Daylilies
- Daylilies Through the Years
- Staging a Daylily Show
- Late Blooming Daylilies
- Tall Daylilies
- Preparing to Exhibit Daylilies.

There is a \$10.00 rental fee. To rent a program, simply email Nikki Schmith, the Media Librarian, and name of the program you would like to rent. Then send payment (check made out to AHS) to 25729 Annapolis, Dearborn Heights, MI, 48125. Once the payment is received, the requestor will receive either a CD of the presentation or a link to immediately download the presentation to their personal computer. So easy. No postage or mailing or returning the materials. Once you download it or receive the CD, it's yours.

Nikki says, "It is an easy way to keep your club members entertained when a program is needed." And if you or your club has developed some type of program, and are willing to rent it, let her know. She will let you know the details.

And finally, let me remind you to have fun at your meetings. Add some games or quizzes that will lighten up the meetings and give some bonus plants for winning. Your members love to receive free daylilies. Some clubs have Bingo or a crossword puzzle with daylily names.

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The Lily Farm: A Legendary Business Changes Hands... But Stays In The Family *By Mark Carpenter*

How many people in our world are truly doing what they most love to do? I'm betting the answer is probably a small handful of you out there. For most of us, we do what we are good at, or what we happened to fall into, and we do it the very best that we can. Such has been my life until now.



The Lily Farm: General View

My First Visit To The Lily Farm

Fifteen years ago, I had my first trip to Jack Carpenter's Lily Farm. Jack is my uncle, but I grew up living all over the United States, moving about every 5 years as my dad gained promotions through Rockwell International. My life growing up was spent on the move, being born in Houston, Texas; living in Jackson, Tennessee; then back to Sulphur Springs, Texas; then Cary, North Carolina until I was a sophomore in high school; and then I lived in Kearney, Nebraska until I graduated from Kearney State College in Kearney, Nebraska. So as you can see, I was never very close to Center, Texas as I grew up. But once I graduated from college, I moved to San Antonio, Texas with my wonderful wife Jill. I went to work for Procter and Gamble, and it is here that I stayed for 21 years. After a multitude of travel, hotels, and rental cars as I traveled the United States with my job, I grew weary of being away from my family and left P&G two years ago. After a month of recharging my batteries, I found a job with a local grocery chain. I have been with this company through the writing of this article, and have been very fortunate to have worked with such great people.

But never did I feel for one day at work

the way I felt on that fateful day when I first went to see Jack's place. I'll never forget going up that dirt drive off Highway 7 and seeing over 50,000 flowers in bloom. Beauty was around me everywhere, and people were shopping all around the 3 acres, and happiness was abundantly flowing all around me. Wow, I thought, this is a "happy" business! After that visit, I spent many vacations from P&G working with Jack during the Memorial Day weekends, his busiest time. I loved helping with the customers, bantering with Jack, working with Josie, and realizing at the end of each night that I had just worked a 16 hour day, on vacation, and loved every minute of it. I always felt that way every single day I helped out at The Lily Farm. The daylily bug had hit me, and it had hit me hard.

I feel to this day that Jack knew he had found a family member, possibly the ONLY family member that truly loved this business enough to one day perhaps take it over. As Jack so generously helped my habit by sending me countless treasured registrations while also expanding my knowledge of this business, I began to want to give back to my uncle. I felt Jack was often overlooked for some of the great things he was doing in daylilies, almost as if it was a well kept secret. Jack did not have a website, and his catalog had a daylily on the front each time that Jack hand sketched himself in black and white. In the catalog were only descriptions with no pictures. So my brother Chuck and myself actually built Jack's first website for The Lily Farm. The next year I believe Jack had Bob Axmear take it over, and Bob has done a wonderful job since. Jack also went to color catalogs (before the website was ever built), and then I volunteered to start doing Jack's program across the United States. My first invitation was by Melanie Mason up in Saratoga Springs, New York. I'll never forget how much fun I had during that visit, showing off my uncle's slide show program and bragging endlessly about his daylilies. Melanie was gracious

enough to go on the robin and write a really nice note about my presentation. And from that point on the invitations to speak to others starting coming in, or rather pouring in! Jack's program was clearly in demand, but due to my job and the travel I was already doing, I had to significantly limit the number of engagements I could say "yes" to. I did anywhere from 5 to 10 programs a year for Jack, but eventually I had to stop doing them completely, as I had two little girls at home who were growing up fast, and being away any "extra" days for any reason was simply not worth it.



The Lily Farm: Shade Houses

Jack's Crowning Moments

Jack's lifetime of work had its crowning moment a little over a year ago in Houston, Texas. I drove up with my mom after work that day, and we drove back the very next morning so I could return to work. It was a great night for me, seeing my wonderful uncle receive not only the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for his lifetime of work in daylilies, but also receiving the Stout Medal the same night for *H. 'Lavender Blue Baby.'* What a night that was!

Over the past few years, Jack had begun hinting that he was getting ready to sell The Lily Farm. At first I did not take him seriously, as daylilies are one of the true loves of Jack's life. But two years ago, we had our first truly serious discussion about his selling the farm.

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The Lily Farm

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Jack and Josie were not getting any younger, and The Lily Farm was a tremendous amount of work. Was I interested? More than anyone, including Jack, could ever know! But there are so many things that were happening in my “regular” life that I could not change. First and foremost was my oldest daughter Kelsey, an incredible young lady who is now at Baylor University. If I bought the farm, we would have to move my family the 5 hours north and east of San Antonio, and this would be during her junior year of high school. At that time, she was a straight “A” student and was well on her way to achieving her goal she set in 7th grade, and that was to finish in the Top 10 in her class at O’Connor High School (a class that proved to be 782 kids). Jack and I had some very serious discussions at that time about my purchasing The Lily Farm. But he knew, and I knew, that I was not seriously ready to do it at that time, as I felt uprooting my daughter would not be fair to her. So I put away my dreams of buying The Lily Farm, and over the last 2 years I found out from Jack that numerous people were truly interested in buying it. I doubt Jack ever knew how much I hurt inside when he would tell me these stories, as I felt the calling for happiness that I could have had in my hands was being taken away, never to be recovered.



Jack Carpenter: On His Go-Cart

San Antonio Weather

Some of you may wonder why I never started my own daylily business in San Antonio. You can talk to Jack about that one! He spent much of this past summer in New Braunfels, and experienced San

Antonio weather for the first time over an extended calendar. This summer we had over 60 days where the temperature exceeded 100 degrees, and water rationing was everywhere. In San Antonio, we are allowed to water our yards one day per week, and only from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on that day. Any other watering results in a huge fine from the city. No, I’m not kidding! San Antonio sits over the Edwards Aquifer, and many say this is the largest fresh water aquifer in the United States. But San Antonio treats the water here the way Houston would treat oil. You pay for it, and you pay a lot. What about drilling a well? Good luck with that one, as the calciche ground in this area requires dynamite to get below it, and sometimes you are going down 100’s of feet to reach water. The cost is prohibitive, and the weather is more conducive to grow cactus than daylilies, so I felt it would be a mistake to try it. I still believe I was right on that one. In my backyard, I could hybridize, learn about plant habits, and grow my own seedlings, but on a very small, conservative scale. With no winter here, rust is also a huge nuisance to deal with. All told, you can grow daylilies in San Antonio, but to run a commercial business would be almost impossible in my view.

So that leads us back to Jack telling me about the people interested in buying his farm, and my heart breaking ever so slightly each time I heard about it. But a funny thing happened along the way. Each person that was interested, for whatever reason, never came all the way through with their offers. And while Jack has never said this, I still think there is a chance he held out for me until Kelsey graduated high school (oh yes, she finished 6th out of 782 kids).

Fast Forward to May 2009

Now move your calendar to this past May, when I decided to attend the Region 6 Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas. When I got there, my buddy Malcolm Avaritt told me he had been to Jack’s, and that Jack wanted Malcolm to announce to the Region that he was looking for someone to “manage” The Lily Farm, or better yet buy it. This was news to me, as Jack had said nothing recently

to me about his wanting to sell, and sell it now. In fact, I had completely given up hope of buying it, as I did not think my youngest daughter or wife would truly want to move, nor did I think I could come up with the purchase price. Which leads to the miracle, in my view, that eventually became the writing of this article.

One evening while in my office, I was talking to my wife Jill about Jack wanting to sell the farm. I told her all the reasons I felt we could not do it, but then, out of the clear blue, my daughter Lindsey, who at the time was in the 6th grade, had overheard our conversation and came into my office and said “Daddy, why don’t you just buy The Lily Farm? It’s what you want to do, and you always tell us to follow our dreams no matter what.” I can say truly my eyes teared up, as it was as if an angel from heaven had walked into my room and said “practice what you preach.” I think Jill was stunned too, but not to the point I was. That conversation led to many, many hours of careful debate, prayer, deliberations, prayer, consultations, prayer, and then more prayer. Do I take my life’s earnings and move my family to Nacogdoches, Texas to follow my dream? One thing was clear during this time ... Jack was going to sell The Lily Farm. It was now, or literally, never.

So I called Jack on the phone and told him what I wanted to do. He told me he already had two other parties that were very, very interested in talking about buying the farm. But he told both parties that I had the first chance to buy, as I had expressed serious interest two years earlier in it. And so, after forming our own contract online via email for probably a month, we came to an agreement. I would purchase and take over the farm around March/April of this year. Jack would take 25% of his diploids and move them to his house to continue his hybridizing, but on a much smaller scale. All the rest of the daylilies would remain on the farm. And yes, Jack left me multiple diploid introductions on the farm.

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The Future: Spring 2010

As you read this article, my life is moving at 5,000 miles per hour. Sometime in either early March or no later than April 1, I will take over the reins of one of the great daylily farms in our country, Jack Carpenter's Lily Farm. I will be living on the farm itself while my wife and youngest daughter stay in San Antonio so she can finish 7th grade. After the farm closes to the public around July 1, I'll be going back and forth to help Jill sell the house and of course find and buy a home in Nacogdoches. Until then, I will be spending every waking second working on the farm, and getting it ready for our open house in May. I'll also be pestering Jack to death as he teaches me how to farm. I have a great understanding of hybridizing thanks to my years working with Jack, and I know his daylily line inside and out, but farming is a whole different animal. But I love the outdoors, I love daylilies, and I know that Jack will help impart in me the knowledge I need to move The Lily Farm forward. I also believe that God will be working with me, hand in hand.

What do I see as The Lily Farm's future? I believe that in order for AHS to grow, and for The Lily Farm to grow as well, we MUST find ways to expose more people to our wonderful flower. When people come to The Lily Farm for the first time, they fall in love with this place. And it happens every single time to every first time visitor. My goal, after the first year, is to increase the advertising for The Lily Farm in major cities that are near Center, Texas, and also to greatly increase the amount of presentations for The Lily Farm to garden groups and of course, daylily clubs, via regional speaking events, etc. I am so blessed to be able to have my first 3 years of introductions already in the ground and eventually ready to go, and it is my job to continue to give the great service as well as great daylilies that the public expects when they order from The Lily Farm. And no, the name will not change; we will continue to be "The Lily Farm." As

for my hybridizing goals, they are varied to say the least! I love huge daylilies, but I also love the spidery things out there, and even more than both of those I love doubles (thank you to David Kirchoff for putting that love in me!).

Thank You To Family & Friends!

I want to spend this last paragraph thanking my wife Jill, daughters Kelsey and Lindsey, and also my parents, who were so incredibly supportive of this huge decision we have made in our lives. Jill is one of those truly rare ladies who has spent her entire life just wanting me and her family to be happy, while never asking for anything, ever, for herself. I am so very lucky to be blessed having her as my wife. I also want to thank my Uncle, Jack Carpenter, who went through countless up's and down's with me trying to finalize this deal, all the while knowing he was stepping away just a bit from something he built from the ground up, but knowing it is going to someone who will try to care for it in the same manner he did. I also want to thank Josie Bomar, a true angel on our earth, for letting me know that she would be there for me to help in this transition in any way that she could. That's just Josie, a true angel! But most of all, I want to thank God for moving in my soul and letting me know that HE has a plan for me greater than myself. He gave me courage to do something I was scared to death to do, and regardless of how it turns out, I am thankful to Him.



Jack Carpenter & Mark Carpenter

I cannot wait to see your smiling faces this spring/summer when you come to The Lily Farm!

*Mark Carpenter
Proud nephew of Jack Carpenter,
The Lily Farm founder*

Ombudsman

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Even a short quiz when they come into the meeting to answer questions about daylilies. We often have a daylily raffle. A chairman of the raffle committee buys good and reasonable daylilies from a hybridizer and at the meetings we have \$1.00 tickets (or six for \$5.00). The chairman pots them up at the beginning of the year and then brings about 8 of them to each meeting. At the end of the meeting (so you have to stay the whole meeting), we draw numbers, to select winners. We try to break even on the project. It isn't a fund raiser It's a FUN raiser and is very popular.

I hope these ideas help in forming your programs. Let me know if you have any other ideas and I'll add them to my next column. I like to hear new and fresh ideas. Have a good 2010.

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These smiling Austin Daylily Society members are waiting to greet you on May 21st, 2010, at the AHS Region 6 Meeting and Garden Tours in Austin, Texas!

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REGION 6 CLUB NEWS

Austin Daylily Society

Cheddie Conder, Club Reporter

The Austin Daylily Society is back in the newsletter after a long hiatus! The year 2010 is a busy year for our members, old and new, in preparing for the Region 6 Meeting in May. The club had a setback with the loss of Bill Ater, but as he would have it, we are moving on.

Our 2009 club year ended with a holiday celebration at the home of Joanne and Gaylen Larson with food (lots of it), games, fun, and just great fellowship. New officers were also installed by Rich Rosen at this December meeting. They are as follows:

- President: Art Petley
- 1st Vice President: Karen Kee
- 2nd Vice President: Cheddie Conder
- Treasurer: Diane Key
- Secretary: Jack Lochbaum
- Garden Council Representatives: Pam Postel and Robin Hudgins

The club is gearing up for the regional under the leadership of Rich Rosen and Suzanne Adair, and we are all looking forward to seeing many of you here in Austin. Because of the terrible 2009 summer drought and water restrictions, the loss of plants was severe and so we will be showcasing those gardens farther north that did not suffer as much damage. The gardens you will visit are quite impressive. Mark your calendar today for May 21-23! Send in your reservations immediately!

This Region 6 Meeting, by the way, will also be Rich and Anna Marie Rosen's last event with our club here in Austin. They are relocating to Frankfurt, Kentucky soon after the convention. Originally they came to us from Minnesota (Zone 4: to cold), leaving Texas (Zone 8: to hot), and settling in Kentucky (Zone 6: just right). Their departure is a huge loss to us and Region 6, and we will miss them a whole lot. But we are happy for them because they are very excited about their new home!

Spring is just around the corner, and I'm sure we are all anxiously awaiting to see who will show up in our garden—Joan Senior, Elizabeth Salter, Jason Salter, or that Hillbilly Heart or if the King Kahuna will visit us this time.

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TODAY FOR OUR 2010 REGION 6
MEETING
MAY 21-23, 2010 — AUSTIN, TEXAS

Houston Area Daylily Society

Sharon Shackelford, Club Reporter

October brought cooler weather and our fall daylily auction that our members enjoy. Eddie and Mary Gage provided the plants and Sharon Shackelford was the auctioneer.

Our November meeting was a field trip to Arbor Gate, a most interesting nursery in Tomball with a great landscaped collection of unusual plants. Pottery, yard art, water plants, and an appealing gift shop enticed our group to grab little red wagons and start filling them with just what we needed, more plants for our gardens.

Our December Christmas luncheon this year took us to Cleburne's Cafeteria instead of the Garden Center. In spite of great food, members voted to return next Christmas to the Garden Center where members could enjoy each other's company in a quieter atmosphere.

January's meeting brought much discussion of freeze damage due to nineteen degree temperatures. Those of us who kept expanding tender tropicals into our gardens will be in a wait and see mode until warmer weather.

Nell and Harvey Shimek were welcome guests at our meeting. Nell presented a program on perennials that do well in their garden. It's always a treat to see slides of the Shimek garden—even better to see in person. Some of their many favorites were: amaranthus, candlestick

plant, confederate rose, shell flower, vitex, gloriosa lily, and the list goes on. With their combined wealth of knowledge, we could have them as speakers for the remainder of 2010.

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Steve Guynes, Club Reporter

October saw us install a new set of officers. DGD officers for 2010 are:

- President: Mary Alice Caffarel
- 1st Vice-President, Programs: Malcolm Avaritt
- 2nd Vice-President, Flower Show: Katherine Harris
- Third Vice-President, Membership: Vicki Agee
- Secretary: Jane Denton
- Treasurer: Helen Reynolds
- Librarian/Historian: Judi Burton
- Parliamentarian: Tim Closs
- Way and Means: Tim Thompson

Our last program of the year—presented in November by Binion Amerson—was a showing of digital photographs of the tour gardens of the 2009 AHS Region Six Meeting. Peggy Cathey of the North Texas Daylily Society took the photographs and assembled them on a CD, complete with plant IDs and music.

We finished off 2009 with our annual holiday get-together—The Pea Patch Party. We met at DGD member Tim Thompson's country home. Following a great meal and a humorous Chinese gift exchange, Tim gave us a tour and description of his commercial daylily operation. There were 3-gallon potted daylilies as far as the eye could see!

Tim presented our January program. He's spent the past three years testing and evaluating daylilies from all over the country to determine which varieties perform best in our hot North Texas summers. He gave us a list of 40-odd varieties that excelled.

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His favorite seven were:

- Hemerocallis 'Orange Thrill'*
- H. 'Mister Lucky'*
- H. 'Justin Paul'*
- H. 'Stone Beacon'*
- H. 'Sherry Candy'*
- H. 'Red Ribbons'*
- H. 'Fulva'*

Yes, you read correctly. That was *H. 'Fulva'* as Tim really appreciates its vigorous, low-maintenance habit. Hard to fault his choice on those grounds. Would that our other cultivars scored as high in these categories!

Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society

Glenn Huddleston, President

The Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society meets the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Our current membership stands at 45 members with over 30% also being AHS members. Each month, the Club has a drawing which provides complimentary AHS membership to a member present. Also each month, the club conducts a Silent Auction for members which includes potted daylily cultivars. Proceeds support the administrative fund.

We began 2010 with a meeting on January 9th. Bonnie Nichols, daylily and iris grower and hybridizer from Dallas, gave a PowerPoint presentation on "Daylily Culture" which was informative and inspiring. Club members will participate in a daylily exchange and auction in March. The Club continues to sponsor and maintain daylily plantings in Hulan and McGregor City Parks in Cleburne. In June, the Club is planning to host a day-lily culture seminar for the general public. In addition, members will exhibit daylily blooms to encourage the use of daylilies in the landscape.

Houston Hemerocallis Society

Hershal Theilen, Club Reporter

Loris Garrett, the plant sale chair, planned the first activity in preparation for our May 8, 2010 plant sale with a dig party at his "Benventi Garden." Our club

members arrived at Loris and Karen's garden early in the morning of October 17, 2009 and started digging and potting. One hundred eighteen pots were filled with doubles and clumps of named cultivars. The majority of the plants were registered from 1991 through 2008 by thirty three different U.S. hybridizers. Loris then treated all the members to a lunch of one of his famous baked pastas, green salad, dessert, hot bread, and tea and coffee. A fantastic time was had by all! The plant sale list will be on our club web site <http://www.ofts.com/hhs/> for all to view.

Margaret Standard, Christmas Party chair, booked the December function at The Carriage House Café where we shared wonderful food along with a day-lily quiz, plant/gift exchange, and the presentation of the Bertha Ella Cone Award for 2009, which recognizes the club member who provided exemplary service and dedication on behalf of the Houston Hemerocallis Society. James Bailey was the recipient of the 2009 award.

We look forward to the January and February meetings where Karen Wright has put together fantastic programs. The January program will be a presentation on "Talls and Lates in the Garden." Our February meeting has been changed to Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at The Houston Garden Center, to allow more time for our speaker, Jan Joiner, to present her hybridizer program. We are excited about this program and are expecting a large area attendance. An auction of Jan Joiner cultivars will follow Jan's presentation.

Everyone is planning for the 2010 Flower Show, sponsored by the Houston Hemerocallis Society, Houston Area Daylily Society, and Cypress Creek Daylily Club. Chairman Boone Keeling, has put together the show to be held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 4040 Watonga Blvd., Houston, TX, on May 8, 2010. We loved living 2009 with all its adventures and are very excited about 2010!

Nacogdoches Daylily Society

Jean Consford, Club Reporter

Linda Clifton hosted our annual Christmas feast and gift exchange at her beautifully decorated home, getting all of us into the spirit of the Season. She

and Delores Jones had already rescued me by taking my turns for the two previous months. Some were openly amused with me for actually thinking my remodeling project would start and finish on time. I am writing a book about that—only one page—"Leave home!" Regina Moehring got out of her hosting turn by having major surgery!

Long time member of our club, Delores Jones, has had an extremely difficult winter, as she developed phlebitis in early December and had to have her left leg amputated below the knee. She is, however, doing well after initial rehab and we were all happy that she was able to attend our January meeting. Delores has been a model of how we would all wish WE would handle ourselves in such a crisis. She has many challenges ahead, but she has a great positive attitude.

Officers for 2020-2011 are as follows:

- President: Sandy Farrar
- Vice-President: Margie Slay
- Treasurer: Regina Moehring
- Secretary: Jean Consford

I expect to be a mediocre secretary as it's my understanding the position involves more listening vs. talking. Perhaps there is a message there. After 3 years of my last term as club president, we have finally found the right one. Sandy Farrar is a licensed psycho-therapist; the Lord knows many of us need her! Perhaps we might get a group rate? I WILL NOT be reporting on that. Sandy drives about 1 1/2 hours one way in the dark of night to attend meetings, she served three years as secretary, hosts us in her home and garden every Spring, and is a real contributor to our little club. This is only Margie's second year in the club, but we recognize a "mover and shaker" (a phrase I remember from Eddie Gage) when we see one and are quick to take advantage. Regina is a CPA and for several years has been the only one capable of handling our vast and complicated finances! Thanks to all of you.

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After the record-breaking cold, we are wondering what our gardens have in store for us, but continued gardening requires a realist/optimist anyhow. Now it's on to aphids and rust, gophers and armadillos, ferns unfurling, and the sweet welcome of babies' blooms we've not yet met in addition to the old friends we can always depend on.

Albuquerque Daylily Society

Rozanne Tuffnell, Club Reporter
September 19th we held our fall plant sale in conjunction with the Council of Garden Clubs Tree and Shrub sale, a new event for Council. The majority of the daylily plants for this sale were donated from members gardens. We also this year had a good selection of plants from Maryott's, as Bill made me an offer I could not refuse for some great plants. We sold out early in the afternoon and it was a very successful event! As sale chairman I preferred the later date this year, more time to dig and divide plants. I would like to give many thanks to Linda Kellerup who co-chaired the fall sale with me.

Our Holiday get together this year was at the home of Kate and John Avery on Friday evening, December 11th. The food theme this year was soups and crusty breads, along with appetizers and desserts. We also had the always entertaining Chinese gift exchange. This always starts out slow and civilized and then gets quite competitive. Always a fun filled evening and a chance to visit with daylily friends.

We have had a very cold winter so far in Albuquerque, our yard is still snow covered and our pond is an ice sculpture. Since our pond deicer is frozen solid in the pond, I am afraid we will be replacing fish next spring, along with tad poles and frogs. I knew I was down one frog; it apparently rode inside on the tropical plants we must overwinter in the garden room and wandered into the den and croaked.

Looking forward to the spring thaw and our first meeting of the new year at the Garden Center on March 13th at 9:30 a.m. The rest of the schedule for 2010 is a work in progress.

The Region 6 meeting planning committee for 2011 will be hard at work this coming year, making sure you all have a great time when you attend the Region meeting in Albuquerque. Mark the following dates on your calendar. Early registration is available Wednesday, June 29th, and the meeting runs Thursday June 30th thru Saturday July 2nd. More details to follow.

East Texas Daylily Society

Bill Pace, Club Reporter
2009 was a year of growth for the East Texas Daylily Society. When we began the year, we had only 8 members in attendance at most meetings. By the end of the year, we had added 5 new members to our roster. It appears that most of these folks have renewed their memberships for 2010.

The program for our January 2009 meeting consisted of a 30-minute video featuring North Texas Daylily Society's Sharon Bartlett sharing her daylily knowledge and garden with Steve Huddleston, Senior Horticulturist at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. At the next two meetings (February and March), attendees were treated to subsets of the nearly 100 slides taken by Bill Pace at the 2003 AHS National in Charlotte, NC.

In late March, the club sold hundreds of daylilies from our booth at Tyler Texas' "Main Street Flower Market." This two-day event featured about twenty booths selling various plants and gardening paraphernalia. It was a very successful sale despite the weather—which was cold, windy and drizzly much of the time. We definitely intend to participate in the 2010 version of this event.

Roy Rodgers, general manager Neches-Trinity Valley Ground Water Conservation District, presented "Groundwater Conservation in East Texas" at the club's May meeting. It was a timely and enlightening program that evoked several questions from the audience.

On June 6, the club held a daylily show at the Broadway Square Mall in Tyler. Since this was our first show in several years, it was organized as an informal (i.e., non-judged) one with only one division—horticulture on scape. Members supplied over 100 beautiful blooms which attracted lots of public attention. We recruited many of our new members during the show.



East Texas Flower Show

Four of our members attended the AHS Region 6 Meeting in Fort Worth in May and captured images of many of the beautiful blooms on display there. These images provided the entertainment for our September and October meetings. Don Licatovich and Dee Pace provided the commentary.

The program at our November meeting was "Seeds and Plants for fall." It was provided by Jana Bowman—a Smith County Master Gardener with many years of gardening experience. In addition to supplying the attendees with very useful planting tips, Jana handed out numerous packets of flower and herb seed.

The ETDS wrapped up the year with a pre-Christmas lunch at the Bakery in Edom, Texas. The food and fellowship were great and the Chinese Christmas gift exchange that followed the meal was enjoyed by all.

The club looks forward to a 2010 that is filled with more beautiful blooms, interesting programs, and new members.

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Cypress Creek Daylily Club

Vicki Barnes, Club Reporter

The new decade is underway and CCDC would like to welcome two new members to our club: Thom Barnes and Paul Cardona. At our October meeting, speaker Jeff Heilers gave an informative program on chrysanthemums and some were offered for sale, loaded with buds. New Officers were voted in and a motion was made to install them at our annual Christmas luncheon. In December, several members had an inch of rare snow on their gardens. At the luncheon, we had an almost 100% turnout, a fun gift exchange, and Catherine Neal gave us a wonderful Christmas card in the form of a lovely trip back in time with her memories of growing up on Strack Road. Our new officers were also installed. For 2010, they are:

- President: Vicki Barnes
- 1st Vice President: Amelia Cardona
- 2nd Vice President: Fred Cunningham
- Recording Secretary: Beth Warrick
- Corresponding Secretary: Lawrence Gibson
- Treasurer: Billy Lewis.

Mary Gage made it fun for us by providing a “token” of the office. The new President and 1st Vice President each received a banana as “top and second bananas.” Our Recording Secretary received a kitchen timer to take the “minutes” and our Corresponding Secretary received several writing tablets and pens. Finally, our new Treasurer received lots of “green” in the form of a big head of lettuce. The presentation added to our merriment of the season.

As 1st Vice President, Amelia Cardona has lined up an exciting list of programs for our monthly meetings. In January, Paul Nester will speak to us about raspberry and fire ant control. In February, Mary Gage, Anna Rosa Glidden, and Jean Lewis will form a hybridizer panel for instruction and questions.

As our club continues to grow, we enter

the new decade with optimism and enthusiasm in sharing our love of daylilies with everyone.

Lone Star Daylily Society

Paula Payne, Club Reporter

What more exciting way to end the summer months than with a magnetic guest speaker, especially when that guest speaker is Dan Trimmer of Windmill Gardens, Enterprise, Florida. Our club was very fortunate to have him visit with us and initiate newcomers as well as those of us already lucky enough to be acquainted with his and his wife’s jaw-dropping cultivars. The meeting ended with an auction of his introductions with prices that left all grinning happily with their bargains. A small crowd of members had dinner with him the night before and were able to get down to really talking daylilies with individual attention.

September’s meeting was a motivating program on butterfly and hummingbird gardens and how each of us could further attract them to our own gardens. Barbara Burkhardt was our guest speaker for this exchange.

In October, we held our annual daylily auction although this year the bidding was done with a combination of our ‘Daylily Bucks’ as well as old fashioned currency. We originated the ‘bucks’ idea after hearing how successful it had been for San Antonio Daylily Society and it’s been equally popular with our members since its inception several years ago. Members also elected the same slate of officers who graciously agreed to serve our club another term. They are as follows:

- President: Mike Mayfield
- 1st Vice President: Paul Eskine
- 2nd Vice President: Ed Travis
- Treasurer: Bobby Ware
- Secretary: Loris Garrett
- Flower Show: Beverly Winkelman

November was the usual captivating agenda of our members’ seedlings. It’s remarkable what is happening in our own region and all of us appreciate all the work and dedication of our local hybridizers. Their progress is a testimonial to the fact that good things are on

their way in our own backyards.

December marked our customary Christmas party at the same restaurant it has been held for the last several years—Chabuca’s Steak House and Rotisserie. Everyone who wanted to participate brought a garden gift and took part in our annual Chinese auction. It is always amusing to see what will become the favorite of the group. Now winter has raised his gray head and we all sit back inside to wait anxiously for the warm breath of an early spring.

Golden Spread Daylily Society

Joan Avampato, Club Reporter

Officers for 2010 are:

- President: Douglas Smith
- Vice President: Don Glenn
- Secretary/Treasurer: Joan Avampato.

The October meeting was the final one for 2009. We celebrated a successful year with our annual dinner which was held at Marty’s Restaurant in Amarillo. We had a nice private area and conducted the business of electing officers and collecting dues for 2010 while we enjoyed good food and fellowship.

Except for a few really cold spells and two snows, our winter has been relatively mild with some January daytime temperatures in the 50’s and 60’s, although it does get to freezing during the nighttime. We are enjoying a short respite from gardening, but we always need to remember to water the gardens during the winter months so there will be healthy plants to bloom in the spring. The first meeting for 2010 will be Sunday, February 28 at 2 p.m., at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens.

North Texas Daylily Society

Bob Harper, Club Reporter

The North Texas Daylily Society enjoyed a great 2009. Our major accomplishment was hosting a successful and very enjoyable 2009 Region 6 Meeting in May at the Radisson Hotel North in Ft. Worth, TX under the outstanding leadership of Chairperson Gwen Pennington and Meeting Treasurer Judy Montgomery. Our members enjoyed a terrific

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flower show, tours of beautiful daylily gardens, and the dinners, raffles, and auctions. We especially enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends and visit with all our guests. We look forward to seeing many of them again this year at the 2010 Region 6 Meeting in Austin, TX.



Gwen Pennington Judy Montgomery

Member Jim Bartlett has completed development of our club website and Tana Tomlinson has assumed the role as the NTDS webmaster. The website is still a work in progress, but there is already much to see and new content with pictures is constantly being added. The website can be viewed at www.northtexasdaylilysociety.org.

On May 2nd, the club sponsored a visit to Clark Gardens near Weatherford, TX. Beginning as a small private garden in 1972, it opened to the public in 2000. The gardens have been featured on HGTV's Great American Gardens and in numerous newspapers and magazines. Our members enjoyed the many structures, trees, irises, poppies, and numerous other perennials along the lakes and beautiful winding pathways. The visit ended with a delicious catered barbecue lunch under a lakeside pavilion.

For our regular May meeting program, Lee and Anita Causey explained and demonstrated how they grow and groom their impeccable daylilies for flower show submission. The Causeys have one of the finest gardens in our Region and their flower show accomplishments are almost legendary. Shortly thereafter Lee underwent four surgeries in four weeks to correct an old football back injury and

is still suffering intense pain from complications. Please join us in wishing Lee a speedy recovery.



Anita and Lee Causey

In June, Ken and Linda Long hosted our members to the NTDS summer picnic at their home. Their extensive daylily gardens were in bloom and there were lots of good food, drink, and camaraderie under the big shade trees. Door prizes and a wonderful time were had by all.

After a summer break, our meetings resumed in August as member Michelle Swan entertained us with her wonderful slide show of the Region 6 Meeting tour gardens. Then guest Peggy Cathy presented a superb and very educational slide show on Photography. Peggy shared her expertise by providing outstanding instruction and examples of how to take good photographs.

For our September program, Gordon Carver provided an interesting and informative program on Rainwater Harvesting. Also in September, Shirlene Holt again chaired our annual Fall Daylily Sale at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden. We had a big turnout at our October meeting for our annual Daylily Bingo called by Tom Welches. The officers furnished ice cream and the members brought their favorite desserts. Members also brought plants, yard art, and other gardening items which were added to the NTDS furnished daylilies for bingo prizes. It was lots of fun for all.

In November, we enjoyed another great Thanksgiving dinner and fellowship. Following dinner, Vernon Wallis performed the drawings for our annual plant and seed exchange. As usual, a large number of nice plants and garden items were provided by the members for a very enjoyable evening.

For our December program, The Trinity High School show choir from Euless, TX treated our members to a lively performance of songs and carols filled with Christmas spirit. Afterward, they and their parents joined us for a great Christmas dinner prepared by our members. After the dinner, the members demonstrated amusing thievery as they enjoyed our annual Chinese gift exchange.

The NTDS looks forward to another great year in 2010 under the leadership of Ken Long as he takes over as our new President. You are invited to visit and share in our fun. All of our meetings are very informal and feature a buffet dinner with lots of fine desserts and a variety of interesting programs. We meet at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden on University Drive just north of I-30 on the third Thursday of most months. Meetings typically start at 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio Daylily Society

Germaine Tuff, Club Reporter

San Antonio Daylily Society members participated in their annual daylily auction held during our monthly meeting in October at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. We had plants from Gold Coast Daylilies and from Marriott Daylilies as well as several from members' collections. The auction is always a highlight of the season, not only for the fun we have bidding against one another, the excitement of getting new daylilies, but also for the funds we raise.

The nominating committee composed of Pat Gathright, Janice Green, and Bonnie Rice presented a slate of officers for 2010 in October. The members elected the nominees at the November meeting.

JoNelle Zager, Vice President of Programs, conducted a survey of the members on methods they use in their own gardens. The questions on the survey covered types of fertilizer, insect sprays, amendments, mulch, watering schedules, and personal plant choices. The questionnaires were handed out in September and October. JoNelle collected and tallied the information. These results were discussed during the November

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program, "The Good, The Bad, and The Not So Good." Members evaluated the 2009 bloom season.

First the drought, then we welcomed the rains. With the humidity came daylily rust. Linda Dyer did some Internet searching for the cure. She found several listings for tests done with nickel salts. She purchased some to give it a try and will report on the results later this year.

The annual SADS Christmas party potluck dinner was one of the best yet. Pat Schultze made the tables festive with her superb decorating ability. The Chinese gift exchange packages were placed under the Christmas tree. After the delicious meal, Janice and Bob Green entertained with some fun Christmas songs and we all participated with various amounts of talent (or not!) singing Janice's country version of "The 12 Days of Christmas." The gift exchange was as boisterous and fun as in previous years.

The new SADS officers were installed. President Ray Elizondo asked each officer to touch the President's sword to become SADS board members for 2010. Officers for this year are Ray Elizondo, President; Vice Presidents: Debbie and Paul Breaux, Programs; Linda Dyer, Newsletter; Sue Camplen, Yearbook; Bea Moreno, Secretary; Thelma Pratts, Asst. Secretary; Nix Boden, Treasurer; Steve Wingfield, Asst. Treasurer; and Jere Porter, Hospitality.

Don Tuff, retired Texas State professor, had all the answers to our bug questions after a presentation on good bugs and bad and what to do about the bad bugs. The program was based on IPM (Integrated Pest Management). Don explained the use of a few non-organic pesticides for those with problems not taken care of with organic methods. The bugs of most concern to our daylily members were of course the thrips, aphids and spider mites. Ray Elizondo, President, had his daylilies demolished by ants! Our

entomologist, Don Tuff, identified them as Texas Leaf Cutting Ants, *Atta texana*. I hope they don't spread as quickly as the fire ants did in this area.

SADS members are starting to work on plans for our May 15 Daylily Flower Show and Sale. It will be held at the San Antonio Garden Center. Beth Zimpelman will be the flower show chairperson and Pat Schultze will be chairperson for the Tricolor floral design event.



Pat Schultze & Beth Zimpelman

We had high hopes for our daylily beds at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. In September we refurbished the beds with amendments and a lot of new healthy plants, some sponsored by our members. After two nights with temperatures below 20 degrees and several more with freezing temperatures, the beds are looking quite sad. Hopefully, the coldest part of our winter is behind us. We will again do the pruning and weeding and hope that with the last heavy rain, daylily rust doesn't take over. We look forward to sunny days and beautiful daylilies.

Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Deane Spradley, Club President

We enjoyed a Christmas Party with no business meeting. Our members all supplied covered dishes and the Club provided the ham and turkey. The club gave away several door prizes and we enjoyed visiting and catching up with each other.

Our first meeting of 2010 is scheduled for February 6th at the Lone Star Steak House in Beaumont, TX. Joe Goudeau will be our guest speaker. Our club is retaining the same officers from 2009. The only change is in the offices of Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

Earline Tullier, the former Secretary, is now Corresponding Secretary and Gwen Ochoa, the former Corresponding Secretary, is now Secretary. We are looking forward to a year full of daylilies.

Brazosport Daylily Society

Shelly Stasney, Club Reporter

Brazosport Daylily Society hopes that all AHS Region 6 members had a wonderful holiday season. Now we are ready for the cold period to be over, so we can get in our beds, clean the plants up from the "freezing spells" damage, and start fertilizing!

In October, it was decided that Chris Crainer will remain President, 1st Vice President is Eddie Raye Andrews, 2nd Vice President will be Joanne Berry, the Secretary will be Ruth Holt, and Eddie Raye Andrews will be the Treasurer for 2010. Club members were given a plant purchased by the club from Tim Bell if they attended at least two meetings during the previous year. Afterwards, the remaining fans were auctioned off by Billy Lewis in order to raise money for the club.

At the November meeting, Suyuri Delgado presented the club with Art Imperial's hybridizing program. Suyuri and her father have worked closely with Art and Nina in their gardens, and she was able to give the club the ins-and-outs of Art's system along with a slide show of the beautiful flowers that he grows and hybridizes. Our club would like to congratulate Art for the AHS Junior Citation that he won for one of his seedlings! We are proud and thankful to have his knowledge in our club.

To celebrate Christmas, the club met at La Casona Mexican Restaurant to enjoy a meal together. Following the meal, club members gathered to enjoy a game of Chinese Christmas where garden gifts are traded or "stolen."

Our January meeting was canceled due to the weather. This was disheartening because we were going to have a presentation from Bill Maryott. The upside to

this is that he has agreed to come in

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March, so we are anxiously anticipating his lecture on his beautiful flowers and hearing his daylily tips! In January, our club received the unpleasant news that long-time member, Bernice Seale passed away.

Being optimistic, we hope that spring conditions come as early as possible. Maybe by the time we receive this newsletter, we will have to read it in increments because the weather is so beautiful we can't come in long enough to sit and read!

Lufkin Hemerocallis Society

Marilyn Fischer, Club Reporter
Our club ended the year with a wonder-

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One of the most important announcements I have is to congratulate Christopher von Kohn for being the first recipient of the very generous Mabel Matthews Endowment Scholarship. I met Chris at the AHS Region 6 Meeting last year and what a fine young man he is. He is a member of the North Texas Daylily Society and has already entered an AHS Flower Show with some of his seedlings. Chris is a horticulture major at Texas A&M University because he feels it has "one of the best horticulture programs in the nation." Chris is working on a research project on daylily breeding. I'm sure we will hear a great deal about Chris in the future.

I am writing this in our condo in Kauai, Hawaii. We will be staying here for five weeks with beautiful weather and even daylilies to check on every day. My New Mexico daylilies are under snow right now. That's why we are here on The Garden Isle.

Here's to a successful 2010. Let us recruit new members—especially more youth members—and enjoy the prettiest daylilies ever Christmas luncheon at the beautiful home of Pat and Leon Levens. All club members brought a covered

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dish and everything was wonderful! After a delightful lunch, our outgoing President Sally Eschenfelder installed our 2010 officers. The incoming officers are: President Lois Powell, 1st Vice President Donna Chicoine, 2nd Vice President Tracie Pruitt, Secretary Pat Levens, Treasurer Connie Hugon, Parliamentarian Maggie Koon, Historian Diane Bush, and Reporter Marilyn Fischer.

Our January meeting was one of sharing ideas and planning our exciting new year. We received our beautiful yearbook that was prepared by 1st VP Donna Chicoine. The cover of our yearbook has a picture of the 'Dorothy Hale' daylily that was named for long-time member Dorothy Hale. Dorothy was honored by her family in a very special way. Our Membership Chairman, Tracie Pruitt, shared a wonderful idea with us. Tracie passed out small cards with the club name, meeting time, place, and contact number printed on them. They also have a beautiful picture of a daylily on them! We will give them to people who may be interested in joining our club. It was also decided that we will have our Annual Daylily Sale on April 24th. The sale is a bit earlier this year in hopes that the plants will have a better chance of 'sur-

vival' when planted. The summer heat arrives very early here in East Texas! Host and hostess for this meeting were Chic Chicoine and Jeanetta Stewart.

February is already here and what a great meeting we had! Program Chairman Tracie Pruitt announced that for our April meeting we will have Tim Bell from Bell's Daylily Garden in Sycamore, GA as our guest. Tim will give our program and we will have a daylily auction. We are inviting all area gardening clubs and everyone we know. We are very excited about this opportunity. Our program was a slide show presentation of "Past and Present Daylilies". We were also treated to a video that was found on YouTube called "Day Lily Time Lapse" which may be viewed at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=8c0gpXvpLrs
It is absolutely fascinating! Hostesses for this meeting were Connie Hugon and Marilyn Fischer.

In March we are going to have 'The Bee Lady' as our guest. She will be bringing a live beehive with her. This reporter will let you know later how it goes. Until then, we are looking forward to a busy and fun-filled new year!



2010 Lufkin Hemerocallis Society Officers: Diane Bush, Marilyn Fischer, Connie Hugon, Pat Levens, Tracie Pruitt, Donna Chicoine, and Lois Powell



Long-Standing Lufkin Hemerocallis Society Members: AdaLee Shubert, Marlow Shubert, President Lois Powell, Dorothy Hale, Nell Williams, and Reba Garrison

2009 REGION 6 HYBRIDIZER AWARDS

Annie T. Giles and Edna Lankart Winners

Two AHS Region 6 Hybridizer Awards are given each year at the Regional Meeting. Hybridizers are asked to send their best daylily seedlings to the Award Beds well in advance of the garden tours so that clumps can establish and blooms will appear during the tours. Region 6 members vote for their favorite bloom when they visit the garden on the day of the tour.

The Edna Lankart Award is presented for the best seedling by a Region 6 hybridizer who is not a member of the host club. The Annie T. Giles Award is presented for the best seedling hybridized by a member of the host club.

Award Beds at the 2009 Fort Worth Regional Meeting were in Gwen Pennington's Daylily Garden. Winners of the 2009 Region 6 Hybridizer Awards are shown below:



2009 Annie T. Giles Winner
Seedling Hybridized by Lee Causey
Photograph by Gwen Pennington



2009 Edna Lankart Winner
Seedling Hybridized by Leon and Paula Payne
Photograph by Jim Bartlett

For information about the 2010 and 2011 Award Beds, see Page 10.

Beth Zimpelman
AHS Region 6 Awards and Honors Chairman

REGION 6 DAYLILY SOCIETIES, PRESIDENTS, AND MEETING SCHEDULES

Albuquerque Daylily Society

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Members' Homes, <http://nmmastergardeners.org/daylily/>

Austin Daylily Society

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Austin Area Garden Center

Brazosport Daylily Society

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Lake Jackson Civic Center,
<http://brazosportdaylily.blogspot.com/>

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Golden Spread Daylily Society

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Amarillo Botanical Gardens

Gulf Coast Daylily Society

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