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Don & Eddie Raye Andrew's Garden
Waller, Texas



Everett & Chris Crainer's Garden
Brazoria, Texas



Leo & Judie Divin's Garden
Iowa Colony, Texas



Paul & Mildred Eskine's Garden
Pearland, Texas



Sandy Roberts' Garden
Lake Jackson, Texas



Bill & Bobbie Ware's Garden
Manvel, Texas

2015 AHS REGION 6 SERVICE AWARD:

Everett & Chris Crainer



In the spring of 2003, the Brazosport Daylily Society held a plant sale at the Lake Jackson, Texas, Brazos Mall. Everett Crainer came and was totally surprised by the daylilies & other plants that were for sale there. Immediately, Everett called his wife, Chris, and told her and their friend to get down to the Mall and bring the checkbook. That day started a new change for their life - daylilies.

The club had a garden tour planned for their next month's meeting so Everett & Chris came, along with a friend. They have been running ever since.



Everett & Chris joined AHS in 2003, and when the time came that they could become AHS Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges, they joined right in.

In 2008, several Houston area daylily clubs hosted the AHS National Convention. When the individual who was to hold all of the auction plants for the National Convention passed away, Everett stepped up to the plate and said that he and Chris would keep all the potted plants alive and bring them to the auction.

Chris served as 2012-13 Region 6 Exhibition Judges Liaison until Everett's health issues dictated that she didn't have the time for this service. Those health issues have not kept them from serving on Exhibition Judges Master Panels at the Regional Meetings, serving as Exhibition Judges for various clubs throughout Region 6, and other services that they could be counted on such as holding and teaching Exhibition Judges Clinics.

At the 2013 Fall Region 6 Symposium and Meeting, all the daylilies given as gift plants were furnished by the Crainers. At the Regional Meeting auctions, they can always be counted on to furnish auction plants.

Of course, Everett started to hybridize, and he now shares his hybridizing experiences with all who are willing to ask and listen.

Both Everett & Chris are constantly showing "newbies" how to groom daylily scapes for daylily flower shows, so they can become winners.

Everett served as 2007-09 President of the Brazosport Daylily Society. Chris served as 2010 President of the club. Both have served as 2nd Vice President (Program Chair) for the club. Chris has served as Flower Show Chair for the club for many years.

The Crainer garden is always open for visits with other clubs and was on the 2015 Region 6 Meeting Garden Tour.

Everett's health issues have not kept them from attending Regional Meetings nor AHS National Conventions. Dialysis sessions have not slowed Everett down in participating in daylily functions.

Congratulations to Everett & Chris Crainer for being selected as 2015 AHS Region 6 Service Award recipients.



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Thanks to all the Region 6 Tour Garden Owners for the articles and photographs of their gardens.

Up-Coming Events:

- **AHS 2016 National Convention** June 29—July 2 , 2016 Louisville, KY. Daylilies in the Bluegrass Go to the AHS Home page and click on Conventions/Meetings for details
- **Region 6 Fall Symposium** October 8, 2016 Dallas, TX. Hosted by the Daylily Growers of Dallas. Go to daylilygrowersofdallas.org for details

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**Region 6 Director Report
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Maureen Valenza**



We had a wonderful Regional Meeting this year which was well attended. A special thanks is in order to the Lone Star Daylily Society and to all their members for hosting this event. The weather held up for our tours and we were able to stay dry and enjoy everyone's garden. Each garden was well presented and we added some new favorite daylily names to our wish list.

I have updates from the AHS National level I want to share with our members as follows:

1. Kevin Walek has decided to retire from his position as the AHS Registrar. Please contact Nikki Schmith AHS Vice President if you are interested in this role. The Summer *Journal* will have an advertisement for this position. Applications are due by September 15 with the new Registrar announced at the Fall Board Meeting.
2. Membership levels have decreased by 10% from October 2014 due to non-renewals but usually pick up by September. ***However, the membership levels from April 2014 to April 2015 have increased slightly by 2% as noted in the chart at the end of this article.*** Membership numbers are a moving target and are updated on a regular basis.

3. Club Recognition Program:

Thirteen (13) clubs for 2015 have achieved the following status:

Platinum (100%) - R-14 Montgomery Alabama Club; R-12 Central Florida Daylily Society; R-13 Baton Rouge Daylily Society; **R-6 Lufkin Hemerocallis Society**; R-4 Long Island Daylily Society; **R-6 Austin Daylily Society**; R-15 Raleigh Daylily Society

Gold ((0%) - No Clubs

Silver (75%) - **R-6 Brazosport Daylily Society; R-6 Cypress Creek Daylily Club**; R-15 Piedmont Daylily Club

Bronze (65%) - **R-6 Albuquerque Daylily Society; R-6 Houston Area Daylily Society**; R-11

Each Club President must send to me their current handbook. I am sure there are other clubs in our Region that may not realize that they have achieved status in this program. Once I have the club roster and see who on the list is an AHS member I can work with Pat Mercer, Meg Ryan, Tim Fehr and have the club recognized on the AHS website and in the *Journal*. If a club president does not have email they can designate a person in their club to be the contact person listed for the website. Keeping everyone updated is important for the Regional members.

Clubs in the Platinum and Gold levels will be in the drawing at the November Board Meeting to win the \$500 award to be used for plant orders from participating nurseries in the voucher program. Clubs are responsible for shipping and other costs.

4. Keep your calendars updated with our Regional Meeting for 2016 to be a Fall Symposium in Dallas. The 2016 AHS National Convention will be in Louisville, Kentucky, 2017 will be in Norfolk, Virginia and 2018 will be hosted by the Georgetown Daylily Society. Great job and effort by Region's 6 Eddie Raye Andrews to line up 3 AHS Conventions for us to participate.
5. Have a wonderful summer and please contact us if you have any ideas for improving our Region. Tim Closs and all the members on the executive board are very interested in hearing your thoughts.

Submitted by,
Maureen Valenza (Region 6 Director and AHS Membership Chair)

2015 Membership Statistics for April 24, 2015:

Pat Mercer has summarized the membership count by Region for 2015 as follows:

Membership totals for Regions 1, 4, 8, and 9 include members with Canadian addresses.

Region	Total Memberships (plus Canada) 4/01/14	Total Memberships (plus Canada) 09/01/14	Total Membership as of 04/24/15	Delta Increase 1Q14 to 1Q15	Delta Decrease 3Q14 to 1Q15
Region 1	239	272	258	+19	-14
Region 2	1028	1161	1027	(1)	(134)
Region 3	525	596	532	+7	(64)
Region 4	854	937	847	(7)	(90)
Region 5	405	485	449	+44	(36)
Region 6	427	491	446	+19	(45)
Region 7	137	144	133	(4)	(11)
Region 8	66	85	75	(9)	(10)
Region 9	91	109	89	(2)	(20)
Region 10	319	362	309	(10)	(53)
Region 11	331	385	344	(13)	(54)
Region 12	221	258	224	+3	(34)
Region 13	227	249	232	(5)	(17)
Region 14	345	395	359	+15	(36)
Region 15	389	441	386	(3)	(55)
Subtotal	5,604	6,370	5,710	+106	(660)
International	111	120	108	(3)	(12)
Total	5,715	6,490	5,818	+103	(672)



AHS Region 6 President Report Summer 2015 Newsletter By Tim Closs

In my last report, I was “stunned, flabbergasted, excited” that the Regional Meeting registration was sold-out in February. Then, those of us who were lucky enough to attend the Region 6 Meeting in Pearland, were in a constant state of **WOW** for three days. Even with the weather extremes of 2015, the tour gardens were impeccable, as were the accommodations, food, guest speakers and meeting rooms. Thank you to all of the Regional tour garden hosts, each of your gardens offered so much more than just daylilies, they offered a glimpse into your per-

sonality and soul. Every garden was so different and unique, just like YOU! Your generosity and time commitments were noted by all of the participants. Like most garden tours, I went home and made notes of your ideas to incorporate into my garden. Thanks for the inspiration. The next time you see them, be sure to extend a hearty thanks to the members of the Lone Star Daylily Society for their hard work and dedication to the Region. A special shout out to Beverly Winkelman and Paul Eskine, the co-chairs for the Meeting, for going above and beyond to insure the success of the Meeting and the Regional auction.

Speaking of the Regional auction, the auction was record setting!! With the outstanding plants secured by Malcolm Avaritt, Paul Eskine, Everett Crainer, and many other members, the monetary health of the Regional newsletter and, the Region in general, is on very solid ground.

Thanks to everyone who participated and bought auction plants. A special thanks to everyone who helped facilitate the auction, I know we ran long again this year, but with the quantity and QUALITY of the plants, it was well worth it. Paul Eskine, you are a lean, mean daylily growing machine! If you are interested in becoming part to the auction team, please contact Malcolm or myself. We are looking more people to learn the mechanics of the auction and to help with the behind the scenes details (or be one of the auctioneers!) that go into making the auction a success.

I know that there are more detailed Meeting minutes within the Regional Secretary's report concerning ideas presented at the Region 6 business session, but I'd be remiss not to note some highlights. The Daylily Growers of Dallas has stepped to the plate and agreed to host a 2016 Fall Symposium/Regional Meeting. The club has already secured speakers and a location and will finalize details early this fall. Look for more specifics in the winter Regional newsletter. I think it is essential to the health of the Region for members to support **ALL** Regional Meetings with the same gusto as the 2015 Regional in Pearland. We are still soliciting clubs to host the 2017 and 2018 Regional Meetings, so please talk to your home club about these dates. The Regional officers are here to help, please contact any Regional officer and we will help you get started. It takes 18 months or more to work out all details for a large Regional, one day symposiums much less. I am still looking for volunteers for our Regional Meeting taskforce detailed in the last newsletter, please email me directly.

The Region voted to hold a contest drawing for clubs who have outstanding participation in the AHS Popularity Poll. Clubs with over 75% participation in the Popularity Poll voting will be entered into a drawing for a \$200 prize to the club. Remember, you must be an active paying AHS member to participate in the Pop Poll. This is another opportunity to encourage club members to join the AHS. You know what benefits you derive from being members, for \$25 a year. The AHS *Journal* and Regional newsletter are worth that much alone!

The Region has instituted a new program to help defray some of the travels costs of Garden and Exhibition Judges Instructors travelling to conduct workshops and clinics at the club level. These sessions are the level 1 sessions that are computer-based and are the first step in becoming a Judge. I'd like to suggest that EVERY club try to schedule at least one of these sessions this fall or winter. Want to grow better daylilies, become a Garden Judge. Want to perform better at the Daylily Flower Shows, become an Exhibition Judge. We need more Judges! We need more

Judge Instructors! We need YOU!

Finally, the Region committed to provide daylilies for a special historical Region 6 hybridizers bed at the 2017 AHS National Convention to be hosted by the Tidewater Daylily Society. We published a list of possible plants in the last newsletter. If you or your club would like to participate in this project, please let myself or Malcolm Avaritt know as soon as possible. We need to ship clumps of selected plants early this fall so they can become established. The Region will pick up itemized shipping costs.

See you in the garden.....

Exhibition Judges Liaison Report

Summer 2015 Newsletter

By Tim Closs, Region 6 President

First, I would like to thank Velia Ruiz-Sanchez for her hard work and dedication in serving as the immediate past Regional Exhibition Judges Liaison. Velia and I got to spend quality time together last year when the Daylily Growers of Dallas hosted the Regional Meeting. Her passion, energy and smile light up the room and she is a great asset to the Austin club and our Region. Please be sure to thank Velia and all of the Region 6 Liaisons!

The Region is currently looking for an individual(s) to work as the Region 6 Exhibition Judges Liaison. As many of you heard me speak at the recent Meeting in Pearland, the Region has a great need for new Exhibition Judges AND for more members to work towards becoming Exhibition Judges Instructors. After daylily sales conducted by individual clubs, I would say that the Daylily Exhibitions/Shows are the number one way to solicit new members to the club and the Region. Daylily Exhibitions/Shows showcase all of the positive aspects of our favorite flower, the diversity of forms and colors, the horticultural skills of the members and the teamwork necessary to facilitate a quality show. I have had the pleasure to judge and participate in Daylily Exhibitions/Shows across our Region and marvel at the quality of daylilies grown and groomed and the generosity and passion exhibited by the individual clubs, large and small!! Our fantastic Region 6 Webmaster, Ray Houston, has a link to the AHS document that outlines the general duties and responsibilities of the Region Exhibition Judges Liaison. If you click the Organization tab for Exhibition Judges Liaisons, right under the page title is the Policies & Procedures active link. Please email me at b-cfarm@att.net if you are interested in this Regional position.



**Region 6 Treasurer Report
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Malcolm Avaritt**

Who would have ever thought that we would go from drought to flood conditions in such a short time? A similar situation occurred at this year's Region 6 auction, as we brought in a grand total of \$12855.00! First, thanks to all the bidders. I hope you had some fun along the way and I know you took home some great daylilies. Secondly, a special thanks to Paul Eskine for collecting, potting, labeling, caring for and nurturing all the auction plants. Additionally, great auctions come together because of the team that helps with all the "little" details and behind the scenes work to make it so successful, you know who you are, and I appreciate your willingness to help. Finally, to all the hybridizers that contributed daylilies, many, many, 186 times, thanks. This year, with the help and support of Lone Star Daylily Society, we accepted credit cards for the first time. I believe it was a successful trial run with no outstanding issues. By accepting credit cards we do incur a transaction fee and that came out to be \$216.74 well worth the cost. If your club did not have a chance to contribute to the 2015 auction, it is not too late. We are already making plans for the 2016 Fall Symposium and Region 6 auction in Dallas.



**Membership Report
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Loris Garrett**

It seems just like yesterday that I was writing a report about the Region 6 Meeting in Pearland. Now it has come and gone as well as the National Convention in Atlanta. Here in southeast Texas we are winding down but have had ample rain here in the last few weeks and are getting lots of rebloom scapes. Hope that is the case for the rest of all the daylily lovers in the Region.

Since the first of the year we have added approximately 59 AHS members bringing our total to 471 AHS Members in Region 6 as of July 1, 2015. Sure would be great to get the total over 500 next year. So be sure and always have information handy about your local clubs and the AHS when you are out and about. Never know when you might run into someone on the street, at the mall, grocery store or at work that you can get addicted to daylilies.

This is a reminder to the Region 6 Club Presidents and members. The *Daylilies of the Southwest* is only sent to members who

have paid their AHS dues to Pat Mercer each year. **Non-AHS members do not receive a copy of it.** If you are a paid AHS member you receive both the *Daylily Journal* from National and the *Daylilies of the Southwest* from Region 6. I encourage all club members to join the AHS. For non-AHS members to receive a copy of the *Daylilies of the Southwest* the club must pay the \$8.00 subscription cost for each non-AHS member and send it to the Treasurer, Malcolm Avaritt. It should be **ear-marked as payment for such subscriptions for non-AHS members and sent before the end of the calendar year.** Once paid the appropriate officer of the club would need to forward a listing of the non-AHS with their mailing addresses to me notating that it has been paid to the Treasurer for Region 6. They will then be added to the mailing list.

I would like to welcome some of our new members: Stephanie Ayala, Lake Jackson, TX; Ruby Jo Baker, Joinerville, TX; Charlotte Barker, Marshall, TX; Louise Edwards, Lake Jackson, TX; Carol-Lee Fisher, Bastrop, TX; Ruth Goeke, Brenham, TX; Be Jay Hoover, Oak Point, TX; Mary Keeth, Alvarado, TX; Kristi Kolpanen, Fort Worth, TX; Helen Ladner, Galena Park, TX; Scott and Joann Mackenzie, Placitas, NM; Jerry Medlin, Blossom, TX; John Newton, Richmond, TX; Martha Overby, Waller, TX; Sue Ripley, Cleburne, TX; Virginia Ruschhaupt, Cuero, TX; Bridgitte Scott, Corrales, NM; Danielle Sengel and Collis Bousliman, Albuquerque, NM; and last but not least Joyce Valdez, Azle, TX Hopefully I have not left anyone off.



**Garden Judges Liaison Report
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Eddie Raye Andrews**

Well summer has hit us, but the reblooms continue to come with all the rain. You should be getting ready to cast your vote on your Garden Judges ballot. If you go to the AHS Portal under Judges – Garden Judges – look for instructions on how to vote on the E-ballot. This will bring up the ballot and you can vote electronically. I've already voted. You have until August 31st to vote so as not to harm your judgeship – but why wait. Also remember to fill out your 5-year garden visit log. If you don't have this form on your computer, let me know and I can send you a blank form. Always fill out this form as soon as you visit the gardens.

It was nice to see that two gardens on the Region 6 tours had JCs listed for Garden Judges to judge and evaluate. You can place up to 10 JC candidates on your e-ballot.

Also at the Regional Meeting, two individuals took the first step in becoming Garden Judges and they passed Workshop I with flying colors. A big shout out to Jean Gates and Jane Denton. The class was also audited by Pat Weller as a refresher.



Region 6 Publicity Director Report

Summer 2015 Newsletter

By Robert Valenza

We had a wonderful Regional Meeting this year and many attendees viewed wonderful flowers that we may not have seen before this Meeting. Every year, each AHS member is asked to vote on their ten favorite cultivars.

Recently, Region 6 received feedback from other Regions asking why our Popularity Poll has so many older cultivars. I thought about this comment and realize that this would be a great research article for our Region with its many climatic zones, differing soil conditions, pH levels ranging from 6.4 to 8.4, high elevations in New Mexico and other varying growing conditions. Coming from the Northeast, I was able to grow flowers with ease but not so in Houston especially in July-September. It was much easier to raise plants when they have a time to go dormant and regain their strength but not so for many of us in this Region. For folks moving into Region 6 and wanting to grow our favorite flowers, the Popularity Poll is a great resource of the tried and true which have survived our climatic variations within a large geographic Region. If you look at the top 100 cultivars on this year's ballot we have 100 flowers listed which extends the top ten to the top 100 our AHS members have voted on and considered to be winners. So let's vote again this year and see the results for 2015!!

The Popularity Poll Ballot is attached to this edition but is also available on the "AHS website" under the quick link (left hand) side. Members are to scroll down to "Popularity Poll" and select "Region 6" and the Poll selection will appear for them to select their 10 favorite daylilies. They are to complete the form as noted below for voting requirements. Also the Popularity Poll is available online at: http://www.ahsRegion6.org/popularity_Polls.htm This ballot of 100 daylilies is based on the results from 2014 on the most voted cultivars up to the top 100. Last year over 500 daylilies were voted on but multiple votes cast for a cultivar with 5 votes or more made it to this ballot.

Whether you choose to mail your ballots to me your Regional Tabulator at: Robert Valenza, 24959 Stratton Meadows Drive, Porter, TX 77365 or email your selection to me at: valenza@suddenlink.net or scan the ballot and send the scanned version makes no difference as long as you cast your vote.

The purpose of the Popularity Poll is a service to its members, hybridizers, and the general public. Each year the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) conducts a Popularity Poll among its members to determine the favorite daylilies for their Region and which have staying power. This Poll provides important information to all concerned regarding which flowers are performing well and which are best liked by the membership. These Popularity Polls are important for our hybridizers since they see what flowers are getting attention and also for non-members – who make daylily selections for purchase.

Voting Requirements:

All AHS members are eligible to vote and participate. Vote up to, but ***not more*** than **ten (10)** cultivars. Note: a valid ballot may consist of only one vote or five write-in daylilies not listed on the ballot sheet.

For Dual Memberships, the second member should vote separately and make another copy of the ballot.

Price need not be a consideration. Vote for what you like whether it is a 2015 registration or one from 1873. All flowers have merit.

Select your favorite registered flowers which you have observed on a garden tour or immediate area.

No seedlings are allowed.

Mail or email your choices to your Regional Tabulator (Robert Valenza).

Ballots must be submitted only once.

Please include your name, email address, mailing address, and club name on the ballot sheet.

If you don't see flowers you like? No problem, you may write-in five (5) cultivars that are not shown on the list.

This will refresh the listing for 2015 and beyond.

Region 6 American Hemerocallis Society - 2015 Popularity Poll Ballot
(Open to all AHS Members - Vote Now to Select the Recommended Daylilies for 2016)

Voting Requirements:

- All AHS members are eligible to vote and should participate.
- Vote for up to, but no more than ten (10) cultivars. Note: a valid ballot may consist of only one vote.
- For Dual Memberships, the second member should use another ballot. Each member votes!!!!
- Price need not be considered. Vote for new or oldies - it's your personal favorite that counts.
- Select your favorite registered, well established cultivars (no seedlings) **which you have observed in your garden or immediate area.**

AHS Region 6 Popularity Poll

Mail or email your choices to your Regional Tabulator, Robert Valenza, 24959 Stratton Meadows Drive, Porter, TX 77365, or email to valenza@suddenlink.net, or vote directly on the AHS website under Popularity Poll/Select your Region and vote on line. Whichever submission method you choose, please submit your ballot **only once**.

Vote for up to 10 of your favorite daylilies. Postmark deadline is **SEPTEMBER 1st, 2015.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Affair D'Amour	<input type="checkbox"/> Glory in Red	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper Butterfly
<input type="checkbox"/> All About Eve	<input type="checkbox"/> Guadalajara	<input type="checkbox"/> Patricia Snider Memorial
<input type="checkbox"/> Aly Marie	<input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Masquerade	<input type="checkbox"/> Patsy Carpenter
<input type="checkbox"/> American Freedom	<input type="checkbox"/> Highland Lord	<input type="checkbox"/> Peacock Maiden
<input type="checkbox"/> Apricot Jade	<input type="checkbox"/> Hillbilly Heart	<input type="checkbox"/> Pearl Harbor
<input type="checkbox"/> Awesome Candy	<input type="checkbox"/> How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	<input type="checkbox"/> Primal Scream
<input type="checkbox"/> Barbara Mitchell	<input type="checkbox"/> Ida's Magic	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Chile Rendezvous
<input type="checkbox"/> Beautiful Edgings	<input type="checkbox"/> Ivory Finesse	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Volunteer
<input type="checkbox"/> Bela Lugosi	<input type="checkbox"/> Jane Trimmer	<input type="checkbox"/> Renegade Lady
<input type="checkbox"/> Berried In Texas	<input type="checkbox"/> Jason Salter	<input type="checkbox"/> Rosie Meyer
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Ballots must be in by no later than September 01.

Reminder on the 2014 and 2013 Popularity Poll Winners

2014 Winners	2013 Winners
1. H. 'Little Orange Tex' (40 votes)	1. H. 'Red Volunteer' (38 votes)
2. H. 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be' (36 votes)	2. H. 'Little Orange Tex' (35 votes)
3. H. 'Red Volunteer' (33 votes)	3. H. 'Beautiful Edgings' (32 votes)
4. H. 'Witches Wink' (32 votes)	4. H. 'Witches Wink' (31 votes)
5. H. 'Beautiful Edgings' (31 votes)	5. H. 'Sweet Patootie' (30 votes)
6. H. 'Sweet Patootie' (26 votes)	6. H. 'Ming Porcelain' (26 votes)
7. H. 'Just For Joanne' (25 votes)	7. H. 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be' (24 votes)
8. H. 'Orange Velvet' (24 votes)	8. H. 'Color Me Happy' (22 votes)
9. H. 'Patsy Carpenter' (23 votes)	9. H. 'Cosmic Kaleidoscope' (21 votes) H. 'Orange Velvet' (21 votes)
10. H. 'Halloween Masquerade' (22 Votes)	10. H. 'Mister Lucky' (20 votes)

Last year, we had 36.3% AHS member participate. Please don't forget to vote this year. Your club can have a chance to win **\$ 250** that can be used by the club at its discretion. The Board will have a drawing to choose the club that has 95% or greater AHS members who vote on the Pop Poll this year will be eligible to participate in this drawing. Another great way to buy flowers for your club's participation!!

AHS Region 6 Popularity Poll

Mail or email your choices to your Regional Tabulator, Robert Valenza, 24959 Stratton Meadows Drive, Porter, TX 77365, or email to valenza@suddenlink.net, or vote directly on the AHS website under Popularity Poll/Select your Region and vote on line. Whichever submission method you choose, please submit your ballot **only once**.

Vote for up to 10 of your favorite daylilies. Postmark deadline is SEPTEMBER 1st, 2015.

AHS Member Name: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

Please include the name of the club that you belong to by checking the box below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Albuquerque Daylily Society	<input type="checkbox"/> Houston Hemerocallis Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Austin Daylily Society	<input type="checkbox"/> Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Brazosport Daylily Society	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Cypress Creek Daylily Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Lufkin Hemerocallis Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Daylily Growers of Dallas	<input type="checkbox"/> Nacogdoches Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> East Texas Daylily Society	<input type="checkbox"/> North Texas Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Golden Spread Daylily Society	<input type="checkbox"/> San Antonio Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Houston Area Daylily Society	<input type="checkbox"/> No Clubs



Region 6 Secretary Report
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Robert Valenza

AHS Region 6 Regional Officer Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting: May 14, 2015

Location: Holiday Inn Garden Hotel, Pearland, Texas

Event: Region 6 2015 Regional Meeting (sponsored by Lone Star Daylily Society)

Attendees:

- Maureen Valenza—Region 6 Director
- Tim Closs (Facilitating) - Region 6 President
- Larry & Debbie Pike—Newsletter Editors and Awards & Honors Chairs
- Malcolm Avaritt—Treasurer & W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund
- Robert Valenza—Secretary & Publicity Director
- Loris Garrett—Membership Chair
- Eddie Raye Andrews—Garden Judges Liaison
- Dan & Peggy Cathey—Youth Liaison
- Officers Absent -
- Mark Carpenter—Rust Liaison
- Ray Houston—Archivist/Historian & Webmaster/Technology Group Leader
- Vacant—Exhibition Judges Liaison

Call to Order - Tim Closs facilitated the meeting and introduced the agenda for the meeting and advised attendees that Velia Sanchez-Ruiz resigned the position of Exhibition Judges Liaison due to personal reasons.

R. Valenza (Secretary) - Minutes from Executive Meeting (May 30, 2014) will be summarized to membership at dinner meeting.

Financial Report (M. Avaritt) – Report to be published in upcoming Summer 2015 Region 6 Newsletter. Malcolm advised Board that the beginning balance as of Jan. 01, 2015 was **\$36,775.48**. Board budgeted \$ 12,000 for funding the Region 6 Newsletter which costs continue to go up each year. Motion passed by Board to have Region 6 provide \$ 200 to AHS' W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund in honor of Josie Bomar. Malcolm presented and Debbie

Pike seconded the motion.

Committee Reports:

Director's Report (M. Valenza) – Reviewed current AHS membership statistics with board. Numbers showed a slight improvement from 2014 to 2015 in membership at approximately 2%.

AHS Recognition program has gained some momentum with 6 clubs for Region 6 participating. Platinum and Gold membership levels clubs will have their name drawn at Fall Board Meeting in Virginia on November 7. Award for 2015 is \$ 500 for a club to purchase plants from sponsoring nursery in the voucher program.

Regional Publicity Director's Report (R. Valenza) -

Reminded attendees on Popularity Poll due September 01. Summer Newsletter contains purpose and requirements and a copy of the ballot for mailing purposes. In 2013, Region 6 participation was 31.2% and 2014 was 36.3%. We need to ensure each member includes their name, mailing address and club.

Motions passed to have a) Popularity Poll winner pictures added to the Region 6 website. Next Fall newsletter will have the winners for 2015 with a picture, and 2) to encourage more club participation, those clubs that have 95% of their members vote in the Poll will be eligible for a drawing to win \$ 250. This incentive will go into effect this year and go for the next 3 years. Motion passed by Loris Garrett and seconded by M. Valenza. Robert Valenza to work with Ray Houston to see if links can be created with Popularity Poll winners with photos on the Region 6 website.

Membership Report (L. Garrett) - Membership is showing a slight decrease in membership from 491 (September 2014) to 446 (April 2015). However, this is a dynamic number due to members renewing memberships later in the year. Club members are welcome to try out AHS membership for \$ 15 after July. This is a great way a club or individual can sponsor a new member.

Newsletter Editor Report (L. Pike) - Costs are increasing and color printing will be kept at a minimum except for the Fall/Winter Hybridizer Edition. Most of the newsletters will be in black and white with the exception of the seedling pictures. Some clubs are slow to deliver their reports.

Awards and Honors (Larry/Debbie Pike) -

Good response for seedling bed however heavy rainfall continues to be a problem with all growers this year. Articles are required for the newsletters and can be sent to larrydebbiepike@gmail.com. Good discussion on develop-

ing seedling bed guidelines for future garden hosts to use as a best practice. Larry Pike converted birdhouses to use for the ballot boxes which are clearly identified and easy to spot in a garden. These houses will be shared with the Region to use for future spring Meetings.

Youth Liaisons (Dan/Peggy Cathey) - working with clubs to increase interest in Daylilies with young people. Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society has new youth members.

New Business:

Newsletter – Board discussed investigating Cloud Technology to store newsletters. Due to the increased cost the Region may have to consider 2 printed versions a year and one web edition on the Region 6 Website. Motion to be presented at next Regional Meeting.

Awards and Honors: Mildred Schlumpf Photography Award sponsored by Region 6. Current practice is to send certificates to National Awards Chair for presenting at the National Convention to the winners and follow-up with an engraved plaque to be sent to their home showing the photograph and the state of Texas. Tim Closs is creating the two awards to be sent to the winners after the National Convention.

Board reviewed the award and passed a motion for Region 6 to continue to have this award for the next two years. M. Valenza to notify AHS on decision during the Fall Board Meeting.

2016 Nominating Committee For President Position:

Chairman Larry Pike, Eddie Raye Andrews and Loris Garrett recommended Tim Closs to serve a second term. This recommendation will be announced at Regional Meeting for members to vote. Ballots will be released in the Spring Newsletter for voting before the Regional Meeting.

Exhibition Judges Clinics and Garden Judges Workshops: Discussion regarding the need to have more judges for the Region since some judges are retiring. Judges serve the Region with flower shows and for nominating national hybridizer awards for AHS. Both positions have a valuable purpose to the Region. The Board would prefer to have Judges be funded by the Region where it makes sense and will look to the future to communicate this to those members who are financially challenged to be supported by the Region in a form of a stipend. Members are encouraged to contact their Liaisons and advise them if they have members that would like to host these clinics and workshops. Velia Sanchez-Ruiz resigned the position of

Exhibition Judges Liaison due to personal reasons. Region 6 is actively looking for her replacement and if you are interested, please contact Tim Closs.

Region 6 Bed - 2017 National AHS Convention :- The Convention Chair has requested from all Regions approximately 12-15 daylilies to represent each Region. They will have 15 Regional beds developed for these daylilies. We received no response from the membership for these daylilies. Tim Closs will provide plants to be sent for Region 6 bed that represents a good example of the daylilies by Region 6 hybridizers.

Open Business:

Newsletter Committee – Board is looking for volunteer to support Larry on the newsletter. This is a great opportunity to learn how to pull together a newsletter and eventually become the Region Newsletter Editor. Other committees will be formed to shadow the current board members and get to understand their roles and responsibilities.

Upcoming Regional Meetings – Tim Closs announced that the Daylily Growers of Dallas will sponsor the Fall seminar in Dallas for the Regional Meeting in 2016. Region requires a sponsoring club for a fall or spring Meeting for 2017. Clubs can consider joining other clubs to sponsor a future Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted,

Robert Valenza
Region 6 Secretary



**Youth Liaison Report
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Peggy & Dan Cathey**

Region 6 currently has 9 Youth members. As the Region's Youth Liaisons, Dan and I were pleased to meet 4 of those members at the Region 6 Meeting held in Pearland this past May. Elija, Haylee, Saydrain and Sierra Webb participated in the Daylily Show by each entering an artistic design. Congratulations to each of them for a great job.

Another of our youth members, 5 year old Jacky Howard, has been busy hybridizing daylilies, or as he calls it "making babies" in his daylily garden since the first blooms appeared. He also gives lessons on hybridizing to his cousins, neighbors, and anyone else who comes into the yard. Dan showed him how to take the stamen from one flower and dab the Pollen onto the pistil of another last year and Jacky remembered and began Pollen dabbing with the season's first blossoms. His grandmother marked all his plant labels with a D or T and showed him how to cross only D's to D's and T's to T's. She reports he now has several seed pods and she was able to write down some of the parent plants when she could keep up with him. It will be fun to see what his crosses produce.



The AHS Youth BINGO contest continues until September 1. The rules are listed below. It is designed to get the Youth members more involved with the Youth section of the AHS Daylily Portal. If you haven't been to the Youth Portal, it is worth the visit. There are lots of activities, projects and ideas to keep youth members active.

BINGO contest March 1 to September 1

Perform the required tasks to obtain the letters B I N G O. Each time you complete the 5 tasks, send an email to the Youth Chair (kadales@verizon.net)

With the word BINGO in the subject line of the message.

B = Type a message (more than two words) on the Youth Group wall.

I = Upload a photo to the Youth Group photo gallery.

N = Make a connection on the Portal with another youth member

G = Post a message in the forum section of the Youth Group.

O = Reply to a message in the forum section of the Youth Group.

BINGO BONUS: Add your email address and make it visible in your Profile on the Portal.

If you complete this, you will qualify for a free (one time) BINGO entry in the contest.

The one with the most BINGO's is the winner.

There will be a second and third place winner too.

Winners will receive a daylily from Mike and Sandy Holmes of River Bend Daylily Gardens in OH.

Prize details forthcoming.

Congratulations to Region 6 Youth member Jon Whittinger of Jacksonville, recipient of the 2015 AHS Intermediate Division Photography Award for his submission of *H. 'Nacogdoches Dreamer'*





**Archivist/Historian/
Webmaster Report
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Ray Houston**

There is a large volume of current and historical information on the Region 6 website. Visit the website often to see what is going on in our Region <http://www.ahsRegion6.org/>

Additions to the Region 6 Website:

2015 Spring *Daylilies of the Southwest*
<http://www.ahsRegion6.org/newsletters/2015-spring.pdf>

**2015 AHS Regional Service Award Winners,
Everett & Chris Crainer**
http://www.ahsRegion6.org/service_award_2015.htm

2015 Exhibition & Garden Judges Lists
<http://www.ahsRegion6.org/judges.htm>

Tribute to Fay (Reeves) Sewell, 1922-2015
http://www.ahsRegion6.org/reeves_faye.htm

Full color current and two previous year's electronic versions of the Region 6 newsletters - *Daylilies of the Southwest* - are available on the website.
http://www.ahsRegion6.org/newsletters_online.htm

If you are seeking information from past or current Region 6 newsletters and don't know where to look, please contact me at krhouston60@att.net or call (979) 297-5814. I am able to perform electronic searches of the newsletter archives in a matter of minutes. I have most of the Region 6 newsletters 1961-present in the hard copy and electronic archives.



**Newsletter Editor Report
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Larry & Debbie Pike**

After 15 years of service, our printing firm and friend, Jim Petty, has retired. Jim did an outstanding job with our newsletter over the years and we are in his debt and hope for a fun filled retirement. A new start with a new printer begins with this newsletter. BayStar Printing in Angleton, Texas will be our printer now. Kaye Starustka will now take over where Jim left off. We welcome Kaye and her staff. She was very impressed with the sample of our newsletter I showed her. She said: "Wow, I expected a couple of pages and I got this nice magazine. We will strive to continue with the high level of professionalism that you guys have seen in the past and look forward to working with your folks."

I would like to stir each of you up to write articles for our Region 6 Newsletter. Don't assume that everyone knows what you know. What you do in your garden may be brand new to another gardener and answer a question that has been their concern for some time or might just be something they have never heard. I want sharing to become infectious within our Region and encouragement to be the norm. We have many talented folks in our Region and I just know we have many topics that are near and dear to each of you, that others would enjoy reading about. If you think you are not an article writer, submit the topic and your thoughts and we will find someone to help write the article. Please don't take your knowledge and passion for *Daylilies* with you, but share them so they can live on with all of us.



RUST Liaison
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Mark Carpenter

I'm off to the farm. I hope all of you have an amazing and RUST FREE summer!

LONG LIVE HEMEROCALLIS!!

Now that summer time is here, most of us have hunkered down and are focusing on getting our plants into fall. The thermometer is soaring, and as the temperatures get hotter, rust tends to stay at bay. When it is 97 or hotter outside, I have found that rust no longer forms, as it is too hot for it apparently. But with that said, this spring was easily one of the worst we have experienced for rust in our Region, as we had tremendous amount of moisture and moderate spring/early summer temperatures...the ideal mix for rust. So the question now is, what is next?

I'm so glad I asked (:>)}! Ha! For me, I will do very little now until the fall. If rust starts appearing in October/November, I will probably opt to spray one or two more times until I can get to "winter"...i.e., a few days below 32. Once the cold spell hits, the rust will be gone until spring, or if the winter is very cold and long in duration, we may not see it at all until after bloom season. Our Region never gets cold enough to kill off the rust, but it does get cold enough to suppress it for a while. We'll take whatever we can get.

I wanted to offer a few updates on things I have seen this year concerning rust. First, the daylilies planted at my house here in Nacogdoches, the same ones planted 4 years ago that had a lot of rust, continue to show little to no rust. Each year, they have shown less, and I have not sprayed them for 2 years now with anything at all. I truthfully do not have an explanation for this, but continue to believe that the plants have built up a resistance to rust, much like our bodies, over time, develop resistance to various problems. At the farm, I have not seen the same. If I fail to spray, rust moves quickly there, and since we are open to the public during May/June, I have no choice but to spray well in advance so it is not seen at all. But I do wonder if I "let it go" like we have here at the house, what would be the results? I'll never get to do that, of course, but I do wonder.

I plan on writing an in-depth rust article for the Winter Region 6 Newsletter covering what products we are currently using, plus what others outside our area are using in their fight against rust. I will say in advance that of all the things I have done in my 5 years of owning the farm, the one that made the biggest difference was the culling of 1,000s, literally, of plants that showed very poor rust resistance. If plants showed a lot of rust, we dug them up and threw them away. We did this for 2 consecutive years, and the simple fact that we don't have near as many rust magnets seems to have had a significant impact on our ability to control rust now.

AHS Region 6 Daylily Clubs

<p><u>Albuquerque Daylily Society</u> President - Margo Murdock 5601 Mariola Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111 (505) 822-9410, murdock@swcp.com Meetings: Mar-Aug, Oct, 3rd Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Members' Homes Website: www.albuquerquedaylilysociety.org/</p>	<p><u>Houston Hemerocallis Society</u> President - Hershale Theilen 5047 Oak Shadows, Houston, TX 77091-4529 (713) 681-2644, htheilen@flash.net Meetings: Jan-Apr, Sep-Oct 4th Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Houston Metropolitan Multi-Services Center, 1475 West Gray Website: http://www.ofts.com/hhs</p>
<p><u>Austin Daylily Society</u> President - Jeff Breitenstein 12229 Tanglewild Drive, Austin, TX 78758 (206) 713-9405, jeff.breitenstein@gmail.com Meetings: Feb-May, Aug-Nov, 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Austin Area Garden Center Website: http://www.austindaylily.org/</p>	<p><u>Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society</u> President - Peggy Cathey 1115 HCR 1414, Covington, TX 76636 (254) 854-2558, Cell (817) 666-9002 natvtxn1@windstream.net Region 6 Youth Email: ahsRegion6youth@gmail.com Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Saturday, 10 a.m. United Cooperative Services Community Rm, Cleburne, TX Website: http://cleburnearea.com/irisdaylily/ Club Email: iris.daylilies@gmail.com</p>
<p><u>Brazosport Daylily Society</u> President - David Freshour 53 Lavender Ct, Lake Jackson, TX 77566 (979) 285-9664, freshde@aol.com Meetings: Monthly, 2nd Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Lake Jackson Civic Center Website: https://www.facebook.com/brazosportdaylilysociety</p>	<p><u>Lone Star Daylily Society</u> President - Paul Eskine 3516 E. Orange, Pearland, TX 77581 (281) 485-4567, peskine@comcast.net Meetings: Monthly, 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m. Alvin Senior Citizen's Building Website: http://www.lonestardaylilysociety.org/</p>
<p><u>Cypress Creek Daylily Club</u> President - Anna Rosa Glidden 714 Benbrook, Houston, TX 77076-1902 (713) 697-0362, No Email Meetings: Jan-Apr, Sept-Oct, 4th Sunday, 2 p.m. Mercer Arboretum</p>	<p><u>Lufkin Hemerocallis Society</u> President - Pat Levens 304 Hickory Hollow, Lufkin, TX 75904 (936) 875-2350, elevens@consolidated.net Meetings: Every Other Month, 2nd Tuesday, 2- 4:00 p.m. First Christian Church Parlor</p>
<p><u>Daylily Growers of Dallas</u> President - Michael Reed 3425 Apple Valley Dr. Farmers Branch, TX 75234-3872 (972) 484-5449, 4mikereed@TX.rr.com Meetings: Jan-May, Sept-Nov, 3rd Saturday, 10 a.m. North Haven Gardens, Dallas</p>	<p><u>Nacogdoches Daylily Society</u> President: Regina Moehring 625 CR 213, Nacogdoches, TX 75965 (936) 560-9236, rlmoehring@sbcglobal.net Meetings: Mar-May, Oct-Dec, 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. Members' Homes & Area Restaurants</p>
<p><u>East Texas Daylily Society</u> President - Sandy Perkins 1410 N. Palestine, Athens, TX 75751 903-675-3083, sandyp@suddenlink.net Meetings: Jan-Jun, Oct-Nov, 2nd Sunday, 2 p.m. Tyler Municipal Rose Garden Center</p>	<p><u>North Texas Daylily Society-Fort Worth</u> President - John A. Turrentine 2033 Avenue A, Grand Prairie, TX 75051-4506 (972) 693-7995, john.turrentine@att.net Meetings: Monthly, 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Fort Worth Botanic Center Website: http://www.northtexasdaylilysociety.org/</p>
<p><u>Golden Spread Daylily Society</u> President - Doug Smith 726 Lefors, Pampa, TX 79065-4824 (806) 665-3410, No Email Email Contact: Joan Avampato xeriscapegarden@sbcglobal.net Meetings: Feb-Oct, 4th Sunday, 2 p.m. Amarillo Botanical Gardens</p>	<p><u>San Antonio Daylily Society</u> President - Beatrice Moreno 422 East Mistletoe, San Antonio, TX 78212 beatrice_moreno@att.net Meetings: Monthly, 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m. San Antonio Botanical Garden, Education Building</p>
<p><u>Houston Area Daylily Society</u> President: Clifford Lee 315 E. Helms, Houston, TX 77037 (281) 448-4153, calee1012@att.net Meetings: Jan-May, Sep-Dec, 4th Thursday, 10 a.m. Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet</p>	



Albuquerque Daylily Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

Donna Peck, Club Reporter

Our first meeting of the year was an all-day workshop which was open to the public and was a welcome success. We had Bill Maryott come to tell us “What Everyone Wanted to Know About Daylilies But Were Afraid to Ask.” We took reservations and closed at 150 people. We were amazed at the response. We gained 17 new members with one very enthusiastic youth member. The details of the day were in my Spring report.

Our April meeting consisted of a panel of “How to Organize and Run A Daylily Sale.” This was to prepare us for the late April Plant Sale at our Garden Center. It was good to have some of our new members help us label and sell. The sale was a huge success.

In May we concentrated on planting our new daylilies. The title of the panel discussion was “We Have Bought a New Daylily, Now What Do We Do To Make It Grow?” Also in May, Albuquerque was represented by Margo Murdock and Donna Peck at the Region 6 Meeting. What a wonderful Meeting! It had beautiful gardens, good food and an excellent banquet speaker, Greg Goff from Le Petit Jardin in Florida. It’s always so much fun to see old friends and meet new ones.

Donna Peck was our only representative to the National Convention, and was so proud to see that Chris and Everett Crainer received the Region 6 Service Medal. It is a well-deserved honor to two very hard working Region 6 members.

June is our big month. We have our yearly flower show and summer plant sale. We had our annual judge’s potluck the night before at the Pecks’ home to welcome our judges who traveled long distances: Curtis and Pat Montgomery from California, Daniel Lowe from Arizona, Barbara Chang from Indiana, Carol Horton from Texas, and our own Linda Kellerup. Carol Horton held an excellent workshop on grooming on Saturday before the potluck. The judges complimented the fine grooming at the show and gave many blue and purple ribbons!!

The winners were:

Photograph – Single Bloom (Sue Wesson)

Mini – *H.* ‘Jason Salter’ (Donna Peck)

Small – *H.* ‘Elfin Envoy’ (Rozanne Tuffnell)

Large – *H.* ‘Valentine Darling’ (Donna Bleck)

Extra Large – *H.* ‘Topguns Mary Keast’ (Carolyn Kittredge)

Double/Poly - *H.* ‘Isabel Maraffi’ (Rozanne Tuffnell)

UNF – *H.* ‘Screamin Mimi’ (Mimi Glover)

Popularity Poll – *H.* ‘Red Volunteer’ (Donna Peck)

Seedling – Dark Red Mini UNF (Donna Peck)

Best-in-Show – *H.* ‘Isabel Maraffi’ (Rozanne Tuffnell)

Sweepstakes – Donna Peck

Winner of Tricolor – Debi Harrington

Design Sweepstakes – Debi Harrington

We received beautiful large clumps from Maryott’s Gardens to sell. Our sale went very well and the new owners loved the variety they could choose from.

Our July meeting will be a tour of some of the members’ gardens. We will be touring the gardens of Margo Murdock, Alan and Rozanne Tuffnell, Helen Horwitz, Carolyn and Mike Kittredge. Each garden is unique with a variety of daylilies. The Tuffnell’s’ garden is New Mexico’s only AHS Region 6 Display Garden.

We are all looking forward to our fall meetings. One will be an “elite” sale of Don Herr’s daylilies. Don will also be our guest speaker in October. We are all looking forward to hearing about and seeing his polys which he is noted for. My next report will discuss our Fall activities.

Austin Daylily Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

Jeff Breitenstein, Club Reporter

The Austin Daylily Society held their annual Daylily Show & Sale on Saturday, May 23 at the Austin Area Garden Center in Zilker Botanical Garden. Despite torrential rains on the morning of the Show (and even some hail), members delighted the Austin gardening community with a display of over 200 gorgeous blooms. In the Horticulture division, Mike Peppers took the top honor of Best-in-Show with his entry of *H.* ‘Mambo Maid’ (Section 3, Small). Other Best in Section winners included Mike Peppers: *H.* ‘Double Whammy’ (Sec. 1, Extra Large), Bert Marcom: *H.* ‘Color Me Happy’ (Sec. 2, Large), Beth Zimpleman: *H.* ‘Lil’ Black Buds’ (Sec 4, Miniature), Janice Heiskell: *H.* ‘Little Party Girl’ (Sec. 5, Double), Jerre

Region 6 Club Reports

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Threatte: *H.* 'Velvet Ribbons' (Sec. 6, Spider), Jennifer Renner: *H.* 'Upgrade' (Sec. 7, UFs), Velia Sanchez-Ruiz: *H.* 'Little Orange Tex' (Sec. 9, Popularity Poll), and Bruce Threatte: Seedling (Section 10, Seedling). Velia Sanchez-Ruiz also was awarded the Sweepstakes Award. The theme of the 2015 Show was "50 Shades of Green". In the Design division, Beth Zimpleman won the Tricolor Award for her entry in "Green, Green Grass of Home" (Class A), Beth Collier's design won in "It's Not Easy Being Green" (Class B), and Alys Honey for "Green With Envy" (Class C).

The Austin club also held their annual picnic, on June 6th, at the home of Bruce and Jerre Threatte in Georgetown, TX. Members enjoyed a BBQ potluck lunch and many colorful mid- and late-season blooms in Bruce's garden. Later that month, club members participated in a work day at Zilker to combat an infestation of nutsedge in the permanent daylily display beds. All daylilies in the infested bed were lifted, thoroughly cleaned and repotted to be cared for by members over the summer. Members sifted through the soil to remove as many nuts as possible before the bed was covered in black plastic to solarize the soil. Zilker Botanical Garden is 100% organic, so herbicides could not be used. In the Fall, members will replant the bed.

The Austin club is on break during the hot summer months and will resume monthly meetings on August 6th with a presentation on "Build and Maintain Good Microbial Activity in Garden Soil". Please see our Facebook page for more pictures of the Show and Zilker work day: www.facebook.com/austindaylilysociety.

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Brazosport Daylily Society
2015 Summer Newsletter
By Jimmie Bennett, Secretary

In March and April we prepared committees to work toward our May show, chaired by Chris Crainer and co-chaired by Joanne Berry. Thanks to our club's several hybridizers and gardeners we were able to offer over a

thousand daylily plants for sale at the show. With multiple advertising venues and the help of area newspaper reviews, the public came and bought at record levels. Plant sales chairs Mike and Barbara Quellhorst coordinated the club members' efforts in preparing plants and setting up the sale. Drs. Art and Nina Imperial were wonderful hosts for the plant preparation. The Imperial's lovely garden and plants, along with plants specially grown for our Region from Everett and Chris Crainer's Gulf Coast Daylilies give our daylily sale a reputation of having high quality plants for our community to share.

Prolific was the buzz word for gardens blessed by heavy rain this spring, and daylilies showed their finest blooms. There was little opportunity to treat for rust or snails between rain showers, but the plants just kept multiplying. The end result was an outstanding Brazosport Daylily Society Show in May. The quality and quantity of daylilies were impressive. The winners by category are listed as follows:

Extra Large – Art & Nina Imperial for *H.* 'The Hulk' (Stamile, 2007)

Large – Gladys Hanselman for *H.* 'Gulf Coast Allyson' (Crainer, 2011)

Small – Chris Crainer for *H.* 'Renegade Lady' (EH SALTER, 1990)

Miniature – Gladys Hanselman for *H.* 'Little Raven' (G Stamile, 2006)

Double, Multiform & Polymerous Flowers – Nancy Freshour for *H.* 'Unlock the Stars' (Petit, 2005)

Spider – Nancy Freshour for *H.* 'Marked by Lydia' (Temple, 1994)

Unusual Form – Loris Garrett for *H.* 'Lone Star Windmill' (Payne, 2008)

Youth – None Awarded

Pop Poll – Sandy Roberts for *H.* 'Little Orange Tex' (Faggard, 1985)

Seedling – Large – Chris Crainer

Best-in-Show – Loris Garrett for *H.* 'Lone Star Windmill' (Payne, 2008)

Sweepstakes – Joanne Berry

Best Photograph – Nancy Freshour

Several of our BDS members are also members of our neighbor club, Lone Star Daylily Society which hosted the AHS Region 6 Meeting in May. BDS Daylily Show

workers got a special rebate for attending the Regional Meeting, right in our own backyard. There were several members donating items for the BDS Basket which was created by our member Dawn Fowler. BDS was pleased to donate funds toward AHS Region 6 auction plants and contribute to a donated auction item in memory of BDS past President Inez Tarrant. BDS members Sandy Roberts, Chris & Everett Crainer and our own BDS Treasurer and AHS Region 6 Garden Judges Liaison, Eddie Raye Andrews & Don Andrews shared their gardens on the Region 6 Garden Tour.

May concluded with six wonderful member gardens to share on Saturday, May 30th. Participating gardens this year were: Joanne & Elton Berry, Sandy Roberts, Nancy Hackney, Gladys Hanselman, Mike & Barbara Quellhorst, and Chris & Everett Crainer. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful blooms and we would like to especially thank the garden owners for opening their gardens to our members. Lunch followed at Dido's on the San Bernard River.

Nine of our members attended the AHS National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia in June. They enjoyed many beautiful gardens, seminars and classes. BDS members Chris & Everett Crainer were awarded the prestigious 2015 Region 6 Service Award in absentia. What a wonderful honor!

Our BDS President David Freshour took us light years forward technically, with the club purchase of a new projector to better replicate flower color. Thanks David for keeping us on the "cutting edge" of computers and daylilies.



Cypress Creek Daylily Club

2015 Summer Newsletter

By Jeannie Mallick, Reporter

The Cypress Creek Daylily Club had a busy spring! The Club held a successful plant sale, sponsored an AHS accredited flower show, and enjoyed hearing talented program speakers at their monthly gatherings.

Our February Program Speaker was Synda Wilson, who teaches at Yoga Studio of The Woodlands. She demonstrated the healthful benefits of yoga breathing and movement as it applies to working in the garden. Synda also brought us chalk rubbings from a garden plaque that read "He who Plants Kindness Gathers Love". Thank you, Synda!

March is often the busiest gardening month in Houston as days grow sunny but not too hot. "Earth Kind" gar-

dening was the topic presented in March by Harris County Master Gardener Margaret Lloyd-Bingham. She advocated using mulch to suppress weeds and planting native Texas plants to reduce the need for water and pesticides. Natives are naturally resistant to drought and common insect pests. A list of Earth-Kind environmentally responsible plant varieties is available on the Texas A & M University website at: (use no www pre-fix) aggiehorticulture.tamu.edu.

The Club was pleased with the large turnout at their booth for the annual Plant Sale held in April as part of the Klein United Methodist Church's Eggstravaganza craft fair. Customers were treated to a selection of prize daylily fans as well as many other types of potted plants from our CCDC member's gardens that are locally grown and proven winners.

Preparation for our flower show included a timely presentation by our own Mary Gage titled, "Grooming Daylilies for a Flower Show".

Mary's steps for preparing a daylily to be a prize winner include:

Ensure your daylily is accurately labeled before you harvest the scape

Protect the daylily from bruising in the garden and during travel to the show

How to use grooming tools properly to enhance the scape and flower's appearance

Tips on what judges look for in a winning daylily

The May 9, 2015 CCDC Flower Show at the Mercer Arboretum was a colorful event, overseen by Flower Show Chair, Clifford Lee.

It was a busy morning for our panel of four judges who travelled from out of town to be with us, Harvey & Nell Shimek from Alvin, and Dan & Peggy Cathey from near Fort Worth. They had only a few hours to evaluate one hundred twenty (120) stunning scapes. The show was opened to the public in the afternoon. Amelia Cardona brought door prizes of potted daylilies for lucky visitors that won our drawing held every half hour. Some of the drawing winners said they may join our club!

Congratulations to the winners in each category:

Extra Large Flower: *H. 'Boney Maroney'*, Anna Rosa Glidden

Large Flower: *H. 'Mysterious Eyes'*, Mary Gage

Small Flower: *H. 'One Eye Willie'*, Anna Rosa Glidden (Best-in-Show)

Mini Flower: *H.* 'Wee Wizard', Clifford Lee
Double Flower: *H.* 'Firefly Frenzy', Anna Rosa Glidden
Unusual Form: *H.* 'Frilly Bliss', Mary Gage
Popularity Poll: *H.* 'Beautiful Edgings', Clifford Lee
Seedling: Clifford Lee
Sweepstakes: Mary Gage

The Appreciation Award went to Amelia Cardona for setting up the educational table.

The Cypress Creek Daylily Club recognizes all our daylily growers who entered scapes and wishes to thank Clifford Lee, his co-chairs, and club members who contributed to organizing a successful flower show. Great job!



Daylily Growers of Dallas 2015 Summer Newsletter

By Kathy Harris, Club Reporter

The Daylily Growers of Dallas had our spring daylily sale on April 18th at North Haven Gardens and it was quite successful.

Our Daylily Flower Show was on May 31st also at North Haven Gardens. We had many flowers entered and there was good attendance at the event. Some of the winners are:

Section 1 Extra Large *H.* 'Boney Maroney' (Kehl 1994) entered by Tim Closs

Section 2 Large *H.* 'California Sunshine' (Chesnik-J. 1985) entered by Malcolm Avaritt

Section 3 Small *H.* 'Camden Gold Dollar' (Yancey-C. 1982) entered by Tim Closs

Section 4 Miniature *H.* 'Baby Betsy' (Maxwell-T. 1972) entered by Tim Closs

Section 6 Spider *H.* 'Ruth Killingsworth' (Herrington-K 2005) entered by Tim Closs

Section 7 UFO *H.* 'Cricket Call' (Roberts-N. 2004) entered by Tim Closs

Best-in-Show *H.* 'Cricket Call' (Roberts-N. 2004) entered by Tim Closs

And the sweepstakes award went to Tim Closs. Congratulations to Tim.

The club is on summer break and will resume meetings in September.



East Texas Daylily Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

By Bill Pace, Club Reporter

Our club's February speaker was local Master Gardener Tim Krizan. He expounded on the basics of composting and then provided details about the various containment options that can be used. A list of various "green" and "brown" ingredients and how each affects decomposition was also provided. Everyone left with a new appreciation for the types of household waste that could be put into a home compost pile rather than being sent to a landfill.

"Polymerous Daylilies" was the focus of our program at the March meeting. Speaker John Turrentine (current President of the NTDS), explained what "polys" are and showed photos of several examples. He then stated that this behavior (extra tepals) is genetic and can be bred into seedlings. In closing, he argued that poly daylilies should have their own division in accredited shows.

About two weeks later, several members met at the Licatovich's garden to dig, clean and label many of the plants that would be used at our annual sale. Other members dug and prepared additional plants at their homes. The sale was held on March 27 & 28 at the usual Tyler location. The weather was beautiful and so the crowds were plentiful. We enjoyed another successful sale and fully funded our horticulture scholarship at Stephen F. Austin.

Tim Thompson, owner of Three Creek Gardens near McKinney, TX, was our April speaker. His topic was "Growing Your Best Daylilies". A very informative PowerPoint was used to illustrate his views on: site selection, soil composition, proper pH, fertilizing, watering, etc. Tim also identified over a dozen specific cultivars that have performed well for him in "the harsh Texas climate".

Our club had previously committed to holding an unaccredited show this bloom season, so our May meeting consisted of two experienced club members commenting on points illustrated by the "Daylily Show Grooming" presentation. We also spent a few minutes deciding we would tour three of the daylily gardens in the area in lieu of having a June meeting. Our show and garden tour will be covered in the next article. The next actual meeting of the ETDS will be in October.

G

Golden Spread Daylily Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

Joan Avampato, Club Reporter

We sold daylilies at the annual Garden Fest Plant Sale held at the Amarillo Botanical Gardens on Saturday, May 9. It rained a bit in the early morning but had stopped by the 9 a.m. start time. The sale set-up was under less than desirable conditions but the day turned out OK. We had a good booth location and many saw and stopped to check out and buy the daylilies. All were labeled with name, color and mature height, so people could get the varieties best suited for their gardens. All of them are grown in the area and would be good for and survive in local gardens. In the Panhandle of Texas you have to know what to plant if you want to be a successful gardener. There have been alternating warm spells and spring freezes in the past 2 years as well as the current 2015, which have challenged many plants but most of the daylilies have done well. Blooming may have been delayed a bit but the plants were OK.

In the spring of 2015 and May in particular, there has been an abundance of rain. So far we are 8 inches or more above the normal for the entire year and there are still 6 months to go. The rain was welcomed but was a little too much in a short time. It would have been better to have spread the rain out over a longer time span but more is better than less or none.

We thank our members Don Glenn, Doug Smith, Betty Palmer, Leonore Jensen, Gary Norton and Joan Avampato, who turned out to dig, clean, prepare and label the daylilies for the sale. Then, came on sale day to set up, sell them and last but not most important, clean up and put all the equipment back in the storage boxes. Walking around the colorful gardens to visit other vendors was part of the successful day.

The annual visit to Don Glenn's gardens took place on Saturday, June 27. Members and guests enjoyed his gardens which are spectacular, with many daylilies which provide a lot of color and a great variety of other plants as well. After Don's gardens, we made the trip to the Texas AgriLife Randall County Extension Office in Canyon where there is a large collection of daylilies which also thrive under Don's direction. It was a hot day with the

temperature in the 90's and lots of mosquitoes which are doing quite well due to all the recent rains. Thanks to bug spray which Don thoughtfully provided, the day was a success. Daylilies are great in the Golden Spread.

H

Houston Area Daylily Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

Mary Gage, Reporter

HADS continues to be a busy club this spring and summer. Our program for the March meeting was our eagerly anticipated annual "Plant Exchange". We share excess plants of all sorts from our gardens.

The April meeting was devoted to preparing for the Houston Area/Houston Hemerocallis Flower Show for May 23. This year it was Houston Area's turn to take charge of plans and expenses with both clubs providing personnel to do the work. The show was again held at Gethsemane Lutheran Church with HADS holding a Plant Sale in the courtyard to defray expenses. We had good participation and it was good to see a varied list of Rosette winning exhibitors, rather than one or two exhibitors taking all the rosettes and trophies.

Div I: Horticulture On-Scape

- Sec 1: Extra Large Flower - *H.* 'Patsy Cline' - William Jarvis
 - Sec 2: Large Flower - *H.* 'White Leather' - Clifford Lee
 - Sec 3: Small Flower - *H.* 'Black Velvet Elvis' - Sara Chumley
 - Sec 4: Miniature - *H.* 'Dot Dot' - Anna Rosa Glidden
 - Sec 5: Double, Polymerous & Multi-form - *H.* 'Ain't I Something' - Gracie Lopez
 - Sec 6: Spider - *H.* 'Lacy Marionette' - Eddie & Mary Gage
 - Sec 7: Unusual Form - *H.* 'King of Flops' - Gracie Lopez
 - Sec 8: Youth -No entries
 - Sec 9: 2015 Popularity Poll - *H.* 'Beautiful Edgings' - Clifford Lee
 - Sec10: Seedlings - William Jarvis
- Div III: Education:--Anna Rosa Glidden
Div IV: Tricolor Winner, Class B: "Great Gumptions!" - Nell Shimek
Best-In-Show: *H.* 'Black Velvet Elvis' - Sara Chumley
Sweepstakes: Clifford Lee

Regretfully, your reporter was unable to attend the AHS Region 6 Meeting in Pearland, but did make it to Eddie Raye & Don Andrews' lovely garden for a visit while one bus was touring. Leslie Wong's comments on the Regional: "The Region 6 Meeting was wonderful. Each garden we visited was special and unique, reflecting the personalities of its owners. Lone Star Daylily Society's extreme efforts really showed. We enjoyed the gardens, the bus trips, the food, the Meetings, and the company of wonderful daylily people!" HADS members attending were: Clifford Lee, Darla Oakes, Jo Crisp, Leslie Wong, Marianne Jones, Nell Shimek, Sara Chumley. We were pleased to see that Nell Shimek's trophy for her Tricolor winning design at the Regional Flower Show was a uniquely Southwestern styled vase donated from the late Catherine Neal's estate.

Clifford Lee also attended the AHS National Convention in Atlanta. As he was about to return on Sunday, June 14, he learned that his mother, Goldie Landrum, had fallen and broken her hip. She is now in rehab and we all wish her a speedy recovery

Your reporter experienced a whole week of having a very small fawn in the garden every day. Eddie and I have not been able to care for the garden as we have done for so many years and weeds and grass have taken over. Plus, we have kept an electric fence all these years but deer broke the wires down a few weeks ago and when they get a taste of daylily blooms and buds there is just no keeping them out. My embarrassment and angst at showing pictures of my unkempt garden with no blooms is outweighed by my desire to share the cuteness of the tiny fawn. Finding him nestled down in the grass I snapped pictures; as he got up and moved on down the rows, watching me, I continued taking pictures. When I cropped the pictures I saw just how cute he really was, thinking he was hiding from me as he peeked from behind a 2 inch diameter sapling oak.

The heavy rains we have just experienced should give us lots of rebloom for July and into August. We have scheduled a July meeting to make up for May, cancelled due to conflicting dates with Regional. Then back to a full Fall schedule in September.

Houston Hemerocallis Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

Hershal Theilen, Reporter

We experienced timely rains which were beneficial for vibrant daylily blossoms in our gardens and for the HAD/HHS flower show. The rains also brought more severe rust issues.

Our HHS plant sale was held at the site where we grow the HHS daylilies that we sell. We only sell potted daylilies and it nice not to move the 400 or so pots to another site.

The officers for 2015/2016 are as follows :

President: Hershal Theilen

1st V. Pres.: David Roberts

2nd V. Pres.: Bill Jarvis

Secretary: Milton Pierson

Treasurer: Lucia Hansen

Website: Bill Jarvis

Plant Show: Open



Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

By Peggy Cathey, Club Reporter

The Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society had a great Daylily Show this year. We had an increase in both daylilies entered and member participation. We were pleased to have 4 guest exhibitors from the Daylily Growers of Dallas bring flowers for the show. Tim Closs from DGOD was the big winner with his Miniature entry, *H. 'Gold Thimble'*. Tim also received the Sweepstakes ribbon.

In preparation for our Daylily Show, long time AHS Exhibition Judges, Patricia & Judith Kyser gave us a program on how to select and prepare our daylilies for the show table. As this was just our 3rd accredited daylily show, it was information we all needed.

Four club members made the trip to Pearland in May for the Region 6 Daylily Show and Meeting. Peggy and Dan Cathey were among the 6 judges who judged the show, and Anita and Bill Goodale attended their first Region 6 Meeting and had a great time going on the garden tours and meeting so many of our Region 6 friends. Thank you to the Lone Star Daylily Society for putting on such a great Spring Region 6 Meeting. We look forward to the fall symposium to be held in Dallas in October of 2016.

For our Daylily Giveaway and Auction this year, we are trying something totally different from years past. We aren't going for the latest and greatest for our giveaway,

but have ordered daylilies that are on the Region 6 Popularity Poll top 100 list. We have also ordered many of the AHS award winners from the past 3 years as well as daylilies that are on the 2015 ballot for the Stout Silver Medal. We have so many new members we wanted to provide daylilies that are proven winners and hardy growers for our sometimes challenging Region 6 growing conditions. A Popularity Poll Party is also planned for this meeting so all our AHS members may complete their Popularity Poll ballot and our club's name can go into the drawing for the Region 6 prize for 95% or better participation in the Popularity Poll.

New officers for the 2015-2016 club year are:

Peggy Cathey – President
Janet Goodman – 1st VP (Programs)
Anita Goodale – 2nd VP (Membership)
Bill Calhoon – 3rd VP (Show Chair)
Vicki Howard – Secretary
Dan Cathey - Treasurer



Lone Star Daylily Society
2015 Summer Newsletter
Debbie Pike, Club Reporter

In February, Paul Eskine, Lone Star Daylily Society President, introduced and welcomed four new members that were recruited during the fundraiser held at the NRG Convention Center earlier in February. We had another hugely successful fundraiser at the Texas Home and Garden Show. Thanks to the many volunteers in our organization for helping out before, during and after the fundraiser. During the business portion of our meeting we had a lengthy discussion on daylily pests. This discussion was led by Leon Payne, Everett Crainer, Loris Garrett and Paul Eskine. These gentlemen are well versed in the treatment of rust and other pests as well as fertilizing methods that produce extremely healthy daylilies. The program for today's meeting was Bob Patterson, Owner of Southwest Fertilizer. His program was a great education on fertilizer. The meeting was concluded with a raffle for wonderful daylilies and a meal. We had 44 people in attendance. A very special thank you for our February hosts: Leon and Paula Payne, Melvin and Beverly Winkelman, Mildred and Paul Eskine, Betty Webb and Family.

The month of March included discussions on the 2015

Budget that was completed in February. Paul Eskine, President, handed out copies and reviewed the budget line-by-line. The budget was approved as presented. The Flower Show Chair's roles were discussed in this meeting. Most teams have identified members and will complete training before the March meeting. This month's program was a presentation by Beverly Winkelman, Region Meeting Planning Chair. Beverly has done a great job of planning this event. She discussed all of the plans that have been completed to this point. Since some of us have not been involved in hosting a Region 6 Meeting, Beverly took lots of time to help all members understand their role. We really appreciate her attention to detail in planning everything. The meeting was concluded with a raffle for beautiful daylilies and a meal. We had 32 people in attendance. A very special thank you for our November hosts: Ken and Katy Breeden, Betty and Doug Shirley, Larry Bartz, Nate Williams.

After the business portion of the April meeting, Calista Stewart reviewed a presentation developed by Debbie Pike and herself of plans for the 2015 Flower Show. Calista discussed all aspects of the show including Divisions of the Flower Show, Awards that will be presented, the layout of the show, timing of all events, as well as the role expectations of all members. Calista reviewed a list of things that need to be completed before the show and emailed the list to team leaders that have items to get completed. She has discussed all items with all team leaders. Calista has done an outstanding job organizing the Flower Show. By the way, she had NEVER attended a Flower Show before taking on this task. Many, many people told her that this was our best Flower Show ever. This meeting was concluded with a raffle for wonderful daylilies and a meal. We had 45 people in attendance. A very special thank you for our April hosts: Loris Garrett, Sandy Roberts, Helen Boram, Sharon Shafer, David Hathaway

In May, Lone Star Daylily Society hosted the Region 6 Meeting. The event started on Thursday, May 14th with a beautiful flower show that included both, the Photography and Design Division as part of the Flower Show. Lone Star Daylily Society is very grateful for the judges that made this show possible. Please see their names listed in the "Flower Show Recap" below. Friday and Saturday were filled with garden visits. Region 6 garden visitors are the best! Friday night was concluded with the Region 6 Business Meeting and Saturday night attendees were treated to a wonderful presentation by Greg Goff of Le Petit Jardin.

A recap of the Region 6 Meeting Flower show is located in the Region 6 Meeting Article on Page 34

We did not have a meeting in June. Our next meeting will be July 19, 2015.

Lufkin Hemerocallis Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

By Theresa McLemore, Reporter

Our gardens have truly been a work in progress this late spring and summer. For all the heat and the torrential rains coming down this spring, I don't really understand how we got our gardens to do anything. We have had to redo several of our beds and bridges in our yards, but you know the daylilies and flowers just loved the water and couldn't have looked prettier for us. I had daylilies that came up and bloomed and I'd never seen them before!! We had several trips that were canceled due to the rain storms in East Texas. Our first trip was to the Marlo Shubert's Garden in Huntington. We planned a picnic party in the beautiful group of shade trees in their yard. Judith Kurth had a presentation planned on "Hybridizing with Seeds". We will have to get her to do that one next year. Then we planned to go to Center to visit The Lily Farm with Mark Carpenter. We have had to cancel twice with Mark, - maybe next year, Mark!! We finally got to take a trip to visit "Flower Branch Garden" in June. Leon and Pat Levens, Alvin Long, Trudy Hollyfield and a guest, Wanda Smith, enjoyed visiting with Tracey Stewart in Colmesneil, TX. She and her husband have a gorgeous two acre garden of daylilies near their home with more daylilies and other plants. Of course, we had to buy some daylilies and Tracey was very generous with her clumps for sale.

Following the trip to the daylily farm, we had lunch at The Pickett House Restaurant and Heritage Village Museum in Woodville, TX. It is owned and operated by the Tyler County Heritage Society. It is a unique collection of pioneer buildings and artifacts depicting life in early Tyler County. They also have a gift shop and genealogy meeting room. We had a great day, but were very tired and ready to get back home and plant those daylilies. Coming up in September for our club will be Joe Pase who specializes in "bugs" in the garden. He will be presenting "Butterflies and Moths as Pollinators". In November, Elaine Cameron, Master Gardener in Lufkin, will speak to our club about "Butterfly Gardens" with an emphasis on Monarchs! In December we will have our installation of the officers for the New Year and a Christmas "Pot Luck Dinner" to round out fun times.

Donna and Chic Chicoine, Reba Garrison, Trudi Hollyfield, and Jeanetta Stewart attended the Region 6 Meeting, May 14-16, that was hosted by The Lone Star Daylily Society of Pearland, TX. The theme "For The Love of Daylilies" proved to be very evident throughout as these "hard working" club members showed us a fabulous

time! The seven gardens attended were absolutely "outstanding" and all other activities very professionally carried out and enjoyed by all the club members that participated. A BIG Lufkin Thank You to these clubs for their fantastic "hosting abilities" and all their valuable time and effort put into this very successful Meeting!!



Nacogdoches Daylily Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

By Jean Consford, Club Reporter

Daylily blooms were prolific in our part of East Texas, likely due to the overly abundant rainfall. My clump of Jack Carpenter's *H.* 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be' was at its best ever, which is saying a lot, and of course, Elizabeth Salter's little *H.* 'Patchwork Puzzle' continues to demand a space in my now small daylily collection as does Nita Copenhaver's *H.* 'Beautiful Edgings'.

Club members were at my home in April and dutifully made a quick tour of my little garden armed with scarfs and umbrellas just before the downpour of rain arrived. We enjoyed a good meal, assisted by club president Regina Moehring as Mother Nature asserted herself in very loud fashion accompanied by dramatic lightning effects and threatened to leave us in the dark a few times. Showing off my flair for design, I brought two large flashlights to the table and we never missed a laugh!

Regina, Delores Jones and Jean Barnhart attended the Region 6 Meeting and reported having a great time. We met at the home of Regina Moehring in July for a good time and an excellent meal assisted by Brenda Grimmett. Regina entertained us with pictures from the tour gardens of the Regional. Due to her bad health, Jean Barnhart has been missing our get-togethers lately. Having another Texas July and August, we wish some of those earlier floods could have been more dispersed; meanwhile, we are looking for shade and air conditioning.....and Fall.

North Texas Daylily Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

By Susan Austin, Secretary and Club Reporter

NTDS had a busy spring and first part of summer! The club had speakers for meetings, providing valuable information including Hooker Nichols with his program on Louisiana and Bearded Iris; Trip Smith from the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens conservation greenhouse on vegetable gardening; and our president John Turrentine

speaking about poly daylilies. The club members decided to have a drawing for AHS membership at each meeting to help increase that membership. If the name drawn already has membership, they may transfer the prize to another.

Daylilies were purchased for the spring sale at the Botanic Gardens, April 10-11. Members prepped and tagged the plants and then were present at the sale for selling, sorting and helping. Everyone was able to leave early on Saturday as everything was sold!

Several members took a day trip to Stegall's Nursery in Mansfield with lunch at Spring Creek. Jim Stegall graciously donated three \$10 gift cards for door prizes.

Our May meeting was focused on preparing for the upcoming show. The show was held on June 6th with the theme "Down the Daylily Trail". Members brought about 175 daylily specimens to be judged along with pictures for the photography section. The winners were:

Extra Large - *H. 'Inimitable'* (Tom Bevel)
Large - *H. 'Overwhelming Beauty'* (John Turrentine) Best-in-Show
Small - *H. 'Sunny Ruffles'* (Nickie Knight)
Miniature - *H. 'Little Grapette'* (John Turrentine)
Double - *H. 'Tickle My Fan'* (Ken and Linda Long)
Spider - *H. 'Crimson Pirate'* (John Turrentine)
Unusual Form - *H. 'Grey Witch'* (John Turrentine)
Seedling - (Ken and Linda Long)
Popularity Poll - (Ken and Linda Long)
Sweepstakes - (Ken and Linda Long)
Photography - Kristi Kolpanen

The club members relaxed and rewarded themselves for all their work at their annual picnic at Ken and Linda Long's show garden, enjoying BBQ with sides and deserts provided by members and fellowship under the shady trees on a pleasant Texas afternoon.

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San Antonio Daylily Society

2015 Summer Newsletter

Germaine Tuff, Reporter

The months of March and April flew by as we were all working with our daylilies to have more blooms for the show in May.

We had an opportunity to have a booth at Herb Fiesta at the Conservation Plaza in New Braunfels on May 9, Mother's Day weekend. We did quite well selling potted daylilies at the Fiesta and acquainted more public on the qualities and pleasures of growing daylilies.

Our May meeting came just before our show and sale at the Festival of Flowers in San Antonio. We took advantage of the timing to go over last minute plans and assignments. We were all geared up for the big day.

The non-accredited show was very successful. By not having an accredited show, we were able to open the doors to the public several hours earlier. The greeters handed out ballots so the public could pick their favorite daylily from each class and category. We had a good display of daylily photos for them to judge, also. Don Tuff and Roger Pulley had displays to show how to plant a daylily and how to hybridize. When the show is set up, we are always amazed at how many daylilies our members actually had blooming that morning. The daylily sale was equally successful. Many return customers showed us photos of the daylilies they had purchased at our previous sales. They were so proud to show them off to us.

SADS annual picnic was held on a rainy day in June. We usually have an indoor picnic in the regular meeting room, but with the tables arranged for visiting and colorful table cloths it was a very cheerful afternoon. After the meal, award ribbons were handed out to the winners of the public voting on our show daylilies, photos and designs at Festival of Flowers.

Now that our rains have subsided for the most part, we can hardly keep up with the garden maintenance. The rains were welcome but some unfortunate people were in a flood area where too much rain was not welcome. One of our long-standing members lost 300 or so daylilies in her collection to flood waters. SADS members certainly hope members in other parts of Region 6 were safe from the high waters.

2015 Region 6 Meeting

Tour Gardens

Don & Eddie Raye Andrews Daylily Garden

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As we stepped off of the bus at Eddie Raye & Donald's garden a sea of color greeted us along with garden worker, Paula Payne. We were treated to homemade garden art whimsicals (which some were for sale) around their garden along with the daylilies and perennials. A daylily that caught my eye was that beautiful patterned eye *H. 'Madelyn D'Ann Payne'* (Payne '14) named for the Payne's granddaughter, another favorite *H. 'Walter Kennedy'* (Stamile '08) and *H. 'One Eye Willie'* (T Harrington '06). Visiting their garden were Mary & Eddie Gage as was her *H. 'Orchid Harmony'* (M Gage '91) that was in full bloom. Plants that caught our eyes were Gloriosa Lilies with the red *H. 'Great Balls Of Fire'* (DeVito '10) blooming beside, a native Hollyhock (that we all wanted), Shasta Daisies, Larkspur, and Verbena. A collection of Everett Crainer's daylilies blooming were: *H. 'Gulf Coast Miss Bea'* (Crainer '15), *H. 'Gulf Coast Treasure'* (Crainer '08), *H. 'Gulf Coast Big Peach'* (Crainer '12), and last but not least *H. 'Gulf Coast Free Style'* (Crainer '14). There was an Angel Bed with a concrete angel that Eddie Raye was given by her office when her sister Joan passed away. Inside this bed we saw *H. 'Mama Sophia'* (Payne '11) *H. 'Lone Star Purple Circle'* (Payne '13) and *H. 'Lone Star Red Stallion'* (Payne '11), *H. 'Gulf Coast Power Wagan'* (Crainer '13), *H. 'Gulf Coast Monkey Face'* (Crainer '13), and Bill Jarvis' *H. 'Tommy Dale'*. We made our way to the back garden to find a restful place to have homemade cookies and cool drinks, swing and seating areas and more daylily beds with a bed full of hydrangeas in full bloom. Thank you for all of the work you put into your beautiful garden.

Submitted by Nell Shimek



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A Visit to Crainer's Daylily Farm

By Nancy Freshour

In an area on the outskirts of Brazoria, Texas (known as Churchill to locals), lies Crainer's Daylily Farm. The rural location belies the sophisticated hybridizing going on there. Everett & Chris Crainer have lovely daylily beds around their home, featuring hundreds of beauties from many well-known hybridizers, which they have collected over the years.

Chris especially enjoys incorporating companion plantings and garden art to provide additional visual impact. A garden bed of brightly colored Talavera "animal" planters filled with succulents, compliments the colors in the daylily beds.

Just beyond the shade of the huge Live Oak trees, lie the hybridizing "beds". Seedlings are planted in raised beds (typical for this part of the country). However, when the seedlings are culled, the ones selected for further evaluation are potted and placed into specially designed "ponds".

Everett Crainer did not "invent" this idea, but has successfully adapted it to his program. The ponds are comprised of secured landscape timbers in approximately 8' x 8' x 4" squares, lined with black plastic, and filled with a few inches of water. The lower portion of the pots provides access to the water in the ponds, thus reducing the need to water as frequently. This adds a level of consistency in our unpredictable Gulf Coast climate.

The best part of the ponds, are their potted contents: the Crainer's hybrid cultivars, of course! They range from minis – both singles and doubles (e.g., *H.* 'Gulf Coast Sun Burst' (2011)) – to huge XL blooms, many with eyes, edges & unusual forms. My new favorite is large *H.* 'Gulf Coast Cowboy Drifter' (2014), although there are many close contenders. Both *H.* 'Gulf Coast Karen' (2014 UF Crispate) and *H.* 'Gulf Coast Green Squaw' (2014) have unbelievable substance!

Everyone who comes to the garden has plenty from which to choose in selecting their own favorite. Everett has used the "Gulf Coast" prefix in naming all his hybrids. That was upon the advice of the late Inez Tarrant, one of Brazosport Daylily Society's members and daylily mentor.

However, by far, the most enjoyable part of visiting Crainer's Daylily Farm is spending time with Everett and Chris. They are so gracious and hospitable & love to talk about daylilies! They generously and freely share their wealth of knowledge, ideas and information with others to help promote daylily culture. They are true daylily "fans" (pun intended!) and are well deserving of this year's Region 6 Service Award.



Leo & Judie Divin Garden

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On behalf of my wife, myself, our family and all our friends who helped us with our garden, I would like to thank all the people who visited our tour garden. In spite of all the water, mud and the new home construction site, I did not hear one complaint from our guests, only heard compliments.

Most Daylily Folks are very nice people; the regret we have is we did not get to visit with everyone. Even though there were not as many blooms as in years past, we are thankful there were some.

Thank you Paul Eskine, Jerry Krampota , Larry and Debbie Pike and others in our Club for your encouragement. We had a lot of fun and have a lot of pictures to look back on through the years to come. Someone was looking down and smiling to bless us with a rain free day. The same one who sometimes gives us beautiful blooms when we hybridize.

God Bless, The Divin Family



Eskine Garden

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Now that all of us have had some time to rest and reflect since the Regional, my mother and I are grateful for all the kind daylily members that visited our garden. Our Region is blessed with some of the best members in the AHS. As the first bus arrived, everything was set, and both of us just hoped that the rain would hold off for the morning. It was a beautiful morning, a little humid though, but that is Southeast Texas weather for you. We had laid down some hay in the muddy grass areas and everyone said that was a great idea.

I wanted to thank all the LSDS members that helped us in our garden. Helen Boram, for helping us deadhead the garden Thursday evening. And to our members that helped get ready Friday morning and serve breakfast, Barbara Bruyere, Carol Brannon, Betty Webb, and Helen Boram. Finally, Larry Bartz and Nate Williams. Larry was our photographer for the morning and Nate helped move all the auction plants to the hotel.

The daylilies were in peak bloom. The members enjoyed the wide range of daylilies, including some of the latest in our guest bed. We certainly are grateful to the hybridizers that sent new registrations for this bed, including Leon Payne, Tim Bell, Guy Pierce, Dan Trimmer, Greg Goff, and Tim Herrington. While some enjoyed the daylilies that were showing off, including *H.* 'Walking Stick', *H.* 'Texan To The Bones', *H.* 'Cajun Pirogue', *H.* 'April Smith', *H.* 'Butterfly Mountain', and a toothy one from Dan Trimmer called *H.* 'Happy Teeth', others were interested in the unusual plants, from the Ponderosa Lemon, to the Devil's Trumpet, the Jatrophas, and the Persian Shield.

We will always look back to the 2015 Regional with warm thoughts. My father, Ernie Eskine would have been extremely proud. He was there, in spirit, overseeing all.

Mildred and Paul Eskine



Debbie and Larry Pike's Daylily Garden

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We cannot believe it has come and gone. After planning and preparing for many, many months the 2015 Region 6 Garden Tours are over. Larry and I cannot tell you all what a pleasure it was to have you all visit our garden. I have always said that “daylily people” are the nicest people. Larry and I would like to thank all of you that took the time to send the kind and heartfelt “thank you” notes. Your words brought us great pleasure and taught us the importance of sending “thank you” notes to the owners of the gardens we visit.

We would like to thank Mike Mayfield for volunteering our garden for the tour during a monthly meeting that we were not able to attend. This gesture was a vote of confidence that Mike and other society members had, and have in ability to meet the challenge of preparing a garden for tours. We have learned so much from our dear friends Chris and Everett Crainer, Loris Garrett and Leon and Paula Payne. Certainly without their guidance we could not have pulled this off. Larry and I also wish to acknowledge Calista Stewart. I pray that everyone could have a friend like Calista. She was here daily to help deadhead and do whatever else needed to be done. Her friendship is invaluable to us. By the way, while helping us, she was putting together the best Flower Show ever and in the process of moving to another town.

Larry and I would like to thank all that traveled to the Region 6 Meeting and hope that you enjoyed the entire event as much as we did. Many thanks to everyone that helped in identifying “unnamed or miss-named” daylilies, the corrections have been completed. As our garden continues to grow and develop we welcome return visitors. We believe that garden visitors are the best!



Sandy's Beds and Beyond Daylily Garden

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It was a long journey getting ready for the Regional tours with all the normal obstacles that one has in a garden, rust, weeds, insects, adding a few new spots of color (**can't tell you how many times Sandy said "Loris we need to go to Lowes"**), a piece of yard art here and there, wind and hail damage and it always seemed like an uphill battle. After weeks of work and preparation Sandy and I finally reached a point where we could say I think the garden is presentable. The highest plateau though was seeing that tour bus coming down the street and all those folks sitting on the bus waiting to get off. We weren't sure if they were anxious to see the garden or just to stretch their legs after the long ride from Pearland. We were both anxious and nervous hoping that we hadn't forgotten to do anything and of course that they would love our garden.

Before long everyone was walking around the garden and I was running from the front to the back and then around the sides just in case anyone had any questions. Somewhere among all the people Sandy was doing pretty much the same thing. I felt a little more at ease seeing that mostly everyone was enjoying their walk around the yard seeing all the pretty faces of the flower we love best, getting asked so many questions, hearing some really nice compliments, seeing those smiling faces laughing, talking and taking photos, and then after what seemed like such a brief visit we saw all those friends, old and new, loading back on the buses and driving away. And then it was quiet...It was all over but the wonderful memories and stories to tell.

We enjoyed so much sharing our garden and thank everyone for all their compliments paid, cards of thanks and sharing some of the photos they took.

Submitted by Loris Garrett



Bobbie and Bill Ware's Garden

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When the first bus arrived at the Ware House, instead of walking towards the food or daylilies, a group of the Regional attendees headed straight to the nursery/potting area. They were curious about the seedlings and companion plants. They saw baby Queen Palms, Windmill Palms, Sego Palms, Purple Duranta plants, Amaryllis plants, Rain Lilies, Crinum, Jatropha Plants, and two types of Aloe Vera plants, as well as assorted succulents. One of the Spiny Aloe Veras was blooming, and there were several colors of Rain Lilies in bloom.

Guests were led to the front yard, where the daylilies were planted in raised beds bordered by rockwall border timbers that are actually plastic. A focal point of conversation was the shape of the fig tree. It has been trimmed to make it easy to mow under, and it is a great shady spot to stand under while viewing the daylilies. While peeking through the Potato Vines and Maid of Orleans Jasmine, several guests were excited at the sight of an unusual Stargazer Lily in the backyard. They were directed to go through the blue wooden gate, and to sit at the Butterfly Bistro table to have their photo taken with the waterfall and pool behind them, as well as a big assortment of blooming daylilies in front of them. The favorite guest plant, *H. 'Ron's Curls'*, by D. Hansen, was located in front of the table, so each person received a photo with the daylily in front of them, and the pool and waterfall with Shell Ginger blooming over it as the background.

Around the pool, there were tropical plants as well as daylilies. There were different varieties and colors of Hibiscus, including Singles, Doubles, and Dinner Plate Hibiscus. The Plumbago bushes were just starting to bloom, and there were Salmon Shrimp plants as well as Lemon Yellow and Fruit Cocktail Shrimp Plants along with a large Hummingbird Plant, Cigar Bush, Firecracker Bushes, Butterfly Bush, Butterfly Weed, and Purple Duranta Bush to attract hummingbirds and butterflies. The large White Bird of Paradise and the standard Orange Bird of Paradise were not in bloom yet. There were Purple, White, Gold, & Bandana Lantanas blooming, and the Sisters and Crotons, both Standard and Ribbon varieties making a splash of color in both the front & back yards.

Did I forget to mention Daylilies??!!!!

There are over 200 varieties of daylilies here, there, and everywhere!! *H. 'California Sunshine'*, *H. 'Gulf Coast Terry'*, *H. 'Rosie Meyer'*, *H. 'Ming Porcelain'*, *H. 'All About Eve'*, *H. 'Little Orange Tex'*, *H. 'Mildred's Endless Support'*, *H. 'Aly Marie'*, *H. 'Palo Duro Canyon'*, *H. 'Samuel Bell'*, *H. 'Dutch Yellow Truffle'*, *H. 'Princess Diana'*, *H. 'Doodlebug'*, etc. were some of the daylilies that were blooming. There was a scavenger hunt to find certain named varieties, and Ladybug rocks were marking the spots of those daylilies. Several people asked where we got the Garden Angels; some were from Hobby Lobby, and some were from Tuesday Morning. Bobbie made the red and blue lighthouses, and Bill installed almost 200 concrete border blocks around the pool landscaping. The "Daylilies on Propane" mural was painted by daughter Deanna

Ware. Assistance with planting, weeding, deadheading, serving breakfast in the garden and photography were done by Beki and Francis Spearman, Cheryl Brandenburger, son Michael Ware, and Deanna Ware, and was greatly appreciated!!!



2015 Region 6 Meeting

Flower Show

What perfect weather, perfect location at the Hilton Garden Inn in Pearland, TX, fabulous entries (over 200), with terrific attendance (over 400 people) all combined for the best flower show ever for Lone Star Daylily Society. A huge thank you has to go out to all the host members that made all this possible. It was such a pleasure to be involved in such a large event that went so smoothly – everyone pitching in to make sure things went off without a hitch. What great teamwork and professional attitudes by all.

The day began early for all those involved in set-up and check-in with very little hitches due to the extensive planning and execution by all involved. The spacious showroom and all new vases, allowed for optimal placement and judging, as well as viewing by the public afterwards. All the judges made special efforts to comment on the wonderful quality of entries, both flowers and preparation, saying that it made their jobs particularly difficult to select the final winners.

Even so, the head table certainly held some wonderful entries with the following people winning the categories noted:
Extra Large: Leon & Paula Payne H. 'God Save the Queen'
Large: Leon & Paula Payne H. 'Betty Warren Woods'
Small: Leon & Paula Payne H. 'Just for Joanne'
Miniature: Pat Weller H. 'Cast a Spell'
Double, Multiform, Polymerous: Art & Nina Imperial H. 'Marlene Dietrich'
Spider: Pat Weller H. 'Free Wheelin' '
Unusual Form: Art & Nina Imperial H. 'Asterisk'
People's Choice: Leon & Paula Payne H. 'Rose F. Kennedy'
Popularity Poll: Clifford Lee H. 'Beautiful Edgings'
Seedling: Leon & Paula Payne
Best-In-Show: Pat Weller H. 'Cast a Spell'
Sweepstakes Winner: Leon & Paula Payne
Tricolor Award: Nell Shimek "Fun With Daylilies"
Design: Nell Shimek "Fun With Daylilies"
Photography: Larry Bartz

A very special thank you to Debbie and Larry Pike for all their efforts in cultivating, caring and transporting all the companion plants for the plant sale as well as caring, prepping and transporting all the daylilies that were available for the plant sale. Another thank you goes out to all the host members who assisted in prepping all the daylilies for that sale as well.

One last HUGE thank you goes to all our judges, without whom this entire event would not be possible – Donna Peck, Maureen Valenza, Robert Valenza, Peggy Cathey, Dan Cathey and Carol Horton for horticulture, and Bonnie Baker, Corrie Tan-Have and Regena Williamson for design.

Thank you one more time for the privilege of leading such a dedicated and wonderful group of people, which resulted in such a successful flower show. Without each and every one of you, this would not have been possible.

Respectfully and humbly, Calista Stewart, Flower Show Chair



Plant Sale Report

First of all, Lone Star would like to thank everyone that purchased plants at the Region 6 Plant Sale. We raised a significant amount of money at the Plant Sale. The plant sale was a huge success. We had to bring in additional companion plants because of the brisk sales. There were many varieties of daylilies and companion plants. A very special thank you for all of the Lone Star members that worked so hard to prepare, set up, help with sales and tear down on Saturday night.



Boutique & Raffle Report

The boutique at the Meeting was a huge success. We had the room full with huge baskets donated by the Region 6 clubs. Raffle and silent auction plants and items of special interests were donated by hybridizers and club members. Also there were two booths of our local club's members that had

brought their garden craft items to sell. The boutique and plant sale room were opened Thursday as soon as the flower show was open to the public and each day after the buses returned from their garden tours. A big "Thank You" goes to the clubs that assembled the Region baskets and our club members that sold the tickets and manned the booth.

2015 Region 6 Auction



As the Region 6 Auction was such a success, I was asked to write up what the Lone Star Daylily Society did to help other local societies and clubs in the future.

Basically, it started well over a year ago, during our planning stages for the Regional. During a Regional Meeting, the host club has an awesome responsibility and they can pretty well have the type of Regional Meeting that they want, except for a few items. One of those items is the Regional Auction. Back in 2003, it was the practice for the local host club to ask for donations to the Regional auction, from local members, clubs in Region 6, and even outside the Region to hybridizers, etc. As time moved on, some clubs did not have the membership to help with the Regional Auction and those duties were turned over to the Region. Tim Closs and Malcolm Avaritt have been performing at such a high level for the past several years, that many had forgotten what a 'chore' it was to get the plants, take care of them, and then transport them to the local Regional.

At Lone Star, we knew what they had been doing all along, and with a 'hand raise', decided to help both of them out and see what we could do to have the best auction fundraiser the Region has seen for some time. But, we needed someone to start asking for daylilies and to keep the daylilies. Well, guess who said, "I can do that"?

The main areas were: (1) the plants needed to be received as early as possible in order that they have a chance to multiply, (2) the plants would be potted and the name marked with a paint pen at the time of potting, (3) the plants would be kept watered with an irrigation system (at least every other day,

depending on the weather), (4) the plants would be kept fertilized, and (5) the plants would be sprayed for rust and pests. The daylilies were lined out in pots next to my other in-ground clump plants. They were kept in the full sun. Next, it was time to ask well known hybridizers to donate to our auction. First of all, I would like to say that a large group of these hybridizers have given a program to our local society at some time in the past decade, but mainly, our members purchase from these hybridizers. I was always up front that I was speaking for the local society and asking for the donations to the Region 6 Auction. Next, in order to "grease the pan" as they say, I decided to order a couple of plants from each hybridizer. Of course, hybridizers give bonuses. They were told that bonuses would be given to the Region. Then, I asked for them to donate to our Regional. With this process, I was not turned down one time from the hybridizers. Some were thrilled that we asked them to donate. They understood that up to 125 or more people would be looking at some of their introductions. Only one person would go home with their daylily, but many more might call to order that daylily in the future. Next thing I knew, we were overflowing with daylilies, and most were some of the latest introductions.

Next step was getting the list of names to Tim and Malcolm. Remember, I was only trying to get the donated plants and keep them. Tim and Malcolm took the names, found pictures, and made the spreadsheets with all the daylily information and the slide presentation. Tim and Malcolm then lot numbered the plants on the spreadsheet.

From the lot numbers, Debbie and Larry Pike made laminated lot number cards and stapled craft sticks to them to put in the potted daylilies. As they were laminated, we were able to put them in the pots a couple of weeks before the Regional. At the Regional, this came in quite handy, in getting the plants in the correct order. The bright and large lot numbers made a huge difference.

I certainly want to thank my mother Mildred Eskine, Beverly and Melvin Winkelman, and Paula Payne for their help in this project. If not for them, the overflow of daylilies would have been too much to handle. I want to also send a big thank you to Nate Williams. Nate helped me load over 150 potted daylilies to get them to the hotel. It sure was nice to see the daylilies blooming in the room the next morning. Finally, with the help of Beverly Winkelman, (like she was not doing anything), moving the daylilies from the staging room into the auction room. I know that Paula Payne was there and Sandy Roberts and some others that I am sure I have failed to mention, but once again, a big thank you to those that made it work.

In the end, it worked. We had over 150 daylilies to auction and with the GREAT work of Tim and Malcolm, the auction was a tremendous success. Region 6 attendees raised \$13,434. This was the highest figure in over a decade.

A note to the Region and the future local clubs. The Square

Card Reader has made a significant increase in our fundraising and over \$7,000 of the Region Auction money was by credit card. This makes a huge difference. You will be surprised how easy it is, how cost efficient it is, and the increase in the amount of money, even to a local club plant sale. Take credit cards and publicize it.

To all that helped with the Regional Auction, here is to a JOB WELL DONE!!!!

Finally, a Big Thank you to those HYBRIDIZERS!!!!

- Art Gallery Gardens - Luddy & Rachel Lambertson - www.artgallerygardens.com
- Bayou Bend Daylilies - Josh & Nikki Jaques - www.bayoubenddaylilies.com
- Bell's Daylily Garden - Tim and Linda Bell - www.bellsdaylilygarden.com
- Crainer's Daylily Farm - Everett & Chris Crainer - www.crainersdaylilyfarm.com
- Daylily World - David Kirchhoff & Mort Morss - www.daylilyworld.net
- Don Eller Daylilies - Don and Nancy Eller - www.donellerdaylilies.com
- Dragon's Mead Daylilies - Randy & Cindy Fleming - www.dragonsmead.com
- Floyd Cove Nursery - Guy and Karen Pierce - www.distinctly.on.ca/floydcove
- Graceland Gardens - Larry & Cindy Grace - www.gracelandgardens.com
- Joiner Daylily Gardens - Jan & Royce Joiner - www.joinerdaylilygardens.com
- Ladybug Daylilies - Dan Hansen - www.ladybugdaylilies.com
- Le Petit Jardin - Greg & Marcela Goff - www.petitdaylilies.com
- Maneki Neko Gardens - Scott Elliott - www.scotelliottdaylilies.com
- Marietta Gardens - John , Faye, & Elizabeth Shooter - www.mariettagardens.com
- Maryott's Daylily Gardens - Bill Maryott - www.daylilygarden.net
- Nicole's Daylilies - Nicole DeVito - www.nicolesdaylilies.com
- Payne's In The Grass Daylily Farm - Leon & Paula Payne www.paynesinthegrassdaylilyfarm.com
- Reilly Daylily Garden - Pina & Marisa Reilly - www.philreillydaylilies.com
- Spacecoast Daylilies by the Kinnebrews - Jamie Gossard - www.spacecoastdaylilies.com
- The Lily Farm - Mark Carpenter - www.lilyfarm.com
- Water Mill Gardens - Dan & Jane Trimmer - www.trimmerdaylily.com



Banquet Speaker – Greg Goff

The 2015 Region 6 Meeting was honored with the presence of Greg Goff, from Le Petit Jardin, as our Banquet Speaker.

Greg started the program with an introduction of his background in the horticulture world and long term friendship that he had with Ted and Susan Petit. When Ted decided to step back from the ownership of a daylily garden and concentrate on hybridizing, Greg was there. Greg and his wife Michela, now own Le Petit Jardin and work full time to bring Ted Petit's lines of creation to the forefront of the daylily world.

Greg did something that made the program very significant and interesting. The audience was amazed at his wide variety of jobs throughout the world in the arena of horticulture, including his knowledge of many different flowers and plants. Then, as the audience sat back and waited for a normal program of the latest registrations and cultivars from Le Petit Jardin, Greg did something different.

Instead of the 2015 introductions that many hybridizers show, Greg showed the future of where Le Petit Jardin will be taking daylilies in the future. The audience was astonished in the pictures of the future seedlings. There were no names, no prices, just a look into the future.

Greg explained what they are looking for, how they determine which daylilies to cull and which daylily lines to cross with other lines. I believe that many will be startled and surprised in the upcoming years on the introductions from Le Petit Jardin.

Thank you Greg for the look into the future!!!!



Daylily Puzzles

By Peggy Cathey

Ever put a jigsaw puzzle together on your computer. It is a challenging and fun way to waste some time. I have converted a few of my daylily photos into puzzles and want to share them with you. The first is an easy one, *H. 'Cosmic Kaleidoscope'*, J. Carpenter-2006 photographed in our garden in Covington, TX.; the second, *H. 'All About Eve'*, Kirchhoff-2000 photographed in the Ware garden during the 2015 Region 6 garden tours, is a little more challenging, and the third, *H. 'Gulf Coast Treasure'*, Crainer-2007 was photographed in Crainer's garden during the Region 6 tours, is the most difficult. Start out easy and as your skills improve, try the next one. You may type the links below into your computer, or the easy way would be to go to our AHS Region 6 website, <http://www.ahsRegion6.org/>. From there, click on Communications, then Newsletters Online. Find the current issue of *Daylilies of the Southwest* and go from there. You should be able to click on the puzzle links to open them.

Easy: <http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=24ecc702e17f>



Moderate:

<http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=26f4afc5d14f>



Hard:

<http://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=3762efe80462>



Photos from our Club Reporters

Brazosport Daylily Society—Photos by Nancy Freshour



East Texas Daylily Society contributed by Bill Pace



Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society—Photo by Peggy Cathey

North Texas Daylily Society—Photos by Susan Austin



Austin Daylily Society



Cypress Creek Daylily Club Photos submitted by Jeannie Mallick





**Awards and Honors Report
Summer 2015 Newsletter
By Larry & Debbie Pike**

What a great Region 6 Meeting we had. The weather held off and allowed us to have near perfect conditions for the garden tours. The Region Meeting Awards Beds were hosted at the Pike's Garden. The tour attendees visited the gardens and cast their ballots for what they considered to be the most outstanding daylily seedling. At the Saturday Night Banquet the winners were announced for the 2015 Edna Lankart and Annie T. Giles Hybridizer Awards. The new style acrylic awards were introduced and were well received.

The Edna Lankart Award, which is given for the most popular daylily seedling submitted by a hybridizer outside the host club, was presented to Sandy Perkins from Athens, Texas. This is a repeat win for Sandy as she was also presented the 2014 Edna Lankart Award at the banquet, for her winning daylily seedling from last year in Dallas.

The 2015 Annie T. Giles Award, which is given for the most popular daylily seedling submitted by a hybridizer within the host club, was presented to Everett Crainer from Brazoria, Texas, for his beautiful yellow double seedling.

Congratulations to both Sandy and Everett for their winning seedlings. We had 8 entries for the Edna Lankart Award bed and 20 entries for the Annie T. Giles Award bed. Thanks to all of the hybridizers that submitted daylily seedlings for the Awards Beds.

The Bill Ater Award was presented to Nell Shimek from the Lone Star Daylily Society for her winning entry in the Tricolor Design at the Region 6 Flower Show, shown below.



2015 Annie T. Giles Award Daylily Seedling
Everett Crainer, Brazoria Texas
Photo by Everett Crainer



2015 Edna Lankart Award Daylily Seedling
Sandy Perkins , Athens, Texas
Photo by Larry Pike



New Region 6 Hybridizer Awards



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