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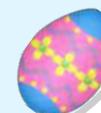
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(Hansen-D 2010),

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The editorial focus of this publication centers on the genus *Hemerocallis*, ADS and Region 6 events, Region 6 members and hybridizers. Submissions are encouraged. The editor reserves the right to edit for space, grammar, clarity, and content.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit:

- * Articles on Daylilies
- * Articles on Daylily Culture
- * Profiles of Region 6 Hybridizers
- * Garden Write-ups
- * Features of Historical Interest
- * Articles on Photography
- * Scientific Studies Involving Daylilies



If you have inquiries regarding submissions, articles, photos or corrections, please email the Region 6 Newsletter Editor at: adsregion6.newsletter@gmail.com

- * Club News and Events
- * High resolution photographs (.jpg, 300 ppi, file size minimum 1MB) to accompany articles

Submit material via email. Please send text as a file attachment in Word. Send photographs as separate attachments. Obtain a copyright/consent form from the editor, sign and return.



ADS Region 6 Director's Report

By David Freshour

I hope everybody survived the cold weather, power outages, and water problems that we experienced after Valentine's Day during the historic and devastating winter storm. I know many people's gardens look pretty sad after the freeze, and now with the warmer weather, the plants will start their recovery process.

At a special ADS Directors meeting held via **Zoom** on February 21, we voted to split the paid Membership Manager/Executive Secretary position into two separate positions. Both positions will be open to all ADS members to apply. More information on the positions and how to apply will follow.

Also, the Directors approved a motion to amend the bylaws by changing "annual membership" to a "yearly membership" based on when you join. This should only affect people who join after June 1, 2021. The ADS membership will vote on these corresponding amendments to the bylaws at the ADS National Convention in May. These changes will be explained more fully in the Spring issue of the Daylily Journal.

Remember to register for the ADS National Convention in Hattiesburg, MS, May 20 – 22, 2021, at www.AHS2021National.com. This convention will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the American Hemerocallis Society. The national committee has been given the O.K. by city officials to hold the Convention in the city's convention center.



I hope everybody has a successful year with your gardens and that more clubs can meet in person again.



H. 'Mississippi Memento'
(Salter 2008)
Photo by Peggy Cathey





**75th Annual
ADS National Convention
May 20-22, 2021
Hattiesburg, MS.**

Hosted by the **Hattiesburg and Ms. Gulf Coast Daylily Societies**

Convention website: <https://ahs2021national.com>

Visit our website for important details and the latest convention updates!

Registration includes 2 days of garden tours, 1 restaurant lunch buffet, 1 box lunch, 2 sit-down dinners, and 2 cultivars.

Registration Form

Print names as you wish them to appear on name badges. Indicate youth reservations with a "Y" after the name. Put additional names on back.

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____

ZIP: _____ REGION: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Is email confirmation acceptable to you? YES: _____ NO: _____

Do you wish to have your contact info on the attendee list? Y ___ N ___

Do you have any special needs (food, accessibility, bus, etc.)? Provide name and details (use back for additional space if needed).

Are you an ADS or Regional Officer? Provide name and office:

Companion dinners are available Fri/Sat nights at **\$40 each**. (Specify days below.) Companion name: _____

Judges Clinics and Workshops. (Do not send fees now) Indicate name(s):

Ex. J. Clinic I: _____

Ex. J. Clinic II: _____

Ex. J. Clinic III: _____

Garden Judge Workshop 1: _____

Garden Judge Workshop 2: _____

Optional T-Shirts 2021 Diamond Dusted Daylilies in the South t-shirts (see our website for description). Pick up shirts at Registration desk.

\$20 each

Sized: Men's or Women's—S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL.

Women's size: _____ Color: _____

Men's size: _____ Color: _____

Optional bus to Beau Rivage: (Read more about the tour on our website)

9:00 am-3:00 PM Name(s): _____

Number Attending:

____ Registration Fee @ \$285 postmarked by 4/15 \$ _____

____ Late registration fee @ \$335 postmarked 4/16-5/1 \$ _____

____ Youth registration @ \$225 postmarked by 4/15 \$ _____

____ Optional Beau Rivage trip \$ _____

____ Optional Convention T-shirts @\$20 each \$ _____

____ Optional Thursday Dinner preauction @ \$40 each \$ _____

____ Companion dinner(s) @ \$40 each meal \$ _____

Specify # Friday _____ # Saturday _____

Total amount due: \$ _____

Registration Limited to 450!

Final Deadline is May 1, 2021!

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Received by 4/1 full refund; from 4/2 to 5/1 50% refund; after 5/1 no refund. You may swap your seat if you can't attend; you must notify Registrar ASAP.

OPTIONAL THURSDAY TOUR

Beau Rivage

OPTIONAL THURSDAY DINNER

Lake Terrace Convention Center 6:30 pm

followed by a Live Plant Auction

\$40 per person

Please see our website for the most up to date information in these changing times



ADS Region 6 President's Report

By Skottie O'Mahony



Where do I begin? This year is unreal, isn't it?

Let me start by saying that my heart goes out to anyone who has lost a loved one recently, especially due to COVID-19, as it seems so avertable. Jeff and I both have lost loved ones to this virus, and it makes me angry that so many are still not taking this pandemic seriously. As of February 22nd, over half a million people have died in this pandemic in the US.

Why am I writing about this? It's because I value the lives of every single person in the Region, so I want to share this with you. We have a very dear friend, an epidemiologist and population health specialist, who focuses on infectious disease control, whose teams do research that informs the Center for Disease Control and Prevention as well as public health agencies in other countries. He is gravely concerned about how Americans are dismissing this virus's dangers, dangers that are ever-increasing with new variants, despite downward trends in some regions. Our friend strongly suggested that with this UK variant and several others across the country showing some resistance to the vaccines, that when you are with anyone outside of your home, to ALWAYS wear a mask, and if you do not have an N95, then wear a paper one covered with a cloth mask to be especially safe and close any openings from an ill-fitting paper one.

I am no expert, but our friend has been right about this virus since it was discovered, so I trust his guidance. I share this because this pandemic HAS affected our daylily world. We have not been able to meet in person, our symposiums and conventions have been postponed, we lost one of the hybridizers who inspired me to hybridize. Many of you likely know him, Bob Faulkner, who battled COVID-19 for over a month before passing. I am sure that many of you have also lost loved ones to this virus as well, so if my mentioning this guidance can save one life, it was worth writing.

As if this pandemic weren't enough, the "Snowpocalypse" descended upon us, a polar vortex that brought unprecedented cold and caused billions of dollars' worth of destruction to our Region. At

Tanglewild Gardens, we were hit very hard, and we will likely lose many of our mature palms, as well as a significant number of rare plant species that we've been collecting for years for our botanical garden, many of which I started from seed. Our well pipes literally exploded, despite having heat in the well house, and even the plants in our greenhouses, which were also heated, succumbed to frost damage. I lost the majority of my seedlings as well. We dropped to 3 degrees for longer than the heaters could fight against the cold.

I am sure many of you can relate and have your own stories and share of losses. So, where is the silver lining in all of this?

Personally, gardening is something that has brought me great joy my entire life and has been a welcome escape. Daylilies are one of my passions, and it is this shared passion that has brought so many of us together in this Society. Despite the fact that many of our daylilies are mostly mush right now, I am optimistic that most will survive, and despite this adverse weather, they will bring us beautiful blooms this coming season. There is extra excitement for hybridizers when we get to see our seedlings bloom for the first time. It is this silver lining that daylilies bring to us that connects us, it is this common thread that can keep us going and hoping for a better, safer future.

Please be safe, smart, and healthy. And... if you haven't tried hybridizing your own daylilies yet, give it a shot. The results are like having Christmas every Spring.



H. 'Changes in Attitude' (Hansen-D 2007)
photo by Peggy Cathey



Region 6 Treasurer's Report

By Mike Peppers

The following represent transactions since my last report. Note: Newsletter ad and sponsorships were received in the last period totaling \$250.

If you have questions at any time, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Peppers

ADS Region 6 Treasurer



Balance 6/30/20	\$21,624.04
Receipts:	
Newsletter contribution from Lone Star Daylily Society	500.00
Annual Distribution from ADS	476.00
Interest	.62
Disbursements:	
Auction expenses	-741.55
Web hosting	-429.48
Fall/Winter Newsletter	-1,732.10
Balance 11/6/20	\$19,697.53



Region 6 Newsletter Editor Report

By Peggy Cathey



Spring at last!

After being lulled into thinking we weren't going to have much of a winter, the narcissus started blooming, and our daylilies were starting to put forth a flush of new growth, some even beginning to throw up bloomstalks; Mother Nature showed us who was in charge. Record-breaking freezing temperatures, snow, and ice covered most of our Region. Power outages, frozen water pipes, the list goes on and on. Our precious daylilies took quite a hit, but they are tough plants, and most will bounce back quickly. All they need is a little sun and warmer temperatures. Our baby daylilies (seedlings) which froze solid when the power to the electric heaters in the greenhouse went off, look a little worse for wear, but I believe most will be OK.

With many of our affiliate clubs still not able to hold meetings, some of our club reports are short, but some sent photos of gardens covered in snow to fill the pages. To lift everyone's spirits, I will throw in some color photos of beautiful daylilies throughout this issue.

I want to thank all our reporters who sent their reports to me by the February 28th deadline. We are missing a few for this newsletter. I know many have not had meetings and have nothing to report. I

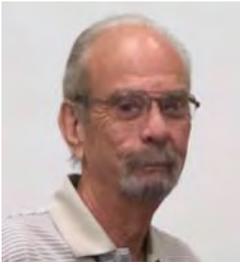
understand. Please, however, if you have nothing to report, let me know so I'm not holding up the newsletter. Same for if you are running late but have something you are working on. I will hold a space for you. I just need to know what to do. My goal is to have all the news and get it to the members as quickly as possible.

Please support our advertisers and I hope you will consider sponsoring a page to help with newsletter expenses.

Thank you, again, to all our reporters who sent reports, photos, and articles for this issue. I couldn't do it without you. Our Region 6 members depend on this publication to keep them up to date on what's happening in our Region and hopefully lift some spirits during this trying time. Everyone in Region 6 is encouraged to write articles and take photos and submit them for our **Daylilies of the Southwest**. You can send them to me at any time throughout the year. Email them to me:

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Region 6 Membership Chair Report

By Dan Cathey



What a year we have just had. 2020 was a year for the record books, and we were all in hopes 2021 would be better. In only two months, it, too, is already in the record books because of the record-breaking cold. Let's hope the rest of the year shows improvement and an excellent year for our daylilies. I am very proud of all our clubs that have worked to keep members despite the lack of meetings. I hope that as the days warm and the bloom season begins, clubs can get together again—perhaps in a member's garden or even a park. Nothing lifts the spirits like being in a beautiful garden.

I am delighted to report I have already received notice that Region 6 has two Platinum Clubs—100% ADS members. Congratulations to **Cypress Creek Daylily Club** and the **Lufkin Daylily Society**. I know you worked hard to reach this distinction.

Our Region 6 Director, David Freshour, says the ADS membership will vote during the May ADS National Convention, a change to the bylaws in which “annual memberships” will become “yearly memberships.” The change will only affect anyone

joining ADS after June 1st, 2021. It will significantly improve the current method of all memberships expiring on December 31st, regardless of when you became a member. I know, in regards to my home club-**Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society**, any member who won an ADS membership from our club's monthly drawing after June 30th, the member (who was not already an ADS member) would be given a choice to take a trial membership, which would expire on December 31st, or we would hold their membership until after October 1st so they would receive a full year's membership the following year. The problem with holding the memberships until October is those members couldn't be counted toward our ADS Membership Medal status. The deadline to send in club member rosters for the ADS Membership Medal status is October 1st or before.

The current membership total for Region 6 is 364. We are happy to welcome 20 new members. There are 74 who have not yet renewed their membership, which expired December 31st, 2020. This is a pretty significant number of non-renewals. I can understand how such a thing could be forgotten due to the lack of meetings, shows, sales, and the ability to just be together as a group to talk about daylilies and be with friends, but if you haven't renewed, please do.



Awards and Honors Report

By Jeff Breitenstein



I'm working with Jeannie Mallick, President of the Cypress Creek Daylily Club, to establish two new Memorial Awards for Region 6. Sadly, last autumn, two Cypress Creek Daylily Club members, Anna Rosa Glidden and her nephew Clifford Lee, both passed away within a month of each other. Their families have asked about establishing Regional awards in each of their names.

Clifford Lee's mother, Goldie Landrum, wishes to establish a Region 6 Flower Show memorial award for the Best in Show winner. She said Clifford had won Best in Show at the Dallas Region 6 meeting for exhibiting *H. 'Siloam Bo Peep'* (Henry-P 1978) and

received a glass vase that he treasured.

Anna Rosa Glidden's family wishes to establish a similar Regional memorial award. Anna Rosa Glidden loved miniatures and small daylilies, so this award may be presented for a Region 6 Meeting Flower Show Best in Section 3 or 4 winner.

I've checked with Rhonda Veroeven at National and learned that the Region and families would have full ability to define the awards. The families will create proposals for the Region to consider and approve – more details to come in the Summer newsletter. Since this year's Regional will be in October, we hope to have everything in place for Spring 2022.



Region 6 Exhibition Judges Liaison Report

By Jennifer Renner and Judith Kyser-Coghlan

Hello Everyone!

I sincerely hope all your gardens are doing the best they can after the polar vortex. I am amazed by how resilient our daylilies have been here in Austin.

I am working with Debbie Smith to find out about our four Exhibition Judge students who need Clinic II for this spring. I am not yet sure if they will be given another extension for this year or try to have the class. If you are an Exhibition Judge Instructor, we may need your help on this in May!

Our Senior Judges who need to take a refresher course this year are as follows:

- Ruth Holt
- Bonnie Nichols
- Donna Peck
- Rozanne Tuffnell
- Beverly Winkelman



I believe I have gotten a reply from all of the clubs in Region 6, and it looks like **Lone Star Daylily Society** may be the only club planning to have a show. For those who won't be hosting a show, Malcolm Avaritt had the fantastic suggestion of having an online show! He says **Daylily Growers of Dallas** is considering a **Facebook** show, in which you would submit photos of your daylily blooms from a one-week window. The Club's officers would then vote on the flower images to choose the winners. I would also suggest that if your Club has an **Instagram** presence, putting photos of the blooms on **Instagram** can really help spread the word about daylilies! For example, consider following **#austindaylilysociety** to see Daylily blooms posted by the Austin club members. There is a **#daylilyregion6** that all our Region 6 members can post to as well! I can't wait to see all of your beautiful daylily blooms online this spring!

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Valenza, Robert 24959 Stratton Meadows Dr. Porter, TX 77365	Senior	2022		281 354-0867	valenza@suddenlink.net
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Region 6 Garden Judges Liaison Report

By Amy Howard

As we emerge from our long strange 2020 and winter, my thoughts are with all who were affected by the multitude of occurrences over the past year- while there appears to be a light at the end of the proverbial tunnel, it has been a tumultuous ride with far-reaching effects. We'd learned to adapt to restrictions and hope to slowly return to somewhat normal life only to see our Texas brethren have their most basic needs threatened- our hearts go out to them! One small consolation in all of this is that the rust spores have likely been eradicated with the extended freeze period.

On the following page is the listing of Region 6 Garden Judges with statuses- all those set to expire

in 2020 should have been granted an extension per Claude Carpenter, Garden Judges Records Chair. If you are not listed, please contact me at:

hemiaym@gmail.com. We have a good amount of folks needing to renew in 2021, so we will schedule a Garden Judges Workshop 2 at some point during the bloom/rebloom season.

Stay posted!



ADS Region 6 Active Garden Judges for 2021

Name and Address	Exp.	Instructor	Phone	Email address
Eddie Raye Andrews PO Box 167 Waller, TX Texas 77484-0167	2020	Yes	936 931-3846	dera2@sbcglobal.net
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Dan Cathey 1115 HCR 1414 Covington, TX 76636	2023	Yes	254 854-2558	dannydayle@yahoo.com
Peggy Cathey 1115 HCR 1414 Covington, TX 76636	2023	Yes	254 854-2558	natvtxn1@gmail.com
Debi Harrington 1228 Landman Drive NE Albuquerque, NM 87112	2021			photodebi@gmail.com
Donald Heiskell 1228 Landman Drive NE Albuquerque ,NM 87112	2021			don_heiskell@hotmail.com
Janice Heiskell 1228 Landman Drive NE Albuquerque ,NM 87112	2022			emcrainer@aol.com
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Agata La Rue 1212 Bentwood Rd. Austin, TX 78722	2021		512 293-8611	alarue22@yahoo.com
Kenneth Long 116 Encino Springs Ln Weatherford, TX 76088-3805	2020		817 341-1297	kenlinda2012@gmail.com
Linda Long 116 Encino Springs Ln Weatherford, TX 76088-3805	2020		817 341-1297	kenlinda2012@gmail.com
Margo Murdock 5601 Mariola Place NE Albuquerque, NM 87111-8332	2022	Yes		murdock@swcp.com
Bonnie Nichols 3365 Northaven Rd. Dallas, TX 75229-2545	2022	Yes	214 352-2191	bjnhtn@aol.com

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Paula Payne 2718 S Pine Hill Dr. Pearland, TX 77581	2022		281 485-3821	paulakpayne@comcast.net
Jennifer Polnaszek 100 San Miniato St Georgetown, TX 78628	2023		210 896-7459	jenniferpolnaszek@yahoo.com
Patricia Schultze PO Box 397 Marion, TX 78124-0397	2023		830 556-6751	clydepat6@aol.com
Barbara Shapiro 6032 Quemado Dr. NE Albuquerque, NM 87109	2022			blshapiro@aol.com
Rozanne Tuffnell 2112 Bluecorn Maiden Ct. NE Albuquerque, NM 87112-3757	2021		505 298-8992	rozannetuffnell@hotmail.com
William Walker 6508 Poza Rica Ct. NW Los Ranchos, NM 87107	2021		505 991-2188	wvh5@comcast.net
Vernon Wallis 991 Quail Run Azle, TX 76020-6421	2020		817 221-2561	
Patricia Weller 10675 CR 4150 Tyler, TX 75704	2024			wellerpa0223@yahoo.com

Garden Judges whose names are highlighted in yellow in the table above will need to renew in 2021. We will schedule Garden Judges Workshop 2 during the bloom season.





Archivist/Historian & Webmaster Report

By Ray Houston

The Texas freeze was horrible here. We had several night temperatures in the teens. That had not happened here for over 30 years. We covered most of our sensitive plants, to no avail. They, along with our daylilies, are now a sad looking lot. Mary and I were completely without power for a 24-hour period. NOT fun!! We did not have any frozen pipes!

If you wish to know what is happening in Region 6, or you are seeking historical information, please visit the website - <http://www.ahsregion6.com/>

A large amount of information is available on the Region 6 website. Current and historical information is continually added.



Additions to the Region 6 Website:

Posted 2020 Region 6 Fall/Winter *Daylilies of the Southwest*

http://www.ahsregion6.com/newsletters_online.htm

Posted 2020 Region 6 Popularity Poll Results

http://www.ahsregion6.com/pop_poll_2020.htm

Region 6 Display Garden Listings Updated

http://www.ahsregion6.com/display_gardens.htm

Tribute for Aileen Castlebury - 1940-2020

http://www.ahsregion6.com/castlebury_aileen.htm

Tribute for Bobby Castlebury - 1937-2020

http://www.ahsregion6.com/castlebury_bobby.htm

Tribute for Dr. Art Imperial - 1938-2021

http://www.ahsregion6.com/imperial_art.htm

Tribute for Harvey & Nell Shimek (both living)

http://www.ahsregion6.com/shimek_harvey-nell.htm

Tribute for Miss Margaret Standard - 1925-2020

http://www.ahsregion6.com/standard_margaret.htm

Youth Liaison

Open position

If you are interested in filling this important position, please contact ADS Region 6 President, Skottie O'Mahony skottie.region6@gmail.com

We are having an Easter Egg Hunt.
165 Easter Eggs have been hidden
in the pages of this Newsletter.
How many can you find?



Spring

Youth Activity Page

For the Young and Young at Heart



WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

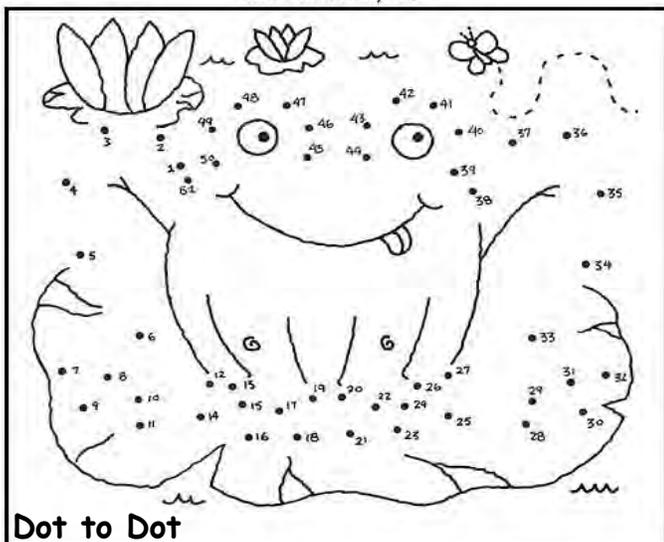
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Who's on the Lilly Pad?



Dot to Dot

Spring 2021

Spring Fun Crossword

ACROSS

2 A large amount of water on the ground great for jumping in

5 A Spring bird

6 A beautiful flying insect that starts out as a caterpillar

8 The 1st full month of Spring

9 April _____ bring May flowers

DOWN

1 Makes the flowers grow

3 Something you keep with you just in case it rains

4 A Season of the year

7 Flowers that bloom in the Spring

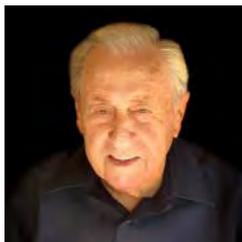


Daylily Maze

(Puzzle solutions may be found on page 33)

Your Name...Are You Sure?

by Richard E. Peck



Richard E. Peck
(photo by
Carla Chirigos)

Many registered daylilies resemble one another. The similarity drives classifiers at daylily shows nuts. Exhibitors, adamant about their mistake, will submit two apparently identical cultivars under different names. The blossoms can be easily confused. Shakespeare knew:

A daylily by any other name...

Same for people.

Newcomers everywhere can get confused with others of the same or similar names. On my first daylily tour, in 1984, I walked through a beautiful garden in Meridian, Mississippi, wearing my name tag. A woman I didn't know said to me, "Mr. Peck. I just love your Cherry Cheeks."

I said, "Um. . . thank you?"



H. 'Cherry Cheeks', photo
by Donna Peck

She pointed. Beside the walk was a rectangular metal tag, written on it in magic marker, *H. 'Cherry Cheeks'*, Richard Peck, 1968." I didn't know who that Richard Peck might have been. My guess?

The homeowner with my name had died in 1968 and was buried there in his own yard. A nice tribute, despite the cheesy tin grave marker.

I've since learned that *H. 'Cherry Cheeks'* (and 275 other tetraploid daylilies) was probably hybridized by Richard's wife, Virginia. Richard and I shared surnames, were both University professors (he at Middle Tennessee State, I at Temple University), both English teachers, and both loved daylilies.

So I wrote to his widow Virginia and said that - because of all these coincidences -I thought she should send me one each of Richard Peck's hybrids.

She wrote back to say, "No, but I'll send you one each of our catalogs."

I'm not Richard Peck, the Tennessee Hybridizer. I'm a writer DBA Richard E. Peck. Another so-named writer (no middle initial) recently passed away, Richard Peck. He was very successful. One of his most popular books, according to Amazon.com, is ***Something for Joey***, a book that *I* wrote.



When he and I met at a National Council of Teachers of English meeting, he said that his mother had picked up and read ***Something for Joey***. She wrote to tell him how much she enjoyed his new book.

"She loved it so much that I didn't correct her," he said. "So if you ever meet my mother, could you... let it slide?"

Both Amazon.com AND Richard's mother confuse Richard E. and Richard (nmn) Peck with each other. But,...Let it slide.

There's another Richard Peck who lives in an Albuquerque suburb. Owing to an extended overseas trip, he fell behind in his utility payments. The electric company threatened to shut off MY electricity. It took three days of phone calls to clear up the confusion.

An apparently younger Richard Peck in London, England, designs and makes skateboards. I learned of him when the parents of a Tennessee teenager who fell off a defective Peck skateboard and broke a tooth offered me the opportunity to pay his dental bill. I declined.

And when a New Yorker emailed me for advice about his wife Janet's breast surgery, MY wife wondered how I knew this "Janet." It turns out THAT Richard E. Peck - even the same middle initial - is a New Jersey plastic surgeon who specializes in breast surgery (in Latin - 'mammary maximization'). He's written books on it, has a thriving practice. His work is popular with young actresses committed to enhancing their...

talent. You can check him out online, as I did. Richard E. Peck.

There are even more. Consider the Santa Fe contractor with my name, who was the Best Man at two of my good friend's three weddings. Have you ever looked up a name on Google? Your own name? You'd be surprised at how many people with your name are doing things that might distress your mother.

In all this, I've learned that I have a very common name. Google says 12 of me live in Wisconsin, more than 188 in the USA. I didn't know how common my name is, how unprepossessing, how vanilla. Now I get it. I'm the *Stella d' Oro* of writers.

Consider the first gardening couple, Adam and Eve. I'll bet several *Journal* or Newsletter subscribers don't remember Adam and Eve's family name. Doubt it? When attending your next post-pandemic party, any big gathering, survey the guests there. Half of them – even avid bible readers – are as ignorant as I was. Educate them. Share the truth with them. Adam and Eve's surname was "Peck." Even I didn't know, till my dad (Earl Peck) got a letter saying:

It's a little-known historic fact that Adam and Eve's last name was Peck. As their descendants sinned and fell from grace, they had to change their name. There are only a few of us perfect ones left (said the letter) and we should do business together. Come into

PECK BUICK in Milwaukee and test drive the new 2019 BUICK.

Dad drove into Milwaukee, talked the dealer out of a license plate bracket that read **PECK BUICK**, hung it on his Chevy, and came home.



H. 'Tusawilla Snowdrift'
(Hansen 2000) photo by
Donna Peck



H. 'Michael Miller' (Stamile
2000) photo from AHS daylily
database

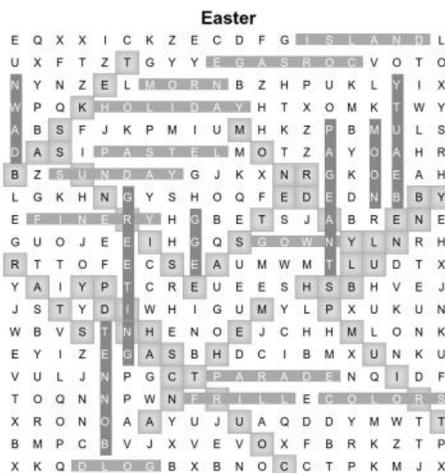
If you come across some unenlightened gardener who confuses *H. 'Tusawilla Snowdrift'* with *H. 'Michael Miller'*, straighten him out. If he confuses either one with *H. 'Red Volunteer'*, avoid him. And no, I don't have any relative named Gregory.



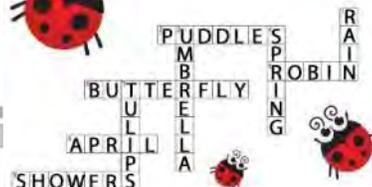
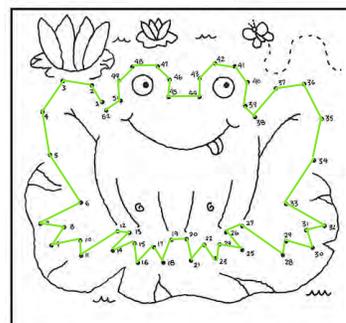
H. 'Red Volunteer'
(Oakes, 1984),
photo by Peggy Cathey



Spring Activity Page Solutions



Spring Fun
Crossword



Why Hybridize?

By Dan Cathey



Many of us have either experimented with or at least considered hybridizing daylilies at some point. It is easy to daydream about creating that "perfect" plant with the clearest color(s), most distinctive form, abundant buds, show bench branching, or ... whatever (I could go on and on), especially in the Springtime when we are in our gardens enjoying the fruits of our labors. Most of us would like to hybridize a few daylilies without plowing the front yard for a seedling bed. Allow me to see if I can encourage you to give these fantasies wings, so to speak, and dabble (excuse the pun) by dabbing some pollen this Spring.

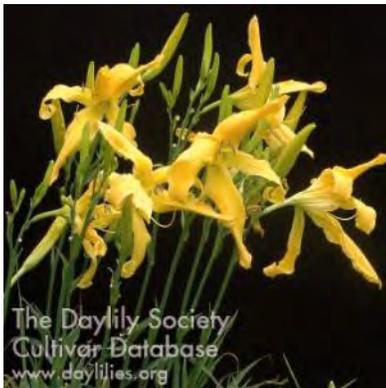


hybridizing daylilies, collecting seeds, germination, or any other physical requirements necessary for bringing your dreams to life; it is much more about the why than the how of it all. Creating daylily seeds is uncomplicated and straightforward regardless of how experienced you may be in gardening. Simply take the pollen from one flower and dab it onto the pistil of another blossom, aka "sex in the garden." Suppose the terms like pollen and pistil etc., make you unsure of how to proceed. In that case, there are literally hundreds of web sites, including our ADS, that will give you that information in spades along with lots of diagrams and instructional videos, just query "hybridize daylilies" on Google and stand back.



Internet photo

By way of introduction, I am strictly a hobby hybridizer along with my ever-patient spouse. I have one registered introduction. The only real reason for that was I wanted a flower named after the love of my life, Peggy (although I am rather proud of that particular cultivar for several reasons, some of which are NOT branching and bud count). I have, however, over the years made literally thousands of crosses, and we are currently growing almost 300 of our past "babies" in permanent beds with another 300 plus in 4" pots waiting to be lined out come Spring. Hopefully, that one-in-a-million will be in this batch, we remain ever hopeful. This a "happy-place" activity for me and I am sincerely satisfied with that status. Therefore, the information here is mainly anecdotal and is highly opinionated based on personal experiences, so please take it for what it is!



H, 'Peggy Cathey's Fairy Flight', (Cathey.-D, 2018)

Instead, I would like to share how my interest in this started and progressed with time and see if it will encourage your thoughts and efforts. I didn't plan to get into creating daylilies (if creating seems like a poor choice of words here, believe me, it is precisely what you will be doing) instead, I thought I would be content with collecting the works of the professionals that make their living doing just that and enjoying what they created. I think curiosity was what, if not killing the cat, made him look over the edge of the cliff and make my first seeds, although some of those were undoubted "bee" pods (think mailman reference in the next paragraph). Your first daylily creations likely will not be \$200 beauties that will appeal to serious hybridizers and collectors. However, they will be a source of great wonder and accomplishment to you, and they will add beautiful new blooms to your gardens at virtually no cost! (Ok, ok, I know, they must be named to enter our Shows, but that is not what we are talking about here.)



Remember, you cannot duplicate a daylily from seed, not even if you cross it with itself. Every seed, regardless of what the cross is, will produce a brand new and unique plant that may or may not resemble its parents. Think of it as children; they may look similar to mom and dad, but they may have grannies eyes or paw-paw's chin, or if there was a bee involved may look more like the mailman. (And yes, there can be more than one pollen parent per seed pod.) Likewise, each seed from the same cross, while they are siblings, they are not twins, and each will produce a slightly different or maybe even a dramatically different result. I usually get really enthusiastic when talking to people about this subject. Each new plant is a one-off, never seen before beauty that you are responsible for...wow! And you are witnessing the whole event. They will absolutely be unique, maybe not totally unique in every respect but uniquely yours none-the-less. How can you not be chaffing to get out and dab some pollen right this minute?

Here may be a good time to mention making a family affair out of it all. How about getting the kids, or grandkids, or great etc., involved. Children seem to take naturally to the mystery of creating new and exciting stuff and outside to boot with no need for their cell phones, well, maybe, we could hope anyway. We have done this with some youth members of our Club who got really enthusiastic. We labeled each cross, collected, and held the seeds for each youth member, and gave them out at a subsequent meeting for them to plant themselves.

So, if your want to get started, what to do? Let us not get all wrapped up in genetics right off the bat. Most of us will begin with

crossing pretty to pretty or trait on trait. Since beauty is in the eye of the beholder as we are told, then the choices are yours and yours alone. If you are passionate about yellows, then go for it; if 10" spiders are what you really like, likewise start crossing immediately. I have had people say "that cross won't come out," and I say "hide and watch". This first season do whatever makes sense to you; there are really no right or wrong crosses. As you become more addicted and addicted is what will happen, you will develop your own sense that some things may be more "right" than others in terms of consistent results, but this is a journey, not a sprint so remember always to have fun as you go!

There is probably one genetic component that you should be concerned about early on, and that is ploidy, whether the parents are Diploid or Tetraploid, which has to do with how many chromosomes they contain. The only reason you need to know this is that the two are mutually exclusive; they will not cross with each other. This information is readily available from many sources, but one of the easiest to use is the ADS database at <https://www.daylilies.org/DaylilyDB/>. Do not let this be a stumbling block to making that "oh-my-gosh" cross just because you do not have the ploidy information at hand; go for it. What is the absolute worst thing that can happen? The cross won't take, and you wasted thirty seconds, oh well. As your addiction (there is that word again) grows, you will begin to put this info on the plant marker or your garden map for quick reference, but that can be for next season's to-do list.

These early crosses will most likely be based on color like mine were. Try and choose parents that have not only your favorite color(s) but have great color – pure, clear, crisp, bright, and long-lasting color. I attended a hybridizing seminar hosted by Dan Trimmer many moons ago at a National Convention, and Dan ranks color as the most important element of daylilies, not to the exclusion of everything else but numero uno. I know that he has achieved many or maybe even most of his hybridizing goals over his years as a professional, but I would almost be willing to bet he still looks for improving the color of his creations. Dan talked about what he called "adobe" or what most would call "muddy" colors.



Kinsley Ann
Great Granddaughter 2020



Jackie
Club youth member, 2015



Adobe colored seedling

As a pro with much experience, he felt that certain color crosses were best avoided due to that result. Still, my understanding is that it is more involved than just color on color and is way too complicated for the hobbyist to be forefront in picking crosses in the garden. Please, early on, do not take your minor failures too seriously; learn and move on.

As your skills increase season over season, you will naturally begin to "zero in" or focus on what on a plant or flower draws you to it and start moving in a particular direction, albeit somewhat of a moving target. I remember my goals started with colors, which changed numerous times from oranges thru whites to purples. I was 100% enamored with the "biscuit" form, followed by doubles, then unusual forms, and about everything in between (but I still like them all – of course). Currently, I have moved on (read given up) on lots of "wants" and am trying to increase the bud count and branching on some of my favorite crosses. Earlier, I mentioned the "sprint" versus "journey" aspect of hybridizing, and along about now, this will start to make more sense. Even with good weather, timing, and luck, it takes

two to three years, or maybe even more, to go from "dabbing" to seeing your efforts' outcomes. Even then, the first year's blooms are likely not to be 100% representative of what the bloom may eventually become, so patience is not only a virtue; it is almost a requirement. Your "eye" will become more critical of your results, and more of the babies will be relegated to the compost heap, although not without a great deal of handwringing and sadness.

A few basic rules will help you begin refining your hobby. Try and select parent plants that are good performers in your geographical area. What is gangbuster in Houston may not be just the thing in Denton, for example (but it might just be). Pollen and pod parents should show what, in your opinion, are good characteristics such as decent bud count and branching, good year-round foliage, pleasing color, flower form to your liking, and balance between scape and foliage height. Again, do not get bogged down in the details! Remember to have fun and, as Organic Gardening radio host Howard Garrett always said, "Don't forget to feed the birds."

I have heard the word venture used with this hobby, but I think adventure is more likely correct.

Happy Hybridizing!

Below are a few of my early 'dab'blings.



Oranges—PDC BG-2-13-2 (2007)



Whites—PDC 2-77-C (2002)



Purples—PDC D-24-A (2007)



Biscuit shape—PDC D-19-C (2007)



Doubles—PDC S1-3-C (2007)



UF—PDC BAT-10-B-3 (2004)

Flower Photography Using a Mobile Phone Camera

By Peggy Cathey



I don't know about you, but I am looking forward to an excellent Daylily bloom season. With fresh, new blooms come our desire to capture them in a photo. In our Spring 2020 issue of *Daylilies of the Southwest*, I wrote an article on *Tips For Taking Better Flower Photographs*. In writing this article, I focused on using a digital camera because I had not successfully used a mobile phone to get sharp photos of my daylilies. Since I often forgot to take my camera with me and almost always had my phone, I decided it was time I learned how to use it. First, I upgraded to an Android, Motorola g(7) Supra, with a much better camera than what I had before. I decided to use it exclusively for my flower photography instead of my camera during the 2020 bloom season. It doesn't matter if you have an Android or iPhone; some of these tips should improve your skills.

Following are some tips I learned that might help you when using your phone's camera:

SETTINGS



First, become familiar with your phone. Open the camera feature and look for the "gear," which will be "settings". There should be a choice there for the photo size. Choices there should be ratio and resolution. Choose the ratio you prefer (I like the 4:3 best) and for resolution, choose the most "MP" (megapixels) you can. A megapixel (MP) is equal to one million pixels (more or less, it's actually 1,048,576 pixels). Most phone cameras today offer 12MP. Megapixels doesn't necessarily mean a better photo; that depends on how good your camera's sensor is, but it does give you plenty of pixels if you plan to crop your images. You should also find an assistive grid (it looks like a box of squares) and a leveler. I suggest you turn both of these on. The grid will help you with your subject's positioning, and the leveler will let you know if you are tilting the camera. Neither the grid nor level will appear on your photos.

If your phone's camera has manual settings, play with them to see what all they do. They are very similar to any digital camera's manual settings. They may help if you want to stop action or slow the

movement down (as in the cotton candy effect you often see with waterfalls).

NO FLASH

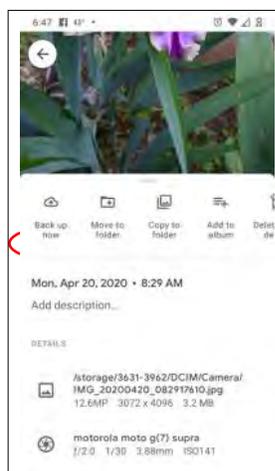


I would also suggest you set your flash to OFF. Flash is generally not your friend. Colors will be washed out with flash photography, and harsh shadows will usually show up behind your subject. Most mobile phone camera's automatic settings work very well for adjusting the light for even night photos. If you need more light, that is where your manual settings will come into play.

My phone camera also comes with built-in editing tools. Some of these could be quite useful, such as the crop tool. If your camera doesn't have editing tools, you can find LOTS of free apps in the App Store for iPhones or the Play Store for Android users that will do just about anything you want to do. If you are like me and have trouble seeing the small images, you can also download your photos to your computer for editing.

Next, hold your phone (camera) with two hands for better control. You can use your thumb or forefingers for releasing the shutter.

For keeping track of the names of your daylilies, you can take a photo of the flower and the tag, thereby doubling the number of images you have, or you can rename the file with the flower name, or (on my phone) scroll below the picture where you see



"Add description"
(located under image in
the photo gallery)



Use a "Text to Photo" app to type
name directly onto photo

See Photography Tips on page 22



H. 'Sherry Candy'
Stamile, 2006 (cropped)

“description” and type the flower’s name there. You can download “text to photo” apps, which will let you type the name right on your photo. If you position it at the top or bottom of the image, you can easily crop it out to print your photo.

DON'T USE DIGITAL ZOOM

Another significant thing to remember is NOT to use digital zoom when taking a photo. For one thing, it is challenging to hold the camera still enough when zoomed out, and another, the image will undoubtedly be very blurry or pixelated. If possible, use your feet to zoom. I have an example of this with an iris blooming at our neighbors across the road from us. This poor little iris started to bloom in early February, about three days before a winter blast came, and we were below freezing for a week. Examples show the iris from across the road, zoomed in with the digital zoom, and using my feet to walk across the road to get the close-up.

ZOOM! with your feet



Flower is barely visible from this distance

Digital zoom results in a blurry photo

By moving closer, you will be able to get a sharp image

FOCUS

My advice for taking flower “portraits” with a digital camera was to use the “portrait” setting on the camera. My mobile phone camera has a portrait setting, but when I tried it to take a daylily *portrait*, I got a message that “no faces were detected.” So, I fill the frame and get as close as I can, and take the photo. Then (this is where the digital zoom comes in handy), I zoom way in on the image looking at the stamens or something with a lot of detail. If that is in sharp focus, then I am pretty sure I have a good



H. 'Mount Herman Sonata'
Carpenter-J, 2009



Screen shot- zoomed in on stamens

photo. If not, I take another shot until I get a good one. If you plan to send photos for print in the newsletter, you need sharp images. Spend some time practicing with your camera phone to figure out exactly where the camera will focus. Keep trying till you get it right and delete all the blurry images. A good portrait of your daylily should have the flower in sharp focus and the background slightly blurred, making the daylily stand out. Many faults can be overlooked or forgiven in a photo, but never bad focus – if the subject of your image is even slightly out of focus, your effort is ruined. Remember - **Focus...Focus...Focus!**

TIMING

Timing can be essential. A slightly overcast sky is ideal, but we don't always have that situation, especially if we are on a bus tour at a convention or a Regional Meeting. If you attempt to take photos too

early, the blooms may not be fully opened. There could also be long shadows if the sun is beginning to rise. Full sun is also a big problem as your image's color details could be lost to too much light or too deep a shadow. A partner to hold an umbrella or something to block the sun and shade the bloom could be a big help in



Sun and shadows
H. 'Entwined In The Vine'
Emmerich, 2007



"Body" shade



H. 'Just For Joanne'
Herrington-T, 2005
(cropped)

a really sunny situation. I have often used my body to shade the flower.

This trick only works if there is enough space around the flower in the shot to crop out your shadow. A bright, sunny background behind your bloom can also be very distracting.

Remember to get in close and fill the frame. Most people don't want to see clutter or other distracting backgrounds when looking at daylily photos. If there is a tag or some object you can't move, change positions. Move around, get different angles.



TRICKS



Do you like water drops on flowers? Go out after a gentle rain. No rain? Carry a spray



PDC Seedling #BAT 10-B-2

bottle of water with you to create the same effect.

Here are a couple of tricks for better, more accurate color in your images. I had one yellow daylily that the color was coming out too light. With just a slight tilt of the camera,

the color changed dramatically and was more accurate. Another trick I learned several years ago when I was in a Photography Club and using Adobe Photoshop was to hold a piece of white paper on the edge of the shot where it can be cropped out later. If this doesn't improve the color, you could use the "remove color cast" feature in Photoshop by clicking on something either white, black, or gray to correct the color. This particular trick really



Color difference-a simple tilt of the camera
PDC Seedling #BMR 16-C

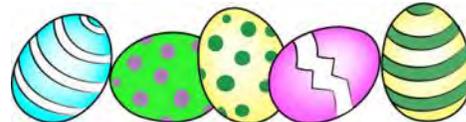


Improve color by using a sheet of white paper
H. 'Patsy Carpenter', Carpenter-J, 2003

impressed a group recently when I was presenting a PowerPoint presentation on flower photography.

I hope some of these tips will improve your skills in taking photos with your mobile phone's camera. The real key to better photographs is **practice, practice, practice**. It doesn't cost anything but time. Delete whatever isn't good to free up space on your phone's memory. Don't forget to enter your best images in the American Daylily Society's annual photo contest. The deadline for entries is November 1 each year. For General Rules and Guidelines, follow this link:

<http://daylily.pictures/ahsphotocontest/>.



Visions of a Perfect

DAYLILY



**ADS Region 6 Meeting / Symposium Schedule
October 9, 2021
First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Building
Athens, TX**

Friday, October 8, 2021

2:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	Set-up Rooms by Club Members / Help with Officers Dinner	Fellowship Building 1 st Presbyterian Church, Athens
4:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	Region 6 Officers Meeting & Dinner	1 st Presbyterian Church, Athens

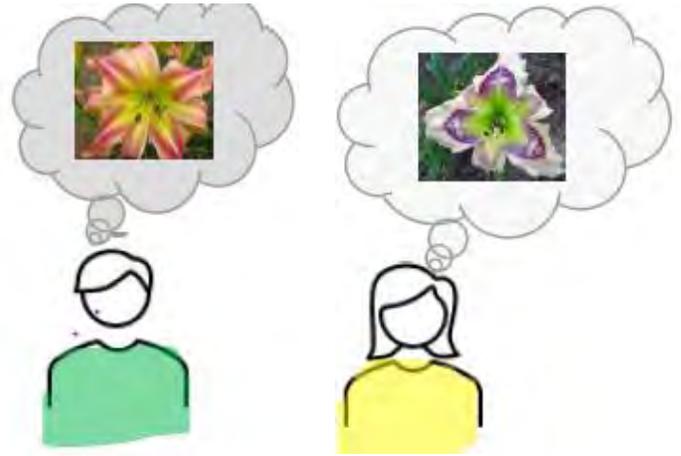
Saturday, October 9, 2021

7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	Registration, Coffee, Muffins	Fellowship Building 1 st Presbyterian Church, Athens
8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	Boutique, Raffle Baskets	Class Room, Fellowship Building
9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Speaker, TBD	Main Room, Fellowship Building
10:00 a.m.	10:20 a.m.	20 Minute Break	Check-out Boutique, Raffle Baskets
10:20 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	Speaker, Dan Hansen Ladybug Daylilies	Main Room, Fellowship Building
11:20 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	20 Minute Break	Check-out Boutique, Raffle Baskets
11:40 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	Region 6 Business Meeting, Lunch	Main Room, Fellowship Building
1:30 p.m.	1:45 p.m.	15 Minute Break	Check-out Boutique, Raffle Baskets
1:45 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Live Auction	Main Room, Fellowship Building
3:30 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	Break for Snack, Silent Auction, & Raffle Winner Lists Posted	Check Lists for Winners of Raffle and Silent Auction
4:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	Clean-up and Closure of Facility	Main Room, Fellowship Building

2021 REGISTRATION FORM
ADS Region 6 Fall Meeting & Symposium

***Visions of a Perfect
DAYLILY***

October 9, 2021
Presbyterian Church Fellowship
405 E. Corsicana St, Athens, TX



Name(s) _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Email _____
Club Name _____

Pre-registration is Required

Lunch will be Served

Please advise if you have special dietary restrictions: _____

_____ Early Registration Fee = \$65.00 (Postmarked by August 9, 2021)
_____ Late Registration Fee = \$75.00 (Postmarked After August 9, 2021)
_____ Youth Registration Fee = \$25.00
_____ <== Total Amount Enclosed

Cancellations received by 9/9/2021 will receive a full refund. Partial refund (50% paid after Meeting) will be given for cancellations received after 9/9/2021. Registrants unable to attend may give their registration to another person.

Mail completed form and your check (payable to East Texas Daylily Society (or ETDS) to:

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IN SEARCH OF: *The Lost and Found of the ADS Database*

By Tracey Stewart



Do you know about one of the best things about the American Daylily Society? It is their photographic database of the over 90,000 daylilies registered to date. If you're new to the Society, take a moment and check it out. It's absolutely amazing, and the work that goes into keeping it up to date not only encompasses the most recent cultivars but goes all the way back to the very earliest known daylilies.

Recently, I've had the delightful opportunity to communicate with Janice Kennedy, a tireless worker for the American Daylily Society. She has posed a question to me, and I want to share it with you.

She writes: "Are there many gardens in your area with collections of the older daylilies from Texas hybridizers? It's so helpful when we have people keeping their eye out for things that need a photo in the database. We have located thousands of photographs, but there are still over 30,000 missing, so every little bit helps. With smartphones, now people can quickly check the daylily database to see if a picture is missing while they are touring a garden. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking

pictures, we would love the help."

Janice's query made me start wondering about some of the past and present hybridizers from Texas that I'm aware of who have missing database pictures: Jack Carpenter, Bobo Faggard, J.L. Cruse, Jean Barnhart, Art Imperial, Rodger Croker... These are just a handful of Texas-based hybridizers whose images are needed for the database. Janice reminded me of others whose important work in small and miniature daylilies is noted: Lucille Warner, Lucille Williamson, the Winniford family, Joyce Lewis, Edna Lankart, Bertie Ferris, Tom Hughes, and Hugh Russell.

Please keep this in mind the next time you look at your daylilies or tour someone else's daylily gardens. Michael Bouman is the Chairman of the Registration Image Collection. There is a consent form you'll need to fill out, but it's easy. The direct link is:

images@daylilies.org. Keep a keen eye open, and let's fill up the database.

Happy gardening, and happy snapping!



Youth Members:

Free Daylily Book for Your School or Local Library

By Kathy D'Alessandro

Patrick Larsen, AHS member and author of *My Grandparents' Daylilies*, has donated some copies of his book to be given away by the ADS Youth Committee. The book is about a young girl discovering and taking an interest in daylilies. It also goes into detail about hybridizing. You can view and get more details about the book at www.amazon.com.

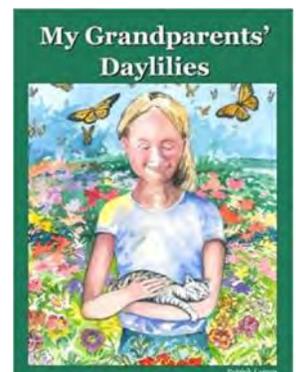
At present there are three organizations that hold membership in ADS and they have been given a copy of the book. There are 15 Regions within our Society and each of those has a Youth Liaison or someone acting in that capacity. Each of them has been asked to suggest a public library

in their area to receive one of the books.

Would you like your school library or local public library to receive a copy of *My Grandparent's Daylilies*? If so, send the name and address of the library and the name of the person at the library who will be accepting the book to the ADS Youth Chair, Kathy D'Alessandro, 2076 Silo Lane, East Greenville, PA 18041 or email:

kadales@verizon.net.

Books will be donated until supplies are exhausted.



Flaunt Those Flowers

By Skottie O'Mahony

American Daylily Society Display Gardens are established to display the very best daylily cultivars to the general public. Its purpose is to educate the visitor about modern daylilies and how they can be used effectively in landscapes. According to the ADS site, there are over 250 official display gardens throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe where you can view a variety of modern daylilies in a garden setting.



The new official American Daylily Society sign.
(Courtesy of the AHS site)

We currently have five registered Display Gardens in Region 6:

- **Benvenuti Garden**, (Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts)
- **The Edna Lankart Garden** at Tyler Rose Garden (Dee Pace)
- **Binion Amerson's Daylily Garden** (Michael Reed)
- **Glenda Mae's Farm** (Joey & Glenda Mae Dziema)
- **Tanglewild Gardens** (Jeff Breitenstein & Skottie O'Mahony)

Peggy & Dan Cathey have also applied to have their garden added to this list, and I have no doubt that Mike Peppers' Display Garden, at his new home in Bastrop, will be ready for a re-list for next year. You can find contact information for these Display Gardens at the end of this article.

Having a Display Garden can be very fulfilling and an excellent opportunity for you to share the beautiful cultivars you have collected with others and

possibly even inspire someone to host their own Display Garden.

There are two types of Display Gardens: the one that most folks know about with modern cultivars, and some gardens qualify to be designated as a Historic Daylily Display Garden. At **Tanglewild Gardens**, we are lucky to have both designations and host a variety of new cultivars, historic cultivars (registered before 1990), and species daylilies (the original plant found naturally in the wild). The species daylilies are the ancestral parents of all daylily cultivars. It is difficult to imagine, but from the approximately 20 species of wild daylilies, as of May 2018, there are nearly 89,000 registered cultivars that share genetics with these 20 original species.

There are some basic criteria necessary to obtain official Display Garden or Historic Daylily Display Garden status:

The Garden owner or public garden liaison must be an ADS member in good standing for two years or more.

Although the number of daylily cultivars is not set, the garden must include a wide variety of daylilies from several hybridizers. For Historic Daylily Display Gardens, it is recommended that the garden contain a minimum of 50 -100 historic daylily cultivars and species.

The garden must be well maintained and relatively free of weeds.

Plant markers should be maintained in good condition, with the name of both the cultivar and the hybridizer showing clearly. The date of registration is often included on the marker as well and must be included on the plant marker for historic daylilies. Historic daylilies are defined as all daylily species plus daylily cultivars registered on or before 1990.

The garden should be open to the public during the bloom season. The American Daylily Society's insurance policy does not include Display Garden visitation. Garden owners are encouraged to carry their own insurance.

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Commercial gardens are requested to maintain a specific area designated as a Display Garden.

By September 1 of each year, Display Garden owners will be notified about renewing their status. Forms must be mailed or submitted online by October 1.

To be added to the list of official Display Gardens and Historic Daylily Display Gardens, the qualifying garden must be inspected and approved by the appropriate Regional President or their designated representative and recommended to the Display Garden Chairman.

The Nitty Gritty...

Peggy sent out a questionnaire to those of us who currently have Display Gardens, and a few of us have responded with answers and some tips and tricks to hosting your own Display Gardens. Most of us have been designated as Display Gardens for several years, so we can tell you from experience that we recommend hosting your own garden, as it is very fulfilling, but like anything worthwhile, it takes some effort.

We have all had few issues with having our gardens on Display. We ask that folks contact us in advance, but we do occasionally get visitors that show up unannounced. It is fine most of the time, but occasionally there are disappointments if hosts are not home or visitors show up at an inconvenient time. Most folks are courteous and respect the work that goes into creating a display garden, but there is occasional damage to plants due to a misstep or accident, but those are very rare.

Hybridizers, however, do have occasional issues with daylily “do-gooders” who believe they are helping by deadheading while visiting, all with good intentions. However, please leave the deadheading to the hosts. Personally, Jeff and I have signs saying ***Please Don't Deadhead the Daylilies***, much like signs that say ***Please Don't Feed the Animals*** - In both cases, reading seems to be selective.

Most of us get 50+ visitors a year, and they have been complimentary, curious, and wonderful to spend time with. It is always great to meet new people and spread interest in daylilies, which is why we grow them. Many are novice gardeners and new to daylilies (especially in Texas), so you have an opportunity to show off these incredible plants, share the joy it gives to you, spark interest in gardening and possibly even gain a new member to our Region.



There is so much whimsy and beauty at ***Benvenuti Gardens***
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Many ask about needing additional liability insurance. This really depends on the size and type of garden you have. We have a very large garden and plan to hold events in the future, but we are not the norm. For most, it will not be a real issue. Most of us get small groups that drop by, and if you keep an eye on them - warning about any potential hazards, like a rut in the yard or flagstone that is damp and slippery, etc. - you should be golden. As far as big tours (Regional or such), i.e., buses, it might be worthwhile to call your insurance agent to be sure.



The seedling beds at ***Tanglewild Gardens***.
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FYI - According to AllLaw.com, "If someone is hurt at your house or on your property, as a result of an accident or any kind of unintentional mishap, the liability provision of your homeowners' insurance policy will typically kick in to cover any personal injury claim that is filed."

Words of Advice:

Maintenance - Try your best to be one step ahead on garden maintenance so it will look pristine but just remember that so many of these visitors are so overwhelmed with their beauty that they tend not even to notice a few weeds or yellow foliage that you may have missed.

Tags - Make sure that all of the name tags, especially on blooming daylilies, are clear and easily readable to avoid folks walking into your garden to uncover a tag and possibly damage something else valuable, unintentionally. That includes blooming plants that are unnamed or lost tags. We simply make tags that say that.



Gorgeous daylilies bloom at **Glenda Mae's Daylily Farm**.
Copyright © 2018 **Glenda Mae's Daylily Farm**

and promote those days via **Facebook** groups, **Instagram**, **Nextdoor**, and in your club meetings. It allows you time to plan and get your garden looking its best.

Final Pass - We walk the garden the day before a visit and tidy what we can, and on the day of a visitor tour, we make sure there are no fallen tree branches or anything else blocking pathways. This is when we put up signs not to deadhead as well.

Hashtags - In today's world, social media is everything. Encourage visitors to take photos and create a hashtag that they can then use on social media posts of their photos. We post ours on a sign so that it is readily available to them. Ours is #tanglewildgardens, and it's wonderful to see what images people take as everyone's perspective is different. It gives you insight into what they really enjoyed since it was photo-worthy.

This Theodore Roosevelt quote always resonated with me: "**Nothing** in the world is **worth having** or **worth doing** unless it means effort, pain, difficulty..."

With that said... hosting a Display Garden does require effort - and I'd be lying if I said my back is not occasionally feeling a bit of pain from working on our gardens, and the difficulty varies based on your ambitions for your garden - but in the end we all are gardeners. We all grow daylilies, so flaunt those flowers! Show the love and effort you put into your garden and consider hosting your own Daylily Display Garden.

Current Region 6 Daylily Gardens are listed on the following page.



The beautiful front display beds of **Benvenuti Garden**.
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Beverages - Especially in hot weather, be sure to have bottled water or a pitcher readily available, lemonade, iced tea, etc., as you don't want anyone dealing with heat stroke in our Texas weather.

Bathrooms - Either make one available for guests or make it clear that there are no public restrooms. With many elderly visitors, bathrooms are very appreciated. Don't forget extra TP!

Open Gardens - To focus visitations, you can designate 'Open Garden Days' during peak bloom

Current Region 6 Display Gardens



Benvenuti Garden

509 Huckleberry Dr., Lake Jackson, TX 77566
 Contact: Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts
 Email: lorisgarrett@comcast.net
 Preferred contact method: Email



Edna Lankart Garden at Tyler Rose Garden

420 Rose Park Dr., Tyler, TX 75702
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 Email: dpace@embarqmail.com
 Preferred contact method: Email



Binion Amerson's Daylily Garden

3425 Apple Valley Dr., Farmers Branch, TX 75234
 Contact: Michael & Mary Ellen Reed
 Email: 4mikereed@txrr.com
 Preferred contact method: Email



Glenda Mae's Farm

4741 Farm to Market Rd. 2339, Murcheson, TX
 Contact: Joseph Dziema
 Email: maeday62@embarqmail
 Preferred contact method: Email



Tanglewild Gardens

12229 Tanglewild Dr., Austin, Tx 78758
 Contact: Jeff Breitenstein & Skottie O'Mahony
 Ph: (206) 713-9405
 Email: skotjeff@gmail.com
 Preferred contact method: Please call and leave a message

Coming soon...

PDC Gardens

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 Covington, TX 76636
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 Ph: (817) 666-9002
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ADS Region 6 Daylily Clubs



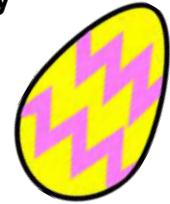
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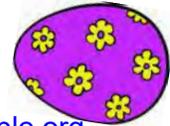
Brazosport Daylily Society

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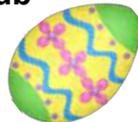
Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society

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Club Email: iris.daylilies@gmail.com



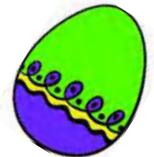
Cypress Creek Daylily Club

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Website: <http://cypresscreekdaylilyclub.simplesite.com/>



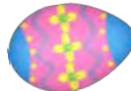
Lone Star Daylily Society

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Albuquerque Daylily Society



**Donna Peck
Club Reporter**

Albuquerque, NM

This will be another strange year for our club as we continue to honor the COVID-19 restrictions and rules. However, our executive officers did meet to plan the year's schedule. Because our members enjoy each other very much, it is very difficult to plan meetings where members don't mingle with each other, share stories, listen to daylily ideas and just laugh.

Our first **Zoom** meeting is planned for March, with Barbara Shapiro talking about **Hemerocallis fulva**. And in April, Barbara is on a **Zoom** panel with Margo Murdock and Amy Howard talking about **Potting Daylilies**.

April is usually the time for our **Spring Plant Sale**, but we have to know the situation with COVID-19 before that is determined.

Our interesting meeting in June, also on **Zoom**, will have Dianna Gossard as our guest speaker. We all were impressed with her talk at our Regional 6 Meeting two years ago, so by popular demand, she will return.

We have co-presidents this year, with Amy Howard and Will Ferrell taking over. Will had moved into a new home three years ago and was on tour for our Region 6 Meeting. His newly planted garden was amazing, but he wasn't satisfied. So I asked him to write what he had been doing for the coming daylily season. He said he had chlorosis last year, and even with fertilizing with Miracle-Gro® and the **Hooker Formula**, the plants were scrawny and with yellowed leaves. "I decided that soil replacement might be the answer, so I gathered soil from other parts of the yard and enhanced it with aged cow manure and sand. I dug up wheelbarrow loads of soil, including the plants, and swapped in the new soil. Then I replanted the daylilies. This occurred in October and November, so I cannot yet report on the result. Additionally, I bought a half dozen of Dianna Gossard's plants with recent inception dates. These and other recent acquisitions grace the front yard. Fingers crossed. The 2021 garden should be much better."

Our other co-president, Amy Howard, shares that "this time of year, most of my garden activities consist of peeking every few days in my tundra-appearing gardens for new growth, and I give a good soaking every week to two weeks if the temps are well above freezing during the day. This time of year, I also check the plant markers and redo them as needed. I (finally) purchased a Brother Label Maker to offset my horrible handwriting on tags and am looking forward to having markers and tags that can actually be read!! While I patiently wait for the bloom season, I also fashion plant collars out of trimmed upper rings of plastic drinking cups and sink them into the ground around some of my plants that are being munched on by cutworms – thank goodness my garden is small! As the weather warms, I transfer potted cultivars into the garden, preferably early in the season so there is less stress due to heat, with a layer of compost and alfalfa pellets at the bottom of the holes. I generally start fertilizing with organic **Hooker Formula** in early April." Amy wishes us all a beautiful bloom season.

A good event this year was acquiring a new member, Carla Chirigos, to our club. She has been a fan of daylilies ever since I gave her some registration plants when she helped in my garden for the Region 6 Meeting during the tour. Carla has also just joined ADS, so she



Carla's new daylily bed. *It is actually her husband's tomato bed, so she has to give it back to him after the landscaper makes her a new bed for her daylilies.* Photos by Carla Chirigos



Landscaping done. Here is a Before and After of one of the new daylily beds.

will be enjoying the Region 6 Newsletters and ADS Daylily Journals that she will be receiving soon. She wrote me, "At first, I wasn't interested in Daylilies because I had heard they only bloomed a single day, but soon I learned that each Daylily could have several blooms that continue to you give you enjoyment for several days. My main hobby is photography, and my favorite subject to photograph is flowers. Knowing I could step into my backyard with the ability to take flower photographs in the early morning or late afternoon light has been a big plus. Now I plan to have part of my backyard re-landscaped to include a dedicated flower bed for my daylilies. I am looking forward to joining in on the Society's first meeting of the year, even if it isn't in person." Carla is hoping all of her daylilies survived the cold snap she received the week of February 14th. She is also willing to have a photoshoot session of your daylilies if you contact her, knowing she is an amateur!

One of our veteran members, Carolyn Kittredge, had fun hybridizing her daylilies. And as I write this, she tells me a couple of her seeds have sprouted. She planted about a dozen from *H. 'White Eyes Pink Dragon'* (Gossard 2006) and *H. 'Arabian Veil'* (Salter 2009). We will keep you posted on how they develop.

A funny story from one of our members: I received an email from Art Bova last month. Art is a retired lawyer and a professional photographer and has many framed pictures of his photographs in his home. Art titled his email ***The Donna Peck Miracle***. (I was intrigued!) I opened it to a beautifully framed picture of a daylily Betty Roberts named after me. Art wrote me, "I was fortunate to photograph the *H. 'Donna Peck'* daylily when it had multiple blooms and had rich green leaves and was marvelous, which is seen in the picture on the left. I framed it and hung the wood-framed, matted, and glass-covered photo in our kitchen, and it has been admired by many. Unfortunately, a couple of months ago, my wife heard some



noise in the middle of the night and did not think it was anything serious and continued to sleep. I awoke later and walked into the kitchen where it was hanging and could not understand why the framed picture of 32" by 28" was on the floor. The glass covering was shattered, and the 30-50 glass shards were all over the photograph in different sizes and pieces. I was horrified and did not know how it happened, but I went to work using pliers and removing the shards and pieces as best I could. I turned it upside down so the glass pieces would not cut the photograph and found that the round screw holder on the hanging wire back had slipped out on one side, and the framed photo slide down the wall and fortunately, slipped forward and remained face up when it finally came to rest on the floor. After I turned it over with the glass below the picture, more pieces of glass and small pieces came out. I took the framed photograph to a local frame shop that, with my assistance, was able to separate the frame from the remaining glass and replace the glass in the frame, and secure the hanging wire. I was able to return home in 30 minutes and hang the ***Miracle of the Donna Peck Daylily*** up on our kitchen wall. Sometimes you can be lucky, but knowing and hanging the 'Donna Peck Daylily' will always be a Miracle! " Art said that many of his pictures have fallen, but the others have all been damaged!

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Miracle of the Donna Peck Daylily
photos by Art Bova



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Jeff Breitenstein
Club Reporter



Austin, TX

This year, it seemed like February stole March's gig – coming in like a lamb and roaring out like a big bad icy lion... we hope everyone is recovering after the week of terrible weather and that any damages were minor and fixable. Don Heiskell asked the Scientific Committee for their opinion about what to do with frozen daylily foliage. Many northerners say to do nothing, though a few of them mentioned it might lead to crown rot. Our members generally agreed it would be best to trim out as much mushy foliage as possible without pulling on the leaves – we'll let you know how they recover.



Frozen daylily foliage. Photo by Tom Ellison

Our Club Officers will remain pretty much the same for 2021, with Jennifer Renner continuing as

President, Tom Ellison as Treasurer, Shirley Friesen as Secretary, Suzanne Adair as AAGC Liaison, Jeff Breitenstein as 2nd Vice President – and we welcome Janice and Don Heiskell as co-1st Vice Presidents. Thank you all for your service to the Club!

We're still meeting virtually and enjoying catching with each other up over **Zoom** (usually with a glass of wine – haha). We're excited for our March **Zoom** call and scientific presentation with ADS President Scott Elliot. Since we won't be able to hold a daylily show in May, Beth Collier has received permission from her church to let us do a (socially distanced) Spring Plant Swap in their parking lot! The fall plant swap was a big hit, and we're excited to do it again. Mike Peppers is hosting our annual garden party in May at his beautifully landscaped new home in Bastrop. Between **Zoom** and distanced outside gatherings where our members can be safe, we're so happy to keep the friendship bonds strong in the Club.

We typically take a meeting break in June and July. We're unsure if we'll be able to meet in person in the Fall, but we look forward to learning more about the Austin Daylily Rust project that Don Heiskell has been working on (more on that in the Summer newsletter), as well as welcoming Scott Elliott to speak to the Club in September.

Our Facebook Group page has stayed active with frequent posts from member's garden photos. For more information on the Austin Daylily Society, including the topics of upcoming meetings, please visit our website and Facebook page.



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Brazosport Daylily Society



**Jeane Weller
Club Reporter**

Lake Jackson, TX

The Brazosport Daylily Society has 34 members. Our regular meeting time is the second Sunday of each month, 2:30 P.M., at the Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 E. Hwy 332, in Lake Jackson. However, with the COVID-19, our regular meetings have been canceled.

The current 2020-21 club officers are:
 President - Nancy Hackney
 1st Vice President - Loris Garrett
 2nd Vice President – Pat Bennett
 Secretary/club reporter – Jeane Weller
 Treasurer – Gary Gantt

Our last meeting, before shut down, was in March 2020, and our first meeting back will be this

March 2021. Guest speakers and activities will be discussed in our March meeting when we will be making plans for the remainder of 2021. This has been a difficult time for everyone, trying to keep everything going and staying healthy. Many of us enjoyed our gardens even more when our outside activities and contact were limited. As you probably saw in the news, Texas was recently hit by record freezing temperatures and rolling electrical black-outs throughout the state. In our area, many of our plants, tropicals, and some daylilies did not survive. Our member and Regional Director, David Freshour, sent before and after pictures of his yard.



BEFORE. Photos by David Freshour



AFTER



BEFORE.



AFTER

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Brazosport continued from page 35

However, encouraged by the warmer temperatures, the gardener spirit still lives. Our club members, Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts are always busy hybridizing.



H. 'Southbound 288' (Garrett 2019) photo by Loris Garrett

With great sadness and loving memories, we said farewell to our friend and fellow gardener, Dr. Art Imperial, on January 25, 2021. Art and his wife Nina were devoted members of the Brazosport Daylily Club. After retirement, he devoted himself to gardening and daylilies on their 3 acre home on the lake. In 2008, the AHS National Convention featured their gardens on tour, as growers from across the country visited the property and admired their fabulous gardens. The Imperials opened their home, hosting other Regional tours. Art was a master hybridizer, creating hundreds of new cultivars, including one he named after his town, *H.* 'Lake Jackson Beauty'. He won numerous awards exhibiting his daylilies in the flower shows, including several Best in Show awards. Art was well known for his generosity, as he always shared his daylilies for club shows and sales. Dr. Imperial will be greatly missed.

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H. 'Lake Jackson Beauty' (Imperial 2007)
photo by Tracey Stewart



H. 'Chris John John' (Imperial 2008)
photo by Rich Rosen

We are all looking forward to getting our gardens revitalized, activities planned and seeing our fellow-gardeners, friends, and members. Visitors and new members are always welcome.



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Cypress Creek Daylily Club

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Platinum Club
100% Membership in ADS

Jeannie Mallick
Club Reporter

Spring, TX



Cypress Creek Daylily Club is proud to be a 2021 Platinum club with 100% participation in ADS. Our commitment is and has been to carry on and go forward with club meetings, educational programs, events, and our annual fund-raising plant sale. Two meetings were canceled in March and April of 2020, but we continued to hold all other meetings in person and feature programs - albeit with reduced attendance. We found a good restaurant with an oversized covered patio and enjoyed our traditional Christmas party and garden-themed gift exchange outdoors at Pappasito's Mexican Cantina.



Amelia & Paul Cardona sit with Manny & Mae Camarata at the Christmas party

We are looking forward to having open garden parties at the homes of several of our members this spring. Member Kevin Perry will be presenting a program on raised bed preparation in his amazing backyard garden, and Fran and Clarence Matchett will host in May at the peak of the daylily bloom season.

The church where our club met for the past five years closed to outside gatherings. We got lucky and found a new meeting space at the Plants for All Seasons Nursery. We are very grateful to owner Sherri Harrah for accommodating our meetings at no charge! Sherri was our January program

speaker on the topic of What's New in the World of Gardening. She gave us guidance on new products that promote a soil environment supportive of micro-organisms that release or help make nutrients available to root systems.

Sherri Harrah of **Plants for All Seasons** with micronutrient products



The number one hobby in the United States is gardening, but number two in popularity is bird watching. Our club is proud to support worthy causes. Houston has some wonderful people who care for injured wild birds. Mary Anne Weber is the



Audubon Raptor Educator, Mary Anne Weber with hawk "ambassador".

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Educational Director for Houston Audubon's Raptor & Education Center. She brought many beautiful live bird "ambassadors" to the September meeting to educate us on helping local populations and enhancing bird habitat in our yards. This was one of our best-attended meetings of the year!

Billy Lewis was once again our lively auctioneer for October's Play Money Auction. We featured beautiful recent introductions from *Bell's*, *MP Franklin*, and *Kathie's Daylilies*. Mary and Eddie Gage participated



Mary & Eddie Gage participated in our Play Money Auction remotely using FaceTime!

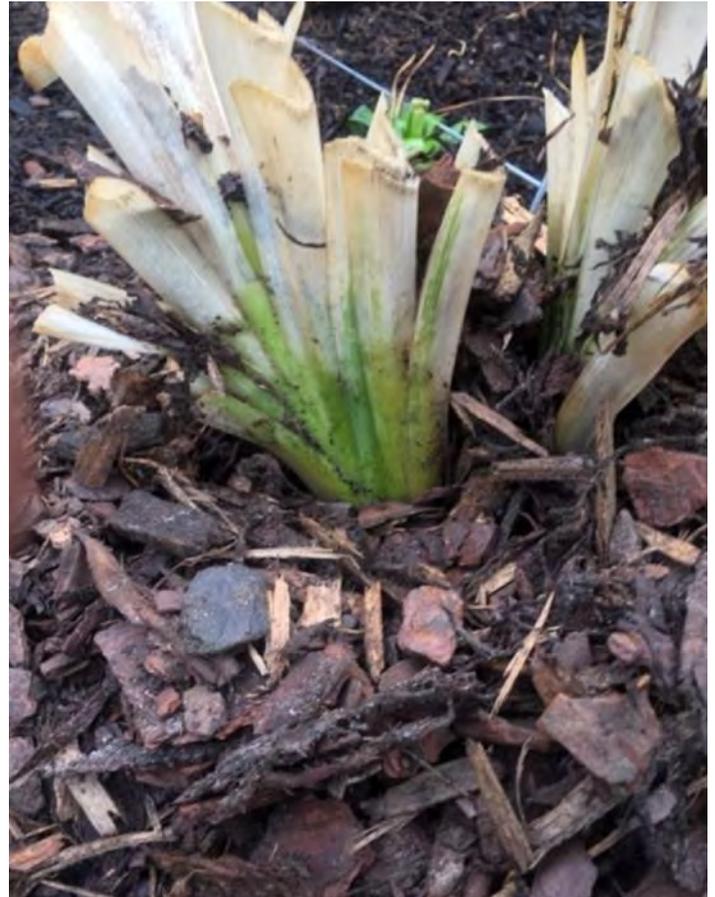
remotely with the help of the newest member, Brian Dooley. Brian placed Mary and Eddie's bids for them as they watched the action using FaceTime on a cell phone. We set a framed photo of Mary and Eddie on the head table so all could see they were "with us" for the auction. We could not fail to include two of our club's founding members who contrib-

uted hundreds of daylilies to our successful 2020 spring plant sale!



Cardboard boxes, recycle bins, & blankets protect daylily fans

Brrrr...was the word for our weather on Valentine's Day. Texas had a week of record cold temperatures with snow and freezing rain and lengthy power outages. We had to hustle to protect our daylilies with row covers, sheets, blankets, boxes, extra mulch, or whatever we could find. The only good thing that came of all the freezing devastation was it halted the early assault on new daylily leaves by an army of hungry aphids.



Mulch piled 6-8 inches deep saved the daylily crown in Kevin Perry's garden! (photo by Kevin Perry)



Row Cover on the Gages' daylily beds (photo by Mary Gage)

Anna Rosa Glidden, a founding member of our club who passed away last year, loved poetry. She knew many classic poems by heart. This is one of the poems she shared with us:

We are looking forward to being together with our daylily friends to share our love of daylilies and the natural world in the coming year.



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aylily Growers of Dallas



Pewter Club
50% Membership in ADS

Kathy Harris
Club Reporter

Dallas, TX

COVID-19 has shut us down. We have not had a meeting since November 2020, when we met at a local restaurant. We decided to cancel our annual Pea Patch Party in December due to the pandemic, and we have not met at all in 2021. Since we were meeting at the Dallas Public Library, we do not have a place to meet because it remains closed due to the pandemic. We have no plans for 2021 yet. Hopefully, as more and more people get vaccinated, our lives can return to normal, and we can resume meeting. We have continued to publish the Hemline newsletter,

and our December one was special, with the members sharing favorite recipes for the holidays.

After the extremely cold weather the entire state of Texas suffered, all our daylilies look pretty pitiful. Our club members have been communicating horticultural tips with each other. Looking forward, I doubt we will have a spring sale or a flower show in 2021.



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East Texas Daylily Society



Pewter Club
62% Membership in ADS

Pat Weller
Club Reporter

Tyler, TX

We have not had a meeting since March 2020. It is hard to believe that COVID-19 has been a problem for over a year now. We are hoping that we can have a meeting in March 2021, but we shall see.

In the meantime, we have all been through a (hopefully) once-in-a-lifetime event that I refer to as the Feb 2021 DEEP FREEZE. The first snow in January was fun & pretty, but the Feb DEEP FREEZE was dangerous and caused a lot of



Pretty January snow. Photos by Pat Weller

damage to water pipes and our beloved gardens. In two days, we had sleet, snow, freezing rain, and then more snow. Of course, the worst part was the below-freezing temperatures that lasted ten days. We set an all-time low temperature of (-7) degrees on Feb 16th. If there is one bright spot in all of this, the rust should be dead & buried for 2021!



How I feel about the February DEEP FREEZE.

I am including comments from two of our members and pictures from the Feb 2021 DEEP FREEZE.

From Sandy Perkins and Doug McKemie

Caring for our daylilies the past few months was nothing out of the ordinary until the cold weather and snowstorm hit on Valentine's Day. Watering, weeding, and watching everything grow was great. We have baby seedlings which we started from seed back in November, which we bumped up to individual 4-inch pots the first week in February. We started covering the 1-gallon pots on Friday with tarps (double on most) or anything else we could find. We covered anything else in the ground that we felt would not handle the extreme cold. Then the cold hit with about 7 inches of snow on Sunday, Valentine's Day. Doug and I had to go out about 2:30 a.m. to beat snow and ice off two of the greenhouses and again around 8:00 a.m.

With a -2° temperature, we both looked like we had on our entire closet of clothes. Two of the greenhouses have gas heaters in them, which were running 24/7. We used a kerosene heater in the other greenhouse at night only for three nights. The plants in the third greenhouse were double covered for protection. The snow was at least a

good insulator for the plants in the ground. We were lucky and had very little ice. Pictures show Doug in the greenhouse with his broom working on the plastic so it would not cave in. Another photo shows



Doug McKemie working to keep the snow from collapsing the greenhouse.. Photos by Sandy Perkins



Plant markers looking like a daylily graveyard.



After: the snow is finally melting. Now we wait.

the garden looking like a graveyard with just the garden markers showing. We started uncovering things on Friday so they could breathe and get some fresh air. We will not know what has survived and what has not for about a month, but daylilies are tough, and I am sure most everything will come back for a spectacular bloom season.

From Nancy East

We did survive the polar vortex, not so sure about the plants as everything was going full speed ahead and had just been weeded and mulched. We ran several faucets 24/7 to keep the water from freezing. My cats refused to go out while the snow was around. They just sat in front of the heater. Shallow parts of Lake Palestine froze over and were solid white. Locally, large old live oaks look sad.



Daylilies in the snow and ice. Photos by Nancy East



Enjoy the photos. Hoping we can all get back to normal soon!



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ouston Hemerocallis Society

Bill Jarvis
Club Reporter

Houston, TX



Winter in Houston had been mild... but then in mid-February, everything changed. One of the coldest spells I've seen in over 40 years turned our lush green daylily beds into what could be described as an attack with a flame thrower. The good news is that our daylilies took it all in stride and are already sending up nice new foliage from the roots.

In November, we started holding our regular club meetings using **Zoom**. It's not the same as meeting in person, but it gives us a chance to conduct regular business and catch up with everyone. The meeting program was a video from Bell's Daylily Garden. Our January and February meetings were also held using **Zoom**. A decision was made to continue **Zoom** meetings during the rest of spring before hopefully starting in-person meetings again in the fall.

In December, our annual Christmas Party had to be canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. Our 2021 Daylily Show has also been canceled; however, we

will have a daylily sale this spring. It will be held outdoors on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Check the club website for more information, including photos of the cultivars that will be included in the sale.

This past year we lost one of our club's long-time members. Margaret Standard passed on April 10th, 2020, at the age of 94. She was HHS President in 1968-69 and then again in 1972-73 and 1976. Margaret became club treasurer in 1985, where she served for 14 years. After that, she served as Historian and Holiday Party chair up until her passing.

At our 2018 flower show, Margaret brought a cake for the luncheon. The cake had been topped with an image of a daylily that struck her fancy. She had seen a picture of it in the Region 6 Newsletter. The daylily was one of my seedlings, and this year I named the seedling after her and registered it in honor of this long-time servant of our club.



H. 'Margaret Standard' (Jarvis 2020)

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olden Spread Daylily Society



Platinum Club
100% Membership in ADS

Joan Avampato
Club Reporter

Amarillo, TX

All GSDS members are members of AHS (ADS) and have been over the years, going back to 2002 and before.

GSDS president is Douglas Smith, VP is Terry McCanna, and Secretary/Treasurer is Joan Avampato. Joan Avampato is the Club reporter.

Because of COVID-19 and its ongoing presence, we have not done anything as a group.

Since we are only three active members, and one of us does not have email or a computer, we do not exchange information regularly or have virtual meetings.

February brought freezing weather, snow, loss of electric power, and in some cases, loss of vital water to all of Texas for a week and more. However,

Amarillo only had rolling power outages and did not have any large-scale water problems. We are not on the power grid with the rest of the state, lucky for us, and were spared being in homes without heat. We did have temperatures in the single digits and 14 inches of snow, and the plants were affected. Garden Fest, the daylily year's first activity, has been scheduled for April 24 by Amarillo Botanical Gardens, which hosts the event. Plant sales and other garden activities take place, but it may not happen this year. I do not know how many daylilies survived the extremely low temperatures for an extended time.

The bright spot, all three of our members are American Daylily Society members.

Introductions From Region 6 Hybridizers

Photos by Peggy Cathey unless otherwise noted



H. 'Wowzer',
(Burseen, 2007)



H. 'Barbara Antonelli',
(Nichols-H, 2010)



H. 'Bayou Lafourche',
(Eskine-Eskine, 2014)



H. 'Our Sunny Skye',
(Long-K, 2015)



H. 'Yesterday's Love',
Turrentine, 2016



H. 'Crabby Old Man',
Weller, 2017
Photo by Pat Weller



H. 'Rumble Seat',
Stewart-T, 2019
Photo by Tracey Stewart



H. 'Red Velvet Jammies',
McKemie-Perkins, 2020
Photo by Sandy Perkins



Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society



Silver Club
83% Membership in ADS

**Brian Goodman/
Peggy Cathey
Co-Club Reporters**



Cleburne, TX

Our Johnson County club is very fortunate to have a place to hold our monthly meetings. Our traditional meeting room was closed to groups early last year. Fortunately, the JN Long Cultural Arts Complex, where we have our annual sales and shows, welcomed us to use their cafeteria, which offers plenty of room for social distancing.

Since our last report, we have had our Christmas Party (without our usual potluck luncheon). Our Youth members, Isabella and Victoria, were in charge of unwrapping the gifts as the members chose them, moving them to other members as they were “stolen.” I was excited to see some **SKOTOART** daylily prints among the gifts. We missed the luncheon but had packaged snacks and bottled drinks for our refreshments. Some members made cookies and packaged them in individually sealed snack bags for us to enjoy.

With it being hard to find speakers who will travel to talk to us, we have taken advantage of online webinars, which we showed on the big screen TV in the cafeteria.

Stacy Estep, wholesale store manager of **Wolfe Nursery, Direct** in Fort Worth, is scheduled for our March meeting. She will be discussing soil amendments to build our soils for better blooms.

Peggy & Dan Cathey were scheduled in February to present a PowerPoint program on **Flower Photography Using a Mobile Phone Camera**.



Unfortunately, an arctic blast fell across the area, and we had to cancel our meeting due to icy road conditions. The program has been

rescheduled for May.

We do not have a Daylily Show planned for this year but plan to meet in club member Anita Gooddale’s garden in June. Anita has done extensive work on her garden the past couple of years and is excited to show it off to our members. Anita

writes an **Into the Garden With Anita** column for our club’s monthly newsletter about what is happening in her garden. We are all anxious to see it in person. Her January newsletter featured four of our member’s gardens covered in snow. Snow doesn’t often happen in our area, but we have had snow in January *and* February this year.



Goodale Garden
photo by Anita Goodale



Suite Garden
photo by Gailmae Suite



Keeth Garden
photo by Mary Keeth



Cathey Garden
photo by Peggy Cathey

While at Anita’s garden, Dan and Peggy, who are ADS Garden Judges, will show members how to evaluate daylilies in the garden and what you should expect from your daylily plants.

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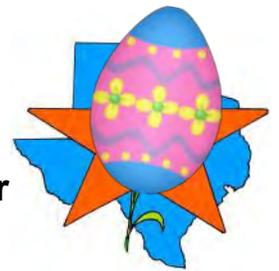
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Silver Club
85% Membership in ADS

Bobbie Ware
Club Reporter

Alvin, TX



Greetings fellow daylily enthusiasts!

It's been a long time since we have seen each other, but it looks like it may happen soon! Most of our group has gotten their second shot of the vaccine, and once we get over the freeze shock, we want to socialize again. And after looking at all the mushy mess in our daylily beds, we get out the catalogs or look online, and drool over all the new daylilies we want to buy. We know that most of the clubs aren't having Flower Shows this year, but Lone Star Daylily Society plans to have ours on May 15, 2021 at the Epiphany Lutheran Church in Pearland. If it is not sanctioned, we will just have it for fun!! And our members are rounding up plants for the Plant Sale, so plan on coming and enjoy the fellowship! For more details, please contact Beki Spearman at: fsandbs@att.net

In the meantime, we bought bird feeders when the Wildbirds Unlimited speaker came to our club meeting last year, and what a workout those feeders have gotten!! We watch Cardinals, Tufted Titmice, Chickadees, Goldfinches, House Finches, Red Winged Blackbirds, Blue Jays, a Woodpecker, and Ring-necked Doves and White Winged Doves fight for a spot at the feeders. And when there are about 20-30 birds making a lot of noise, along come several cats who think they are great hunters! It is the best entertainment you can enjoy while just looking out the window. We hope to see everybody again soon, and with masks, it will be fun figuring out who is behind those masks!!

Larry Bartz sent in a few of his "critter" photos from last year for your enjoyment.



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Lufkin Daylily Society



Platinum Club
100% Membership in ADS

Tracey Stewart
Club Reporter

Lufkin, TX

The Lufkin Daylily Society has, like everyone else, been severely affected by the COVID-19 restrictions this past year. With no end in sight, our Club has opted to wait to resume meetings, and as of this writing, we don't know yet when that will be. I know that I will miss having our annual springtime Daylily Sale, as we always have such fun together prepping, selling, and most importantly, educating the public about daylilies. The good news is that our

Club has reached the platinum level in membership, meaning that 100% of our members are also members of the ADS.

In the meantime, let's get energized and go out into our gardens: transplanting, dividing, and tidying up are always there for us to do. Hopefully, things will get back to normal (?) soon! Below are some photos of a few of my favorite daylilies.

Until next time.



H. 'Special Candy'
(Stamile 2006)



H. 'Blossom Hill'
(Maryott 2018)



H. 'For Aunt Marian'
(Harry 2010)



H. 'Line Dancer'
(Payne-LH 2004)

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