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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
- * Club News and Events

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

Submit material via email. Please send text as a MS Word file attachment or in body of email. Send photographs as separate attachments, not *inserted* into email. Obtain a copyright/consent form from the editor, sign and return.



ADS Region 6 President's Report

By Bonnie J. Nichols

Summer is here! And...I am counting the days until fall already. 103 degrees and 117 "feels like" temperatures are the encouragement to plan for pumpkins and candy corn.

We bloomed beautiful seedlings this year, as well as some newly purchased daylilies. My husband, Hooker, and I toured Pat Weller and Doug's garden in Lindale. They have some wonderful daylilies for us to see. Be sure to ask Pat to see her double white daylily seedling.

The Austin Daylily Society hosted a fantastic Regional Meeting. We renewed friendships, made new friends, toured beautiful gardens, and enjoyed wonderful food. Of course, I bought too many plants – but found homes for every one of them. The Daylily Growers of Dallas is busy planning for our visit next season. I understand the hotel is booked and the buses are arranged for next year. More information to come later.

My husband and I drove to Nashville for the National Daylily Convention. We enjoyed the gardens and seeing more daylily friends. If you have not been to a daylily auction at a National Convention before---it is a sight to see. There are some very serious bidders, but everyone has fun. Next year we head to Oklahoma City for the National Convention. Since my husband is from Oklahoma, we consider ourselves 1/2 Texan and 1/2 Oklahoman. Make your reservations soon because they will sell out fast.

I have enjoyed being your Region 6 President. I leave the office this next year to very capable hands. David Freshour has served on the ADS board, and we look forward to the coming months working with him. I look forward to serving Region 6 and ADS in the future.

Happy Summer!



Awards and Honors Report

By Jeff Breitenstein

As you all know, the Daylily Growers of Dallas club is excited to host the 2024 Regional Meeting! They will also host awards beds to showcase the hard work of our Region's hybridizers and give you an opportunity to see new daylilies for the first time.

During the garden tour, you'll have the opportunity to visit the Edna Lankart Award bed to vote for the best seedling from a Region 6 hybridizer (who is not a member of the host club). You may also vote on seedlings submitted by members of that year's host club for the Annie T. Giles Award.

At the 2023 Regional in Austin, only one seedling was submitted from Mary Gage. Despite the ice storm and heavy rains, it grew well but didn't shoot up a scape in time for the Regional. I'm hoping we'll have a larger group to view and vote on next year!

Hybridizers who wish to submit daylilies for Award Beds should mail/deliver their seedling plants to the Daylily Growers of Dallas c/o Hooker T. Nichols at 15076 County Road 349, Terrell, TX 75161 – (972) 672-3062. **Note: their deadline to submit seedlings (April 15, 2023) has already passed.** If you still wish to participate, please reach out to Hooker to ask if a special arrangement can be made.



Mary Gage seedling. Sadly, no blooms for the 2023 Region 6 Meeting



Region 6 Treasurer's Report

By Mike Peppers

The following represents transactions since my last report. If you have questions at any time, please contact me.

Previous Balance	\$ 18,190.22
Receipts:	
Newsletter support from East Texas Daylily Society	\$ 5,000.00
Memorial gift-Donald Hodges	\$ 25.00
Youth Page sponsor	\$ 50.00
Ad-Johnson County Iris & Daylily	\$ 100.00
2023 Region 6 auction	\$ 2,605.91
Total Income:	\$ 7,780.91

Disbursements:	
Spring 2023 Newsletter	\$ 1,278.18
Fall/Winter 2022 Newsletter	\$ 2,231.35
President-2022 National Con.	\$ 500.00
President-2023 National Con.	\$ 500.00
Exhibition Judges Clinic	\$ 64.47
ADS Insurance	\$ 121.75
Fall 2022 Symposium Expenses	\$ 608.50
Total Expenses:	\$ 5,304.25
Ending Balance:	\$ 20,666.88



Archivist/Historian & Webmaster Report

By Ray Houston

If you wish to know what is happening in Region 6, or you are seeking historical information, please visit the Region 6 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:

Added bio for David Freshour
http://www.ahsregion6.com/freshour_david.htm

Added tribute for Bob Harper
http://www.ahsregion6.com/harper_bob.htm

Added tribute for Katherine Harris
http://www.ahsregion6.com/harris_katherine.htm

Added Popularity Poll web page with link to the new online Poll ballot
http://www.ahsregion6.com/popularity_poll_ballot.htm

Posted Electronic Version of Region 6 Spring Newsletter

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

Posted 2022 Region 6 Service Award Winners – Dan & Peggy Cathey

http://www.ahsregion6.com/service_award_2022.htm

Updated Region 6 Officer Contact Information

<http://www.ahsregion6.com/officers.htm>





Region 6 Publicity Co-Directors

Tim Closs & Brant Mauthe

Report by Brant Mauthe

Growing Daylilies casually for 25 years and then accidentally becoming a member of our local club, Daylily Growers of Dallas, less than three years ago has made me ask a lot of daylily questions. Sometimes I receive good answers; occasionally, the responses are profoundly helpful, and you know you just found a new friend.

When Tim Closs and I became the Region 6 Publicity Co-Directors at last Fall's Regional Meeting, I questioned what the "publicity" person's job was. I was informed that mostly he or she conducted and reported on the Popularity Poll each year, aka the "Pop Poll." The Pop Poll is a survey of members to enter up to 10 cultivars they like. The winning cultivars could be added to the Region's Hall of Fame, and members could compete with these cultivars in a special category in Daylily Shows. However, this has been widely publicized to have been discontinued by the American Daylily Society as an official poll for cultivars showing in their own class in shows (unless a Region or club wants to hold their own poll with local results and competitions). So, my new question became, "What's the point?"

Several members told me it was important to know the members' favorite varieties. But why? Was it just another cool, geeky Excel spreadsheet report? I love those, even when they don't tell me anything useful! However, Tim and I discussed it and thought it could be much more. Just think, the previous poll and its rules are gone forever. We're free to do anything we like.

As a result, we have now conducted three surveys, in either our own local club or in Region 6, at the recent Region 6 May Meeting. We had a captive audience on the bus ride to view the gardens, so it was a perfect time for getting some opinions recorded. I persisted to the point that I finally received a warning, "Don't push your luck, Brant! No more surveys, or they'll revolt." But what a great opportunity. I still think we need more surveys to get to the heart of this.

What we really want to know is what are the members voting for and what should it mean to the rest of *Daylilies of the Southwest*—Newsletter of ADS Region 6

us? Or, what daylily can I just not live without? Some anecdotal evidence pointed to voting in adoration of unusual stripes, colors, sizes, or a cultivar that was named after a said member. I would always vote for **Surveying Menace Mauthe** or **Bad Boy Brant**. You would reasonably ask, did I vote for it just because it was so kindly named after me? Or was it because it was a great, hearty, powerful hexaploid with 60 buds on 10 branches with a HUGE mysteriously glowing green throat, petals with crazy rings of sky and royal blue color on 18" curling petals? Did I mention the velvet-red curled sepals with diamond dusting, white teeth, and 74" scapes like a tree trunk. It's even sun-fast to 180° F. It's a birthday party in every single flower with ever-blooming-repeats from March 21 to Thanksgiving in Minnesota and Houston! Have I convinced you that we need more surveys and information?

Our three surveys were:

A Daylily Growers of Dallas Pop Poll to see what the results would say if we had most of our members vote instead of 25% - 35%.

A Region 6 survey of which cultivars you value most. "If a fire was racing toward your garden/fields, what 3 cultivars would you race out to save?" Ok, we are making an exception to list 5 just for YOU since you are obviously going to risk life and limb just to get 2 more plants!



A Region 6 survey of what varieties you would recommend to someone new to daylilies who needs a plant that is hearty, will bloom well, and will generally be accepted as "pretty" (that definitely gets us into dangerous territory and might require an additional survey! More on that and brown daylilies later.)

The results are scientifically and statistically conclusive! We all need to add *H.* 'Sweet Patootie', *H.* 'Little Orange Tex', *H.* 'Colonel Jim Scheurich', *H.* 'Red Volunteer', *H.* 'Explosion in the Paint Factory', *H.* 'Peggy Cathey's Fairy Flight', *H.* 'Spirit of Aggieland', and dozens more daylilies. Like you, I'm getting out my credit card now to place several orders.

Let us know if you have an idea for a great survey list. More importantly, let me know if you find the perfect daylily that didn't make it on the list. I'll trade the farm for it

Popularity Poll Alternative Surveys

Only cultivars with 2 or more votes are displayed

Cultivar to Rescue from Fire	Votes		Cultivars for Beginners	Votes
Sweet Patootie	7		Sweet Patootie	10
Explosion in the Paint Factory	4		Little Orange Tex	5
Peggy Cathey's Fairy Flight	4		Colonel Jim Scheurich	4
Spirit of Aggieland	4		Red Volunteer	4
Jelly Filled Donut	3		Alabama Jubilee	3
Orange Velvet	3		Indian Giver	3
Ruby Spider	3		Lemon Dreams	3
(Nichole's Heat Seeker Seedling)	2		Orange Velvet	3
Autumn Orange Truffle	2		Rosie Meyer	3
Beautiful Edgings	2		Stella De Oro	3
Beautiful Friendships	2		Apache Beacon	2
Big Honking Brazen Hussy	2		Autumn Orange Truffle	2
Boney Maroney	2		Baby Lamb	2
Burning Fire	2		Bahama Butterscotch	2
Butterscotch Ruffles	2		Beautiful Friendship	2
Camden Gold Dollar	2		Big Honking Brazen Hussy	2
Cool Composure	2		Butterscotch Ruffles	2
Evening Enchantment	2		Cool Composure	2
Fried Green Tomatoes	2		El Padre	2
Jack and Josie	2		Elizabeth Salter	2
Lake Jackson Beauty	2		Explosion in the Paint Factory	2
Lavendar Blue Baby	2		Holiday Party	2
Nichole's Heat Seeker	2		Mambo Maid	2
Night Wings	2		Marie Antionelli	2
Optimus Prime	2		Milk Chocolate	2
Persian Ruby	2		Nichole's Heat Seeker	2
Pink Stripes	2		Nowhere to Hide	2
Purple Grass Hopper	2		Off to See the Wizard	2
Skin Walker	2		Old Time Memories	2
Thomas Tew	2		Patsy Cline	2
Cultivars w/2 or more votes	74		Purple Grass Hopper	2
Single Vote Cultivars	147		Renegade Lady	2
Total of ALL Votes	221		Cultivars w/2 or more votes	85
			Single Vote Cultivars	88
			Total of ALL Votes	173

H. 'Sweet Patootie'
(Warner, 1976)

H. 'Peggy Cathey's Fairy Flight'
(Cathey-D, 2018)
2023 Best of Show-
Daylily Growers of Dallas
Entered by Bonnie &
Hooker Nichols
(Photo by Susan Mauthe)



Region 6 Publicity Co-Directors

Tim Closs & Brant Mauthe

Report by Tim Closs

AHS Region 6 Popularity Poll 2023

STOP!!! If you have not read the article written by my Region 6 Regional Publicity Co-Director, Brandt Mauthe, please do so at this time.... there will be a quiz later! Like Brandt, I'm a data hound and a history buff. I believe there is always insight that can be gleaned from past experiences and events. During my 25-year tenure as an AHS member, I religiously completed my Popularity Poll ballot and felt that it was one of the best tools that AHS had to offer the general public regarding the most consistent cultivars to grow across our diverse climatic zones within our AHS Region 6. I am still irritated that AHS voted to

cease supporting such a great opportunity for educating the casual gardener, but I digress. Thanks to our outstanding RPD predecessor, Maureen Valenza, I have slightly modified the 2023 Pop Poll format that she put together, eliminated the AHS online voting option, which is no longer operational or supported, and added a Google form option instead. You can always print out a paper copy and mail it to me. The cut-off date for submission of your ballots is September 30, 2023. Thank you for supporting Regional 6.

Pop Poll ballot –next page.



“BIG CITY LGHTS”
American Daylily Society 2024 Region 6 Annual Meeting
May 31, 2024-June 1, 2024
Fairfield Inn & Suites, Terrell, TX
 Tim Closs and Malcolm Avaritt, Convention Chairmen

The Daylily Growers of Dallas invites all Region 6 members to come to visit Dallas and points east for the 2024 Annual AHS Regional Meeting. This will be a two-day event, with Friday, May 31st, designated for Exhibition Judges Clinics II & III and Garden Judge Workshops, socializing, dinner, guest speaker (TBD), boutique shopping, and the Regional 6 auction. Remember that the auction is THE money-making venture for the Region and funds our outstanding, award-winning newsletter, **Daylilies of the Southwest**. Saturday, June 1st, will consist of garden tours at Hooker & Bonnie Nichols’ garden in Elmo and Pat Weller and Doug Dutton’s garden in Lindale/Tyler. We will break for lunch at the wonder-

ful Blue Moon Nursery in Edom. We have built-in time to learn about this destination East Texas nursery and shop for exciting and unique plants and items for your garden. After Blue Moon, we will return to the hotel for one last trip around the boutique, then dinner and the Regional Meeting. We have secured a block room rate of \$120 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, our host hotel. All this for \$165!! We are asking any club that might have youth members to sponsor those attendees for \$75. There will be a limit of 50 attendees, so get your registration in early. The preliminary schedule, registration form, and link to the hotel will be published soon on our fantastic Region 6 website.

Region 6 American Daylily Society – 2023 Popularity Poll Ballot

Voting Requirements:

- All ADS members are eligible to vote and should participate. This data will help determine the future of the Popularity Poll in Region 6
- Vote for up to, but no more than, ten (10) cultivars. Note: a valid ballot may consist of only one vote.
- For Dual Memberships, the second member should use another ballot. Each member votes!!!!
- Price need not be considered. Vote for new or oldies - it is your personal favorite that counts.
- Select your favorite registered, well-established cultivars (no seedlings) which you have observed in your garden or garden visits.

Mail or email your choices to your Regional Tabulator, Tim Closs, 1371 Carlo Dr., Princeton, Texas 75407, or email to b-cfarm@att.net. You **CANNOT** vote directly on the ADS website under Popularity Poll since ADS is no longer sponsoring the Popularity Poll. You **CAN** vote using the Google form link, which is listed here <https://forms.gle/woXMB1Bc1r1rcCFOA>. Whichever submission method you choose, please submit your ballot **only once**.

Vote for up to 10 of your favorite daylilies. The postmark deadline is SEPTEMBER 30th, 2023.

<input type="checkbox"/> All About Eve	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Three Brothers	<input type="checkbox"/> Skinwalker
<input type="checkbox"/> Aly Marie	<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Treasure Chest	<input type="checkbox"/> Spacecoast Sweetness
<input type="checkbox"/> Big Doc	<input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Masquerade	<input type="checkbox"/> Spacecoast Tiny Perfection
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Ambrosia	<input type="checkbox"/> Hillbilly Heart	<input type="checkbox"/> Texan to the Bones
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Jelly Filled Donut	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Man
<input type="checkbox"/> Born in Texas	<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Newmar	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Tew
<input type="checkbox"/> Bullfrog Kisses	<input type="checkbox"/> King Kahuna	<input type="checkbox"/> Tusawilla Snowdrift
<input type="checkbox"/> Colonel Jim Scheurich	<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Jackson Beauty	<input type="checkbox"/> Victorian Lace
<input type="checkbox"/> Color Me Happy	<input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Go Lightly	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking Stick
<input type="checkbox"/> Cool Composure	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Back Forty	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild and Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Cream and Sugar	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Big John	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dallas Divine	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Purple Circle	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dallas Legacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Red Stallion	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dizzy Miss Lizzy	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Wagon Wheel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Dorothy and Toto	<input type="checkbox"/> Lulu's Magic	
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Cranberry Ruffles	<input type="checkbox"/> Mildred's Endless Support	Write-ins: (No more than 10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Dowager Empress	<input type="checkbox"/> Mint Octopus	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dutch Yellow Truffle	<input type="checkbox"/> Nacogdoches Pansy	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Enchantment	<input type="checkbox"/> One Eye Willie	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Free Wheelin'	<input type="checkbox"/> Patsy Carpenter	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> God Save the Queen	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Chile Rendezvous	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Guadalajara	<input type="checkbox"/> Renegade Lady	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Allyson	<input type="checkbox"/> Rose F. Kennedy	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Beach Baby	<input type="checkbox"/> Siloam Double Classic	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Big Peach	<input type="checkbox"/> Silver Run	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Gentle Sue	<input type="checkbox"/> Simply Karen	

ADS Member Name: _____

Your Email Address: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____



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

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

This is the full listing for the Hall of Fame:

Beautiful Edgings	Lacy Marionette
Bela Lugosi	Lavender Blue Baby
Bitsy	Little Orange Tex
Cosmic Kaleidoscope	Midnight Magic
Ed Brown	Ming Porcelain
Elizabeth Salter	Orange Velvet
Foiled Me	Primal Scream
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	Red Volunteer
Ida's Magic	Rosie Meyer
Just For Joanne	Ruby Spider
Jason Salter	Sweet Patootie
Joan Senior	Witches Wink

Please do not vote on these "Hall of Fame" daylilies as that vote will not be tabulated in the final tabulation for 2023



Region 6 Newsletter Editor Report

By Peggy Cathey

Welcome to Summer! We went from pleasant Spring days to BOOM! Summer. The heat is starting to take it's toll on the daylilies. The bloom for us this year has been phenomenal. We have been so busy deadheading our flowers each morning that sometimes we forget to just stop and admire the floral display.

I want to say "Kudos" to the Austin Daylily Society for hosting a great Region 6 Meeting. The gardens were beautiful and each unique, the food was wonderful, and there were lots of goodies in the Boutique to try our luck with the raffles and silent auctions, as well as many daylilies to purchase.

Thank you to Brian and Janet Goodman, Susan Bulkeley, Nancy Freshour, and Ken Anderson for volunteering to write about the gardens that were on tour at the Region 6 Meeting. You are very much appreciated.

Our club reporters always do a great job of letting us know what their clubs are doing. Their reports are useful for ideas to implement in our own clubs. And a huge thank you to all our officers and board members for keeping us informed on how our Region and ADS are doing.

When Dan and I returned from the Region 6 Meeting, we were sitting outside that evening enjoying a cool adult beverage and the beauty of the daylilies when we decided we needed to share our garden with someone other than the Amazon delivery driver. We decided, then, that we would have an Open Garden the following Sunday. The North Texas Daylily Society had already expressed an interest in wanting to come, so we invited them, the Daylily Growers of Dallas as well as our own Johnson

County Iris & Daylily Society members, along with anyone else who wanted to come stroll among the flowers. It was short notice, and not all the beds were weed-free, but the weather was pleasant and not too hot. The daylilies were at peak bloom, and everyone seemed to really enjoy the gardens.



Just a small portion of our daylily seedlings, most blooming for the first time this year.

The next issue of *Daylilies of the Southwest* will be our annual **Hybridizers Issue**. Whether you are a novice or long-time hybridizer, submit six photos of your best "daylily babies" along with the seedling or ID number and what the cross is by the October 30th deadline. We would also love to receive a short article about your hybridizing program and how you got started. Do you specialize in any one form or size, such as minis, doubles, UFs, etc.? Whatever your interest in daylily hybridizing is, we would love for you to share it with the rest of us.

We would also like to know how your daylilies survived the summer heat. Did you add new daylilies to your garden that you are especially excited about? If it interests you, it will be of interest to others. Who knows, you may win an ADS National Newsletter Award next year for something you wrote.



Dan stands ready to answer questions as visitors begin to arrive for the open garden.

Summer, 2023



You can do it!



Region 6 Membership Chair Report

By Dan Cathey

As your Membership Chair, today, I am offering you a ride with Mr. Peabody in the "WABAC (pronounced way-back) Machine." If any of you don't remember who Mr. Peabody and Sherman are, here is a helpful hint:

PEABODY & SHERMAN (1959), an animated cartoon spin-off of the classic series *Rocky & Bullwinkle*, features dog genius Mr. Hector Peabody (voiced by Bill Scott) and his adopted human son Sherman (Walter Tetley) as they travel back in time to explore the days of old.

Swanson who celebrates 50 years of AHS membership this year having joined AHS in 1973 and Patricia Kyser and her daughter Judith, along with Beth Zimpelman-Bodden have been members for 42 years, joining in 1981.

As of June 30, 2023, membership in Region 6 has 374 members, which includes 48 who have a Life Membership with ADS, 7 youth members and 9 clubs.

Mr. Peabody now says, "Sherman, reset the WABAC Machine and take us back to 2023,"



..... Now, if the Mr. Peabody, Sherman, and I can just get all you current members to fit into the machine, we can begin to trace our history

OK, all set: And away we go!

For today's time travel journey will be looking at the longevity of membership in ADS for all

current members of Region 6.

OK, Sherman, let's start with the immediate past 10 years: So, take us back to the years 2014 - 2023. We can see we had 166 daylily lovers join the ADS, more correctly for the timeline, the AHS who are still members today.



Moving the dial back to 2003 - 2013, there were 73 who became new members during that time frame and are still active members in 2023.

Leaping back to 1994 and 2003, we find 72 enrollees are still participating.

Going way back, 1984 to 1993 yielded 36 sign-ups who are still current and there were 11 members who joined prior to 1984 among our current ranks.

But, before we leave our history completely, if you remember, we honored Mary and Eddie Gage during the 2021 Region 6 Meeting in Athens for having been members for 50 years. Congratulations to Rebecca



.... and so here we are.



Is it time for you to renew your membership? Renewing is easily done from the ADS website, daylilies.org. There is a red box in the top right corner that says Join/Renew. This will take you to the membership page. Scroll down, choose online or mail, then fill in the blanks. Payment is easy with PayPal or credit card. Please encourage your club members who are not ADS members, to join today.



Region 6 Exhibition Judges Liaison Report

By Patricia Kyser

Wow! What a wonderful year for daylilies!

The Regional Meeting in Round Rock: Hosted by the Austin Club was so nice. the gardens we visited were stunning.

We had six in attendance for the Exhibition Judges Clinic III Refresher Class and four of those were from Oklahoma. It was so nice to welcome them to the Region 6 Meeting. I really appreciate Bonnie Nichols and Velia Sanchez-Ruiz for helping me with the Clinic. It was my first, so I was shy. LOL

At the Regional Meeting hosted by the Daylily Growers of Dallas in 2024, we will offer Exhibition Judges Clinics II and III. If you need to attend one of these classes, please be sure to check that box on the Registration form so we will know how many people will be attending and whom we will look forward to seeing.

We currently have 20 active judges. This includes Mike Peppers, who just became a Senior Judge. In our Region, we only have three Exhibition Judges who are instructors in Texas and one in New Mexico. Several judges are applying to become an Instructor, so hopefully, we will have more soon.

As a reminder to all, the **Daylily Exhibition Handbook** has been updated. The new edition does NOT have a date on the front of it and says 1/1/2022 on



the inside. It is ISBN 9781973580171 and is sold by Amazon (search Daylily Exhibitions), or you can download a copy from the ADS Membership Portal, Exhibition Judges Home Page. It is a good idea for all ADS members to have a copy. The book describes all the areas of a daylily show, such as show schedules, duties of the show chairman, clerks, etc. This book is **REQUIRED FOR ALL JUDGES**. It answers many questions you may have, and the photos are fantastic. There is so much information in it.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Region 6 Meeting hosted by the Daylily Growers of Dallas in 2024.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns with judging, please call me at 972-249-6786.



2023 Region 6 Daylily Shows and Their Judges

Brazosport Daylily Society

Beverly Winkelman
Tim Closs
Maureen & Robert Valenza
Dan & Peggy Cathey

Lone Star Daylily Society

Patricia Kyser
Ellen Singleton
Velia Sanchez-Ruiz
Judith Kyser-Coghlan
Dan & Peggy Cathey

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Judith Kyser-Coghlan
Patricia Kyser
Mike Peppers
Nancy & David Freshour
Dan & Peggy Cathey

Albuquerque Daylily Society

Bonnie Nichols
Tim Closs
Linda Kellerup
Debi Harrington
Curtis & Pat Montgomery



Region 6 Garden Judges Liaison Report

By Amy Howard

Greetings, Hemerocallis fans of Region 6! Wishing you and yours a healthy, happy summer and many beautiful blooms! As of January 2023, the American Daylily Society reports Region 6 has 17 active Garden Judges, with eight currently due for renewal this year. Since the inception of online Garden Judges Workshop 3 renewal through ADS last year, we have held classes for Albuquerque judges requiring recertification and would love to offer this opportunity to our Texas judges as well! The tentative schedule date will be in the fall if not offered

by ADS directly. Stay tuned, and once again, I cannot thank you enough for your steadfast support as a Garden Judge!

***NEW* [Garden Judges Workshop 3 Materials](#)**

Workshop 3 [Slide Show PowerPoint](#)
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Youth Liaison

By Rebecca Reed



Currently, Region 6 has 10 Youth members. If your club has youth members, please let us know and share how you have involved youth in your club!

It's summertime, and many of our youth members have the opportunity to participate in their local library's summer reading program. What a great time to read some books about daylilies and gardening! Below are a few favorites and a bonus children's daylily book!

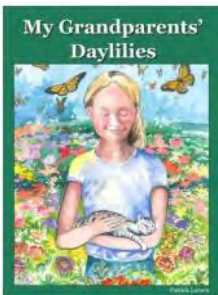
The Tiny Seed by Eric Carle

A Seed is Sleepy by Dianna Hutts Aston

Gardening Lab for Kids by Renata Fossen Brown

The Curious Gardener by Peter Brown

My Grandparents' Daylilies by Patrick Larsen is



the only illustrated children's book about daylilies I was able to find. In this book, a ten-year-old girl visits her grandparents, where she learns all about daylilies. The different daylily types, characteristics, labeling, and how to pollinate daylily blooms are all touched on in this

book. The author and his wife are both avid daylily gardeners and hybridizers and enjoy sharing their passion with their ten grandchildren.

I hope all of our youth members have a happy summer full of lots of adventures, fun, and gardening!



Penelope Reed (member of North Texas Daylily Society) with her youth entries in the Daylily Growers of Dallas show in early June.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED 2025 YOUTH SEEDLING CONTEST

ADS National Convention hosted by Puget Sound Daylily Club, Seattle, WA

1. Must be an ADS member at the time of entrance of the contest through the time of the 2025 Convention.
2. Must be 18 and under when entering the contest.
3. All seedlings must be entered on or before **September 15, 2023**
4. Limit 3 seedlings
5. If you want your seedling returned you must pay for the postage.
6. You do not need to attend to win.
7. Must have complete contact information for winners to receive their prize.

Please contact Leigh Ann for more information on entering and where to send entries.
Leigh Ann Hines, 21510 NE 133rd Street, Woodinville, WA 98077, leighann.hines@gmail.com
(919)-824-4505.

The prizes will be as follows: 1. Registration fee paid to the ADS 2026 National Convention.
2. \$250.00 gift certificate to Browns Ferry Gardens. 3. \$100.00 gift certificate to Browns Ferry Gardens.

Tip: Convention will be in mid-July, so mid-late and late season seedlings will be most likely to bloom during the Convention.



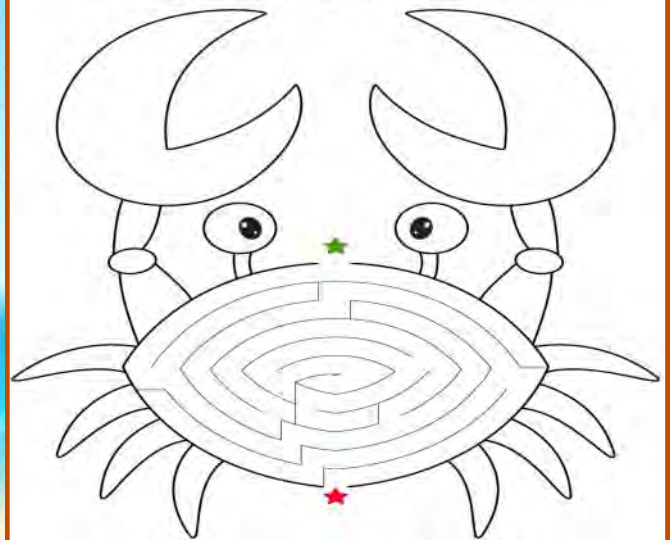
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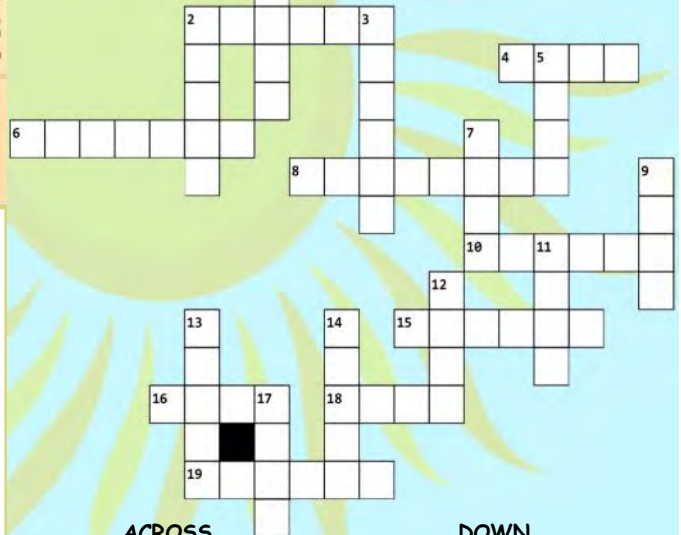
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| Crescent | Emerald | Myrtle | Pebble | South | Twilight |

Crab Maze!



Summer Fun

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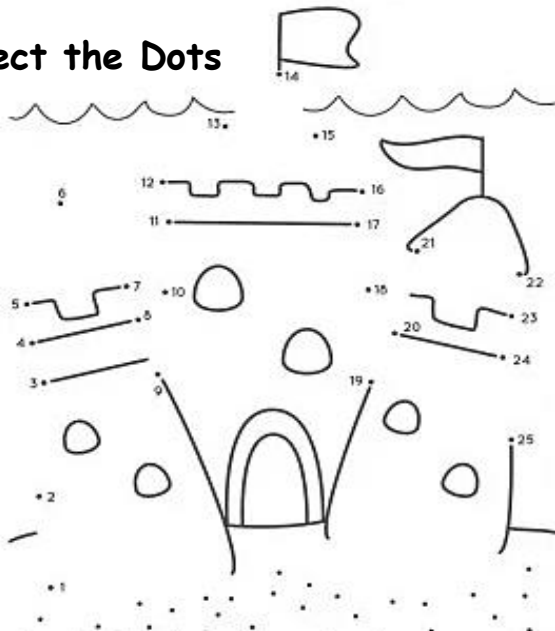
ACROSS

2. Pants for hot weather
4. Move through water
6. Living in a tent
8. Frozen treat
10. Top for warm weather
15. Plunging into the water
16. Comes with a shovel
18. Two wheeled transportation
19. Trail walking

DOWN

1. A place to swim
2. Full of Daylight
3. Warmest 3 months of the year
5. Mildly hot
7. Summer hazard
9. It warms you up
11. Grains on the beach
12. Toy for a windy day
13. A sandy shore
14. House in the woods
17. Area of inland water

Connect the Dots



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A Tale of Nine Gardens

By Rebecca Reed

Some families take summer vacations to Disney, some visit the beach, and the Reeds take a two-week road trip, camping along the way. We board the dogs, hire a pet sitter for the frogs and turtles, and cross our fingers that the garden will be okay. We load up the camper, drive a few 1,000 miles, and see ALL THE THINGS. Some years “all the things” are National Parks, National Monuments, Zoos, and Children’s Museums. This year “all the things” happened to be all the Botanical Gardens. We managed to see two National Parks and a National Seashore, but the bulk of our stops were all horticulture related, with many of them including some daylily goodness.

Our trip kicked off with a quick stop off at Daylily Growers of Dallas Daylily Show to drop off a few entries. Penelope, my daughter, has been really wanting to enter another show since she won best large flower in her first show a few years ago. So, we got up early, groomed some scapes and dropped them off at the show, said our “hellos” and “goodbyes”, went back home, loaded the last of our stuff, hit the road, and headed to Hot Springs, AR/ **Lake Catherine State Park**.

Here we visited our first garden of the trip, the **Garvan Woodland Gardens**. It was a beautiful, shaded garden that included a bell tower, chapel, peacocks, a large fairy garden/village, and an outstanding children’s garden. They had a few daylilies in some of their perennial gardens, but none were labeled. I hate it when daylilies aren’t labeled. How am I supposed to buy the ones I love if I have no earthly idea of their names? Other than the label

issue, it was a fabulous garden.

Our next stop was in Alabama, where we visited the **Huntsville Botanical Garden**. They have a registered daylily display garden inside of the Botani-

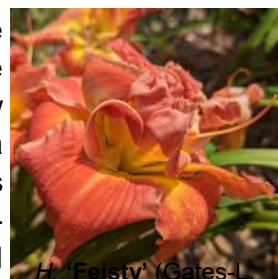


Huntsville Botanical Garden

cal Garden, so I had no worries about the labels here. The daylilies were laid out in a very formal way, with symmetrical beds and a gazebo in the center. You could see that much care went into keeping everything labeled and well-weeded in this portion of the garden. We were there at the right time of year and got to see lots of blooms, including a new favorite of mine, *H. ‘I Lava You’* (Holmes-S, 2009). This garden had lots more in it besides the daylily collection...and we enjoyed all of it, including an evening “Firefly Hike”.



H. ‘I Lava You’



H. ‘Feisty’ (Gates-L, 1991)

As I said earlier, we typically drive 1000s of miles, so after a few days in the **Great Smoky Mountain National Park** (aka the *National Park of Black Bear Sightings and Car Sickness*) and a quick stop at an off-the-beaten-path native plant nursery, we stopped



Penelope and Tucker Reed at **Garvan Woodland Gardens**

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at **Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden**. This was another garden that didn't have a specific space devoted to daylilies. They did have some mixed into their cottage garden. The ones that were labeled were older cultivars. What they did have was an amazing Butterfly House. The attendant at the visitor center made sure we knew that it closed earlier than the rest of the garden and that we should go there first. We did, and we were not disappointed.



The most anticipated garden on this trip was **Juniper Level Botanical Garden/Plant Delights Nursery**. We have been ordering plants from them

have amazing-looking thorns, and are great for native insects. However, they make very poor travel companions.)

We didn't stop with one garden this day. We left Juniper Level and headed to **Cape Fear Botanical Garden**. They have a daylily garden called the



Jernigan Daylily Garden at Cape Fear Botanical Garden

Jernigan Daylily Garden in the parking lot. You don't even have to pay admission to see this one. The daylily garden was my favorite we saw. It featured winding gravel paths and had daylilies mixed with other plants, and all the daylilies were labeled. (You know I love that.) I love it when daylilies are displayed this way rather than the monoculture that is often our default. After spending some time in the daylily garden, we went inside and saw the rest of this wonderful garden.



H. 'Magic of Oz'
(Herrington-H, 1995)

After a morning stop at **Con-garee National Park**, we spent an afternoon at the **Riverbanks Botanical Garden and Zoo**.



H. 'Heavenly Pink Twister' (Gossard, 2007)

This property has an interesting setup. One half is a very nice zoo, and the other is a botanical garden. We had a lovely time at the zoo, and apparently, the botanical garden was very nice too. I supervised my daughter at the splash pad while my husband walked around and took in the gardens. The parts I saw were lovely; even the zoo side was thoughtfully landscaped for function and beauty.



Juniper Level Botanical Garden

since we were brand new gardeners. You must make an appointment to visit. Let me tell you; it did not disappoint. It was beautiful, had waterfalls, and lots of interesting (well-labeled) plants, plus, you got to shop in their greenhouses. They had some daylilies on display, but that was not their focus. Of course, we bought stuff. Fortunately, they are mostly mail-order, so we bought small plants. This was good because we may have bought a few small trees at the native plant nursery. (Pro Tip: Hercules's Club trees are fun,



H. 'Howdy' (Bremken-Armstrong, 1949)



H. 'Siloam Bo Peep'
(P. Henry, 1978)



Giant Troll at Atlanta Botanical Garden



H. 'Milk Chocolate'

Next, we made a stop at **Atlanta Botanical Garden**. At this point in our trip, the weather had caught up with us, and it was a rainy day.

We managed to time our visit well and stayed mostly dry. The big feature here was a gigantic Troll Art Exhibit. This was one of the nicest gardens we visited and even though it didn't have an official daylily garden. We did see some nice ones throughout the gardens. H. 'Milk Chocolate' (Carney, 1967) and H. 'Heavenly Dragon Fire' (Gossard, 2004) are two beauties we got to see.

On our way to the **National Seashore** in Pensacola, we made a quick stop at the **Birmingham Botanical Garden**, where you can find the **Jemison Lily Garden**. This is a free garden, and we enjoyed our short visit. Overall, the gardens were beautiful, but the daylily garden was a little sparse. It was in a shadier spot and there were not a lot of blooms during our visit.

Our last horticulture-related stop was **Bellingrath Gardens**. This was sort of a surprise stop on our



Rose garden at Bellingrath Gardens

trip. We weren't sure we would have the time to visit, but a severe storm and a surprise evacuation from the National Seashore's campground at Fort Pickens freed up some time. After finding a new place to stay for the night we visited this lovely garden. Like the first garden stop on our trip, this garden didn't have any (or at least I didn't see any) daylilies, but it did have a rockery...I love a rockery.

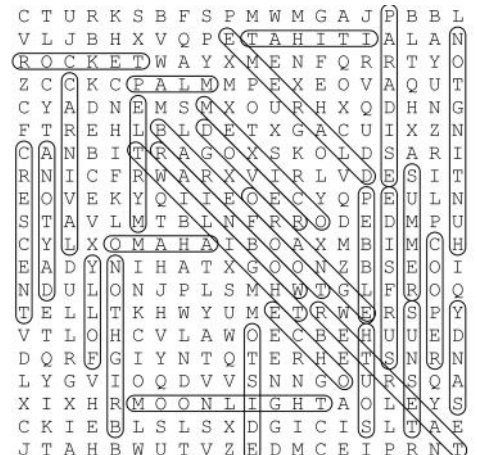
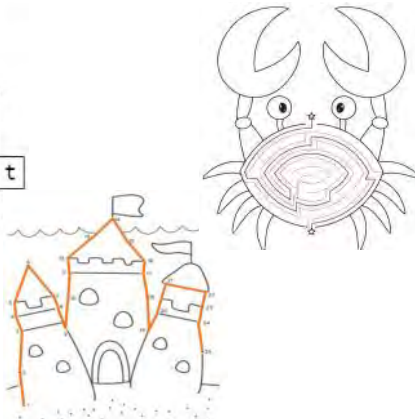
Finally, after 16 days away from home and nearly 4,000 miles traveled, we headed back home to Hurst, TX, just in time to start planning for next summer and start working on our own neglected garden.



Birmingham Botanical Garden

Youth Activity Page Puzzle Solutions

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Don and Janice Heiskell's Gardens

By Brian and Janet Goodman



Don and Janice Heiskell

Bulbs and more—companion plants, irises, salvias, daylilies, asters, ajuga, crinums—just a few plants “and more”. Arrival at the gardens of Janice and Don Heiskell causes one to catch their breath in awe of the beauty before them. A contemporary brick house provides a simple backdrop for a visual feast of blooming daylilies artfully nestled among a plethora of companion plants. Garden enthusiasts will marvel over the creative use of diverse species comingled among hundreds of varieties of daylilies.



Daylilies aplenty



H. ‘Dark of Night’ (Benz, 1990), *H.* ‘King Kahuna’ (Crochet, 1994), and *H.* ‘Orange Velvet’ (Joiner, 1988)



Bee balm, Yarrow, and Mexican oregano—a pollinator's dream

Trying to take in the broad spectrum of plant varieties caused the stirring of grey cells! From Mexican Bird of Paradise (*Caesalpinia Mexicana*) to a veritable smorgasbord of salvias—from common salvias



Althea amongst the daylilies

such as *Salvia greggii* to rather uncommon salvias such as *Salvia bonnaremus*—our minds were stimulated with offerings not often seen in a botanic park.

As a matter of fact, there were specimens in their garden spontaneously pollinated that would only be available if shared from their sources. The “Don’s Pink” salvia was a hot offering in the silent auction for the Region 6 Annual Meeting hosted by the Austin Daylily Society.



“Don’s Pink” salvia, crinum and loripetalum

Janice and Don Heiskell began their gardens in 2009 when they moved into their current Austin home. This was the first garden of four on the garden tour of Saturday, May 27th, and set a high bar for the three amazing gardens that followed. Our hosts were very hospitable and knowledgeable and eager to share their garden expertise.



Crinum ‘Mrs. James Hendry’ sweetly scented the air

Summer, 2023

Their well-manicured landscape was accentuated by their attention to detail, as demonstrated in their 419 Bermuda lawn cut with an old-fashioned reel mower to perfection. No creeping stolons invading the beds here! Available to each guest was an information sheet detailing the Heiskells’ gardens’ participation in a daylily rust study bringing findings to a specialty group such as the American Daylily Society, enabling all interested parties to be aware of causes and management of this disease our beloved daylilies are prone to battle.



All too soon, the words “Load the bus” were heard, and we had to move on to the next garden. Along with the other 60 to 70 eager spectators trampling through their gardens, we thoroughly enjoyed our time with the Heiskells.



The Evolution of the Ellison Garden

By Susan Bulkeley

The Region 6 Spring Meeting, hosted by the Austin Daylily Society, was highlighted by a bus tour of four beautiful and very different gardens. The



Tom and Pat Ellison

garden of Tom and Pat Ellison was our second stop.

The evolution of their garden began 40 years ago when they moved into their house, only a few blocks from where Tom grew up. Tom said he began gardening in earnest about 33 years ago when he began work on the front yard. On the left side of the front yard he has built an elevated pond filled

with water lilies and on the upper pond level, are tiger lilies, a rock garden and a large metal heron.

Exploring the Ellison's yard is an adventure. Lots of yard art, mostly Tom's creations, are tucked among all the greenery. The backyard, which was



finished in the last five years, is full of shade loving plants under towering trees. There is a sculpture with six hanging pipe wrenches which had belonged to Pat's dad, at least two bowling balls can be found, a car grill, complete with headlights and a water feature being filled by an old well pump.



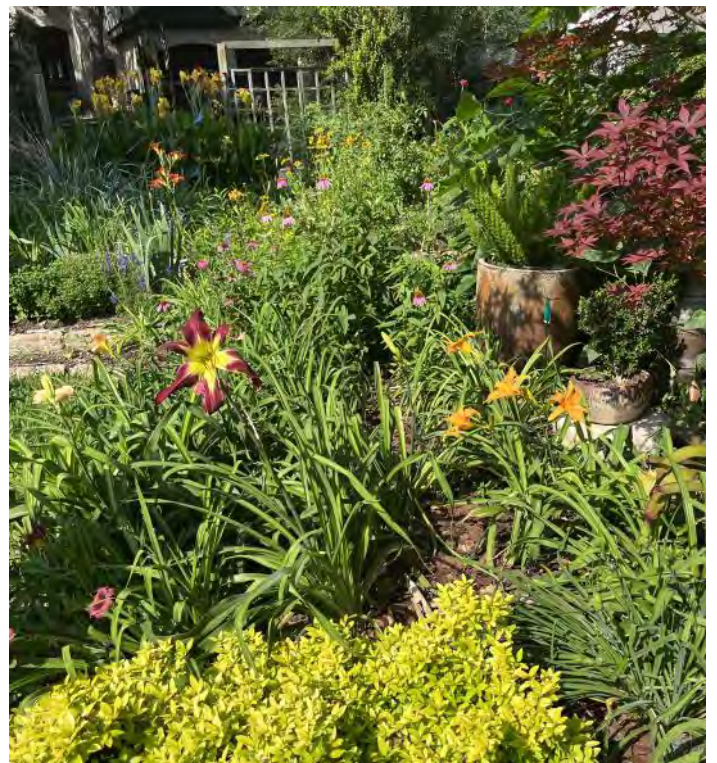
In Pat's garden, there is a large urn with two frogs that Tom says represent him and Pat. It is surrounded by society garlic, narrow leaf zinnias, caladiums, lamb's



Frogs, **Tom and Pat**, welcome visitors to the garden.

ear, a volunteer black-eyed Susan and one daylily, *H.* 'Heavenly United We Stand' (Gossard, 2009), which Tom snuck in.

Pat mentioned Tom only likes plants that bloom and Tom says, "This has been the best spring ever".



Daylilies pictured: *H.* 'Coffee to Go' (Anderson-H, 2003, lower left); *H.* 'Gulf Coast Freestyle' (Crainer, 2013), center; *H.* 'Painted Lady' (Russell, 1942), right; and *H.* 'Poinsettia' (Stout, 1953), the tall red daylily in rear.

Thank you Eddie Raye Andrews and Michael Kowalchyk for posting your photos of our tour on Facebook and thank you Austin Daylily Society for a special weekend and my registration plant—*H. 'Webster's Pink Wonder'* (Webster-Cobb, 2003)!

A huge THANK YOU to Tom and Pat for sharing their wonderful garden with Region 6 members. I hope those of you who did not attend will enjoy these pictures and this brief review of the Ellison's garden.

More photos from the Ellison's garden



H. 'Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' (Grace-Smith, 2004)



Bear's breeches acanthus



Region 6 President, Bonnie Nichols with Mary Ellen Reed and friend. They are in the upper garden above the pond.



Tanglewild Gardens

By Nancy Freshour

One might envision a property on a street called Tanglewild Drive as a fairytale cottage smothered in vines and briars. That certainly is not the case for the lovely home and botanical gardens of Skottie O'Mahoney and Jeff Breitenstein called Tanglewild Gardens. Nevertheless, there are hints of fairytales hidden in parts of their acreage. One such example is a mysterious sword enveloped in a Cedar Elm tree, discovered on the property and dubbed "Texcaliber".



'Texcaliber'

Tanglewild Gardens is home to a diverse collection of over 1000 types of plants – many exotic - and 500+ daylily cultivars. The daylilies are sprinkled all over the expansive property among other plantings and sculptures and add bright spots wherever they are found.

Skottie & Jeff share an appreciation for Moorish architecture and art. This inspiration, blended with Asian influences from Turkey to the Far East, is reflected in various areas, along with other eclectic elements. The Moon Garden "room", adjacent to the pool courtyard, features Moroccan arches as entryways to this walled garden. Three Balinese Rice Goddess Sculptures welcome visitors, and a nine-foot-tall fountain



Moon Garden Balinese Rice Goddess Sculptures

adds a tranquil sound. The white walls are "pierced" by specially designed and crafted black Moorish metal screens. Lush plantings within contain many white and night-blooming flowers with intoxicating scents. Romantic Moon Gardens were favored, especially in hot climates when nights were cooler, and this one is a nod to Skottie's Turkish ancestry.

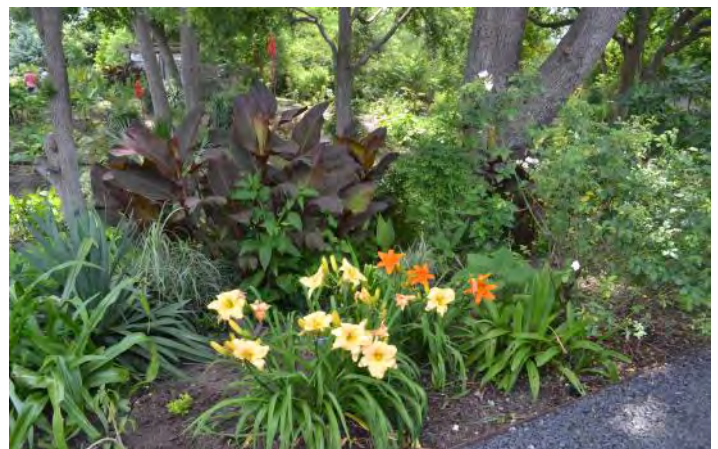


Moon Garden Fountain



Home & Pool Area

From the home and pool above, the land slopes downward toward Tar Branch Creek which bisects the property. Jeff and Skottie have created meandering pathways in the wooded areas along both sides of the creek. Creative plantings fill the understory,



Daylilies along woodland path



Woodland path along creek

and delightful sculptures punctuate each turn. Some are large and easily command attention, while others are more subtle or partially hidden, which makes them more fun to discover.



Addie's Hollow

Down steps to the creek shore is a comfortable gathering place surrounding a limestone fire pit. This area is designated as Addie's Hollow, named in honor of Jeff's father, and provides a place to carry on cherished family traditions.



Guardian Angel Statue

The beautiful Guardian Angel on the path is a large bronze sculpture holding a wreath. Skottie and Jeff just "had" to get it when they saw it; it serves as a remembrance of Skottie's Aunt Mayme, who collected hundreds of angels and made wreaths each Christmas for friends and family.



Heron's Lawn

From there, across a bridge and up more canna-lily-lined steps to higher ground, one passes through an arch into the Heron's Lawn. This grassy garden space contains a large birdbath as its center, featuring herons around its base and filled with tropical plants.



Four Season Terminal

Around the perimeter of this garden "room" are additional tropical plants mixed with daylilies. The arches leading to and from this space are guarded by the Four Seasons Terminals, feminine marble sculptures inspired by ancient Greek designs that have been placed in homage to Jeff and Skottie's beloved mothers and aunts.

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Wildflowers in Scarlet's Meadow

Beyond Heron's Lawn, at the back of the property, is yet another huge garden room backed by evergreens. This "room" features a sizable circular bed, designated as Scarlet's Meadow, where existing native wildflowers on the property have been left to grow. If the wildflowers weren't enchanting enough, this bed is accented by a large bronze baby elephant sculpture named Scarlet, an unexpected delight to all. Scarlet was placed in memory of Skottie's mother, who was a passionate elephant collector.



Baby Elephant Scarlet in Scarlet's Meadow

Despite a bus full of garden visitors and lunch being served at the gardens, there were plenty of peaceful areas to wander and serene resting places for contemplation. Skottie and Jeff have created a living sanctuary for themselves with tributes to their passions and family, evoking many loving personal emotions. However, they are not selfish and generously share this beautiful retreat with visitors, who will, no doubt, experience their own special remembrances of the experience, as I did!



Owners Jeff Breitenstein and Skottie O'Mahoney



View of creek from woodland path



Colorful garden features



Serene Asian figures

Livin' the Dream Garden and Pond

By Ken Anderson

On Saturday, May 27, a bus full of daylily lovers from Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma had the wonderful opportunity to tour various gardens in the Austin area. The weather was cooperative, although quite warm as midday approached. Plant lovers are rarely deterred by heat when it comes to having the opportunity to enjoy beautiful gardens. After the three tours scheduled early in the morning, mid-morning, and through lunchtime, everyone had the opportunity to return to the comfort of air conditioning for the afternoon. There was still one more garden on the tour, which would combine a feast for the eyes and a feast of Italian food.

The tour bus left the hotel at 4:30, and everyone was anticipating a wonderful time at "Livin' the Dream Garden and Pond" at the home of Mike Peppers and his ADS Display Garden. After we boarded the bus, we were given a handout prepared by Mike to provide background regarding how he became interested in gardening, how gardening became a passion for him, how he came to live in the Austin area, and his appreciation and use of garden art. In addition, he gave some history of the neighborhood and information regarding the history and renovation of the house, which has now become his home. His intention was to answer some commonly asked questions and to prepare everyone for the evening. Everyone certainly found his briefing helpful and informative.

As I began to frame my thoughts for this article, I wanted to focus on two groups of people. If you were on the tour, I hope this article helps you relive the wonderful evening we had in Bastrop. If you were not on the tour, I hope the article along with the photos can convey the beauty of this garden, along with its unique and beautiful location. I hope it will serve as a reminder of what a great experience it is to share in these kinds of events.

The ride from the hotel to Mike Peppers' home and garden was about an hour long. The weather began to change, and the sky grew darker. By the time we reached Bastrop, the cloud cover had helped the temperature drop considerably from where it had been earlier in the day. As the bus wound through

the neighborhood on the approach to Mike's house, there were many interesting homes and yards along the way. This part of Texas is unique because it is home to a large area known as the "Lost Pines." If you had not been to Bastrop before, this might have been a surprise. We finally turned onto Riverside Drive. To our left was the Colorado River, and to our right was the driveway up to Mike's house. What a treat awaited us.



As you might notice in various photos, this garden is protected by an attractive wrought iron fence. Within the extensive fenced area is a collection of daylilies and many companion plants. Using "Sunshine Ligustrum" curving through the center of a bed creates a striking contrast of color. Another companion plant that was quite stunning was Indigo Spires Salvia. This bank of blue flowers stands somewhat taller than the daylilies and provides a splendid color contrast to the yellows, golds, oranges, and reds seen so frequently in beds of daylilies. Mike used vintage stained-glass windows to create

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the piece of art on the fence behind the salvia. He has incorporated many beautiful and interesting pieces of yard art throughout his garden, including three huge metal daylilies. These were commissioned from a Louisville metal artist and displayed in his previous garden in 2017. In fact, this article could have been entitled ***The Use of Yard Art in a Garden***. There were many other pieces of interest, too numerous to feature in this article. Perhaps someday you



will be able to visit this garden and see firsthand what Mike has accomplished. It is obvious that much thought was given to the placement of pieces and how they would complement the plants in the garden.

Mike points out that the garden is still young, in just its third season. He says that overnight he went from one-fourth of an acre in Austin to two acres in Bastrop. That is definitely a dream garden. When he moved to Austin in 2013, he brought about 200 of his 400 cultivars with him. Then when his proclaimed "last move ever" happened in 2020, he moved his daylilies again. He presently has about 250 cultivars. As I am sharing this garden with you, I noticed that I am more than halfway through an article that is supposed to be covering a "daylily" event. Mike's garden provided so much to see that it was difficult not to share something about things other than daylilies.

The daylilies were planted in large beds. The



great thing about having so much space is that each cultivar can have some room to spread out and be enjoyed by itself. It will be years before Mike will have a problem with one clump encroaching on another. Most of us have been down

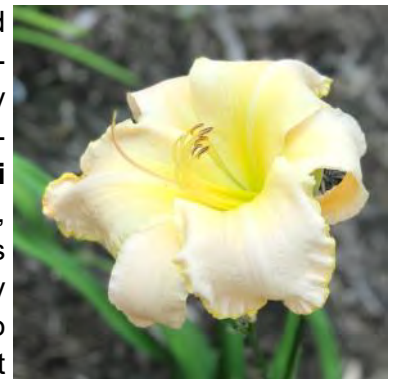
H. 'Autumn Valentine'
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that road! There were many beautiful daylilies blooming on the evening we arrived. Fortunately, the cloud cover that developed in the afternoon helped keep the flowers very fresh. All of the blooms were photo opportunities, but I will share some that were particularly interesting to me.

There was this lovely red *H. 'Autumn Valentine'* (Kirchhoff, 1991). I am sure this one caught my eye because it looks exactly like an "unknown" that I brought home from North Carolina many years ago. This beautiful red could not be left behind when he moved to Austin and then to Bastrop. I spotted something very beautiful and very familiar when I saw *H. 'Bali Watercolor'* (Stamile, 2002). I received this one from a friend many years ago and was so delighted to see that Mike had chosen to give it a home in his garden. What a beautiful flower! For those of you who like pale colors, *H. 'Tickle the Ivories'* (Selman 2020), was quite breathtaking. For those of you who like shades of purple and blue, *H. 'Cinderella Blue'* (Waldron, 2017), was sure to grab your attention.



H. 'Bali Watercolor'



H. 'Tickle the Ivories'



H. 'Cinderella Blue'

Finally, Gregg's Mistflower provided a stunning pairing with an "unknown" cultivar whose marker was sadly lost in the last move. Another road most of us have been down!



'Unknown' among the Gregg's Mistflower



Tour members stopping for a 'photo opp'



Tour members enjoyed meandering through the garden. There was so much to see.

The visit to the garden culminated with a wonderful Italian buffet. Wow! What a feast had been prepared. There were several main entrees and I confess to trying most of them. It was all very delicious. The chicken parmesan was absolutely wonderful. The dessert, tiramisu, was so good.

and hospitality, and enjoying the meal, it was finally time to say goodbye. For me, the best way to know how much you enjoyed a garden is to feel a tinge of sadness when the time comes to leave. I think there were many who shared that desire to linger for just another moment in such a peaceful and beautiful setting. One of my last photos of the evening was one of the pond with no one there. The evening light put an exclamation point on a wonderful day and a very special evening. Thanks so much to Mike Peppers and all the members of the Austin Daylily Society who played a part in making this event possible.



Serving line for wonderful Italian buffet

On behalf of all the people on the tour, I would like to commend the Austin Daylily Society on their planning and preparation for this event. I have attended many functions where a meal had to be planned and served to a large group of people. This one has to be at the top of the list. What a great job!

After enjoying the garden, enjoying Mike's home



What the Hail Happened?

By Tracey Stewart

Late winter/early spring was mild and warm, and the daylilies were growing lush and thick. Then we had a late freeze in March, which pushed them back, but they were looking good again after a few weeks. During the last week of April, the weather was glorious. The blueberry bushes were loaded with berries, the corn was leafed out and about a foot high, the potato crop looked promising, and the onion, carrot, and beet beds looked magazine perfect. The daylilies were equally beautiful and loaded with tender, young scapes.

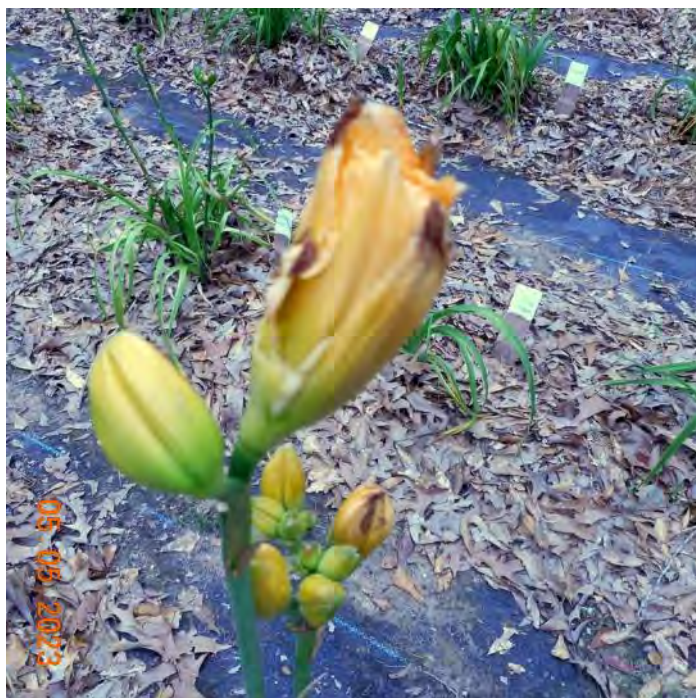
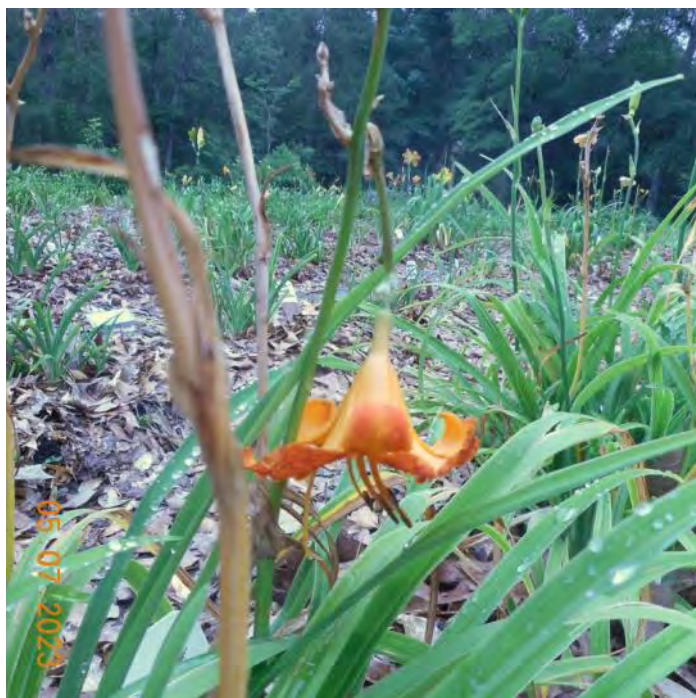
But then, one night, we experienced a ferocious hailstorm around midnight. Turning on the porch light, I saw hail of all sizes pounding, bouncing, and pooling on the ground. The pieces ranged in size from small marbles to golf balls, but most of them were of the smaller size, thank goodness. The hail was accompanied by thunder, intense lightning, wind, and heavy rain. We estimated that it hailed for a good twenty to thirty minutes, and the noise on our metal roof was quite loud.

The next morning, I went outside to survey the grounds. Both of our cars had been left outside, but miraculously, neither suffered even so much as a tiny dent. There were some limbs down, which is usual, but nothing major. Our house, equipment, animals, and outbuildings all were fine.

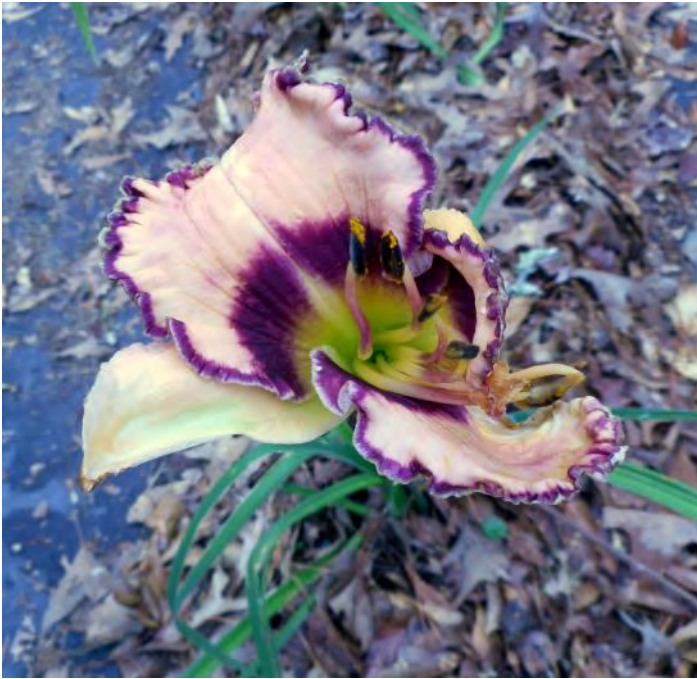
But the vegetation said differently. The onions, beets, carrots, and potatoes were absolutely flattened and beaten to smithereens. Please see the photos. The leaves of the corn had all been

stripped, and they looked like pencils sticking out of the ground. The ripening blueberry clusters were dashed to the ground. But the daylilies looked fine... at first.

In fact, it took a few days for the damage to the daylilies to become more evident. Scapes were bent, knocked sideways, or torn off entirely, and on some, the branches of the scapes were partially



Hail damage to onions (l) and beets (r)



severed. The holes created in the leaves by penetrating hail pellets began to lengthen and caused the lower parts of the leaf to split apart. Buds that were left standing were pummeled and left with "bruises"; some were even torn halfway off. Labels that I made for the seedlings out of mini-blind slats were shattered. Of course, I knew that the daylilies would be fine in time, but in the interim, they needed recuperation. Please see the photos showing partial blooms and even a bloom on a partially torn-off branch. What remarkable plants!

At this writing, it is mid-June. The corn recovered, grew new leaves, and is close to harvest time. The onions were a total loss, the beet crop was slightly affected, but the carrots recovered nicely. The potato crop was quite thin. There will be no blueberries for us this year; what little was left on the bushes

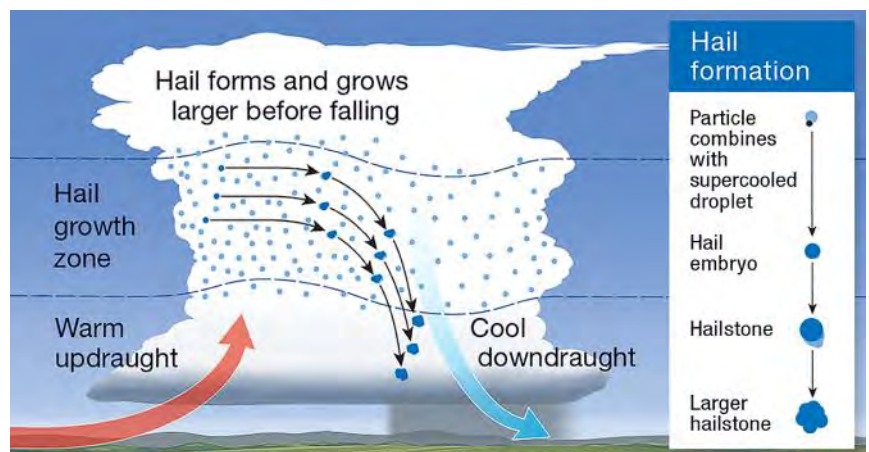
never did ripen properly; although they seemed the correct color and size, they were dry and matte in color. We let the birds have them, much to their delight. The daylilies recovered, although understandably, the bloom was affected for the E to EM season. The M to L season bloomers seemed to be unaffected. And now we're looking at 100+ degree temperatures with very little rain in sight for the next two weeks. Summer has arrived. It seems like the daylilies had a very short time to complete their bloom cycle this year. I wonder how long it will be before they go into summer dormancy...?

Nevertheless, I have dabbed pollen here and there, and I am delighted to see a good many proliferations out there! I'm hoping they can stand the withering heat until it's time to collect them. What a challenging spring it has been!



How do Hailstones Form?

Hailstones are formed when raindrops are carried upward by thunderstorm updrafts into extremely cold areas of the atmosphere and freeze. Hailstones then grow by colliding with liquid water drops that freeze onto the hailstone's surface.



A New Feature

by Peggy Cathey

This is a new feature that has been created to acknowledge all our clubs and members who have generously contributed to our Region through memorials, honorariums, sponsorships, winning auction bids, advertising, etc. We will do this for each issue where the Region has received money to support not only *Daylilies of the Southwest*, but also Region 6.

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Daylily Auction during the recent Region 6 Meeting. Those who ordered and babysat the plants all winter, those who donated plants, and Tie-Dye Timmy for donating a tie-dyed tee shirt and apron to the auction, but especially all of you who bid on the plants to support this newsletter.

As members of ADS, you automatically become a member of Region 6. There are no Region dues.

Our only fundraiser is the annual Daylily Auction; part of that money is used to pay for the auction plants. This year's auction proceeds will pay for only one issue of the Newsletter.

Many Regions have already converted to digital-only newsletters. I hope we do not have to go to digital-only because more than 10% of our members do not have email and would have no way to access their newsletter.

Do you know someone with a product or service who would purchase an ad? The ad rates are very reasonable and are listed on the inside back cover of this issue. Does your club have an upcoming fundraiser or special event? Advertise it. Region 6 depends on your support.



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Austin, TX

What do you call South Texas in a heat wave? **Corpus Crispy...** dad-jokes aside, hope you're all doing well and that you and your gardens are surviving these high summer temps.



2023 Regional Meeting

The Austin Daylily Club would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined for the 2023 Regional Meeting over the Memorial Day weekend! It was a wonderful two days, and we loved catching up with everyone in attendance! We hope you enjoyed the tours, boutique, dinners, those amazing gift plants from Oakes Daylilies, and the keynote, **Arcadian America: Landscape Gardening and the American Myth of Nature**, presented by our guest speaker, Dr. Kevin Anderson.

There were so many people involved in making this event such an enjoyable time. Nearly everyone in the Austin club played a part – we can't thank you enough – beginning with the officers and planning committee: Suzanne Adair, Beth Collier, Mike Peppers, Tom Ellison, Shirley Friesen, and Janice Heiskell. Special thanks to members who opened their gardens for the garden tours: Janice & Don Heiskell, Pat & Tom Ellison, Skottie O'Mahony & Jeff Breitenstein, and Mike Peppers (please see articles on these open gardens elsewhere in this edition).

Thanks as well to the many volunteers who helped during the event: Velia Sanchez-Ruiz, Ruth Ruiz (the table decorations were gorgeous!), Gary Adair, Don Heiskell, Carol Hillis, Louise & Bert Marcom, Peggy McArthur, Martha & Victor Mueck, Skottie O'Mahony, Shirley Randolph, Ellen Singleton, Sheri & Sarah Steinmetz, and Bruce & Jerre Threatte. Our boutique and silent auction were a big hit, thanks to all the

hard work by Janice Heiskell, and we nearly sold out of all the potted daylilies that had been *hoteled* by Suzanne & Gary Adair, Beth Collier, Shirley Friesen,



Tom Ellison, Bert & Louise Marcom, Beth Collier, Tim Closs and Gary Adair with the daylilies available for sale.



Lots of goodies in the raffle, while Mike Peppers and Gary Adair check on the sale plants.



Suzanne Adair, getting the first bid in on the silent auction

and Skottie O'Mahony & Jeff Breitenstein (more on these plants later).

Finally, our thanks to Bonnie & Hooker Nichols for obtaining and hoteling the plants for the Regional Auction, as well as donating additional plants for the auction. Thanks to Peggy & Dan Cathey for donating additional plants, too. Speaking of the auction, thanks to Tim Closs for once again being our wonderful auctioneer and to Sandy Roberts & Loris Garret for making the event fun!

We look forward to seeing you all again in Dallas!

Club Happenings

We're on summer break and will resume our monthly meetings in August. Our fall activities will include a plant swap as well as our annual club daylily order and auction and a holiday party to wrap up the year.

This fall, we also plan to replant the display gardens at the Zilker Botanical Gardens. The old beds had become too shaded, and our daylilies were suffering. Throughout last summer and fall, members of the Austin Club lifted and repotted over 500 plants from the old display beds at Zilker. After careful division and tagging of these clumps, we set aside some best performers to replant in new beds, which are in the center of the Zilker rose garden and enjoy lots of sun and a lot of foot traffic! Your help in purchasing some of these divisions at the Regional will allow us to fill in these new beds by adding some new cultivars. Thank you! We'll be sure to share photos.

Our Facebook Group page (www.facebook.com/groups/AustinDaylilySociety) has stayed active with frequent posts from members' garden photos. For more information on the Austin Daylily Society, including the topics of upcoming meetings, please visit our website: <http://www.austindaylily.org>.



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Platinum Club
100% Membership in ADS

Joan Avampato
Club Reporter

The Golden Spread Daylily Society of Amarillo, Texas, is down to 3 members and has not been in contact for a while. Covid basically put a stop to any gathering we may have had, and we have not met since, even though things are basically back to normal.

Doug Smith is President; Terry McCanna is VP; and Joan Avampato is Secretary/Treasurer and newsletter reporter. This is probably the last year for the Golden Spread Daylily Society. We have not been successful in getting new members to join, even before covid. Basically, it could be a lack of knowledge about daylilies and not wanting to learn anything new. Also, the lack of a private daylily garden in Amarillo that could spark an interest in daylilies with someone willing to plant one and care for it. Individually, one or two of us may join the American Hemerocallis Society. Although daylilies

grow well in the dry climate of Amarillo, there is no great desire to plant very many of them. Lack of our former sales may be a big reason and not much is available in local stores. The last few years of drought had an adverse effect on gardening in general. Still, the daylily is the official flower of Amarillo. I have a small daylily garden, and it is blooming very well this June.

Recently in the last week in May and into June, the weather has changed from a La Nina, dry conditions, to an El Nino, wetter conditions, and locally we had 12 inches of rain in two weeks. The result was good for plants but resulted in lots of flooding in some areas. We can expect a wet winter in the form of snow.

I did hear, by phone, from President Doug Smith (no computer) that he is still recovering from a heart attack.

Brazosport Daylily Society



Silver Club
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Colinda Friehauf
Club Reporter

Lake Jackson, TX

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This Spring, we had two excellent presentations, three daylily plant sales, and a garden tour.

In March, our guest speaker, Mike Hatton, of Brazoria Co. Master Gardeners and Certified Square Foot Gardening Instructor, explained how Square Foot Gardening (SFG) began and included a wealth of information about the process of Square Foot Gardening. Mel Bartholomew started SFG with the aim to end world hunger with a garden design that made better use of the available space. For example, a 4X8 square foot bed can produce more than a 1,700 square foot row garden. Mike shared the 10 basic principles of SFG with us. The real secret to Square



Mike Hatton
Photos by Nancy Freshour

Foot Gardening is the soil mix called Mel Mix[®]. Mel Mix is made by mixing equal parts of compost, peat or coconut coir, and vermiculite. The presentation was inspiring. For more information, one can go to www.squarefootgardening.org.

We held two daylily plant sales in April. One was on April 1, and the second was on April 22, by invitation, during the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science Earth Day Celebration. Our third sale was in



Loris Garrett with customer. Photo by Nancy Freshour
conjunction with our Flower Show in May. All were highly successful thanks to the beautiful potted plants provided by Sandy Roberts and Loris Garrett and all the sales help provided by our members.



Antoinette Nichols, Ruby Lair, Sandy Roberts, Loris Garrett, and newspaper reporter, Travis Friehauf. Photo by Nancy Freshour



At our April meeting, Nancy Freshour, our 2023 Flower Show Chair, gave a very informative explanation of how to look up the flower show section for a registered flower in the daylily registry database online and how to correctly fill out flower show entry tags. An important aspect of a proper entry is getting the Classification correct. This can be accomplished

by referencing the American Hemerocallis Society website. The description Nancy provided was very much appreciated.

In May, Eddie Raye and Don Andrews hosted an open garden tour. We were delighted with a beautiful array of daylily varieties accompanied by many interesting and unique companion plants.

Seen in Eddie Raye and Donald's garden



Tall Verbena (*Verbena bonariensis*)



Gloriosa Lily (*Gloriosa superba*) Photos by Colinda Frieauf

Brazosport 2023 Daylily Show

by Nancy Freshour

An extra-early bloom season cast an air of anticipatory concern over this year's Brazosport Daylily Society's annual Flower Show. As an example: *H.* 'Sweet Patootie', currently the earliest blooming cultivar in our garden, bloomed for the first time last year on March 22; it bloomed for the first time on March 8 this year – nearly two weeks earlier. Despite having numerous cultivars "bloomed out" in our gardens, I am pleased to report that the Brazosport Daylily Society hosted a beautiful and competitive Flower Show. As the 2023 Flower Show Chair, I want to thank all our members who helped make this show such a success; it couldn't have been achieved without them.

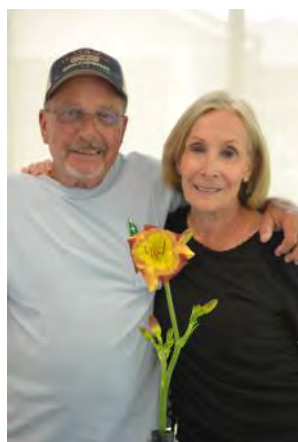
We had 129 on-scape entries and awarded 89 purple ribbons. The breakdown of entries in each category were: Extra-Large: 4; Large: 51; Small: 16; Miniature: 11; Double, Multiform, and Polymerous: 16; Spider: 6; Unusual Form: 15; Youth: 0; Seedling: 10; Achievement Medal Award: 0; Ophelia Taylor Horticultural Award: 0.

Our experienced Exhibition Judges remarked on the quality of the entries and how difficult it was to judge the Head Table. In fact, there was a point tie that had to go to the first tie-breaker to establish our Best-in-Show winner.

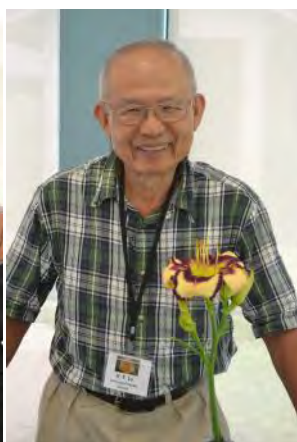
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Following are the results of our Flower Show:

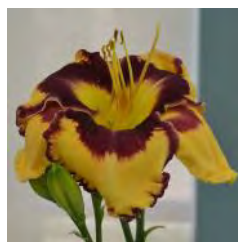
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2 - Large	<i>H.</i> 'Under Your Spell'	Dr. H.T. Lu
3 - Small	<i>H.</i> 'Leon's Legacy'	Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts
4 - Miniature	<i>H.</i> 'Midnight Kitten'	Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts
5 - Double, Multiform, and Polymerous	<i>H.</i> 'Sunglasses Needed'	Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts
6 - Spider	<i>H.</i> 'Gulf Coast Marionette'	Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts
8 - Unusual Form	<i>H.</i> 'Lillian's Katelyn Joy'	Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts
10 - Seedling	20-GOBR-1	Loris Garrett
Best-in-Show	<i>H.</i> 'Leon's Legacy'	Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts
Sweepstakes Award	(most entries blue or better)	Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts (with 45 entries)



Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts with their Best-in-Show winner - *H.* 'Leon's Legacy'



Dr. H.T. Lu with his winning Large Flower - *H.* 'Under Your Spell'



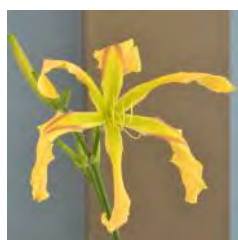
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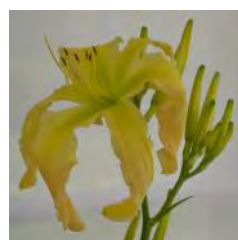
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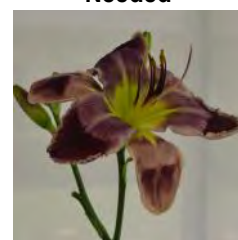
H. 'Sunglasses Needed'



H. 'Gulf Coast Marionette'



H. 'Lillian's Katelyn Joy'



Seedling No. 20-GOBR-1

Brazosport Daylily Show—Busy Day!

Photos by Blayne Friehauf



Coliinda Friehauf grooming a flower show entry



Nancy Freshour grooming entries for flower show with plant sale plants and flower show entries in the background.



David Freshour and Ruby Lair at Classification table.



BDS members Barbara Quellhorst— treasurer, Stephanie Ayala, and Mike Quellhorst help a plant sale customer



Show entries

Cypress Creek Daylily Club



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Club Reporter

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Our club was buzzing this spring with two programs on bees. When taking close-up photos of daylily blooms, one almost always sees an ant, beetle, or bee coming and going from the throat.

In March, our speaker was Naomi Gilbert, the official Bee Keeper at Mercer Botanical Gardens in Humble. She brought bee hive boxes, a smoker



Naomi Gilbert holds a photo display of a bee brood

(used to pacify bees when working in the hive), her protective gear, and more. She described the complex bee community of workers and drones, all ruled over via pheromones emitted by the queen. Naomi has great admiration for the incredible industry of these small creatures. She

said bees work so hard to make honey that she feels sorry for taking some of it at harvest time!

We kept our buzz going in April, hosting Kelly & Matt Brantley, beekeepers in the greater Tomball area. They sell raw honey, which means it is not heated or finely filtered,



Matt & Kelley Brantley talk bees to members Fran Querio, Bea Tharp, Roseanne Reynolds & Vivian Brandon

for richer flavor and which is more beneficial to allergy sufferers. Their unique store and mead bar in Tomball is called "The Thirsty Bee Meadery," where you can find many delicious flavors of mead made from

fermented honey. We had a mead tasting with cheese, crackers, and Fran Matchett's legendary tea-cake cookies. Delicious! We also welcomed a new member, Roseanne Reynolds.



Flyer for Open Garden Party at the Matchett's

Fran & Clarence Matchett hosted an Open Garden Party in May. They are very pleased with the results they have seen this year growing daylilies in two big raised beds made from feed troughs. A raised bed gives one more control over the soil mixture and offers the gardener less strain on the back! Members enjoyed browsing the dozens of daylily



Fran & Clarence Matchett celebrate 'Daylily Fever'

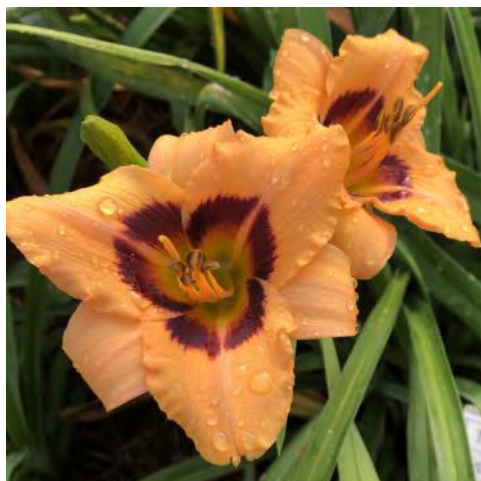


Bea Tharp & Fran Querio are all smiles in the garden

clumps tended with such care that they consistently produce an explosion of colorful blooms. Thank you, Fran & Clarence!

Our club will hold our annual daylily sale fundraiser on October 14th at the Mercer Botanic Garden.

Until then, we will be toughing it out in the hot Houston summer, so in the words of Daylily Master Mary Gage, "Mulch to keep roots protected and water deeply but less often."



H. 'Cajun Pirogue' (Eskine-Eskine, 2014)



H. 'Marked by Lydia' (Temple, 1994)



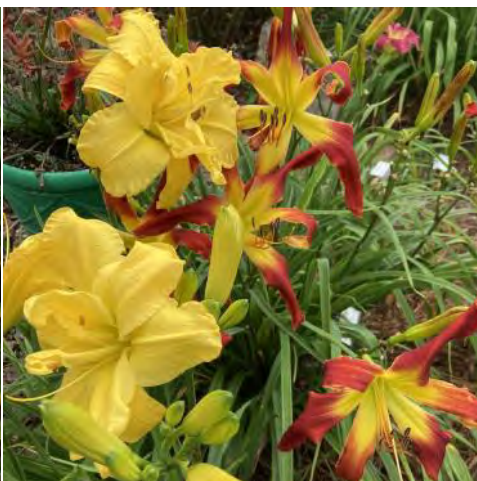
H. 'Above All' (Joiner-J., 2014)



H. 'Double Cranberry Ruffles' (Talbot, 1991) (photo by Fran Matchett)



H. 'Spacecoast Ojo Rojo' (Kinnebrew-J, 2008)



H. 'Ain't I Something' (Jones-J, 2001) & *H. 'Wild Wookie'* (Stamile, 2002) (photo by Fran Matchett)



H. 'Orange Spice' (Trimmer, 2012) (photo by Fran Matchett)



H. 'Free Wheelin' (Stamile, 2004) (photo by Fran Matchett)



H. 'Little Heartbreaker' (Bell-T, 2016) (photo by Fran Matchett)

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Club Reporter
Malcolm Avaritt
Dallas, TX

<https://www.facebook.com/daylilygrowersofdallas/>

In April we held our Spring sale at North Haven Gardens in Dallas. Daylilies were sourced from our own gardens as it was difficult to find a grower that could ship that early or one that had daylilies available that we could resell to the public. The good news is that all sales = 100% profit.

Our May meeting was presented by Brant Mauthe, titled **Daylilies 2.0, Growing, Showing, and Hybridizing**. It was great timing as bloom season was just beginning and our daylily show is coming next month. Several members attended the Region 6 meeting and garden tours in Austin, where all enjoyed the normal good times, good friends, and good food.

June 3rd was our Daylily Show at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Dallas. Many of my good friends

become arch-rivals and bitter enemies until the judging is finished. Then we stand back and marvel at what we collectively accomplished and smile, laugh, shake hands, and congratulate those who made it to the head table. Congratulations to Bonnie & Hooker Nichols, Patricia Weller, Tim Closs, Judi Burton, Carolyn Hayward, Brant Mauthe, and Penelope Reed for all making it to the coveted head table.

In closing, while at the Regional Meetings, we learned of the sudden and unexpected passing of our dear friend and longtime club member Katherine (Kathy) Harris. Her bright smile and cheerful demeanor are greatly missed.



Dallas 2023 Daylily Show

by Malcolm Avaritt, photos by Keith Hayward

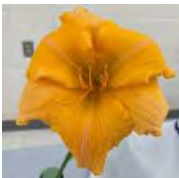
Award Winners



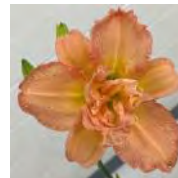
Section 1-Extra Large Flower:
H. 'Bone Shadows'
(Pierce-G, 2017), exhibited by Hooker & Bonnie Nichols



Section 4 - Best Miniature Flower:
HH. 'Little Red Dumplings', (Anderson-H, 2000), exhibited by Tim Closs



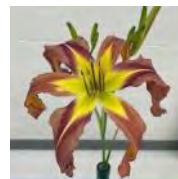
Section 2 -Best Large Flower :
H. 'Bird Woman' (Wild, 1988),
exhibited by Carolyn Hayward



Section 5 - Best Double Flower:
H. 'Dublin Elaine', (Joiner, 1987),
exhibited by Hooker & Bonnie Nichols



Section 3 - Best Small Flower:
H. 'Grape Magic' (Ayer-M, 1976),
exhibited by Judi Burton



Section 6 - Best Spider Flower:
H. 'Culture Vulture', (Ball-L, 2010),
exhibited by Patricia Weller



Section 7-Unusual Form Flower and **Best of Show:**
H. 'Peggy Cathey's Fairy Flight', (Cathey-D, 2018), exhibited by Hooker & Bonnie Nichols



Section 9- Best Seedling:
Exhibited by Tim Closs



Section 8 -Best Youth:
H. 'Mauna Loa', (Roberts, 1976), exhibited by Penelope Reed

Sweepstakes Winner with the most blue ribbons:
Brant Mauthe with 48 blue ribbons

Total show entries: 181



The **War Room**, pre show. Bonnie Nichols, Pat Weller, Doug Dutton, Malcolm Avaritt



A well deserved lunch after the judging was completed.



Bonnie Nichols and Michael Reed grooming daylilies



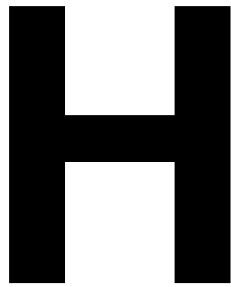
Smiling Tom Closs



A full table



Show open to the public



Houston Hemerocallis Society

**Bill Jarvis
Club Reporter**

Houston, TX

<http://www.ofts.com/hhs>

On April 27th, we had our “Celebration of another Successful HHS Daylily Season” meeting. This last meeting of our club calendar year included a special daylily auction followed by daylily ‘Bingo’ where everyone got to take home at least one daylily. This year we added four new members at this meeting.

At this meeting, we also installed our slate of officers for the 2023-2024 year. Officers are:

- President – Marti Zuber
- 1st Vice President – Cecilie O’Gara
- 2nd Vice President – Katharine Breaux
- Recording Co-secretaries – Pam Butler
- Treasurer – Gene Childers

On May 13th, we held our annual daylily sale. Even though we opened the sale an hour earlier than last year to take advantage of cooler morning temps, customers were already lined up at the gate waiting for us to open. The sale was an even bigger success than last year, with hundreds of potted daylilies being sold.

The weather was overcast, which kept the temperatures down and customer enthusiasm up. We even signed up 11 new members!

On May 27th, some of our members attended the Eskine Spring Garden Tour, where these pictures were taken:



(left to right: Cecilie O’Gara, Milton Pierson, Bill Jarvis, Hershail Theilen, and Michael Lindee – taken by a bystander)



On June 3rd, club members carpoled to Lake Jackson to visit Benvenuti Garden, the ADS Display Garden of Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts. Even though it was past peak bloom time, you couldn’t tell it by looking at the daylilies. The garden was fantastic, as always. We then had lunch with Loris and Sandy at a local Tex-Mex cantina. We were also

pleased to have Mary and Ray Houston, who had also been at the garden, join us for lunch.

Thanks to Loris and Sandy for sharing their wonderful garden with us.



(left to right: Gene Childers, Marti Zuber, Bob Amadon, Milton Pierson, Mary Houston, Ray Houston, Bill Jarvis, Michael Lindee, Rachelle McHenry, David Clardy, Sandy Roberts, and Sandy Young – taken by our server)



H. 'Glowing Lantern' (Bell-T, 2014)



H. 'Town Star' (Garrett-L, 2020)



H. 'Alaskan Sunset' (Kropf, 1999)



H. 'Spacecoast Devilicious' (Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2018)

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Albuquerque Daylily Society

Donna Peck
Club Reporter

Albuquerque, NM

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Our Albuquerque Daylily Club started 2023 in a very socializing and informative way. During January, our officers held a meeting and asked the members what subjects they would like to discuss at our meetings. We have a few new members and they all wanted to learn more about Growing Daylilies.

The March meeting was held at our Garden Center, and we had a slide show of 2023 cultivars and pictures from the ADS National Convention.

In April the meeting was at Donna and Dick's home where we saw slides of Jim Murphy and Margo Reed's hybridizing program. Barbara Shapiro had a lesson about Daylilies 101, which included the parts of the daylilies and other exciting information. Some of the members used Zoom, which our president Amy Howard had set up, but the rest of us loved being social and seeing everyone again.

Our first event was our Spring Daylily sale which was sold out immediately. All the garden clubs have items for sale, which is a big and successful event.

Our May meeting was held at the beautiful garden of Bill Walker. Barbara Shapiro brought her garden tools she uses and showed us many tools for gardening our daylilies. Following, Margo Murdock had a program on potting daylilies since many of us had

bought daylilies at the sale, so this was an excellent program to find out exactly what we need to do for potting and growing them successfully.

As I'm writing this, AHS will be holding our Region 6 meeting, which a few members will be attending.

We are planning a member's garden tour now, but before getting announced, we need to see just what gardens will have daylilies blooming. Bill Walker's Garden is on the list.

Favorite Garden Tools



Members listen intently as Barbara Shapiro describes the use of some of her favorite gardening tools for cultivating and caring for Daylilies.



A portion of Bill Walker's Daylily garden.
Photos by Carla Chirigos



Barbara explains that some garden tools, including the one pictured here, should be handled judiciously because of the sharp edges.



Barbara reviewed several fertilizers that members can use to create healthy Daylilies.

We are also planning to have our daylily show again this year, and hopefully, it will be successful since last year we had rain the night before the show,

and many gardens had not bloomed yet.

We are looking forward to a good year and trying to get back to "normal."

Margo Murdock Gives Demonstration on potting Daylilies during May meeting



Margo Murdock demonstrates how to pot Daylilies



Margo demonstrated how she trims the roots of a Daylily prior to potting.



Margo displays the potted Daylily emphasizing to Club members that the Crown of the Daylily be exposed rather than covered by soil.



Albuquerque 2023 Daylily Show
by Debi Harrington

The Albuquerque Daylily Society presented their 36th Annual Hemerocallis Show and Plant Sale, **"Daylilies - Stimulating the Senses,"** on Sunday, June 25th, 2023, at the Albuquerque Garden Center

Members and the public entered 115 Daylily Horticulture specimens, six Floral Designs with Daylilies, and 24 Photography prints for judging.

American Hemerocallis Society judges for the 2023 show were: Curtis and Pat Montgomery from CA, Tim Closs and Bonnie Nichols from TX, and Linda Kellerup and Debi Harrington from NM.



Art Bova, photo by Dan Shaprio

A very successful daylily plant sale was held in conjunction with the flower show, and two new members joined at the show.

Art Bova, long time Albuquerque Daylily Society member and well known photographer, passed away

on January 14, 2023 after battling ALS.

Art was integral in getting the Photography Division going in the Albuquerque Daylily Society's annual shows. This year's Photography Division was dedicated to Art.



Photo by Carla Chirigos



Awards table (Photo by Carla Chirigos)

Show results are as follows:

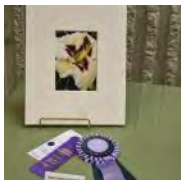


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Best Photograph - Single Blossom- *H.*
'Moonlit Masquerade' (Salter, 1992) -
Debi Harrington

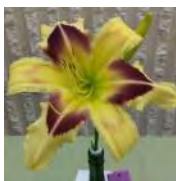


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Section 7 - Best Unusual Form -*H.*
'Hold Your Horses' (Trimmer, 2004) -
Donna Bleck **Best of Show**

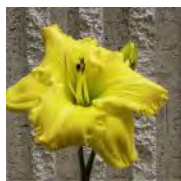


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Section 1 –Best Extra Large Flower –*H.*
'Giant on the Mountain' (Carpenter-J,
2002) - Donna Bleck



Photo by Debi Harrington

Section 9 - Seedlings - Donna Peck
(Hybridizer)

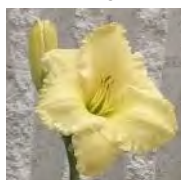


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Section 2 - Best Large Flower -*H.*
'Mississippi Morning' (Carpenter-J,
1998) Margo Murdock



Photo by Carla Chirigos

Section 12 - Best Local Popularity Poll -
H. **'Free Wheelin'** (Stamile, 2004) -
Donna Bleck

Horticulture Sweepstakes - Donna Bleck
Design Sweepstakes - Debi Harrington



Photo by Carla Chirigos

Section 3 - Best Small Flower -*H.* **'Red
Tiers'** (Gage-M, 1994) - Margo
Murdock

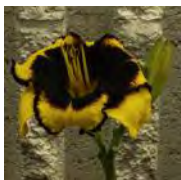


Photo by Carla Chirigos

Section 4 - Best Miniature Flower -*H.*
'Bumble Bee Blitz' (Kinnebrew-J,
2011) - Margo Murdock



Photo by Carla Chirigos

Section 5 - Best Double Flower -*H.*
**'Double Orange Dream-
ing'** (Gossard-D, 2020) - Margo
Murdock



Best of Show, *H.* **'Hold
Your Horses'**, entered by
Donna Bleck, photo by Debi
Harrington



Best Design of Show, ***The
Sense of Tasting***, entered
by Debi Harrington, photo
by Debi Harrington

You'll Never Win Unless You Enter

By Beki Spearman

You've heard the phrase "it's always no unless you ask"? Well, you'll never win unless you enter.

The morning of the flower show, and being in charge of it, I really wanted there to be a lot of entries on display for the public's viewing pleasure (and enticement), so I made a last-minute decision to make a few entries. By this time, our yard was pretty bloomed out. I made a quick makeshift carrier, determined to find 3 scapes. When I came to the 3rd scape, *H. 'Adventures in Oz'*, my jaw dropped at how pretty it was. I hesitated to cut it because of all the buds, but I thought to myself, "What if it accidentally won?" I would enjoy that feeling long after the scape stopped blooming.

Now it's time to get my flowers to the show. It's 6:30 a.m., and as I start the usual 20 min drive in, I noticed my scapes flopping around pretty excessively, so I slowed down from 30 to 20 mph. They are STILL flopping around. I stopped in the middle of the road (thank goodness no traffic at that time on a Saturday morning), grabbed the one scape I had high hopes for, and held it in my cup holder as I continued my snail's pace in. I was totally stressed by the time I got there. Never had I felt so many bumps on that trek in my previous travels. The whole way in, I thought about all the others making entries...some bringing a whole lot more scapes than me. I have an even better appreciation for their efforts than before.

Now for the exciting part! All my efforts/adventures paid off....*H. 'Adventures in Oz'* made it to the head table for Best Unusual Form. Not bad, considering this was my second attempt at entering scapes. Needless to say, I'm excited about trying again next year!



one Star Daylily Society



Platinum Club
100% Membership in ADS

<http://www.lonestardaylilysociety.org/>

Bobbie Ware
Club Reporter
Larry Bartz
Photographer

Alvin, TX



It was a fast and furious daylily bloom season around here! Most of the flowers seemed to bloom earlier than usual, and by the time our Flower Show was held in May, it seemed like most of the daylilies had bloomed out. There were pretty flowers blooming; it just seemed like there weren't that many of them. Our Flower Show and Sale were held on May 20, 2023, and almost every club member participated! There was something for everyone to do, and though most people did not sign up ahead of time, they jumped right in and volunteered all day. When a new member asked what criteria the judges were going to use, he was assigned to be a clerk and found out exactly what they were looking for! Another member who needed to be able to sit was assigned to help the cashier by calling out the prices of plants being bought, while a third member then bagged each plant. Several members assisted customers by carrying their purchases out to their cars. Quite a few people were needed to serve lunch, and the biggest job of all was clean-up! Co-Chairs Beki Spearman and Marti Zuber did a fantastic job, and the Plant Sale was a big success. At our April meeting, Beki gave us an overview of how the show would be run so everyone was prepared. There was a great attendance of local people who checked out the Show and bought plants at the Sale and who told us they really look forward to seeing us each year!

The next weekend in May, Bill and Bobbie Ware, Beverly and Melvin Winkelman, Loris Garrett, Sandy



First Region 6 tour garden, Don and Janice Heiskell's Garden

Roberts, Larry Bartz, and Marti Zuber went to the Region 6 Meeting in Round Rock, Texas. They had a great time and toured four fantastic gardens. Each



Visitors from Oklahoma bidding during the Region 6 Auction



Loris Garrett models a tie-dyed apron made by auctioneer, Tim Closs

one was totally unique, and a wonderful time was had by all. It was fun to see different companion plants and water features, as well as garden art amongst the beautiful daylilies. Lunch in a garden that was more like a park was great, and the Italian dinner in the evening near a koi pond and with deer grazing nearby on the



golf course was an unforgettable experience!! We want to thank all of our hosts and congratulate our associate member Mike Peppers for having his new daylily garden on display.

In June, our club did not meet, but Beki and Francis Spearman went to the National Convention in Nashville. At our July meeting, they will give us details!!

Lone Star 2023 Daylily Show

Photos by Larry Bartz

The Lone Star Daylily Show was held on May 20th with several beautiful daylilies. The winners were:

Paul & Mildred Eskine: Best Extra Large—*H.* ‘Spacecoast White Christmas’, Best Off Scape—*H.* ‘Fire Touched’

Gladys Hanselman—Best Small—*H.* ‘Little Business’

Beki & Frances Spearman—Best UF—*H.* ‘Adventures in Oz’

Loris Garrett & Sandy Roberts—Best Miniature and Best in Show—*H.* ‘Little Gold Nugget’

Best Large—*H.* ‘Hear His Voice’

Best Double—*H.* ‘Ginseng Man’ and Best Spider—*H.* ‘Skinwalker’

Loris Garrett—Best Seedling

Sandy Roberts—Best Photo



Best in Show: *H.* ‘Little Gold Nugget’, entered by Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts

Judging



Judging in process. Left, Judith Coghlan, Peggy Cathey and Ellen Singleton. Right, Sandy Roberts, Gladys Hanselman, Dan Cathey, and Velia Sanchez-Ruiz (Patricia Kyser, judge, not pictured)



Judges Velia Sanchez-Ruiz and Patricia Kyser

And the Winners are...



Head table winners: Mildred & Paul Eskine, Gladys Hanselman, Beki & Frances Spearman, Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts. Summer, 2023

Lufkin Daylily Society



Platinum Club
100% Membership in ADS

Tracey Stewart
Club Reporter

Lufkin, TX

On May 16th, members of the Lufkin Daylily Society took a field trip and drove to Center, TX, to visit Mark Carpenter's **The Lily Farm**. Those members are Pat and Leon Levens, Barry and Tina Walker, Gary and Tracey Stewart, and Michael Martin. The weather was perfect; sunny and warm without being too hot, and as Mark has tables and chairs under gigantic sprawling oak trees, we were quite comfortable. Mark was as affable and smiley as always.



Members of the LDS: Barry Walker, Gary Stewart, Pat Levens, Leon Levens, and Tina Walker.
Photo courtesy of Mark Carpenter

There were other people shopping at the Farm as well as our group. In fact, it turned out that one particular trio of gents were none other than Tim Closs, Brant Mauthe, and Malcolm Avaritt from Region 6 fame! Daylily royalty!! Tracey and Michael had the best time strolling through the daylilies with those



Brant Mauthe, Tim Closs, Mark Carpenter and Malcolm Avaritt.
Photo courtesy of Mark Carpenter

guys; at first, we were all speaking "fluent daylily" with each other as we admired Mark's cultivars, but by the end of the morning, we were all laughing and joking and having the best time. Tim makes these amazingly colorful tie-

dye shirts...move over rubber bands and Rit® dye; Tim has quite the design style and technique figured out that puts the old-fashioned, groovy tie-dye method to shame. Tim gifted Mark and his wife Jill with beautiful t-shirts. The design style in the photo is called "Geode." They are eye-catching, beautiful, and stunning!

Not only did our group have an enjoyable time together, but we also came home with various daylilies and other plants from Mark's nursery.

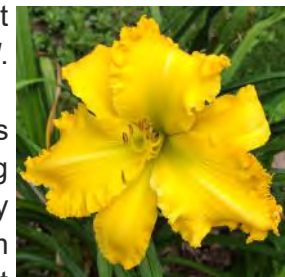
The Walkers bought *H. 'Alaskan Sunset'* (Kroph, 1999) and *H. 'Illinois Majestic'* (Waldrop, 2018). The Levins bought several of Mark's seedlings as well as *Don Juan* and *Iceberg* roses, a yellow climbing rose for their trellis, and various other potted plants.

Michael Martin bought *H. 'Maui Sunrise'* (Carpenter-Carpenter, 2011), and 8 seedlings. In fact, Michael shares, "I did get another cultivar, that toothy solid yellow *H. 'Spacecoast The Green Mile'* (Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2017), as I hope to work on bringing more of that trait to my seedlings in the future. I am concentrating on bringing out more seedlings with a gold wire

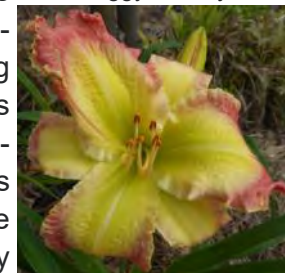
edge as well as it really brings me joy to see in the early morning sun. My first-ever seedling is surprising me hugely this year; its scapes are so tall - well over 36," and the flower is much larger this year. I have heard that your seedlings really don't show you what they are capable of until the second or third year, and boy, it's true!"



H. 'Maui Sunrise'



H. 'Spacecoast The Green Mile', photo by Peggy Cathey



H. 'The 19th Hole'



H. 'Watts of Webbing'



H. 'Kindling the Moon'



Carpenter "Future introduction"

last

The Stewarts bought H. 'The 19th Hole' (Pierce-G, 2020), H. 'Watts of Webbing' (Pierce-G, 2020), H. 'Kindling the Moon' (Salter, 2014), two Carpenter futures (he said "yes!"), and a fig tree

How good it is to know that enthusiasm for our favorite flower continues! Our next and final meeting, as the Lufkin Daylily Society is retiring after 60 years, will be in November. We felt that an aura of thanksgiving would be so very appropriate for our



Fulva Blossoms as a Vegetable

By Mrs. E. W. Shields, Chapel Hill, NC

Reprint from Vol. 25, #2, submitted by Tracey Stewart

This summer my youngest daughter and her family visited me during the peak of daylily bloom. She had just completed a course for Girl Scout leaders on plant identification, and edible wild plants, and wanted to try out some of the things she had learned. My daylilies are at our cabin, four miles from our home, and no one lives there. So the new varieties are grown back from the road, while we have a broad border of fulva sixty feet long, for those uninvited visitors who like to gather a free bouquet now and then.

Of course we have known for years that the Chinese use fulva as a vegetable, and have seen the recipes and method of preparation given in the HANDBOOK. But those recipes were much too fancy for our purpose. We gathered the buds late in the afternoon, those which would have opened next morning. Since the scapes were at least four feet tall, and free from insects we did not wash them. They were cooked like spinach, in a very small quantity of water, lightly salted. We cut a half-inch of stem with each bud, and did not trim the flowers in any way. The buds popped open about

an inch; we were careful not to stir them, and lifted them gently into a shallow bowl, and added a pat of butter. They were very delicate and tender. The flavor was rather like young spinach. We served them several times, and all of us enjoyed them. Next summer we intend to steam them over boiling water, and not IN water, as we did this year. No doubt any pale yellow daylily would be good to eat, when prepared this way, if anyone has enough of them and can bear to destroy all that potential bloom. We had such a mass display of fulva, that we did not miss the blossoms.



North Texas Daylily Society

Rebecca Reed,
Club Reporter



Fort Worth, TX

www.facebook.com/northtexasdaylilysociety/

The North Texas Daylily Society meets August-May at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens. While there is a charge to visit the garden, there is no charge to attend meetings, sales or other club events at the garden. You can find out more about our club on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/northtexasdaylilysociety/>

Our March meeting was canceled due to some stormy weather, but our April and May meetings met right on schedule. We focused on planning for our fall meetings and had a lively discussion about the growth the Botanical Garden has seen in the last

few years and how it is impacting the club and our events.

In June we got together for our annual picnic...held in the air-conditioned comfort of a local Mexican Restaurant.

We had club members participate in the Daylily Growers of Dallas's Daylily Show and toured Dan and Peggy Cathey's ADS Display Garden. June was a busy month for all of our members both with club events and in our own gardens.

We won't meet again until August but are looking forward to an eventful fall.



Vernon Wallace, James Whiteway, Janet & Douglas Howie
Sharon Bartlett, and Tamara Morgan



Vernon Wallace, James Whiteway, Janet & Douglas Howie
Sharon Bartlett, Tamara Morgan, Cathy Koogler Linda and Ken Long



H. 'Spacecoast Tigertail Tango'
(Kinnebrew-J, 2010)

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Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society



Pewter Club
55% Membership in ADS

Peggy Cathey
Club Reporter



Cleburne, TX

<https://www.facebook.com/johnsoncountyirisanddaylilysociety>

We kicked Spring off with a Bang as we had our popular Daylily Giveaway, Auction, and Exchange in March. The daylilies were ordered from **Ladybug Daylilies**, and Dan Hansen was very generous with our order. Each member received a daylily, and the remaining plants were auctioned. The bidding was active as members were eager to add more daylilies to their gardens.

April was our annual Iris Show and Potted Iris Sale. There were also many potted daylilies, and they all went fast.

In May, we gathered in the garden of our club president, Brian Goodman, and his wife and club secretary, Janet. Brian & Janet live in Cleburne, just a short distance from Hulen Park, where the club maintains a newly replanted iris and daylily bed. Everyone enjoyed seeing all the many plants Brian and Janet have and visiting each other in the day's beauty and lovely setting. There had been a threat of severe weather, but the storms held off as we all enjoyed a delicious barbeque lunch. Members brought the side dishes, and member, Greg Sutton, smoked 2 briskets. Every-



Brian conducts brief business meeting in the garden.
Photo by Laura Smargiasso

one said it was the best barbeque they had ever had.

Six club members traveled to Round Rock Memorial weekend for the Region 6 Meeting. We want to thank the Austin Daylily Society for the great meeting, hospitality, and beautiful gardens on tour.



JCI&DS members in Jeff and Skottie's Tanglewild Garden. (L-R) Peggy and Dan Cathey, Hooker and Bonnie Nichols, and Janet and Brian Goodman. Photo by Ken Alexander.



Meeting in the garden of Brian and Janet Goodman.
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In early June, Dan and Peggy Cathey opened their ADS Display Garden to visitors. Several club members, along with members of the North Texas Daylily Society and local flower lovers, enjoyed a pleasant morning among the daylilies, Rose of Sharon, towering sunflowers, many companion plants, and lots of garden art. A large clump of *H. 'Peggy Cathey's Fairy Flight'* (Cathey-D, 2018) greeted garden visitors with 14 open blooms.



H. 'Peggy Cathey's Fairy Flight'



Mock Daylily Show entry, *H. 'One Hot Mama'* (Wilkerson, 2010). Photo by Mark Hamel

Our June meeting was a “Mock Daylily Show.” Members brought daylilies in green bottles, and Dan and Peggy Cathey, ADS Exhibition Judges, judged each flower, explaining to the members what judges look for in flowers on the show tables. Instructions were given on how to groom the flowers and the best choices when cutting flowers to show. The point system was explained, and each flower was point scored. Mark Hamel brought *H. 'Local Motion'*,



H. 'Local Motion'.

Photo by Mark Hamel

hybridized and registered by former member and good friend Tom Burseen-better known for his many, many years of hybridizing irises. This beautiful bright orange flower with the dark eye, with its first bloom, was near perfect and scored a 99, making it the **Best in Show** of our little Mock Daylily Show.

Mark was also the Best of Show winner in our April Iris Show. As the show winner, Mark was given a blooming pot of *H. 'Peggy Cathey's Fairy Flight'*.

We have several new members, so Peggy and Dan brought several “show and tell” daylilies to talk about. There was one flower scape that had both seed pods and two proliferations. Peggy demonstrated how to hybridize by taking a stamen from one flower and dabbing the pollen onto the pistil of another flower in order to make seed pods. She told how each seed would make a new and different daylily. She then asked how many had seen little daylily plants growing out of the side of a daylily scape, and this was called a proliferation. She demonstrated how to cut the proliferation from the scape and strip the older leaves before putting it in water until roots developed. She explained that daylily divisions and proliferations were the only two ways to get the same variety. Proliferations are thought of as “free” plants. Finally, a demonstration on how to divide a clump of daylilies and how to replant them was given, and each member received a printout of the **Best Practices for Planting Daylilies** from the May 2023 issue of *The Daylily Dispatch*.

We are looking forward to our September sale, which will be held in the gym of the JN Long Cultural Arts Center. Using our Facebook page to advertise, our sales continues to draw more and more people each year.



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