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Editorial Policy

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 file attachment in Word. Send photographs as separate attachments. Obtain a copyright/consent form from the editor, sign and return.



ADS Region 6 Director

Mike Peppers

The ADS board has not met since my report in the last newsletter. However, we are heading to Seattle within the next week for our annual meeting and the national convention. My reading of the advance materials indicates it will be a full agenda and that much has been occurring behind the scenes in recent months. As previously reported, I was given responsibility for the Marketing Committee. I met with ADS leaders and chairs of other related committees to gather background and planning information. I will be presenting a

proposed marketing approach to the board and look forward to receiving their input. We will then determine a strategy for going forward. Back here at home in Region 6, it has been exciting to see and hear about the events of our recent bloom season! I was thrilled to return to Albuquerque last month to judge their beautiful show. Enjoy your reblooms and all the other plants in your gardens! Let's hope the summer months are kind to us!



ADS Region 6 President

David Freshour

Summer is here, and another exceptional bloom season is winding down. Now, we can look forward to the 2025 ADS National Convention in Seattle, WA, and our Regional meeting in October. Do not forget to register for our 2025 ADS Region 6 Symposium and Meeting, which will be held on Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11, 2025, in Cleburne, Texas. Our Regional Meeting provides an excellent opportunity to meet members from other growing areas, make new daylily friends, and see long-time daylily friends again. The meeting will provide selected Exhibition Judges and Garden Judges training sessions for those so inclined. There will be a "lively" live auction, a silent auction, and a garden-themed boutique for shopping. The two dinner guest speakers will be Tracey Stewart of Flower Branch Gardens Daylily Farm and Michael Kowalchuk from Oklahoma City and co-chair of last year's National Convention and our Saturday lunch time speaker will be Hooker Nichols. Our Regional Meetings have always been fun. We extend our heartfelt thanks to this year's host club, Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society, for all their hard work organizing this

meeting for our Regional members. We also hold our annual Region 6 Business Meeting at Regional. This year, we need a quorum to elect a new Region 6 President to take over for me, as my term is ending at the end of the year. Information and the tentative schedule are available on our Region's website, ahsregion6.com. Hope to see you there!

We are still looking for a volunteer for the Region 6 Secretary and a volunteer, or volunteers, for Youth Liaison. Both positions do have some compensation for attending Regional Meetings. Your involvement can make a significant difference. We will also be electing a new Region 6 President at our meeting in October. If you are interested in being a potential candidate, please reach out to a Nominating Committee member, either Patricia Kyser (chiwowow99@aol.com), Bonnie Nichols (bjnhln@aol.com), or Mike Reed (4mikereed@tx.rr.com). If you have any questions about any open positions, feel free to contact me (freshde@aol.com). Your participation and support are invaluable to us.



ADS Region 6

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ADS Region 6 Popularity Poll 2025

It's that time of year to make your voice heard. For the last three months, we have walked our personal daylily garden and, hopefully, other gardens, viewing various cultivars of our favorite flower. Some of us are casual observers, others keenly evaluating multiple characteristics, or if you hybridize, future introductions. Regardless, it's now time to cast your vote for which cultivars performed the best for you! Like the past few years, filling out the online Google form lets us directly input the data and makes analysis much easier. Here is the Google form link, <https://forms.gle/FdPGTFEwUVLY2wB76>. Ray has included it on our Region 6 website here: https://ahsregion6.com/popularity_poll_ballot.htm. The link as well as a paper ballot was posted initially in the Winter 2024 issue and again in the Spring issue of *Daylilies of the Southwest*. And guess what - you will find it again in this issue. You

can email your ballot to either of the email addresses listed below. You can always print a copy and mail it to me at my address, which is also listed. Regardless of the method you use, we appreciate you taking the time to vote in the Region 6 Popularity Poll. The cut-off date for submission of your ballots is October 15, 2025. We will have ballots at the Regional meeting in Cleburne, which Brant will collect. Thank you for supporting the ADS Region 6 Popularity Poll.

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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 website. Current and historical information is continually added.

Over the years, I have created tributes and bios for Region 6 members who have contributed to the success of our Region with their service to their local clubs and to the Region. There are currently over 150 tributes on the website at the following location <http://www.ahsregion6.com/people.htm>

Additions to the Region 6 Website:

Region 6 Spring Newsletter

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

Tribute for Freda Guillot – 1943-2025

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

Tribute for Chris Crainer – 1947-2025

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

Tribute for Martha Hight – 1930-2025

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

Updated Region 6 Garden & Exhibition Judges Lists

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



Region 6 Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Peppers

May 31, 2024 Region 6 Officers Meeting Minutes

A Region 6 Officers' Meeting was held on 5/31/24 in Terrell, TX. David Freshour, Tim Closs, Peggy Cathey, Dan Cathey, Brant Mauthe, Patricia Kyser, Jeff Breitenstein, and Mike Peppers were in attendance. Following a discussion of vacant Regional officer positions, Mike Peppers agreed to assume the responsibilities of Secretary in combination with those of Treasurer. Further leadership for the Youth Liaison position will be sought. Due to the lack of a host club for a Spring Region 6 Meeting, a Fall Regional Symposium and Meeting was proposed for 2025 to be hosted by the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society. A host club(s) will be sought for 2026. It was agreed that a "standard operating procedures" document would be developed to help guide clubs considering or hosting a Regional Meeting. An in-person auction will be conducted in 2025 at the Fall Symposium. Alternate plans were discussed to raise funds to support the newsletter. Discussion ensued on possibilities to reinvigorate the auction. There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer's Report

Previous balance	\$15,416.46
Receipts:	
Contributions for Newsletter	575.00
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Spring Newsletter	1,627.61
Judges Clinic	235.58
Fees	13.46
Ending Balance	\$14,114.81

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Making a donation is simple. Just mail your donation checks to our Region 6 Treasurer, Mike Peppers, at 750 Riverside Dr., Bastrop, TX 78602.

Don't forget to let Peggy know about your donation at region6newsletter@gmail.com so we can give you the recognition you deserve!

Thank you for your generosity and support! Together, as a community of Daylily enthusiasts, we can continue to celebrate and nurture the beauty of our Daylilies and our Region.



Membership Chair

Dan Cathey

First and foremost, a warm welcome to our newest members! We're so happy to have you join us: Michelle Boyer, Tammy Buford, Gorden and Happy Carver, David Davies, Perry Gott, Ksenia Gutzke, Michael Henning, James MacFarlane, Janet McCrea, Becky Neiman, Marcia Olds, Kat Phillips, Isabella Phillips, Elizabeth Pullig, Marcia Rodriguez, and Joel Vanderveer. We also extend a special greeting to the newly formed Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society. (Apologies if I missed anyone!) And of course, a hearty welcome back to all our returning members. Your continued support is invaluable, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Our ADS Membership Secretary tells me that our Region 6 membership stands at 329, including our 19 new members. While this represents a slight decline from last year's 334, we are optimistic about the potential for growth in the coming year. We believe that better days are ahead, and we're excited to see our society flourish!

Let's not forget about our ADS Club Recognition Program, a great way to showcase your club's dedication and boost your club's visibility. This program recognizes local clubs with the most American Daylily Society memberships. There are five levels of achievement: Platinum – 100%, Gold – 90%, Silver – 75%, Bronze – 65%, and Pewter – 50%. To apply, clubs must send their club rosters (preferably in Excel or Word format) showing an asterisk or some other designation for those currently ADS members, along with the application form for the program. You can download the form from <https://daylilies.org/membership/daylilies.org/membership>. Just scroll down to "Recognition Application" and click there.



The application and Club Roster should be sent to the Membership Chair at membershipchair@daylilies.org no later than October 1st for validation. The Chair will then notify the club of its designated status. Please email a copy of these to me at ahsregion6membership@gmail.com so we can also recognize your club on the Regional level with recognition on your club's page in our Region 6 *Daylilies of the Southwest* newsletter.

Those clubs that have achieved recognition status as above will be recognized in the ADS Journal and on the ADS website under each Region. Clubs in the Gold and Platinum levels will be entered into a drawing for \$500, providing an

additional incentive for your club to participate and grow.

Increasing our membership levels is crucial for the growth of our society. We believe that each of you, our valued members, plays a vital role in this. There are several ways for clubs to contribute to this growth:

1. Add an ADS membership to a club's auction.
2. Give as a gift to a young family member or a neighbor's child interested in gardening to encourage them to have a lifelong hobby that will keep on giving.
3. Give an award to a club member who attends all the meetings.
4. Give to a club member as a special "thank you" for going above and beyond.
5. Give to a club member who has been a member of the club the longest.
6. Give to a club member who holds the role of president or an executive function in the club.
7. Give to a club member who is the Flower Show Chair that year.
8. Give as a Christmas exchange gift.
9. Give to a family member who is an avid gardener.
10. Consider sponsoring all club members who contribute and participate in club events.

Membership Dues:

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- Dual, One Year – \$36
- Dual, Three Years – \$99
- Youth, One Year – \$12
- Life Membership, Individual – \$600
- Life Membership, Dual – \$900





Exhibition Judges Liaison

Patricia Kyser

Well, it is officially summer. Daylily shows have come and gone, but you can see more Daylilies in Seattle! The shows I saw were fantastic and truly expressed our collective dedication and love for Daylilies. It was another season of fabulous flowers and beautiful seedlings, reflecting our shared passion.

Daylily shows require a lot of time and effort, as well as a lot of planning and teamwork. One indispensable resource for putting on a smooth show is Daylily Exhibitions by Scott Elliott, a practical Handbook for daylily exhibitors, judges, and show chairs. This book is not just a guide but a comprehensive manual that equips you with everything you need to know for a successful show. ISBN: 9798840821886: This is the newest edition for this year. It tells you **EVERYTHING** you need to know to have a great show. Everyone's jobs are described. Judges are **REQUIRED** to have this book.

When you read this, our newest Junior Judges, Brant and Susan Mauthe, will be Senior Judges. Thank you to the Lone Star Daylily Society and the Albuquerque Daylily Society for helping make this possible. We are so pleased to have these two judges.

if you plan to attend either. You can also email or text me. Clinics I and III are also available online. You can contact Scott Elliott or Nikki Schmitt for that. One of them can advise you of the next class date. Our Region needs you. We currently have 18 judges, but only three instructors in Texas and one in New Mexico. Your expertise and passion are invaluable to us. If you meet the qualifications outlined in the book, we encourage you to consider this role. Your contribution will be more than appreciated. We are here to support you every step of the way.



Jr. Judge Susan Mauthe with Sr. Judges, Ellen Singleton, Patricia Kyser, and Dan Cathey at the Lone Star Daylily Society Show in Alvin, TX



Sr. Judges Judith Kyser-Coghan, Peggy Cathey, Velia Sanchez-Ruiz and Jr. Judge Brant Mauthe at the Lone Star Daylily Society Show in Alvin, TX

I hope many of you will attend the Regional Meeting in October. This is the first time the Cleburne club will host a Regional Meeting. They have three fantastic speakers lined up, who will share their expertise and insights. It should be a lot of fun! At the Regional Meeting, we will offer Clinics I and III, which will provide valuable learning opportunities. Please check the correct places on your registration form

The Fort Worth Iris and Daylily Club held its first show as a combined club. It was wonderful! I need to brag on them because it was so nice. Everything seemed to run smoothly. We (one panel) judged almost 200 beautiful Daylilies. It was organized and well done. (They must have read Scott Elliott's book.) Texans' Daylily blooms are fading, while New Mexicans look forward to their upcoming blooms. And we all look forward to seeing what's new for next year.

Ray Houston has added the current Region 6 Exhibition Judges list to the Region 6 website: <http://www.ahsregion6.com/judges.htm>. If you need to check your status. Please call, text, or email me with any questions or concerns about judging or your status.

Hope to see you all in October! We would love to hear about your experiences at the Daylily shows and any garden updates. Please feel free to share them with us.





Garden Judges Liaison

Amy Howard

Greetings all-I hope you and your gardens are well! We are in the peak week of bloom season here in Albuquerque and hoping to get those garden visits in! When the ballot is sent every spring, we like to start an email chain updating garden judges on which cultivars each person has, so we can plan visits when they bloom. What do your clubs do? Send me your input!

Garden Judges Workshop 1 will be available at our Region 6 Meeting and Symposium in October. The class will be conducted as a program for everyone to attend on Saturday morning, October 11th, from 9-11 am. Anyone needing the Refresher 3 Workshop, please mark it on your Region

6 Meeting registration form. Recertification for current judges is available online. Check your status on the Region 6 website here:

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

I'm looking forward to the hybridizers' issue so we can drool over those future Junior Citations! Thanks for all you do for Region 6 and the ADS—we appreciate you!

Happy Gardening All

Region 6 and the ADS- we appreciate you!



Newsletter Editor

Peggy Cathey

What an outstanding daylily bloom season we have had. Each bloom, with its vibrant colors and patterns, seemed bigger, taller, and brighter than we had ever seen before – and they just kept blooming. We were blessed with wonderful spring rain, which made the daylilies leap. They were a couple of weeks behind last year, but the daylily shows were full of these beautiful blooms. I



looked forward to all our club show reports, and they didn't disappoint. My last-minute plea for articles also got some interesting submissions, and I appreciate everyone who contributed. Thank you to all the officers and club reporters who sent in their reports by the June 30th deadline. Your hard work and dedication have truly made this season a success.

In this issue, we are thrilled to announce the winners of our Region 6 Daylily Shows, each of whom has made us proud with their stunning blooms. There was also a gamut of different sections that won. Seven clubs held shows, and members from the other two clubs participated in the shows of their neighboring clubs. The season kicked off with the last weekend in April with Brazosport's People's

Choice. Dr. Lu received the most votes with *H. 'Halloween Costume'*, (large). May saw shows each weekend, starting in Alvin, TX, with the Lone Star club. Congratulations go to Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts for their beautiful double *H. 'Ruffles of Sunlight'*. The following weekend, Loris and Sandy won again in Houston with an unusual form, *H. 'Lone Star Wagon Wheel'*. Dallas was up next with Bonnie and Hooker Nichols winning with *H. 'Lemon Dreams'*, a small daylily hybridized by Hooker. Austin had a beautiful show with Jerre Threatte taking top honors with *H. 'Shasta Blue Butterfly'*, a large. Fort Worth held its first Daylily Show the last weekend of May. Kenneth Long received Best of Show with a miniature, *H. 'Promises Promises'*. During the final weekend of June, Albuquerque held their annual show with Alyssa Kolski receiving her first major win with *H. 'Scarlett's Web'*, a large section daylily. Great job, everyone who entered a show this bloom season.

Our next issue will be the Region 6 Hybridizers issue, and we can't wait to see what you have in store. If you have some outstanding seedlings you'd like to show off, please send photos of your six best. Please include a seedling number or some other method of identification, along with the cross of each (if known), by the October 31st deadline.

By Tim Closs, Region 6 Publicity Co-Director

While driving back from Albuquerque, after judging the Albuquerque Daylily Society show, I had ten hours to enjoy the beautiful stark landscapes of eastern New Mexico and West Texas. There was also plenty of time to think about an article for our wonderful *Daylilies of the Southwest* magazine. While in Albuquerque, I got to spend time with a friend who is very active in the art education community. Listening to her passionately discuss how that community shares information amongst art educators spurred me to offer three options for ADS Region 6 to help build our community information garden.

Region 6 is already blessed with what I think is the very best ADS Regional website. Organized and maintained by Ray Houston, it is a treasure trove of almost everything related to our Region. If feasible, the following options might become available on the website.

Regional Daylily Cultivar Database

The Daylily Growers of Dallas (DGD) has initiated a club database that lists club members, daylily cultivars that they grow, and whether they are willing to sell or trade those cultivars. As time allows, cultivar-specific data from the ADS database and grower-specific comments/recommendations can be added. Having a Regional database would broaden the network of members willing to sell or trade and, in the case

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of older historical daylily cultivars, provide sources so that those cultivars and their genetics are not lost to time. I know that I have been looking to acquire specific cultivars hybridized by Joyce Lewis and Bobo Faggard, but have been unable to find any sources on the internet. Some club members have shared their data while others have declined. At the club level, I am maintaining the initial information.

We would need a platform to host this information and the ability to limit/protect the information to members of the Region.

Regional Presentation Library

The ADS Membership Portal has many excellent presentations available as free downloads for ADS members. I envision a Region 6 library of downloadable presentations



related to the growing challenges within our Region. Whether it is the climatic differences from Red River, NM, to Laredo, TX, the huge variances in soil types or precipitation rates, our Region offers many growing situations not found in other Regions.

Again, using the DGD as an example, we have had members offer presentations on favorite garden tools, companion plants, soils and fertilizers, irrigation methods, composting, and a beginner's show garden for under \$75. What presentations would your club members be willing to share? What presentations could we add that might help the general public or new members become daylily "fans"?

Regional Speaker's Bureau

Texas is blessed with a great Master Gardeners network of speakers. Sponsored by Texas A&M, their speakers bureau



covers the gamut of gardening topics. But, who in your club is the go-to presenter when approached by other garden groups for a daylily speaker? Is that club member willing to travel? Do they charge an honorarium? What

topics do they focus on? Do they have their own presentations and presentation equipment? Developing a daylily speaker listing /database would help our Region be proactive when it comes time to spread the word.

So, what do you think? Are any of these ideas reasonable? Would you be willing to participate in any or all of them? Please contact me with any questions or comments.



Happy

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YOUTH ACTIVITY PAGE

Word Search-Words from a Cattle Drive

These names are associated with the names of daylilies available as registration plants at the 2025 Region 6 Fall Meeting and Symposium

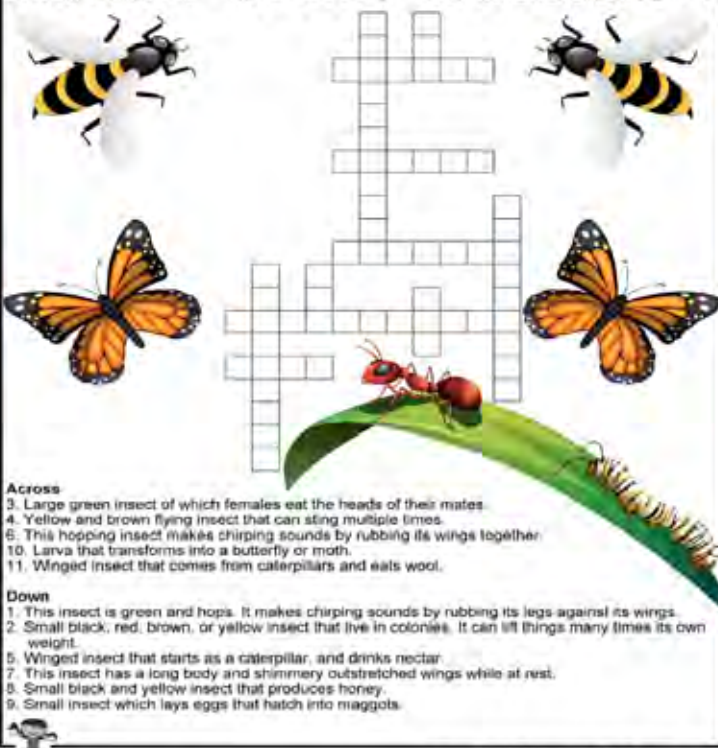
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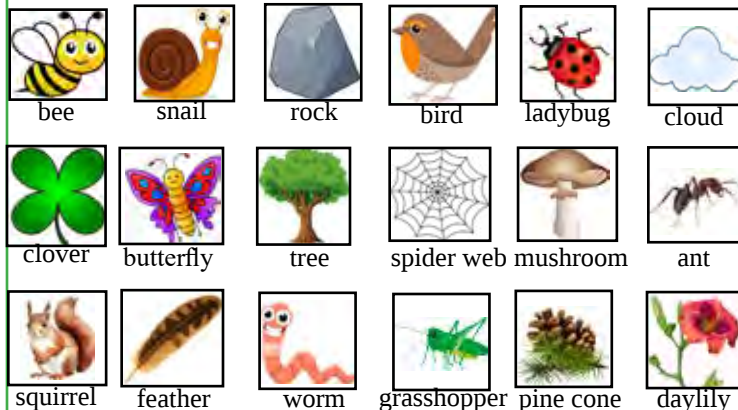
Help the hungry caterpillar eat his way through the leaf.

Summer Insect Crossword!



Nature Scavenger Hunt

Go on a hike and check off all that you see



Puzzle solutions found on page 33

Fascination With Fasciation

By Ken Anderson

For those of you who have read an article submitted by me before, there is the distinct possibility you may have heard me say that the most complex sentence to write is the first sentence in the opening paragraph. So it is with this article. I have been growing plants and making little gardens here and there for at least sixty-five years or maybe even closer to seventy. Through those many years, I have occasionally been blessed to witness an oddity of nature known as fasciation. I have heard some gardeners refer to this freak of nature as pineappling, but if you “Google” that term, you will find out about curling your hair in a particular way. That being said, fasciation is quite fascinating to me. I have seen it occur on several plants throughout my years of gardening. I’ve seen it happen to Engleman’s Daisy, a common wildflower, to a bluebonnet in my brother and sister-in-law’s front yard many years ago, and to other plants along the way. The unusual bluebonnet created a stir in the neighborhood, and all the walkers and joggers passing by took note of its beauty. It was pretty spectacular. I apologize for not having a photo to share. That was in the days before iPhones.

The definition of fasciation found online is as follows: Fasciation is a rare plant growth abnormality characterized by flattened, ribbon-like, or contorted stems, flowers, or other plant parts. It results from the abnormal activity of the plant’s apical meristem (the growing tip), which usually produces cylindrical tissue. Instead, this tissue elongates perpendicularly to the growth direction or splays to the sides, causing the unique appearance. Causes of fasciation can be genetic mutations, hormonal imbalances, environmental factors, or bacterial or viral infections.

More information can be found online, but I wanted to scientifically explain my article’s oddity. The definition cited above perfectly describes what happened to one of my *H. ‘Senorita Sun Tan’* (Faggard, 1997) daylilies. The scape was very wide and flat. It was probably at least three times as wide as a typical scape. There was some contortion in the scape as it began to branch. Even the branching exhibited the same condition. The branches produced more branches. A picture is worth a thousand words, so I will share several. I had difficulty counting all the buds, but I think there were around seventy. The first bud did not mature, and I was concerned that my excitement might be short-lived. However, that was the only bud that did not open properly.

On May 19, 2025, I took a picture of the scape as it was about to begin a blooming cycle that lasted for weeks.

A close examination of this picture, particularly the scape, accurately reflects the definition given above and precisely describes what is seen here. The scape is very wide and flat and also somewhat contorted. In addition to that, the



branches continue to exhibit that duplication of stems and buds. Part of the reason it was so difficult to count buds was that it seemed more would keep appearing. The buds emerging later were sometimes so small that it was hard to determine if they were even buds. However, within a few days, it seemed their growth rate would gain speed as the spent blooms fell away. Deadheading was quite a challenge.

By May 22, the buds showed significant signs of growth, and the first bloom appeared. Notice how the branches are contorted just below the bloom pictured on the left.

The next picture illustrates how difficult it was to count the buds. So many tiny ones were emerging, eventually forming a perfect bloom. I doubted that each bud would produce a flower of comparable quality to the rest of the daylilies of that same variety. However, making such a large quantity of blooms did not seem to diminish the quality of the blooms.

A few more days passed, and the next time I took pictures, the number of blooms present each day increased to an average of three to four per day. One day, there were six blooms. The image below was taken on May 26. There might be six blooms in that photo. It was challenging to find an angle that would show all of the blooms because it seemed

that one would get lost behind the others, regardless of the angle of the photo.

There were days when I was not at home for one reason or another. I had to be out of town several times during May, so I did not get to witness this experience daily. But every morning that I was at home, it was a delight to look out the back door and see how many blooms were present on my special daylily. The joy and excitement of seeing this unique plant growth were a daily reminder of why I love gardening.



The picture above (May 30) shows six blooms. Mother Nature provided a different arrangement each day.



The last bloom on this *H. 'Senorita Sun Tan'* was June 11. The blooming period lasted three weeks, from May 22 through June 11. I have spoken to other gardeners who had tremendous success this year with their daylilies. I hope the same was true for you.

And of course, all good things must come to an end. I think a gardener might have first written that statement. We are nearing the end of our daylily season now. It seems to pass too quickly. But the joy and beauty it brings to our lives are immeasurable. We are left with memories and photos to remind us of the beauty we enjoyed. Drying scapes mark where glorious blooms once stole our morning gaze, but they remind us of the hard work and dedication to creating such beauty.



The scape was more than three feet tall. It is leaning diagonally in this 3-foot-tall niche, and it still reaches past the top of it. This anomaly did not deter the scape from developing height. The online plant description says the height is 24 to 36 inches.

On the left the dried scape shows its contorted growth, indicating how its branching resulted in more branching.



At its maturity, the scape was about one quarter of an inch thick but nearly three-quarters of an inch wide.

This final photo is an excellent example of how beauty can still be found after the flowers are gone. The gentle curves of these branching stems invite the eye



to appreciate the beauty of the entire plant, even two weeks after the last bloom has disappeared.

For those familiar with fasciation, I hope this article sparks memories of your past observations. And if by chance you have not witnessed this phenomenon, I hope you will have that chance someday. You, too, might find "fascination with fasciation". This strange and rare occurrence brought a lot of extra beauty and interest to my garden this year.



Hybridizing With the Great-Grands

...A Follow-up By Peggy Cathey

In the Fall of 2023, I wrote an article for *Daylilies of the Southwest* titled **Hybridizing With the Great-Grands**. Dan and I had a fun day earlier that spring teaching two of our great-grandchildren, Cambri, age 7 and Emmitt, age 6 and 7, how to hybridize daylilies. The kids were fascinated by the process, their eyes wide with wonder as they learned how to hybridize daylilies. The oldest, Cambri, hybridized four daylilies. She loved the dark ruby red of *H. 'Persian Ruby'* and chose to cross it with the equally beautiful pink *H. 'Dallas Blushing Debutante'*. She made two crosses that way, then did two *H. 'Dallas Blushing Debutante'* to *H. 'Persian Ruby'*.



They returned to see their creations over Memorial Day weekend.

Cambri's seedlings came in an assortment of beautiful shades of red, each a unique and beautiful creation (below).



Emmitt was a bit more ambitious, choosing to cross *H. 'Guadalajara'* to *H. 'Wildfire Tango'* (one each way) and *H. 'Screen Pattern'* to *H. 'How Are Ya'* (one each way). This year, the blooms of his labor showed their pretty faces. While Cambri's blooms mainly were shades of reds, some with faint halos, Emmitt's blooms were a burst of vibrant patterned eyes and bold orange selfs (top, next).



H. 'Emmitt Wayne'
(Sessions-E, 2025)



There was only one of Emmitt's flowers blooming when he came, but he was happy with it.



H. 'Cambri Marie'
(Sessions-C, 2025)



Cambri enjoyed getting to see all her daylilies in bloom
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We were fortunate to have all six of our great-grandchildren here, and it was a rare treat to have them all at once, especially during our peak daylily bloom. Our grandson and granddaughter live in the same city, and since their spouses could not come, they loaded up all six kids and made the two-hour trip to visit Nanny and Gramp's garden. Our son Carl (aka G-Daddy) and his wife Kathy (aka G-Mommy) joined us for a fun and family day.

Two years ago, when Cambri and Emmitt were learning to hybridize, their baby brother, Dustyn, was sleeping in his Mom's arms. I decided to choose two flowers to hybridize for him. Considering their unique qualities, I carefully selected *H. 'Twisted Whiskers'* and *H. 'Queen of Green'*. The result was a pretty 7-inch pinkish orange flower with a rose eye, white midrib, and yellow green throat, which we have registered for him.



H. 'Taytum Arlene Marie'
(Cathey-D, 2025)



Taytum



Lori and Dustyn



H. 'Dustyn Blane'
(Cathey-P, 2025)



Preston



H. 'Preston Wade'
(Cathey-D, 2025)

We also had a "bee pod" on *H. 'Skeleton Man'*, which we chose to keep for Waylon, the oldest son of our grandson, David. This year, it had its first bloom with a 9-inch black spider with a gold throat. He was so excited when I showed it to him



H. 'Waylon Cole'
(Cathey-D, 2025)



Waylon

Tatum is Waylon's younger sister and we told her she could choose her favorite flower from all our seedlings. She wanted purple. We found a little 3-inch purple one out of *H. 'Nacogdoches Bing Cherry'* that she liked, and it has been registered in her name.

There was still one more great-grandson, Preston, so we chose a beautiful, bright gold self we wanted to register for him.

I had set up a place by our potting shed for the girls to have a tea party, while the older boys had their own table in a different garden. I always want to do something memorable when they come to visit.



What a day we had! The family together, and a beautiful display of daylilies in all their glory. The only other thing that would have improved the day would have been a cool breeze to chase away the heat and humidity.



Front row: Taytum, Dustyn, Preston;
Back row: Emmitt, Cambri, Waylon, and
Preston's Dad, David



Celebrating Another Daylily Season

By Nancy Freshour

The end of June is fast approaching, as I write this homage to all the lovely daylilies that have bloomed (and will rebloom) in our garden this 2025 season.

Even before the tall purple salvia emerged from its winter sleep in the ground, and the amazing snail flower vine shook off its dried winter leaves to sprout anew, *H. 'Sweet Patootie'* (Warner, 1976) was blooming in our garden. Typically, the first bloom is in March; this year was no exception, with a clump in full bloom by April 7.



Back of pool bed

It seems that peak bloom here in southeast Texas has gotten increasingly earlier over time, especially noticeable in the past few years. It used to be around the second weekend in May, and even into the third weekend, based on traditionally scheduled Flower Shows in the area. Last year, our peak bloom was the first weekend in May, and again this year. Unfortunately, my husband and I had to travel out of state for that weekend, but we were back soon after to experience all the glory.

Daylily scapes in our garden appeared to be taller this year. Other Brazosport Daylily Society members remarked about experiencing the same in their gardens. We all suspected it could be due to the extra chill hours this past winter. (After all, that's when the scapes are being formed underground.) In addition, many of the cultivars in our garden have become more established and formed healthy clumps. By way of example, *H. 'Heavenly United We Stand'* (Gossard, 2009) had very short scapes, maybe 24 inches, when first grown in our garden. This year, its scapes approximated 48 inches! The



David among the tall scapes



Back side of peninsula bed



Corner bed by pool

same was true for *H. 'Big Bertha'* (Herr-D., 2012). Both need the taller scapes to show off the larger flowers.

As we gathered for our club's Flower Display and sale in late April, it was pleasantly surprising how many high-quality off-scape blooms our members submitted for the display. This was another indication of early bloom. My husband, David, and I submitted 14 blooms and could have submitted more, except we only had 14 flower tubes to put them in!



Portion of peninsula bed

As our garden's total daylily bloom gradually waned toward the beginning of June, a slight sadness set in. We were going to be gone again for a week in early June, and didn't know what to expect when we came home. Most of the daylilies had bloomed out, as most in our garden are early or early-mid bloomers. However, when we got home, some of our later bloomers had begun to bloom! The later bloomers have provided gorgeous clumps around the gardens. However, they are spread out compared to peak bloom time. Several



Side pool bed

are dark flowers and very striking, with their near-black faces smiling at us, such as *H. 'Black Velvet Elvis'* (Glidden, 1988), *H. 'Ebony Lamanite'* (Roberson, 1984), and *H. 'Mephistopheles'* (Moldovan, 1990). One of my newer acquired favorites blooming later in our garden is *H. 'Chastity Lynn'* (Kirchhoff-D., 2016)



H. 'Black Velvet Elvis'



H. 'Ebony Lamanite'



H. 'Chastity Lynn'

with its huge deep orange-red blooms on tall scapes, delivering dramatic visual impact.

Now, at the end of June, blooms are rare and far between. I have dearly savored our non-reblooming cultivars throughout the season and have had to say, "So long until next year!"

However, I walked around the garden yesterday and noted, to my delight, that quite a

number of rebloom scapes are forming in various clumps. I hope many stick around to greet us when we return home from attending the ADS National Convention in July!



H. 'Off to See the Wizard'
(Herrington-K, 2009)



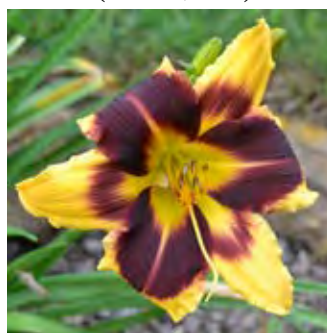
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(Alexander, 1957)



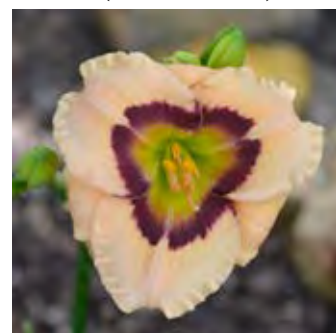
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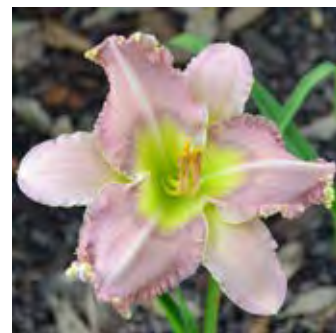
H. 'Gulf Coast Terry'
(Crainer, 2012)



H. 'Gulf Coast Pansy'
(Crainer, 2011)



H. 'Twisted Whiskers'
(Joiner-R, 2015)



H. 'Gulf Coast Display'
(Crainer, 2011)

Plant Garden Markers - Labeling Those Beauties

By Brant Mauthe, AHS Region 6 Publicity Co-Director

Back in early March 2019, I got home from work one afternoon while it was still light out. I walked out to my long, street-side garden, wanting to relax and see how the daylilies, bulbs, and violas were doing. I was bewildered when I looked out and beheld plant tag after plant tag lying on their sides, all in a line, with tennis shoe footprints on top of the tags and my plants. One of the middle schoolers from the school near my house had gotten curious about what all the tags were and walked down the bed, pulling each name tag up as they went. Since most of them were seedlings from my crosses, this was terrible and would have been catastrophic had I not created an Excel spreadsheet meticulously tracking the location of each plant. My son worked for a metal fabrication company at the time and plasma cut numbered index markers that identify areas of my garden in 5-to 6-foot sections. These keep my mapping precise so I can quickly identify everything except for *H. 'Crimson Bullseye'* (Pierce-G., 2016), which disappeared in the Summer heat of 2022 and did not reappear until this year, 3' away from where it started.

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66		A13 x Lone Star Big Nitey Sev E 8" 20" 5/14/2023		Crimson Bullseye Sev D E 5" 17" 5/14/2023
67		Isotropy x Whole lotta Ripples D ML 6/10/2023		A13 x Lone Star Big John Ev 16" 6" 5" 2" Warm Brown 5/22/2023
68		Seedling x Seedling Beverly 5" 14" 5/14/2023		C-66 x Seedling Beverly 5" 14" 5/14/2023
69		Seedling x Seedling Beverly 5" 14" 5/14/2023		Fl. Knotty's Crown x Seedling D LM 5" 14" 5/14/2023

Crimson Bullseye moved from its original location



Seedling with tag and garden index marker behind



#29 index marker up close

I began studying the durability of markers and labeling years ago, when my job involved selling durable labels and tags for outdoor use, specifically for UL marking of appliances such as air conditioner compressors. I found that the worst exposure for almost any label or tag was Summer heat over 95 degrees in direct sunlight. This can accelerate the fading, cracking, and overall wearing away of most materials and inks. However, some materials and inks definitely performed better than others when I tested them. This is the ranking of Materials and Inks in order of performance, from worst to best, in Garland, Texas, Zone 8a, with Summer highs of 110–115 degrees.

- Anything paper and permanent markers. Bad news! Markers fade quickly in direct sunlight, and paper or paper labels pucker and dissolve when wet.
- Vinyl is more durable than paper, but cracks or breaks in the winter and when exposed to summer sun.



Avery label with Laser printing (photo by Peggy Cathey)



Galvanized marker with UV Inhibitor film.

Pencil writing also lasts about the same amount of time. Lasts 1 year.

- Paint Pen on poly labels – lasts almost as long as laser toner (the next listed entry) but will flake away in direct sun exposure. Lasts 1-2 years.

- Poly labels printed with a laser printer. Polyester labels (such as white Avery poly labels) will last for quite a while, and the laser toner never fades; however, the label itself will eventually wear away or be lost when it finally fails. Lasts 2-3 years.

- Brother P-Touch label. I hate to drop names for products, especially ones that are competitors of my company's products. However, when thinking of "bang for your buck", the poly ones are amazing. They last for 3-5 years in their original form. Then they slowly fade, leaving an embossed look of



Galvanized marker with UV Inhibitor film that has stayed in the shade of the plant. Both are 4 years old, but shade makes this one look like new

the printing that can be read for several years more. They are clear polyester lamination over black thermal transfer print on white polyester base material. A great match-up. Lasts 5-8 years.

- Note: This last label, the P-Touch, can be modified with UV-inhibiting lamination I have at work, which will make it last at least 2 years longer. Some labels last 10+ years with this added. (see photos on next page) However, this is not normally available to the general public.

I have also tested several Tag Holders and find the following (worst-to-best):

- Old used Vinyl blinds – crack and break within one year, even if I laminate them. Lasts 6-12 months.

- Polyethylene tag material – these are the tags that come with your plants when you buy them. Lasts 2-5 years, but the print usually fades in 4-12 months.

- Galvanized metal plant markers – these can be ordered from several online sites. I find the metal heads get bent up fast in my garden (visiting cats do most of the damage when they scratch their backs with them). The wire stakes become severely corroded where they touch the soil. However, they tend to last 6 to 8 years.

- Stainless steel metal plant markers – Mike Peppers told me about these tags he gets from Kincaid (again, I hate dropping names of suppliers, but I couldn't find these great garden markers that are deburred and not dangerously sharp on the corners any other way). I saw them in Mike's garden when we visited for the Region 6 Regional Meeting in 2023. I just ordered some and can't wait to use them. They are the most expensive of the markers, but I have used stainless steel in my yard and garden for years and find that it seems to last forever. It may occasionally develop an orange or dark blemish spot, but it never fails or falls apart. It is also much more durable to wear and tear (cats, squirrels, and other garden visitors). Lasts 10+ years (I am convinced they will outlast me!)



Stainless steel plant marker (photo by Mike Peppers)



Buried tape laminated poly tags on the North side of my daylilies.

To summarize the marking of your plants, you usually get what you pay for in markers and printing of names for garden plants. Spend a little extra if you can. You will be happier in the years to come—a final note. I ALWAYS add a mostly buried poly tag on the North side of every daylily. I keep them on the same side so I know where to look as time goes by and the clump grows. The mostly hidden tags prevent visitors from the neighboring school and cats and squirrels from the field next to it from causing so much confusion when they toss my markers around the garden. Just remember, even the occasional string trimmer will yank up a marker and send it flying. Everything ends up back in its place when you have a $\frac{3}{4}$ buried insurance tag!



My garden beds along the street and across from the school.
Rose Parade Crinum lily bloom.

Region 6 Meeting and Fall Symposium

by Peggy Cathey and Janet Goodman

The Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society is busy planning *Daylilies Along the Chisholm Trail, the 2025 Region 6 Symposium and Meeting*, to be held at the JN Long Cultural Arts Center, located at 425 Granbury Street in Cleburne, on Friday and Saturday, October 10th and 11th. There will be terrific speakers, judges' clinics and workshops, a live daylily auction, a boutique, a silent auction, raffle drawings, a plant sale, games, and lots of fantastic food. Our own Greg Sutton is cooking up some of his delicious barbecue and sauce to delight us all. We also have the cooks to put the rest of the meals together, too! We know you will love the hospitality of our club members and the charm of our town.

This will be the first time the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society has hosted a meeting, and we are excited to have you join us in Cleburne to see what we have planned. Everyone will go home with at least one special daylily, introduced in 2025, exclusively for attendees of the Meeting, and chances are, you will also take home many more daylilies. As you check in at the registration desk, you will have the opportunity to choose one of 18 different 2025 daylilies hybridized and registered by Dan and Peggy Cathey. We will have photos of each on tubs containing the daylilies. Make your top 5 list from the photos on the following page and be ready to let us know which one is your top pick. Some varieties are in limited supply, so come early. The Region 6 auction will take place early Friday evening in the cafeteria, before dinner (which will be in the gym), with many excellent daylilies available for bidding. All the money earned from the auction goes to Region 6 to support the *Daylilies of the Southwest* Region 6 Newsletter. This, along with the silent auction of gift baskets donated by the clubs, is the Region's only fundraiser. With the printing and mailing costs for publishing the newsletter seeming to increase daily, we implore you to bid high and often.

The club's boutique, located in the gym, will feature daylilies, crafts, and other plants. Some will be for sale, some will be available for drawings, and some will be offered in a silent auction.

All Judges Training classes are now FREE for all interested members. To become either an Exhibition or Garden Judge, you must be an ADS member. Patricia Kyser plans to offer classes for anyone interested in learning how to become an Exhibition Judge, which our Region needs more of. Exhibition Clinic I will be open to "newbies," and for those needing a Clinic III refresher, that will be an option as well. Please be sure to mark the classes you wish to take on the registration form so we can plan accordingly.

Another exciting opportunity we are offering is a FREE Garden Judges Workshop 1 on Saturday morning. This program is designed to give everyone a taste of what Garden Judging is all about. It's a chance to gain a deeper understanding of what makes a good garden daylily. If you're interested in taking your journey to becoming a Garden Judge further and completing Workshop 2 during bloom season, our Garden Judges Liaison, Amy Howard, can help you find a class. Becoming a Garden Judge not only enriches your knowledge of daylilies but also allows you to make a valuable contribution to the Region. Garden Judges are the only ones who can vote for the Stout Medal, and we need to vote for those daylilies that we can grow and that do well for us. If you're interested in becoming a Garden Judge, please indicate your interest on the registration form or contact Amy directly.

On Saturday afternoon, we will play Stout Medal Bingo. The prizes will be - you guessed it - daylilies. We will have several Stout Medal winners as prizes, plus other daylilies for you to choose from when you BINGO! Anyone growing Stout Medal winners who would like to donate some as prizes would be greatly appreciated.

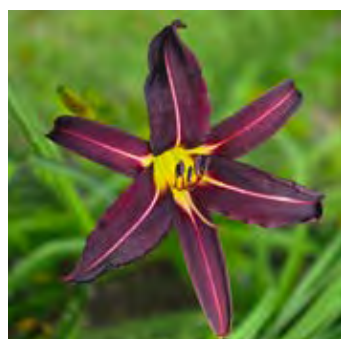
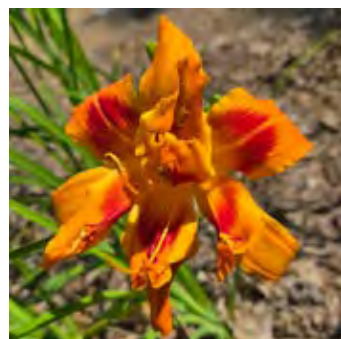
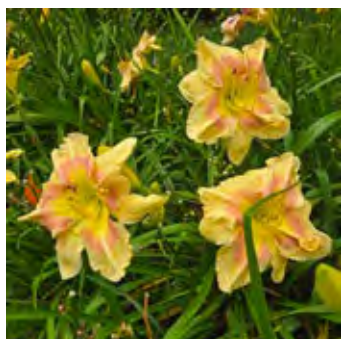
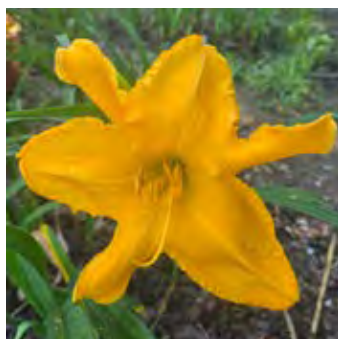
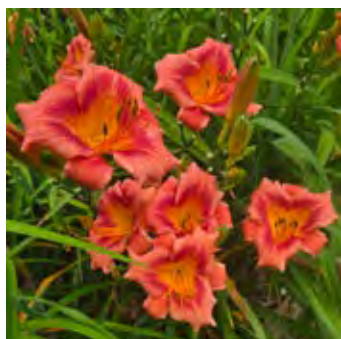
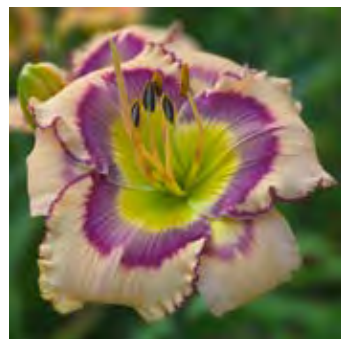
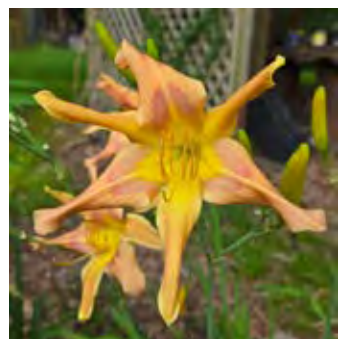
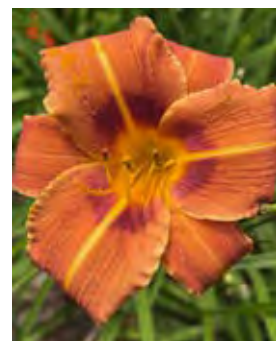
Clubs-Please consider donating a club gift basket for our Silent Auction. All proceeds will go to the Region. If anyone would like to donate plants or anything else, please bring it with you. Also indicate your preference as to be included in the live auction, raffle drawings or silent auction plus if you want it to benefit the Region or the host club.

While here, you might want to explore what the JN Long Cultural Arts Center has to offer. There is a railroad room complete with a running train on tracks that fill the room. There are art exhibits and a gift shop. Woodworkers meet in the facility and have some of their wares in the gift shop. The Cleburne Camera Club displays its prize-winning photographs to complement the artwork seen throughout the facility by the Cleburne Art Guild. The building has a flair for art, with its walls and steps filled with creative depictions, including a huge iris and quizzical creations that camouflage various pipes and faucets.

Registration is \$85. After September 15th, registration fee is \$100. You will hear some excellent speakers, including Tracey Stewart, Hooker Nichols, and Michael Kowalchyk.

Make your plans now to join us for two days of everything daylily. The Meeting registration form and schedule can be found on the Region 6 website: <http://www.ahsregion6.com/>. Hopefully, you can arrive early or stay late to experience some of the local flavor. We hope to see you in October ***Along the Chisholm Trail!***

Registration Plants for 2025 Meeting



Row 1: *H.* 'Along the Chisholm Trail', *H.* 'Cattle Drive', *H.* 'Cattle Stampede', *H.* 'Cowboy Coffee'
 Row 2: *H.* 'Cowpoke', *H.* 'Dancehall Floozy', *H.* 'Get Along Lil' Dogie', *H.* 'Head 'em Up'
 Row 3: *H.* 'Hot Campfire Coals', *H.* 'Last Round-up', *H.* 'Longhorn Steer', *H.* 'Move 'em Out'
 Row 4: *H.* 'Rawhide', *H.* 'Remuda', *H.* 'Ride for the Brand', *H.* 'Southwest Sweetheart'
 Row 5: *H.* 'Spurs That Jingle', *H.* 'Tumbling Tumbleweed'

To find sizes and other information, go to the ADS database:
<https://www.daylilydatabase.org/>

Remembering Our

Adrian Christine “Chris” Crainer January 25, 1948-June 9, 2025

By Ray Houston



Chris Crainer was born January 25, 1947, in Brazoria, TX, the daughter of Alonzo Clyde and Virginia “Nonie” Cone.

On April 11, 1968, she married Everett Crainer, in Lake Jackson, TX. Chris taught 39 years at Lake Jackson Intermediate and Rasco Middle schools.

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

They joined AHS in 2003, and became active in the Brazosport Daylily Society. When the time came that they could become AHS Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges,

they joined right in.

They created a daylily farm outside of Brazoria which they named “Gulf Coast Daylilies.”

Chris served as 2009-10 President of the Brazosport Daylily Society. She also served as Program Chair and Flower Show Chair for the club for several years.

Chris served as 2012-13 Region 6 Exhibition Judges Liaison. She served as an Exhibition Judge for various clubs throughout Region 6, and other services that they could be counted on such as arranging for and teaching Exhibition Judges Clinics.

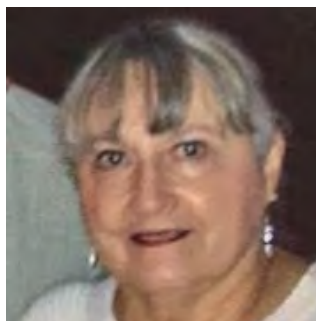
The Crainer garden was on tour for the 2015 Region 6 Meeting.

In 2015, She and Everett were honored as the recipients of the AHS Region 6 Service Award. Well deserved!

Chris passed away June 9, 2025, at the age of 78.

Freda Terrill (Hill) Guillot May 22, 1943 - June 25, 2025

By Ray Houston



Freda Terrill (Hill) Guillot was born May 22, 1943, in Nashville, Arkansas, the daughter of James Fred and Virgia Catoy (Sword) Hill.

She and Nolan Wayne Guillot married on January 27, 1979, Houston, TX. They lived in Magnolia, TX, for many years.

Freda joined AHS in 1988. After the Cypress Creek Daylily Club was established in 1995, she became a member and was active in all of the club activities. She served as 2000-01 President of the club.

She passed away June 25, 2025, in Magnolia, TX, at the age of 82.

She will be missed by the members of the club and Region 6.

Freda was a special light and a treasured member of the Cypress Creek Daylily Club. We will remember how she greeted everyone with a smile and a kind word. Jeannie Mallick



The club has donated money to have 10 Memorial Trees planted in a national forest in her memory.

Freda Guillot, Anna Rosa Glidden and Graciela Lopez at a daylily sale in 2017

Daylily Friends

Frances Rosalind (Dunlap) Matchett

March 2, 1941 - July 7, 2025

By Jeannie Mallick



Frances was born on March 2, 1941, in Houston, Texas to Harry Raymond Dunlap Sr. and Almeda May Dunlap. She passed away unexpectedly on July 7, 2025, at her home.

She grew up in Houston and was a graduate of Aldine High School in 1959. Upon graduation from High school, she attended Sam Houston State Teachers College. There she met her future husband Clarence Harold Matchett, and they married on August 13th, 1960. After graduating in 1963, she and Clarence moved to Pearland, Texas and she joined the faculty of Pearland High School as the school librarian. This was a job she held until her retirement in 1982. Frances reentered the workforce, working for Williams Communications as an executive assistant. She and Clarence later worked together for Uniworld Products. They fully retired in 2016.

Known to her friends as Fran, she was an avid flower gardener and took pride in her Daylilies. She was an active member of the Cypress Creek Daylily Club after joining in

April of 2017. She and Clarence hosted two open garden events that showcased her collection of more than 100 daylilies. Fran served as the club's Door Prize Chair and shared many beautiful garden plants with all of us.

Always ready to contribute her time and energy, Fran was a long-time volunteer at the Mercer Botanical Garden where she was the recipient of **The Golden Trowel Award**.

As a passionate genealogist, she was a member of both the Daughters of the American Revolution – Spring Creek Chapter and the Mayflower Society. She traced her heritage back to the Mayflower landing in 1620, finding several patriots/ancestors for both societies.

Frances is preceded in death by her parents Harry Dunlap, Sr. and Almeda Dunlap. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Clarence H. Matchett, Son Bruce Matchett, his wife Jimmie. Granddaughters, Ashley and Alyssa. She is also survived by her brothers Jim Dunlap and wife Carol, Harry Dunlap, and wife Sherry.

We are deeply grateful for the eight years we had with Fran as a member of our Cypress Creek Daylily Club and will fondly remember her generosity of spirit and considerable talent as a gardener. Fran grew the most beautiful daylilies!



Martha Marie (Pizzitola) Hight

February 19, 1930 - March 1, 2025

by Ray Houston



Martha Marie (Pizzitola) Hight was born February 19, 1930, in La Marque, Texas, the daughter of Jack and Anna Pizzitola.

She graduated from high school in La Marque, and then attended cosmetology college where she completed her certification.

She loved to garden and can fresh vegetables that she prepared for her family and friends. She said that she realized her passion for cooking later in life and would have liked to have attended culinary arts school to become a chef, had she known earlier in life. She thoroughly enjoyed cooking for her family and friends, and her home was filled each weekend with those enjoying her amazing meals and

gracious hospitality.

She also had a love for nature and flowers of all kinds. She paid particular attention to daylilies.

She became a member of the American Hemerocallis Society in 1992. She attended monthly meetings of the Brazosport Daylily Society and Lone Star Daylily Society for many years. She was very active and served as the Brazosport Daylily Society 2003-04 1st Vice-President and 2005-06 President.

She enjoyed many Regional and state flower shows and trips.

She died peacefully in her sleep at home on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at the age of 95. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifton J. Hight.



REGISTRATION FORM

Print and register by filling out the information below. PLEASE register early!!!

Name _____

(As it will appear on your name tag)

Other names included in this registration _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Local Daylily Club: _____ Region: (if other than AHS 6) _____

Hold an office in your club? _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Registration Fee: \$85 per person before Sept. 15, 2025,
AFTER Sept. 15, 2024, \$100 per person. Total amt. remitted: \$ _____ Youth registration: FREE
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Judges Clinics & Workshops

Clinics & Workshops are now free. Participants must bring the latest revision of the AHS *Judging Daylilies Handbook*. Please list attendees below:

Exhibition Judges Clinic I _____ Garden Judges Workshop 1 _____

Exhibition Judges Clinic III) _____ Garden Judges Workshop 3 _____

Make your hotel reservation at: Hampton Inn & Suites, 1996 West Henderson St. in Cleburne, TX. Use the code phrase "ADS" to reserve your room at the block rate of \$139 per night. Hotel direct number: 682-356-7000

Questions about the Meeting? Please contact: Janet Goodman, 817-371-3181 (janet.goodman@pinnbank.com)
Or Peggy Cathey, 817-666-9002 (iris.daylilies@gmail.com)

Region 6 American Daylily Society

2025 Popularity Poll Ballot

Voting Criteria:

- All Region 6 members are eligible to vote and should participate. This data supports the mission of educating the general public on the benefits of growing daylilies.
- 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) **that you have observed in your garden or garden visits.**

Please vote using the Google form link listed here <https://forms.gle/Qwd3jnnHMzuz7wWH6> or mail or email your choices to your Regional Tabulator, Tim Closs, 1371 Carlo Dr., Princeton Texas 75407 or email to b-cfarm@att.net. Whichever submission method you choose, please submit your ballot **only once**.

Vote for up to 10 of your favorite daylilies. The postmark deadline is **October 15th, 2025.**

☐ Adventures in Oz	☐ King Kahuna	☐ Thomas Tew
☐ All About Eve	☐ Lake Jackson Beauty	☐ Tusawilla Snowdrift
☐ Big Doc	☐ Lemon Go Lightly	☐ Victorian Lace
☐ Black Ambrosia	☐ Lil' Black Buds	☐ Walking Stick
☐ Black Friday	☐ Lillian's Vapor Trail	☐ Wild and Free
☐ Born in Texas	☐ Lone Star Big John	
☐ Breathing in Snowflakes	☐ Lone Star Purple Circle	
☐ California Sunshine	☐ Lone Star Red Stallion	
☐ Colonel Jim Scheurich	☐ Lone Star Wagon Wheel	
☐ Cool Composure	☐ Mayor of Munchkinland	
☐ Cream and Sugar	☐ Mint Octopus	Write-ins: (No more than 10)
☐ Dizzy Miss Lizzy	☐ Nacogdoches Pansy	☐
☐ Dorothy and Toto	☐ One Eye Willie	☐
☐ Double Cranberry Ruffles	☐ Patsy Carpenter	☐
☐ Dutch Yellow Truffle	☐ Paula's Guidance	☐
☐ Ernie's Cajun Wit	☐ Red Chile Rendezvous	☐
☐ Ernie's Obsession	☐ Renegade Lady	☐
☐ Evening Enchantment	☐ Rosabelle Van Valkenberg	☐
☐ God Save the Queen	☐ Rose F. Kennedy	☐
☐ Guadalajara	☐ Sergeant Major	☐
☐ Gulf Coast Angel Eye	☐ Siloam Double Classic	☐
☐ Gulf Coast Big Peach	☐ Simply Karen	
☐ Gulf Coast Gentle Sue	☐ Skinwalker	
☐ Gulf Coast Three Brothers	☐ Spacecoast Sweetness	
☐ Halloween Masquerade	☐ Spacecoast Tigertail Tango	
☐ Hillbilly Heart	☐ Spacecoast Tiny Perfection	
☐ I Lava You	☐ Stop The Car	
☐ Isabelle Rose	☐ Texan to the Bones	
☐ Jelly Filled Donut	☐ Thin Man	
☐ Julie Newmar		

Name _____

Address _____

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

☐ Albuquerque Daylily Society
☐ Austin Daylily Society
☐ Brazosport Daylily Society
☐ Cypress Creek Daylily Club
☐ Daylily Growers of Dallas
☐ Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society
☐ Houston Hemerocallis Society
☐ Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society
☐ Lone Star Daylily Society
☐ 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
Color Me Happy	Midnight Magic
Cosmic Kaleidoscope	Mildred's Endless Support
Ed Brown	Ming Porcelain
Elizabeth Salter	Orange Velvet
Free Wheelin'	Primal Scream
Fooled Me	Red Volunteer
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	Rosie Meyer
Ida's Magic	Ruby Spider
Just For Joanne	Sweet Patootie
Jason Salter	Witches Wink
Joan Senior	

Please do not vote on these "Hall of Fame" daylilies as that vote will not be tabulated in the final tabulation for 2025.

A Mid-Summer Daydream

By Dan Cathey

While our Spring here in North Central Texas was generally on the mild side with more than normal rainfall (and a super bloom season), it has given way to more traditional Texas heat with much more than the normal humidity making it a good practice to seek the comforts of indoor a/c especially after the lunch hour. While practicing such, and being both an exhibition judge and a garden judge in our Region 6, and having been to all the member clubs at one time or another, my thoughts wandered to the diversities and similarities found across such a large geographical area, that is to say, Texas and New Mexico.



It is amazing that we can all grow the same cultivars of the daylily with good results, no matter where we are located (ok, this is easier to achieve in some areas than others, but still basically good results). This should have come as no surprise, given that our flower is growing virtually coast to coast and border to border. For my query, I used our club locations (with DFW representing all the North and North Central clubs), plus, I threw in The Lily Farm in Center (the town, not the middle of) to give East Texas fair representation since our clubs in that area, Nacogdoches, Lufkin, and Tyler are no longer in existence at this time (hint – hint).

I started making a list of the geographical and climate features that make up Region 6, such as rainfall, temperatures, growing seasons, sunny days, and elevation for consideration, looking for differences and similarities. The elephant in the room here must be rainfall; we all know that supplemental watering is a poor substitute for Mother Nature, and the high cost of purchasing water, coupled with use restrictions, makes it even less of a substitute, even if our daylilies grew the same; regardless, but they definitely do not. So, top to bottom average rainfall: Lake Jackson – 54.5”, Houston – 49.7”, Center – 48.25”, Austin – 35.5”, DFW – 32.3”, and Albuquerque – 9.0. No real surprises, I guess, except to note that Lake Jackson, Houston, and Center could easily measure their

rain in feet while Albuquerque is doing good to make the inch scale (way to hang tough, Albuquerque, my hats off to you) with the rest of us somewhere in the middle.

I also expected to find lots of divergence in other areas, and, sure enough, temperatures do vary, but only on the low side. Surprisingly, the high temperatures were very similar across the board. I found from the National Weather Service as to “averages”: Albuquerque – 26/94, DFW – 38/97, Austin – 42/97, Center – 35/95, Houston – 60/92, and Lake Jackson – 65/95. On the low side, we have 26 to 65 for a 39-degree spread, and on the high side, we have 92 to 97 for a whopping 5-degree difference. Not what I expected at all.



To round things out, sunny days were remarkably similar, with Albuquerque at 310 and everybody else at either 232 or 234 (really, they are that similar). Albuquerque wins the sunshine race by a mile, but they might exchange a day or two of that for a rainy day!



And lastly, first and last frost dates were Albuquerque - Oct. 29/April 25, DFW – Nov. 14/Mar 21, Austin – Nov. 10/Mar 18, Center – Nov. 14/Mar. 22, and Houston and Lake Jackson showed the same at Dec. 11/Feb. 15. So, Albuquerque has the longest winter and Houston/Lake Jackson the shortest (by a bunch), which equates to the longest and shortest growing seasons in our Region.

A few fun facts to help make all these numbers and statistics tolerable: The elevation of Albuquerque is 5312 feet, which, coincidentally, makes it the highest elevation of all the metropolitan cities in our country. I would never have guessed that, since visually it is high desert with mountains mainly in the distance, while Lake Jackson sits at merely 13 feet, how's that for variation!



The driving distance between Albuquerque and Lake Jackson is 936 miles, while only 663 miles from Albuquerque to Los Angeles.

So, how did my mid-summer daydream turn out? No real revelations, I suppose, just that we are as different as we are alike in most respects, but it was a learning experience nonetheless, and it was fun finding out. It is certain that our passion for the daylily life is the same throughout the 390,186 square miles in Region 6! (And that's a lot of territory, folks)

Author's note: To all those who made it this far, don't you wish you had the CliffsNotes version?



Garden Bursting With Blooms

By Brian and Janet Goodman

After a long, cool winter and spring, I doubted how our daylilies would respond. But as the temperatures warmed and daylight lengthened, daylilies that had been hidden and forgotten about suddenly sprang forth with a show of their own. The sight of even first-year daylilies in pots, providing a glorious bouquet, was a true inspiration. And spring continues as we enter the first days of July. There was an abundant early bloom, followed by others blooming profusely throughout June, with almost every other daylily filled with scapes. This has been the best bloom season we have ever experienced in our garden here in Cleburne, Texas. We hated to miss the Cowtown Daylily Show on May 30th in Fort Worth, but we found ourselves on the road to Montana and the National Iris Convention in Billings.

When we returned home on June 10th, the garden was full of blooms!

With our club, the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society, eagerly preparing to host the October 10th and 11th Region 6 Daylily Meeting and Symposium, we are already planning a new bed to hold the acquisitions we hope to bring home from the auction and plant sale. We have been carefully tending to the pots of daylilies for the Region 6 auction, and were delighted to see so many bloom in their pots for us this spring. Dan and Peggy Cathey have been registering new introductions tailor-named for Daylilies Along the Chisholm Trail. These new introductions are sure to be a highlight of the event, and we can't wait to share them with you.



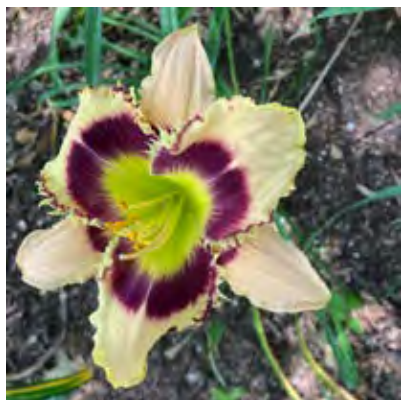
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(Tanner-G, 2021)



H. 'Rock Band'
(Reed, 2022)



H. 'Skinwalker'
(Roberts-N, 2021)



H. 'Abalone Bite'
(Pierce-G, 2018)



H. 'Double Talk'
(Wheeler-B, 1966)



H. 'Prickly Sensation'
(Maryott, 2011)

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Albuquerque Daylily Show, June 29, 2025

I'm getting this submitted under the wire a day post-show! We always enjoy having our friends from Texas judge horticulture at the show—we always learn something new! Many thanks to Tim Closs, Brant and Susan Mauthe, and Mike Peppers for helping out and being wonderful company. We hope you all enjoyed being here as much as we did having you visit! Tim even added himself to our local membership—looking forward to having you join us on Zoom, Tim!

Our show was a great time, and thanks to publicity efforts from Carla Chirigos, we had a much better turnout than in years past. Our display venue at the Albuquerque Garden Center had its 50th birthday celebration the weekend prior—we had a table and offered a daylily giveaway, which likely also helped. Our concurrent sale sold well; some plants even went home to Texas!

By the numbers:

We had 90 scapes entered- 10 more than last year, five designs and 8 photo entries.

Horticultural sweepstakes went to Margo Murdock this year with 12 blue ribbon scapes.

Best Extra Large Flower: *H. 'Wild Horses'* (Trimmer, 1999) shown by Debra De La Torre

Best Large Flower: *H. 'Brocaded Gown'* (Millikan, B., 1979) shown by Carla Chirigos

Best Small Flower: *H. 'Lullaby Baby'* (Spalding, 1975) shown by Debra De La Torre

Best Double/Multi-form/
Polymerous Flower: *H. 'Her Poly'* (Herr, 2014) shown by Will Ferrell

Best Spider: *H. 'Scarlett's Web'* (Reed, 1995) shown by Alyssa Kolski

Best UF: *H. 'I B Little'* (Elliott, 2015) shown by Margo Murdock

Best Daylily Photo: Carla Chirigos



Best In Show: *H. 'Scarlett's Web'* shown by Alyssa Kolski



Head Table (l-r) Carla Chirigos, Debra De La Torre, Will Ferrell, Alyssa Kolski, Margo Murdock

Congratulations to all the winners, and our heartfelt thanks to all involved for your help!



Education and Membership table-Stephen & Evelyn Christy



Plant Sale prep- (l-r) Susanne Santillanes, Jay Mason, Evelyn Christy, Stephen Christy

After some time to recover from the show and sale, a few members plan to attend the ADS National Convention in Seattle. Margo is hosting this year's Elite Sale (newer offerings from a select hybridizer for members) on August 9th, featuring cultivars from Steve Williams from O'Bannon Springs Daylilies in Ohio. It's always a good time! We will have a final sale of the year featuring home-dug plants on the last weekend of September at the Garden Center.

Don't forget to vote your Pop Poll ballot!

Summer 2025



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The little club that could! While our numbers are fewer, the heart of the Austin Daylily Society keeps on keeping on. We had a successful Daylily Show & Sale, and the newly planted daylily show beds at Zilker Botanical Garden are thriving!



(Left to right) Bert Marcom, Suzanne Adair, Beth Collier, Jerre Threatte, Bruce Threatte, Louise Marcom

Club Happenings

Construction (still) continues in the Greene Room in the Garden Center at Zilker Botanical Gardens, so our usual meetings have been displaced more often than not – but we roll with it.

We held our annual Daylily Show & Sale on Saturday, May 24, at Zilker. Beth Collier was once again the Show Chair and did an amazing job getting everything set up for accreditation. This year's theme was "Legacies of Love" and paid tribute to Austin Daylily Society members and supporters who've passed on before us. Plus, it was a great opportunity to show off daylilies to the Austin garden community and offer some tried-and-true cultivars for sale. Here were our winners in Division 1:

- Class 1 - Extra Large: *H. 'Laughing Giraffe'*, Jerre Threatte
- Class 2 - Large and Best in Show: *H. 'Shasta Blue Butterfly'*, Jerre Threatte
- Class 3 - Small: *H. 'Black Velvet Baby'*, Jerre Threatte
- Class 4 - Miniature: *H. 'Little Mystic Moon'*, Suzanne Adair
- Class 5- Double/Polymerous: *H. 'Victorian Times'*, Jerre Threatte
- Class 6- Spider: *H. 'Laughing Feather'*, Skottie O'Mahony
- Class 7- Unusual Form: *H. 'Buddy's Wild & Wonderful'*, Suzanne Adair
- Class 9 - Seedling: Carmine Monarch x Unknown, Skottie O'Mahony

Jerre Threatte also took home the Sweepstakes prize. We ordered daylilies from Oakes Daylily Garden for our sale, and Ken and his team once again provided us with big, beautiful clumps to sell to the public, including *H. 'Heavenly Angle Ice'*, *H. 'Bela Lugosi'*, *H. 'Black Velvet Baby'*, and *H. 'Blackthorne'*. Sincere thanks to everyone who helped with set-up/clean-up and displayed their gorgeous blooms. Plus, huge thanks to our judges: Patricia Kyser, Judith Coghlan, and Tim Closs!



After several years of work, we're also happy to report that the relocation of the daylily display beds is complete and the daylilies are thriving! From what was a mostly shaded, less trafficked area of Zilker Botanical Gardens, the display beds now enjoy a prime location at the center of the Rose Garden. The beds are planted with daylilies, irises, and roses for year-round color.

Since we didn't have our typical holiday party last December, we plan to have "Christmas in July" at the home of Skottie O'Mahony and Jeff Breitenstein and make use of their new tiki bar. We'll resume our meeting schedule in August, including a popular plant swap in November.



Show winners



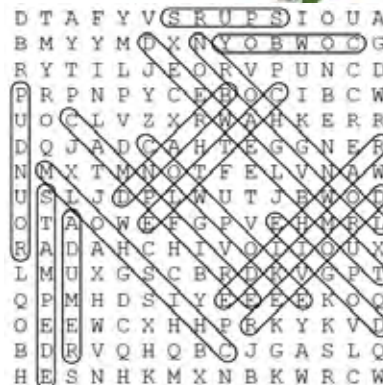
Daylily display beds at Zilker Botanical Gardens

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Youth Puzzle Page Solutions (From page 11)

Summer Insect Crossword!



Crossword
Word Search
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The month leading up to the April 2025 Daylily Display was a hive of activity at the Brazosport Daylily Society.



April- *Daylilies on Display*



Blayne Frieauf and
David Freshour



Sandra Lockhart, Dr. Lu and
Jeanne Weller



Dr. Shawn Tran and Rob
Sweisthal check flower regis-
tration on ADS database



BDS treasurer Barbara Quellhorst
and David Freshour work the check-
out desk



Dr. Lu with his People's
Choice winning flower,
H. 'Halloween Costume'
photo by Eddie Raye
Andrews

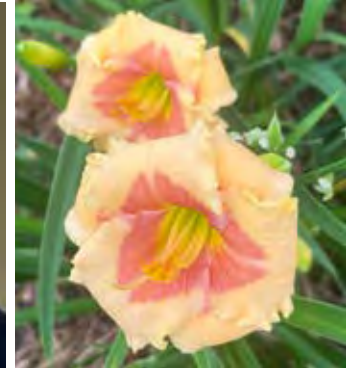
Members generously contributed plants from their gardens and purchased daylilies from Dan Hansen of Ladybug Daylily Gardens for the sale. Due to the collective dedication of our members, the plant sale was a resounding success. We also enjoyed introducing several individuals to the possibility of joining our club. Dr. H. T. Lu won the People's Choice Award as voted by attendees of our Flower Display and Plant Sale.

During May, the club had the dedication of the Dr. Art Imperial Memorial Daylily Garden, a beautiful space sponsored by the

Brazosport Daylily Society in the City of Lake Jackson. This garden, named in honor of our late member Art Imperial, was a labor of love for many of our members. Many plants from the Mary & Ray Houston garden were donated to Brazosport, along with club members who shared cultivars from their gardens. Art was an active member of the Brazosport Club



Dr. Arturo 'Art'
Domingo Imperial
June 6, 1938-
January 25, 2021



H. 'M.E. Girl'
(Imperial, 2015) just 1 of Art's
introductions named for a
granddaughter



Jeanne Weller, our club president, took on the role of Master of Ceremonies, guiding us through the dedication with grace and poise.

for many years until his health declined, and he could no longer participate. In 2008, four Houston-area clubs hosted the AHS National Daylily Convention. Art and Nina's garden was one of the gardens on tour. Daylily enthusiasts from across the country visited the property and enjoyed his amazing labor of love. He also hosted other Regional tours. Their garden was a delight to see and was also a welcome door



The Imperial's eldest son, Archie, and his mother, Nina Imperial (right), participated in the dedication.



Dr. Anselmo Unite, Art's medical practice partner, also participated in the dedication.

to many. He began to hybridize daylilies, creating hundreds of new cultivars. He won numerous awards exhibiting his daylilies in flower shows, including several Best in Show awards. Art generously shared his daylilies and expertise.

Jeanne Weller did a great job as "Master of Ceremonies". Various individuals spoke, including Nina's eldest son, Archie, and Art's close, longtime family friend, Dr. Anselmo Unite. Dr. Unite, Art's medical partner, who had convinced him to come to Lake Jackson in the first place! Their families each had five children each!!!

Many attendees were able to share lunch afterward at the Shanghai restaurant in Lake Jackson.



Brazosport Members, Dr. H. T. Lu, Nina Imperial, Sandra Lockhart and Nancy Hackney

In June, we were saddened to learn of the passing of our member, Chris Crainer. The Crainers' garden was always a welcome place for club activities and other visitors. Chris served as Club President, Flower Show Chair, Exhibition Judge, as well as Instructor. She and Everett attended the Regional Meetings and many of the National Conventions and made numerous friends throughout Region 6 and AHS. Chris maintained a beautiful daylily garden and was always looking for something new to add.



Chris Crainer among the daylilies



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Jeannie Mallick, Club Reporter

Spring, TX

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Our successful March plant sale began with fourteen wonderful members and friends pitching in to help at Fran & Clarence Matchett's garden. Our efficient crews made labels for, dug, washed, labeled, and wrapped 102 daylilies in less than 3 hours! Several days later, fifteen members converged at our meeting place with more daylilies from their gardens to help assemble 23 orders. Thank you to all who worked, shopped and donated to our sale. We more than met our annual goal, raising \$1,632.00 for club activities.



Fran Matchett, Manny Camarata and Gretchen Crawford dig daylily fans (photo by Vicki Barnes)



Julia Klawinski, Mildred Welch and Marilyn Harbich create 102 daylily labels



Fran Matchett and Jane Garcia wrap daylily fans in paper



Sara Yeager, Manny Camarata, Clarence & Ashley Matchett, Jeannie Mallick, Ginny Ledford, Linda Dunning and Amelia Cardona pose for group photo (photo by Vicki Barnes)

In April Mike Howlett, former Harris County Herpetologist taught our members to recognize local frogs and toads by their calls. Incredibly, Mike is able to mimic sounds made by our most common garden amphibian guests. Mike brought live specimens for us to

Herpetologist Mike Howlett speaking (and squeaking) on Frogs & Toads of Harris County



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examine. He catches the frogs before a program but releases them afterward, believing they don't belong in captivity. We agree! Some of our club members showed their spirit by wearing frog-themed jewelry to our meeting.



Sara Yeager sports green frog earrings



A Green Tree Frog rests comfortably on a daylily fan



Fran Querio and a Spadefoot toad exchange looks

The day before Mother's day was a busy one for Marti Zuber and members of the Houston Hemerocallis Society who hosted a wonderful flower show. This was the first show to include entries of daylily photography. Fran



Leslie Wong registers daylily entries

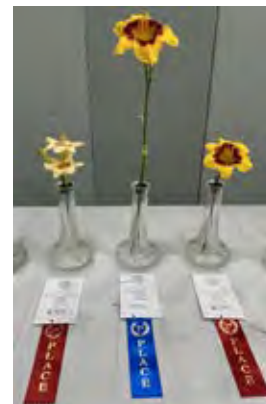


Fran Matchett grooms a daylily scape

Matchett, Jeannie Mallick and Leslie Wong entered scapes and took home more than a few blue ribbons. Leslie, also a member of the HHS worked at the registration table as Fran and Jeannie put final grooming touches on their daylily entries. There was a good selection of daylilies available for sale and Jeannie took home one with the perfect name: *H. 'Panic Mode'*.



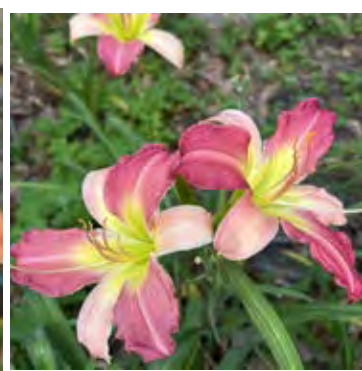
Fran Matchett with a bouquet of daylily show entries in her scape transporter



H. 'Renegade Lady' (Salter-EH, 1990) receives first and second place ribbons for Jeannie & Fran



H. 'Panic Mode' (Maryott, 2021) was for sale at the HHS Flower Show



H. 'Southern Cotton' (Therrien, 2014) says, "Welcome to bloom season"



H. 'Watermelon Festival' (Gage-M, 1994) is the pod parent of *H. 'Color Me Happy'*



H. 'Color Me Happy' (Gage-M, 2000)

Our club is on summer break until September. Now you know the daylilies that grow best in our Houston gardens! Make it official and vote for them in the Region 6 Popularity Poll.

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Susan Bulkeley, Club Reporter

Dallas, TX

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Thanks to all the rain in the North Texas area, we have had an incredible daylily bloom this spring.

The Daylily Growers of Dallas meeting in February was at North Haven Gardens. Our first official meeting of the year was a program by Brant Mauthe. Brant, an avid daylily grower and hybridizer, presented a program on his favorite flowers and why he loves them. ***Bang for the Buck***, Brant called it. “What makes a great showing in your garden? What is the bloom time for your various plants? How does it work in your garden, and can you really have blooms 10-12 months a year? How do daylilies fit into this schedule? Does the bloom time affect your ability to enter yearly exhibitions? Do you get repeat blooms on daylilies and other supporting plants?” What is Brant’s favorite flower? Ask him. He also has vegetables and fruits in his garden, and Susan, Brant’s wife, makes preserves and cans their harvest. Brant’s program with slides was so interesting that Carolyn Hayward borrowed it and presented it at the May Iris Society meeting.

Tim Closs, who knows a thing or two about dirt, at our March meeting, says we have soil, not dirt, which is composed of clay, sand, loam, and silt. Tim has a degree in Ornamental Horticulture and an MS in Horticulture specializing in micropropagation/tissue culture of the Texas Sage, *Leucophyllum*, from Texas Tech. Tim stressed the importance of testing our soil for pH at Texas A&M Agrilife in Dallas. The rule of three for our gardens is to know the pH, what nutrients are present, and how well the soil drains to have success.

Tim discussed the conflict between our April daylily sale at North Haven Gardens and the Dallas Iris Society spring show and sale. Most of our daylily members are also members of the Iris club. Most of us made it to both events. Tim Closs, Brant, Susan Mauthe, and Malcolm Avaritt handled the set-up for a successful sale. The plan was to plant the unsold plants in our Society’s display garden in Farmers Branch,

which will be a great addition to our garden.

Our May meeting was held at the Farmers Branch AHS Display Garden. With our gloves and trash bags, we weeded and enjoyed the early bloomers. Unfortunately, many of the flowers’ labels were gone or destroyed. What to do? No decision was reached.



On May 17, we held our 2025 Daylily Show at the Farmers Branch Community Center. Our judges were Dan Cathey, Patricia Kyser, and Judith Kyser-Coghlan. Peggy Cathey served as our clerk. Nine growers submitted 107 entries, showcasing a diverse range of daylilies. This was at least a week before the peak season for us, but the variety and quality of the entries were outstanding. Bonnie and Hooker Nichols won the DGD show with *H. ‘Lemon Dreams’*, which Hooker hybridized. Hooker gave everyone attending the Fall 2022 Region 6 Meeting held in Dallas a 2-fan division of *‘Lemon Dreams’*. The picture of *H. ‘Lemon Dreams’* is mine, and what a joy it has been. Brant and Susan Mauthe won the Sweepstakes. The daylilies that won their Section are:



Show judges Judith Kyser-Coghlan, Patricia Kyser and Dan Cathey



H. ‘Lemon Dreams’
(Nichols-H, 2010)



Judi Burton, Malcolm Avaritt, Jane Galloway, Jane Denton

Section 1-Extra Large-*H. ‘The Green Hammer’*, entered by Brant & Susan Mauthe

Section 2-Large-H. **‘Sable Song’**, entered by Hooker & Bonnie Nichols

Section 3-Small-H. **‘Lemon Dreams’**, entered by Hooker & Bonnie Nichols

Section 4-Miniature-H. **‘Sweet Clementine’**, entered by Tim Closs

Section 5-Double-H. **‘Siloam Double Classic’**, entered by Hooker & Bonnie Nichols

Section 6-Spider-H. **‘Free Wheelin’**, entered by Hooker & Bonnie Nichols

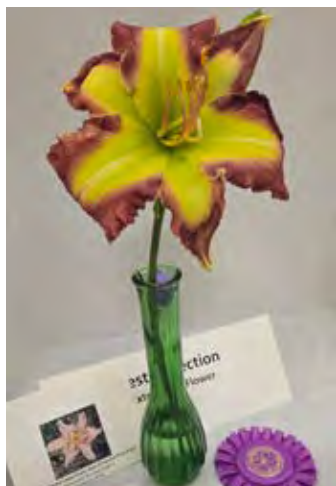
Section 7-Unusual Form-H. **‘Small World Pinch Me’**-

entered by Brant & Susan Mauthe

Section 9-Seedling-hybridized and entered by Tim Closs

We also want to congratulate Tim Closs for winning the Sweepstakes at the Fort Worth show.

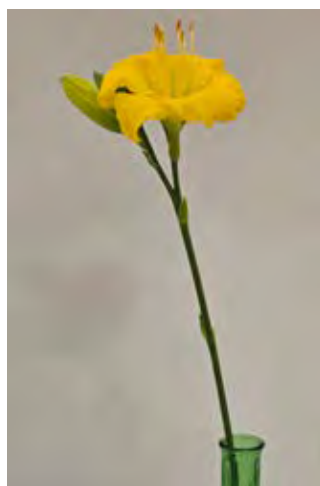
We are off for the summer and won’t gather again until September. However, an exciting event in July is the ADS National Convention in Seattle. This convention is an excellent opportunity to learn, network, and share our love for daylilies with fellow enthusiasts. We hope to see some of you there!



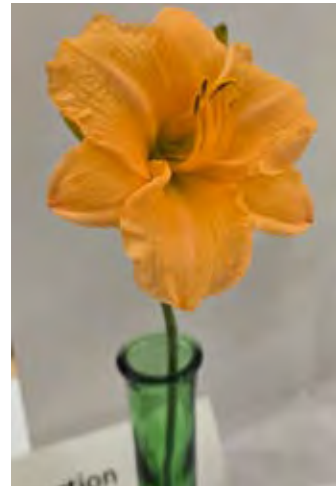
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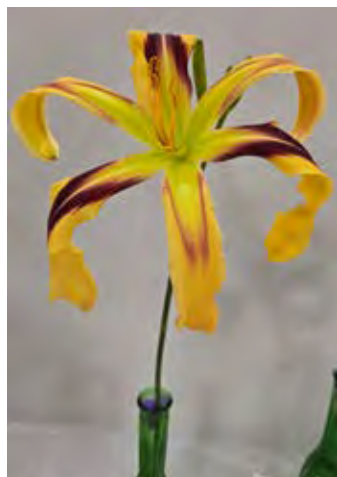
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H. **‘Sweet Clementine’**



H. **‘Siloam Double Classic’**



H. **‘Free Wheelin’**



H. **‘Small World Pinch Me’**



Seedling



DGD members attending the Daylily Show: Michael Bulkeley, Jan Lalor, Michael Reed, Doug Dutton, Susan Mauthe, Pat Weller, Mary Ellen Reed, Carolyn Hayward, Judi Burton, Jane Denton, Brant Mauthe, Susan Bulkeley, Tim Closs not present Bonnie and Hooker Nichols, and Keith Hayward

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The Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society has been flourishing this spring, a reflection of our collective efforts. Our workdays at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, cleaning up the iris beds, have been productive. And now, we're thrilled to announce a new addition—a Daylily Bed in the public gardens. This expansion not only brings more attention to daylilies but also showcases our society's growth and makes the public more aware of these beautiful flowers.



Workday at FW Botanic Gardens



Kenneth Long (left, at podium, assisted by Robert Peugh) speaking on hybridizing daylilies

April was all about our Iris Show. Then, at the May meeting, member Vernon Wallis gave us great instructions on how to groom our daylilies for our first Daylily Show. More about that below. Member Kenneth Long spoke at the June meeting and provided information on hybridizing daylilies for those new to growing daylilies.

Our first Daylily show on May 31st was a vibrant celebration of daylily colors, forms, and sizes. We had a total of 197 entries, each one a unique beauty. The Large Flower Section, with 91 entries, was the most significant. But we also had an incredible variety, including 18 Extra-Large entries, 18 Small, 8 Miniature, 11 Spiders, 12 in the Double/Polymerous/Multiform Section,

16 Unusual Forms, 5 Youth entries, 17 Seedlings, and 1 in the club's Region

6 Popularity Poll Section. The room at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens was a sight to behold. All these daylilies on display were a true reflection of the beauty of the flowers and the dedication of the members who brought them.



Kay Anderson and Gailmae Suite welcome guests to the Daylily Show

We had about 80 people in attendance and many more who were thrilled to shop our plant sale. The excitement was palpable as we had over 300 plants to choose from, including a variety of daylilies and irises, even some of the early Stout Medal winners. The glory of the

daylilies on exhibit increased public interest and led to more plant sales.

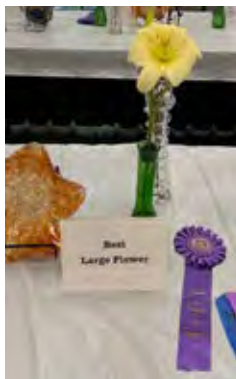
We were fortunate to have some amazing judges: Dan



Clerks Jeremy Baker and Gailmae Suite, Judges Peggy Cathey, Dan Cathey, Patricia Kyser, and clerk Rob Bauereisen



Best Extra Large H. 'Harrison Charles' Kenneth Long



Best Large H. 'Lemon Cream' Lynn Little



Best Small H. 'Night Beacon' Gailmae Suite



Best Miniature H. 'Promises Promises' Kenneth Long



Best Double H. 'Double Pink Flamingo' Vernon Wallis



Best Spider H. 'Jazz at the Wool Club' Tim Closs

and Peggy Cathey and Patricia Kyser. Their expertise and dedication were instrumental in the success of our show, and we are truly grateful for their contribution. They received many compliments on their judging and many requests to have them come back and judge next year, adding to their invaluable role in our society. We couldn't have done it without them.

Here is a list of our Best in Section winners:

Extra Large Flower – Kenneth Long with *H. 'Harrison Charles'* (This one is pretty cool because Kenneth Long is also the Hybridizer for this daylily as well, so it makes the win extra special)

Large Flower – Lynn Little with *H. 'Lemon Cream'*

Small Flower – Gailmae Suite with *H. 'Night Beacon'*

Miniature Flower – Kenneth Long with *H. 'Promises Promises'*

Double, Multiform & Polymorous Flower – Vernon Wallis with *H. 'Double Pink Flamingo'*

Spider Flower – Tim Closs with *H. 'Jazz at the Wool Club'*

Unusual Form – Tim Closs with *H. 'Dances with Butterflies'*

Youth Flower – Isabella Phillips with *H. 'Siloam Double Classic'*

Seedling Flower – Kenneth Long with Seedling # A-17-14

Popularity Poll – Vernon Wallis with *H. 'Tusawilla Snowdrift'*

Kenneth Long received BEST IN SHOW with his miniature-*H. 'Promises Promises'*

Tim Closs received SWEEPSTAKES with 29 Blue Ribbons

We learned a lot with this being our first show. We truly appreciate all the help, guidance, and advice we received from so many who shared their experiences and knowledge to help make this show successful. Most importantly, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our Fort Worth Iris and Daylily members who pulled together and volunteered to help on the 31st. Our Society has grown to 61 members, and we would not have been able to have such a fantastic show without each of them. You are the heart and soul of

our society, and we look forward to continued support and participation in our future events.



Kenneth Long won the Best of Show with *H. 'Promises Promises'*



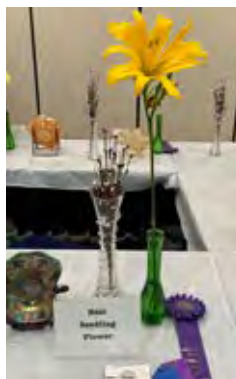
Tim Closs won the Sweepstakes with 29 Blue Ribbons



Best Unusual Form
H. 'Dances With Butterflies' Tim Closs



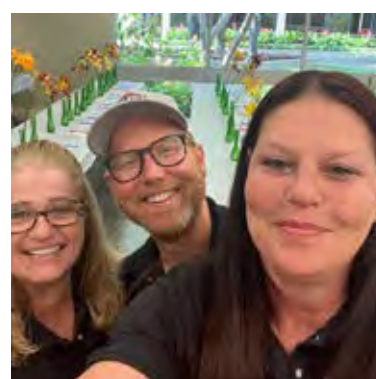
Best Youth
H. 'Siloam Double Classic' Isabella Phillips



Best Seedling
#A-17-14
Kenneth Long



Best Popularity
Poll *H. 'Tusawilla Snowdrift'* Vernon Wallis



Dez Thomas and Mel Peugh worked hard to put the show together and keep it running smoothly. Jeremy Baker photo bombing the selfie

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As we approach the peak of what is commonly referred to as our Hot Summer, we are experiencing increasingly frequent rainfall, leading to thriving plants. While temperatures continue to rise, the daylilies are blooming beautifully.

Timing is critical when planting these flowers to ensure their success. Summer has arrived, accompanied by humidity, intense heat, swarms of flies, and persistent mosquitoes, which put considerable strain on us and our plants.

Daylilies are a must-have for any garden, whether you plant just a few or create an entire daylily bed. Many daylily enthusiasts are happy to share expert tips and ideas on selecting different varieties.

As gardeners, we often tend to choose plants based solely on their appearance. We seek visual appeal, including shape, size, and fragrance, to enrich our lives with beauty. Every gardener desires something "pretty and eye-catching."

For our February meeting, we learned about different types of Roses from our guest speaker, Suzanne Gilbert, past president of the Houston Rose Society and currently secretary for the South-Central District of the American Rose Society.

In March, we discussed the HHS Daylily Sale and Show advertisement cards. A big thanks to Mark Smith from Hockley, Texas, who generously donated 234 daylilies in support of our annual daylily sale. We had a hearty game of daylily bingo, plant exchange, and a silent auction that was fun for all.



Marti and Leslie-Show Prep

Leslie Wong gave us a very informative presentation in April for new and old members on exhibiting in a Daylily Flower Show. She provided tips on planning early, transporting your daylilies the day of the show, what grooming tools to bring, and how to groom them for their

best appearance to the judges. Leslie demonstrated using daylilies from her garden to prep our daylilies and showed things the judges would deduct points for. Everything Leslie shared with the group had looking forward to our May show. There were many questions and discussions. Key takeaways from Leslie: do not be afraid to enter, be adventurous, you will either improve your knowledge of exhibiting or you will



Marti Zuber, president and show chair

receive a ribbon. Either way, it is a win-win.

This year's sale and show, **Flowers of Fantasy**, occurred on May 10, 2025. HHS members were excited to host our second daylily show. Our president, Marti Zuber, worked tirelessly to make this sale and show a tremendous success, along with support from many other club members. A vibrant array of 171 stunning daylilies and 34 captivating photos were displayed at the daylily show, bringing together newcomers and seasoned enthusiasts. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as participants shared their artistic vision and love for these beautiful blooms!

Mildred and Paul Eskine won in the extra-large category and took home the sweepstakes award, while Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts



Sandy Roberts and Loris Garrett win Best of Show



Paul and Mildred Eskine win the sweepstakes

claimed the title of **Best in Show** this year.

See below for the list of winners for the 2025 HHS daylily show.

Best in Show: H. **'Lone Star Windmill'** Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts

Extra-large: H. **'Colonel Jim Scheurich'** Mildred and Paul Eskine

Large: H. **'Ebony Jewel'** Mildred and Paul Eskine

Small: H. **'Blue Christmas'** Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts

Miniature: H. **'Lil' Black Buds'** Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts

Double: H. **'Tickle the Octopus'** Mildred and Paul Eskine

Spider: H. **'Yellow Monkey'** Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts

Unusual Form: H. **'Lone Star Windmill'** Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts

Youth: H. **'City of Echoes'** Julia Kenny

Seedling: Mildred and Paul Eskine

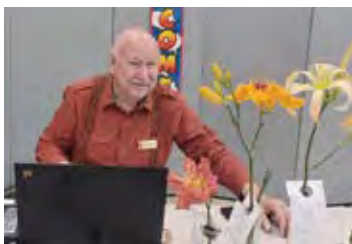
Photography: 1st Place Winner Katharine Breaux

Award of Appreciation for Publicity: Rachelle Lynch, Lezlie Moore, and Tonya Watts

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Julia Kenny wins the Youth Section



Gene Childers at the registration table



The raised daylily beds at the Carlson garden.

139 cultivars producing 376 flowers. It is worth noting again that Richard grows his daylilies in raised beds, which are truly a remarkable sight. Richard and Denise also provided the group a light lunch and entertaining conversation.

On May 31st, we took a day trip to the Lily Farm in Center, Texas. All the daylilies were in full bloom, creating a stunning display over six acres. There were so many choices, too many decisions. What are HHS members going to do? OMG!! We walked leisurely row after row, attempting to select a beauty to take home to add to the multitude of flowers in our own daylily gardens. T/R Steaks and More restaurant in Center, TX, served us a delicious lunch. Thanks again to our HHS club member, Bob Amidon, who helped organize and make this impressive bus trip happen.



Front row, left to right: Mel Baab, Tamara Haywood, Marti Zuber, Leslie Wong, Christina Lindsay, Denise Carlson, Jean Hsu, Julia K., Huong Lee, Milton Pierson, Gail Eldridge, Elaine Seto, Friend of Gail, Pam Travis, Cecile O'Gara, David Clardy. Second Row: Bob Amidon, William Wong, Katherine Breaux, Michael Lindee, Friend of Betsy, Betsy Hunter, Sheila Hardyman, Richard Carlson, Hershal Theilen, Carol Theilen, Friend of Carol. Photo by Bill Jarvis.

We are in the process of planning an Ice Cream Social for later this summer.

We are looking forward to kicking off our 2025-2026 meeting schedule on September 25th with our new officers:

President – Marti Zuber
 1st Vice President – Richard Carlson
 2nd Vice President – Katharine Breaux
 Treasurer – Gene Childers
 Recording Secretary – Pamela Travis
 Historian/Archivist/Club Photographer - Bill Jarvis
 Club Reporters – Rachelle Lynch and Lezlie Moore

As always, guests are welcome, so come by and join us! HHS club members' meetings are underway. Specific meeting information can be found on the club website: www.ofts.com/hhs/.



The flower show and sale were a tremendous success, introducing photography as a new category. Our HHS club member, Katharine Breaux, had the honor of winning first place. The flower sale was a success, thanks to the hard work and dedication of Cecile O'Gara and her HHS club

team members. This year, there were 17 new members and renewals for HHS membership. Julia K., our latest youth member, is in elementary school. She enjoys attending the monthly meetings and even participated in the daylily show, where she won for her entry, H. 'City of Echoes'. During the daylily sale, everyone enthusiastically engaged in vibrant discussions, exchanging literature and sharing their favorite plants.



Katharine Breaux wins Best Photo



Huong Lee



Pamela Travis, Lezlie Moore



Plant sale during Daylily Show

HHS members were excited to kick off our garden tours on May 24th. The first stop was Richard and Denise Carlson's Garden in Houston. Richard shared with everyone that starting from March 19th, he had 135 cultivars producing 317 flowers. The day before the event, he reported having

Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society

Janet Goodman & Peggy Cathey, Club Reporters,
Melissa Peugh, Photographer

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Our club has been buzzing with activity. We proudly hosted a successful Iris Show and Sale in April, thanks to our collective efforts and love for gardening. May's highly anticipated Daylily Giveaway, Exchange, and Auction was another feather in our cap. Our daylilies were a hit, carefully selected from Bell's Daylily Garden, Browns Ferry Gardens, and Floyd Cove Nursery for this special meeting. We also had the privilege of learning from Vernon Wallis, who shared his expertise on grooming daylilies for the Best in Show award, enhancing our chances of success. .



President Janet Goodman conducts business meeting before the Giveaway



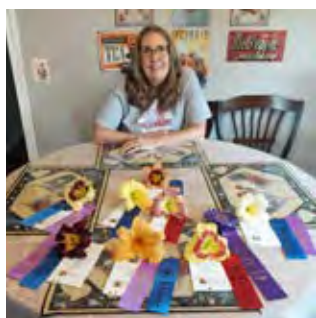
Melissa Peugh gives instructions before the drawing to see who chooses their gift plant first



Potting Party following the May meeting

Following our May meeting, 17 members stayed to pot daylilies received from Browns Ferry and Floyd Cove for the Region 6 auction in October. We had quite the assembly line! Everyone pitched in to make it a fun and quick project!

We did not host a Daylily Show, but the new Fort Worth Iris and Daylily Society invited us to



Lynn Little shows off her ribbons



Gailmae Suite's Best Small Flower H. 'Night Beacon'

participate in their show on May 31st. Two members made it to the head table with their Section winners. Lynn Little had the Best Large Flower Section (whopping 91 entries in that Section) with H. 'Lemon Cream', and Gailmae Suite won Best Small Section with H. 'Night Beacon'. Congratulations to the two of them.

We were in for a real treat in June when we traveled to Joshua, TX, to the home of Jose "Tony" and Diana Velasquez. Diana has deep roots in the land that once belonged to her grandparents. She chose to build their home in the pecan orchard, where she spent most of her childhood gathering pecans with her Mom, or reading under the towering pecan trees. Tony was raised in the Rio Grande Valley in South Texas, working with his father in the orange groves. He studied agriculture at Texas A&M University and is adept at growing almost anything. Tony had taken their son Adrian to San Antonio, where Adrian was in a Skeet Shooting competition, so it was up to Diana and the girls to finish getting everything ready for our gathering. They did a fantastic job. Everything was beautiful and inviting, with plenty of tables and chairs on the patio for our feast. Member Greg Sutton brought the barbecue brisket, and the rest pitched in with all the sides and desserts. Indeed, no one

went home hungry. A treat for some of us was a concert by Bella, the oldest of the Velasquez children. All three children are very talented and a tremendous asset to our club. Bella will turn 18 in the fall, and we can no longer call her a "youth" member.



Bella



Vickie



Peggy Cathey with our hostess, Diana Medrano



Greg Sutton, our cook



Standing: Dez Thomas, Janet Goodman, Barney Maddox, Brian Goodman, Gailmae Suite, and Brittany Embry holding Isetta. Seated is Lynn Little, Gisele McCurdy, and Brittany's Step-mom, Diana



Mayna Haggard, Robert Peugh and Dan Cathey



Brittany with daughter Isetta on swing and step-mom Diana



Dez, Diana, Morgan Peugh, Gisele, and Lynn with her back to the camera



Brittany Embry's boys, Dominic & Gabe



Bella and Vickie



Monte Mackey and Brian Goodman

We will have our annual Iris Giveaway, Exchange, and Auction in July. A new slate of officers was presented at the June meeting:

President-Diana Medrano-Velasquez
1st Vice President-Membership-Melissa Peugh
2nd Vice President-Programs-Janet Goodman
3rd Vice President-Show Chair-Desiree Thomas
Secretary-Leslie Ward
Treasurer-Peggy Cathey
Hospitality-Brittany Embry
Newsletter-Peggy Cathey

In a brief business meeting during our garden visit, the new slate of officers was approved unanimous vote. The installation of officers will be conducted at the end of the July meeting and they will assume office in August, the beginning of our 2025-2026 club year.

August is always a fun meeting when we play BINGO for daylilies and irises.

September is always filled with our annual Fall Plant Sale. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year.



As our club gears up to host the ADS Region 6 meeting on October 10th and 11th, we're thrilled to see our membership numbers on the rise and there is also an increase in enthusiasm. We're all pitching in to ensure a remarkable experience for those attending. This event, set to be the highlight of our club year, promises not just three speakers, but three excellent speakers who will share their knowledge. We will also have garden and exhibition judges classes, Stout Medal bingo, and the Region 6 Daylily Auction to increase the excitement. We've already received a fantastic selection of plants for the auction, and more are coming. You can find more details about the Regional Meeting and Symposium and the registration form in this issue. You can also download the registration form from the Region 6 website: ahsregion6.com. We hope to see you in Cleburne for Daylilies Along the Chisholm Trail in October.



Lone Star Daylily Society

Bobbie Ware, Club Reporter, Larry Bartz, Photographer

Alvin, TX

<http://lonestardaylilysociety.org/>
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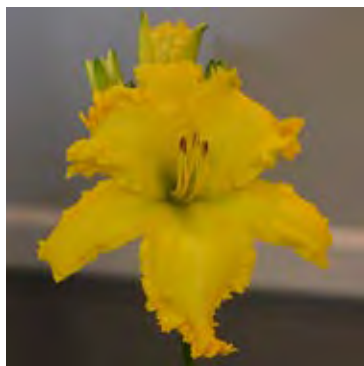


Greetings, everyone!! It's been the busiest time of year for daylily enthusiasts! Lone Star Daylily Society members held their Spring Plant Sale in April. Then, they learned the best techniques from the most experienced members on how to mark, choose, and groom their daylilies for the best chances of being winners at the May Flower Show.

On May 3, 2025, the Lone Star Daylily Society held its annual Flower Show at the Alvin Senior Center with the theme of **Bedazzling Daylilies** under the leadership of Chairman Marti Zuber. Winners were:



Best Miniature Flower:
H. 'Little Gold Nugget'
(Harrington-T, 2005)
by Sandy Roberts/Loris Garrett



Best Extra Large Flower:
H. 'Spacecoast Lemon Whiskers' (Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2013) by Loris Garrett/Sandy Roberts



Best in Show
Best Double, Multiform, Polymorous Flower:
H. 'Ruffles of Sunlight'
(Gossard-D, 2023) by Loris Garrett/Sandy Roberts



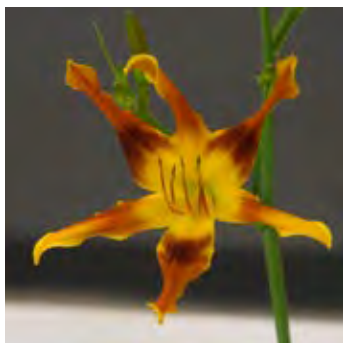
Best Large Flower:
H. 'Glowing Lantern'
(Bell-T, 2014) by Loris Garrett/Sandy Roberts



Best Spider:
H. 'Medicine Feather'
(Roberts-N, 2001) by Dr. Lu



Best Small Flower:
H. 'Cajun Pirogue'
(Eskine-Eskine, 2014) by Mildred Eskine/Paul Eskine



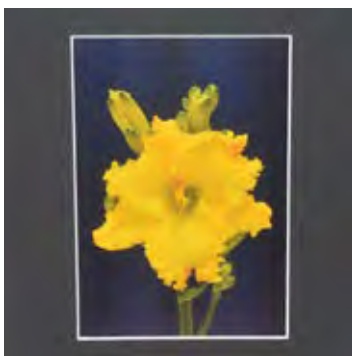
Best Unusual Form:
H. 'Ima Litt'un'
(Elliott-s, 2015) by Loris Garrett/Sandy Roberts



Best Seedling
by Loris Garrett



Best Off Scape Bloom:
H. 'June Williams Memorial' (Kinnebrew-J, 2008) by Paul Eskine/
Mildred Eskine



Best Photo: Larry Bartz

Loris Garrett and Sandy Roberts won the Sweepstakes for the most blue ribbons

Karen Goese received the **Award of Appreciation** for her work on Publicity and Beki Spearman received the **People's Choice Award**.



Head table winners

Dr. Lu, Mildred Eskine, Paul Eskine, Sandy Roberts, Loris Garrett (not in photo) and Larry Bartz

It was a fantastic Flower Show and Flower Sale. We sold over 300 pots of daylilies!! The hard work of the entire club membership was evident and appreciated!

In June, 16 members attended a field trip to Galveston



Oak tree sculpture of leaping dolphins

Island to see the dead oak tree **Sculptures**, Victorian houses, and seafood for lunch at Katie's Seafood, along with a trip to a local nursery. It was a great way to spend a hot and rainy day in the air conditioning



Katie's Seafood House: (l-r) Bob Sweisthal, Susan Sweisthal, Melvin Winkelman, Beverly Winkelman, Kathryn Culp, Mike Culp, Judie Divin, Leo Divin, Jerry Krampota, Peggy Krampota, Bobbie Ware, Bill Ware, Francis Spearman, (Beki Spearman-photographer), Karen Giese, and Al Guimont



Ocean view: (L-R) Peggy Krampota, Bobbie Ware, Bill Ware, Francis Spearman, Beki Spearman, Karen Giese, Al Guimont, Bob Sweisthal, Susan Sweisthal, Melvin Winkelman, Beverly Winkelman, Kathryn Culp, Mick Culp, Judie Divin, (Leo Divin-photographer) and Jerry Krampota



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