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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

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 President

David Freshour

Fall has finally arrived in southeast Texas, with low temperatures in the mid-forties and highs in the low seventies. But summer hasn't fully let go, with the temperatures forecast to be in the low eighties next week.

For those who were not able to go to the 2025 ADS National Convention in Seattle in July, you missed a well-organized event with beautiful gardens to view and great weather. Mt. Rainier was in view virtually every day, which tells you how nice the weather was for the convention. There were approximately 15 members of Region 6 in attendance, with at least half from each of New Mexico and Texas—a good showing for our Region, considering the distance to the meeting.

I was very proud that two members of our Region 6 were acknowledged with National awards at the Convention. Ray Houston received the National 2025 Electronic Media Award for maintaining our Region 6 website. Dan Cathey was awarded the 2025 Best Article

About Daylily Culture for his article *The Care and Feeding of Daylilies -101 (A Beginner's Guide)*, which appeared in *Daylilies of the Southwest*, Spring 2024.

Our Region 6 Meeting in October in Cleburne, TX, was a huge success. The Meeting featured interesting speakers, good food, raffles, lots of silent auction items, and a boutique table—a spirited live auction for daylily plants raised over \$ 4,000 for the Region. In addition, a "Stout Bingo" session was held, where winners won Stout Medal-winning Daylilies. Many thanks to all who helped put on this great Regional Meeting for us.

As a result of the official Meeting elections, Bonnie Nichols was elected as the next Region 6 President, and Mike Peppers was approved for a second term as the Region 6 Director.

As this is my last President's report, it has been an honor to serve as your Region 6 President for the last two years. Thanks to everyone for their support of our Region.



# ADS Region 6 Director

Mike Peppers

Since the last newsletter, I attended the ADS Board Meeting held in conjunction with the Seattle National Convention. As previously reported, I was given responsibility for the Marketing Committee. I presented a proposed marketing approach to the Board and received positive feedback. The main thing a marketing program needs is input on what strategic items to promote. At the time of this writing, the ADS Board will have just held its Fall Meeting, scheduled to include strategic planning activities. Also, the ADS has announced its first-ever planning meeting, slated for January 17 & 18, 2026. The outcomes of those

discussions will also be fed into the marketing plan.

Back here at home in Region 6, it was a joy to attend the Fall Symposium in Cleburne! Highlights of that event are featured in this newsletter. Still, I would like to thank and congratulate the members of the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society on delivering such a successful event.

Enjoy the cool fall weather that has finally arrived for most of us. I'm sure the daylilies are breathing a sigh of relief!





# Newsletter Editor

Peggy Cathey

Our Region 6 hybridizers have once again submitted photos of some truly beautiful seedlings this year. I encourage you to check them out—they offer a glimpse into the talent and dedication of our member hybridizers. Maybe this will inspire you to try your hand at hybridizing, and we will see some of your seedlings in the future. There are also some excellent articles, and a lot about the recent Region 6 Fall Symposium. Your work is truly inspiring and makes our newsletter a joy to put together.

Congratulations to Ray Houston for receiving the American Hemerocallis Society 2025 Electronic Media Award. He does such a fantastic job with the website. If you ever have any questions about anything related to our Region, Ray is the “go-to” guy. I also want to congratulate Dan Cathey for his article that appeared in the 2024 Spring issue of *Daylilies of the Southwest*, *The Care and Feeding of Daylilies -101*, which won the 2025 Regional Newsletter Award for Best Article About Daylily Culture.

As we strive to keep our readers updated, we must receive your contributions on time. I understand that life can be hectic, and meeting deadlines isn't always easy. To help with this, about 2 to 4 weeks before the deadline, I type up a reminder email and ask our Region 6 Webmaster, Ray Houston, to forward it to all our Region 6 Members. This email includes requests for officer and club reports, as well as for articles and photos. If I don't hear from officers or club reporters by the deadline, I will send a personal message to see if I should save space and request that the information be sent within two days. I often hear the same response: “I didn't know when the deadline was.” In at least one case, after suggesting they check their spam folder, they found Ray's email there. Many email programs mark bulk emails as “spam” and block them. If you aren't receiving any emails from Ray Houston, please check your spam folder and mark his email address, krhouston60@att.net, as safe. This will ensure you receive important updates regarding Regional and ADS news, so it's vital to stay informed.

Every time I request information for the newsletter, I am reminded of the incredible dedication and passion that each of you brings to our Region. Your reports and photos are not just contributions; they are a reflection of your love for what we do. I ask that reports be sent as Word documents or in the body of an email. This is not always followed, and it complicates my work—trying to make things fit, retyping PDFs, or exchanging emails to get what I need. Photos should be sent as taken, not cropped or resized, which usually ensures they are at least 1 MB in size and 300 dpi. It is also important to send them as attachments, not embedded in the email. Sometimes these files are quite large, so multiple emails may be needed to get them all to me. This will help ensure that the newsletter maintains a professional look and that the photos are of high quality when printed. I sincerely appreciate everything you send, and I enjoy putting the newsletters together. Your contributions are invaluable, and I am deeply grateful for your efforts. Please help me out by submitting your reports and photos in the requested format and by the deadline. If you are an officer or club reporter, please add these deadlines to your calendar:

**Spring issue-February 28**

**Summer issue-June 30**

**Fall/Winter issue-October 31.**





# ADS Region 6 Co-Publicity Chairs Tim Closs and Brant Mauthe



The Region 6 Popularity Poll results for 2025 are in, and we're happy to announce that the number of Region 6 members who returned ballots has increased slightly from 53 voters in 2024 to 56 in 2025. This upward trend in participation is due to our collective dedication and interest in our daylily region. For a recent historical analysis of the participation numbers for the Popularity Poll, you can refer to the Publicity Report in the Fall 2023 newsletter. We believe that part of the decline in participation is related to the American Daylily Society (ADS) decision to drop the annual poll at the national level, and we continue to see

the effects of that decision in our Regional poll. Your Region 6 Executive Committee addressed the declining participation numbers by opening the Pop Poll to all Region 6 members and removing the restriction that voting members had to be ADS members. In addition, based on survey data, we kept a similar format. We will continue to search for ways to increase participation and welcome all ideas.

Below are the results of the 2025 Region 6 Popularity Poll showing the top ten (10) rankings and those cultivars that tied with the same number of votes.

## Region 6 Popularity Poll for 2025

RANK		CULTIVAR	HYBRIDIZER	VOTES
1		<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Adventures in Oz'	Herrington, 2024	19
2		<i>H.</i> 'Tusawilla Snowdrift'	Hansen, 2000	18
3		<i>H.</i> 'Thin Man'	Trimmer, 2002	17
4	Tie	<i>H.</i> 'Siloam Double Classic'	Henry-P, 1985	14
5	Tie	<i>H.</i> 'Lone Star Big John'	Payne-LH, 2011	14
6		<i>H.</i> 'One Eye Willie'	Herrington-T, 2006	13
7		<i>H.</i> 'Born in Texas'	Eskine-Eskine, 2008	12
8	Tie	<i>H.</i> 'Spacecoast Tigertail Tango'	Kinnebrew-J, 2010	11
9	Tie	<i>H.</i> 'Double Cranberry Ruffles'	Talbott, 1991	11
10	Tie	<i>H.</i> 'Renegade Lady'	Salter-EH, 1990	11
11	Tie	<i>H.</i> 'Li' Black Buds'	Begnaud, 2009	11

### Club Participation

This year, we want to give a special shoutout to the Cypress Creek Daylily Club and the Daylily Growers of Dallas. These two clubs have shown exceptional dedication and enthusiasm, with Cypress Creek leading the pack with 18 club members who voted, followed closely by Dallas with 9. Your active participation strengthens our Region's Pop Poll, and we thank you for your efforts in getting out the vote!

### Crunching the Numbers

We continue to revise the number of cultivars listed on the Region 6 Pop Poll to fewer than 55 to help reduce option overload. We dropped cultivars that received either zero or one vote and added new cultivars from YOUR write-in suggestions. The write-in cultivar section of the ballot offers the most significant opportunity for your voice to be heard. It doesn't take many votes to get added to the ballot for the following year. If you have a favorite cultivar not on the list, be sure to write it in!



## Summary

In our 2024 Poll report, we listed four ideas to help increase participation. We believe that three of those four ideas helped in stabilizing our participation numbers. Brant and I will do a better job of implementing the fourth, the establishment of a direct Pop Poll liaison in each club. We believe the ADS Region 6 Popularity

Poll continues to help guide gardeners and newcomers to the Texas/New Mexico Region toward tried-and-true daylily cultivars that perform well and have proven they can flourish in our diverse soil and climatic zones. As always, we are open to any suggestions to help improve the Region 6 Popularity Poll and encourage you to contact us to discuss your concerns. Your feedback is invaluable in shaping the future of the Region's Pop Poll.



# Membership Chair

Dan Cathey

**T**he current Region 6 membership stands at 344. This is a decrease of 2 over the same period in 2024, but an increase of 19 since the Summer 2025 report. We have lost several members this year, but we gained a net of 48 new members in 2025. We are excited to recognize some of our latest members: Tina Bartlett, Rob Bauereisen, Mike and Tina Boyle, Diane Cummins, Derek and Gabe Embry, Crystal and Jackson Guerra, Kathy Kiester, Gregory and Deborah Lannin, Bobby McMinn, Dwayne and Nichole Miller, Becky Neiman, Nancy Neubauer, Marcia Olds, Greg Sutton, Barbara Thomsen, and Alexis Trammell. Welcome to ADS and to Region 6. Your membership is greatly appreciated.

A program was established at the National level to recognize clubs with at least 50% of their members as ADS members. To be recognized on the National level, the club must submit its club roster and the Recognition application found on the ADS website (<https://daylilies.org/membership/>) to the ADS Membership Chair at [membershipchair@daylilies.org](mailto:membershipchair@daylilies.org) no later than October 1, with a copy to me. At the Region level, we also like to recognize clubs with 50% or more ADS members. Since most of our clubs host Spring Daylily Shows, I know all clubs would qualify for at least the 50% level, because that is a requirement for having an accredited Daylily Show. I have received the club ADS membership reports from five of our nine Region 6 clubs:

*Cypress Creek Daylily Club* - Platinum Level with 100%

*Brazosport Daylily Society* - Silver Level with 75%

*Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society* – Pewter Level with 55%

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*Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society* - Silver Level with 75%

*Lone Star Daylily Society* – Platinum Level with 100%

The current dues for each membership category are listed below.

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- Individual, one year - \$30
- Individual, three years - \$84
- Dual, one year - \$36
- Dual, three years - \$99
- Youth - one year - \$12
- Life Membership, Individual – \$600
- Life Membership, Dual – \$900

It is easy to join online here: <https://daylilies.org/membership/>, or you can download the membership application and mail it to the ADS Membership Manager:

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Thank you for being an ADS/Region 6 member. For all of you with memberships expiring on December 31st, we encourage you to renew and continue your support. As always, please email me at [ahsregion6membership@gmail.com](mailto:ahsregion6membership@gmail.com) with any questions or comments.





# Archivist/Historian & Webmaster 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.

On July 12, 2025, at the AHS National Convention in Seattle, WA, I was awarded the 2025 AHS Electronic Media Award for my work creating and maintaining the Region 6 website since 2001. I am very honored to have my work for Region 6 recognized by the AHS Awards



& Honors Committee. The award logo has been added to the website home page. An article about my award was also published in the 2025 Fall Daylily Journal.

Additions to the Region 6 Website:

Link to 2026 ADS National Convention, Valdosta, GA <http://www.ahsregion6.com/calendar.htm>

Region 6 Summer Newsletter  
[http://www.ahsregion6.com/newsletters\\_online.htm](http://www.ahsregion6.com/newsletters_online.htm)

Region 6 Winner of 2025 AHS Newsletter Award:  
Best Article About Daylily Culture

*[The Care and Feeding of Daylilies-101 \(A Beginner's Guide\)](#)*, Dan Cathey

Tribute for Freda Guillot – 1943-2025

[http://www.ahsregion6.com/guillot\\_freda.htm](http://www.ahsregion6.com/guillot_freda.htm)

Tribute for Harvey Shimek – 1938-2025

[http://www.ahsregion6.com/shimek\\_harvey.htm](http://www.ahsregion6.com/shimek_harvey.htm)



## Exhibition Judges Liaison

Patricia Kyser

Wow, what a great Fall Regional Meeting put on by the Cleburne club. Two days of well-planned and organized activities. It was a fantastic event, and it was so nice to see so many friends. There was a terrific turnout for the Regional Meeting and for the Judges Clinics. Clinic I had five people in attendance, and Clinic III had eight. I greatly appreciate Bonnie Nichols's help with these clinics. I could not have done it without her. With these outstanding new judge candidates, we are looking forward to a bright future for our Region!

This is my final report as Region 6 Exhibition Judges Liaison. A very knowledgeable young lady will take my place, and she is more than ready to step into this role. She will introduce herself in the Spring newsletter, but you all know her. Thank you all for the support I've received. See you at the next Regional or sooner.





# Garden Judges Liaison

Amy Howard

Greetings, Garden Judges! I am so happy to hear that there was a good turnout for the Garden Judges Clinic 1 testing at the Region 6 Meeting in October- I regrettably could not make it, but am glad Peggy and Dan Cathey could provide instruction! They plan to facilitate the garden-based Workshop 2 sometime in the Spring, in several locations. Please get in touch with them if you require this class! We will likely have one here in NM, as several of our members are up for renewal this year. I'm also pleased to announce that Blaine Chickering is the new Garden Judges Expediter,

succeeding Gary Jones, who has served with dedication for fifteen years. Blaine has sent a preliminary report that all attendees have passed! Congratulations, all!

Thank you for another great year of supporting ADS and your Region by maintaining your certificates and taking and facilitating classes. I encourage anyone interested to seek out an instructor near you. Region 6 has many! Remember, I'm here to assist you if you need any help or have any questions. May the remainder of your year be warm and bright!



# ADS Region 6 Treasurer

Mike Peppers

<b>BALANCE ON HAND</b>	July 1, 2025	\$14,089.81
<b>ACTUAL RECEIPTS:</b>		
	Contributions for Newsletter	275.00
	Fall Symposium Silent Auction	1,095.00
	Fall Symposium Raffle	377.00
	Fall Symposium Live Auction	4,075.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$5,822.00</b>
<b>ACTUAL EXPENDITURES</b>		
	Summer Newsletter	(1,877.95)
	Fall Symposium Live Auction Plants	(978.23)
	Fees	(73.86)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>\$(2,930.04)</b>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND:</b>	November 1, 2025	<b>\$16,981.77</b>

# FALL and WINTER



## YOUTH ACTIVITY PAGE

Puzzle solutions found on pg. 39



### Daylily Color Patterns and Forms Word search

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#### Color Patterns

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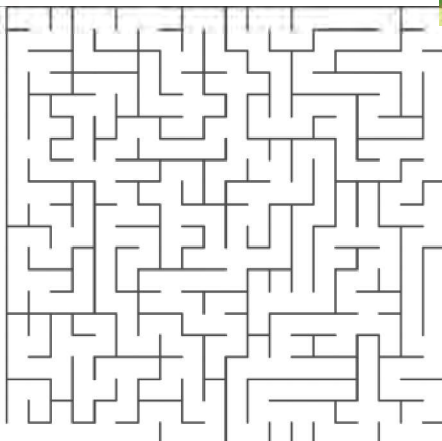
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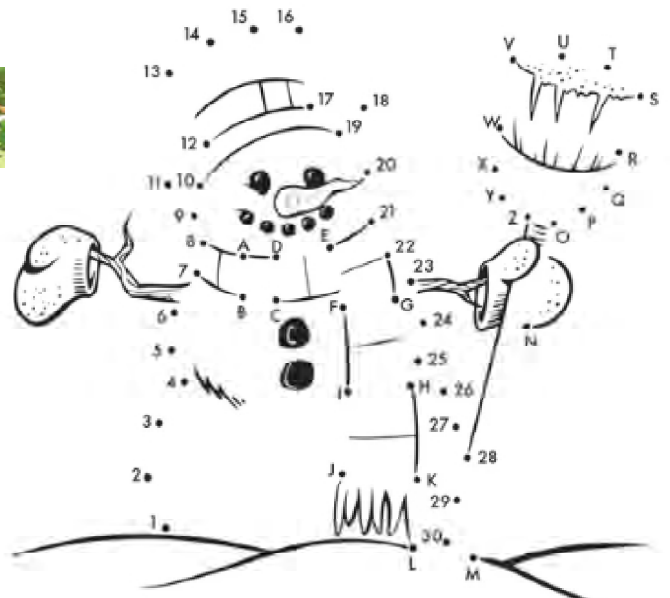


This pilgrim is on his first turkey hunt.  
Help the turkey escape through the maze to  
freedom in the forest.



### WINTER FUN DOT TO DOT

Connect the dots from 1 to 30. Next, connect the dots from A to Z.  
What do you see? Color the picture.





# ADS Region 6 Hybridizer

## 2025 Seedlings by Kenneth Long, Weatherford, TX



Seedling #14-45-C (*H. 'Forever Redeemed'*  
X *H. 'Ruby Spider'*)



Seedling #17-36 (*H. 'Cricket Call'*  
X *H. 'Jan's Twister'*)



Seedling #21-4 (*H. 'Starfire'*  
X *H. 'Spacecoast Tigertail Tango'*)



Seedling #21-62A (Sdlg. #16-020  
X *H. 'Spacecoast Tigertail Tango'*)



Seedling #22-18 (*H. 'Kenzi'* X Sdlg. #12-11 UF)



Lost Tag



# ADS Region 6 Hybridizer

## 2025 Seedlings by Doug McKemie, Athens, TX



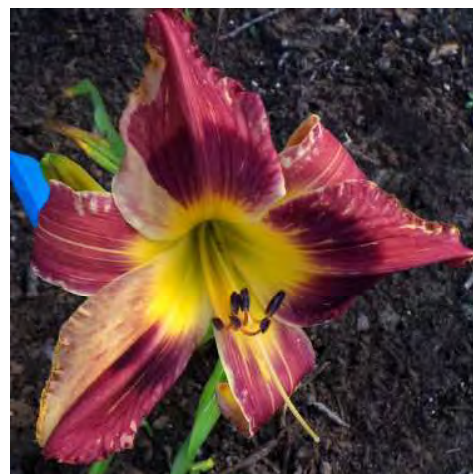
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X H. 'Believe') #138\_4191



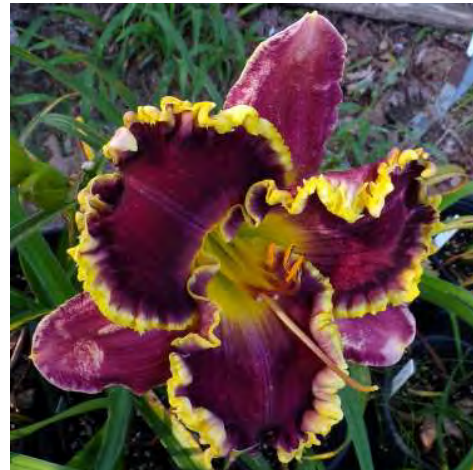
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X H. 'Explosion in the Paint Factory') #135\_5326



Seedling #25-EMT-03-10 (H. 'Stone Palace Wowee'  
X H. 'Silken Ladder') #138\_4119



Seedling #25-RH-01-3 (H. 'Frank Harnicher'  
X H. 'Benjamin Andrew') #138\_5116



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## 2025 Seedlings by Sandy Perkins, Athens, TX



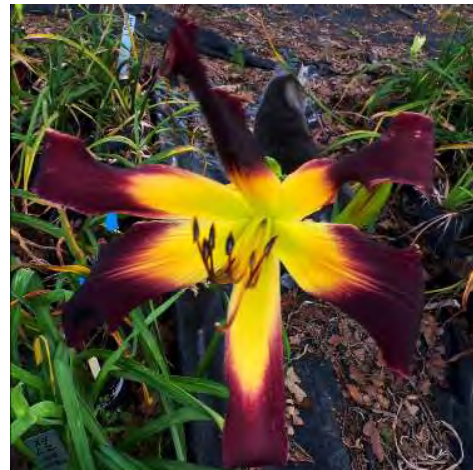
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x H. 'Cliff Jumper'] X H. 'WYSIWYG') #138\_3023



Seedling #24-D-23-1 (Sdlg. #21-DB-01-3 [H. 'Double Bold One'  
x H. 'Siloam John Holland']) X H. 'WYSIWYG') #138\_5000



Seedling #24-JH-10-2 (Unknown Tet.  
X Unknown Tet.) #135\_5204



Seedling #24-MB-10-20 (H. 'Wooster Mindcraft'  
X H. 'Believe') #138\_3880



Seedling #25-D-01-5 (H. 'Bee's Bettie Sue'  
X Sdlg. #Bob 170x FKA Bob 265) #138\_5695

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## 2025 Seedlings by Pat Weller, Tyler, TX



Seedling #19-40-Sd-24 (Seedling  
X Seedling)



Seedling #19-83-TR-03 (H. 'Trickster'  
X H. 'Bernie's Fault')



Seedling #22-2047-SC-08 (H. 'Scout's Honor'  
X H. 'Double Cherries Duet')



Seedling #20-44-W-01 (H. 'Wilcox'  
X Seedling)



Seedling #22-2134-CLR-03 (H. 'Castle Lacy Ruffle'  
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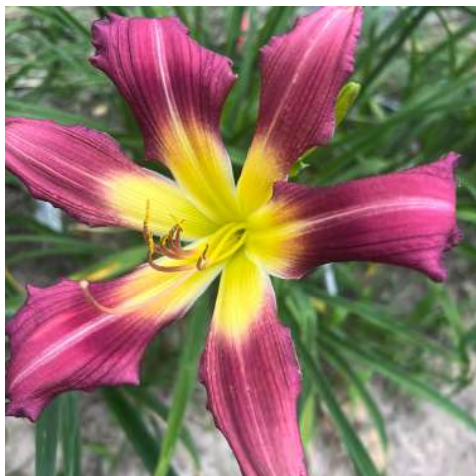
## 2025 Seedlings by Hooker Nichols, Dallas, TX



Seedling #16-45



Seedling #70-151



Seedling #70-156



Seedling #71-5



Seedling #D-15-67



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## 2025 Seedlings by Dan Cathey, Covington, TX



Seedling #93-3-20 (H. **'Intertwined Entity'**  
X H. **'Thin Man'**)



Seedling #66-4-20 (H. **'Sherry Candy'** X Unknown)



Seedling #67-4-20 (H. **'Cosmic Courier'**  
X Seedling)



Seedling #32-3-21 (H. **'Jane's Prism'**  
X H. **'Man Points'**)



Seedling #63-3-21 (H. **'Night Embers'**  
X H. **'Velvet Eyes'**)



Seedling #20-5-21 (H. **'YaYa Girl'**  
X H. **'Big Boo'**)

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## 2025 Seedlings by Peggy Cathey, Covington, TX



Seedling #10-2-21 (H. 'Colorado Blues'  
X H. 'Siloam Fine Art')



Seedling #80-9-21 (H. 'Asheville Mountaineer'  
X H. 'Stenciled Infusion')



Seedling #71-1-21 (H. 'Marked by Lydia'  
X Carpenter seedling)



Seedling #101-12 (H. 'Stenciled Infusion'  
X H. 'Asheville Mountaineer')



Seedling #115-1-21 (H. 'Periwinkle Pattern'  
X H. 'Oracle of Delphi')



Seedling #86-1-21 (H. 'Blue Delicious' X  
H. 'Cosmic Kaleidoscope')



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## 2025 Seedlings by Loris Garrett, Lake Jackson, TX



Seedling #22-LMHV-1



Seedling #23-BBFP-1



Seedling #23-BMMS-1



Seedling #23-BMMS-2



Seedling #23-FFOS-1



Seedling #23-MTBE-1



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## 2025 Seedlings by Larry Bartz, Crosby, TX



Seedling #21R17-6 Dip (Seedling  
X H. 'Mississippi Bill Robinson')



Seedling #21R21-1 Dip (H. 'Mississippi Bill Robinson'  
X Seedling)



Seedling #22R30-1 Dip (Seedling X  
H. 'Memories of This Time')

*I'm a hobby  
hybridizer who  
does crosses  
to see what I  
get. I focus on  
patterned eyes  
and toothy edges,  
but like a variety,  
so do a few other  
crosses also.*



Seedling #23R11-6 Dip (H. 'Little Surfer Girl'  
X H. 'Agent of Charge')



Seedling #23R20-10 Tet (Seedling  
X H. 'Happy Teeth')



Seedling #23R43-9 Dip (H. 'Agent of Charge'  
X Unknown)



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## 2025 Seedlings by Brant Mauthe, Garland, TX

This last year has been a good one, with better results from growing taller, large and small, daylilies. I have had a lot of pretty ones over the last few years that either die with the July-August heat or else have such short scapes at first bloom that they can't get out of the leaves. Maybe that is the late winter hard freezes, but it is very annoying.

My best results lately have been with *H.* 'Wishy Washy' and *H.* 'Viva Glam Girl' second to third generation seedlings (Tetraploid), *H.* 'Little Lemon Twist' first and second generation seedlings (Diploid), and *H.* 'Heavenly Orange Scorchers' x *H.* 'Renaissance Revival' second to third generation seedlings (Tetraploid). I am really tired of rust and late-summer instant death affecting my named daylilies and seedlings, so I have been shovel-pruning all of those out and their parents, if they have parts that live. It really makes my gardening easier, and the results are consistently better.

One of the only ones I still have is *H.* 'Yellow Monkey' (Gossard, James 2007 Tet), along with a couple of its seedlings. Most of the mother clump and all but 3 of the 30+ seedlings died in the heat. Great one day, and mostly dead the next with no rot smell. Just a fresh-cooked look, and they smell like a new baked potato. Crazy, but I find that half to two-thirds of daylilies from cooler, more moderate locations do this. I have better-than-average results with Gossard's introductions, so I will give it one more year. I am thankful for the local hybridizers who are working to grow hardier selections that would be better to grow and share with visitors to our clubs. It is a great help when we can grow a pretty garden without having to replace plants regularly.

Pictures of some of my favorite new seedlings:



(*H.* 'Heavenly Orange Scorchers' x *H.* 'Renaissance Revival') X unknown, tet.



(*H.* 'Wishy Washy' x *H.* 'Viva Glam Girl') X unknown, tet.



*H.* 'Little Lemon Twist' X *H.* 'Little Red Dimples'



(*H.* 'Wishy Washy' x *H.* 'Big Fuss') X unknown, tet.

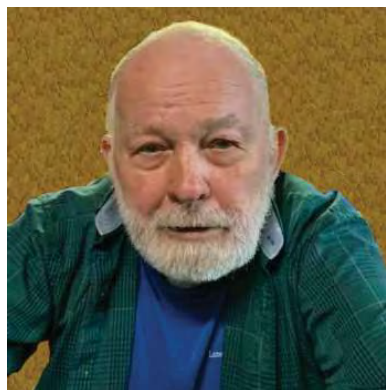


10 inch pint-red *H.* 'Heavenly Way Big' X *H.* 'Megatron' tet.

# Remembering Our Daylily Friends

## Harvey Adolf Shimek November 24, 1938-October 22, 2025

By Ray Houston



Harvey Adolf Shimek was born November 24, 1938, in Fayette County, Texas, the son of Frederick Shimek and Frances (Kobza) Shimek.

Harvey & Lynn Nell Middlebrooks were married on June 3, 1977. They started collecting

daylilies in 1979 for their garden in Alvin, Texas, which they named "Shimek's Gardens."

In 1986, Harvey and Nell joined **Brazosport Daylily Society**. Their garden was on tour for the 1987 Region 6 Meeting, and their garden has been one of the Region 6 tour gardens for many of the annual Region 6 Meetings since then.

Harvey was always very busy with his large daylily gardens and called himself the "Hoe Man", as he usually had a hoe in his hand when in the gardens.

My wife, Mary, and I became close friends with the Shimeks and shared rooms with them at many Regional Meetings and National Conventions. They took us on many trips into Louisiana to visit the daylily gardens of Ken Durio, Opelousas; Lucille Guidry, Abbeville; and Elsie Spalding, Iowa. The further we got into Louisiana, Harvey became more Cajun and we had difficulty understanding him when he spoke.

In 1996, Harvey and Nell and were instrumental in forming the **Lone Star Daylily Society** in Alvin, Texas. They have been active members of the club ever since.

The Shimek's were AHS Senior Exhibition Judges and judged daylily shows all over the United States and even in South America.

In 1991, the Shimek garden was named as an official **AHS Display Garden**. In 2016, they dropped their garden from the Display Garden designation.

Harvey was an experienced flower arranger and won the **AHS Tricolor Award** in 1999.

Harvey passed away October 22, 2025 at the age of 86.

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# We're Getting Too Old for This

By Sandy Perkins

When you are a daylily holic, it's almost impossible not to continue to add to your inventory. With all the new patterns, shapes, and sizes, you just have to have some of the latest and greatest. Then you look at yourself in the mirror and see that you aren't getting any younger, and you should have started all of this downsizing years ago. OK, you'll begin to cut back and downsize. After all, you don't know how much longer you're going to be able to keep doing this.

We're there. We've been there for about 3 years. Every year, we talk about downsizing and cutting back on making crosses or buying seeds. Sounds good, but there's always a new pretty face. We think, if we get this pretty face, we can do crosses with it for next year. And so it goes.

Knowing that this day was coming, over the past five years, we've gotten the garden in some semblance of order, which has helped both of us. We've divided the garden into sections and laid down weed mat between the sections. This cut down on the weeding and mowing, which Doug had to do.

some named and some seedlings. This helps when we are hybridizing. If all the diploids are in one section, we don't have to worry about crossing those with a tetraploid and so forth. In the doubles and UF sections, they are planted with diploids in a section and the tetraploids across the aisle. They are also in alphabetical order. It helps to find them when we've sold one. It also helps when hybridizing.



Section A is mostly named plants with some seedlings mixed in.



Different sections of garden divided by weed mat



Section B is all diploids.

Some of the sections are specific: one just for diploids, one for doubles, and one for UF's. The other three sections are mostly tetraploids with a mix of named varieties and seedlings we are looking to possibly register. Each section has a name. In section "C", we have started an area that is mostly broken color varieties,

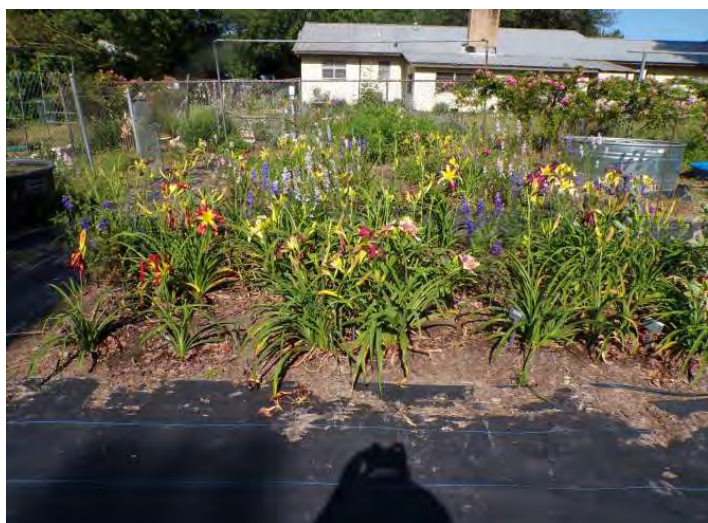
I also alphabetize our seed crosses, and then they are given a number. All of the diploids are put together, tetraploids, doubles, etc. This helps us identify them when they are in the greenhouse and then in the garden. Having started this system several years ago, it also helps



when it comes to downsizing. If we still have something from 2020 or earlier, and they are still in pots, it's easier to cull these. We can't keep every pretty face, and the older I get, the easier it is to cull.



Section D has all the doubles (photo taken before weed-mat was laid.



UF Section. Dips in the back, Tet in the front.

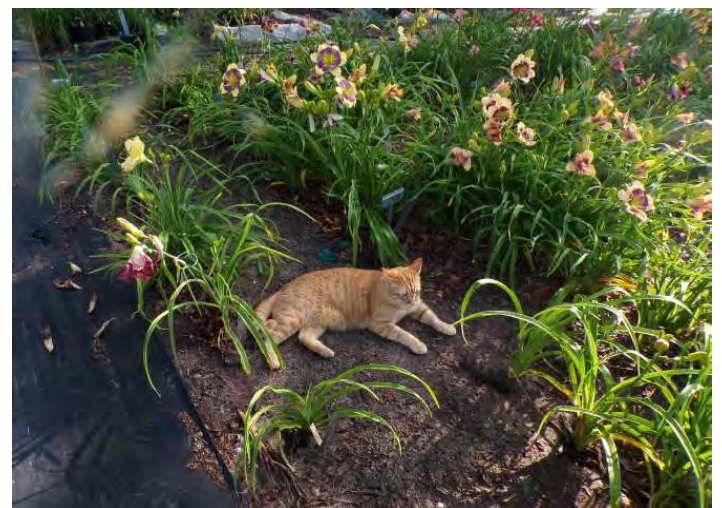
Last year, we only had enough seeds that we either crossed or that we purchased, which did not exceed the capacity of the greenhouse about 800 one-gallon trade pots. In years past, we've had twice or three times that much. This year, we have enough to fill maybe three boxes (which hold about 68 one-gallon pots) in the greenhouse. That's about one-third of what we've done in the past. Not all of those will make it to maturity. We have discovered that the most fatalities occur in seedling form northern latitudes, mostly from crown rot. There are always some that die during the winter.

I don't know how much longer we will be able to do this. I'm 77 and Doug is 83. While we both still work in the garden, we've both slowed down some. Can't do as much as we used to be able to do, especially in the

summer months. We'll continue doing crosses next year, but hopefully, it will be less than what we did this year. We want to decrease the number of plants we have by at least half in the next year or two. Maybe there won't be any more pretty faces we have to have in the future, just the ones we make.



Greenhouse filled with 800 first year seedlings.



One of our cats enjoying the serenity of the daylily garden.





# It Takes a Village- The 2025 Region 6 Meeting

By Peggy Cathey

**I**t takes a village: From start-up to cleanup, Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society members were very busy. We had so much to offer everyone who registered as our guests for the 2025 Fall Region 6 Meeting and Symposium-*Daylilies Along the Chisholm Trail*, held at the historic JN Long Elementary School, now home to the JN Long Cultural Arts Center.

Members all scurried around feverishly Friday



Diana putting out chairs



Dan and Peggy hanging backdrop for group photos



Tables decorated



Melissa and Mike organizing auction plants



Meeting chair, Janet, holding gift bag from Cleburne Chamber of Commerce

morning, trying to get everything set up and ready for all our guests to arrive at noon. Some were decorating tables, and some were getting the auction plants ready for the 4:30 live auction. We had silent auction and raffle tables to set up and fill with numerous items, available for the cost of a ticket or a bid on a sheet of paper. Others were busy slicing and dicing, getting ready for the evening meal. There was no time for sitting around.

At check-in, everyone received a gift bag filled with all sorts of usable items, wonderful homemade Candied Pecans, a gift bag from the Cleburne Chamber



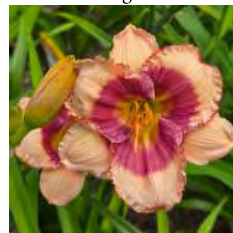
While Bella checks Eddie Raye in, Mary sells raffle tickets to Jane



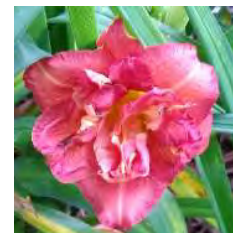
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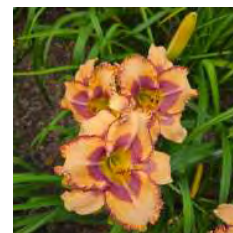
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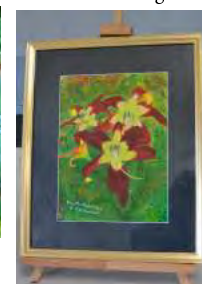
'Kenedy Ken'

of Commerce, and two 2025 registered daylilies from Dan and Peggy Cathey's PDC Gardens, each with a name reminiscent of the long ago trail drives Along the Chisholm Trail, our theme for the Meeting.

The Region 6 auction held on Friday, before dinner, did very well. We had daylilies purchased from Bell's Daylily Garden, Browns Ferry Daylilies, and Floyd Cove Daylilies. We also had donations from Loris Garrett of his beautiful *H. 'Camp Mystic's Heavenly Angels'*, and Dan and Peggy Cathey donated 4 of their 2025 introductions, *H. 'Don and ER'*, *H. 'Micki's Mouse'*, *H. 'Kenedy Ken'*, and *H. 'The Sourdough Kid'*, all named for friends and family. We want to thank Robert Sweisthal for the beautiful painting of *H. 'Along the Chisholm Trail'* he donated to the auction.



'The Sourdough Kid'



'Along the Chisholm Trail' painting



Auction plants and eager bidders for the Region 6 Live Auction





Also, to benefit the Region, six clubs participated in a Silent Auction of huge club gift baskets with all sorts of valuable and whimsical goodies, plus one of our guest speakers, Tracey Stewart, brought a basket titled Where



Eddie Raye and Don check out the club baskets

There's Smoke, There's Fire with daylilies named in this theme, along with wine and other items to enjoy while sitting around a fire on a chilly night.

Tickets were sold for a raffle featuring 10 daylilies donated by Dan and Peggy Cathey; jewelry donated by the Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society; and a big bag of Green Sand donated by Jacky and Diane Roberts, with proceeds going to the Region.



Our educational sessions were a hit. Five enthusiasts took the Exhibition Clinic I class on Friday, and eight took the Exhibition Clinic III refresher class on Saturday. Patricia Kyser and Bonnie Nichols were the knowledgeable instructors. Saturday morning, several attended the Garden Judges Workshop 1. A whopping 12 members took the test to become Garden Judges for Region 6. (The unofficial report is all 12 passed!) Peggy and Dan Cathey, Bonnie Nichols, and Michael Kowalchyk were the class instructors.



Peggy Cathey, Garden Judges Workshop 1

We were treated to three captivating speakers. Tracey Stewart regaled us Friday evening with her delightful tales of purchasing a daylily farm and her encounters with the 'ghosts' who don't appreciate vacuuming. Her stories kept us thoroughly entertained.



Hooker Nichols was our lunchtime speaker on Saturday, telling us how he grew up on his aunt's daylily and iris farm. He started hybridizing when he was 5.



He showed slides of his hybridizing program and his work with striped daylilies.

After lunch, Regional President David Freshour called the 2025 Region 6 business meeting to order. He acknowledged that Ray Houston was awarded the 2025 American Hemerocallis Electronic Media Award at the 2025 ADS National Convention held in Seattle. An honor that was well deserved for all the work Ray does



to make our Region 6 website one of the best in the country. David also presented Dan Cathey with a 2025 Regional Newsletter Award certificate for the **Best Article About Daylily Culture- The Care and Feeding of Daylilies-101** that appeared in the Region 6 Spring 2024 issue of Daylilies of the Southwest.

During the Business Meeting, David mentioned the need for a club — or clubs — to step up and host a Regional Meeting in 2026. It is a requirement of the ADS that Regions have a business meeting each year. This can be a spring meeting with garden tours or a fall meeting with a speaker. Everyone loves the spring meetings, getting to see beautiful gardens on tour. However, as bus costs rise, fall meetings will become more popular.



David welcomes Bonnie as new Region 6 President

David called on Patricia Kyser, the chair of the nominating committee, who said she only found one person willing to take on the role of Regional President. A unanimous vote approved Bonnie Nichols as our next Region 6 President.

On Saturday afternoon, we enjoyed several rounds of Stout Medal Bingo, and several lucky winners took home daylilies, most of which had received the Stout Silver Medal Award. A huge thank you to Kenneth & Linda Long from the Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society for donating 20 pots of award-winning daylilies for our Bingo games.



On Saturday evening, we welcomed our speaker from Oklahoma, the ADS Awards and Honors Chair, Michael Kowalchyk, who did a great job giving us ideas on how to grow

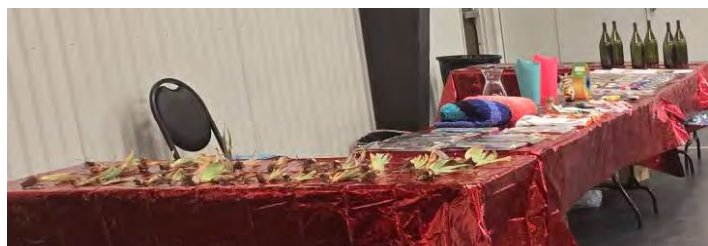


our club. He is the current Vice President of the Central Oklahoma Daylily Society and the President of the Oklahoma Iris Society, which boasts 1,000+ members from 25 states, with an average of 120 attending the monthly meetings. The member demographics consist of 10% Youth, 40% age 35-55, and 50% age 55+. The club's goal is to expand its membership and continually improve member retention. He spoke about the key to recruiting new, younger members was through the heavy use of social media—Facebook for the 55+ group and Snapchat for the younger demographic. He also suggests keeping membership dues low, saying, “everyone can afford \$5 to give it a try.” At all meetings, shows, sales, and other events, he encouraged us to set up a welcome table with literature about daylilies and about the club, including membership applications. Always have someone there to answer questions and recruit new members. Others should be available to step in and help if the line starts to back up.

On the club level, we had a boutique of t-shirts, hats, and other items available for purchase. Member Gailmae Suite donated over 100 items for a raffle, with several ticket numbers drawn before or after our meals. Each winning ticket holder could choose from the tables of prizes, which included everything from plants, note pads & Sharpie pens, to tools and empty wine bottles.



Gailmae



Club raffle tables

There were also several tables with a vast selection of silent auction offerings, donated mainly by club members, but a huge thank you to David Freshour for donating his **President's Basket**, a large basket filled with garden supplies, to Brant Mauthe brought two large



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Plumeria plants—‘**Slaughter Pink**’ and a red flowering one, and to Loris Garrett who donated a pot of his *H. ‘Camp Mystic’s Heavenly Angels’*.

As mentioned earlier, each registered guest received a bag of Candied Pecans in their registration gift bags. These were made by our club President, Diana Medrano, from pecans collected from trees growing on the family's property. Diana has generously provided her recipe here for everyone.



## CANDIED PECANS

By Diana Medrano

### Ingredients:

- 3 egg whites
- 1 cup of sugar or alternative sugar (stevia)
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 stick of butter
- 1 pound of pecan halves

To make these delicious treats, start by beating the egg whites until stiff. Then, mix the sugar and vanilla together and add the pecans, stirring to coat them evenly. Next, melt the butter and pour it onto a large cookie tray. Add the coated pecans to the tray, spreading them out evenly. There's no need to stir. Place the pecans in the oven for 10 minutes at 325 degrees. After 10 minutes, take them out, stir the pecans, and return them to the oven for another 10 minutes. Repeat this process for a total of 40 minutes of cooking time, stirring every 10 minutes. Once they're done, let the pecans cool, then store them in an airtight container and enjoy.

I've done 2 pounds of pecans at a time (doubling the recipe), but add an additional 10 minutes (for a total of 50 minutes).

Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society wants to thank everyone who made the trip to Cleburne for our first Region 6 Meeting. We hope you had a good time, enjoyed seeing old friends and made lots of new friends. Enjoy your new daylilies. And, as we like to say, *We come for the flowers, we stay for the people.*

Until next time...



# People of Region 6

## Photos by Dan, Melissa and Nancy F.





# To Be or Not To Be...

By Dan Cathey

That is the Fall Regional Symposium quandary that came up at the recent Fall Region 6 Meeting sponsored by the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society.

During the business meeting, when RP David Freshour reported the actions of the Board Meeting held before the Region 6 Meeting, he indicated, among other topics, that the subject of Fall Regional Meetings was one of the items discussed. Here is the key element David was referring to: ADS rules require an annual Meeting of the Regional membership, and at such a Meeting, at least 5% of the Region's membership must be present. Historically, to achieve our Region's compliance with ADS rules, we have held an annual Spring or Fall Regional Meeting under the sponsorship of one of the Region's member clubs. David's report on this part of the board's discussions seem to stir up some controversy among those attending.

The majority of Regional Meetings in the past have been held in the Spring.

## Host clubs over the past 15 years

2010	Austin Daylily Society	Spring
2011	Albuquerque Daylily Society	Spring
2012	Nacogdoches Daylily Society	Spring
2013	Lone Star Daylily Society	Fall
2014	Daylily Growers of Dallas	Spring
2015	Lone Star Daylily Society	Spring
2016	Daylily Growers of Dallas	Fall
2017	Austin Daylily Society	Spring
2018	Brazosport Daylily Society	Spring
2019	Albuquerque Daylily Society	Spring
2020	East Texas Daylily Society	Cancelled
2021	East Texas Daylily Society	Fall
2022	Daylily Growers of Dallas	Fall
2023	Austin Daylily Society	Spring
2024	Daylily Growers of Dallas	Spring
2025	Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society	Fall

Spring meetings offer tours of the sponsor club's area gardens along with the other agenda requirements. Spring garden tours meet one of the requirements for judges' training, both exhibition and garden judging, daylilies in bloom. While this requirement can be met

on a case-by-case basis by making special arrangements with instructors and garden owners, Spring Regional Meetings are a simpler approach. Garden tours also offer members the opportunity to view many cultivars in various settings, up close and personal, something that would be difficult to duplicate on one's own.

The ever-increasing costs of securing buses for garden tours, coupled with the need for volunteers to open their private gardens, have become a genuine concern. Not only is the sponsor club faced with a significant up-front financial commitment, but the cost to attendees also increases accordingly. Spring Regionals are usually two-day events, which translates to at least two and possibly three nights in a hotel. Spring Regionals require those attending to be absent from their own gardens at peak bloom as well. With garden tours come the expense of enough buses to accommodate all the attendees, port-a-potties, and lunches on the road, along with hours spent on buses traveling to and from gardens.

While Fall Meetings may not meet the bloom requirements, they do offer significant advantages. They minimize the cost and planning requirements for such Meetings, making sponsorship much more feasible for the clubs and less expensive for attendees. This balance of cost and benefit is an essential factor to consider when deciding on the timing of our Regional Meetings.

These are some of the considerations brought up by your board of directors at the Meeting in Cleburne, TX, and by members. Neither the board nor this article makes specific recommendations for Spring vs. Fall; the intention is to ensure that Regional Meetings are within reach for Regional clubs and members going forward. There is no requirement at the national ADS or the Region 6 level for when the Meeting is to be held. The who, what, when, where, and how is strictly up to the sponsor club.

At this time, we don't have a meeting scheduled for 2026. Please talk to your club about stepping up to host a meeting next year.



# From My Perspective

## By Tracey Stewart

**T**he Region 6 Fall Symposium, hosted by the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society, the weekend of Oct. 10-11 in Cleburne, was a smashing success. Every single moment was so much fun! I cannot think of a single detail that the host club left out, and it showed. It was perfect, and the food! Oh my goodness, the food... Greg's mastery of juicy, flavorful smoked meat was the epitome of a chef's kiss, and the potato salad and desserts were just as good.



The lively plant auction had me laughing so much; Loris is absolutely hilarious as he showcases the daylilies while the auctioneer conducts the bidding. I was thrilled to win some of them, as well as another during Saturday's Stout bingo game. The Catheys were so generous in providing many of their own beautiful daylilies for each registrant. Whatever was left over was sold off at the end of the symposium, but alas, I didn't make it over there fast enough to grab any more.

I very much enjoyed Hooker's talk on daylily culture Saturday afternoon and Michael Kowalchuk's talk that night. Michael had some excellent ideas about how to grow a club, and for me, really drilled home how important it is to engage in social media; something

that I (and lots of other seasoned citizens) don't do very much. Thanks for the fresh perspective, Michael!

I attended the free introductory class on garden judging. I was pleasantly surprised by how much I knew, yet I admit I'm still confused about branch counting. At any rate, it was a terrific way to learn about the details of daylilies and why they are assessed as they are. And I will master the art of branch count one of these days!

But as we all know... It's not the daylilies, but the people! The entire symposium felt like a comfortable family reunion. There was so much love, laughter, fellowship, warmth, and companionship throughout the weekend that I think I floated home instead of driving. It was so much fun to meet new people and make closer bonds with folks I had met in the past.

Shout-outs to Jacky and Diane, Crystal and Jackson, Peggy and Dan, Eddie Raye and Don, Loris and Sandy, Isabella and Diana —oh gosh, so many... Ellen and Susan and Bonnie and Hooker, Marty Zuber (how we laughed at always being last in line because of our last names! I used to be a Yarbrough growing up), Patricia, Vela, Carol, and her dad Hershel, Janet and Larry ..... so many of y'all just made my weekend so very enjoyable. I know I'm accidentally leaving some people out, but it's not because I mean to, but just because there are so many friendly folks. Can't wait to see y'all again!!



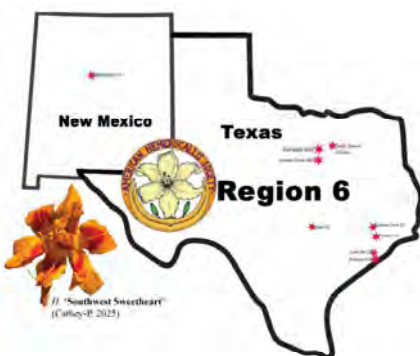
## The Daylily Robins

**D**uring the recent Region 6 Meeting, the Daylily Robins came up and many wanted to know more about it. Here is how to become a member of this email chat group:

*Want to chat about daylilies? Want to know what works and what doesn't work for daylily gardeners? Want to know about daylilies in different regions? Want to chat with hybridizers? Consider joining the Daylily Robins email chat group, where we discuss all things pertaining exclusively to daylilies. Email Tim Fehr at [fehrtj@charter.net](mailto:fehrtj@charter.net) with a brief introduction of yourself, and he will get you on board!*



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# Albuquerque Daylily Society

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As temperatures drop (first freeze in the Albuquerque valleys this week), we still have members with flowers blooming and reblooming! Relieved minds and pocketbooks to have the air conditioning unneeded, finally.

For our September meeting, we convened at Debra De La Torre's. We had a demonstration from her friend and grower, Daniel Jaramillo, on fertilizing our gardens with his organic line of humate-based fertilizers. He has several products he is locally promoting, and he gave samples of humate to attending members. He also helped by applying these products (brewed as tea in a 35-gallon drum, aerated with a submersible pump) to the Kathryn Neely bed, which was incredibly nice of him! He hopes to expand his business around NM and will have a website up soon.



Anasazi Gold humate products (photo by Debra DeLaTorres)



Daniel Jaramillo gives product demonstration as members Mike Kittredge, Carolyn Kittredge, Amy Howard, Susanne Santillanes, Carla Chirigos, and Barbara Shipiro watch. (photo by Debra De La Torres)

Recently, the club participated in the Albuquerque Garden Council's Fall Sale —fully selling out with almost zero overhead—and we decorated the Kathryn Neely daylily bed for Council's Glow and Stroll. Many *Daylilies of the Southwest*—Newsletter of ADS Region 6

participants took photos in the Ghost Rider-themed display. We also had members volunteer and set up an educational display at the NM State Fair, and help with the multiple flower shows held there.

We are holding our final meeting November 1st at Will Ferrell's and, as custom, will enjoy a delicious potluck and slideshow of some of our favorite 2025 garden and National Convention moments. Several members were able to go to Seattle and had a wonderful time!



Evelyn Christy at one of the tour gardens at the ADS National Convention held in Seattle this year. (photo by Stephen Christy)

And so wraps another great year for the Albuquerque Daylily Society! Wishing you and yours a festive holiday season with happiness, peace, and joy.



H. '????', seen at the National Convention (photo by Stephen Christy)



# Austin Daylily Society

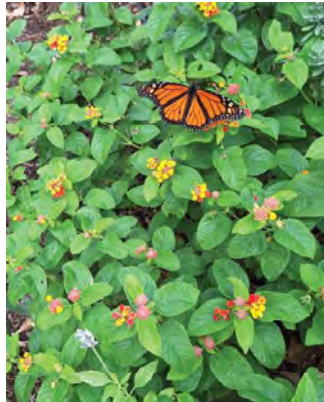
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Austin has experienced a hot, dry summer and finally received measurable rain in the last week of October. All of a sudden, my plants are alive with the vibrant colors of numerous monarchs, a sight that fills me with joy. The rain has brought forth a burst of blooms, attracting these beautiful butterflies.



At our September meeting, we had a presentation on the Maverick Gardeners and Slow Gardening books by Felder Rushing. Felder Rushing did a presentation at the Comal County Master Gardener's Seminar in the spring, and I wanted to share his philosophy on gardening. I call him the stand-up comic of gardening. For some fun and education, Google Felder Rushing. I liked what he said and now have two bottle trees and a bottle fence.



I will probably perform crape murder on my tree in the front yard this year. Another adage from him: "Don't throw anything away, just pile it up somewhere." Works for me.

Velia Sanchez, Ellen Singleton, Mike Peppers, and I attended the Region 6 Fall Regional Meeting in Cleburne. Our new member, Crystal Guerra, also came and brought her son, Jackson. She is the latest member of our club. She has already worked to recruit more members from Bastrop. Such enthusiasm and energy! The Regional was wonderful. Such a pleasant town, historic building where the meeting was hosted, excellent barbecue, and a really special welcome from our hosts, the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society. Austin Daylily and Iris Clubs are considering consolidation. Desiree Thomas and Melissa Peugh offered their assistance on how to get this done. The Regional was everything it should be: welcoming, engaging, informative, and full of energy for our gardening and daylily interests.



Mike Peppers, Ellen Singleton, Velia Sanchez, Suzanne Adair, Crystal Guerra, and Jackson Guerra.



# Daylily Growers of Dallas

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The Daylily Growers of Dallas met at El Fenix on September 13th after a summer hiatus. Those present were Michael and Susan Bulkeley, Judi Burton, Jane Denton, Jane Galloway, Jan Lalor, Mary Ellen and Michael Reed, and Brant and Susan Mauthe.



September meeting at El Fenix: Michael Bulkeley, Jane Denton, Judi Burton, Tim Closs, Brant & Susan Mauthe, Mary Ellen & Michael Reed, Jane Galloway, and Jan Lalor (Susan Bulkeley, photographer)

Brant led the discussion. We congratulated Tim on winning the ADS Sweepstakes Rosette at the Fort Worth Iris and Daylily Show with 29 blue ribbons.

Susan Bulkeley talked about their trip to the ADS



National Convention in Seattle in July. The gardens were spectacular. Marcia Zech's garden on Mercer Island was fantastic. She has two full-time gardeners. The harbor cruise and tour of the Chihuly Museum were also special, adding to a great Convention. They brought home eight gift plants, and all are thriving.

While we did not formally meet in October, our club was well-represented at the 2025 Fall Region

6 Symposium and Meeting in Cleburne, hosted by the

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Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society. The venue—an old brick school now used by various clubs—was a fitting backdrop for our Meeting. We brought home *H. 'Along the Chisholm Trail'*, which was on the cover of the summer issue of *Daylilies of the Southwest*, thanks to the generosity of Dan and Peggy Cathey. We also voted to elect Bonnie Nichols as the next Region 6 President. Congratulations, Bonnie, for agreeing to take the office.



Back row: Michael Bulkeley, Hooker Nichols, Jane Denton, Judi Burton, Patricia Kyser, Jan Lalor, Susan Bulkeley. Front row: Bonnie Nichols, Susan Mauthe, and Brant Mauthe

November is approaching, and with it, our annual plant bingo. This is always a thrilling event, filled with surprises. You never know what you will bring home. And as we look forward to December 13th, we can already feel the festive spirit building up for the Pea Patch Christmas party. Stay tuned for more details.

President Malcolm Avaritt has traveled extensively this year to Portugal, the Azores, and Yellowstone National Park. Tim Closs has been to Maine and Nova Scotia. Susan and Michael leave at the end of October for Athens, where they will cruise around Italy, with many stops ending in Barcelona, a favorite destination.

Susan Mauthe is doing a great job as the editor of our club newsletter, *The Hemline*. She and Brant have also become the newest Region 6 Daylily Senior Judges.



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Eddie Raye Andrews, Club Reporter,  
Photos by Nancy Freshour and Eddie Raye Andrews  
Lake Jackson, TX



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The summer months passed by quickly, and we were back to our meetings in August.

Eddie Raye Andrews presented the August program, sharing her recent trip to the **Region 15 Meeting** and the unique gardens she toured with her husband, Don, and Loris and Sandy Garrett. These included the **Summit Lake Gardens** of Bill Hurt and Marshall Marrow, known for their stunning daylilies.



Deb Cash of **Creative Gardens** was next on tour. There were plenty of daylilies, as well as a diverse collection of other perennials, for all to see.



And last on our tour was Karen Stern's garden at **Frog Pond**.



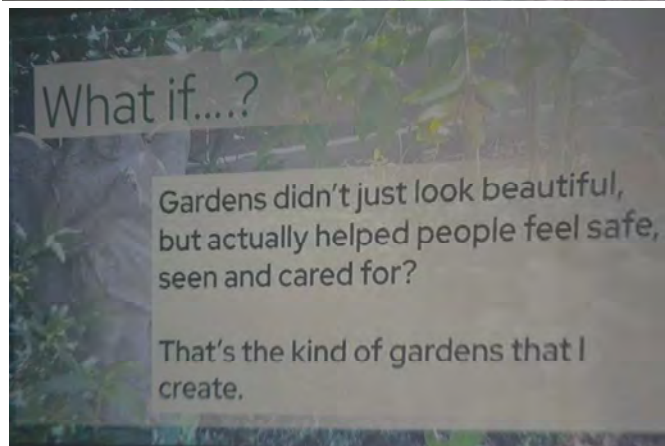
The gardens we visited were truly breathtaking and are a must-see on your schedule in the future. The

Andrews and Garretts also visited the gardens of **Madcat Daylilies**, owned by Joe Hudson, where he had many seedlings planted alongside named varieties.

**Blue Ridge Daylilies**, the gardens of Bob Selman and Eric Simpson. Of course, it rained hard that day, but that didn't stop picture-taking.

And, last but not least, we visited Tim Bell's garden on the way home. This garden will be one of next year's National Gardens and is a must-see for all.

In September, the meeting was led by Colinda Frieauf, who shared her expertise on gardening design with **Sensory Wise Design** – gardens designed to help people feel safe, seen, and cared for. This is especially true for autistic individuals.





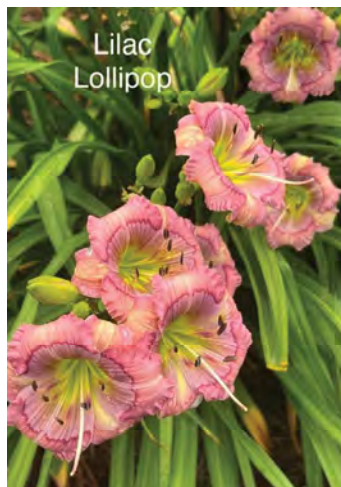
In October, we had a blast at the potting party, where our club potted plants ordered for our spring sale. It was a day filled with laughter and camaraderie as about 200 plants were potted and tagged. The joy of working together for a common cause was so much fun.

Our October meeting was replaced with the Fall Region 6 Meeting, hosted by the Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society. It was a first for them, and boy, was it great. Four members of Brazosport attended: David & Nancy Freshour and Don & Eddie Raye Andrews. When the picture was taken, Don was in the room watching the Aggies play. You can't take the guy anywhere with you. Lots of daylilies from the auction and the games we all played came home with the Brazosport members. If you've never attended a spring or fall meeting, make it a must on your calendar for next year.



Nancy & David Freshour and Eddie Raye Andrews

## A few photos from the Region 15 Garden Tours



H. 'Lilac Lollipop' (Herrington-H, 2018)



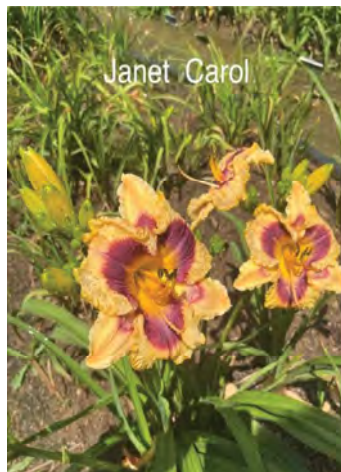
H. 'My Friend Kammy'  
(Hensley-D, 2015)



H. 'Madcat Phil Bonds'  
(Hudson-J, 2025)



H. 'Best In Show Betsy'  
(Douglas-H, 2021)



H. 'Janet Carol' (DeCaire, 2018)



H. 'Jehoshaphat' (Bell-T, 2020)



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# Cypress Creek Daylily Club

Jeannie Mallick, Club Reporter  
Spring, TX



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Our Club is a wonderful group of giving people who together achieve what isn't possible for one person alone. The garden created by Fran and Clarence Matchett is a beautiful one, where our club members enjoyed many garden parties held during bloom season. When Fran passed away on July 7th, Clarence generously decided the 119 cultivars in their garden, totaling over 650 fans, would go to our club.



Fran & Clarence Matchett pose with two raised beds and a sign reading "Daylily Fever" crafted by Clarence



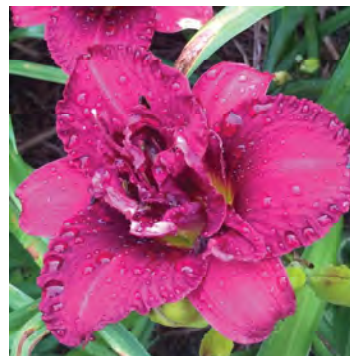
Raised beds filled with 29 different daylilies



Raised beds after daylily "harvest"

Fran Matchett was a great photographer and took these stunning pictures of the daylilies in her garden. Part of our tribute to Fran will be the privilege of growing her daylilies in our gardens. Here are just a few of her cultivars, all photos by Fran Matchett:

The first effort focused on lifting 29 clumps from the two raised beds in the yard. Our team of helpers gathered, and the daylilies were dug, washed, labeled, potted, and distributed to members or saved with Sara Yeager for overwintering until our spring sale. We will return over the coming months to lift the rest! The heroic "A-Team" was: Vivian Brandon, Manny & Mae Camarata, Marianne Canevaro, Paul & Amelia Cardona, Shu Desai, Linda Dunning, Greg & Jerrie Glidden, Nolan Guillot, Julia Klawinski, Ginny Ledford, Jeannie Mallick, Clarence Matchett, Judy Monts, Mildred Welch, and Sara Yeager.



H. 'Double Cranberry Ruffles'  
(Talbot, 1991)



H. 'Beautiful Daydream'  
(Carpenter-Glidden, 1983)



# Fran Matchett Daylilies



*H. 'Fairy Firecracker'*  
(Hudson, 1984)



*H. 'Key to My Heart'*  
(Carr, 1999)



*H. 'Dot Dot'*  
(Zahler, 1989)



*H. 'Guadalajara'*  
(Carpenter-J, 2003)



*H. 'Fried Green Tomatoes'*  
(Herrington-T, 2012)



*H. 'Curious George'*  
(Peat, 2001)



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



*H. 'Paula's Guidance'*  
(Eskine-Eskine, 2014)



*H. 'Ernie's Cajun Wit'*  
(Eskine-Eskine, 2008)



# Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society

Desiree Thomas and Melissa Peugh, Club Reporters  
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The Fort Worth Iris and Daylily Society is 66 members strong and still growing. We are super proud of our new daylily bed at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens! In August, we had some super dedicated volunteers gather to plant about 40 daylilies in the new

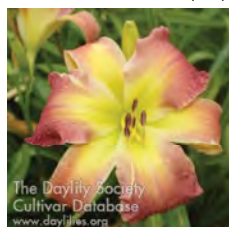


Dedicated digging crew of FWI&DS Joyce Valdez, Kenneth Long, Happy Carver, Linda Long, Bea McGowan, Mayna Haggard, Dez Thomas, Kat Phillips, and Gordon Carver. Mel Peugh is photographer.



New Daylily bed

bed. The club purchased a few plants, and Kenneth & Linda Long donated many, including a few of his personal new 2025 additions like *H. 'Flower Mafia'*, *H. 'Mrs V'*, and *H. 'Roberts Dragon'*. We are excited and cannot wait to see them bloom in the spring.



'Flower Mafia'



'Mrs V'



'Roberts Dragon'

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Christmas came early —like in September —with our Iris and daylily giveaway, which was so much fun. We had 25 members who earned enough points to receive a free iris or daylily. Members have many opportunities to earn points by attending meetings, helping with garden maintenance, scooping rabbit poo, assisting with shows, and more. This is an excellent way of encouraging members to get involved. Also, in September, we held our annual plant sale.



Gordon, Kenneth and Linda-daylilies for Christmas in September

We had about 15 vendors with a fantastic selection of irises, daylilies, and many other types of plants, which helped make this plant sale the most successful so far.

Our Society's success is not just about our achievements, but also about the support and contributions we receive. The Regional Daylily Meeting



Ring Leader Vernon Wallis and the FWIDS Trouble Makers

Back: Tina Bartlett, Hooker & Bonnie Nichols, Maria Delaney, Vernon Wallis, Sharon Bartlett, Melissa & Robert Peugh. Front: Gailmae Suite, Joyce Valdez, Dez Thomas, and Mary Keeth.





FWI&DS Club Basket for the Region Silent Auction



JCI&DS member Anita Goodale won FWI&DS basket with the highest bid of all the baskets.

in October was a great example of this. We are grateful to all our Fort Worth members who donated to the silent auction basket, which drew the highest bid among all the baskets at the event. This success was a collective effort, and we thank everyone for their support. The Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society also deserves our appreciation for their fantastic hosting of the Regional Meeting this year.

We also had a fabulous turnout for our plant bingo at our October meeting. Plant bingo is always a fun time and an excellent opportunity to encourage new members; we gained two more that night. We did miss Happy and Gordon Carver! We continue to keep Gordon in all our prayers for a speedy recovery. Meetings are just not the same when the Carvers are not there!

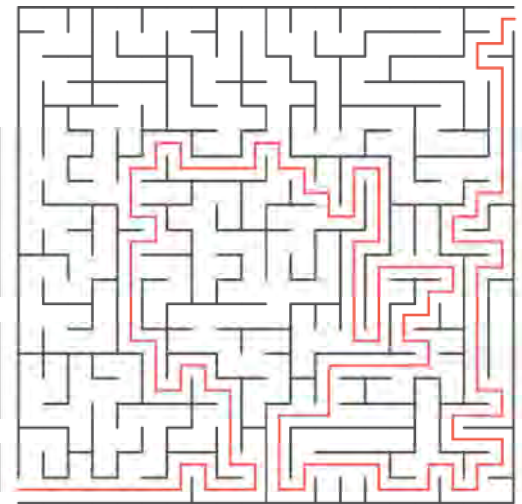
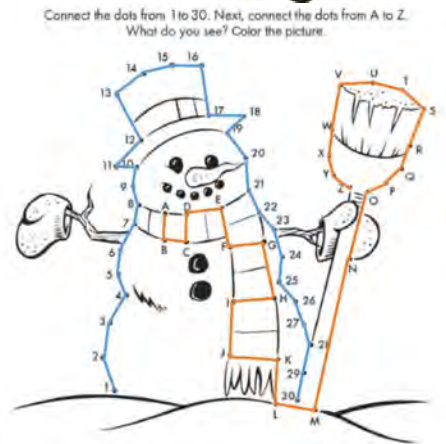
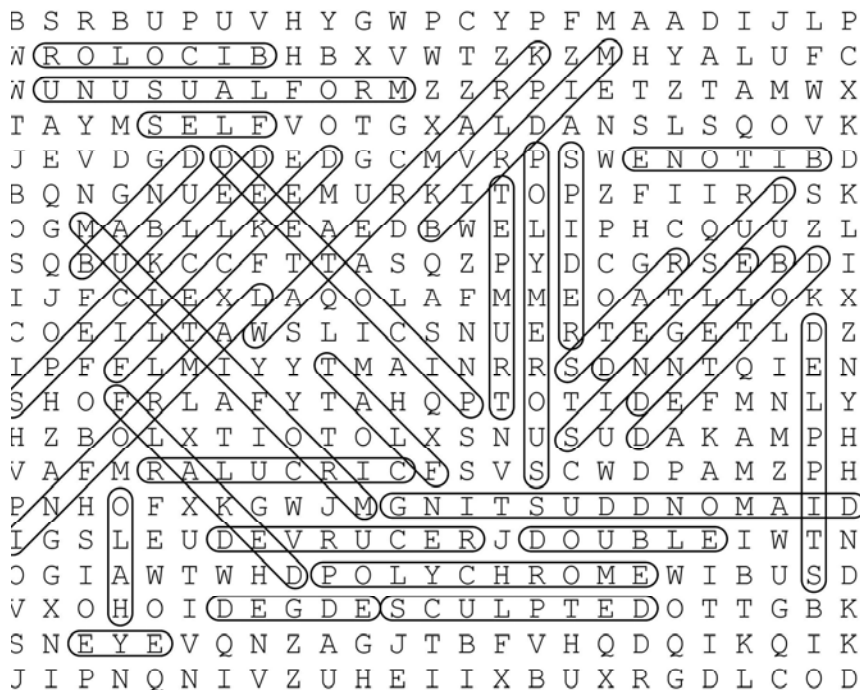


Gordon and Happy Carver

2025 has been a new, exciting, and successful year for us as a newly established club. Our members have done an outstanding job working together to merge into one club as the Fort Worth Iris and Daylily Society. We are currently planning for our Iris Show on April 18th and our Daylily Show on May 30th. We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:15 pm at the Ft Worth Botanic Gardens. We would love to have you join us.

## Youth Puzzle Page Solutions (from page 10)

### Daylily forms and color patterns





# Houston Hemerocallis Society

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Members of HHS are joyfully transitioning from one season to the next, fueled by our passion for daylilies. Our gardens serve as a canvas for our creativity, which is why HHS boasts so many dedicated gardeners. When in full bloom, daylilies illuminate entire landscapes with their vibrant colors. Their unique appearances make them some of our most cherished plants.

After enduring months of heat and humidity, gardeners are gearing up for another year. We have the chance to refresh our pots with new soil, fans, and bare roots. With a sense of renewal, we are excited to fill our gardens with new daylilies for the upcoming season.

Gardening with daylilies is more than just a pastime; it is deeply ingrained in our very souls.

As we continue to transition through the seasons, the weather follows suit. We can look forward to crisp air, vibrant foliage, autumn festivals, and joyful holidays. One advantage of cooler temperatures is that our plants and grasses receive a much-needed respite. September and October present a perfect opportunity to lay the groundwork for a beautiful spring and summer, thanks to the cool climate and the chance to replant both new and established fans.

Ongoing watering remains essential for healthy growth. Daylilies, in particular, will flourish with generous blooms in May and June.



HHS hosted its inaugural ice cream social at the residence of Mrs. Katharine Breau on Saturday, August 9, 2025, with 30+ attendees. Everyone enjoyed a delightful afternoon, especially after enduring an exceptionally hot summer. We were treated to two varieties of homemade ice cream expertly prepared by Marti and Hershal. Delicious! There were sweets aplenty, including cookies,

brownies, pies, cakes, and a wide array of toppings.



First potting party. Marti adding fertilizer to the pots

We had our first potting party of the season on September 20, 2025, at the home of Richard and Denise Carlson. Attendees included Marti, Gene, and Milton. On that day, 125 daylily fans were planted.

The first meeting of the HHS for the 2025-2026 daylily year was held on September 25, 2025, at the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion within the McGovern Centennial Gardens in Houston, Texas. The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM, with a warm welcome extended to both members and guests, including three new members. Marti introduced the 2025/2026 officers and shared a brief history of the club.

During the session, attendees had the opportunity to learn about identifying crown rot and to see a demonstration of dividing clumps. Our president, Marti



First meeting of the 2025-2026 club year.



Zuber, delivered an engaging PowerPoint presentation titled "Daylilies 101." Additionally, we discussed plans for the upcoming 2026 Daylily Show and Sale. Lastly, we reviewed the details for the potting party scheduled for October 4th.



Lezlie Moore, Milton Pierson, Michael Lindee, Gail Eldridge, Richard Carlson, Denise Carlson, Sheila Hardyman, Marti Zuber, Vicki Huff, Katharine Breaux, Hershal Theilen, Rachelle McHenry. Photography by Ray Perez, who also helped with the potting.

We joined for our second potting party on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at the HHS Daylily lot, starting at 9:00 am. We had around 17 members in attendance to assist with the fans and bare roots. Members were encouraged to bring their garden gloves and trowels if they wished. Over 123 pots were labeled, organized alphabetically, fertilized, and irrigated, leaving all participants ecstatic. We will be ready for the May sale and show, and currently have 460 pots ready.

HHS members attended the 2025 Region 6 Symposium and Meeting in Cleburne, Texas, on October 10th and 11th. Training and exams were offered for members



Milton, Hershel, Carol and Marti at Region 6 Meeting

to become garden and exhibition judges. Our very own Carol Theilen has now earned the illustrious distinction of Junior Judge. During the two-day event, our members were treated to multiple speakers and had the chance to play games and win raffle prizes. Bingo and raffle prizes included Stout Silver Medal cultivars, and HHS contributed a beautiful fall basket as a silent auction prize. The HHS basket brought in \$110 for Region 6.



The final meeting of this year took place on October 23, 2025, at the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, with members and guests welcomed. During the meeting, the club discussed new and old business. Marti provided a detailed summary of the 2025 Sale and Show. There were multiple improvements from our prior year, including more fans sold, more new members joining, and additional entry categories. All in all, our 2025 Sale and Show was a tremendous success, with entries increasing from 120 in 2024 to 206 in 2025.

The club discussed the annual Christmas party scheduled for December. Members were encouraged to come and bring a guest. The Christmas Dinner will be held on December 13, 2025, at Spaghetti Western.

The club members are looking forward to the new year and the many opportunities it will bring as we prepare for our 2026 Sale and Show and plan to increase and expand our social media presence.



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# Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society

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This has been a hectic year for our club. We have spent the past year planning and preparing for our first Region 6 Fall Symposium. Since the Summer issue of *Daylilies of the Southwest*, we had a very busy July meeting with our iris Giveaway, Exchange, and Auction, which also included a potluck luncheon, and the installation of officers for our 2025-2026 club year. The new officers are as follows:

President, Diana Medrano  
1st VP-Programs, Janet Goodman  
2nd VP-Membership, Melissa Peugh  
3rd VP-Show Chair, Desiree Thomas  
Secretary, Leslie Ward  
Treasurer & Newsletter Editor, Peggy Cathey  
President/Treasurer Assistant, Victoria Velasquez  
Hospitality Chair, Brittany Embry



Brian Goodman, past president, installs 2025-2026 Officers: Diana Medrano, President; Janet Goodman, 1st VP; Melissa Peugh, 2nd VP; Desiree Thomas, 3rd VP; Leslie Ward, Secretary; Peggy Cathey, Treasurer & Newsletter Editor, and Brittany Embry, Hospitality Chair. In front, Victoria Velasquez, President/Treasurer Assistant, and Isetta Embry, Hospitality helper.

August is the time for Bingo, where daylilies, irises, and other plants are offered as prizes. We also had a "trial run" by playing Stout Medal Bingo, which we planned to play during the Region 6 Meeting. It all went well, and everyone took home several new plants.



September marked our highly anticipated Fall Sale, a significant event held in the gym of the Cultural



Top: All set up and waiting for the 9:00 start.  
Bottom: Happy shoppers looking for the perfect plants to add to their gardens.

Arts Center, the same venue that hosted the Regional Meeting. The sale was a resounding success, with eager buyers lining up outside the door for the 9:00 start. This annual event draws plant lovers from 50 miles around to purchase new

beauties to add to their gardens.

If you were able to attend the Region 6 Meeting, you know how our October went – a whirlwind of activity to get everything just right for our many guests. It took a lot of team effort, and I think we can all take pride in calling our first Region 6 Meeting a resounding success. That time has come and gone now, and we are still catching our breath. We had such a good time, welcoming everyone to Cleburne and the hospitality of our members. Of our 33 members, 26 stepped up to help in some way, be it setting up, tearing down, food prep, or any of the other duties that needed attention. We hope everyone enjoyed their stay.



In front: Griff & Debbie Harris with granddaughter, Standing: Brian & Janet Goodman, Gailmae Suite, Dez Thomas, Peggy & Dan Cathey, Bonnie & Hooker Nichols, Mary Keeth, Leslie Ward, Mel & Robert Peugh, and Maria Dulaney, back-center. Others who worked and volunteered, but not present for the photo included Nita Daniels, Greg Sutton, Mike & Tina Boyle, Anita Goodale, Diana Medrano, Isabella & Adrian Velasquez, Lynn Little, Mayna Haggard, and Mark Hamel.



# Lone Star Daylily Society

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Wow, fall is finally here, and we can work on preparing our daylily beds for next year's bloom season without having heatstroke!! And we have some exciting events coming up that you won't want to miss!

This summer, we turned the heat into an opportunity for fun by organizing Bingo for Daylilies at our August meeting. The event was a huge success, with everyone walking away with 2 plants and some lucky ones winning extras! It was a great way to beat the heat and have a blast together.



Summer Bingo

For September, we took hybridizer Jamie Gossard out for Mexican Food on Saturday night. At our meeting on Sunday, he talked to us about genetics and hybridizing, and showed us some pictures of his latest creations, as well as possible future introductions. Afterward, we held an auction of his plants.

In October, nominations for new officers for 2026 were presented and voted upon. Elected were:

President-Beki Spearman  
1st Vice-President-Bob Sweisthal  
2nd Vice-President-Bobbie Ware  
Secretary-Karen Giese  
Treasurer-Paul Eskine  
Flower Show Chairman-Marti Zuber

An auction of Tim Bell daylilies was held, with some lively bidding on 50 plants.

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Larry Bartz, Milton Pierson, Sandy & Loris Garrett, and Marti Zuber at Fall Symposium.

We had five of our members attended the 2025 Region 6 Fall Symposium in Cleburne, TX.



Getting ready for the Plant Sale

As we gear up for our Fall Plant Sale, we're excited to offer a diverse selection of daylilies and companion plants. The range of plants our group grows is truly incredible, and we even have a few members who can grow anything from a stick!

It is with sad hearts that we said goodbye to one of our club's founding members, Harvey Shimek. He will be busy growing daylilies in Heaven.

Harvey Shimek  
Nov. 24, 1938-  
Oct. 22, 2025





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