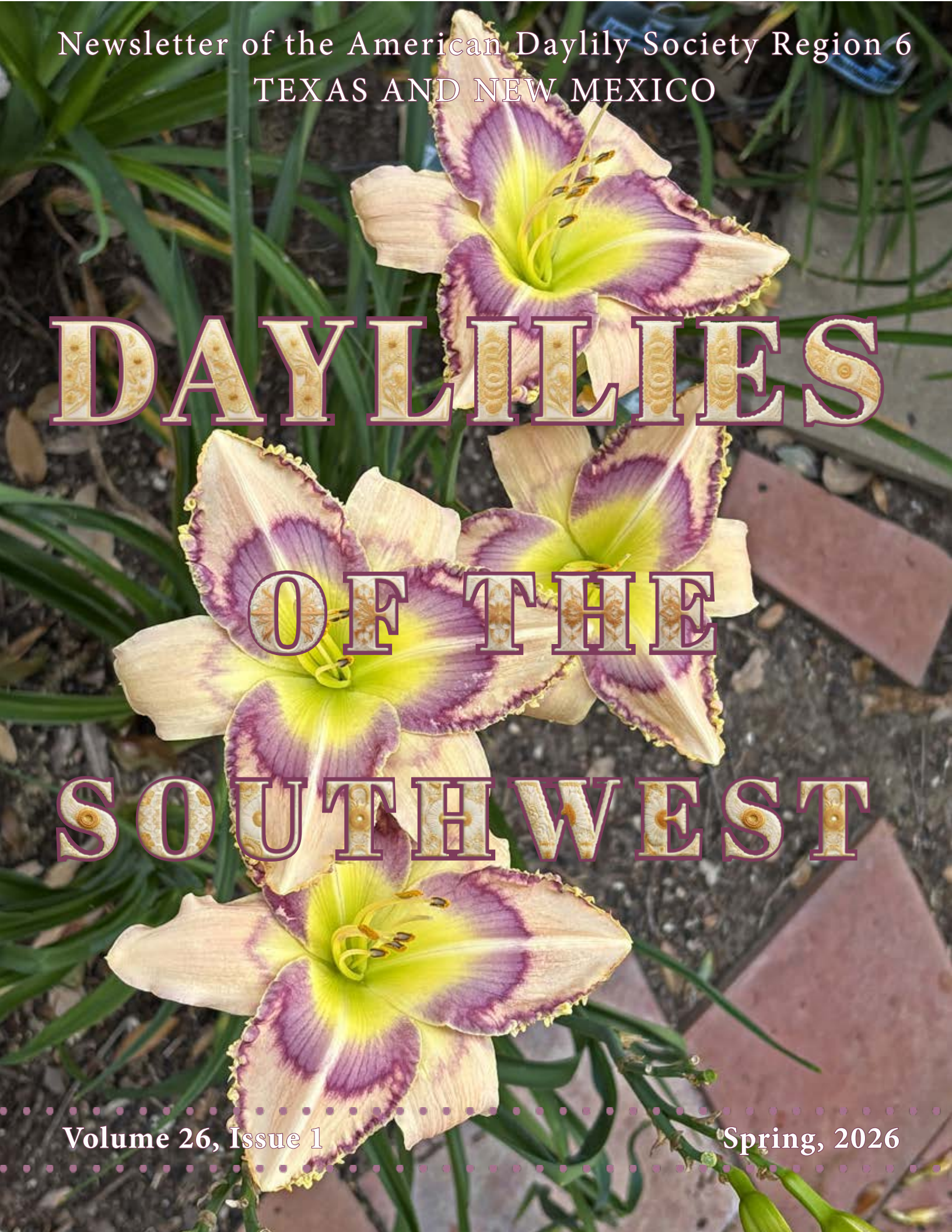


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The editorial focus of this publication centers on the genus *Hemerocallis*, ADS and Region 6 events, Region 6 members and hybridizers. Submissions are encouraged. The editor reserves the right to edit for space, grammar, clarity, and content.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit:

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

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

In early January, the ADS held a special strategy and planning meeting in New Orleans. I joined approximately 40 other members who came to provide input on the organization's future. ADS president Rich Crider led the group in facilitated discussions. We left the two-day session with ten specific action plans. Three of the actions are for the overall ADS. Four are geared more toward providing guidance and assistance to local clubs. Three will benefit both overall and club-level activities. As a director, my oversight area has shifted from marketing (now merged with long-range planning) to

“special projects.” This new area was created to improve the board's ability to track and monitor the progress of one-time, ad-hoc, or temporary projects and initiatives. All new action plans arising from the strategy session will be monitored using this new process. Also, we had a great time in NOLA as we were there right at the beginning of the Mardi Gras season...Laissez les bons temps rouler! We will let the good times roll with our awesome daylilies! I will also be rolling in good times at the ADS National Convention this May in Valdosta, Georgia. I hope to see many of you there!



H. 'Crabby Old Man' (Weller-P, 2017)



H. 'Dutch Yellow Truffle' (Kirchhoff-D., 2003)



H. 'Ray Southworth' (Travis, 2011)



ADS Region 6 President

Bonnie J. Nichols

Goodby Winter, Hello Spring

As I write this message, our Texas weather has skipped February on the calendar and gone straight to March. While we had our “annual” sleet/snow event in late January, ending our growing season and finishing off our late-blooming annuals, today, we are headed to spring!

Nurseries have potted roses, quince, forsythia, and clematis to tempt us. Our daylilies are growing like crazy. The aphids and thrips are not far behind. We normally do not fertilize until mid to late March; however, with February being so warm, we will be fertilizing soon. Everyone is hoping for rain (no storms), so burn bans will be lifted. It has been a dry fall/winter.

Electronic online daylily catalogs are popping up everywhere. Some varieties are in short supply, so buy soon. What a perfect way to use those holiday gift cards!

In the first two months of 2026, I traveled for the American Iris Society to Amarillo, Lawton, Oklahoma City, and Abilene. I enjoy seeing long-time friends and meeting new friends too.

Have you registered for the 80th National Daylily Convention in Valdosta, Georgia (May 23-26, 2026)? Registration is open now. There will be six outstanding gardens on tour. Questions can be emailed to ads2026con@gmail.com. The Convention will feature the very popular Hat Contest Parade.

Save the date on your calendar, September 18th-19th, for the Region 6 Meeting hosted by Brazosport and Houston Hemerocallis Society.

I hope to see you soon somewhere in our daylily world.

Happy SPRING!

Some of My Favorite Daylilies



H. 'Dietmar's Wisdom'
(Elliott-D, 2016)



H. 'Weird Science'
(Selman, 2017)



H. 'Marissa Jonea'
(Boatwright, 2009)



Region 6 Co-Publicity Chairs Tim Closs and Brant Mauthe



As a part of Publicity, it is important to remember to invite friends, family, and acquaintances to our daylily activities and meetings. I thank everyone who continues to work on this. We have enjoyed having several visitors at our last meetings and appreciate all the help our members have given, inviting and welcoming these folks. Michael Kowalchuk, from Oklahoma, who spoke at our Region 6 Meeting last fall, was right when he also recommended using social media to get the word out. My wife, Susan, has recently been answering questions from our club's Facebook account, and it surprises us how many people want to talk about plants and daylilies. Also, others in the region have told us to get children involved. Our own daughter has brought our grandchildren to one of our meetings, and they now have a growing interest in flowers and gardening. This is good for us and the people we know, so let everyone know what's going on and invite them to join us!

Ways to make it happen:

- Email or print your local club's newsletter and give it to friends and family with an invitation to join us at the next event.
- If you remember, and I'm not so good at this, remind them the day before the event.
- Keep your social media sites updated with current schedules, pertinent information from recent presentations, and lots of great pictures of your people and your colorful flowers.



We had children in our January and February meetings. They did great and the meetings were more fun with them.

It is time for the annual Region 6 Popularity Poll ballot. Four cultivars on the 2025 ballot with zero or single votes were dropped from the 2026 ballot. No cultivars were added to the Region 6 Popularity Poll "Hall of Fame". SEVEN write-in ballot cultivars from last year with the greatest number of votes were added, bringing the total number of cultivars for 2026 to 69!

- The voting deadline is October 15th, and voting is open to any Region 6 club member. You do not have to be a member of the American Hemerocallis Society to vote.
- We encourage the use of the Google Forms link, which helps ease the workload of tallying the votes and data. The link is <https://forms.gle/PcmraLmF15pdcyEq9>
- Mail-in ballots and email ballots are accepted, but please try to use the Google Form. You can reach out to either of us if you are having voting issues.
- Write-in votes MATTER! This is how new or different cultivars are nominated and added to the ballot for the following year. You can add up to ten write-in cultivars.
- Clubs, please allot time at your first fall meeting date to provide ballots and to encourage your club members to participate and vote.
- Voting will be available at the Region 6 Meeting, hosted by the Houston Hemerocallis Society & Brazosport Daylily Society in Houston on September 19, 2026.
- Region 6 "Hall of Fame" cultivars are not listed on the ballot this year, but can be found on our wonderful AHS Region 6 website.

Participation in the Region 6 Popularity Poll remains stable but well below the participation ten years ago. Hopefully, we can see an increase in 2026. We hope you have a bountiful bloom season. Remember to reach out if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

Region 6 American Daylily Society – 2026 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!
- Select your favorite registered, well-established cultivars (no seedlings) **which you have observed in your garden or garden visits**. Price need not be considered. Vote for new or oldies - it is your personal favorite that counts.

Please vote, using the Google Form link listed here <https://forms.gle/PcmraLmF15pdcyEq9> 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. Postmark deadline is October 15th, 2026.

<input type="checkbox"/> Adventures in Oz	<input type="checkbox"/> Leon’s Legacy	<input type="checkbox"/> Tusawilla Snowdrift
<input type="checkbox"/> Big Doc	<input type="checkbox"/> Lil’ Black Buds	<input type="checkbox"/> Victorian Lace
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Ambrosia	<input type="checkbox"/> Lillian’s Vapor Trail	<input type="checkbox"/> Walking Stick
<input type="checkbox"/> Black Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> Little Lemon Twist	<input type="checkbox"/> Wild and Free
<input type="checkbox"/> Born in Texas	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Big John	Write-ins: (No more than 10)
<input type="checkbox"/> Breathing in Snowflakes	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Purple Circle	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> California Sunshine	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Red Stallion	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Colonel Jim Scheurich	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Wagon Wheel	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cool Composure	<input type="checkbox"/> Mayor of Munchkinland	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cream and Sugar	<input type="checkbox"/> Mint Octopus	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dizzy Miss Lizzy	<input type="checkbox"/> Misty Texas Morning	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dorothy and Toto	<input type="checkbox"/> Nacogdoches Pansy	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Double Cranberry Ruffles	<input type="checkbox"/> One Eye Willie	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Dutch Yellow Truffle	<input type="checkbox"/> Patsy Carpenter	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ernie’s Cajun Wit	<input type="checkbox"/> Paula’s Guidance	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Ernie’s Obsession	<input type="checkbox"/> Peggy Cathey’s Fairy Flight	
<input type="checkbox"/> Evening Enchantment	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Chile Rendezvous	<u>CLUB</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Fried Green Tomatoes	<input type="checkbox"/> Renegade Lady	<input type="checkbox"/> Albuquerque Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> God Save the Queen	<input type="checkbox"/> Rosabelle Van Valkenberg	<input type="checkbox"/> Austin Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Guadalajara	<input type="checkbox"/> Rose F. Kennedy	<input type="checkbox"/> Brazosport Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Angel Eye	<input type="checkbox"/> Sergeant Major	<input type="checkbox"/> Cypress Creek Daylily Club
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Big Peach	<input type="checkbox"/> Siloam Double Classic	<input type="checkbox"/> Daylily Growers of Dallas
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Gentle Sue	<input type="checkbox"/> Simply Karen	<input type="checkbox"/> Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Gulf Coast Three Brothers	<input type="checkbox"/> Skinwalker	<input type="checkbox"/> Houston Hemerocallis Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Halloween Masquerade	<input type="checkbox"/> Spacecoast Tigertail Tango	<input type="checkbox"/> Johnson County Iris & Daylily Soc.
<input type="checkbox"/> Heavenly United We Stand	<input type="checkbox"/> Spacecoast Tiny Perfection	<input type="checkbox"/> Lone Star Daylily Society
<input type="checkbox"/> I Lava You	<input type="checkbox"/> Spirit of Aggieland	<input type="checkbox"/> No club affiliation
<input type="checkbox"/> Isabelle Rose	<input type="checkbox"/> Stop The Car	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jelly Filled Donut	<input type="checkbox"/> Texan to the Bones	<u>NAME</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Julie Newmar	<input type="checkbox"/> Thin Man	
<input type="checkbox"/> King Kahuna	<input type="checkbox"/> Thomas Tew	<u>ADDRESS</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Lake Jackson Beauty	<input type="checkbox"/> Tim Herrington	
<input type="checkbox"/> Lemon Go Lightly		



Newsletter Editor

Peggy Cathey

Getting this newsletter finished turned out to be more of a challenge than I expected, but I'm happy to say I can finally see the light at the end of the tunnel. I had a few battles with the publishing software before figuring things out, and I'll admit I've also felt a bit guilty spending so much time at the computer instead of outside pulling weeds.

Rain has been scarce for us so far, and I was hoping that might excuse my staying indoors. Meanwhile, some of our members received over ten inches of rain in a single storm, while our rain gauge barely showed enough to dampen the dust.

On to club business. First, I owe an apology to Dave Huber for overlooking the seedling photos he sent for the Fall/Winter Hybridizer issue. You'll find his photos included in this issue on page 15. Thank you for your patience, Dave.

The Spring issue is usually on the smaller side, since not much tends to happen in our gardens during the winter months. But Spring has definitely arrived. Trees are budding, daffodils are blooming everywhere, Redbuds are in full bloom, and the wild Mexican Plum trees are filling the air with their sweet fragrance. Peach and pear trees are blooming, and before long, all the trees fresh green leaves will cover the branches.

Our daylilies are putting on plenty of new growth and increases, though we haven't seen any blooms here just yet. That said, Loris Garrett has already been sharing photos of his blooming daylilies in Lake Jackson, giving us a nice preview of what's coming.

Dan and I have been busy planting two new raised-bed gardens in our backyard to make room for all the daylilies we've registered so far—33 and counting. Moving those plants has opened up space in our gardens for many daylilies that have been growing in pots, including several we received last year for judging shows but didn't have room to plant at the time.

Now that this issue is finished, I'm really looking forward to bloom season and all the Daylily Shows around our region. Dan and I will be judging a few shows, and we always enjoy seeing the exhibits and catching up with friends. Be sure to take lots of photos at your shows—of winning flowers, exhibitors, and events—so we can fill a future issue with all the highlights.

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos of your favorite daylilies for this issue. You'll find them featured throughout these pages. I made an effort to choose cover photos from members who haven't been featured before, and I hope you enjoy seeing the wonderful variety our members grow.

Just a Few of My Favorite Daylilies



H. 'Entering Warp Speed' (Petit, 2004)



H. 'Stenciled Infusion' (Pierce-G, 2013)



H. 'Circle In the Storm' (Trimmer, 2014)



Membership Chair

Dan Cathey

Region 6 membership currently stands at 320, reflecting a net decline of 24 members since our Fall membership report. During this same period, we welcomed 17 new members, and our Region now includes 23 life members.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following individuals who have recently joined Region 6:

Carrie Clark	Kim McGeath
Brad Coburn	Laura Moore
Sheila Hardyman	Steve Nuss
Tamara Haygood	Patricia Parrish
Ken Keister	Ray Perez
Art Lindsay	James Theisen
Christina Linsay	Jessica Walsh
Drnzill Loving	Cherish Young
Elizabeth Loving	

A genuine Region 6 welcome to each of you—your interest and membership are truly appreciated!

Spring Shows & Sales: A Perfect Time to Grow Membership

Spring brings an exciting season of celebration with our Club Shows and Sales—prime opportunities to recruit new members for both our local clubs and the ADS. Visitors attending these events already share an interest in daylilies, making them ideal candidates for membership in your club.

Have information readily available, greet visitors warmly, answer questions, and encourage participation whenever possible.

Remember: Many people need to be asked before they decide to join.

Go the extra step—make visitors feel welcome and show appreciation for their interest.

Renewal Reminder

Please check your ADS membership expiration date and renew promptly. Your continued support strengthens ADS and our Region.

Join or Renew your membership in the American Daylily Society

Becoming a member or renewing your current membership is quick and easy.

Join online:

daylilies.org/membership

Or join by mail:

American Daylily Society
c/o Mary Gunter, Membership Manager
P.O. Box 65
St. Matthews, SC 29135 8708

Questions or comments?

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Thank you for supporting Region 6 and the American Daylily Society.



H. 'PDC Five-O' (Cathey-D, 2026) to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. Photo by Peggy Cathey



Exhibition Judges Liaison

Susan Mauthe

I am the new Exhibition Judge Liaison for Region 6, so I wanted to introduce myself.

My name is Susan Mauthe, and I am not a native of Texas. I was born in Georgia and spent most of my younger life in Florida. We moved to Texas with my dad's job in 1984 and have been here ever since. My years in Florida developed my love for gardening and swimming. I was on the local swim team for a couple of years, where I mastered the Butterfly stroke since we needed someone on the team to swim it. My family lived on two acres, of which half was a vegetable garden. Many summers were spent out in the garden, picking, weeding, and watering. If you have not eaten tomatoes or corn on the cob fresh from the garden, you are missing out!

My scholastic background is in secretarial work and accounting. I currently work as a General Manager for a label and printing company. I am married to Brant Mauthe, and we both became Senior Judges this past year. We married in 1994 with a ready-made family of four. Brant was divorced and had two children when we married. Over the years, we have added four more



St. George, UT, 2014 (l-r) Josh, Leslie, Beth, Ken, Angie, and Jessica.
Susan and Brant in the back

children. We are now empty nesters with no children at home and enjoy time with our children, their spouses, and our (currently) twelve grandchildren. We have enjoyed hiking and traveling with our children over the years. Even with them living their own lives across the US, Brant and I continue to explore National Parks and

hiking mountains.

Brant got me involved with daylilies. He joined Daylily Growers of Dallas about a year before I started attending and was convinced to join. We enjoy spending time together in whatever we do. Daylilies have been a learning curve for me, but I have jumped in with both feet! Which is generally how I do things. I look forward to spending time with friends and meeting more friends as we continue working with the group.

One such friend I met was Patricia Kyser. I was a bit surprised when she asked me to take over this position for her. I value her friendship and hope the best for her and her family as they move forward. She assures me that we will still see her around.

On the American Hemerocallis Society website, it says this about Exhibition Judges:

“Becoming an American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) Exhibition Judge carries with it serious responsibilities in training and judging. Exhibition judges are always to be guided by the knowledge that they are representatives of the AHS, and their actions reflect directly upon the AHS. The obvious and key responsibility of judges is to enhance the image of the AHS in all possible ways. There are two very important functions of exhibition judges. First, there are the basic requirements for their training and continuing education; and secondly, there is the ethical demeanor with which they discharge their judging responsibilities.”

(<https://www.daylilynetwork.org/page/ExhibitionJudging>)

I noticed that several Student and Junior Judges still need to complete their certification requirements. I look forward to working with each of you and the existing judges to fulfill all required certifications. Clubs, please let me know when your Shows are and who you have judging for you. I look forward to moving ahead and learning more about my position. I hope to be an asset to the Region in showing integrity in our show exhibitions.

ADS Region 6 Exhibition Judges

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Garden Judges Liaison

Amy Howard

Greetings all as we welcome another wonderful bloom season! I love that we can take respite in the beauty of and tending to our gardens, a little bit of control in an uncertain world is always appreciated...

The American Daylily Society site has a new look and the current list of Region 6 judges! Renewing judges, make sure to compile your current 5 year Visit Log and

see what you need to complete it this year. As for a new class of judges, we'd love to host the appropriate clinics. I will update as to whether an online clinic is planned so clubs can get the word out. Thanks for all you do and wishing you all the best this year!

Happy Gardening

2026 Region 6 Garden Judges

First Name	Last Name	Exp. Date	City & State	Instructor	Liaison
Malcolm	Avaritt	2027	Midlothian, TX		
Dan	Cathey	2028	Covington, TX	Yes	
Peggy	Cathey	2028	Covington, TX	Yes	
Debi	Harrington	2026	Albuquerque, NM		
Amy	Howard	2026	Albuquerque, NM	Yes	Yes
Carolyn	Kettredge	2026	Albuquerque, NM		
Kenneth	Long	2026	Weatherford, TX		
Linda	Long	2026	Weatherford, TX		
Margo	Murdock	2026	Albuquerque, NM	Yes	
Bonnie	Nichols	2027	Dallas, TX	Yes	
Paula	Payne	2027	Pearland, TX		
Barbara	Shapiro	2027	Albuquerque, NM		
William	Walker	2026	Los Ranchos, NM		
Vernon	Wallis	2025	Azle, TX		

2026 Region 6 Garden Judges Workshop 2

Garden Judges Workshop Update – Region 6

At the Fall Region 6 Symposium Meeting held in Cleburne, Texas, the following students successfully completed and passed the Garden Judges Workshop 1:

Susan Mauthe, Brant Mauthe, Hershale Theilen, Carol Theilen, Brian Goodman, Marti Zuber, Gailmae Suite, Milton Pierson, Adam Whaley, Desiree Thomas, Larry Bartz, and Jocelynn Pendergraft.

We are pleased to announce two upcoming Garden Judges Workshop 2 (In-the-Garden Training) sessions:

- **South Texas**

April 26 – Hosted in the garden of Loris and Sandy Garrett, Lake Jackson, TX

- **North Texas**

June 6 – Hosted in the garden of Bonnie and Hooker Nichols, Elmo, TX (near Terrell)

If you plan to attend either session, please notify Peggy Cathey with your preferred workshop so that all required paperwork can be prepared.

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	Fall/Winter Newsletter	(1,844.65)
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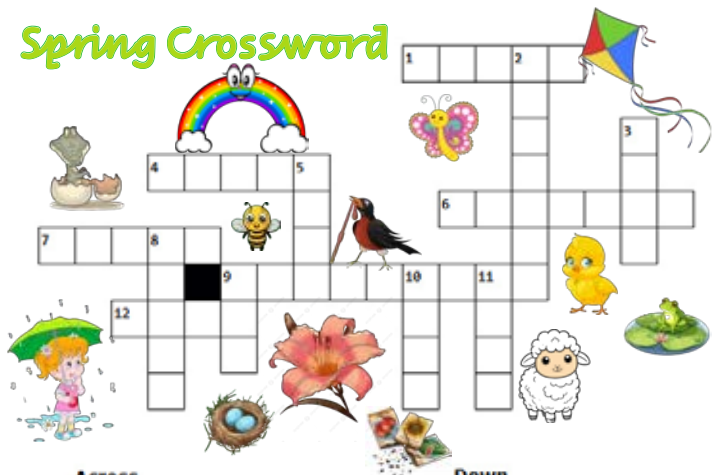
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Word Search Word Bank

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blossom	chicken	dream	fling	prom
bouquet	classic	elixir	forward	reverie
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bride	dance	extravaganza	greetings	sunset
carnival	dawn	fantasy	holiday	tonic

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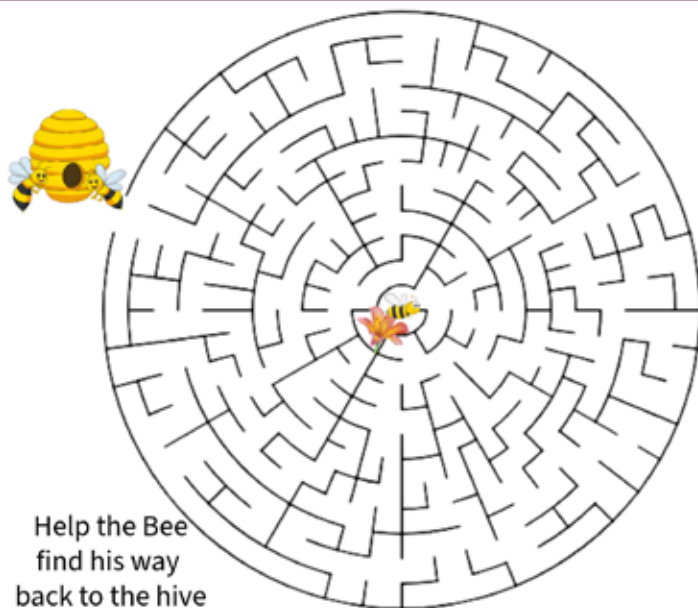


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1. plants grow from these
4. first sign of spring
6. comes out after a rain
7. when something comes out of an egg
9. flying flowers
12. flies when windy

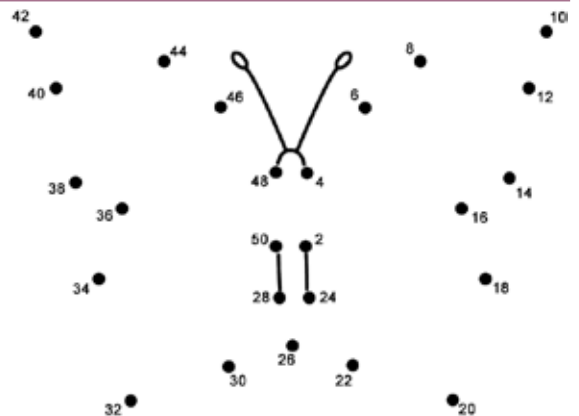
Down

2. our favorite flower
3. comes after a tadpole
5. birds lay eggs in a _____
8. baby chicken
9. gathers pollen to make honey
10. liquid falling from sky
11. baby sheep



Dot to Dot

Multiply X 2



ADS Region 6 Hybridizer

2025 Seedlings by Dave Huber, Mineola, TX



Seedling #HS-DLSGTM-18-74
H. 'Desperado Love' X *H.* 'Sergeant Major'



Seedling #HS-APSOO-23-59
H. 'Amusement Park' X *H.* 'Star Over Oz'



Seedling #HS-EDSCSWTK2T-25-26 (*H.* 'El Desperado'
x 'Strawberry Candy') X (*H.* 'Sweet Tranquility' x
H. 'Key to Treasures')



Seedling #HS-LFDALBSS-25-73
H. 'Lily Farm Dotsalot' X *H.* 'Blue Satin Sashes'



Seedling #HS-RRSSBSS-25-55 (*H.* 'Rainbow Radiance'
x 'Spider Spirits') X *H.* 'Blue Satin Sashes'



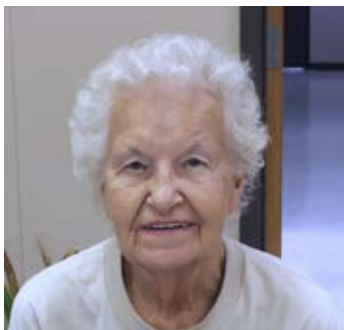
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Remembering Our Daylily Friends

Gisele Anneliese Shindler McCurdy

June 29, 1931 - February 24, 2026

By Peggy Cathey



Gisele Anneliese Shindler McCurdy was born on June 29th, 1931, in Berlin, Germany. Married for 50 years to her beloved husband, Howard McCurdy, Gisele dedicated herself to her family and her passions. After attending a four-year technical school for seamstresses, she became renowned in her community for her exceptional dressmaking skills. Gisele crafted beautiful dresses for Cleburne socialites and dressed the Baylor Twirlers during the 1970s, showcasing her talents that not only brought joy to those around her but also contributed to the vibrant cultural fabric of the area.

Her dedication extended beyond her artistic endeavors; Gisele was actively involved in the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society and local politics, inspiring fellow community members with her commitment to service and advocacy. She was a loving mother and grandmother, nurturing her family with unwavering support and affection, traits that will be fondly remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She is preceded in death by her devoted husband, Howard McCurdy; her parents, Adolph and Anna Schindler; and her sisters, Edeltraut Schindler and Ingrid Schindler. She was laid to rest on March 5,

beside her husband at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery/

Gisele is survived by her son, Frank McCurdy; daughter, Barbara Camp and husband, Kevin, and son, John McCurdy and wife, Jamie; grandchildren, Howard Camp, Clinton Camp, Stephen P. Camp, Sean Patrick McCurdy, John Austin McCurdy, James McCurdy, and Jacki Ayhens; and numerous great and great-great-grandchildren.

Gisele loved growing all kinds of plants. It is believed by many that she could stick just about any stick into the ground and it would grow. She especially loved irises and joined the Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society in the early 2000's. She soon added many daylilies to her garden and would often bring a bloom, placed into a pill bottle, to a meeting so all could enjoy. Many of us were lucky enough to receive plants she lovingly passed along. She was a wonderful cook, and often brought fantastic Austrian Pastries and Lemon Bars made with Meyer Lemons she grew herself in her little greenhouse.

She brought warmth, generosity, and joy to our group. She always had a story to share, and even gave the club a program about growing up in war-torn Germany. There she met a young US soldier, the love of her life, and moved to the US as a 'war bride'.

Gisele will be deeply missed by all who knew her, but her spirit will continue to shine through the countless lives she touched with her kindness, creativity, and enthusiasm.



H. 'Memories of This Time' (Salter-EH, 2018)
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H. 'Prom Dress' (Holley-B, 2008)



H. 'Lemon Dreams' (Nichols-H, 2010)

Members' Daylily Photos



H. 'Essence of My Heart' (Jarvis, 2022)
photo by Bill Jarvis-HHS



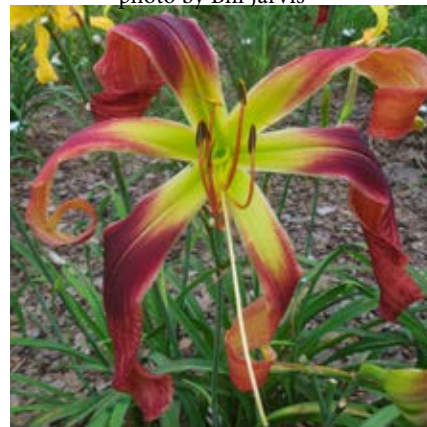
H. 'Serengeti Sunrise' (Jarvis, 2017)
photo by Bill Jarvis



H. 'Stand Up America' (Jarvis, 2020)
photo by Bill Jarvis-HHS



H. 'Free Wheelin' (Stamile, 2004)
photo by Pat Weller-DGD



H. 'Cherry Swizzler' (Stamile, 2008)
photo by Pat Weller-DGD



H. 'Garden Butterfly' (Gossard, 2011)
photo by Pat Weller-DGD



H. 'Dizzy Miss Lizzy' (Wilkerson, 2003)
photo by Monte Macke-JCI&DS



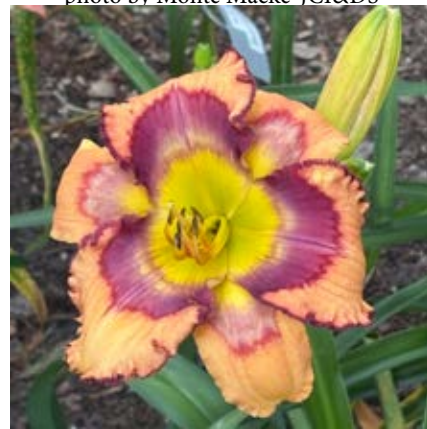
H. 'So Sweet' (Lenington-G., 1962)
photo by Monte Macke-JCI&DS



H. 'Kenan's Gift' (Murphy-JP, 2018)
photo by Monte Macke-JCI&DS



H. 'Crimson Ninja' (Gossard, 2008) photo by
Nancy Freshour-BDS



H. 'Trembler' (Maryott, 2017)
photo by Sue Adams-HHS



H. 'Victorian Lace' (Stamile, 1999)
photo by Tracey Stewart-R-6

Brazosport Daylily Society Annual Flower Show and Plant Sale

Saturday, April 25, 2026

St. Timothy's Episcopal
Church Parish Hall

200 Oyster Creek Dr.
Lake Jackson, TX

Flower
Show
Entries
Accepted
from 8 –
10:30 am

Show is Free and Open
to the Public from 1 – 4

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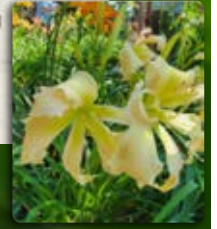
Daylily Show and Sale
Saturday May 9, 2026

Gethsemane Lutheran Church
4040 Watonga Blvd
Houston, TX 77092

Daylily Sale 8am - 3pm

Daylily Show 1pm - 3pm

<https://ofts.com/hhs>



Texas Sunrise/Sunset: A Daylily Exhibition

Accredited by the American Daylily Society

Presented by the

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Friday, May 29, 2026

NORTH HAVEN GARDENS

Classroom & Boutique

7700 Northaven Rd.

Dallas, TX

Entries from 8-10:30 am

Show hours for the public 1-4 pm

FREE Admission

Questions? Contact Tim Closs
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COWTOWN DAYLILY SHOW

Accredited by the American Daylily Society

Presented by the



May 30, 2026

Fort Worth Botanic Gardens

3220 Botanic Garden Blvd., Fort Worth, TX

Entries: 7:30 - 10 am

Open to the public 1-4 pm

FREE Admission

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May 16, 2026
JN LONG CULTURAL ARTS CENTER
425 Granbury St, Cleburne, TX

Entrles from 8-10 am
 FREE Admission - Open to the public, 1-3 pm
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SHOW SEASON IS NEAR

Here is the complete list of 2026 Region 6 Daylily Shows

April 25th, Brazosport Daylily Society
 Flower Show & Sale, Lake Jackson, TX

May 2nd, Lone Star Daylily Society
 Daylily Show & Sale, Alvin, TX

May 9th, Houston Hemerocallis Daylily Society
 Daylily Show & Sale, Houston, TX

May 16th, Johnson County Iris & Dayily Society
 Daylily Show & Sale, Cleburne, TX

May 29th, Daylily Growers of Dallas
 Daylily Show, Dallas, TX

May 30th, Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society
 Daylily Show & Sale, Ft. Worth, TX

June 8th, Albuquerque Daylily Society
 Daylily Show & Sale, Albuquerque, NM

SAVE THE DATE

September 19, 2026
Region 6 Fall Symposium & Meeting

Hosted by Houston Hemerocallis Society and Brazosport Daylily Society

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
2400 Wilcrest Dr., Houston, TX 77042

- Along with the required annual business meeting, we are preparing for a fun and informative event. So, plan to come & gather with daylily friends from throughout the Region.
- More detailed information to follow regarding the schedule, nearby hotel accommodations, etc.
- Look for the registration form in the next newsletter.

Hope to see you there!

Why Grooming Matters in Daylily Exhibition

By Dan Cathey

As an exhibition judge, I am often asked questions regarding how judges determine the scoring of a given entry, that is to say, “Why did my flower get a red instead of a blue ribbon?”

There are, of course, many possible answers, but there is one factor that affects that outcome more than any other: grooming. If you review the total ribbons awarded at any given show, the vast majority, lower than purple and blue ribbon awards given, will be due to poor condition and grooming or, in some cases, the complete lack of grooming. The AHS daylily exhibition handbook, which is the primary reference for all exhibition judging, assigns 15 of the 100 points total for assessing a given entry to condition and grooming. At first glance, 15% may not seem significant. However, it takes only a 10-point deduction to move a flower from a blue ribbon to a red ribbon.

The remaining 85 points - 50 for the flower and 35 for the scape - are based on how correctly the entry is “true to cultivar”. In other words, the flower and scape must exemplify the hybridizer’s standards for that cultivar. These characteristics are influenced largely by genetics and growing conditions and are therefore only partially under the exhibitor’s control.

By contrast, the exhibitor has complete control over grooming. Aside from good cultural practices, such as proper watering, fertilization, insect and disease control, weed management, and careful transportation to the show - grooming is the single area where the exhibitor can directly and fully influence the final presentation of an entry.

From a judge’s perspective, poor grooming sends a clear message. It suggests that the person entering the scape either didn’t care enough to take the time to properly prepare the entry or was never taught proper grooming techniques. The exhibitor, without knowing what good grooming is or how to achieve the best possible presentation, will see that faults add up very quickly, with each fault lowering the score for the scape.

For this reason, I always strongly encourage clubs to emphasize and teach proper grooming techniques to

their members. Without a clear understanding of what constitutes good grooming - and how to achieve the best possible presentation - even an otherwise excellent flower can lose valuable points and miss higher ribbon placement.

These observations are, of course, an oversimplification of a very complex judging process. Anyone interested in learning more about showing daylilies would benefit greatly from owning a current copy of the “Daylily Exhibitions: Handbook for Exhibitors, Judges, and Show Chairs”. The handbook is available for \$20 on Amazon and is also available as a free download through the AHS Membership Portal under Judging / Shows > Exhibition Judging Info. At a minimum, every club should maintain a copy for members’ reference.

As a judge, nothing would please me more than for every entry to be of blue-ribbon quality and the show tables a sea of purple (95 points or higher) and blue (90 points and higher) awards with nothing but smiles on every exhibitor’s lips. Careful attention to condition and grooming goes a long way to making that goal a reality!

Here are a few tips to improve your chances of Best in Show

The scape should present an all-green appearance to the judges. Here are a few tips to help your flowers get to the head table, and possibly Best of Show:

- Bloom scars should be freshened before being placed on show tables: remove the brown that forms after a bloom has fallen off. Use a razor knife to take a very thin slice to remove the brown, leaving it nice and green. Do not make the mistake of removing the whole ‘stem’ that holds the flower.
- Check whether a bud is touching or pushing up against a petal. If the flower form is distorted in any way because of a bud, points will be deducted. The same is true if the blooms are crowded. If in doubt, it is better to remove the bud or bloom than leave it. The same is true if you have more than one flower open. Judges must judge the entry

based on the worst bloom, not the best. If a flower is damaged or not consistent in form, size, texture, or color with the others, it is best to remove it.

- Clean the stem of any spots, dust, or other residue by gently wiping with a soft cloth.
- Check for insects, spider webs, spots, etc., and remove. A 'fly spot' can usually be removed with a slightly dampened cotton swab. Speaking of cotton, the use of a cotton ball to clean the stem often leaves bits behind that look like spider webs, so watch for that.
- Thrips and other insects can leave brown, rough scars on the stems of daylilies. In my opinion, I would rather see this, even with the deducted points, than scapes that have been scraped and butchered, trying to remove them.
- Brown tips on bracts can be trimmed into a point as they were growing, but a bract should not be removed unless it is brown. The key is, no brown - not on the leaves, bracts, or scars where a bloom or bract once was. Gentle scraping to remove the brown in these areas is OK. Be sure to remove all spent blooms and any seed pods.
- Proliferations must remain on the scape, but damaged foliage on the proliferation may be removed.

- Regarding pollen on the petals. This happens during transportation and placement onto the show tables. There are no point deductions for bits of pollen on the petals. You can try using a soda straw to blow off the pollen, but it should never appear smeared.
- Check to be sure the flowers have all of their parts: no missing petals, there should be 6 anthers and 1 pistil. Missing or deformed parts will cause the flower to lose points.
- If your show has a section for 'Off Scape', these should be perfect flowers, meaning you really wanted to enter the scape, but it was crooked, damaged, or this was the last flower on the scape. Your entry should be a single flower with no leaves or buds.

After all the flowers are placed, you should have a chance for 1 last walk through to be sure your flower is presenting its "best face" toward the judges. Placement clerks should face the flower in the direction the entry tag is placed. Also, double-check that the flower is in the right Section. Clubs should instruct the Placement clerks not to just look at the letter for alphabetical listing, but also at the section where it is supposed to be placed. It is a heartbreak to have an excellent entry not judged because it was in the wrong Section and that Section has already been judged.



Checking all angles: Senior judges Judith Coghlan, Peggy Cathey, and Velia Sanchez-Ruiz, with Junior Judge Brant Mauthe

Daylilies and How They Got Their Name - #2

By Eddie Raye Andrews

Have you ever wondered how in the world they came up with that name when you first see or hear of a daylily? Well, I have been collecting interesting stories over the years about daylilies and how they got their names. Here are a few:



many at first glance.

H. 'Stella de Oro' (Jablonski, 1975): named by Walter Jabonsky for his wife. I was told that when sitting at the table, he would say "Stella, the Oreos", for her to pass them to him. This daylily is now everywhere and can be recognized by



photo by Pauline Lavigns

H. Étoile de L'Estrie (Lavigne, 2007): Pauline Lavigne: "The Montreal Daylily Society held a contest for seedlings back in 2006, and my entry won. When I registered it in 2007, I decided to name it the *Eastern Townships* (area in which I live in southern Quebec) *Star* because it had won the competition. Since the official language of Quebec is French, I translated the name to *L'Étoile de l'Estrie*, (*Eastern Township's Star*).



photo by Pat Larson

H. 'Pat X Two' (Carpenter-M., 2017) Named for the two Pat Larsens who are married to each other and are part of Region 13.



H. 'Live in the Light' (Emmerich, 2015) From Ephesians 5:8: "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.



photo by Lori-Ann Jones

H. 'Knoll Cottage Blew Me Kisses' (Labbe-Jones, 2017) "When I introduce a daylily for Mark Labbe, I like the end of the name to be Kisses. This daylily is more purple than blue,

but as a parent, it is producing some in the blue range when coupled with the right pollen parent. So as not take claim to the flower being blue but to give reference, I used 'blew' in the name. Sounds the same when spoken.

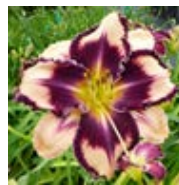


photo by Mike Grossmann

H. 'Jack's Mischief' (Grossmann-M., 2019) – Mike says "Named after our cat Jack after he pushed a large tote of drying seeds off the counter onto the floor, thus gifting us with a batch of mostly (unknown x unknown)"



knows? I'd be one of the celebrities on *The Masked Kisser!*"

H. 'Kissed by Magic' (Aucoin, 2005)– Paul Oak says "I'd like to believe, because I sorta remember, that I chose this one to be my namesake, *KISSED BY MAGIC*. If only... if only my kisses made a lasting impression as good as this daylily's, who



photo by Gayle Story

H. 'Nature's Peek-A-Boo Blue' (Menges Story, 2021) Gayle Story: Was named because it 'peeks' at you from all its neighbors, until you notice that the eyezone is very clear.



H. 'Holy Moley' (Pickles, 2007) – D. Apps: "*Holy Moley* is an expression I picked up in my childhood, which meant amazement or wonder."



photo by G. Story

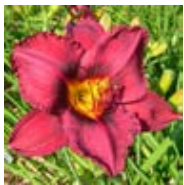
H. 'All That Matters' (Story, 2021), G Story: "I chose the name *ALL THAT MATTERS* because this daylily has all that truly matters in hybridizing daylilies. Gorgeous flowers which open well and hold up in inclement weather: tall, sturdy, and well-branched scapes with tons of buds (this one bud-builds); healthy plant habits which

seldom show signs of any disease or weather damage, and it is easily used for hybridizing.



photo by Brian Reeder

H. 'Ziggy Played Guitar' (Reeder, 2018), Brian Reeder: "Named for the first and last three words of the famous David Bowie song, 'Ziggy Stardust', this wonderful flower is a tribute to his innovation and aesthetic. If this Ziggy played an instrument, it would definitely be a guitar, and this cultivar is as wild, eye-catching, and memorable as the creator of the song it is named for!"



H. 'Katahdin' (Valente, 1993), Ron Valente: "Named for Mount Katahdin, the highest mountain in Maine at 5,269 feet. (1,606 m). Named Katahdin by the Penobscot Native Americans, which means *The Greatest Mountain*".



photo by Dave Mausser

H. 'Laughing at the Rain' (Mussar, 2014), Dave Musser: "*Laughing At The Rain* was named for its great substance that stands up to even the worst downpours."



photo by Janice Kennedy

H. 'Kid in a Candy Store' (Herrington-T., 2013) Tim Herrington's catalog said, "The name describes the happiness this flower can give you".



photo by CharmaineRich

H. 'Fender Bender' (Rich, 2021), Charmaine Rich: "I don't do UFs, so it was not exactly what I envisioned when I made the cross. An accident, not a big crash, just a little one, a fender bender."



photo by June Singletary

H. 'Jammin's Oh My Goodness' (Singletary, 2017) June Singletary: "My little girl Amanda used to say *Oh My Goodness*, like Shirley Temple did, and all our garden visitors, when they saw this as a seedling, would say *Oh My Goodness*. So it stuck with us, and that's how it got its name."



photo by June Singletary

H. 'Jammin's Spellbound' (Singletary-B., 2016), June Singletary: "It was just one of the most captivating flowers in the garden when it bloomed. I

also have a perfume with this name."



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H. 'Lemon Buttercream' (Gellatly, 2017), Paul Gellatly: "This one was actually named by a neighbor who fell in love with it and said it reminded her of *Lemon Buttercream*. I agreed that it was a very fitting name. I was sure to give her a piece when I registered it."



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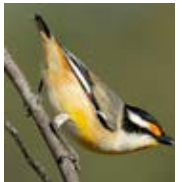
H. 'Fours are Wild' (Herr-D., 2011) – Don Herr: "Name arrives from the plant being poly, thus four sepals and four petals."



photo by Ramona Titus

H. 'Search for Green Pastures' (Korth-P-Korth-L, 2012) Philip Korth: "Yes, the "green pastures" come from Psalm 23. The search part comes from people thinking the grass is greener somewhere else and searching for that."

H. 'Pink-frilled Pardalote' – Glen Ingram: "Named for a small bird that lives in my garden (Queensland, Australia). It drills holes in the side of drains and heaps of soil and excavates a chamber in which it raises its young. The Bird is the *Striated Pardalote Pardalotus striatus*. They are quite confident and cute. The 'pink-frilled' refers to the actual flower. (Editor's note: I couldn't find any information about the flower, so here is a picture of the bird)



H. 'Little Miss Fish Breath' (Jones-G., 2014) G. Jones: "a nickname I gave my cat, Heidi, who ruled here for over 18 years. After her evening whitefish, she'd walk out of the kitchen smacking her lips, and I'd say, *Hello, Little Miss Fish Breath*"

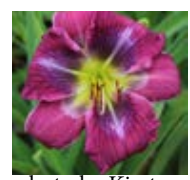


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H. 'Sweet Dreams are Made of This' (Hatfield-K., 2021), Kirsten Hatfield: "The flower has all the things we dream of having in a flower."

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With record-breaking warmth, gardening season and watering have begun early in Albuquerque! The departing La Niña is hitting us (and Texas, too, I see) hard with air conditioning needed at the end of February, and hence our snow pack appears dire. The Sangre de Cristos in Santa Fe are currently almost devoid of snow, raising concerns about the fire season.

Albuquerque is set to begin our 2026 meetings in several weeks, with programs featuring patterned daylilies, companion plants, hands-on demos, hybridizer talk, show prep, tours of member gardens, a member elite sale (featuring Jim Murphy and Margo Reed cultivars), and slideshows of our favorite 2026 moments.

We will be having our annual Spring sales at the Albuquerque Garden Center on April 24/25, our Show and Summer Sale on June 28, and our Fall sale on Sept 25/26.

Our slate of officers remains the same as it has for the past 10 years, with Amy Howard and Will Ferrell as President(s); Barbara Shapiro as VP/Programs coordinator, Bill Walker as Treasurer, Evelyn Christy as Membership Chair; and Debi Harrington as Secretary. We have several newer members who have been a great help as well- hopefully we can entice more to join us!

Cheers to a beautiful 2026 bloom season for all!

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Planning for the Future of the Austin Daylily Society

Like many garden clubs, the Austin Daylily Society is navigating a changing landscape as our membership evolves. To ensure a strong and vibrant future, we are taking a thoughtful look at where we are—and where we want to go.

We've formed a small workgroup to explore new opportunities for growth, outreach, and sustainability. While we will continue to meet and offer planned programs through September, we've decided not to hold a show this year. Traditionally, our show has taken place on Memorial Day weekend. However, in recent years, our gardens have been nearly finished blooming by late May. Because of this, we are working with *Zilker Botanical Gardens* to explore a revised show schedule for 2027, along with other creative options that better align with our bloom times.

Another important focus for us is expanding our outreach. We know we need to strengthen our presence beyond our current circles—particularly through social media and other communication channels—to connect with new and potential members.

We also recognize that we're not alone in facing these challenges. If your club has tried new approaches, adjusted traditions, or found successful ways to attract and engage members, we would love to hear from you. Your ideas and experiences could help shape our next chapter.

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Together, we can learn from one another and continue sharing our love of daylilies for years to come.

Brazosport Daylily Society

Debbie Bradford and Eddie Raye Andrews, Club Reporters,
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The club had our annual Christmas Party and our annual “*You Have It - I Want It*” game. The members furnished the meal with potluck and then the fun began.



Brazosport Christmas Party



Blayne Frieauf opening 1 of many gifts to be stolen from him during gift exchange game



Dr. Lu and Eddie Raye enjoying Christmas party

Our February program was presented by our club president and her husband, Jeane and Joe Weller. For fun, they vacationed in the castle for a week last summer. We saw slides of Killkoy Castle, Dunrobin Castle and Cawdor Castle nestled in the Scottish Highlands and its beautiful country.



2026 BDS Officers (l-r) Jeane Weller, Eddie Raye Andrews, David Freshour, Barbara Quellhorst, and Debbie Bradford



Eddie Raye Andrews gives January program “Daylilies and How They Got Their Name – Vol. 3

Officers were sworn in for 2026 year:
President-Jeane Weller
1st Vice President- Eddie Raye Andrews
2nd Vice President – David Freshour
Secretary-Debbie Bradford
Treasurer-Barbara Quellhorst

Our January meeting began with Eddie Raye presenting “Daylilies and How they Got Their Names”. It’s always exciting to see how individuals come up with names for their cultivars.

Members also voted on having a Fall Region 6 Symposium and Meeting in Houston with the Houston Hemerocallis Society. This meeting will take place on September 19, 2026- so be on the lookout for information and plan on attending.



Jeane Weller presents Scottish Gardens at our February meeting.

Cypress Creek Daylily Club

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Cypress Creek Daylily Club had an early December potluck Christmas party at the home of Clarence Matchett. The members brought chairs, tables, and decorations to brighten the space with holiday cheer. In addition to sharing delicious homemade holiday dishes, we held a garden-themed gift exchange.



2025 Christmas Party announcement



Left to right: Marianne Canevaro, Bobby McMinn, Jane Garcia, Linda Dunning, Sara Yeager, Clarence Matchett; In the back: Shu Desai and Manny Camarata

Our January meeting was canceled due to icy weather that closed schools and kept folks home and off the roads.

While outdoors preparing for the freeze, club member Sara Yeager found frost flowers had formed in her garden. Frost flowers occur when soil temperatures are just above freezing, allowing water to move into the plant, while air temperatures are much colder. As air temperatures plummet, moisture erupts from plant stems and leaves, forming incredible shapes that resemble blooms.



Sara Yeager & Clarence Matchett alight⁹ with Christmas cheer.



Frost flowers form in Sara Yeager's garden in January (photos by Sara Yeager)



Christmas party attendees. Left to right: Amelia Cardona, Ginny Ledford, Jerrie Glidden, Roseanne Reynolds, Fran Querio, Greg Glidden, and Paul Cardona

Snakes have a long history of being unwelcome in the garden, but are helpful as they eat bugs, snails, and rodents. In February, Mike Howlett, former Harris

County Herpetologist, gave us a program on identifying the snakes commonly found in Harris County. He taught us how to know which are venomous and how best to avoid any unpleasant encounters.



Mike Howlett holds a box with two (rubber) snakes. Can you find them?
Two snakes are in this box...



Mae Camarata, Vicki Barnes, Amelia Cardona, and Sara Yeager enjoy refreshments in February.

We expect an early spring in Houston. Bloom season has yet to arrive, but for now, we can enjoy our photos from last year's daylilies. It's fun to "zoom

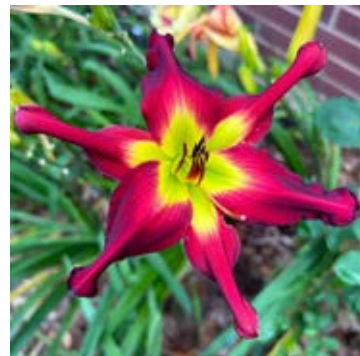
the bloom" to see the exquisite detail of the eye zone, anthers, and throat.



H. 'Jovial' (Gates L. 1986)



The fiery bright yellow throat of 'Jovial'



H. 'Gulf Coast Three Brothers' (Crainer, 2018)



The electric yellow-green eye of 'Gulf Coast Three Brothers'



H. 'Talquin's Dawn's Early Light', (Fowler, 2019)



The generous lavender watermark of 'Talquin's Dawn's Early Light'



The luscious ruffles of H. 'Conway Ruffles' (Zahler, 2018)

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In November, the program was our annual Bingo with members bringing items for the game prizes. *The Hemline*, our newsletter, featured an interview with members Brant and Susan Mauthe. This is new to *The Hemline*, so we can get to know our members better. Susan is *The Hemline* editor. Brant and Susan met and were married three months later. They work together on the job and in their garden, where Brant is a daylily hybridizer, and they grow a wide variety of plants. They are the proud parents of six children and twelve grandchildren.

In December, we gathered for the holiday party at *Aboca's Italian Grill*. We brought gifts for our white elephant exchange. Michael Bulkeley got beautiful pink garden gloves, a cookbook plus an amaryllis. I got garden shears. These exchanges are always fun.



Jane Galloway, Jane Denton, Malcolm Alvaritt, Brant & Susan Mauthe, Tim Closs, Judi Burton, Susan & Michael Bulkeley, and Jan Lalor.

Brant Mauthe was our speaker in January. He has a special formulation of soil mixture that he swears gives his daylilies an advantage. He had bags of his mix as door prizes. One of his



ingredients is blood meal, which acts as a deterrent for squirrels. Following Brant's advice,



Brant Mauthe discusses amendments to make the best growing medium for his daylilies

Michael put blood meal in one of our beds, and now no more digging.

Malcolm Avaritt was the featured member in *The Hemline*. Malcolm had previously served as president of the DGD for eight years before stepping down, and he has held many positions in our Region 6.



Michelle & Malcolm Avaritt



New member Trisha Parrish at February meeting with treasurer Mary Ellen Reed

The club's books needed to be audited after years of neglect. Michael Bulkeley, Susan Mauthe, and Jane Denton met with our club Treasurer, Mary Ellen Reed.

At the February meeting, Michael Bulkeley presented the audit report. Many changes were suggested, voted on, and are being implemented on a six-month trial. Elections for 2026 were held. Brant Mauthe is the new President of *Daylily Growers of Dallas*. Malcolm Avaritt is now Program Chair, and the other positions remain unchanged.



Susan Mauthe with table of goodies to help celebrate Valentine's Day

Our February meeting was held on Valentine's Day. Susan Mauthe brought a wonderful assortment of sweets she had made: German chocolate cake, chocolate-covered strawberries, chocolate candies, and cookies. Thank you, Susan, yum.

Our program was given by Pam Smith, a longtime friend of our club. Pam, before retiring, was in charge of the City of Farmers Branch Municipal Gardens. She is a rose expert and spoke to us of her love of roses, successful varieties to grow in our area, and their maintenance. A favorite variety is the McCarthy hybrid tea. Michael Reed donated the raffle items. Thank you, Michael.

Jane Galloway brought rooted cuttings from her dwarf fig tree. We welcomed our newest member, Trish Parrish.

Club president
Brant Mauthe
with February
guest speaker,
Pam Smith



My Favorite Pinks by Susan Bulkeley

Pink is my favorite color in a daylily. Here are some of my favorites I have growing in my garden, plus a really good bloomer from Topguns.



H. 'Cinderella's Bloomers' (Selman, 2014)



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



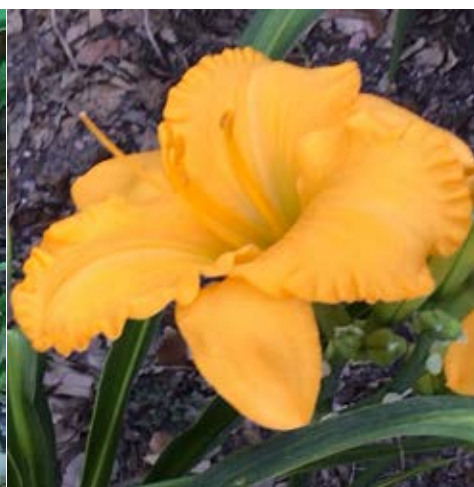
H. 'Princess Diana' (Smith-FR, 2006)



H. 'Sailing' (Trimmer, 2015)



H. 'White Base' (Stamile, 2006)



H. 'Topguns Dripping Gold' (Scott-B, 2004)

Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society

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The Fort Worth Iris and Daylily Society currently has 57 members. We want to welcome Jeanette Anders, Chaplin Rich & Reecia Stoglin, and Judy Wooten, who just joined our club for 2026. We have elected new officers and are pleased to introduce our 2026 Officers:

President, Happy Carver
1st VP Programs, Jeremy Baker
2nd VP Membership, Melissa Peugh
3rd VP Publicity, Kim McGeath
Secretary, Kat Phillips
Treasurer, Dez Thomas
Parliamentarian Kay Anderson

We had Hooker Nichols join us in November to educate us on Iris Hybridized Seedlings and Judges' Training on Judging Seedlings. We had about 30 members attend.

December was our annual Christmas gift exchange. There is always a great turnout of members, and we have a great time.



Faithful leaders: Kay Anderson, Gordon Carver and Happy Carver



Robert Peugh, Dez Thomas, Kim McGeath, Carrie Clark, Rob Bauereisen, Kenneth & Linda Long.

We would also like to introduce our Board Chairs: Daylily Show Chair, Kenneth Long; Guest Cultivar Chair, Dell Perry; Door Prize Chair, Gailmae Suite; and Hospitality Chair, Bea McGowan.

We will begin working in our new Daylily bed and our established Iris beds at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens as soon as the weather gets a little warmer!



Nichole Miller, Dwayne Miller, Josephine Harp and Mark Harp



New daylily bed at FWBG, Gordon Carver, Ken Long, Kay Anderson, Linda Long, and Mel Peugh



Stan Aten presents program on Favorite Top 10 Public Gardens in Texas

To celebrate the 2026 new year, Stan Aten joined us and shared his Favorite Top 10 Public Gardens in Texas, and shared some of the best plants to grow in your garden that are Texas-friendly. We always enjoy Stan coming.



Vanessa Harrison presents February program on Health, Wellness, Nutrition and Longevity

In February, we had a great program on Health, Wellness, Nutrition & Longevity by Vanessa Harrison. She brought different types of healthy foods for us to try, and there was a great program. About 35 members attended.

We continue to keep Gordon Carver in all our prayers for a speedy recovery and for a healthy 2026!

We are currently planning our Cowtown Daylily Show. The Daylily Show will be held on May 30th, and entries can arrive from 7:30 am-10:00 am. The judging will begin at 10:15 and end at noon. The event will be open to the public from 1:00 to 4:00. We will also have a plant sale at this time, with lots of Daylilies, Irises, and other plants for sale. The event will be held at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, 3220 Botanic Garden Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76107, and admission is free. We would love to see you there. We have added a few fun local awards this year. Troublemakers Group, which would be any daylily named after a Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society Member, and Stockyards Group, which would be any daylily with any barnyard animal within its name. This will be fun to see what entries we get.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month at 6:15 pm at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. We would love to have you join us.

Kenneth Long Registrations Named For the Peugh Family



H. 'Melissa's Bad Habit'
(Long-K, 2025)
photo by Ken Long



H. 'Robert's Dragon'
(Long-K, 2025)
photo by Melissa Peugh



H. 'Morgan Peugh'
(Long-K, 2025)
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HHS concluded an exciting and successful 2025 with our annual club Christmas party at Spaghetti Western, which featured HHS club members, their families, and friends.



Front row, (L-R) Ray Perez, David Clardy, Linda Clardy, Cecilie O'Gara, Leslie Wong, Denise Richardson, Huong Lee, Christina Lindsay, Carol Theilen, Hershhal Theilen. Back row (L-R) Bob Amidon, Sheila Hardyman, Gene Childers, Milton Pierson, Marti Zuber, Richard Carlson, Katharine Breaux, Lezlie Moore.

Our lively white elephant exchange featured many members receiving various types of yard art, water features, and tools. The game was a success and did not disappoint our HHS club members.

Richard and Denise Carlton were honored with the Bertha Ella Cone Award for their dedication and service. Their sustained high level of commitment to



The recipients of the Bertha Cone Award. Richard and Denise Carlton with Marti Zuber.

the club, going above and beyond, has helped foster the organization's growth. Their passionate drive has truly made a difference.

HHS had been optimistic about using freeze cloths to protect the vibrant daylilies at Pinemont from the impending chill. However, after a thorough examination of the weather forecast, which hinted at an unusually harsh drop in temperatures, it was concluded that the best course of action would be to relocate the 500 potted



Daylilies are being moved at the Pinemont lot before the freeze.

daylilies to the warmth and safety of Hershhal's shed on January 22nd at 9:00 am. This decision ensured that the blossoms would be shielded from the frost, preserving their beauty and health for the blooming season ahead.

The second club meeting for daylilies, hosted by HHS, took place on January 22, 2026, at the Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion in the McGovern Centennial Gardens in Houston. The meeting began at 7:00 pm with a warm welcome extended to all our members. Our guest speaker, Aaron Moore from Southwest Fertilizer, captivated us with his insights into everything related to soil and gardening! It was an enlightening session filled with practical tips and expert knowledge about "dirt" that every gardening enthusiast will appreciate. The Horticultural Report followed this - Hershhal



January club meeting on all things dirt from Southwest Fertilizer. Richard Carlson, Aaron Moore, Marti Zuber

recommended cutting daylily foliage in a “V” shape and starting to spray for aphids as needed. There was some



Marti Zuber caring for the daylilies

general discussion about daylily pests and diseases, specifically aphids and rust. You can start spraying now for aphids and rust, and using a “sticker” will help with product application.

Other business discussed included the election of new officers in February 2026 for the 2026/2027 year. The

Region 6 Fall Symposium is scheduled for September 19, 2026, at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church/Holiday Inn Express. We are planning for 60 to 80 people. HHS and Brazosport are co-hosting. HHS will have planning meetings with Brazosport to outline schedules, events, and speakers.



This year’s sale and show, “Daylilies of our Lives,” will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 4040 Watonga Blvd, in Houston. HHS members are excited to host our third daylily show. The sale hours are 8 am to 3 pm, and the show hours are open to the public from 1 pm to 3 pm.



Potted daylilies for 2026 sale

Daylilies were moved out of Hershals’ shed on February 9, 2026, and placed back on the Pinemont lot to get a drink of water. To ensure your daylilies thrive, it’s essential to understand the specific nutrients they need for optimal growth and vibrancy. Let’s dive into plant nutrition and unlock the secrets to keeping your blooms healthy and beautiful!

Like most plants, daylilies need three primary nutrients: nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), and potassium (K). Nitrogen promotes healthy foliage growth, phosphorus aids in root development and flowering, and potassium supports overall plant health and vitality. For optimal growth, most gardeners should consider using a complete fertilizer with a balanced nutrient profile, ideally at twice the recommended dosage. At HHS, we use a 15-5-10 formulation, designed to provide a slow, steady release of nutrients for our potted daylilies. This approach helps sustain their health and vibrancy over time. You can easily find a variety of fertilizers at your local garden centers or nurseries, allowing you to choose one that best suits your plants’ needs. Remember, the timing of fertilization is critical; applying it during the active growing seasons, particularly in the spring and fall, will significantly enhance your garden’s overall vitality and yield.

The next HHS meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 7:30 pm. The meeting will take place at the Cherie Flores Pavilion in the McGovern Centennial Gardens, located at 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston. Richard Carlton will present on the topic “Growing Edible Gardens,” also known as “Salads R Us.”

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JCI & DS has successfully recovered from hosting the 2025 Fall Region 6 Symposium and Meeting and is now actively engaged in planning the 2026 Fall Regional for the Iris side of our organization. It has been an especially busy and productive period for our members.

Recent Programs and Activities

In November, members enjoyed photos of the beautiful gardens featured at the Montana Iris Convention.

In December, we gathered for our annual Christmas Party, which included a well-attended potluck luncheon prepared by our talented members and a festive Bingo gift exchange game.



President Diana Medrano checks over agenda before our Christmas Party Meeting

In January, we welcomed one of our own members, Stephanie Myers, who presented an informative program on hybridizing.



Stephanie Myers presents Power Point Program on hybridizing

Our February speaker was unfortunately unable to attend due to complications from a recent knee replacement, so we adapted by sharing several virtual garden tours available on YouTube.

March will focus on preparing our flowers for the show

tables, providing members with practical guidance for the upcoming show season.

Upcoming Shows and Events

Our Annual Iris Show and Sale will take place in April, followed by two major events in May.



The first is our Daylily Giveaway and Auction, with the Daylily Show and Sale scheduled for the following weekend. Our Show Chair, Dez Thomas, has been diligently preparing for these events. Ribbons have been ordered, and the Show Schedule has been officially approved.

The Daylily Show will be held on May 16 and will feature the theme “Deep in the Heart of Texas.” In celebration of this theme, and in addition to the Club award for the Popularity Poll, two new groups have been added to the Local Awards section:

- **Texas Proud** – for any cultivar with “Texas” represented in its name
- **Saddle Up, Texas Style** – for any cultivar representing cowboys, cattle drives, horses, rodeos, Texas Rangers, or related themes

These additions are intended to bring an extra element of fun and creativity to this year’s show.

The show setup will take place on May 15 at the JN Long Cultural Arts Center, located at 425 Granbury Street, Cleburne.

In Loving Memory



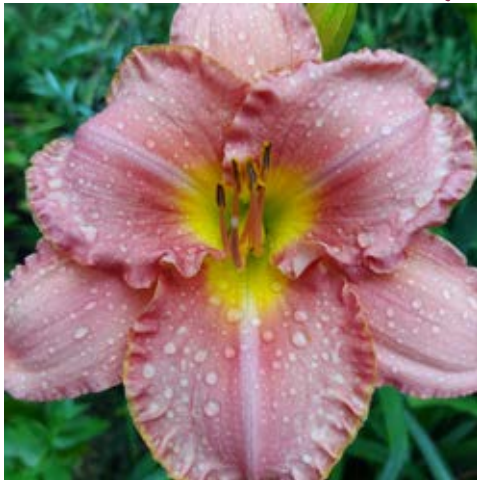
We were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend and long-time member, Gisele McCurdy, who died on Tuesday, February 24. Gisele was a member of JCI & DS for more than 20 years and brought warmth, generosity, and joy to our organization.

Gisele once shared that when she became a U.S. citizen, she could choose any name she wished. At the time, actress and singer Gisele MacKenzie was someone she greatly admired for her beauty and talent, inspiring her to take the name Gisele.

She was always ready with a story, and many members were fortunate to receive plants she lovingly shared over the years. Gisele was also well known for her lemon bars, made with Meyer lemons picked from her own tree—memories that will continue to bring smiles to those who knew her.

Gisele touched our lives in countless ways and will be greatly missed.

Favorite Daylilies by Some of Our Members



H. 'Scottish Fantasy'
(Moldovan, 1996)
photo by Lynn Little



H. 'Flower Mafia'
(Long-K, 2025)
photo by Melissa Peugh



H. 'Mercies in Disguise'
(Bell-T, 2020)
photo by Bonnie Nichols



H. 'Sunrise Sunset Beautiful'
(Carpenter-J, 2005)
photo by Gailmae Suite



H. 'Bridgeton Inspiration'
(Apps, 2004)
photo by Desiree Thomas



H. 'Formidable'
(Murphy-JP, 2019)
photo by Monte Mackey

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The warmth of December is a distant memory. We didn't wear Christmas sweaters to our annual Christmas party because it was simply too hot!! We had a great meal with Bob Sweisthal cooking turkey and pulled pork, and everyone else bringing sides and desserts. Then we had our fun game of deciding whether to accept the gift presented or steal one from someone else. The most stolen items were daylilies, a large knife, and bird houses or feeders.



Looks like Sandy Garrett lured hubby Loris to stand under the mistletoe at the club Christmas Party

Our new Officers were installed. They are:

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



Officers: Becki Spearman, Bob Sweisthal, Bobbie Ware, Karen Giese, Paul Eskine, and Marti Zuber

Daylilies of the Southwest-Newsletter of ADS Region 6

January rolled around, and it finally got cooler, and then downright cold! Since we were recovering from Christmas and not in the mood to garden outside, we had an interesting program from our Master Gardener member, Michael Mayfield, on how to grow plants indoors in large soft drink Styrofoam cups and aluminum pans with soaker cords to provide the right amount of water with much less effort. They take up less space in the greenhouse or indoors and help seeds or plants get off to an advantageous start. They can also be transplanted outside later with very little disturbance of the soil!



Mike Mayfield presents January program

February brought changing weather, and we actually had several perfect days for getting our daylily beds in shape and replanted, and then we got a really great rain to get the daylilies growing. I saw a few aphids, and while we were driving, I told my husband about them, when, what seemed like right on cue, a ladybug appeared on the inside windshield. As I pointed it out, another one flew from the back seat! At the next stop sign, we opened the windows and let them fly out, directly into the flowers in the esplanade!! We weren't planning to go home for several hours, and didn't want them to suffocate in the car!



At our February Lone Star Daylily Society meeting, we welcomed Jeff from Wild Birds, and he gave a presentation about Bluebirds. He brought many items from his store, and we got to shop and see all the latest and greatest things he has for birding (both hosting and watching)!!





Jeff Glattly from Wild Birds Unlimited gives an informative presentation on attracting Eastern Blue Birds and Purple Martins

On the business side, we have been planning our Spring Plant Sale to be held on April 11, 2026, in

Pearland, Texas, at the Ace Hardware business on Hwy. 35 and Orange Street. On May 2, 2026, we will hold our annual Flower Show and Flower Sale at the Alvin Senior Center on Sealy Street in Alvin, Texas. We discussed ways we could help with the Region 6 Fall Symposium and Meeting. And, of course, we talked a lot about daylilies!!!!



Daylily Photos by Mike Peppers



H. 'Alabaster Echos'
(Petit-Goff, 2017)

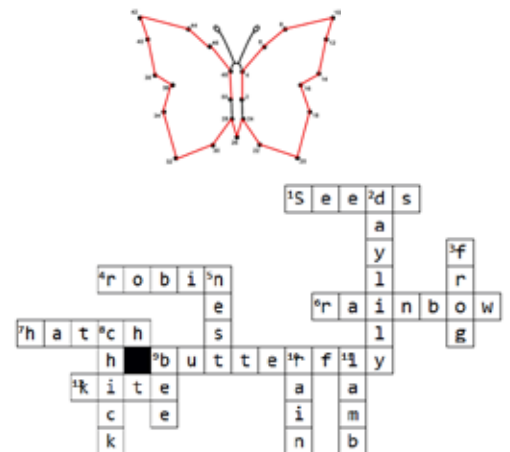
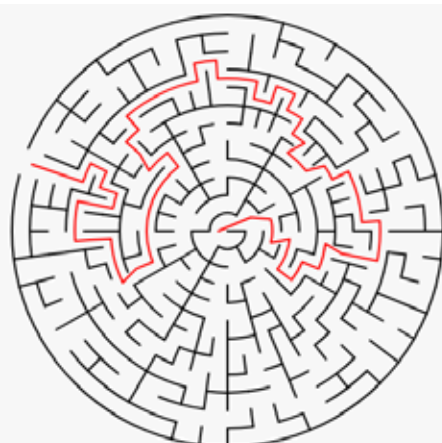
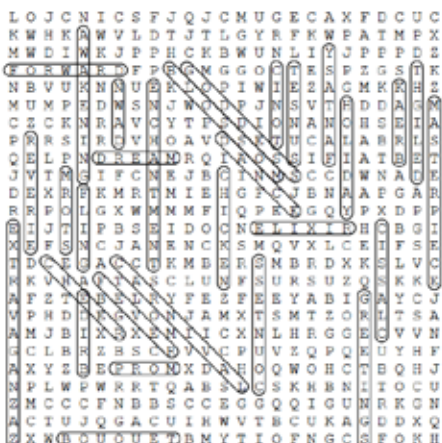


H. 'Bang-a-Lang Street'
(Tanner-G., 2020)



H. 'Free Style'
(Joiner, 1994)

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