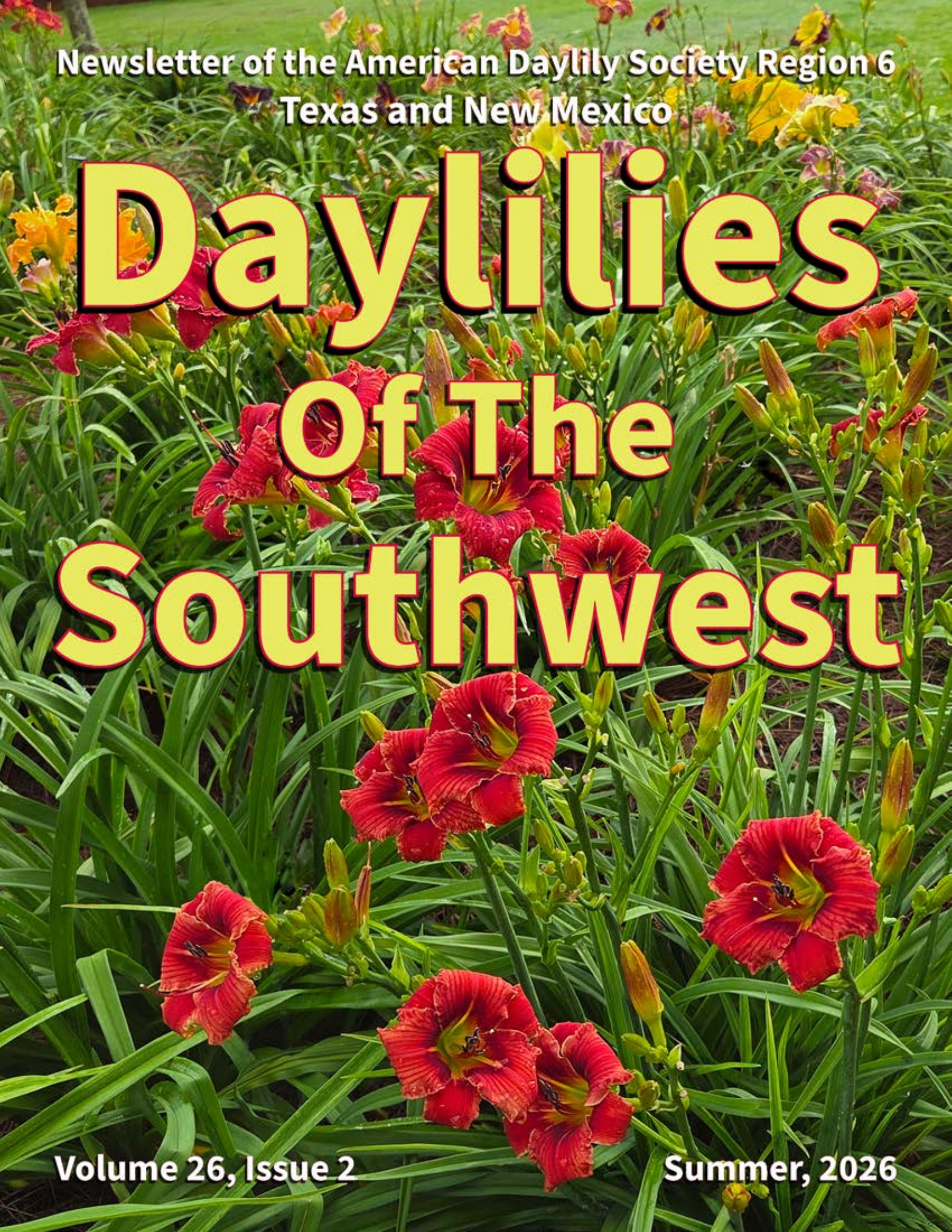




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Back cover photo: *H.* 'Ruby Spider' (Stamile, 1991) by Lynn Little

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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 President

Bonnie J. Nichols

Spring has flown by, and summer is here!

As I write this message, spring bloom season has come and gone, and our Texas summer is settling in. What began with warm February weather quickly became a busy season of grooming, showing, sharing plants, visiting gardens, and enjoying daylilies with friends across the Region.

Our daylilies responded to the early warmth with strong growth, and many gardens moved quickly from scapes to full bloom. Aphids and thrips kept everyone on watch, and timely rain remained on many wish lists. Even with the challenges of Texas weather, Region 6 members have continued to make the most of the season by opening gardens, helping with shows, supporting local sales, and welcoming new daylily friends.

Since spring, I have enjoyed staying connected with our daylily world through club activities, garden visits, plant sales, and conversations with members. Your involvement and enthusiasm truly strengthen our community, and I appreciate all you do to keep our region vibrant.

I also continued traveling for the American Iris Society and enjoyed opportunities to visit with gardening friends in several communities. Whether the conversation is about irises or daylilies, I am reminded again and again that plant people are generous people.

By the time you read this, the 80th National Daylily Convention in Valdosta, GA will be another wonderful memory for those who attended. I hope everyone who made the trip came home with new ideas, new friendships, and perhaps a wish list that is even longer than before.

Please make plans now to attend the ADS Region 6 Meeting hosted by two daylily societies in Texas, Brazosport Daylily Society and the Houston Hemerocallis Society. The meeting will be held on September 19 in Houston. Registration information is included in this newsletter. Your presence will help us share ideas, enjoy fellowship, and strengthen our Region. I hope to see everyone there.

The fall meeting will be a great opportunity to reconnect after bloom season, enjoy fellowship, support our region, and celebrate the clubs and members who keep Region 6 strong. Attending will help you stay connected, learn new ideas, and strengthen our community. I hope you will mark your calendar and join us.

At this point, Region 6 does NOT have a sponsor for our annual 2027 Meeting. If your Society has not sponsored a meeting recently, your support would be greatly appreciated and would make a meaningful difference. Alternatively, we can hold our annual business meeting via Teams or Zoom, but your involvement in sponsorship would truly help us grow.

Happy SUMMER!



Fall Fun with Flowers and Friends Region 6 Meeting - Houston, TX September 19, 7:30 - 4:30

- *Boutique*
- *Club Basket Silent Auction* (benefits Region 6)
- *Guest Speaker - Joe Goudeau*
- *Bingo*
- *Lunch*
- *Region 6 Annual Business Meeting*
- *Live Auction* (benefits Region 6)

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ADS Region 6 Director

Mike Peppers

The pictures, accounts, and posts from May's National Convention in Valdosta were fantastic! It was good to see Region 6 well represented. Although my personal schedule forced me to miss the Convention at the last minute, I participated in the Board of Directors meeting virtually. Our new president, Rich Crider, ran a productive and efficient meeting. The Board heard reports from all the committees and special task forces. The Board approved Atlanta, Georgia, as the site for the 2028 convention. The Board also approved a Vision

Statement for ADS and took various actions to temporarily suspend introduction and cultivar edit fees. There were thoughtful and strategic discussions about membership trends, financial position, and ways to provide further support to our clubs. In the coming months, you will see more information on all of the above items as they are rolled out. I am still relatively new to this role but have been so impressed with the commitment and passion of the ADS leaders. It's an honor to represent all our great Region 6 members.



Region 6 Co-Publicity Chairs Tim Closs and Brant Mauthe



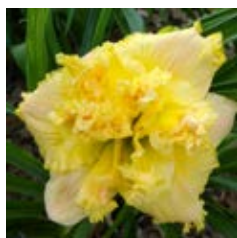
Where did the 2026 bloom season go? This year seemed to fly by exceptionally fast in North Texas. My Lates and Very Lates are finishing up, as is the last of my re-bloom. As we progress to collecting seed pods, watering, and weeding, it's time to cast your vote for which cultivars performed the best for you! As in the past few years, filling out the Region 6 Popularity Poll online Google Form allows us to input the data directly and makes analysis much easier. Here is the Google Form link: <https://forms.gle/PcmraLmF15pdcyEq9>. It was initially posted in the Winter and Spring editions of the *Daylilies of the Southwest*. A paper ballot was in the same issue. You can email your ballot to either of the email addresses listed below. You can always print

a copy and mail it to me at the address listed. Regardless of the method you use, we appreciate you taking the time to vote in the Region 6 Popularity Poll. The cut-off date for submission of your ballots is October 15, 2026. We will have paper ballots and a computer at the Regional meeting in Houston for those who want to vote there. Once again, thank you for supporting the AHS Region 6 Popularity Poll.

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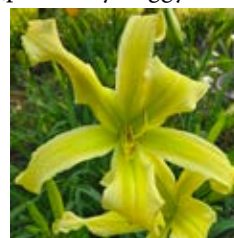
Three From the Popularity Poll ballot (photos by Peggy Cathey)



H. 'Cream and Sugar'
(Trimmer, 2015)



H. 'Simply Karen'
(Joiner-J, 2011)



H. 'Mint Octopus'
(Stamile, 2008)



Newsletter Editor

Peggy Cathey

I extend my sincere appreciation to our officers, club reporters, and all who contributed articles and photographs for the Summer edition of *Daylilies of the Southwest*. This publication reflects the commitment, creativity, and shared enthusiasm of our Region 6 members, and I am grateful for each contribution that helps tell the story of daylilies across the Southwest.

In May, Dan and I attended the 80th Anniversary Convention of the American Daylily Society in Valdosta, Georgia. The convention was thoughtfully organized, enjoyable throughout, and highlighted by outstanding tour gardens. Of the 533 registered attendees, Region 6 was well represented by 35 members, including two Youth members. Eight Region 6 clubs were represented: Albuquerque, Austin, Brazosport, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Johnson County, and Lone Star. We were also pleased to gather most of our Region 6 attendees for a group photograph, providing a meaningful reminder of our Region's strong participation.

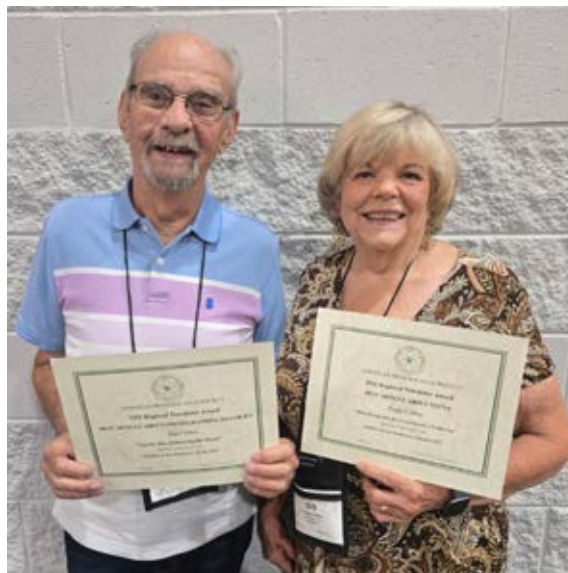
A memorable moment during the Friday evening program was the presentation of the 2026 ADS



Front: Loris, Sandy, Brenda, Eddie Raye, Margo, Bobbie, Don, Carol.
Middle: Milton, Janet, Crystal, Sharon, Peggy, Karen, Dan, Beki.
Back: Marti, Tammy, Larry, Jackson, Jessica, Bill, and Francis

Regional Newsletter Awards. We were delighted when Dan was recognized for Best Article About Photographing Daylilies for "Tips for Blue Ribbon Daylily Photos," published in the Spring 2025 issue of *Daylilies of the Southwest*. I was also honored to receive Best Article About Youth for "Hybridizing

with the Great-Grands, a Follow-up," published in the Summer 2025 issue. These recognitions are a tribute not only to the individual articles, but also to the quality and spirit of our Regional newsletter.



Dan and Peggy Cathey

Dan and I also had the privilege of attending six of the seven Daylily Shows held in our Region this year, and we were honored to judge five of them. It was a pleasure to see so many beautiful daylilies on display and especially encouraging to note the continued improvement in the grooming of entries. Congratulations to everyone whose blooms reached the head table, and to everyone who entered. Thank you to the clubs who welcomed us so graciously. Each show offered not only exceptional flowers, but also the opportunity to reconnect with longtime friends and meet new members of the daylily community.

Here in North Central Texas, we have enjoyed an excellent bloom season. Timely rains encouraged strong growth, and the flowers provided a beautiful and memorable display. As the rains have given way to summer heat and humidity, garden work has become more challenging, yet a few daylilies continue to bloom and reward early-morning visits. I wish each of you a pleasant summer season filled with good gardens, meaningful fellowship, and continued appreciation for the daylilies that bring us together.



Membership Chair

Dan Cathey

Limited-Time ADS Membership Specials

A special invitation for new daylily friends—plus savings for renewing members.

New members can join the American Daylily Society for just \$10 and enjoy a full year of membership! This limited-time offer is available June 1, 2026, through April 30, 2027.

This special is for first-time ADS members only—perfect for anyone who has been curious about daylilies, gardening, or connecting with a friendly community of enthusiasts.

Share the joy of daylilies! This is a wonderful opportunity to grow your local club by pairing the ADS \$10 New Member Special with a club membership. It also makes a thoughtful gift for a gardening friend, neighbor, or family member. New members will discover helpful educational resources, four issues of *The Daylily Journal* annually and a subscription to Region 6's *Daylilies of the Southwest* newsletter.

Special Savings for Returning and Renewing Members

3-Year Membership Special

Purchase a 3-year membership and receive **one additional year free**—four years of ADS membership for the price of three.

Individual Membership: \$84 + 1 FREE Year

Dual Membership: \$99 + 1 FREE Year

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Purchase a 10-year individual membership for \$240 and save \$60.

The 10-year special applies to individual memberships only.

Join or Renew Today! Don't miss these limited-time savings—invite a new member, renew your own membership, or give the gift of ADS.

Quick reminder: The \$10 New Member Special is available only to individuals who have never previously held an ADS membership.

Summer, 2026

Region 6 currently has 319 ADS members.

Welcome to Our New and Returning Members!

A sincere welcome to our 15 newest members: *Kay Anderson, Donna Fernandez, Rosemary Flores, Jay Griggs, Yoana Griggs, Victoria Gutzke, Denise Lafferty, Mary Levebores, Jeffery Morgan, Penney Reed, Suzanne Santillanes, Debi Schultz, Whitney Talbot, Deby Turrentine, and Dallin Woolstenhulme.*

Is it time for you to renew your membership?

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



H. 'Cold Copper' (Salter, 2018)



Exhibition Judges Liaison

Susan Mauthe

The show season is over, but not all of the blooms! I hope everyone can continue to enjoy their blooming season while it lasts! I have enjoyed going to a few different shows and touring a few gardens while visiting the area. It is always great to experience the instant friendships with fellow growers.



H. 'Happy Returns' (Apps-D, 1986)

Congratulations to Carol Theilen, who completed her requirements for a Junior Judge! Welcome to Senior Judge status! We still have a few student judges that we will need to certify before show season next year. With that said, if there are others who would like to become judges, please let me know. The first class, Exhibition Judges Clinic I, is online, so we can see about setting that up. I hope to have an Exhibition Judges Clinic II before the 2027 show season. Most of our student judges are in the Houston/Lone Star area, so we will try to hold a class there. Sorry, there was a miscommunication in the schedule during the National Convention that prevented attendance at Exhibition Judges Clinic II this past May.

For all of my current judges, please let me know what shows you have judged and shown in. I am creating a master list of everything everyone has done. I hope this will help keep track of when judges need to renew, with

dates and places readily available. Expect a call from me in the next couple of months.



H. 'South Seas' (Moldovan, 1993)

Show chairs, since we are trying to certify our student judges before show season, please consider including them in judging your shows next year. I will also reach out to each of you to let you know who they are.



H. 'Along the Chisholm Trail' (Cathey-D, 2025)



Garden Judges Liaison

Amy Howard

Greetings, and I hope you have had a wonderful bloom season so far. Our thoughts go out to those impacted by flooding - we are on fire here in New Mexico, so a season of extremes!

Peggy reports that several classes were held in Texas, with a total of 11 attendees there and at National! Fantastic work, Peggy and Dan; we and ADS appreciate it so much. We have a few new members here in Albuquerque, so we may have to hold another class here as well. Also waiting on recertification options online and will update when we hear as such.

Again, thank you all so much for helping the Garden Judges program thrive! As numbers overall dwindle due to folks' life obligations, the support given is so important. Stay cool, and please get in touch with your local instructors or me with any questions regarding certification status or related matters; we would be glad to help. Happy reblooms to you!



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.

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

Additions to the Region 6 Website:

Link to the 2026 Region 6 Daylily Popularity Poll Ballot

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

Region 6 Fall Meeting & Symposium –
Registration Form & Meeting Schedule

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

Tribute for Gordon Carver - 1941-2026

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





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	Newsletter Ads	120.00
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES		(\$1,638.31)
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Thank you for helping Region 6 continue to inform, inspire, and bring daylily lovers together. Want to learn more about how your support makes a difference? Contact Peggy Cathey at adsregion6.newsletter@gmail.com with any questions.

Remembering Our Daylily Friends

Nancy Hackney

September 26, 1950 - April 23, 2026

Brazosport Daylily Society, Lake Jackson, TX

By Eddie Raye Andrews



Nancy Hackney

9/26/1950 - 4/23/2026

Nancy Hackney was born in Washington, D.C., to Robert and Mary Martha Hackney. She spent her pre-college school years in Virginia and Texas. She graduated from Tulane University with her Bachelor's Degree. After receiving her Master's in Library Science, she embarked on her life's career as a

librarian. Nancy was the Lake Jackson Library Librarian before she retired, and the Brazosport Daylily Society was able to meet in their meeting room free of charge for a number of years because of her. She retired from the Lake Jackson Library ten years ago.

Nancy Hackney joined Brazosport Daylily Society in 1999. She was always a faithful member and served in many officer capacities over the years. She was the

club Secretary and Reporter in 2001-2002. Nancy was in charge of fielding Design Category entrants to fill the required slots for Flower Shows for several years, which was no small task. Later, she presided over the Photo Contest at our annual Flower Show when we added that category, securing photography mats, wooden holders, and judges for it. She also served as first Vice President in 2014 and then President for three years, 2020-2022, during COVID.

Nancy enjoyed traveling, reading, wine club, and growing daylilies. She attended Region 6 Meetings and also ADS National Conventions. Nancy also traveled to attend the 25th anniversary of the England Daylily Society and enjoyed seeing all the beautiful gardens of England, including Prince Charles's garden.

Nancy was the kind of person who every club needs – one willing to serve and be ready when called upon. Nancy was preceded in death by both parents and is survived by her sister, Julie Hackney Moore. She will be deeply missed.

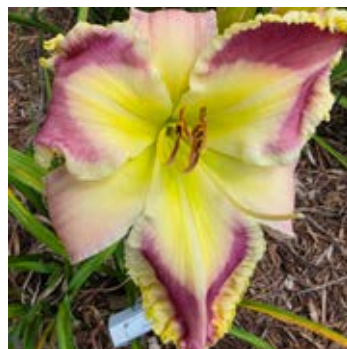
Member's Daylily Photos



H. 'Linda Bell'

(Bell-T, 2011)

Photo by Anita Goodale



H. 'Jade Ovation'

(Pierce-G, 2015)

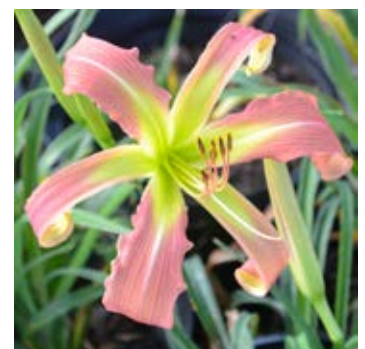
Photo by Larry Bartz



H. 'Wisteria'

(Dekerlegand, 1991)

Photo by Lynn Little



H. 'Pinky Tuscadereo'

(Carpenter-M, 2023)

Photo by Nancy Freshour

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.

☐ Adventures in Oz	☐ Leon's Legacy	☐ Tusawilla Snowdrift
☐ Big Doc	☐ Lil' Black Buds	☐ Victorian Lace
☐ Black Ambrosia	☐ Lillian's Vapor Trail	☐ Walking Stick
☐ Black Friday	☐ Little Lemon Twist	☐ Wild and Free
☐ Born in Texas	☐ Lone Star Big John	Write-ins: (No more than 10)
☐ Breathing in Snowflakes	☐ Lone Star Purple Circle	☐
☐ California Sunshine	☐ Lone Star Red Stallion	☐
☐ Colonel Jim Scheurich	☐ Lone Star Wagon Wheel	☐
☐ Cool Composure	☐ Mayor of Munchkinland	☐
☐ Cream and Sugar	☐ Mint Octopus	☐
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☐ Guadalajara	☐ Rose F. Kennedy	☐ Brazosport Daylily Society
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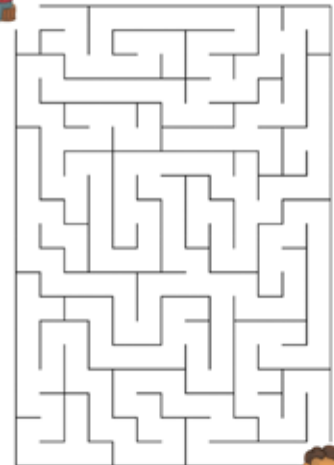
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9. dawn 10. days 11. dragon 12. dress 13. fiesta 14. fireworks 15. fun
16. glow 17. happiness 18. heatwave 19. holiday 20. lemonade 21. lightning
22. nights 23. picnic 24. rainbow 25. shower 26. sizzle 27. solstice 28. sunburn
29. tan 30. tanager

Mmm, S'mores!

Toast marshmallows to make s'mores.



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Beach Scavenger Hunt



LOOK SEARCH & FIND

Can you find ?

- ☐ 3 seashells
- ☐ seaweed
- ☐ beach umbrella
- ☐ pebbles
- ☐ sandcastle
- ☐ boat
- ☐ fish

Can you find ?

- ☐ starfish
- ☐ seagulls
- ☐ crab
- ☐ bucket
- ☐ kite
- ☐ float ring
- ☐ ball

Touch

- ☐ sticky
- ☐ smooth
- ☐ rough

Colors

- ☐ blue
- ☐ yellow
- ☐ red



Check the box when you find it!



Total points:



Can you find the hidden pictures?



The *Dirt* on Growing Better Daylilies

By Brant Mauthe

Visits to several gardens this spring and summer have been very rewarding, with beautiful views of flowers in every color imaginable. However, sharing growing tips back and forth has given me ideas for more testing in my garden.

I added Ferrous Sulfate (iron sulfate powder) to my alkaline soil (pH 8.3-8.5) three times last year. I started adding the pastel aqua powder by casting it about with poly-gloved hands mid-July to November. I added more when my white chalk rock soil stopped



Seedling that grew more vigorously with brighter red blooms and taller scapes after adding iron sulfate.



I bought this 5 years ago as *H. 'Sublime Splendor'*, which it is not. It has only bloomed twice in the last 5 years. It was always weak with poor color and small blooms until I adjusted the soil. Now it blooms and repeats with this beautiful color combination.

looking orange from the iron stain. This spring my pH was still a little high, but my daylilies did not show any of the pale green leaves and short scapes that many have told me are caused by freeze damage. We had lots of warm weather before and after a late, hard freeze, but I did not experience poor growth or discolored foliage like in the last three years. Even more surprising was the renewed intensity of our red, orange,

pink, and purple daylilies. They looked like the catalogs for the first time ever!

Visiting our members' gardens and hearing their tales of helping their flowers and plants grow with compost and 'other nutrients made me take notice. The more they altered and added, all the way

up to replacing the rocks or soil outright, the better the results (replacing my soil outright in one bed caused soil drying in under 24 hours for the first two years, then it greatly improved as the organics settled and decayed). I am testing how far I can get with the least cost and effort, which takes me back to where I started on this article. The Iron Sulfate was a relatively cheap, quick fix. I tried adding compost and alfalfa pellets to the soil in the past but hated the weeds that came with it. This fall, I will try additional additives, like the ones Debra De La Torre of Albuquerque gave me. There are things we can do to make a difference. I am convinced some of these "hacks" will help us do better at show time as well. If you have a soil recommendation, let me know, and I will test it and report back to everyone.



Anasazi soil amendments brought back from New Mexico

I want to be able to give better recommendations to friends and plant sale buyers who don't know what to do with the daylilies they receive. Great bloom results should have a greater impact on folks wanting to

join the clubs, too. Happy gardening to you, and let me know what works!



H. 'Lily Farm Pinky Tuscadero' (Carpenter-M. 2023) is in its third year and has the most vigorous growth plus the darkest pink yet

No-Mess, Squirrel-Smart, Super-Secret Potting Soil Mix

By Brant Mauthe

My *Super-Secret* Potting Soil mix recipe:

- 5 gal. Base Potting Soil, Topsoil, or Peat Moss
- 2 gal. Sand
- 2-3 gal. Of Perlite or Vermiculite
- 2 c. Bloodmeal (keeps squirrels out for months!)
- 2 c. Bonemeal or 3 c. General Organic Fertilizer (example: 2-5-3 or 4-4-4)
- Detergent (cheap shampoo) as a re-wetting agent
- Spray water heavily over everything to keep down the dust and help with later wetting.
- Small Pebbles or Decomposed Granite if a heavier, faster drying soil is needed
- *1-2 gal. Compost (if available). Anything you can age for a year helps keep down weeds
- *Add 1-2 Tbl. Iron Sulfate if more acidic soil is needed.



Add all ingredients in container or tub large enough for mixing (concrete mixing tote pictured)

Tim Closs taught me that a concrete mixing tote is great for numerous plant-moving and planting applications. Here, I use it for mixing potting soil. It is also great for planting and transplanting potted plants, so that soil does not spill onto unwanted surfaces. Just set the pot in the middle of the mix and fill it with the surrounding soil. Anything spilled is back in the available potting soil below.

**Add "Extra" ingredients (organic fertilizers) x4 if refreshing pots with existing plants. I use this with

my Plumerias and Desert Rose plants. Drill a 1" or larger hole every 4-6" around the plant radius and pack it with this special refresh mix.



MIXING

- Wet mix first!
- Pail or Basin (Concrete Mixing Tub)
- Auger, Spade or Shovel
- **WET MIX FIRST!**

EXTRA INGREDIENTS

- Organic General Fertilizer
- Blood Meal & Bone Meal
- Iron Sulfate
- Slow Release Pellets-Osmacote®
- Wettable Fertilizer - Miracle Grow®/ Peter's®
- Organic Juices?
- Mild Detergent - Shampoo
- Bleach? Cleaning/ Sterilizing





Come Join Us!

“Fall Fun with Flowers and Friends”

September 19, 2026

Region 6 Meeting – Houston, TX

In addition to the required business meeting, we have planned a fun and informative event!

- **Grab a cup of coffee and snack and settle in for a fun day with daylily friends, both old and new.**
- **Joe Goudeau, hybridizer from Louisiana and ADS Region 13 Director, is our keynote speaker.**
- **Meeting participants can win plants during the daylily Bingo session.**
- **A delicious catered luncheon will be provided.**
- **The required Region 6 Business Meeting brings everyone up-to-date.**
- **Silent auction baskets donated by Region 6 Clubs provide fundraising for the Region.**
- **Separate boutique rooms will house additional silent auction items to support the host clubs, as well as plants for sale to help defray costs.**
- **Of course, the big fundraiser for our Region will take place as the Annual Live Auction! This auction helps provide much-needed funding for our spectacular, award-winning Region 6 newsletter, Daylilies of the Southwest, as well as funding for training sessions and other Region 6 needs.**
- **Come to bid high and fast to support our Region and come away with beautiful plants for your garden.**



2026 Region 6 Meeting Schedule

Friday, September 18, 2026

2:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	Set-up Rooms by Club Members	Church Hall
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Saturday, September 19, 2026

7:30 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	Registration, Coffee, Snacks	Church Hall
8:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	Boutique, Raffle Baskets	Class Room Boutiques
9:00 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	Welcome / Review Program and Locations	Church Hall
9:15 a.m.	10:15 a.m.	Keynote Speaker: Joe Goudeau	Church Hall
10:15 a.m.	10:35 a.m.	20 minute Break	Check-out Boutiques
10:35 a.m.	11:35 a.m.	Bingo	Church Hall
11:35 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	15 minute Break	Check-out Boutiques
11:50 a.m.	1:00 p.m.	Lunch	Church Hall
12:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	Region 6 Business Meeting	Church Hall
1:00 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	20 minute Break	Check-out Boutiques
1:20 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	Region 6 Live Auction	Church Hall
3:45 p.m.	3:45 p.m.	Silent Auction Bids Close	Class Room Botiques
3:45 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	Silent Auction Winners Lists Posted	Class Room Botiques
4:00 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	All Auction Winners Pay	Boutiques & Church Hall
4:00 p.m.	5:30 p.m.	Clean-up and Closure of Facility	All Areas Used



“Fall Fun with Flowers and Friends”

2026 Region 6 Meeting

Saturday, September 19, 2026

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church, 2400 Wilcrest Drive, Houston, TX 77042

Hosted by the Houston Hemerocallis Society and the Brazosport Daylily Society

REGISTRATION FORM

(PDF form may be found on Region 6 website-http://ahsregion6.com/regional_meeting-2026.htm)

Please print name(s) as you would like them to appear on your badge(s)

Name: _____

Additional name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Local Daylily Club: _____

Registration fee: \$50 per person Youth registration: Free

☐ **\$50.00 (qty: ____) Please make check payable to: Brazosport Daylily Society**

Enclosed: \$ _____

Mail to: Eddie Raye Andrews (Registrar)

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Hotel Reservations: Holiday Inn Express and Suites, 113603 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77077, Phone: 832-617-8048, Code: **Region 6**. Group Room Rate is \$89 per night for King and \$94 for Double Queen, plus taxes & fees. Free Breakfast included. Rooms are limited, so make your reservations early. Reservations must be made by September 1, 2026.

Blooms, Beauty, and Big Inspiration at the 2026 ADS National Convention in Georgia

By Eddie Raye Andrews

The 2026 ADS National was one outstanding convention. The six gardens that were seen were spectacular. All but two of them were big-sale gardens overflowing with incredible blooms. The Wnek Garden was a large home garden with the backyard completely in daylilies and other flowers. There was a building in the back that housed Jean's wonderful collections of various items. A place where you walked back in time. Sitting on the back porch, you had the most wonderful view of the garden.



H. 'Blackberry Blush'
(Richardson-D, 2025)

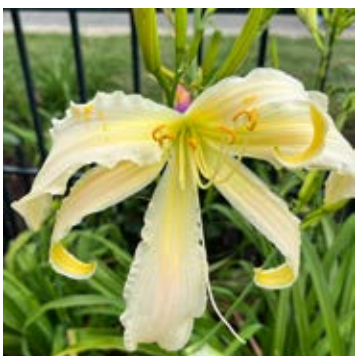


H. 'Nature's Strawberry Prism'
(Menges Story, 2011)

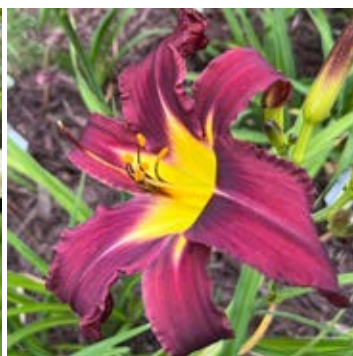
I guess the garden that stood out to me was the small yard called **Gardens on Gordon** in Adel, Georgia. The owners were Jamie Cook & Jay Funderburke. The town was designated a daylily town, but there were no gardens. In three years, Jamie & Jay built their yard filled with daylilies and other plants. It was appealing to all of us who have small yards to see what can be accomplished with our favorite flower and others.



Jamie Cook and
Jay Funderburke



H. 'Angel Tree'
(Gossard-J, 2020)



H. 'Myrtle's Black Mink'
(Stewart-JP, 2018)



Other Worldly Wonders

By Marti Zuber

It was the latter part of May, that divine time for daylilies in Valdosta, Georgia, when the ADS National Convention became our pilgrimage place for the year.



daylily garden of Eden to which we journeyed.

And always, there were the great conversations and the gathering of friends: the sharing of tips and treasures, the secrets of gardening success, and the friends and flowers that both draw us together and bring us back.



Jessica Walsh & Jackson Guerra participate in the Hat Contest

Of course, there might have been a broken-down bus or a scheduling blip, but whoever expected heaven on earth? Certainly not we mere mortals, nor happy *Hemerocallis* humans!

Then came the gardens themselves, divine as Dante's levels of heaven, if you ask me. And even if you didn't, each garden provoked an "awe" or three, presenting a new view, a novel panorama, and a refreshing glimpse of heaven on earth.



Making such a journey does the soul good, one might say, especially if you and daylilies are lifelong partners.

The pilgrims gathered from all parts of the USA, and some parts of England, until right around 500 of us had arrived. Indeed, horticulturally speaking, it was a religious experience for each and all.

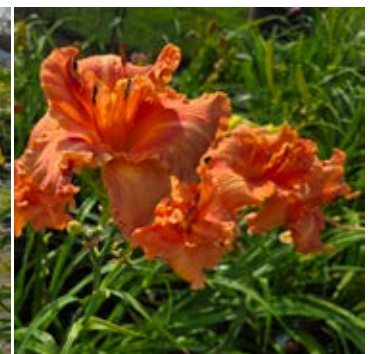


Before we ever reached the gardens, the convention offered its own abundance: workshops, boutiques, raffles both silent and raucous, banquets, awards, hat contests, meetings, and more. All these combined to create the

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Wnek Garden, Tifton, GA

Henry and Jean Wnek



Bell's Daylily Garden, Sycamore, GA

Tim and Linda Bell



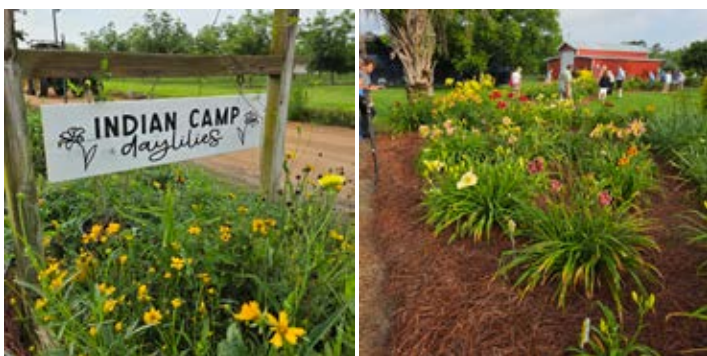
Wynn's Daylily Garden, Jasper, FL

Gene and Mary Wynn



Indian Camp Daylilies, Nashville, GA

Dave and Regina Richardson



Kathy's Daylilies, Moultrie, GA

Kathy and Bruce Fowler



Now I know we all can't go every year, but a trip or two to the ADS National Convention is food for the soul, as the saying goes.

And if Valdosta was our Mecca this year, Virginia Beach, Virginia, might just be the eternal city in 2027. Let's spread our wings and head East next year!

Region 6 Welcomes 10 New ADS Garden Judges

By Peggy Cathey

There is exciting news to share from Region 6: we are pleased to welcome 10 new Garden Judges this year. Dan and I had the privilege of conducting two Garden Judges Workshop 2 classes, offering members in both South and North Texas the opportunity to continue developing their judging skills and move closer to official appointment. The first workshop was held for our South Texas members in the beautiful gardens of Loris and Sandy Garrett in Lake Jackson, Texas. Participants included Larry Bartz, Marti Zuber, Milton Pierson, and Hershel and Carol Theilen. A month later, on April 26, we hosted the North Texas class in our garden in Covington, Texas, with Gailmae

Suite, Desiree Thomas, and Robert and Melissa Peugh in attendance. Susan Bulkeley completed Workshop 1 and Workshop 2 during the National Convention in Valdosta, Georgia. We hope all have submitted their applications for appointment as ADS Garden Judges so they can vote on this year's official ballot. Congratulations and best wishes to all of our new judges. Region 6 is fortunate to have your knowledge, enthusiasm, and love of daylilies contributing to the future of our gardens and our organization. Here's hoping your Stout Medal Winner pick comes out on top!



Larry Bartz, Marti Zuber, Hershel Theilen, Carol Theilen, and Milton Pierson



Gailmae Suite, Desiree Thomas, Robert Peugh, and Melissa Peugh



Susan Bulkeley

More Photos Submitted by Our Members



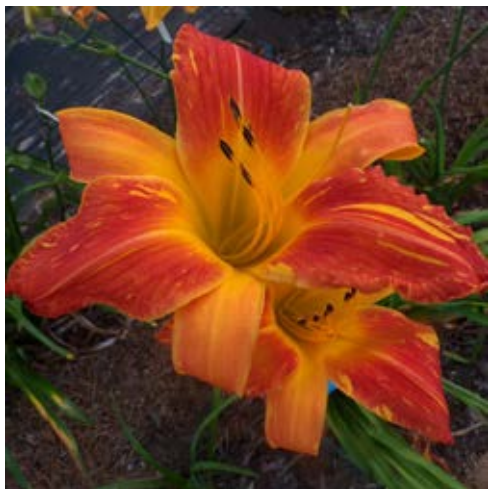
H. 'Wyoming Wildfire' (Salter, 2000)
photo by Melissa Peugh



H. 'Marked by Lydia' (Temple, 1994)
photo by Lynn Little



H. 'Dragon Knife' (Smith-FR, 2008)
photo by Nancy Freshour



H. 'Explosion in the Orange Grove' (Kendig, 2022)
photo by Sandy Perkins

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H. 'Linda Long' (Long-K, 2023)
photo by Melissa Peugh



H. 'Lillian's Eye Am On Fire' (Manning, 2019)
photo by Peggy Cathey



H. 'Orange Velvet' (Joiner, 1988)
photo by Larry Bartz



H. 'Daniel's Light' (Pierce-G, 2022)
photo by Dan Cathey



Unknown
photo by Muff Fregia



H. 'Fried Rice' (Hansen-D., 2013)
photo by Nancy Freshour



H. 'Double Pink Flamingo' (Gossard-D, 2016)
photo by Lynn Little



H. 'Rolling Oaks Star Girl' (Cline, 2021)
photo by Peggy Cathey



H. 'Black Velvet Baby' (Kinnebrew-J., 2007)
photo by Melissa Peugh



H. 'Dauntless' (Stout, 1936)
photo by Nancy Freshour



H. 'Ireland Precious Suite' (Cathey-D, 2026)
photo by Gailmae Suite



H. 'Blue Satin Sashes' (McKemie-Perkins, 2014)
photo by Sandy Perkins

Having our own local hybridizer in the North Texas area of Region 6, is wonderful. At the Fort Worth Iris and Daylily show in May, this daylily, hybridized by Dan Cathey, won the "Best Troublemaker" local award. GS

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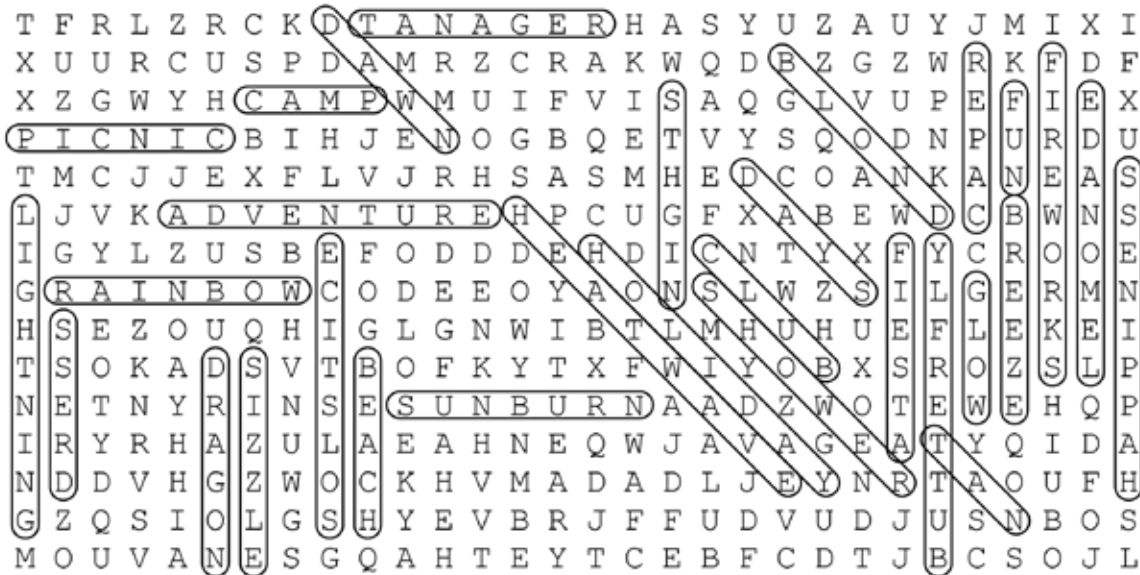
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Unfortunately, there was no Report from the Austin Daylily Society for this issue.

Youth Page Puzzle Solutions

(from pg. 13)



Extra bonus points for whoever finds the cookie or whatever it is circled in red. I couldn't find it.



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Albuquerque Daylily Society

Amy Howard, Club Reporter
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Albuquerque, NM

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Still shedding adrenaline from our busy show weekend and sharing the flush of success with all the Albuquerque Daylily Society members! We had a lovely time welcoming Tim Closs and Susan and Brant Mauthe from Texas to help judge Horticulture this year as a single panel- they were confident they could handle it after several judges could not make it this year, and that they did! Their matching tie-dye was also a big hit:



Judges Tim Closs, Brant and Susan Mauthe

As always, big thanks to all of our committee chairs and everyone who helped them: Barbara Shapiro for chairing the sale; Debi Harrington for the Design schedule, finding judges, and briefing Clerks; Evelyn Christy for membership efforts - (Seven new members signed up at the show!); Margo Murdock for Classification help; Stephen Christy for getting his steps in with Placement; Julie Rohr for efficient Tabulation; Debra De La Torre for helping facilitate Judges' stays; and Carla Chirigos for a quite effective Publicity campaign that brought in many more attendees than usual. She facilitated a quarterly per-hour potted daylily raffle that kept visitors around and interested. Newspaper submissions brought a majority of our visitors- print is not dead!

And now, the winners! We had a slightly smaller

show this year, with 71 scapes (of which 27 received purple ribbons), 10 designs, and 8 photographs. Congratulations to all the winners!

Section I - Extra Large Flower: Barbara Shapiro with *H. 'Greywoods Lofty Lizzie'* (Wilkinson, 2000)

Section II- Large Flower: Debra De La Torre with *H. 'Elizabeth Salter'* (Salter, 1990)

Section III- Small Flower: Margo Murdock with *H. 'Dietmar's Wisdom'* (Elliott, D., 2016)

Section IV - Miniature Flower: Margo Murdock with *H. 'Kid In The Candy Store'* (Herrington, T., 2013)

Section V- Double, Polymerous, Multiform Flower: Margo Murdock with *H. 'Vanilla Fluff'* (Joiner, 1988)

Section VI- Spider Flower: Alyssa Kolski with *H. 'Scarlett's Web'* (Reed, 1995)

Section VII - Unusual Form Flower: Margo Murdock with *H. 'Dizzy Miss Lizzy'* (Wilkerson, 2003)



H. 'Kid In The Candy Store' Best In Show

Best Photograph: Carla Chirigos

Horticultural Sweepstakes: Margo Murdock

Design Sweepstakes: Candy Scott

Local Tricolor and Designer's Choice: Debi Harrington

Best In Show: Margo Murdock with *H. 'Kid In The Candy Store'* (Herrington, T., 2013)

This show was dedicated to Curtis Montgomery- his absence was definitely felt.

We reviewed the Exhibition Guidebook, as we require 4 designs to be entered in each class to be eligible for the Tricolor and Designer's Choice awards in our schedule. Since that stipulation is not mentioned in the AHS handbook, we will be striking it from the schedule starting in 2027. Our designers do excellent work and deserve recognition.



2026 Head Table - Barbara Shapiro, Debra De La Torre, Margo Murdock, Alyssa Kolski, Carla Chirigos



Best Local Tricolor
and Designer's Choice
Design
by Debi Harrington

We also had our member garden tours recently, as well as the Kathryn Neely bed featured with the Albuquerque Garden Center plantings on this year's Parade of Gardens, put on by the Council of Albuquerque Garden Clubs. Margo helped with educational efforts there, and Barbara gave a talk on daylilies for Council's monthly Gardening U program this May!



Daylily Show tables



Membership and Information table



Barbara Shapiro at Sale tables



Kathryn Neely Garden

Upcoming, we have our annual Member Elite Sale with cultivars from Woodhenge Gardens this August, Heidi Douglas giving a talk on Zoom, and our end-of-season potluck and slideshow of garden favorites and National Convention memories. We can't believe how fast the season is going!

Wishing all our Texas friends the best in all things.

Brazosport Daylily Society

Debbie Bradford and Eddie Raye Andrews, Club Reporters,

Photos by Nancy Freshour

Lake Jackson, TX

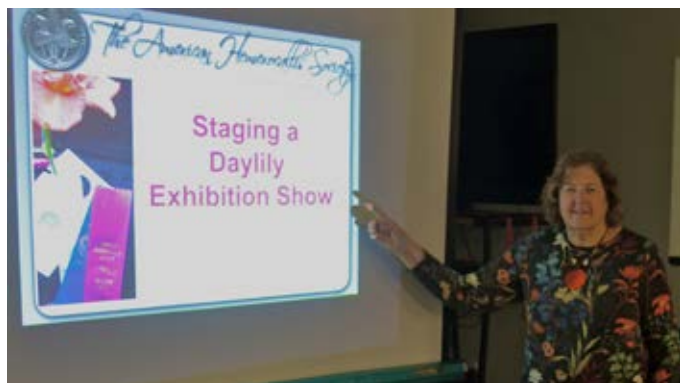


75% Membership in ADS

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The Brazosport Daylily Society has enjoyed an active and colorful spring season, filled with practical learning, generous member participation, and plenty of inspiration for every daylily enthusiast.

In March, Nancy Freshour presented an informative program, *Staging a Daylily Exhibition Show*, to help members prepare for our April Flower Show. Her presentation offered timely guidance on planning entries, presenting blooms attractively, and understanding what makes an exhibition show both educational and enjoyable for visitors.



Nancy Freshour presents March Program

Our Flower Show and Sale, held April 25, 2026, at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Lake Jackson, was a great success. Members donated a wonderful assortment of daylilies and other garden plants from their own gardens, and most of the plants were sold. As a special gesture of appreciation, each judge was



Senior Judge Dan Cathey mentors Junior Judge Carol Theilen during our show



Sale offered a wide variety of daylilies and other plants invited to choose a plant from the sale table. The event was a beautiful example of the Society's spirit of hospitality, teamwork, and love of gardening.

Because Mother's Day fell on our regular May meeting date, the Society did not meet in May, allowing members time to celebrate with family and enjoy their own spring gardens.

In June, Eddie Raye Andrews brought the season to life with a wonderful slideshow presentation about attending the 2026 ADS National Convention in Valdosta, Georgia. The featured gardens looked outstanding, and the daylilies were truly spectacular. Her program gave members a vivid look at the beauty, variety, and fellowship that make national daylily gatherings so memorable.



Eddie Raye Andrews presents recap of ADS National Convention

Brazosport Daylily Show

By Robert Sweisthal, Show Chair

The Brazosport Daylily Society's 2026 Daylily Show was held on April 25th at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Lake Jackson, TX. As the 2026 Flower Show Chair, I would like to extend a big Texas Thank You to our judges, Dan and Peggy Cathey and Carol Theilen. Also, to each of our club members who assisted in all areas to make the show a big success! This being my first year as Flower Show Chair, I

would also like to extend my appreciation to Nancy Freshour for coaching me in the duties of the Role. We had 80 on-scape entries and awarded 37 blue and 33 purple ribbons. We also held a very successful plant sale at the same time. Members spent prior months potting and caring for the daylily plants until sale time.

The following are the results of the Flower Show

Section	Cultivar/Seedling	Exhibitor
1. Extra Large	<i>H. 'Larry Allen Miller'</i>	Nancy Freshour
2. Large	<i>H. 'Heaven's First Hug'</i>	Paul Eskine
3. Small	<i>H. 'Silver Run'</i>	Nancy Freshour
4. Miniature	<i>H. 'M.E. Girl'</i>	Gladys Hanselman
5. Double/Multiform/Polymerous	<i>H. 'Aly Marie'</i>	Paul Eskine
6. Spider	<i>H. 'Free Wheelin'</i>	Nancy Freshour
8. Unusual Form	<i>H. 'Coit Tower'</i>	Nancy Freshour
10. Seedling	Seedling #709-1	Robert Sweisthal
Best in Show	<i>H. 'Heaven's First Hug'</i>	Paul Eskine
Sweepstakes Award	Most Blue Ribbons	Paul Eskine



H. 'Larry Allen Miller'



H. 'Heaven's First Hug'



H. 'Silver Run'



H. 'M.E. Girl'



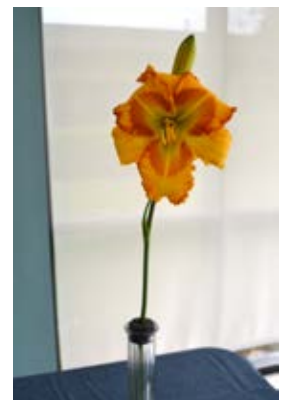
H. 'Aly Marie'



H. 'Free Wheelin'



H. 'Coit Tower'



Seedling #709-1

Cypress Creek Daylily Club

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The long wait for the daylily season finally came to an end. There were so many lovely early blooms in members' gardens that we simply had to share the photos.



H. 'Comanche Chief'
(Mrs. William R. (Mabel) Gates, 1963)
photo by Whitney Talbot



H. 'Fat and Sassy'
(MacMillan, 1996)
photo by Whitney Talbot



H. 'Sir Galihad'
(Kirchhoff, 1985)
photo by Whitney Talbot



H. 'Beauty of the King'
(Carpenter-J, 2004)
from the Matchett garden



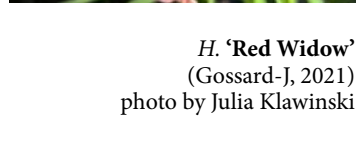
H. 'Angel Armies'
(Bell-T, 2013)
from the Matchett garden



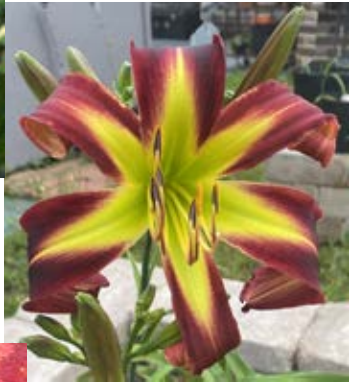
H. 'I Luv Lucy'
(Wilkerson, 2008)
photo by Sherry Dunlap



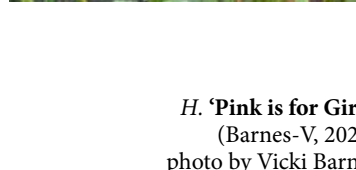
H. 'Double Lavender Love'
(Glidden, Anna Rosa, 1985)



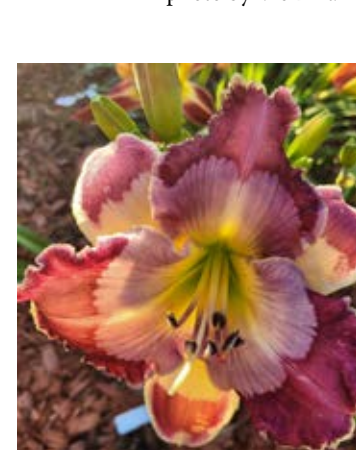
H. 'Red Widow'
(Gossard-J, 2021)
photo by Julia Klawinski



H. 'Rosy the Riveter'
(Salter, 2020)
photo by Amelia Cardona



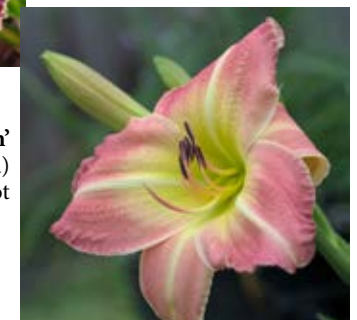
H. 'Pink is for Girls'
(Barnes-V, 2024)
photo by Vicki Barnes



H. 'Pink Tizrah'
(not registered)
photo by Whitney Talbot



H. 'Spacecoast No Drone Zone'
(Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2025)
photo by Judy Monts



“Can you believe I’m still hybridizing at my age?” So said Mary Gage, founding member of our club and creator of a new daylily. The seedling combines the best features of her prior registration, *H. ‘Color Me Happy’* (Gage-M, 2000) and *H. ‘Brisé’*, (Elliott-S, 2012). Congratulations Mary! Your love of daylilies shines as we admire the beauty of your hybrids.



Mary Gage’s new seedling



H. ‘Color Me Happy’

H. ‘Brisé’ photo by Scott Elliott

The theme was red, white and blue at Clarence Matchett’s birthday party held at his home on May 30th. Club members, friends and the Matchett family all gathered for lunch, a cake with candles, and a tour of the “Matchless” daylily garden.

Clarence Matchett makes a wish before blowing out his birthday candles



We were excited to welcome Marilyn Harbich back to our group after she was away for more than a year. She was all smiles and dressed in red, white, and blue that just happened to match our patriotic party theme.



Marilyn Harbich with Texas patriotic centerpiece

We are happy to welcome our newest member, Whitney Talbot. Whitney is a talented daylily photographer. His photos seem to capture the very essence and soft glow of a daylily bloom.



New member Whitney Talbot

As warmer temperatures arrive, remember to vote in the Region 6 Popularity Poll. We wish all a wonderful summer and many beautiful reblooms.

Daylily Growers of Dallas

Susan Bulkeley, Club Reporter
Dallas, TX

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Summer has arrived with temperatures in the 90's. We can expect it only to get hotter here in North Texas. But what a spring we had.

Malcolm Avaritt and Brant Mauthe presented our March program. Malcolm described how a cultivar receives awards from the American Daylily Society. Brant discussed our Region 6 popularity poll, which he and Tim Closs manage. We all agreed that a beautiful bloom is nice, but a vigorous plant that does well in our summer heat is more important. My big disappointment this year is probably 10% of my daylilies did not bloom. Why? Our short warm winter may have been a factor, but I don't know. *H. 'Along the Chisholm Trail'* bloomed well, a gift for attending the Regional 6 fall 2025 meeting. Thank you, Dan Cathey, for your hybrid.



April was our annual plant sale at North Haven Gardens.

Michael and I traveled to Valdosta, Georgia, for the National Daylily Convention, May 20-24. I took Garden Judges Workshop 2 at Bruce and Kathy Fowler's Garden, which was a special bonus for me to have two days there. My only complaint about the convention was that there was not enough time in the gardens. Six gardens in two days, and Tim Bell's Garden is a wonder. I have bought daylilies from

him for years and could have spent all day there. Bruce and Kathy Fowler's garden was special for me because they grow many of Guy Pierce's hybrids. Seeing his flowers blooming well in the ground was a treat. Did I say mine struggle a bit here? Speaking of plants, we came home from the National with 12; 9 were free! Just another reason to attend. Mark and Patty Franklin were our bus captains, and 7 of the plants came from them. Patty and Mark will be the Convention Chairs for the 2028 National Daylily Convention in Atlanta.

In May, Tim Closs discussed preparing our blossoms for the show. He has a special tool kit for just this purpose. Following the meeting, we met at Susan and Brant Mauthe's house to tour their gardens. Brant has developed the strip between the sidewalk and the street and between the sidewalk and his fence on the east side of their house, filling this space with daylilies and companion plants. Many pass by to view his beautiful flowers. The backyard has a large swimming pool with more daylilies in the ground and in pots. The area on the west side of the driveway has a grape arbor, berry bushes, and more daylilies. Brant is a hybridizer, so his little ones are in the garage under lights. His driveway has his plumeria collection. So, yes, a trip to the Mauthe's is an adventure in what grows well in our area.



The Daylily Growers of Dallas had their flower show on Friday, May 29, with 111 beauties, brought by nine exhibitors. The Best of Show was won by Malcolm Avaritt with his Small flower entry of *H. 'Lime Tree Delight'*. Malcolm also won Best Unusual Form with *H. 'Banana Smoothie'*. Bonnie & Hooker won Best Extra Large with *H. 'Lemon Madeline'*, and Best Large with *H. 'Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis'*. Tim Closs received the Best Spider award with his entry of *H. 'Percival'*. Brant and Susan Mauthe won Best Miniature with *H. 'Boo Boo Giggles'*, Best Double with *H. 'Little Party Girl'*, Best Seedling, and Sweepstakes. Brant and Susan's grandson was proud to show off his purple ribbon for his first Youth entry *H. 'Doubly Bubbly'*.



Judges: Peggy Cathey, Patricia Kyser, Dan Cathey, and judge Judith Kyser Coghlan acting as clerk

Thank you to our wonderful judges, Peggy Cathey, Patricia Kyser, and Dan Cathey, with judge Judith Kyser Coghlan clerking. On May 30, the Fort Worth Iris and Daylily Society had their show with 117 blossoms. I enjoyed the shows back-to-back.

I have a few daylilies blooming this late. Some on scapes that didn't bloom earlier, and even a few blooming for the first time this year. Probably because we have had so much rain. I have bought several Stout award winners recently. I am excited, *H. 'Explosion in The Paint Factory'* has a scape.



'Lemon Madeline'



'Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis'



'Lime Tree Delight'



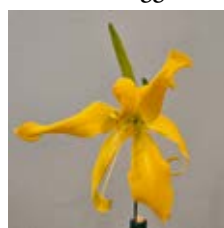
'Boo Boo Giggles'



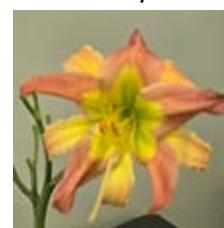
'Little Party Girl'



'Percival'



'Banana Smoothie'



'Best Seedling'



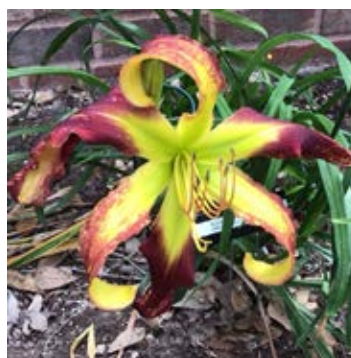
Emery with 'Doubly Bubbly'



H. 'Dallas Big City Lights'



H. 'Billy Douglas'



H. 'Along the Chisholm Trail'



H. 'Bluebird's Buddy'



DGD does not meet in the summer.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall Region 6 meeting in Houston on September 19 at the Christ the Servant Lutheran Church.

Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society

Desiree Thomas, Club Reporter
Melissa Peugh, Photographer
Fort Worth, TX



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The Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society has been flourishing this spring, a reflection of our collective efforts. Our workdays at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, cleaning up the iris beds and creating the new Daylily bed, have been productive. Kenneth Long has donated many of the daylilies to get the bed started. This will draw more attention to daylilies, showcase our society's growth, and raise public awareness of these beautiful flowers.



members gathered at Iris Hill (Happy & Gordon's gardens) and worked in the flower beds to rid them of the weed takeover. It was great to see the club pull together to help each other! We had a great day, and we all loved Stephanie Meyer's chicken salad.

We also had a hands-on Iris Hybridizing class. It was held in the iris beds at the Botanic Gardens, and we had pretty good success with getting some seed pods. We are hoping to do it again next year in both the Iris and Daylily beds. By next year, our Daylily bed will be established enough for some hybridizing.

April was all about our Iris Show. Then, at the May meeting, member Jeremy Baker gave us great instructions on how to groom our daylilies for our Daylily Show. More about that below. Tammi Clark was our guest speaker for the June meeting and provided information about several iris hybridizers that many of us purchase from.

Our Daylily show on May 30th was a vibrant celebration of daylily colors, forms, and sizes. We had a total of 124 entries, each one a unique beauty. The room at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens was a sight to behold. All these daylilies on display were a true reflection of the flowers' beauty and the dedication of the members who brought them.

We had about 75 people in attendance, and many more were thrilled to shop at our plant sale. We were excited to add 3 new members that day. The excitement was palpable as we had over 200 plants to choose from, including a variety of daylilies and irises, as well as several Stout Medal winners. The glory of the daylilies on exhibit increased public interest and led to more plant sales.

We were fortunate to have some amazing judges: Dan and Peggy Cathey and Patricia Kyser. Their expertise and dedication were instrumental in the success of our show, and we are truly grateful for their contribution. They received many compliments on their judging and numerous requests to return and judge again next year, underscoring their invaluable role in our society. We couldn't have done it without them.



Kenneth Long, Bea McGowan, Melissa Peugh, Desiree Thomas, Linda Long, Happy Carver, and Happy's grandson Alex Harding

On April 21st, we lost one of our most cherished members. Gordon Carver was the smiling face of the Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society that anyone who ever met him remembers. His advice, guidance, and willingness to share his experiences will be treasured by all of us. As Happy said, he is singing bass with the Angels now!



April 26th, 16 Fort Worth Iris & Daylily Society

Here is a list of our Best in Section winners:



Extra Large Flower – Kenneth Long with H. **'Mason Jar'** (This one is pretty cool because Kenneth Long is also the Hybridizer for this daylily as well, so it makes the

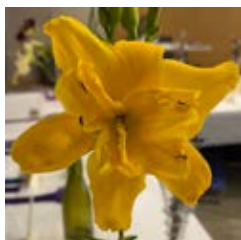
win extra special)

Large Flower – Tim Closs with H. **'Crabby Old Man'**



Small Flower – Vernon Wallis with H. **'Elegant Explosion'**

Miniature Flower – Tim Closs with H. **'Little Dandy'**



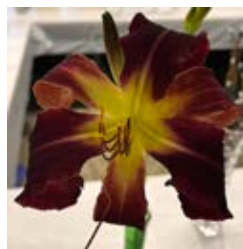
Double Flower – Tim Closs with H. **'Zelda Stout'**

Spider Flower – Tim Closs with H. **'Heavenly Pink Twister'**



Unusual Form – Kenneth & Linda Long with H. **'Heavenly Angel Ice'**

Seedling Flower – Tim Closs



Best Overall Local Award went to Gailmae Suite with her **'Troublemakers'** entry of H. **'Ireland Precious Suite'**



Tim Closs received the SWEEPSTAKES rosette



Best Overall Photograph was Robert & Melissa Peugh with their single bloom titled ***Lilbit of Pink***



We truly appreciate all the help, guidance, and advice we received from so many who shared their experiences and knowledge to help make this show successful. Most importantly, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our Fort Worth Iris and Daylily Society members who pulled together and volunteered to help on the 30th. Our Society has grown to 64 members, and we would not have been able to have such a fantastic show without each of them. You are the heart and soul of our society, and we look forward to continued support and participation in our future events.

Houston Hemerocallis Society

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Houston heat has been quite disrespectful to us and our numerous plants. All of us need to take care of ourselves by practicing heat safety and staying fully hydrated. Let's look out for one another and make sure we're all safe and comfortable during these hot days... Let's set some boundaries on our outdoor adventures! By doing so, we can make each moment spent outside more special and rejuvenating.

HHS club members' meetings are underway. Specific meeting information can be located on the club website www.ofts.com/hhs/.

The 2026-2027 Club officers are as follows:

President – Marti Zuber

1st Vice President – Richard Carlson

2nd Vice President – Katharine Breaux

Treasurer – Gene Childers

Recording Secretary – Pamela Travis

Historian/Archivist/Club Photographer - Bill Jarvis

Club Reporters – Rachelle Lynch and Lezlie Moore

This year's sale and show were nothing short of extraordinary, showcasing a vibrant celebration of horticultural beauty. The captivating theme, "Daylilies of Our Lives," set the stage for a delightful exploration of these stunning blooms. The event took place on Saturday, May 9th, 2026, at the welcoming Gethsemane Lutheran Church, located at 4040 Watonga Blvd, Houston, Texas 77092. HHS members were thrilled to host their third annual daylily show,



Loris and Sandy Garrett win Best of Show with *H. 'Small Gesture'*

where attendees were treated to an array of colorful varieties and engaging activities, all centered around the enchanting world of daylilies. A remarkable total of 153 stunning scapes were showcased in the show, each one more captivating than the last!

Our big winners this year for the show were Loris and Sandy Garrett,

who won Best in Show and Sweepstakes for *H. 'Small Gesture'*, Stamile-G 1997. These two have devoted themselves to cultivating unique varieties of daylilies, highlighting their dedication and hard work.

See below the list of winners for the 2026 HHS daylily show.

Best in Show: *H. 'Small Gesture'*, (Stamile-G 1997), Loris and Sandy Garrett

Extra-large: *H. 'Shock N Awe'*, (Pierce-G, 2019), Loris and Sandy Garrett

Large: *H. 'Spacecoast All Seeing Eye'*, (Kinnebrew-Gossard 2025), Mildred and Paul Eskine

Small: *H. 'Silver Run'*, (Lee 1989), Loris and Sandy Garrett

Miniature: *H. 'Lil' Blackbuds'*, (Begnaud-K 2009) Loris and Sandy Garrett

Double: *H. 'Small Gesture'*, (Stamile-G 1997), Loris and Sandy Garrett

Spider: *H. 'Free Wheelin'*, Stamile 2004), Loris and Sandy Garrett

Unusual Form: *H. 'Gulf Coast Free Style'*, (Crainer-E 2013), Loris and Sandy Garrett

Seedling: Hershhal Theilen

Photography: 42 entries

The flower sale blossomed into a remarkable success, largely due to the tireless efforts and unwavering commitment of Cecilie O'Gara and her dedicated members from the HHS club. Their collaboration and enthusiasm truly brought the event to life, captivating the community and ensuring that every daylily found a loving home. That day was truly exciting as we welcomed 7 enthusiastic new members to HHS! Their fresh energy and ideas are sure to bring a vibrant spark to our club.

After a brief break for HHS club members, we were invited to a garden tour hosted by Richard and Denise on May 16th. We explored over 380 cultivars and enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by our hosts. The tour included a visit to the vegetable garden, and 30 participants attended the event.



Cecilie O'Gara and Elizabeth Lovering with a load of daylilies for the sale

The members of the Houston Hemerocallis Society eagerly coordinated an exciting trip to the 80th National Daylily Convention, held at the picturesque Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta, Georgia, from Wednesday, May 20th, to Saturday, May 23rd, 2026. This thriving event attracted over 500 passionate attendees, all united by their love for daylilies. HHS members had a fantastic time at the event, celebrating with an exciting auction, cheering on the deserving recipients of the national awards, and indulging in a delightful banquet that perfectly rounded out each night!



Milton Pierson, Carol Theilen, and Marti Zuber at the 80th ADS National Convention in Valdosta, GA

As attendees wandered through the lush gardens, they were greeted by an explosion of vibrant colors, each daylily in full, resplendent bloom. The air was filled with the sweet fragrance of nature, and the scene was a true feast for the eyes, offering one breathtaking moment after another, perfect for capturing memories amidst the blooms. Our three HHS members visited Kathy's Daylilies, Bell's Daylilies, Wynn's Daylily Garden, Indian Camp Daylilies, and Wnek Garden, among others.

Exciting News! The HHS club members are thrilled to invite everyone to a delightful Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 8th. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of delicious ice cream flavors, toppings, and great company. It's the perfect opportunity to beat the summer heat and connect with our members. Don't miss out on this sweet treat!

HHS is excited to collaborate with the Brazosport Daylily Society for the Region 6 Symposium, scheduled for September 19, 2026, in Houston, Texas. The two organizations will host the event at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church. Reservations for both the Region 6 Symposium and the Holiday Inn Express are now open.

We are excited to announce the start of our 2026-2027 meeting schedule! Our inaugural meeting of the year is set for September 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM. We will gather in the beautiful Cherie Flores Garden Pavilion, located within the serene McGovern Centennial Gardens at 1500 Hermann Drive, Houston, Texas. This stunning venue, surrounded by lush greenery and vibrant blooms, is the perfect backdrop for our discussions.

As always, we warmly welcome guests to join us, so please feel free to come by and be part of the conversation! We can't wait to welcome both our familiar friends of HHS and fresh new faces. Your presence means so much to us!



H. Verily Virginia'
(Bumgardner, 2025)
Indian Camp
Daylily Garden

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The Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society has been buzzing through a busy and blooming spring! Along with welcoming many wonderful new members, we made two big moves: our monthly meetings are now held at the United Cooperative Services Community Room, 3309 N. Main St., and our upcoming shows and sales are moving to the Cleburne Conference Center, 1501 W. Henderson—both in Cleburne, TX. It has been a whirlwind season of change, but our officers and members have stepped up with flexibility, teamwork, and plenty of good humor.

In April, we sadly said goodbye to longtime member Gordon Carver. Gordon retired from the Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel and went on to serve his community with great energy, especially through youth and agricultural programs. A devoted gardener, he belonged to several Iris and Daylily Societies across Texas.



Lt. Col. Gordon William Carver,
USAF (Ret.)
August 15, 1941 –
April 21, 2026

He and Claire Jo “Happy” (Elliff) Carver shared 62 years of marriage, and we remember him with gratitude and affection.

Our spring calendar was packed with color and activity. We hosted our Iris Show in April, then enjoyed two lively May events: a Daylily Giveaway, Exchange, and Auction, followed by helpful show-prep tips from Jeremy Baker. The next week, we gathered for our Daylily Show, proudly themed Deep in the Heart of Texas—and the results were well worth celebrating!



In June, we took the scenic route to Purdon, TX, near Corsicana, for a visit to Monte and Sandra Mackey's **Moonlit Ranch**. The drive offered a true Texas postcard: rain soaked agricultural fields, wind turbines, and charming small towns along the way. Once we arrived, the rain clouds gave way to blue skies and the Mackeys welcomed us to peaceful gardens,

wide-open land, cattle, ponds, flowers, and the best kind of club gathering—one filled with fellowship.

Members enjoy time to visit



Jeremy Baker and Janet Goodman



Monte Mackey and Gailmae Suite



Barney Maddox and Mary Keeth



Our youth members-Victoria, Adrian and Isabella Velasquez

One especially sweet moment came as we celebrated the Velasquez family. The Velasquez children have truly grown up in our club: the girls joined with their mom, Diana (our current club president), when they were about 5 or 6 years old, and Adrian joined a few years later with his dad, Tony. This gathering was bittersweet because it was Bella's last meeting before she heads to Texas A&M—both Mom's and Dad's alma mater—in August, after a family vacation in Europe in June. We sent her off in true club style, with warm wishes, heartfelt cards, and a beautiful graduation cake.



Looking ahead, our July meeting promises important club business and plenty of fun. Members will vote on and install officers for the 2026–2027 club year, which begins in August. The confirmed slate is:

Jeremy Baker — President
Monte Mackey — 1st VP, Programs
Melissa Peugh — 2nd VP, Membership
Desiree Thomas — 3rd VP, Show Chair
Peggy Cathey — Treasurer & Newsletter Editor
The Secretary position has not yet been confirmed.

July will also bring our end-of-year luncheon, complete with BINGO for daylilies and other plants. It is always a favorite way to wrap up the club year—with laughs, prizes, plants, and maybe a little friendly competition.

And now, straight from the show bench: our Daylily Show Report!

This year's Daylily Show on May 16 brought both challenges and determination. The date coincided with Gordon Carver's memorial service at 10 a.m. in Weatherford, TX, and many members who might otherwise have entered the show attended the service instead. Even so, several came Friday evening to help with setup—another wonderful reminder of our members' dedication. The day also began with a surprise lighting challenge: two-thirds of the lights in the JN Long



Best in Show winners Dan & Peggy Cathey
with H. 'Rosabelle Van Valkenburgh'



H. 'Evelyn Lucille'
(Long-K, 2023)
Best Miniature



H. 'Firefly Frenzy'
(Joiner-J, 2002)
Best Double



H. 'Spinnaker'
(Stamile, 2004)
Best Spider



H. 'Legs Limmer'
(Roberts-N, 2005)
Best Unusual Form



Seedling
(Nichols)
Best Seedling



H. 'Sydney Marie'
(Long-K, 2023)
Best Off Scape



H. 'Cattle Drive'
(Cathey-D, 2025)
Local Award-Saddle-up, Texas Style



H. 'Barbara Antonelli'
Best Photo

Thomas received Best Off-Scape for H. 'Sydney Marie'. The Best Local Award for the *Saddle Up, Texas Style* group went to H. 'Cattle Drive', entered by Dan and Peggy. Photography was another bright spot, with 15 entries; Gailmae Suite took top honors for her landscape photograph of H. 'Barbara Antonelli'. What a show!

More good news from the convention circuit: congratulations to Dan and Peggy Cathey, who each received a Regional Newsletter Award while attending the ADS National Convention in Valdosta, GA.

In more member milestone news, congratulations to Gailmae Suite, Desiree Thomas, Robert Peugh, and Melissa Peugh, who have completed all requirements to become ADS Garden Judges.

We are looking forward to another great club year in 2026-2027.



Gailmae Suite, Desiree Thomas,
Robert Peugh, and Melissa
Peugh



H. 'Sunshine Lockley'
(Long-K, 2023)
Best Extra Large



H. 'Marietta Fire Ball'
(Shooter-E, 2011)
Best Large



H. 'Rosabelle Van
Valkenburgh'
(Salter-EH, 2008)
Best Small

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Have you heard about old men talking about the weather? Not just old men around here!!

In April, we held our Spring Plant Sale and were lucky to have only a small shower. We held our club meeting to discuss preparations for the May Flower Show & Sale.

Along came May, and the day before our Flower Show, we had a Thunder and Lightning show like you wouldn't believe, and in the Pearland area, it hailed tremendously!! Our Judges told us horror stories about driving in the storm, and we really weren't sure if any flowers would hold up and make it into our show! Luckily, we had many members scattered throughout the area who didn't have hail damage, and the show went on. Congratulations on a job well done!!

We had a group of 13 members who went to the National Convention in Georgia (almost half of our club), and all had a good time!! A van load of 7 members left on Wednesday at 5 am to try to beat the bad weather, but ended up driving in a ferocious storm through Texas and Louisiana. Meanwhile, about 200 mosquitoes tried to follow us, but there was a massacre in the van, and the grey ceiling was black and bloody with their splattered remains. It kept everybody busy swatting, so after the first pit stop, the passengers settled in for a good, long nap!! We made it to the Convention and caught up with the rest of our group.

On the first day of the garden tours, we encountered gnats, and they were worse than the mosquitoes had been!! But luckily, the Wnek's, our first garden hosts, gave us handheld fans that helped with the heat and the gnats. We had more adventures when the bus that most of us were on broke down after touring the first garden!! We ended up skipping the second garden and went on to Tim Bell's garden for lunch and to spend time in the gardens. Lunch was delicious, but we had extra protein in the potato salad because those pesky gnats kept landing in it. The bus left us to return to Valdosta to get a new battery, so we had plenty of time, and some of our group even napped

in Tim's beautiful gardens. We got to see his crew deadhead and were amazed at their speed!! The nappers woke up and were shocked to find all the blooms gone!!

Some of our members won plants at the live auctions on Thursday and Friday nights. We were excited for the second day of garden tours, and were so glad the bus did not break down again!! The Indian Camp Gardens were gorgeous, and the Wynn's Garden in Florida had a cat that loved to be held. We really enjoyed eating lunch indoors at the Lily Pond Farm Event Center, without gnats and with indoor plumbing. Then we went to Kathy's Gardens and saw so many gorgeous daylilies!! We enjoyed the banquet that night, and several members won daylilies at the silent auction, as well as one of the big baskets!! The next evening, on the way home and back in Texas, we saw a dead 12-foot-long alligator on the freeway. What an exciting adventure!!

For our June field trip, we visited the **Victoria Master Gardeners' Educational Gardens** at the Victoria airport. We had our own personal tour



guides, Brenda Heinold and Janet McCrea, who are members of LDS. There were gardens for daylilies, a vegetable and fruit garden, a butterfly garden and enclosure, pond gardens, an alphabet garden, an iris garden, a Zen garden, a tropical garden, and several

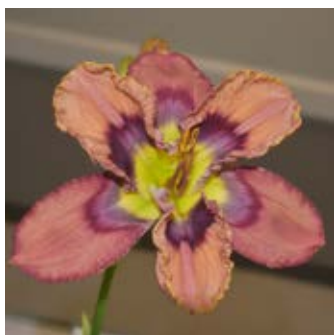
other specialty gardens. There were beautiful benches and covered areas to rest, and the group of 13 had a great time taking photos!

Afterward, we went out for Mexican food for lunch!!



Larry Bartz, Beki Spearman, Francis Spearman, Bill Ware, Bobbie Ware, Michael Culp, Kathryn Culp, Brenda Heinold, Janet McCrea, Milton Pierson, Marie Hodges, and Melvin Winkelman

Show Results



Best Extra Large
H. 'Italian Summer'
Loris and Sandy Garrett



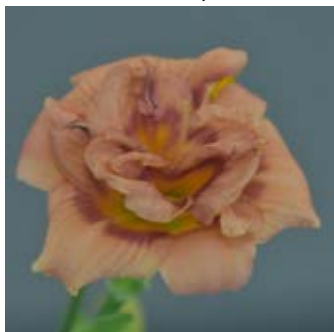
Best Large
H. 'Orchid Harmony'
David Freshour



Best Small
H. 'Darth Ciduious'
Loris and Sandy Garrett



Best Miniature
H. 'Midnight Kitten'
Loris and Sandy Garrett



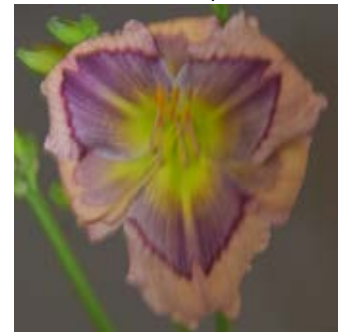
Best Double
H. 'Small Gesture'
Loris and Sandy Garrett



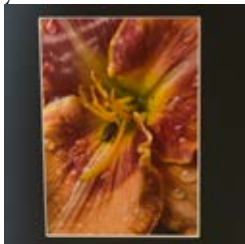
Best Spider
H. 'Raspberry Star'
David Freshour



Best Unusual Form
H.w
Loris and Sandy Garrett
Best in Show



Best Seedling
Sandy Garrett



Best Photo
"Critter"
Marti Zuber

It's time to retreat indoors to the air conditioning, except to water the daylilies and look through all the daylily photos to choose which ones to order for our gardens!!! Until next time.

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