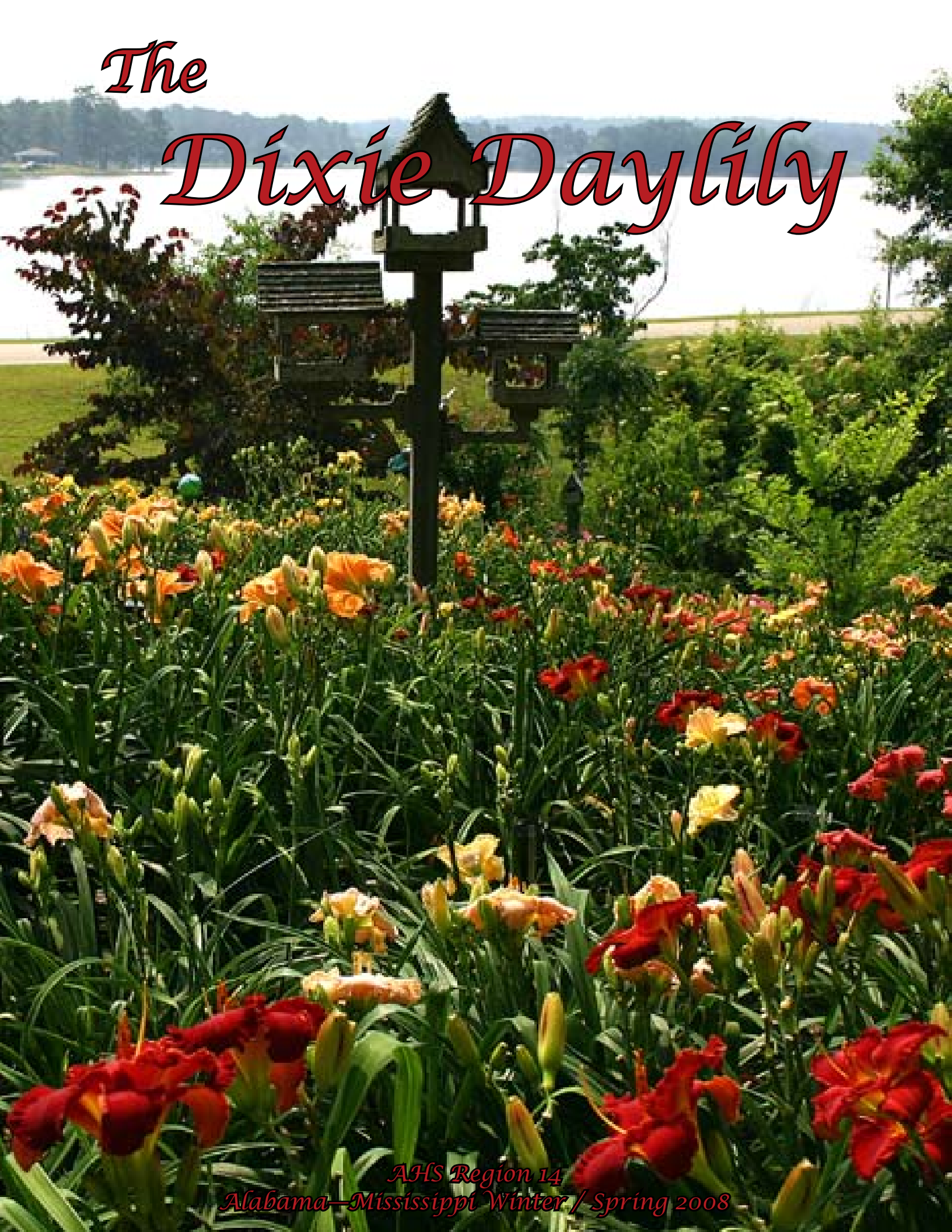


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**Cover Photo:** *This shot was taken on a bluff overlooking Lake Serene at Suburban Daylilies in Hattiesburg, MS, June 2, 2007. After the ravages of Hurricane Katrina, Barbara and Earl Watts restored this portion of their garden, accenting it with daylilies.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

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Daylilies  
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If possible, please send material by e-mail. Digital images are preferred over photographs and slides.

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Lack of rain and the coming (perhaps someday) of fall have really affected the daylilies in my garden. We still have bloom, but the whole yard looks as if it needs a rest. Weeds seem to be the only vegetation that is thriving. Even so October's Fall Regional Meeting in Meridian gave me a daylily boost. Now I'm ready to begin planning for 2008 both at home and for the region.

Seeing everyone there was energizing. Even with the changed venue, the meeting was informative and fun. Tim and Katusie Herrington presented a lively discussion and slide show of their hybridizing programs. They included the work of daughter Heather, whose *Hemerocallis* 'Magic of Oz' is a 2007 Stout candidate. They really have some beautiful new daylilies in all sizes and forms. They are probably best known for their "Oz" introductions and Tim's "Cupcake" doubles. One exceptional trait of many of their flowers is intense green in the throats and often extending out onto the petals. Very high bud count is another of their criteria for choosing a plant to introduce or to use in their hybridizing. We saw some awesome scapes with as many as fifty buds. Their generous gifts to the auction were well received and very much appreciated by the region, also. I'm sure a visit to their garden would be a real treat.

As I told those in attendance in Meridian, there were some changes coming in the by-laws. This has been necessitated by the coming incorporation of the regions to meet IRS requirements for non-profit organizations. These changes primarily involve changing the name of Regional Vice President to Regional President. Also, the unofficial board must be official. I have proposed a five member board made up of the Regional President (new name), Regional Publicity Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past Regional President.

This would help keep continuity between administrations and give an uneven number for voting purposes. Also, there will be a provision for a stated budget and an audit of funds. The remainder of the by-laws should remain unchanged.

AHS and its chief counsel, Bret Clements, have recommended that individual clubs should seek incorporation. The primary reason for this is that incorporation provides a liability shield for the individual members. This shield protects members from being sued along with the club in case of some liability issue such as a suit resulting from an accident at a club event. At present clubs should join AHS to provide the club with insurance coverage under the AHS insurance umbrella. This does not provide

liability protection, but it does provide insurance for incidents not involving a suit. Clubs can join at the one or three year individual rates or they can opt for the life membership. I strongly recommend this action be taken by clubs as soon as possible. Also, we will be investigating the requirements and costs of incorporation in Alabama and Mississippi.

In addition, because of new Internal Revenue Service requirements, the region and all clubs are required to submit a Form 990 N indicating income for the fiscal year. The report is due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of the organization's fiscal/tax year. The new law requires a revocation of tax exempt status for those groups failing to comply for three consecutive years. Previously, only organizations which grossed over \$25,000 had to report. Now, all non-profit entities must submit the form. This can be done online. (The online web address is [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities).) Neither the region nor the clubs should have to pay anything as income is well under the \$25,000 level. If a club

president or treasurer needs further explanation, please call or e-mail me.

As many of you know, slide photography is quickly becoming extinct. In my area slide film is difficult to get, often requiring special orders. Also, getting a Kodak Carousel projector repaired is nearly impossible. Here, the only repair is done by a retired repairman who uses old, discarded projectors for his spare parts. Also, most people photographing daylilies and gardens as well as family and travel are buying the more versatile digital cameras.

Being able to shoot seemingly endless numbers of shots then file them on the computer makes such photography thrilling for "professionals" as well as novices. In 2007 the region membership authorized the purchase of a digital projector. Our webmaster, Paul Aucoin, has thoroughly investigated quality and cost of this new technology. Using the funds allocated at the spring meeting in Hattiesburg, Paul was able to acquire an Epsom Multi Media Power Lite 1815p. This will make it easier for our own members as well as visiting speakers to present programs. Although the region still has the Kodak Carousel projector for those who need it, the new technology should be a real asset to future meetings. Thank you, Paul, for your efforts in securing this projector.

Our Spring Regional Meeting will be held in Dothan. There are four great gardens scheduled for the tour. The program will be presented by Patrick and Grace Stamile of Enterprise, FL. Many of you are familiar with their hybridizing programs and grow their introductions. Also, their knowledge of horticulture and plant science is highly respected. What is really great is they are natural teachers giving freely of their knowledge and experi-



*Faith Brown is pleased to receive her certificate from John Falck for having won First Place in Category Two, Cultivar Clump, in the Youth Digital Photography Contest.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

ence. Along with the garden tour and the program, there will be exhibition and garden judge clinics.

The region needs more judges. Garden judge students will be able to complete Clinics I and II in time to vote in the 2008 Awards and Honors Program, including voting on the Stout Medal. This helps give our region a larger voice in the selection of winners in the various categories. Nancy and I have found that all of the clinics have helped us become better gardeners, more careful collectors of daylilies, and more critical in our own hybridizing. Like most regions, Region 14 needs more exhibition judges. We have some very good shows, including the largest show in the country, the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society's show. Each show needs at least three judges per one hundred scapes for judging to move in a timely manner. Our region's number of judges has never been excessive, but we have lost quite a few judges to "Honorary" status as they can no longer judge. Exhibition judging is very rewarding. Nancy and I have been able to judge in other regions as well as in Region 14. This lets us get to know daylily people throughout the Southeast. Also, we get to see many varieties that we may not grow. All of this makes growing daylilies much more exciting for us. It is always great to welcome new judges to the Region 14 lists of judges.

As we all know, costs are rising for everything. *The Dixie Daylily* is the major cost for the region. As many of you heard in Meridian, *The Dixie Daylily* and Oliver Billingslea, editor, won many writing and photography awards. We want to keep the quality of the newsletter's articles, photographs, and format. A publication like this is costly because of technology needed in preparing and printing. Postage is also more expensive. Aware of these rising costs, Oliver graciously returned the \$1,000 check we had given him as a subsidy for travel this past year. To maintain the quality of our newsletter, the region must raise more money. I am asking that you select plants to set aside to donate to the regional auction in Dothan next spring. We try to select plants to divide and pot to grow for the auctions. In this way, they are ready to go when we leave for a regional meeting. Also, please consider donating to the plant sale table. Auction plants should have *Eureka* value over \$20 and sale table plants should be valued at \$20 or less. If you don't have plants to donate, please buy some plants from the sale or auction. Along with financial support, *The Dixie Daylily* needs articles from members across the region. Oliver needs articles featuring display gardens, hybridizers, scientific subjects, "how-to" articles, and discussions of any aspect of daylilies or gardening. Everyone is proud of the quality of *The Dixie Daylily*; now we must give it the support to ensure that this quality can continue in the future.

While I am cleaning the garden and planting seeds, I look forward to the 2008 bloom season. I hope to see you at meetings and shows and as I visit gardens around the region.

John Falck

SPRING MEETINGS	
2008 DOTHAN	2010 TBA
2009 MONTGOMERY	2011 TBA

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT BARBARA WATTS, AHS REGION 14

December 31, 2007, will bring to an end my service on the AHS Board of Directors. Directors are elected to serve a three year term and are allowed to serve a second term, if re-elected. I have completed six years on the Board. During that time I served as chair for the Publications Committee. I have always felt that in order to understand an organization one must be involved and I have truly been involved. Participating as a member of the AHS Board of Directors gives a person an opportunity to observe every aspect of the organization because during each board meeting every staff member and every committee chair gives a report of their projects and activities and all the board members engage in the discussion of any issues that arise.

We need to have AHS members who will position themselves so that if they are needed to serve as officers at the national level, they will be qualified to do so. To serve as a Director one must have been a member of the society for at least five years and have attended at least three national conventions and three annual regional meetings. The member must be in position to attend the two board meetings, one just prior to the National Convention and the other in the fall (at the present time this meeting is the last Saturday of October at a location that is announced in the early summer). The board member must be willing to assume the chairmanship of a committee as decided by the president of the society and is usually expected to write a report that is published in the region newsletter. The Board of Directors is charged with the sound and constructive management of the Society and has a large responsibility. Nancy Falck, Fairhope, Alabama, will assume the responsibility of Director on January 1, 2008. I know she will enjoy her term of office and will contribute much to the society as she performs the duties associated with this office.

We also need people who will consider other responsibilities in our organization. Every two years a nominating committee seeks an individual to serve as Regional Vice President (this office will probably be entitled Regional President when the incorporation of the regions is completed) and we need individuals who will be willing to devote the time and energy to serving in this capacity. The RVP has the task of appointing officers for the region and committee chairmen who will serve in numerous capacities. We need clubs who will assume the responsibility for hosting the regional meetings. In other words, there are many places where you could volunteer to assist and learn how the society works. Meeting the people who are daylily enthusiasts in Alabama and Mississippi is such a fun thing and then branching out to meet those in other regions as you attend symposiums and national conventions enlarges your scope of the daylily family, strengthens your knowledge of the society and adds to your enjoyment of the whole realm of daylilies.

Please make yourself available to serve in some capacity in our society. I promise you, you will be glad you did. I certainly enjoyed serving as a member of the AHS Board of Directors. Thank you for the opportunity to expand my knowledge as I assisted in taking care of the business of our society.

Barbara Watts

## REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR LINDA BECK

The Fall Regional Meeting in Meridian on October 6 was truly a fall meeting. During the ride to Meridian, we saw red, orange, and yellow leaves, and the crispness of the air made us look forward to pumpkins and goblins.

The plant auction was successful again this year. A heart-felt thanks to those who dug and donated plants. Although they are not in our region, Keith Miner of California and Louise James of Indiana donated some of their introductions. Louise gave some certificates for her 2008 Calendars as door prizes.

Our special guest speakers, Tim and Katisue Herrington, of Dublin, Georgia, presented an outstanding program regarding their many introductions. Their plants have received Best of Show, Best Seedling, and on and on. The Herringtons donated several of their plants to the auction.

Mrs. Kinnebrew of Scottsmeer, FL, shipped several plants for distribution to those young daylily enthusiasts who attended the meeting. The Kinnebrews strongly believe in encouraging the love of daylilies in our young people. The Kinnebrews are generous, and we do appreciate all they do.

Nancy Billingslea made certificates for the winners of the 2007 Youth Digital Photography Contest. John Falck, RVP, presented the certificates and checks to Dylan Preuss and Faith Brown.

Barbara Watts, Region 14 Director, presented Joe Langdon with the AHS Regional Service Medal. A standing ovation ensued. Although the award was announced at the National Convention in Minneapolis, Joe was unable to attend. Joe and Olive Langdon received the award in honor of all the contributions they made during the years to Region 14 and the AHS. Once again, Joe presided as auctioneer for the plant sale, and he injected his own brand of humor in the process, "Buy it today, and it will bloom tomorrow!" We remember Olive sitting on the front row, and we remember seeing her hand fly into the air bidding on the plants. Joe would request that someone bid against Olive so that he would not have to dig so many holes. We miss Olive.

Linda Agin attended the Regional Meeting, and she looked very well. Even more so after she heard that her first daylily introduction, *Hemerocallis* 'Linda Beck', won the Popularity Poll in Region 14.

Participation in the Popularity Poll was at an all-time low. We intend to increase participation next year. After discussions with members and John Falck, we decided to send each club President a packet of ballots to be distributed at the last meeting before the Popularity Poll deadline. After members vote, some designated person at each meeting will pick up the ballots and mail them to me. Possibly, we will form a calling committee to contact members who were unable to attend the meeting and request that they send the ballots to the club's President. We also decided that at the Fall Regional Meeting, we will place all of the completed ballots into a drawing. The lucky winner will receive a new introduction from a Region 14 hybridizer.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring Meeting in Dothan. As always, if I can help you, please call or e-mail me at: [beckblmr@tsixroads.com](mailto:beckblmr@tsixroads.com)

Linda Beck

## MINUTES, BUSINESS MEETING JO ANNE BURRAGE, SECRETARY

AHS Region 14 Regional Vice President John Falck called the Fall Business Meeting to order at 10:15 on Saturday, October 6, 2007, at the Holiday Inn in Meridian, Mississippi.

RVP Falck stated that since the minutes for the Region 14 Spring Meeting were published in *The Dixie Daylily* Summer/Fall issue on page 6, we would dispense with the reading. The minutes were approved as published.

RVP Falck called for the financial report from Treasurer Tom Adams. Tom stated as of September 30, 2007, we have a checking account balance of \$6,968.69. The CD balance is \$24,724.14 for a total of \$31,692.83.

Region 14 Director Barbara Watts stated that incorporation, copy-right laws, and applicants for the position of editor for *The Daylily Journal* are being discussed. Barbara presented Joe Langdon the AHS Regional Service Medal, which was awarded to him and Olive at the National Convention in Minneapolis.

RVP Falck stated that Region 14 Webmaster Paul Aucoin has purchased a LCD Projector for \$1900 for displaying digital photos at Regional meetings.

Region 14 Youth Directors, Michael and Teresa Owens, asked everyone to help keep the youth involved. The Kinnebrews donated 20 pots of *Hemerocallis* 'Spacecoast Southern Belle' to the Region 14 youth.

RPD Linda Beck encouraged everyone to vote in the Popularity Poll next year. She stated that only 134 voted this time (about 15% of our membership). H. 'Linda Beck' (Agin 2005) topped the 2008 Region 14 Popularity Poll.

Exhibition Judge Liaison Henry Little stated that Region 14 needs more judges and instructors.

Garden Judge Liaisons, Earl and Barbara Watts, stated that Workshops 1 and 2 will be offered at Dothan in May and encouraged everyone to become a garden judge.

Editor Oliver Billingslea reminded everyone that club and officer's reports would be due October 15. He encouraged everyone to write articles for the newsletter. Oliver returned a check of \$1,000 to Region 14. This check had been made out to him for 2007 travel expenses, but given the Region's need for additional funds, he returned it.

In New Business, RVP Falck stated that Region 14 is going to be incorporated by AHS without cost to the Region. RVP Falck has proposed a five member board, made up of the Regional President, Regional Publicity Director, Secretary, Treasurer, and the immediate Past Regional President. The initial board formulated to study the by-laws and the changes that need to be made will include Jack Harrison, because of his expertise in legal matters. In his report in *The Dixie Daylily*, RVP Falck will publish information concerning the filing of the IRS report that will need to be done by each club. RVP Falck stated that the AHS strongly recommends that each club become a member of AHS for insurance purposes.

RVP Falck closed the business meeting at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Anne Burrage

## AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting

May 30-May 31, 2008

Holiday Inn South

2195 Ross Clark Circle

Dothan, Alabama 36301

**Hosted by Wiregrass Daylily Society**

**Meeting Chair: Judy Clardy**

### Registration Fees:

Adult: \$95

Youth: \$15

Fees include one meal on Friday and two on Saturday.

Make checks payable to Wiregrass Daylily Society.

Cut-off date for reservations will be May 25, 2008.

### Room Rates:

Holiday Inn South

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Enterprise, Florida

1st Person \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Person \_\_\_\_\_  
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Indicate below the Judges Clinics you will attend on Friday, May 30, 2008.

(\$5 Fee Collected on Site):

Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic (1:00-3:00)

1st Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2nd Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Garden Judges Workshop I (12:00-2:00)

1st Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2nd Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Exhibition Judges Clinic I (1:00-4:00)

1st Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2nd Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Garden Judges Workshop II (2:30-4:00)

1st Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2nd Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Exhibition Judges Clinic II (1:00-4:00)

1st Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2nd Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Every participant should have a copy of *Judging Daylilies*.

Do you need handicapped facilities? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Do you have special diet requirements? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

QUESTIONS? Call Judy Clardy, 334-983-1589; or Mary Netherton, 229-723-6703.

# Garden Previews from the Wiregrass Society

## *Bush Gardens II*

**B**ush Gardens II was started in 2003 and is a continuation of Bush Gardens started by Robbie and Dudley Bush in the late 50s. Kate and Mike Bush have approximately 3 acres, with 20 beds in cultivation. The gardens are in a country setting and are considered a “work in progress.”

“We never really intended to become commercial . . . it just happened,” say the present owners. Robbie had outgrown her space and wanted to share, so we made a few beds to accommodate her. Soon we had people slowing down to look during bloom season. Headland has a Daylily Festival every year and we were asked to let people tour our garden. So many people wanted to buy daylilies that we decided to sell a few the next year.

As you turn into the property located 3 miles west of Headland, you will find daylilies mixed through the landscape on both sides of the driveway. In the front of the home is a water garden feature with waterfall and dry stream bed. When Mike and Kate married in 2000, this was just level ground, an old peanut field that the builder had scraped down almost to the hardpan. Mike brought in mounds of dirt, and using rocks from the Flint River in Georgia which Dudley had collected, proceeded to make it a point of interest. At one end of the waterfall bed is a Parkensonia tree that gets lots of interest when in bloom. There is also a lovely patio adjacent to a huge deck. The most beautiful sunsets are enjoyed there after a long day in the gardens.

Nestled in front of two large greenhouses is the Stella bed. Mike uses the greenhouses to grow ferns, which he supplies to several nurseries in the area. In a bed called the “Patio Bed,” located in the center of the east side of the garden, the Bushes have placed guest plants for the Regional Meeting. On the western side of the garden is a large bed with a rail fence as a background. This bed holds all of the newest lilies. The small white post in the corner of the bed has the letter K stenciled on it. Each of the beds has a small white post on which a letter is stenciled. This helps first time visitors to the garden understand the setup and how to locate specific lilies in the garden.

## *Dragonfly Hill Gardens*

**K**en and Susan Wallace’s home and garden are located on what used to be farm land. Ken first began trying to corral the pasture some 17 years ago by planting trees that now form the backdrop. This park-like setting consists of pines and hardwoods with a pecan orchard planted for good measure. Next came the house, built in 2002. The landscaping around the Wallace home is well planned and precise. Traditional plant material is used to emphasize the unique. Thus Chinese pistachio trees are under planted with autumn fern and azalea; purple lantana ushers the way to a Henry Lauder walking stick; dozens of antique rose bushes explode in a profusion of pink. Touches of whimsy are everywhere: toadstools crop up in unexpected places; all of the birdhouses have attitude. Completing the image are a picture-perfect barn and impressive sculptures. Nearby blueberries, blackberries, scuppernongs, and plum trees flourish. The most recent chapter in the history of the Wallace garden involves daylilies. Susan fell in love with them—evidenced by how flawlessly they are incorporated into the landscape. Then she got serious, building raised beds, adding a Stout Silver Medal bed and Dragonfly Hill Daylilies was born. Today the farm, which takes up half an acre, offers several hundred varieties of daylilies and inspiration that will carry a visitor for days.

## *Peace on Earth Gardens*

**P**eace on Earth Gardens is located on two acres within the city limits of Blakely, GA, a small rural town just twelve miles from the AL/GA border and approximately 35 minutes from Dothan. The Nethertons’ interest in daylilies began during the winter of 1991 when a nursery catalog came in the mail. They decided to order a few daylilies, but when the plants started blooming their addiction began. By the end of 1992, they had over 600 different cultivars. At that time, Jim and Mary were both still working and it was truly “peace on earth” when they got home each evening and were able to go out in the yard and play in the dirt.

They now grow and enjoy over 2,000 variet-



ies from the newest to some of the older ones. Mary has always been partial to doubles and Jim likes the large tets, but they have many of all kinds. In addition to their daylilies, they have a good many companion plants (some tropical), concrete features and garden knick-knacks interspersed throughout. A couple of years ago, they converted their pool into a pond and love feeding and watching the fish in the evenings.

They are really looking forward to having visitors next spring and hope you will enjoy their garden.

### *Ric-a-Tee Gardens*

**R**ic and Tee Money planted their first daylily in June of 1999. By the end of that year, they had planted over 400 different varieties, and their garden would become known as Ric-A-Tee Daylily Gardens. Ric-A-Tee is located just east of Headland on an acre of land. Today, the Moneys grow over 1,500 different cultivars in this AHS Display Garden. Tee thought it would be great to play on the “ric a tee” name and make the gardens kind of “rickety.”

As you stroll through this garden, you will enjoy the Briar Patch, but be careful of the bunnies. Beware of the spiders in Arachne Avenue and watch for the gnomes and fairies in the Story Book bed. One of Tee’s favorite beds is Munson Mania. It is housed around the Pavilion and is home to over 150 different R. W. Munson, Jr. cultivars. Ric has a bed named Made In Dixie that houses many of his favorite southern themed daylilies. Visitors must stop by the Double Or Nothing bed. They will also find the Sally Lake Bed in this garden, but please note, there is no swimming in Sally Lake!

Among the daylilies you will find many perennials, shrubbery, and trees. If you enjoy a bit of whimsy in the garden, you will enjoy Ric-A-Tee. Don’t forget to stop by Thyme Square and take a gander at the herb garden during your visit. Tee also enjoys growing the minis and popcorn doubles of Grace Stamile. Visitors will see lots of other miniatures in the garden as well. Tee enjoys growing many container plants—not in ordinary containers either. Be sure to take notice of the chimney pot from England, the old oil cans and the old peanut planter and many other unusual containers in this garden.

The Moneys hope you enjoy your visit and take time to come sit a “spell” in the pavilion while you enjoy a bit of history.

## Region 14 Awards

**R**egional awards donated by clubs are funded through 2008. Clubs wishing to continue sponsorship of awards through 2013 should contact our RVP prior to the Spring Meeting in Dothan.

### Auction Plants Region 14 Spring Meeting

**T**he Spring Meeting auction is scheduled for Friday night, May 30. We need Region 14 members to contribute one or two double fans of top quality plants, so that we can continue to finance our regional activities, especially the publication of our newsletter, *The Dixie Daylily*. The quality of our newsletter depends upon your generosity. Because of less than stellar auctions in 2007, we have had to combine our Winter/Spring issue this year.

If you can contribute, please send the name of the cultivars and their value right away to our RPD, Linda Beck, P.O. Box 91, Tupelo, MS 38802. You can call Linda at: (662)-842-0520, or e-mail her at:

[beckblmr@tsixroads.com](mailto:beckblmr@tsixroads.com)

Linda must receive this information no later than May 15, so that she can compile a list of plants and donors for those attending the Region 14 auction. If you do not send a price, the average price in *Eureka* will be used. Bring your plant(s) to the meeting in Dothan. Someone will be near the registration desk to receive them. In lieu of bringing the plants, you may bring or send self-addressed post cards with plant information to be mailed back to you by the successful bidder.

### 2008 Youth Digital Photography Contest

**A**ll Region 14 youth (18 or under as of June 15, 2008) are encouraged to participate in the 2008 Youth Digital Photography Contest. The rules for Region’s 14’s fourth annual competition are the same as in the past. The deadline for submission of entries by e-mail or by CD is June 15. Send up to 5 entries in each of the Four Categories—individual bloom, cultivar clump, daylilies with companion plants, and landscape—directly to Oliver Billingslea, editor of *The Dixie Daylily*, 6291 Thach Road, Montgomery, AL 36117, or e-mail him at:

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An AHS Display Garden is established to show the very best daylily cultivars to the general public and to educate the visitor about modern daylilies. Currently, there are 41 Display Gardens in Region 14. This spring, we encourage you to take advantage of one or more of these open gardens by calling ahead to arrange a visit.

# AHS Region 14 Popularity Poll 2008



*L*inda Agin's *Hemerocallis* '**Linda Beck**' becomes the fourth cultivar by a Region 14 hybridizer to top Region 14's Popularity Poll. Prior winners were *H.* '**Fairy Tale Pink**' (Pierce, C.), 1884-1988, 1990; *H.* '**Barbara Mitchell**' (Pierce, C.), 1991-1996; and *H.* '**Clothed in Glory**' (Grace), 2004-2006. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

## Top 100 for 2008

1. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Linda Beck</b> ' (Agin '05)	45	11. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Orange Velvet</b> ' (Joiner '88)	14
2. <i>H.</i> ' <b>J. T. Davis</b> ' (Grace '99)	22	<i>H.</i> ' <b>Sabine Baur</b> ' (Salter '97)	14
3. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Belle Cook</b> ' (Brooker '01)	19	13. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Bill Norris</b> ' (Kirchhoff, D. '93)	12
4. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Clothed in Glory</b> ' (Grace '96)	18	<i>H.</i> ' <b>Double Blue Blood</b> ' (George, T. '05)	12
<i>H.</i> ' <b>Victorian Lace</b> ' (Stamile '99)	18	<i>H.</i> ' <b>Evelyn Gates</b> ' (Gates, L. '97)	12
6. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Ed Brown</b> ' (Salter '94)	17	<i>H.</i> ' <b>Mary's Gold</b> ' (McDonell, H. '84)	12
7. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Open My Eyes</b> ' (Grace '01)	16	17. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Shores of Time</b> ' (Stamile '02)	11
<i>H.</i> ' <b>Strawberry Candy</b> ' (Stamile '89)	16	<i>H.</i> ' <b>South Sea Enchantment</b> '	
<i>H.</i> ' <b>Suburban Golden Eagle</b> ' (Watts '98)	16	(Billingslea '96)	11
10. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Big Kiss</b> ' (Joiner '91)	15	19. <i>H.</i> ' <b>Key Lime Special</b> ' (George, T. '00)	10

H. 'Moses' Fire' (Joiner '98)	10	H. 'Moment In the Sun' (Grace-Smith '04)	4
H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts '04)	10	H. 'Nancy Billingslea' (Stamile '04)	4
H. 'Tar and Feather' (Kaskel '99)	10	H. 'Peppermint Delight' (Carpenter, J. '03)	4
23. H. 'Alabama Wildfire' (George, T. '01)	9	H. 'Ruffled Masterpiece' (Brown, E.C. '87)	4
H. 'Look Here Mary' (Cranshaw '86)	9	H. 'Seminole Wind' (Stamile '93)	4
H. 'Rose Masterpiece' (Stamile '98)	9	H. 'Stay in Tune' (George, J. '05)	4
26. H. 'Jane Trimmer' (Trimmer '02)	8	73. H. 'Alabama Jubilee' (Webster '88)	3
H. 'Spacecoast Gold Bonanza'		H. 'All the Heroes' (Joiner, '05)	3
(Kinnebrew, J. '02)	8	H. 'Almost Indecent' (Gates, L. '86)	3
28. H. 'Barbara Mitchell' (Pierce, C. '84)	7	H. 'Annie Armstrong' (Bell, T. '03)	3
H. 'Beautiful Edgings' (Copenhaver '89)	7	H. 'Cameroon Night' (Trimmer '96)	3
H. 'Crazy Ivan' (Grace-Smith '05)	7	H. 'Charles Johnston' (Gates, L. '81)	3
H. 'Lillian's Woman's Touch'		H. 'Coach's Class Act' (George, J. '04)	3
(Manning '02)	7	H. 'Coach's Laughing Eye' (George, J. '05)	3
H. 'Long Stocking' (Stamile '97)	7	H. 'Courting Trouble' (Salter '02)	3
H. 'Peacock Maiden' (Carpenter, K. '82)	7	H. 'Creator's Song' (Bell, T. '04)	3
H. 'Ruby Spider' (Stamile '91)	7	H. 'Dena Marie' (Carpenter, J. '92)	3
H. 'Thin Man' (Trimmer '02)	7	H. 'Destined To See' (Grace '98)	3
36. H. 'Bill Robinson' (Grace-Smith '04)	6	H. 'Double Eyed Pleasure' (George, T. '05)	3
H. 'Condilla' (Grooms '77)	6	H. 'Exotic Treasure' (Salter '02)	3
H. 'Francois Verhaert' (Stamile '01)	6	H. 'Frank's Star of Bethlehem'	
H. 'Lavender Blue Baby' (Carpenter, J. '96)	6	(Grace-Smith '04)	3
H. 'Sherry Lane Carr' (Carr '93)	6	H. 'Golden Tear Drops' (Carr '93)	3
H. 'Suburban Barbara Huff' (Watts '97)	6	H. 'Highland Lord' (Munson, R.W. '83)	3
H. 'Wiregrass Greenstar' (Cooper, E. '93)	6	H. 'Jan's Twister' (Joiner, J. '91)	3
43. H. 'Alexander's Ragtime Band'		H. 'Key Lime Ice' (Stamile '98)	3
(Kirchhoff, D. '98)	5	H. 'King Kahuna' (Crochet '94)	3
H. 'Awesome Blossom' (Salter '96)	5	H. 'Lady Wu' (Kirchhoff, D. '02)	3
H. 'Bela Lugosi' (Hanson, C. '95)	5	H. 'Larry Allen Miller' (Stamile '05)	3
H. 'Coffee To Go' (Anderson, H. '03)	5	H. 'Missouri Memories' (Hansen '92)	3
H. 'Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis'		H. 'Paint Me Sassy' (Joiner, J. '02)	3
(Grace-Smith '04)	5	H. 'Red Volunteer' (Oakes '84)	3
H. 'Jay Farquhar' (Carpenter, J. '03)	5	H. 'Rocket Booster' (Santa Lucia '97)	3
H. 'Judy Farquhar' (Stamile '04)	5	H. 'Skinwalker' (Roberts, N. '97)	3
H. 'Little Red Dimples' (Anderson, H. '00)	5	H. 'Smith Lake Beauty' (George, T. '02)	3
H. 'Mississippi Memories' (Stamile '05)	5	H. 'Smith Lake Covergirl' (George, T. '05)	3
H. 'Moonlit Masquerade' (Salter '92)	5	H. 'Spacecoast Sea Shells'	
H. 'Primal Scream' (Hanson, C. '94)	5	(Kinnebrew, J. '03)	3
H. 'Scarlet Orbit' (Gates, L. '84)	5	H. 'Stars and Angels' (Billingslea '96)	3
55. H. 'All Fired Up' (Stamile '96)	4	H. 'Sunny Eyes' (Brown, E.C. '94)	3
H. 'Bella Sera' (Stamile '02)	4	H. 'Symphony of Praise' (Bell, T. '03)	3
H. 'Charming Ethel Smith' (Terry '91)	4	H. 'Taos' (Stamile '99)	3
H. 'Cherry Valentine' (Trimmer '99)	4	H. 'Thunder and Lightning' (Carr '95)	3
H. 'Darla Anita' (Kinnebrew, J. '99)	4	H. 'Tropicana Treat' (Carpenter, J. '95)	3
H. 'Doyle Pierce' (Grace-Smith '04)	4	H. 'Trufflicious' (Kirchhoff, D. '05)	3
H. 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'		H. 'Two to Tango' (Stamile, G. '96)	3
(Carpenter, J. '02)	4	H. 'Wilson Spider' (Oakes '87)	3
H. 'It is Finished' (Carpenter, J. '04)	4	H. 'Worth It All' (Carpenter, J. '03)	3
H. 'Leslie Renee' (Stamile '04)	4		
H. 'Linda Agin' (Wilson, T. '98)	4		
H. 'Loose Reins' (George, T. '05)	4		
H. 'Mister Lucky' (Sellers '95)	4		

Out of a Regional membership of 879 folks, only 134 Region 14 members voted in this year's Popularity Poll. That's a mere 15%.

# *Celebrating the First 50 Years of Region 14*

*by Barbara Watts*

It all began on a Saturday, July 13, 1946, with a flower show held in Shenandoah, Iowa. Not the daylily, of course—the flower itself dates back thousands of years before—but the organization of a group of people interested in a flower, the daylily. As World War II came to a close, “victory gardens,” which had been devoted to vegetables during the war years, began to make room for flowers again. The magazine *Flower Grower* had already established a Round Robin Department, through which groups, scattered all over the United States, shared their common interest in many different aspects of flower culture. The first Hemerocallis Round Robin had been formed in 1943. When radio stations resumed their normal programming, Helen Field Fischer was in the right place at the right time. She began broadcasting her daily half-hour program “Garden Club of the Air” over KLNF, operated by the Henry Field Seed and Nursery Company in Shenandoah, Iowa. (Henry Field was Helen’s brother.) As those in the Robins began to long for the pre-war flower shows and the enthusiasm for such shows began to grow along the Robin circuit, at the invitation of Mrs. Fischer, who promoted the upcoming event through her radio show, a Round Robin Reunion was planned for Shenandoah, Iowa. On the scheduled date a large crowd arrived.

Although the attendees were interested in a wide range of flowers, there was a strong sense that there should be an organization to provide information on daylilies. Mrs. Fischer had promoted this idea on her “Garden Club of the Air.” In the afternoon, following the flower show on July 13, 1946, a meeting was held in the auditorium of the Henry Field Seed Company, and by a motion that read, “We here today organize a Midwest Hemerocallis Society,” a daylily group was formalized. It was the radio that gave this meeting and the flower show publicity from coast to coast. As a result of the first announcement, the Society chartered 556 members. By the end of the first year the members had reached 757. Within six months of the meeting, Gretchen Harshbarger, daughter of Helen Field Fischer, edited the first Yearbook. In cooperation with the American Plant Society, this new organization served as joint-sponsors of the Daylily Check List. Charter membership remained open through the second annual meeting which was also held in Shenandoah, Iowa. One of those charter members, Miss Sarah Ellen Gillespie, is the only survivor. She lives in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and is an honorary member of the

Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society.

Sarah Ellen Gillespie recorded how her interest in daylilies began in 1941 with a visit to the nursery of R. M. Fisher, an uncle by marriage, who lived in Buccatunna, Mississippi. The uncle gave Sarah’s mother some two dozen tiny seedlings and on a later visit they brought home more seedlings and clones. She recorded, “When the plants bloomed we were enchanted. These were the first hybrid daylilies we’d ever seen. As years passed we were convinced that these flowers merited some recognition, but we didn’t know how to go about it. About that time the Midwest Hemerocallis Society was organized, and I joined immediately.” Sarah also mentioned in her published article, “In my early seedling days, undergoing the usual phases of wild excitement, collector’s itch, and a hybridizer’s overindulgence, I filled the yard with seedlings. Later, I became more selective.”

Two years later, in 1948, it had become apparent that the interest in daylilies reached beyond the Midwest; and the membership voted to change the name of the organization from Midwest Hemerocallis Society to The Hemerocallis Society. At that time it was also decided that the society should be divided into regions. The divisions were based on area, population and climate. The lines were drawn so that there were 10 regions. Alabama and Mississippi were grouped with Georgia, South Carolina and Florida and became Region 5. The long range plan was that each region would have a Regional Director but before this could be accomplished major changes occurred. In 1950 the By-laws were revised; the Society was incorporated as American Hemerocallis Society, and the regions were realigned so that Alabama and Mississippi were paired with Tennessee and Kentucky and became Region 10. There were a total of 12 regions in AHS.

The American Hemerocallis Society had been organized. The Society was growing and details were being polished to make it a smooth running organization. At the same time there was much activity with daylilies taking place in Mississippi.

According to the late Jim Terry, the Mississippi Hemerocallis Society was the “dream child” of the late Ben Arthur Davis, Sr. of Meridian, MS. Mr. Davis became interested in growing daylilies back in the mid 30’s when at a speaking engagement in Texas he was given a few of

the latest and best daylilies. In 1955, he had the desire to form a State Society which would be affiliated with the National Society. So he sent out letters to about 35 daylily enthusiasts in the State, to see if they would like to form a State Society. If so, they were invited to come to Meridian on May 28, 1955, for that purpose. At that time there were very few people in Mississippi who belonged to the National organization. About 33 people came to the meeting. Interest in forming a State Society was strong, so they organized the Mississippi Hemerocallis Society. The goal of the new organization was "To make the public aware of the daylily and the desirability of growing it in gardens." The activities would include having an annual convention, by invitation, with approval of the membership; staging a flower show at the convention; and publishing a quarterly newsletter. Those present elected Ben Arthur Davis of Meridian, President; James W. Terry of Hattiesburg, Vice President; Mrs. Newell Howell of Meridian, Secretary; and Mrs. W. H. Smith of Satartia, Treasurer. Later, Dr. Walter C. Hava of Waveland, Frank Beard of Laurel, Mrs. Alice Hopton of Jackson, P. W. Givens of Vicksburg, and J. E. Best of Cleveland were named as a Board of Directors.

The first meeting of the Mississippi Hemerocallis Society was in May 1956 in Laurel, MS. As Mr. Davis had been appointed Supervisor of AHS Region 10 (Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama), this provided a direct association between the two organizations. The membership

in MHS had grown to 138 by the date of the meeting and continued to grow to over 400 members at its peak during the 11 years of its existence. Dues were \$1.00 for one person or \$1.50 per couple.

Jim Terry edited a newsletter for MHS for five years plus. It was so successful, well known hybridizers such as R.W. Munson, Jr. and Mrs. Bright Taylor (Ophelia Taylor) of Florida, Frank Childs from Georgia, W. B. MacMillan and Miss Edna Spalding of Louisiana, and Steve Moldovan from Ohio subscribed to it. These out-of-state people also came to the annual meetings of the Mississippi Hemerocallis Society. MHS members visited gardens and attended regional as well as national meetings. They staged shows at the annual conventions, though the shows were not accredited until 1959, when the MHS Meeting and the Region 14 Meeting were held jointly in Jackson, MS. MHS gave five silver trophies: one for a collection of 5 entries on scape named within the last 3 years, one for the Best Newer Named Variety off-scape, one for the Best Arrangement, one for Sweepstakes, and another for Best Seedling. The Lorene Thigpen Silver Bowl Trophy for Best Seedling is the only trophy we still have today. (*Editor's note: This Trophy was on display in the Boutique during the Hattiesburg Meeting this past year.*) The original newsletters for the first 24 issues, edited by Jim Terry, are still extant and have a treasure of information for those years.

The first club to be organized in the Mississippi-



**Ben Arthur Davis**  
(Photo from *The Dixie Daylily*, Spring 2007)



**James W. "Jim" Terry**  
(Photo by Carolyn Shacter, *The Dixie Daylily*, Spring 1995)

Alabama area was the Meridian Hemerocallis Society, organized by Ben Arthur Davis in 1955. Sally Lake, with the help of Mr. Davis, organized the club in Mobile, Alabama, in June 1956.

In 1956, Mr. Davis presented a petition to the American Hemerocallis Society requesting that Mississippi and Alabama be pulled from Region 10 and be established as a separate region due to like climate and growing conditions. This was approved and Region 14 was born!

In May 1957, the Jackson Hemerocallis Society was organized. East Alabama followed in 1958, Birmingham in 1965, Montgomery in 1969, and on and on until today we have 21 active clubs.

The newly formed AHS Region 14, composed of Alabama and Mississippi, with Mr. Ben Arthur Davis as Regional Supervisor (the title of the Regional Directors at that time), held its first annual meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, on May 18, 1957, in conjunction with the Mississippi Hemerocallis Society's second annual meeting. The Community Center on Front Street was the convention headquarters. This was a two day meeting. On Friday night Mr. Claude Davis of Baton Rouge showed color slides of daylilies in his area of Louisiana. Slides that had been rented from AHS and featured new introductions were shown, as well as cultivars hybridized by Dr. Hava of Waveland and James Terry of Hattiesburg.

On Saturday, a non-competitive display of Hemerocallis blossoms was held in the auditorium of the Community Center. Attendees from nearby towns—Laurel, Meridian, Jackson, Gulfport, Mobile, Lumberton, and Wiggins—were encouraged to bring flowers for the display so that the Hattiesburg gardens would be left in full bloom and would be a lavish showing for the tour. All the daylilies were labeled so that observers could jot down names of those they wished to add to their own gardens. Containers (soft drink bottles and cups) were furnished and flowers were received from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. On Saturday, there were also garden tours. Small groups left the Community Center between 9 A.M. and 11 A.M. and again in the afternoon at 2 P.M. There were eight gardens on tour: those of Mrs. H.S. Hagerty, Miss Nancy Kelly, Miss Sarah Gillespie, Mrs. M. Hawkins, Mrs. Thomas P. (Margarite) McDonnell, Mrs. W. J. Huddleston, Mrs. Tom Hartman and Mr. James W. Terry. There was some difficulty in finding time to complete the tours in the morning and the weatherman played a trick at 4 P.M. by letting it rain, ruining many of the flowers that visitors wanted to recheck. Between the morning and afternoon tours, a business meeting was held at 12 noon, followed by a catered lunch that was described by Mrs. H. W. Greer of Lumberton, MS, as “not to be surpassed.” The price was \$2.00. She also stated “the gardens were at their best and truly beautiful and there has never been a better planned meeting.” The convention was recorded as a great success according to comments received from attendees.

The convention committee was composed of Miss Sarah Gillespie, Mrs. H.S. Hagerty and Miss Odell Sarphe. The Hattiesburg Chamber of Commerce and the Meridian Fertilizer Factory assisted with the convention by furnishing a map of Hattiesburg, a pencil, and a memo pad. The Mississippi Hemerocallis Society was very successful in promoting the daylily, as was the American Hemerocallis Society, and in 1964 at the MHS annual meeting, Mr. Davis who had been elected Honorary President for life of MHS, suggested that because MHS and AHS Region 14 goals were the same that the MHS organization disband after the 1966 National AHS meeting in Jackson. In an effort to fully support the national organization, this was done. The final MHS newsletter in 1966 was dedicated to Mr. Davis and his wife Sallie or “Good wife Friday” as she was affectionately known.

The 1966 National American Hemerocallis Society convention was held in Jackson, Mississippi. This was the first of three conventions to be held in Region 14. Sarah Hegwood wrote about this convention in an article published in *The Dixie Daylily*, Spring 2005. She noted that in his President's message, Dr. Richard C. Peck said, “The Twentieth Annual Convention, held in Jackson, Mississippi, will live in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to be able to be present, there being a total of 468 full and part-time registrations.” The registration fee was \$30.00. The theme for the convention was “Inventing Tomorrow, Youth as People Beginning to Be.” The Commercial Hemerocallis Growers Association of the AHS, for the first time ever, furnished an air-conditioned bus for each day of the convention. The first 74 to register for the convention rode the bus, the first 37 the first day and the remaining 37 the second day. The “Commercial Growers” also gave a plant for each person each day. The convention program included not only the business meeting and tour of gardens, but a tea at No Mistake Plantation and a Mississippi River evening cruise on the paddlewheel *Sprague*, the largest stern wheeler in the world. There was also a reception at the Mississippi Governor's Mansion honoring AHS President, Dr. Peck, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Arthur Davis.

The Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society was host to the National Convention in 1971. Joe and Olive Langdon served as co-chairmen for this convention. This was the Silver Anniversary of AHS. Information concerning the convention was included in three issues of *The Hemerocallis Journal*. Evidently the gardens were in superb condition, because the garden write-ups extolled each of them as being the most beautiful they had ever seen. Gift plants for five hundred were made ready so a large convention was planned. In honor of the Twenty-fifth Convention, twenty five very special and new daylilies were given by owners of the tour gardens and those who registered by May 1 were in the drawing for these cultivars. This convention, like most of them in the early days, included a show. Rain and wind the day before the show caused the number of entries to be



less than had been hoped for, but it was recorded as being a very beautiful show.

In 1983, the Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society again hosted the National Convention. According to Ned Irish, the AHS President, "The hilly terrain inspired ingenious and attractive landscaping of tiers and terraces and none of us ever saw more immaculate culture, healthier plants or more gracious hospitality." One of the highlights of the Convention was the first "in person" meeting ever of the Publications Committee, chaired by Sarah Sikes, in which the membership got to give its input regarding AHS publications.

### **Regional Meetings (1957-2007):**

During the past half-century, 16 different clubs have hosted the Region 14 Spring Meetings, the Jackson Hemerocallis Society and the Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society having hosted on ten and nine occasions respectively. Hosts clubs include the following:

- 1957—Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (Hattiesburg, MS)
- 1958—Mobile Hemerocallis Society (Mobile, AL)
- 1959—Jackson Hemerocallis Society (Jackson, MS)
- 1960—Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society (Birmingham, AL)
- 1961—Meridian Hemerocallis Society (Meridian, MS)
- 1962—East Alabama Hemerocallis Society (Auburn, AL)
- 1963—Jackson Hemerocallis Society (Jackson, MS)
- 1964—Mobile Hemerocallis Society (Mobile, AL)
- 1965—Meridian Hemerocallis Society (Meridian, MS)
- 1966—Jackson Hemerocallis Society & National AHS (Jackson, MS)
- 1967—East Alabama Hemerocallis Society (Auburn, AL)
- 1968—Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society (Birmingham, AL)
- 1969—Jackson Hemerocallis Society (Jackson, MS)
- 1970—Wiregrass Daylily Society (Hartford, AL)
- 1971—Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society & National AHS (Birmingham, AL)
- 1972—Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society (Birmingham, AL)
- 1973—Jackson Hemerocallis Society (Jackson, MS)
- 1974—Mobile Hemerocallis Society (Mobile, AL)
- 1975—East Alabama Hemerocallis Society (Auburn, AL)
- 1976—Meridian Hemerocallis Society (Meridian, MS)
- 1977—Montgomery Area Daylily Society (Montgomery, AL)
- 1978—Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society (Birmingham, AL)
- 1979—Jackson Hemerocallis Society (Jackson, MS)
- 1980—Mobile Hemerocallis Society (Mobile, AL)
- 1981—East Alabama Hemerocallis Society (Auburn, AL)
- 1982—Miss Lou Daylily Society (McComb, MS)
- 1983—Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society & National AHS (Birmingham, AL)
- 1984—Montgomery Area Daylily Society (Montgomery, AL)
- 1985—Meridian Hemerocallis Society (Meridian, MS)

- 1986—Laurel Hemerocallis Society (Laurel, MS)
- 1987—Cullman Iris and Daylily Society (Cullman, AL)
- 1988—Jackson Hemerocallis Society (Jackson, MS)
- 1989—Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society (Birmingham, AL)
- 1990—West Alabama Daylily Society (Tuscaloosa, AL)
- 1991—Miss Lou Daylily Society (McComb, MS)
- 1992—Montgomery Area Daylily Society (Montgomery, AL)
- 1993—Jackson Hemerocallis Society (Jackson, MS)
- 1994—Birmingham Area Hemerocallis Society (Birmingham, AL)
- 1995—Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (Hattiesburg, MS)
- 1996—West Alabama Daylily Society (Tuscaloosa, AL)
- 1997—Wiregrass Daylily Society (Dothan, AL)
- 1998—Jackson Hemerocallis Society (Jackson, MS)
- 1999—Central Alabama Daylily Society (Birmingham, AL)
- 2000—Montgomery Area Daylily Society (Montgomery, AL)
- 2001—Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (Hattiesburg, MS)
- 2002—Birmingham Hemerocallis Society (Birmingham, AL)
- 2003—Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society (Pascagoula, MS)
- 2004—Riviera Daylily Society (Foley, AL)
- 2005—Jackson Hemerocallis Society (Jackson, MS)
- 2006—North Alabama Daylily Society (Huntsville, AL)
- 2007—Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (Hattiesburg, MS)

Future Sites:

- 2008—Wiregrass Daylily Society (Dothan, AL)
- 2009—Montgomery Area Daylily Society (Montgomery, AL)

### **Awards and Honors:**

A decision was made very early in the history of AHS that there needed to be an incentive program for both the flower and the people. In 1950 AHS began a program of Awards and Honors. AHS Region 14 members have received many of these awards.

*The Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal* is the Society's highest personal award. It is given as official recognition of distinguished and meritorious service rendered the Society by a member, voted by the AHS Board of Directors and based on nominations by the membership. Region 14 recipients include:

- 1971 Dr. Walter C. Hava, Waveland, MS
- 1973 Ethel Smith, No Mistake Plantation, Satartia, MS
- 1978 Betty Barnes, Vicksburg, MS
- 1982 Olive Bailey Langdon, Birmingham, AL
- 1986 Sarah Sikes, Luverne, AL
- 1993 Elly Launius, Jackson, MS
- 1998 Jack Harrison, Montgomery, AL

Dr. Walter C. Hava, a dentist from Waveland, Mississippi, was the first person from Region 14 to be recognized with the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal. Dr. Hava

served on the AHS Board from 1963 thru 1969 and was designated an honorary member in 1970. Dr. Hava taught at Tulane until he retired and moved to his summer home in Waveland where he maintained a magnificent garden filled with camellias, amaryllis, lush ferns and hemerocallis growing under virgin pines. Hurricane Camille demolished his garden on the gulf coast prior to his death in 1974. Dr. Hava helped organize the AHS Scientific Committee and served as its chairman from 1961 until 1969. He did research on color and pigmentation; nutrition; X-ray treatment of seed; freeze damage of evergreen daylilies; and on diseases and pests of daylilies. A few days prior to his death, Dr. Hava notified Ethel Smith that he would like to donate his Helen Field Fischer award to the Mississippi Hemerocallis Society for safekeeping. The award was sent to the Mississippi Archives of History, located in the old capitol building in Jackson, to be displayed there with a brief resumé.

In the very earliest years of the American Hemerocallis Society, the make-up of the Board of Directors was different from that of today. The Directors were appointed, and Alabama and Mississippi were not represented in 1957-1959 or in 1962. But in 1960 Mrs. Ethel Smith of Satartia, Mississippi, became the first person from this area to serve on the Board. Fondly known as Miss Ethel to many, Mrs. Smith maintained No Mistake Plantation which was the gathering place for daylily people. Miss Ethel was



Ethel Barfield Smith  
(Photo from *The Dixie Daylily*, Summer 1990)

known for her hospitality and never seemed to tire of entertaining. It is said she would think, “We need to get together.” She would issue an invitation and daylily folks from far and wide would gather at No Mistake Plantation to “talk daylilies and plan events.” Earl Barfield, who now lives in Kentucky, was a nephew and lived on the property. When we visited there after Mrs. Smith’s death and before the estate was sold, he mesmerized me as he told us of the stories that had been passed down to him. He showed us the silver service that had been wrapped and dropped into the well with other items as the Union troops moved across that section of the country. He also showed us a set of china that Miss Ethel used when guests came for a picnic on the lawn and told of the gentleman, who happened to be an estate appraiser, who during his visit spotted the china and in the course of conversation told Miss Ethel the value of the set. Needless to say, the china was not used for picnics after that time. Miss Ethel did not just entertain, she was a serious daylily hybridizer and grower. Her “Yazoo” series—the name came from the county in which she resided—was extensive and included *Hemerocallis* ‘**Yazoo Souffle**’ (1983), *H.* ‘**Yazoo Elsie Hinton**’ (1986), *H.* ‘**Yazoo Jim Terry**’ (Smith-Barfield 1992).

Mrs. Betty Barnes of Natchez, Mississippi, was the recipient of the Helen Field Fischer award in 1978. Ms. Betty, as she was affectionately called, was not a Mississippian by birth but moved to Natchez in 1972. She served as president of the American Hemerocallis Society in 1974-1975. She taught exhibition judges across the country and was responsible for adding four new sections to our exhibition shows: Youth, Miniatures, Small, and Double sections. She was very aware of the need for better trained judges and devoted a great deal of time to seeing that there were more and better clinics for the training of exhibition judges. Of course, Region 14 was delighted when she accepted an invitation from Sarah Hegwood and assisted with the clinic in Hattiesburg in 2001. She was 96 years old at the time. Mrs. Barnes died in 2004 at the age of 99 years and 29 days.

Olive Bailey Langdon of Birmingham, Alabama, was the recipient of the Helen Field Fischer award in 1982. She served on the AHS Board of Directors from 1973 thru 1978 and was responsible for the writing of the Society’s first Convention Manual. A lawyer by profession, her assistance was invaluable as she worked with the committees handling three revisions of the AHS by-laws. She also served with the group which made revisions to the *Judges Handbook* and was instrumental in establishing training procedures for garden judges. Olive and her husband, Joe, served as co-chairs of the Silver Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society in 1971 in Birmingham, Alabama. There are three daylilies named in honor of this avid daylily lover, *H.* ‘**Olive Langdon**’ (Hardy 1971), *H.* ‘**Olive Bailey Langdon**’ (Munson, R. W. 1974), and a double, *H.* ‘**Olive Pearl**’ (McConnell 1981).

Sarah Sikes of Luverne, Alabama, was awarded the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal in 1986 for her service to the American Hemerocallis Society. She served as Director on the AHS Board from 1979 thru 1984. During this time she worked tirelessly to promote the Society and the Flower. As a young adult, Sarah Sikes planned to leave her home in south Alabama to pursue a career as a fashion designer. Love altered her plans. Sarah married the man she loved and stayed in Crenshaw County, AL. Though it took a little time, she still managed to establish a career as an internationally renowned designer—of daylilies rather than clothes. Sarah and her husband, Hugh Bach, farmed and Sarah cultivated an array of daylilies that she sold worldwide. Like so many people, Sarah stumbled into the business by accident. After 25 years of being the all-American



Oliver Billingslea Presents the Stout Medal to Sarah Sikes

*(Photo from The Dixie Daylily, Fall/Winter 1996)*

wife and mother (something she really loved), she decided to join the Luverne Garden Club, as a treat for herself. In 1962 the garden club took a tour of daylily farms in south Alabama and Sarah bought a clump of daylilies because everybody else was buying some. The next year when the lilies began to bloom she fell in love with the plants and began buying all she could get her hands on. Daylilies, especially the hybridized cultivars, can be expensive, and typically Sarah funded her passion by selling the excess of her existing lilies. The first really expensive daylily she bought cost \$50. She dug 50 clumps of her daylilies and sold them for \$1 each to pay for the plant. Would you believe that expensive daylily then died! Undaunted, Sarah continued growing and buying daylilies. In 1968 she became a member of AHS and became passionate about hybridizing. She commented at one time that she was famous for developing Southern daylilies for Yankees, breeding a degree of dormancy into her lines, and because of this her daylilies are grown all over the United States and in the foreign market.

As a result she was awarded the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for hybridizing in 1996, after having won the Stout Medal for *H. 'Neal Berrey'* in 1995 and the Lenington All-American Award for *H. 'Designer Jeans'* in 1995. In a banner year, she received all three awards on the same evening at the Awards Banquet in Denver, Colorado. Sarah served as RVP, 1975-1976, during which time she won the AHS Newsletter Award. She received the AHS Region 14 Service Award in 1977. This was before she registered her first daylily. Her interest in the Society was evident when she initiated the AHS Region 14 Sequence Award in 1979. She developed the sequence of slides entitled "Gardening With Daylilies." This presentation is still the most popular one in the AHS library. It has been up-dated a couple of times and has been converted to a CD and is utilized throughout the country. Through the years, from 1979 thru 2002, Sarah personally purchased and paid for the silver tray which was given as the award for this competition. The first recipient of the Sequence Award in 1979 was Jim Terry of Hattiesburg. After that year, the winners were from other regions. In 2002, Region 14 asked Sarah if she would like for the region to assume the responsibility for the award; she indicated that this would be acceptable to her. Region 14 requested of AHS that the award be named the Sarah Sikes Slide Sequence Award in honor of Sarah. The first year that the new name for the award was used (2003) the award was presented to Earl Watts of Hattiesburg, MS, for a sequence, "Building Raised Daylily Beds." In 2004, Doyle Pierce of Meridian, MS, was the recipient for a sequence on hybridizing. In 2005, Lea Anne Parker, of Birmingham, AL, won the award with "Using Excavation as a Method of Creating a New Daylily Bed." Nothing like keeping the award at home.

Another Region 14 person who received the Helen



The Pewter Tray

Given for The Sarah Sikes Sequence Award

*(Photo AHS Archives)*

Field Fischer Gold Medal for outstanding service to the society was Elly Launius of Jackson, Mississippi. In the early 1980's, Elly Launius became interested in daylilies. She became very active in the Jackson Hemerocallis Society and served as chairman of the Regional Meeting in Jackson in 1988. In 1987 Elly accepted the part time position of AHS Executive Secretary. The Society had 4000 members; the membership files were antiquated, and the Society was in a state of organizational turmoil. Elly proceeded to turn chaos into order. Hurdles had to be overcome to enter the age of technology and computers and Elly's organizational skills assisted her. Elly also took on the non-current publications sales and doubled the sales as she worked from her home. The part-time job mushroomed into a full-time responsibility that did not allow time for her to tend her display garden nor enjoy other leisurely activities. After ten years of dedicated service to the American Hemerocallis Society, she retired on September 30, 1997. *H.* 'Miss Elly' (1998) is a cultivar named for her by Philip Adams, as is *H.*



Miss Elly Launius  
(Photo from *The Dixie Daylily*, Spring 1998)

'Elly Launius' (1992) by Lee Gates.

Jack Harrison of Montgomery was the last person from Region 14 to be selected for the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal. In 1998 Elly Launius presented the medal to Jack for his dedication to the Society. Jack was elected RVP for Region 14, 1987-1988, at which time he edited the Region 14 newsletter, which he renamed *The Dixie Daylily*. He served as both an Exhibition and Garden Judge.

Twice elected to the AHS Board of Directors, serving from 1990-1995, he became Vice-President of the American Hemerocallis Society and among other things did much work with insurance for the Society and assured order as chair of Protocol. It was Jack who was also instrumental in putting AHS on a sound financial footing, by overseeing the establishment of the W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust.

*The Bertrand Farr Silver Medal* is a distinguished honor reserved for members who have attained outstanding results in the field of hybridizing. It is voted by the AHS Board of Directors, based on nominations by the membership. Region 14 has had three recipients:

- 1971 Sally Lake, Mobile, AL
- 1989 Charlie Pierce, Mobile, AL
- 1996 Sarah Sikes, Luverne, AL

The first Region 14 member to win the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal was Sally Lake of Mobile, Alabama. Mrs. Lake's interest in daylilies began when she received a gift of a few fans from a charter member of the Hemerocallis Society. She was impressed by the performance of this versatile plant in her garden and was inspired to study all available literature on its cultivation. She was influenced by the works of Dr. Ezra Kraus, Dean Emeritus of the Department of Botany, University of Chicago, and became a serious hybridizer. One thing of note about Sally Lake's program was she purchased the latest hybrids from leading hybridizers as she began her planned hybridizing program designed, according to an article in *The Hemerocallis Journal*, March, 1972, 1. To breed out muddiness and questionable color; 2. To develop hybrids that would be sunfast; 3. To have perfection of form and flowers that would not melt before sunset; 4. To have rebloom and thus have a longer bloom season; 5. To have erect scapes; and 6. To have flowers that would remain open for evening. While reaching for such lofty goals prior to 1970, is it any wonder that Sally Lake was recognized for her work in the field of hybridizing! Sally Lake's husband's business interest influenced their move from Selma, Alabama, to Mobile in 1950. The move included a four year collection of named hemerocallis for Mrs. Lake and a collection of camellias for Mr. Lake. These two collections formed the foundation of the Lake Gardens. There was little knowledge of the daylily in the Mobile area at this time, but Sally changed that in less than four years. She invited everyone who visited the garden to see the camellias in the late winter to come back to see the daylilies when they were in bloom in May and June. When the visitors came to see the hemerocallis, she gave each one a daylily of their own with instructions on how to grow and care for their new plant. In June 1956, Mrs. W. N. (Sally) Lake met with a small group of local gardeners and guests

on the Lake's lawn in Mobile, Alabama, and with the assistance of Mr. Ben Arthur Davis, Sr. of Meridian, and with the help of Garden Editor Mr. Lou Costa and with such beauties as *H. 'High Noon'*, *H. 'Playboy'*, *H. 'Coeur de Lion'*, *H. 'Nashville'*, *H. 'Quincy'* and *H. 'Bess Ross'* in bloom, organized the Mobile Hemerocallis Society. Mobile had their first accredited show in 1958 and has had a show every year except three, during this fifty year span of time. Sally Lake registered 86 daylilies for which she received 8 Honorable Mentions. *H. 'Silver King'* (1959) received an Award of Merit in 1967. In the Spring 1973 Region 14 newsletter, RVP Ethel Smith raised the question, "What do you think of starting a Sally Lake Award to be given annually for the best seedling at our Region 14 meetings? Should this be for any seedling? Or for Region 14 members only? Catherine Barks [of Opelika, Alabama] suggested [that we do] this and I think it is a wonderful tribute. Think about this and express your opinion at the Region 14 meeting June 5." In the Summer 1973 issue of the Region 14 newsletter, Jim Terry of Hattiesburg wrote, "At the suggestion of RVP Ethel Smith, in honor of our late beloved Sally Lake, the members of Region 14 in attendance at the June Meeting in Jackson, MS, voted to establish the Sally Lake Memorial Award for outstanding hybridizing by members in Region 14. This award, to be given annually at our Regional Meeting, will focus attention on the fine work being done by hybridizers in our Region whose work may have been previously unnoticed." RVP Ethel Smith appointed Jim Terry to draw up the rules for this award. Mrs. Joe Langdon of Birmingham was named by Mr. Terry to be his assistant. The rules for this new award were listed in the newsletter, Summer 1973. The first award to be voted on was at the 1975 Regional Meeting in Auburn, AL. Hybridizers had been encouraged to send up to five seedlings or un-introduced plants to Mrs. Joe (Grace) Abercrombie, Notasulga, Alabama, where the daylily bed would be located. Frances Hanson of Fairfax, Alabama, was the winner of the first Sally Lake Memorial Award for her seedling, #22, a ruffled rose colored daylily with an intense green throat. In 1977, the Fuquays hosted the Sally Lake Bed at the Regional Meeting in Montgomery and reported that the bed was full with 100 entries. This is an award that has continued through the years. In 1992, Bernard and Warren Holliday of New Orleans, who had established a new business, AAA Quality Engravers, donated 200 markers to accompany the previously purchased metal sign for the AHS Region 14 Sally Lake Bed.

Charlie Pierce, also of Mobile, Alabama, received the coveted Bertrand Farr Silver Medal in 1989. It was presented at the National Convention in Savannah, GA, and according to an article in the Fall 1989 *Daylily Journal* this was the first time in the 40 year history of the award that it had been presented posthumously. The convention goers could not have been more pleased that Charlie Pierce had been recognized for his contributions in the area of hybrid-

izing. In 1981 Charlie had introduced *H. 'Fairy Tale Pink'* (1980) which was awarded the Stout Silver Medal in 1990, and just two years later, in 1992, the very popular *H. 'Barbara Mitchell'* (1984) also received the Stout Silver Medal. Charlie worked with pinks and practically all of his introductions received AHS Honorable Mention Awards. Many of these beautiful pinks such as *H. 'Rose Emily'* (1982) and *H. 'Mary Lou Hutchins'* (1984), as well as *H. 'Charlie Pierce Memorial'* (1987), a lavender with a wine purple eye and green throat which was introduced after Charlie's death as a tribute to him, can be found in gardens today.

Sarah Sikes was the third hybridizer from Region 14 to receive the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal. This was in 1996. Her "Designer" series, for which she won numerous Honorable Mentions, was just one part of her large program. She registered some 132 daylilies, winning Awards of Merit for *H. 'Designer Jeans'* (1983), *H. 'Neal Berrey'* (1985), and *H. 'Antique Rose'* (1987). Some of her most popular daylilies, still widely grown today, include her tets *H. 'Sound and Fury'* (1978) and *H. 'Royal Rage'* (1980), several of her "Designer" series, including *H. 'Designer Gown'* (1982), and a large number of pink diploids including *H. 'Luverne'* (1991), *H. 'Hush Little Baby'* (1992), *H. 'Pink Scenario'* (1992), and *H. 'Bonnie Pink Ruffles'* (1993).

*The Regional Service Awards* are limited in number and may be given annually by the Board of Directors to members who have performed outstanding service at the regional level. No more than one award may be given per region in a single year. Nominations are submitted by members of the region. Since the inception of the Award, Region 14 has had twelve recipients:

- 1977 Sarah Sikes, Alabama
- 1978 James W. Terry, Mississippi
- 1979 Newell Howell, Mississippi
- 1981 Ethel Smith, Mississippi
- 1982 Nancye Park, Mississippi
- 1984 Sallie Farley, Mississippi
- 1997 Jack Harrison, Alabama
- 1998 Beverly Klamer, Alabama
- 2000 Kelly Wall, Mississippi
- 2002 Earl Watts, Mississippi
- 2005 Allen and Carolyn McLain, Mississippi
- 2007 Joe and Olive Langdon, Alabama

Sarah Sikes, Luverne, AL, was recognized in 1977, for among other things her editorship of *The AlaMiss Newsletter*. She became the first recipient of AHS Best Newsletter Award.

James W. Terry, of Hattiesburg, MS, was recognized with a Service Award in 1978. He was a part of the foundation of Region 14 as one of the founders of the Mississippi

Hemerocallis Society in 1955 which preceded the formation of Region 14 in 1957. His enthusiasm for gardening and the friends he made from the noteworthy to the newest daylily discoverers through the years until his death December 9, 1994, were the catalyst that inspired his articles in the Region 14 newsletters and earned him widespread respect and admiration. After five years of publishing one of the best newsletters in the country, *The MHS Newsletter*, he was honored with a life membership in the AHS. Jim Terry wrote articles for *The Daylily Journal* as well as for the Region 14 newsletter. He was very interested in having color in the regional newsletter, and Beverly Klamer has related that while she was editor of the *The Dixie Daylily* Jim Terry contributed many dollars for color and would often call late at night to check on the status for color in the next issue of the publication.

Newell Howell, of Meridian, MS, was the third to receive the Service Award. He was elected the eighth RVP of Region 14 in 1977. He and his wife, Ruth, were charter members of the Meridian Hemerocallis Society. They worked with Ben Arthur Davis, Sr. and Peachie and Joe Saxon in building a strong club in that area. While Newell was serving as RPD and editor of the regional newsletter in 1973-74, he initiated the Auction by Mail which was used as a major fund raiser to finance the newsletter.

Ethel B. Smith, of Satartia, MS, was the fourth recipient. She was not only the region's first RPD, but the region's first representative on the AHS Board of Directors. She later served as RVP for Region 14, 1973-1974.

Nancye Park, of Jackson, MS, Region 14's fifth recipient, organized the Jackson Hemerocallis Society and served as Region 14 RVP for an extended three year term, 1962-1964, during which time she edited and published the regional newsletter with minimal assistance. She gave away hundreds of cultivars to help beginners become more interested in daylilies.

Receiving the Service Award in 1984, Sallie Farley, of Jackson, MS, was the sixth recipient. She served as RVP, 1981-82. Her garden "Happy Hours" was a Display Garden. One of her most lasting contributions was instigating the Plant Sale table at the Regional Meeting where good daylilies could be obtained at a bargain price and the benefits generate new funds for the region.

Between 1984 and 1997, Region 14 received no Regional Service Award.

In 1997, Jack Harrison, of Montgomery, AL, became the seventh recipient. In his nomination letter, Oliver Billingslea cited Jack's role in establishing Region 14's liability insurance, which put Region 14 in the forefront of "procedures to come." Jack in his RVP term also kept the Region 14's By-laws in tune with those of AHS. He was instrumental in the establishment of a Region 14 Fall Meeting, and he donated many plants to regional meetings and plant auctions. As RVP, 1987-1988, he edited the re-

gional newsletter, which at his wife Amalia's suggestion he renamed *The Dixie Daylily*. He served ably as liaison for the W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust. Retiring AHS Secretary Elly Launius presented the Service Award to Jack Harrison at the National Convention in Jacksonville, FL.

Beverly Klamer, of Birmingham, AL, was the 1998 recipient. Beverly, who now lives in Shelby, AL, served as RVP for Region 14, 1991-1992, and was editor of *The Dixie Daylily* from 1991-1996. Known for her generosity in sharing plants, she encouraged the Central Alabama Daylily Society to contribute consistently to the financial support of Region 14. In 1997 her club became the first in Region 14 to attain Gold Donor status in respect to the W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust contributions.



Beverly Klamer Receives Gold Donor Certificate  
on Behalf of CADS  
from Jack Harrison, Liaison  
for the W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust  
(Photo from AHS Archives)

Kelly Wall, of Liberty, MS, received the award in 2000. An organizer and charter member of the Miss-Lou Daylily Society, Kelly Wall is still active in that group today, serving as its reporter. Kelly served as a garden judge and a member of the AHS Awards and Honors Committee. From 1989-1999 he was Garden Judge Liaison for Region 14, conducting the Garden Judges Clinics at numerous regional meetings. He served as RVP for Region 14, 1985-1986, and Treasurer, 1989-1990. He is an accomplished hybridizer and has given hundreds of plants in support of the Region's auctions. Among his notable introductions are *H. 'Avis Jean'* (1987) and *H. 'Fair Kelly Michelle'* (1992). Unable to attend the National Convention in Philadelphia, PA, Kelly was honored at his home church in Liberty, MS, by Earl Watts, Region 14 RVP at the time, who presented the Service Award to Kelly Wall at a meeting of the Miss-Lou Daylily Society.

Earl Watts, of Hattiesburg, MS, became the tenth recipient of the Regional Service Medal in 2002. Barbara,

his wife, had to keep the fact that Earl had been selected to receive the AHS Region 14 Service Award a secret from the last Saturday in October until the following July when she presented it to him at the National Convention in Troy, Michigan. As RVP, Earl oversaw a significant increase in Region 14 membership, an increase in the number of Regional Display Gardens, and a significant increase in the monies generated by several auctions. On one occasion he challenged Alabama to out-vote Mississippi in the Regional Popularity Poll, offering \$100 to the Region's treasury if Alabama did. Mississippi cast more votes, and representatives from Alabama, namely Jack Harrison and Oliver Billingslea, had to pay up.

Allen and Carolyn McLain, of Belzoni, MS, received the Service Award in 2005 for their work on *The Dixie Daylily*, and for using electronic messages to keep the clubs and members up-to-date on happenings in the region.

In 2007, Joe and Olive Langdon were named co-recipients of the award, which honored them for decades of service. Sadly, Olive passed away in January 2007 before learning they were to receive the award as a team. Joe was honored, among other things, for his years of service as Region 14 auctioneer. Barbara Watts presented Joe the medal at the Fall Regional Meeting in October, 2007.

*The AHS Newsletter Award* is a plaque that is given annually to the editor of the best regional newsletter. Selected by the AHS Board of Directors from committee nominations, generally those of three past-Presidents of the AHS, this is a prestigious honor. In *The AlaMiss Newsletter*, Winter, 1976, Olive Langdon reported that she had attended the AHS Board Meeting in Raleigh in June and the Board voted to bestow one award annually to a region, through its Editor, for sending out the best Newsletter.

Three Region 14 editors have been honored singularly for this award:

1976 Sarah Sikes  
1990 Eleanor Warren  
2001 Allen McLain

The first Newsletter Award was given to Sarah Sikes, the editor of *The AlaMiss Newsletter*. The newsletter was re-named *Region 14 Newsletter* in 1977. In 1987, during Jack Harrison's term as RVP, his wife Amalia suggested a new name for the Region 14 newsletter and that name, *The Dixie Daylily*, has been synonymous with Region 14 since that time.

During the time her husband Dr. Edward Warren was RVP, 1989-1990, Eleanor Warren served as editor of *The Dixie Daylily*. She received the national award for the Best Newsletter in 1990. For two consecutive years, 1990 and 1991, she also received the national award for Best Use of Pictures and Graphic Art in a Newsletter. Those were the

first years that the best use of pictures and graphics award, selected by a committee of three past-Presidents, was given.

In 2001, Allen McLain became the third editor to receive the Best Newsletter honor for *The Dixie Daylily* and for Region 14.

Upon Allen's becoming editor of *The Daylily Journal* in July of 2004, *The Dixie Daylily*, in its first full year under the editorship of Oliver Billingslea, tied with Region 8's *The Pacific Daylily*, edited by Patricia Loveland, for the honor of being one of the "best" newsletters. Oliver was presented a plaque by RVP John Falck at the Region 14 Fall Meeting in October, 2006. In all three of his years as editor, 2005-2007, Oliver Billingslea has received the award for Best Use of Pictures and Graphic Art in a Newsletter.

Since writing awards were instituted in 1990, there have been a number of individuals who have received recognition at the national level for contributing award winning articles to the Region 14 newsletter.

**2007:** Julie Covington, of Roanoke, VA, won best article in the Cultivars category for her essay on "Focusing on Favorites: The 2005 Daylily Season in Review," *The Dixie Daylily* (Winter 2006). Julie wrote this article for *The Dixie Daylily* at the editor's request. She also supplied the photography. Oliver Billingslea, of Montgomery, AL, won three writing awards: in the category for Best Garden Write-Up, for his feature, "Iron Gate Gardens of Kings Mountain, NC," *The Dixie Daylily* (Winter 2006); in the category for Demonstrating An Aspect of Daylily Gardening, for his feature, "Putting in a New Daylily Bed: The Craft of Gardening 101," *The Dixie Daylily* (Spring 2006); and in the category for Best Article on Photographing Daylilies, for his feature, "Going Digital: The Art of Photography 101," *The Dixie Daylily* (Winter 2006).

**2006:** Sarah Hegwood, of Petal, MS, won best article in the category for Historical Data About AHS, Its Regions or Daylily Personalities for her feature, "The 1966 National Convention in Jackson," *The Dixie Daylily* (Spring 2005). Mark Moffett, of Montgomery, AL, won best article in the category for Daylily Culture, for his article "Soil Preparation: How to Make Daylilies Thrive," *The Dixie Daylily* (Winter 2005).

**2005:** Oliver Billingslea, of Montgomery, AL, won best article in the category for Best Garden Write-Up for his feature, "Impressions of Color: Montgomery's Giverny, The Montgomery Garden of Jack and Amalia Harrison," *The Dixie Daylily* (Summer/Fall 2004).

**2004:** Olive Langdon, of Birmingham, AL, won best article in the category for Best Garden Write-Up for "The Homsey Garden," *The Dixie Daylily* (Summer 2003).

**2003:** Terri Money, of Headland, AL, won best article in the category for Best Article Using Humor for her poem “The Gardener,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Spring 2002). Articles by Oliver Billingslea, of Montgomery, AL, and Kevin Vaughn, of Stoneville, MS, tied for best in the category Best Article About Hybridizing: Oliver, for his feature, “A Magic Case-ment Opening Onto Blue: The Blue-Eyed Program of Elizabeth Salter,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Winter 2002); Kevin for his feature, “Those Blue Eyed Things,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Winter 2002).

**2002:** Sarah Hegwood, of Petal MS, won best article in the category of Non-Listed Topics for her article, “Tribute to an Exhibition Judge and Instructor,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Winter 2001).

**2001:** Ken Shacter, of Zachary, LA, (formerly of Jackson, MS) won best article in the category for Best Article About Electronics or New Technology for his feature, “About Your Computer,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Winter 2000).

**1998:** Kevin Vaughn, of Stoneville, MS, won for Best Scientific Article for “Herbicide Conversion of Diploid Daylilies to Tetraploid,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Summer/Fall 1997).

**1997:** Oliver Billingslea, of Montgomery, AL, won for Best Garden Write-Up for “Montgomery Area Daylily Society Tours Gardens in the Carolinas,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Summer 1996).

**1996:** Dan Jones, of Birmingham, AL, won for Best Scientific Article for “Bloom, Repeat Bloom, or Continuous Bloom,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Summer 1995).

**1992:** Jerry R. Benser, of Tuscaloosa, AL, won best article in the category for Cultivars for his feature, “Affordable Daylilies for the Novice Gardener,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Spring 1991).

**1991:** Richard Webster, of Arab, AL, won best article in the category for Other Topics Concerning Daylilies for his humorous article, “Advanced Scientific Hybridizing,” *The Dixie Daylily* (Spring 1990).

*The AHS Tricolor Medal* is a special award in the Artistic Division, given annually to an AHS member whose arrangement is judged best of the tricolor rosette winners of AHS accredited shows. Region 14 has had three winners: Mrs. Sam Parker, MS (1959); Mrs. Coaston Meyers, AL (1973); and Vera Smithhart, MS (1987).

There are several national Photography Awards:

*The Mildred Schlumpf Award* is an award given for

the best color slide (or digital image, beginning in 2007) in each of two categories: single bloom and landscape. Region 14 recipients in the single bloom category include: Oliver Billingslea, AL (2001), for *H. ‘Sweet Love of Heaven’* (Grace, L. 2000) and Earl Watts, MS (2004), for *H. ‘Suburban Christian Cole’* (Watts 2002). Recipients in the landscape category include: Sarah Sikes, AL (1979); Ashton Johnston, AL (1986); Oliver Billingslea, AL (2001); and Barbara Watts, MS (2002).

*The A.D. Roquemore Memorial Award* is an award given for the best color slide/digital image of a daylily clump. Barbara Watts, MS, won this award in 2001 for a slide of a clump of Earl Watts’ *H. ‘Suburban Golden Eagle’* (1998); she also won the award in 2002 for a slide of a clump of Oliver Billingslea’s *H. ‘South Sea Enchantment’* (1996). Earl Watts, MS, won this award in 2004 for a slide of his own *H. ‘Suburban Tassy’* (1999). Earl again won in 2007 for his slide of *H. ‘Suburban Alice Essary’* (2006).

*The Lazarus Memorial Award* may be given annually for the best video recording of a presentation relating to daylilies. In 2005, 2006, and 2007, the award went to Jay Laundré, Southaven, MS.

Several Region 14 hybridizers have won the *President’s Cup* at the AHS National Convention:

1971 *H. ‘Perennial Pleasure’*—Mrs. W. T. Hardy, AL  
1986 *H. ‘Fairy Tale Pink’*—Charlie Pierce, AL  
1999 *H. ‘South Sea Enchantment’*—Oliver Billingslea, AL

*The AHS Region 14 Popularity Poll* has been won by Region 14 cultivars several times:

Charlie Pierce’s *H. ‘Fairy Tale Pink’*, 1984-1988, 1990;  
Charlie Pierce’s *H. ‘Barbara Mitchell’*, 1991-1996;  
Larry Grace’s *H. ‘Clothed in Glory’*, 2004-2006; and Linda Agin’s *H. ‘Linda Beck’*, 2007.

*The Stout Silver Medal* is the highest award bestowed upon a daylily by the American Hemerocallis Society.

In 1968, *H. ‘Satin Glass’* (1960), hybridized by Orville Fay, IL, and selected and introduced by Mrs. W. T. Hardy of Birmingham, AL, won the Stout Medal. In 1990, *H. ‘Fairy Tale Pink’* (1980), hybridized by Charlie Pierce of Mobile, AL, was the winner. In 1992, *H. ‘Barbara Mitchell’* (1984) by Charlie Pierce won this medal. In 1995, *H. ‘Neal Berrey’* (1985), hybridized by Sarah Sikes of Windmill Gardens in Luverne, AL, was the recipient of the Stout Medal.



*The Lenington All-American Award* is an annual award for a cultivar that performs outstandingly in most parts of the country.

In 1971, *H. 'Satin Glass'*, the daylily hybridized by Orville Fay, IL, and selected and introduced by Mrs. W.T. Hardy of Alabama, won this award. In 1995, *H. 'Designer Jeans'*, the daylily of Sarah Sikes, won this award.

There are any number of special awards given each year by AHS as a result of votes cast by garden judges, and the list of Region 14 recipients is long. One award of note, though, is the *Lambert/Webster Award*, established in 2000. It is an annual award for the best Unusual Form cultivar, named for John R. Lambert, Jr. of North Carolina, who worked with diploids, and Region 14 hybridizer, Richard Webster of Arab, AL, who laid much of the ground work for tetraploid daylilies, whose length-to-width ratio put them outside the Spider classification. Richard Webster was a pioneer in this field, a little "ahead of the times!" He related that he became so frustrated with the "spider rules" and the lack of a category for these unusual forms that he was concentrating on, he dug and threw away 10,000 seedlings on one occasion. Richard Webster died in 1997 just a few years before an official class was designated for unusual form daylilies.

Youth have always been an important part of AHS Region 14. The theme for the twentieth annual AHS Convention, the first national convention to be held in Mississippi, was "Inventing Tomorrow, Youth as People Beginning to Be." Perhaps the youngest person to hold life membership in Region 14 is Benjamin Sikes. His grandmother, Sarah Sikes, gave him life membership in the American Hemerocallis Society at the time of his birth. You see him below checking out one of her introductions, *H. 'Hush Little Baby'*.



Benjamin Sikes and *H. 'Hush Little Baby'*  
(Photo from AHS Archives)

In the last decade we have had liaisons who have encouraged youth to attend our regional meetings and have planned activities for them. Stanley Hayes of Columbus, MS, first arranged for the youth to sit together and assist with the distribution of the auction plants and the door prizes. In more recent years Bob and Sheila Watson have served as Youth Liaisons and have made arrangements for the youth to ride the tour buses together and participate in a mini-session in one of the gardens. Youth activities have not been confined to the regional meeting though. Our youth have been active in shows. Of course they have a Section of their own at the show, but Jared Roberts claimed the Best-in-Show at the South Central MS Show in Laurel with his entry of *H. 'Texas Sunlight'* in 2000. Greg Preuss won the AHS Achievement Medal at the South Central MS Show in 2005, and in the same year Hunter Owens won Best of Show, as well as the Youth Division, on the Mississippi Gulf Coast with her entry of *H. 'Black Ambrosia'*. Most recently, the youth have had the opportunity to enter the Youth Digital Photography Contest, which was initiated in 2005 by the editor of *The Dixie Daylily*, Oliver Billingslea. Region 14 youth may enter digital images in each of four categories: individual bloom, cultivar clump, daylilies with companion plants, and landscape. Cash awards for first place and certificates for first, second, and honorable mention are presented at the Fall Regional Meeting. In 2005, Meghan Byrd of Flora, MS, won first place in all four categories. In 2006, Jason Richburg of Huntsville, AL, won two first place awards; and Greg Preuss and Dylan Preuss of Monticello, MS, each won a first place. In 2007, Dylan Preuss of Monticello, MS, and Faith Brown of Louisville, MS, each won two first place awards. As a record of their achievements, the youth have their winning entries published in *The Dixie Daylily*.

AHS Regions have always had the challenge of raising funds for activities and particularly the newsletter that is a requirement and of course a way of keeping the membership abreast of what is going on in the region. The mail auction was initiated by Newell Howell of Meridian in 1973-74. With the opportunity to have a live auction at the renewed fall regional meetings as well as the spring meetings, the mail auction was discontinued in 1999. John Arledge of Gautier, MS, made a big contribution to Region 14 in 1998 when he offered to share his collection of outstanding daylilies with the region if someone would help dig and divide them. A group of volunteers did just that, and some of the excess plants from the Arledge collection were cared for and placed in the last Mail Auction in 1998, and a large number of plants were given a specific area at Suburban Daylilies and in the garden of Herschel Strahan, and what was known as the "Green and Growing Project" formed the basis of the live auctions for several years during which time the finances of Region 14 were put on a

solid foundation. It was also during this time that clubs were challenged to contribute 5% of the profit from their auctions and plant sales to Region 14 to strengthen the treasury. Several clubs continue to do this in 2007. One of the liveliest auctions in the history of Region 14 occurred at the Spring Meeting of Region 14, 1999, in Birmingham, Alabama. Larry and Cindy Grace of Graceland Gardens, Newton, AL, donated a beautiful rose pink seedling with an outstanding gold edge to the auction. The idea was that the winning bidder would have the privilege of naming the daylily and would receive a fan one year before the cultivar was introduced. Those who were present at that auction remember the excitement as the bid opened at \$500 and quickly escalated to a thousand dollars and then Teresia Robinson and Linda Agin carried it higher and Teresia Robinson won the bid at twenty-two hundred dollars. Teresia said this was an anniversary present for her husband, Bill. They had been married for thirty-three years and she thought that with that in mind, it was a bargain. The plant was named BILL ROBINSON and was registered in 2004. In 2006, at the Huntsville Regional Meeting, Nancy Billingslea gave a quilt featuring daylilies which was raffled off at the meeting and brought more than \$500 to the treasury.

We would need a whole chapter on the projects that Region 14 clubs and individuals have sponsored. Under the leadership of Rosa Belle Van Valkenburgh, of Huntsville, AL, and through an initial donation of plants by the late Grady Kennedy and his wife, Lois, in 1985 the Huntsville Botanical Garden established and has maintained a fabulous daylily garden. The Birmingham Hemerocallis Society maintains a daylily garden at the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. The Montgomery club has established beds at the zoo, and other clubs have planted daylilies at schools, libraries and other public buildings. When the Hattiesburg Convention Center was opened, the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society was invited to plant daylilies in an area in front of the building. After days and weeks of planning, digging and finding horrible clay, and begging the use of heavy equipment, the beds that had been laid out were filled with donated soil mix and planted with cultivars selected from the gardens of club members. The beds had a major overhaul in 2006. In 2007, Region 14 was able to conduct its Garden Judges Workshop 2 in the garden at the Convention Center and was able to have its meeting at the Convention Center free of charge as a result of this project. The HADS club is pretty proud of that! Various clubs within the region continue to sponsor Regional Awards presented at the Spring Regional Meeting. At present these include the Region 14 Landscape Award, donated by the West Alabama Daylily Society and given for the best use of daylilies in landscaping a tour garden. The most prestigious is the Sally Lake Memorial Award, which is presently sponsored by the Central Alabama Daylily Society. (*Editor's Note:*

For a complete list of the Sally Lake award-winning hybridizers, 1975-2007, see the Summer/Fall 2007 issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.) Other awards given to individual cultivars include the Vice-President's Cup, donated by Region 14 and given to the best clump of a registered cultivar seen in a tour garden; the Amy Stewart Memorial Award, donated by the Birmingham Daylily Society and given to the best clump of a registered pink daylily; the Ethel Barfield Smith Memorial Award, donated by the Jackson Hemerocallis Society and given for the best clump of a registered double daylily; the Jim Terry Memorial Award, donated by the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society and given for the best clump of a registered red daylily; the Bennie McRae Small or Miniature Daylily Award, donated by the North MS-AL Daylily Society and given for the best clump of a registered small or miniature daylily; the John Edward Kelly Memorial Award, donated by the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society and given for the best clump of a registered spider or unusual form daylily; and the Ben Arthur Davis, Sr. Memorial Award, donated by the Meridian Daylily Society and given for the best clump of a registered eyed or eyed and edged daylily. And finally, to encourage writing for *The Dixie Daylily*, an award is given annually for the Best Article appearing in *The Dixie Daylily* by a member of Region 14.

We have heard it said, "We come for the flower, we stay for the people." That is rather characteristic of our organization. We love our daylily friends and we love to congregate to visit and renew acquaintances and make new friends, but the focus of the whole thing is the flower—the daylily. Our major purpose is to promote the daylily and an outstanding way to accomplish that is through our Display Gardens. Today we have 41 display gardens in our two states. The list changes from year to year, because people close their gardens, downsize their gardens, or for some reason make the decision to drop their Display status. Thankfully we have others who decide to add their gardens to the list.

Since almost the beginning, Region 14 has been represented on the AHS Board of Directors. Today one representative from each of the 15 regions serves on the Board. Region 14 Representatives have been an important part of our history. They are as follows:

1957-1959	None
1960-1962	Ethel B. Smith
1962	None
1963-1967	Walter C. Hava
1968-1969	Walter C. Hava Marion Broadnax Mildred Primos
1970	Marion Broadnax Walter C. Hava (Honorary)

1971-1972	Marion Broadnax
1973	Marion Broadnax Olive Langdon
1974-1978	Olive Langdon
1979-1983	Sara Sikes
1984	Sara Sikes Joe Langdon
1985-1986	Joe Langdon
1987-1989	Mel Wallace
1990-1995	W. J. Harrison
1996	Lorene Smith Oliver Billingslea
1997-2001	Oliver Billingslea
2002-2007	Barbara Watts
2008-	Nancy Falck

During his 5½ years on the Board, Oliver Billingslea served as Chair of Awards & Honors. He initiated a change in the number of Awards of Merit given annually from 10 to 12. He also instituted the process of the A&H Committee's nominating 10 previously overlooked cultivars to each year's Honorable Mention ballot. During his tenure, the editor of *The Daylily Journal* appointed him editor of the annual *Cumulative Awards & Honors* booklet, which he edited from 2000 through 2006.

During her 6 years on the Board, Barbara Watts served as Chair of Publications. When Region 14's Allen McLain became editor of *The Daylily Journal* in the summer of 2004, Barbara worked closely with him in overseeing the publication of several important AHS booklets, including the colorful "*Caught in the Web*," *Spiders & UFs*.

Region 14 has benefited from the leadership of 22 Regional Vice Presidents:

1957-1958	MS	Ben Arthur Davis, Sr.
1959-1961	AL	Margaret Thompson
1962-1964	MS	Nancye Park
1965-1967	AL	Sally Lake
1968-1970	MS	Mynelle Hayward
1971-1972	AL	Tom Holman
1973-1974	MS	Ethel B. Smith
1975-1976	AL	Sarah Sikes
1977-1978	MS	Newell Howell
1979-1980	AL	Evelyn Busbee
1981-1982	MS	Sallie Farley
1983-1984	AL	Joe Langdon
1985-1986	MS	Kelly Wall
1987-1988	AL	W. J. Harrison
1989-1990	MS	Dr. Edward Warren
1991-1992	AL	Beverly Klamer
1993-1994	MS	Shelton Holliday
1995-1996	AL	Ruby Anderson
1997-2000	MS	Earl Watts

2001-2002	MS	Bill Robinson
2003-2004	AL	Oliver Billingslea
2004-2008	AL	John Falck

Finally, there are the hybridizers—the ones who create the flowers we enjoy. Region 14 has had a number of outstanding hybridizers, several who have developed national reputations, have won major awards from AHS, and have contributed significantly to the development of the daylily. The following have registered at least 20 cultivars (the number of registrations for each is listed in the parenthesis).

Philip Adams (246), Sarah Sikes (132), James W. Terry (116), Richard L. Webster (109), Bennie McRae (98), Dan Wedgeworth (79), W. H. Smith (73), W.T. (Julia B.) Hardy (88), Sally Lake (86), Larry Grace + Grace-Smith (34 + 49), Henry Boykin (71), James Townsend (64), Mynelle Hayward (56), Oliver Billingslea (56), Kelly Wall (47), Mildred Primos (46), Ruth Pate (38), Walter C. Hava (37), Charles F. Pierce (36), Earl Watts (35), Jerry R. Patton (29), Jesse George (28), Terah George (27), Robert Burns, Jr. (25), Paul Aucoin (23), Walter H. Bolin (23), Elton John Cooper, Jr. (23), Dora Swanson (23), Bob Hand (22), Vena Belk (21), and Polly Mayo (20).

Of these hybridizers' registrations, several have won the prestigious Award of Merit from the American Hemerocallis Society: *H. 'Silver King'* (Lake 1959), *H. 'Fairy Tale Pink'* (Pierce, C. 1980), *H. 'Rose Emily'* (Pierce, C. 1982), *H. 'Barbara Mitchell'* (Pierce, C. 1984), *H. 'Charlie Pierce Memorial'* (Pierce, C. 1987), *H. 'Mynelle's Starfish'* (Hayward, M. 1982), *H. 'Designer Jeans'* (Sikes 1983), *H. 'Neal Berrey'* (Sikes 1985), *H. 'Antique Rose'* (Sikes 1987), *H. 'Jedi Dot Pierce'* (Wedgeworth 1988), *H. 'Xia Xiang'* (Billingslea 1988), *H. 'Clothed In Glory'* (Grace, L. 1996), *H. 'Destined to See'* (Grace, L. 1998), and *H. 'J.T. Davis'* (Grace, L. 1999).

Region 14 has a proud history. We have built a strong foundation, and it is most important that we preserve this history to pass it down to future generations and continue to promote the daylily in our Region.

Barbara Watts

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# Container Gardening

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Container gardening is an ideal way to add color to your surroundings when space is limited, and it permits plant materials to be moved around easily, to be changed, or renewed as desired, and to be enjoyed close at hand. Plantings can be as simple or as elaborate as space, inclination, taste, and funds allow.

Before choosing a container, take into consideration its final location. Observe light patterns, surrounding color schemes, and the area you wish to highlight. Then select the size planter for your needs. The amount of sunlight, moisture, and plant protection are all important factors to consider.

Containers come in many types and sizes. Terra cotta pots are classic clay pots known for their beauty and value, making them all time favorites. Small sizes are inexpensive and complement any style garden. Regular terra cotta wicks water away from the soil, which helps prevent over watering. One can, however, reduce the need to water often by sealing terra cotta pots with a commercially available sealant. Concrete containers come in a wide variety of sizes, shapes, and colors. They are heavy enough to keep plants stable, but full planters are nearly impossible to move. A good concrete container will last for years making it one of the more economical planter choices. Glazed ceramic or plastic planters are hard to beat for their artistic beauty. They provide instant color and interest. A good plastic or glazed planter can last for many years with proper care. These striking accents carry a moderate to high price tag. On the other hand, lightweight foam, which also comes in a variety of choices, is easy on the pocketbook, making it an attractive alternative to the more traditional materials; like terra cotta, however, foam pots can crack in very cold weather. Fiberglass planters are relatively new to the market. Fiberglass can be made into a variety of styles to simulate wood, stone, or metal. Pricing is in the moderate range, making it an affordable option. Fiberglass planters are flexible, lightweight, and resilient.

After selecting your planter size, and materials, be sure there is an ample drainage hole at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide or several smaller ones. To prevent your soil from washing out when watering, line your container with old panty hose, a coffee filter, pot chards, plastic window screen, or other like materials. A layer of pebbles or packing peanuts can be used as drainage material in very large containers, when the full depth of the container is more than the depth of soil needed for the plants to be grown in the container. A good rule of thumb is to add drainage material to the depth of  $\frac{1}{5}$  the container height.

Select a potting mix (not garden soil), that drains well but contains ample organic material to retain water.

Some new potting soils contain water-retaining polymers. Be sure to read the label or ask for recommendations from your local garden center. To test your potting soil, pick up a handful and hold tight. When released, the soil should fall apart quickly. Moisten your soil before putting it into your container. If your planting container is porous, be sure to soak it with water before planting, to prevent it from wicking moisture too quickly from the potting soil.

Containers require more watering than plants grown in garden beds, often daily in the heat of summer. Plant materials, containers chosen, and location will affect how often you need to water. Stick your finger at least a few inches deep into the potting mix and water when the soil is almost dry for most plants.

To keep your container in peak bloom, add a complete time-release fertilizer such as 14-14-14 to the potting soil at time of planting. Soluble fertilizer is also excellent for containers, but will need to be applied every week or two when watering, if used alone, instead of slow release fertilizer. Soluble can also be used periodically to enhance the slow release for faster plant growth.



*This large strawberry pot is attractively filled with herbs and mosses at Ric-A-Tee Daylily Gardens, which makes use of many attractive containers, including oil cans, buckets, and a rocker with mosaic slats.*

*(Photo by Terri Money)*

## 2007 Stout Silver Medal

When selecting plant materials for your container, take into consideration (1) how your container will be viewed, such as only from one side, as in a corner, or from all directions; (2) what height of plant material is needed; and (3) the width you need to fill. Remember, your plants will continue to grow into full size even though planted in containers. Annuals, perennials, vegetables, small shrubs, small trees, and dwarf fruit trees all work well in container gardening. Your selection is endless. Select plants that have a healthy appearance and good natural shape. Mix several sizes, shapes, and colors in the same container for a variety of looks. Be sure to choose plants with similar sun and watering needs when combining together in a container. Balance and proportion need to be taken into consideration. Choose tall plants for structure and height and place in the center or off to one side of the container. Continue to build your container with a variety of plants. Consider trailing plants for interest, or plants with variegated leaves. Try out your container combinations at the garden center before purchasing. Photos cut from magazines can be glued on paper to simulate your container garden before even going to the garden center.

Mulching containers is just as important as mulching garden beds. Mulch will help conserve moisture, keep the soil cool, and prevent splashing of soil mix onto foliage when the plants are watered or during a rainstorm. Choose mulch that complements your plantings or the surroundings. Pine straw can be broken into pieces for smaller containers.

Insect problems are easily dealt with. Infested plants can be easily isolated and treated, and then returned to their location. Leaf drop is usually due to improper growing conditions such as poor light, transplant shock, insufficient watering, over fertilization, or sudden changes in temperature. Gas fumes, when plants are located too near a parking area, can also be the cause of leaf drop.

Repot your containers as needed to prevent packed soil. During a severe winter, damage can occur due to dehydration if the soil freezes and the roots are unable to absorb moisture. Ceramic, plastic, terra cotta, and concrete planters may crack due to expansion and contraction if the soil freezes. Fiberglass and foam tend to have fewer problems with freezing weather, but any pot will crack if the conditions are right.

Flexibility is the benefit of container gardening, making it one of the most popular forms of gardening in the USA today. Instant color and design make it an attractive addition to our landscapes, turning drab, colorless spots into points of interest.

Sandra Madere

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*Heemerocallis* 'Lavender Blue Baby' (Carpenter, J. 1996) is the recipient of the Stout Silver Medal for 2007. Receiving 82 votes, its margin of victory was the largest in several years. Runners-up included *H.* 'Skinwalker' (Roberts, N. 1997) with 63 votes, *H.* 'All American Chief' (Sellers 1994) with 61, *H.* 'Sabine Baur' (Salter 1997) with 46, and *H.* 'Magic Of Oz' (Herrington, H. 1995) with 32. Interestingly, both *H.* 'Lavender Blue Baby' and *H.* 'Skinwalker' are diploids.



*H.* 'Lavender Blue Baby' (Carpenter, J. 1996)  
(Photo by Julie Covington)

A number of cultivars hybridized by Region 14's Larry Grace also received awards in 2007, among them *H.* 'J.T. Davis' (1999), which topped the list of Award of Merit recipients with 152 votes. Famous in part for the quality of its progeny, this is a sumptuous 5" yellow with pinkish glow and a heavily ruffled deeper yellow edge. Larry's *H.* 'Destined To See' (1998), a 6" cream buff UF with lavender eye and edge, also received an AM.

Three cultivars introduced by Larry before he sold his program to Frank Smith won HMs. These include *H.* 'Open My Eyes' (2001), *H.* 'Touched By Grace' (2000), and *H.* 'Blushed With Emerald' (2001).

In addition, the following cultivars hybridized by Larry, but registered and introduced by Frank Smith, also captured HMs: *H.* 'Moment in the Sun' (2004), *H.* 'Doyle Pierce' (2004), *H.* 'Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' (2004), *H.* 'Eleanor Roosevelt' (2004), *H.* 'Hank Williams' (2004), and *H.* 'Funny Cide' (2003).

Jesse George received an HM for *H.* 'Coach's Class Act' (2004).

# AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY 61ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

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"Where the FUN Began"

by Julie Covington, Roanoke, VA

The 2007 AHS Convention was just amazing, with all events running like clockwork. Bus schedules worked perfectly; gardens were just splendid; and the hotel was accommodating and hospitable. Ample time was allotted to view each garden; and, of course, seeing old daylily friends and making new ones was the best part. Approximately 650 daylily lovers, enough to fill thirteen tour buses, attended and enjoyed this 61st annual convention. As AHS Region 1 hosted the first national meeting, their convention theme was, "Where the FUN began," and we all had a great deal of fun!

Friday morning, spirits were bright as the buses pulled out promptly at 7:30 A.M. and headed for the first garden. Our first stop was the home garden of Dick and Karol Emmerich. The Emmerich residence is set on a steep hill and cul-de-sac. Half of the garden flows uphill toward the house and an additional lot flows downhill from the cul-de-sac on the other side of the street. At first glance, one can't help but notice much beautifully laid stonework consisting of massive stones of uniform size, terraced across the hill in several places. Looking uphill to the left of the house, one finds vast shady areas landscaped with masses of hosta, ligularia, astilbe, and other shade loving perennials and annuals. Spacious walkways beckon visitors to enjoy the scenery. Perched at the very top of the hill, adjoining the back deck and visible from the home's French doors, is a lovely water area, featuring several 10 foot waterfalls, more stonework, and bronze life-size statues of egrets amidst the soothing sounds of trickling water. This vignette was so serene that I imagined it would look equally lovely in the middle of a Minnesota winter with the water frozen solid and silent, vast icicles hanging from the waterfalls, and several feet of snow on the ground.

On the south side of the house was a bed featuring guest plants. Among them, *Hemerocallis* 'Trickster' (Tankesley-Clarke '04) was a 5" orange bloom with red-orange eye registered as an unusual form double; it was loaded with blooms on tour day. Next a clump of *H.* 'North Wind Dancer' (Schaben '01) caught my eye. It was especially lovely, featuring a



*H.* 'Trickster' (Tankesley-Clarke '04) drew lots of attention in the Emmerichs' Edina garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

cluster of big pink-lavender blooms gently moving in the breeze. A clump of *H.* 'Rock of Salvation' (Emmerich '02) featured huge 6¾" blooms of rose violet with a white halo and nearby *H.* 'Woman at the Well' (Emmerich '04) garnered much attention with blooms of peachy apricot with a cranberry eye and an unusual scalloped edge of cranberry. Many on tour had never seen *H.* 'Heartbeat of Heaven' (Emmerich '04), and I heard many gasps, sighs of admiration and camera clicks as folks clustered around to admire this cultivar, which was blooming in a large clump. It is a 6½" pink lavender with an ivory lavender halo, each bloom etched in a darker lavender edge trimmed in gold. Various Emmerich seedlings were on exhibit in these lower beds and I particularly admired a few with near blue eyes. As our time in this garden neared an end, I admired a sculpture of a small boy pushing a cart, little realizing that this artifact was a harbinger of what we would see the next day at Springwood.

Our second stop took us to our Northern-most point, the Schabens' Garden with a Northern Exposure, located in Monticello, Minnesota. This garden is located in USDA Zone 3 and is the home of award-winning cultivars hybridized by Gary Schaben. As the bus approached the garden, people on our bus began to chant softly, "Notify ground crew, Notify ground crew." Upon looking out the window, indeed, who

could mistake what some describe as an ordinary day-lily with 5" yellow blooms—except for one very noticeable attribute! Who could mistake the 6' scapes of *H. 'Notify Ground Crew'* (Hanson, C. '00)? Several feet to the left of this imposing clump was the largest clump most of us had ever seen of gary's well-loved *H. 'North Wind Dancer'*. Close by the Schaben home, a lovely water area, surrounded by stones, featured water lilies and small waterfalls. Among the many Schaben cultivars which I particularly admired were *H. 'North Wind Moe'* ('06), a 7" pink UF with a lighter eye, and *H. 'North Wind Curly Joe'* ('06), an 8" pastel pink UF with a cream eye. Garden judges took notes on numerous Schaben seedlings, particularly seedling D-99H2, which has now been registered as *H. 'Hakuna Matata'* ('07). Although I recognized the phrase "Hakuna Matata" as being a song from *The Lion King*, gary stated that the words are an old Swahili phrase, which when translated means, "There are no worries here," and described his future introduction by that name as being "Without a doubt, the most carefree and best daylily I have ever produced."

In a front corner of the Schaben garden, many of us clustered around the marvelous velvety orange red clump of *H. 'Rocket Blast'* (Niswonger '01), which went on to win the 2007 President's Cup. Growing nearby was another Niswonger cultivar named *H. 'Missouri Pony'* ('99), a 3¾" bloom of cream buff with a fuchsia band and deep green throat. Just as I found my way back to the front yard and admired a tall windmill which I hadn't even noticed the first time around, all too soon it was time for us to leave this

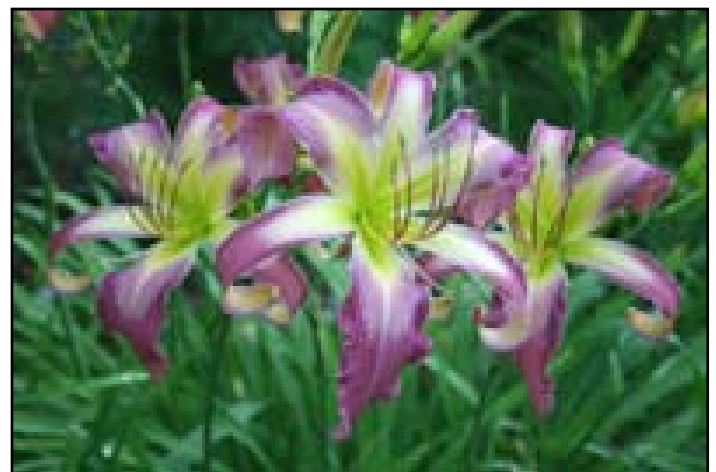


*N*amed for a Swahili phrase, meaning "There are no worries here," gary Schaben's *H. 'Hakuna Matata'* ('07) also recalls the happy-go-lucky song from *The Lion King*.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

lovely garden.

The last garden on tour day one was Mike and Kathy Lamb's Loon Song Gardens. Daylilies were grouped for maximum impact in this garden, some by type and others by hybridizer. One large bed featured numerous double daylilies, and here I admired beautiful clumps of *H. 'Kathy Rood'* (Trimmer '98), a fluffy 6" melon, and *H. 'Abbey Lane'* (Tankesley-Clarke '04), a 4¾" amber rose blend. Turning the corner, I was absolutely bowled over by a tall yellow double with big bodacious 7" blooms of ivory yellow on 38" scapes. Upon examining the tag, I learned it was *H. 'Judy's Penthouse Double'* (Schwarz, B. '98). What an amazing bloom, obviously admired by many others too, as it won the Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award for 2007. Another bed was completely devoted to John Rice cultivars, and here I saw for the first time the famous toothy *H. 'Bass Gibson'* (Rice '06). His cultivar *H. 'Don Herrell'* ('04), a wonderful 4½" mauve blend with a violet-purple eye and a silvery white edge, moved to the must have list! Yet another bed featured Curt Hanson cultivars and it looked lovely with many purples, violets and lavenders in the partial shade. The tall and fabulous 8½" red/pale red bi-color *H. 'Hurricane Bob'* (Schwarz, B. '03), listed at 40" but growing taller here, was the centerpiece in a full sun bed which featured many spiders and unusual forms. In another section of this vast garden I admired a big purple bi-tone UF called *H. 'Riddles and Rhymes'* (Couturier, G. '03). Massive clumps of blue perovskia, steely blue echinops, and red monarda were planted as backdrops for the daylilies in the Lamb garden and were an inspi-



*H. 'North Wind Dancer'* (Schaben '01) was outstanding in a number of gardens. Here a trio of blooms is poised gracefully in the early morning light at Loon Song Gardens.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Massive clumps of blue perovskia, stately blue echinops, and red monarda provide a backdrop for the daylilies at Loon Song; the effect was like an impressionist painting.* (Photo by Julie Covington)

ration to grow more companion plants.

On Saturday our first stop was Steve Horan’s garden located in Woodbury, MN, on a cul-de-sac city lot. Greeting us as we stepped off the bus were delightful little clumps of *H.* ‘**Broadway Angel**’ (Stamile, G. ’96), a 3¼" lavender pink blend with a purple eyezone, *H.* ‘**Broadway Attraction**’ (Stamile, G. ’99), a 2¾" red, and *H.* ‘**Broadway Starfish**’ (Stamile, G. ’03), a 3½" buff cream with red eye. *H.* ‘**Broadway Attraction**’ ultimately went on to win the Florida Sunshine Cup, capturing everyone’s eye with those velvety red blooms. The Horan garden made beautiful use of the available space. A lovely water feature, a large stained glass window, and companion plants were all captivating. Among the most admired cultivars here were *H.* ‘**Take a Walk**’ (Murphy, E. ’04), a mid-late 7½" yellow UF with an intense green throat, and *H.* ‘**Her Best Bloomers**’ (Herr, D. ’01), a 4" fuchsia red loaded with multiple blooms. Several Dan Bachman cultivars garnered much attention in this garden, among them *H.* ‘**Smokestack Lightning**’ (’03), a 7½" brown UF with a reddish halo, and *H.* ‘**Gail Braunstein**’ (’02), a luscious 8" reddish grape purple UF with a green throat. Several of Jamie Gossard’s cultivars were also quite impressive, particularly the tall yellow UF, *H.* ‘**Where Eagles Soar**’ (’03). Those 10" yellow blooms held on 49" scapes definitely set it above the crowd.

Several cultivars hybridized in Region One were also worthy of note. Kathy Lamb’s *H.* ‘**Ambrosia Rows**’ (’06) was so unusual that I heard someone

exclaim, “What is THAT? Is it a daylily? I’m not sure!” This pink layered double with a darker feathered eye had a double compliment of petals and sepals held in such close proximity that it almost didn’t resemble a daylily! *H.* ‘**Lovely Margie**’ (Lovell, D. ’05) is a full formed diploid of white with pink stripes. It is named for Steve Horan’s mother. The whistle blew all too soon for us to leave this beautifully landscaped garden.

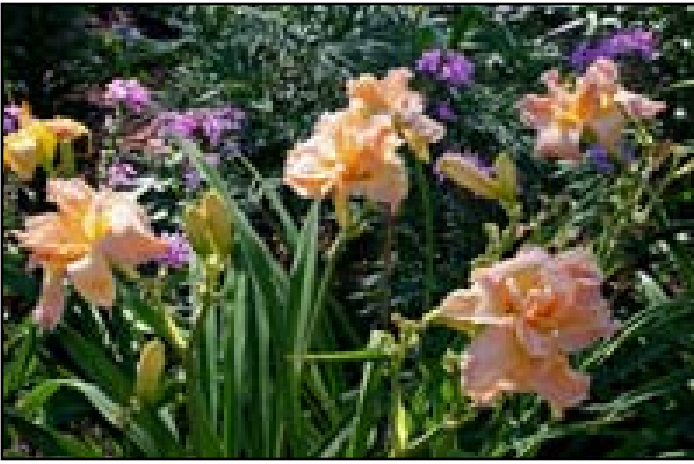
Since meeting Kyle Billadeau at the 2006 Convention, I’d looked forward to seeing her Turtle Rock Garden, located in Chaska, MN. Kyle had written about her miniature fairy garden and her catwalk to the e-mail robin, but upon disembarking the bus, I was totally blown away. A twenty foot area consisting of miniature houses, gazebos, furniture, china mushrooms, and an array of miniature heucheras, hostas, coleus, succulents, annuals, and ferns, even a topiaried sun coleus to serve as a miniature “tree” in the landscape, adorned this area. One had to look closely to spot even tinier figures of fairies and elves throughout. I couldn’t get past the image of Kyle spending hours on hands and knees preparing this miniature garden in such perfect scale. Then I spotted the “Catwalk” with life-size figures of cats. There were numerous wonderful container plantings—troughs, gigantic baskets, pots, hanging planters, even a blue ceramic bird bath was used as a planter, and each planter contained an array of plant material in harmonious arrangement. The vast hosta area could have easily been featured on



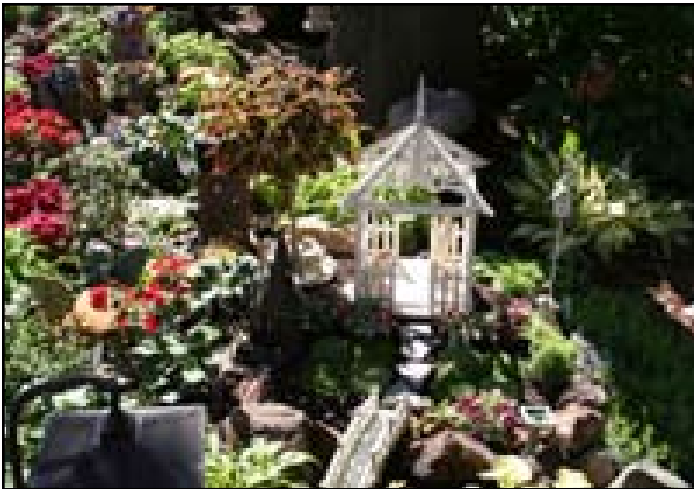


*Delightful clumps of Grace Stamile's H. 'Broadway Angel' ('96) and H. 'Broadway Attraction' ('99), above, greeted visitors in Steve Horan's front yard. Blue perovskia and white phlox provided a textured background. Below, the outstanding clump of O. David Niswonger's H. 'Rocket Blast' ('01), growing in the Schaben garden, garnered the President's Cup. (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*





*H.* **‘Meringue Mirage’** (Apps ’99) was splendid in Kyle Billadeau’s Turtle Rock Garden. (Photo by Julie Covington)



*E* specially photogenic was Kyle Billadeau’s miniature fairy garden, comprising about a twenty foot area. (Photo by Julie Covington)



*T*urtle Rock Garden featured many diverse landscapes, including this lovely partial shade area, in the center of which was an impressive corkscrew willow. (Photo by Julie Covington)

a hosta tour and all the hosta beds were attractively inter-planted with impatiens, ligularia and other shade-loving perennials. After much time photographing the aforementioned areas, I finally noticed that some day-lilies grew here too!

Several daylily areas were bordered with airy white euphorbia and backed with an array of blue perennials. *H.* **‘Meringue Mirage’** (Apps ’99), a 5¼" luscious meringue colored double, looked splendid when backed with blue balloon flowers, as did *H.* **‘Northern Giant’** (Stamile ’05), a 7" full formed baby ribbon pink. *H.* **‘Point of Divergence’** (Hanson, C. ’01), a 4½" cream flower with a blue violet eye, looked absolutely amazing growing in partial shade, planted in front of some blue morning glories. Finally working my way to the back yard, I spent much time admiring a bed devoted to cultivars hybridized by the late Oscie Whatley. *H.* **‘Strung Out’** (’98), a huge 9" yellow self, was especially showy. Many visitors also admired *H.* **‘Rise of the Phoenix’** (’04), an 8½" red UF, hybridized by Cindy Cribb from Region 15. And the lake, bordered by a golf course to the left back, created such ambience. The visit ended all too soon.

After lunch, we headed to Springwood Gardens, the hybridizing garden of Karol Emmerich. The vastness of Springwood Gardens truly amazed me. I couldn’t imagine how Karol evaluates the thousands of seedlings which grow here. Many seedlings had illustrious parentage such as *H.* **‘J.T. Davis’** (Grace, L.’99) and Karol’s own *H.* **‘Heartbeat of Heaven’**. There were double edges, clear purples, reds, roses and pinks—so many that it was mind boggling. Many of Karol’s previous and future introductions were growing at clump strength, and some of the most incredible bronze sculptures I’d ever seen were placed strategically around this garden. The largest, located near the greenhouse, was that of the archangel Michael slaying the Dragon. Wide walkways enabled us to walk through the garden comfortably.

Several of Karol’s future 2008 introductions captured everyone’s attention at Springwood. One was *H.* **‘Entwined in the Vine’** (’07), a very different look for Karol. It was an open formed buff cream with a violet-purple-charcoal multi-layered band and a thick bubbly gold edge with an inner edge of deeper purple. This was under bright afternoon sun and the colors might be described differently by Karol, who’s seen it at other times. *H.* **‘Turn the Other Cheek’** (’07) will also be a 2008 introduction. It had great plant habits



*H. 'Smokestack Lightning' (Bachman '03) was a distinctive cultivar in Steve Horan's garden. (Photo by Julie Covington)*



*This bronze of children reading was one of many lovely bronzes at Springwood Gardens. (Photo by Julie Covington)*



*H. 'Man of Sorrows' (Emmerich '06) is another of Karol's richly colored cultivars. (Photo by Julie Covington)*

and boasted a scalloped edge of rose pink and a pink band above an ivory background. Many also admired clumps of Karol's previous introductions: *H. 'Blood, Sweat and Tears'* ('05), a 6" bloom of clear raspberry with a lighter eye; and *H. 'Man of Sorrows'* ('06), a 6" bloom of deepest rose red with a lighter pink watermark.

Although we only visited three gardens each day, many on this year's tour appreciated the fact that we had ample time to visit each garden and enjoy them to the fullest. What a delight it was at the Saturday banquet when Kay Day Pricola was awarded the Helen Field Fischer Service Award. In her acceptance comments, she reminded us of her now famous quote, "You come for the daylilies, but you stay for the people." The many friends I became acquainted with during this and previous conventions have touched my heart forever. Daylily people are the best!



*Impressive is the word that describes this huge bronze of the Archangel Michael slaying the Dragon. (Photo by Julie Covington)*

# *Landscaping at the National Convention*

*by Oliver Billingslea*

*What a wonderful opportunity it was to travel to Minneapolis, Minnesota, this past summer to attend the AHS National Convention and visit the six gardens on tour. The Minnesota Arboretum was a special bonus.*

*The following is a pictorial essay of the gardens visited. They were a photographer's delight.*



*Although I had seen photos of the manor house erected in 1862, and of the garden, greenhouse, and nearby schoolhouse, I was not prepared for the scope of Springwood Gardens. The house, rechristened "Oak Manor" by the Emmerichs, was actually much smaller than I had expected, due in part to its being poised amid the vastness of a hilltop overlooking the Minnesota River Valley. But the overall effect is amazing. Looking north and east, one views a rock quarry and a vast landscape of woods and wetlands spreading out for miles, while at one's feet and alongside a bluff, held in place by a boulder wall, there are literally thousands upon thousands of daylilies. Initially bred in a Jurassic park of a greenhouse, selected plants are then subjected to at least three brutal Minnesota winters, through which only the most hardy survive. The photo above shows how Karol grows her prospective cultivars in clump strength.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*The windswept vastness of Springwood opens onto vistas that stretch for miles. The day of our tour it was gorgeous, with temperatures in the lower 80s, but I only could imagine what it might be like in January with a cold wind blowing. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*This lovely bronze angel keeps summer watch over daylilies at Springwood Gardens. The glorious rose-red seedling with deeper eye is #A289. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. 'Entwined in the Vine' is an exciting departure for Karol; a toothy-edged UF, its unique patterning offers exciting new hybridizing potential. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Sometimes landscape is surely in the eye of the beholder. So impressed was I with this particular seedling at Springwood Gardens, that I shot this hemscape while thinking of the artist Georgia O' Keeffe. I don't know if Karol will ever register this beauty, but seedling # 22305 was my pick of everything I saw that day on tour.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*The Emmerich's Edina garden is set on a steep hill, terraced with boulders.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*At the top of hill, a vast shaded area is landscaped with masses of hosta.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**T**he Steve Horan Garden featured a backyard filled with daylilies and unusual companion plants, especially grasses.  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**H.** 'Jade Princess' (Culvar, B. '02) is complemented by Deschampsia (grass), catnip, and Sedum 'Autumn Joy'.  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**K**yle Billadeau's Turtle Rock Garden was a photographer's paradise. Poised on the edge of a lake, this lovely garden was subdivided into intriguing sections, each lovely to look at.  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Gorgeous, magnificent, serene—these are adjectives that come to mind as one tries to describe Turtle Rock Garden. Blue spruce, weeping willows, and a lovely lake provide a backdrop for a myriad of daylilies and distinctive companion plants.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*This water feature is a striking part of the Horan Garden. Bee balm graces the distance.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*An interesting feature of the Schaben Garden is this windmill. A lush green conifer lends texture.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*





*This gorgeous clump of H. 'North Wind Dancer' (Schaben '01) graced the early morning at Loon Song Gardens. A standout in a number of gardens, this lovely cultivar lends a sense of movement, wherever grown.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



***L**arge tufts of Deschampsia, or Hair grass, along with catnip, Sedum 'Autumn Joy', and other companion plants, lend a cooling effect to a myriad of daylilies and other brightly colored flowers, such as Monarda (bee balm), in the Horan Garden.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



***M**any of Schaben's registrations were blooming in various tour gardens. One of his most elegant UF's is H. 'Northwind Billet Doux' ('05), photographed blooming in Steve Horan's garden. Its blooms are a deep rosy violet.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Myriads of daylilies complemented by companion plants, such as Black-eyed Susans, steely blue echinops, and blue perovskia adorn the landscape of Loon Song Gardens.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. 'Her Best Bloomers' (Herr, D. '01) and H. 'Passion For Red' (Stamile '94) lend bright spots of color beside the decorative well in the Schaben front yard.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*The Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in Chaska, Minnesota, encompasses 1,047 acres of beautiful public gardens, subdivided into various natural areas including woodlands and prairie. In the more formal areas, vistas such as the one above showcase plants such as Rudbeckia ‘Indian Summer’.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*At the Arboretum’s entrance, a planting of Feather grass ‘Karl Foerster’ greets visitors.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Vistas throughout the Arboretum afford lovely views of conifers and hardwoods.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**T**he Arboretum has several large plantings of conifers. Here amid the more formal gardens, hyssop blossoms in the foreground before an impressive specimen of *Chamaecyparis pisifera* ‘Gold Spangle’.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



**M**onarda fistulosa, wild bee balm, bears lilac-purple flowers from mid-summer to early autumn. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



**R**atibida pinnata, or Grey-headed coneflower, dotted the prairies in the Arboretum.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*A*mong the Arboretum's many water features is this pool and spraying fountain, bordered by *Allium tanguticum*, Lavender globe lily, in the foreground and *Platycodon grandiflorus*, Balloon flower, across the way. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*P*latycodon grandiflorus, Balloon flower, glows in the pristine Minnesota light. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H*. 'Fairy Tale Pink' (Pierce, C. '80) was a strong grower in the Minnesota Arboretum. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

# *A Tribute to L. E. "Ned" Roberts 2007 Bertrand Farr Silver Medalist*

*by Betty Roberts*

Daylilies were a part of most of Ned Roberts' adult life. When Ned and Betty bought their first home in Albuquerque in 1961, Ned's mother sent a box of daylilies. Ned's father was President of Middle Georgia College at the time, and Mrs. Roberts had landscaped the grounds of the President's home with hundreds of daylilies. That one box of daylilies led Betty to become deeply involved with the organizational end of daylilies, and Ned was always supportive. Betty's garden club sponsored daylily shows and hosted the first Regional Meeting for Region 6 which was held in Albuquerque. After this, Betty was encouraged by Joyce Lewis to organize a local daylily society. When this happened, Betty and Ned became very active on the local, regional, and national levels.

From watching Betty work closely with people like Lois Burns, Nell Crandall, and Rosemary Whitacre when she was working on the Spider definition in the late 80s, it was a natural progression for Ned to try his hand at creating new daylilies. From the very beginning of his hybridizing career, Ned chose to work with something that was different; thus was born his curiosity and love for Spiders and Unusual Forms. He preferred using John Lambert cultivars in his hybridizing program and enjoyed a close friendship with Dr. Lambert, as well as with Jim and Rosemary Whitacre, and considered them his mentors. Ned touted the Lambert gene pool and was responsible for a resurgent interest in Lambert daylilies.

From 1994 through 2005, he registered 27 Spiders, 97 Unusual Forms, and only one large 8 ½" bagel, *Hemerocallis* 'Zuni Eye' (1995), for a total of 125 cultivars. (Betty registered sixteen cultivars which she and Ned selected in May of 2006.) Ned concentrated on producing good, clear colors and was successful in achieving wonderful near whites, pinks, lavenders, purples, reds, yellows, creams, and polychromes. Some are selfs, some are eyed, many have superb green throats, and all are distinctive. His Spiders are skinny, and his UFs run the gamut from twisty segments to fascinating curls. One of Ned's goals was high bud count and multiple branching, and he loved for his daylilies

to stand high so he didn't have to bend over to enjoy them.

*H.* 'Skinwalker' (1997) is Ned's best known cultivar. Its pale, pinkish/lavender cascading form has come to be a favorite and is easily recognized across the United States as well as abroad. Joyce Reinke has said, *H.* 'Kindly Light' (Bechtold 1949) was the standard before, but now it's *H.* 'Skinwalker'.



*H.* 'Skinwalker' garnered an HM in 2002 and an AM in 2005. It won the Harris Olson Spider Award in 2004 and was featured on the cover of "Caught in the Web," Spiders and UFs.

*(Photo by Julie Covington)*

Many of Ned's cultivars are being used by Spider and Unusual Form hybridizers in their breeding programs and are meeting with success in carrying on the "daylily different" banner. *H.* 'Allison Sommers' (2002), *H.* 'Betty's Pick' (2001), *H.* 'Brer Rabbit's Baby' (2002), *H.* 'Desert Icicle' (1995), *H.* 'Lavender Handlebars' (1994), *H.* 'Nathan Sommers' (2001), *H.* 'Skinwalker' (1997), and *H.* 'Talon' (1997) are just a few of the cultivars that are producing incredible daylilies for Clayton Burkey, Bret Clement, Phyllis Cantini, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Ellen Laprise, Mary Anne Leisen, Kem Roberts, and others. Ned's main interest

in hybridizing was to create memorable daylilies, and he was always willing to share his knowledge and his secrets. He actually said he had no secrets and was more than happy to tell anyone everything he knew.



*In the recent article on Ned Roberts published in The Daylily Journal, Julie Covington has said of H. ‘Brer Rabbit’s Baby’, it “is so photogenic that you could get a fantastic picture with your eyes closed.”*  
(Photo by Julie Covington)

While Spiders and UFs were Ned’s main passion, he became enamored with the mini Spiders and UFs that were fairly new to his program. While in Florida, Ned often chose some of these tiny hems to take back to the Deltona Inn, and he would proudly show them to anyone willing to stop by the room and chat about the little flowers that seemed almost unreal. It was quite breath-taking to view the slender segments and the twisting and curling of these tiny tots. A whole bed of these charmers exists at Ladybug, and Dan says the flags are just as we left them. With increasing interest in mini Spiders/UFs, I hope that before long we can share some of these delightful mini creations with Spider/UF fans. Ned and I were always grateful that his beautiful daylilies were made available through Ladybug Daylilies and thank Dan Hansen for making it possible for Ned to distribute his hems from the Florida base. We’re grateful, too, to Kem Roberts of Kemberly Gardens in Mississippi who has made Ned’s RFFs available (Refugees From Florida—daylilies too dormant for the deep south).

Ned’s daylilies are doing quite well on the show bench as well as in the garden. In Region 14, for instance, H. ‘**Skinwalker**’ won best Spider and H. ‘**Desert Icicle**’ won Best UF and Best in Show in the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show in 2005. H. ‘**Fox Ears**’ won the Best UF in the Jackson Hemerocallis Society Show the same year.

Ned gave long and faithful service to AHS as a Garden Judge, Garden Judge Instructor, and Garden Judge Liaison in both Region 6 and Region 9. He presented programs and/or conducted Exhibition Judges Clinics and Garden Judges Workshops in Regions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, and 15. He traveled many miles to present programs and win over advocates for the skinnies and the unusuals. He was a featured speaker at CanAM, Cleveland Region 2 Symposium, Lilyhemmer, MidWinter Symposium, and Myrtle Beach. Ned was also an Exhibition Judge and Instructor. He never missed an opportunity to conduct a “quickie” clinic on Spiders and UFs when he judged a show. Ned was surprised, but delighted, to learn that he had received the AHS Region 9 Service Award at the 2006 Long Island AHS Convention and cherished his medal.

Ned was considered a leader in his field and was looked to as an indisputable expert. He was always advising, encouraging, teaching, mentoring, and promoting his trade. Ned Roberts made a tremendous impact on the world of daylilies and will be sorely missed, but his beautiful creations will live on and grace the gardens of daylily lovers for years to come.

### Betty Roberts

*Editor’s Note:* Kemberly Roberts of Petal, MS, sent me this article in early 2007. Ned’s wife had wanted to call it “Adios, Amigo!—A Farewell Tribute,” but subsequent to her penning it, at the Minneapolis National Convention in July, 2007, Ned Roberts was awarded the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal. Betty was there to receive the medal on behalf of her late husband. So this is not just a farewell, but an enduring tribute to a great man and a great hybridizer. These are the words with which Betty concluded her original article:

*“Go rest high on that mountain, Nedward! We’ll always love you!”*

—Betty, Betty A., Ellen, LaMar, Allison, and Nathan

# Club News: ALABAMA

## Birmingham Daylily Society

Kay Chappell, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M. January, February, March  
4<sup>th</sup> Saturday—11:30 A.M. September  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday—11:30 A.M. December  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

President:	Jim Riddle
Vice President:	Edna Alderman
Treasurer:	Jim Chappell
Recording Secretary:	Phyllis Riddle
Corresponding Secretary:	Debbie Daniels

Autumn has begun and the weather is still very hot and dry. Despite all the stressful weather, the daylilies have done rather well. The Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, was outstanding and enjoyed very much.

Our meeting in September began with a covered dish lunch and a daylily auction. Our club voted to take a bus to the National Convention in Texas next year. If interested in riding the bus with us please contact Jim Chappell at (205) 647-0688.

The speakers for our 2008 meetings are as follows:

Larry and Cindy Grace—January 20, 2008  
Henry and Lisa Little—February 17, 2008  
John and Nancy Falck—March 16, 2008

We are looking forward to some good programs.



## Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Jack Harrison, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2 P.M.  
First United Methodist Church, 3350 Edgewood Rd., Millbrook, AL

February, April, August, October, December

President:	Sue Mehearg
1st Vice President:	Gordon Trawick
2nd Vice President:	Susan Mims
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Barnes
Treasurer:	Cecil Barnes
Corresponding Secretary:	Amalia Harrison

Our fun meeting of the year was again our Popularity Poll Party in August. Region 14's RPD wrote that our club put her namesake *H. 'Linda Beck'* (Agin '05) at the top as the region's most favored daylily.

An outstanding program was presented by Linda Agin. We saw beautiful pictures of her introductions for 2008 and viewed lovely flowers to look forward to in the future.

October 21<sup>st</sup> was our in-house auction. This year, we had the best plant selection ever. The members really dug deep into their gardens to increase the club's treasury. Who would have thought that 28 members present had an extra \$2,000 to invest in their gardens for our own enjoyment and for the enjoyment of regional members who will be attending the meeting in Montgomery in 2009.



## North Alabama Daylily Society

Dave Flanigan, Reporter

President:	Dave Flanigan
Vice President:	Jason Richburg
Secretary:	Madolyn Whitt
Treasurer:	Karen Stephens

A tale of two summers—our May and June summers were as nice as we had seen in several years; daylily bloom was excellent and we had our first daylily sale. Having no idea as to what to expect, we put together a nice collection of plants from Mary Terrell, Jim and Martha Brazelton, Dot Hanks and Dot Summers, and Dave Flanigan. Through the generosity of The Greenery in Hampton Cove we set up our display in the parking lot of this extraordinary garden center hoping to sell a few daylilies; to our shock and amazement we had a steady stream of customers and we sold out within 5 hours; needless to say, a lesson learned—we added \$1500 to our treasury but more importantly it laid the ground work for a significant improvement next year.

As a footnote, visits to the display gardens of Mary Terrell and the Brazeltons to pick up the sales plants revealed two gardens that should not be missed. The Terrell garden is located high on a hill in Guntersville overlooking one of the most spectacular views of Lake Guntersville and offers a marvelous selection of daylilies and companion plants. The Brazelton garden, located in Diamond Valley, features some extraordinary large flowered seedlings growing in some excellently prepared raised beds. It is obvious that as the daughter and son-in law of renowned hybridizer Richard Webster, the fruit has not fallen far from the tree.

After our successful daylily sale, we had our summer picnic at the beautiful Monte Vedra garden of Roy and Dot Hanks on Green Mountain. The garden was filled with an incredible number of companion plants along with exciting new seedlings resulting from the exciting work of Dot Summers and Dot Hanks. Wayne and Karen Reed continued to honor our club with their extraordinary artistic talents by providing a beautiful piece of garden art to honor our picnic hosts, Roy and Dot Hanks, and another dramatic metal and glass garden art structure which when auctioned provided a substantial increase to our club treasury.

Then the drought hit—as of this writing, we are more than 25 inches below our expected rainfall. For the most part our daylilies have survived but our bank accounts have shrunk in size due to our water bills—many of us have lost valuable companion plants such as hostas, azaleas, rhododendrons, etc., and it will take a lot of effort to regain the beauty of many of our gardens.

Our highly successful season concluded November 2 with an educational presentation by Tim Bell. More than 70 folks including visitors from the Nashville, Birmingham and Cullman clubs not only enjoyed seeing the latest of Tim's wonderful creations but also a quite tasty covered dish supper at the Huntsville Botanical Garden.



## The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Mary Netherton, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—12:30 P.M.  
First Christian Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May

President:	Judy Clardy
Vice President:	Betty Kennedy
Secretary:	Kate Bush
Treasurer:	Anne McCuistian
Chaplain:	Thaxton Whiddon
Parliamentarian:	John Cooper



# Club News: MISSISSIPPI

## Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Sylvia McLaurin, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:15 P.M.

Multipurpose Center, Extension Service Conference Room  
952 Sullivan Drive, Highway 49 South, Hattiesburg, MS

January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October, December

President:	Patricia Arnold
Vice President:	Freddy Walter
Secretary:	Alice Essary
Treasurer:	Edd Chain
Publicity Directors:	Virginia & Bud Kirkpatrick

We began our September 16 meeting with a brief retrospective by Earl and Barbara Watts of the Region 14 Spring Meeting and subsequent Daylily Show. Earl and Barbara gave final statistics on these events and thanked HADS members for their work in making both successful.

Nancy Chain, our outgoing president for the past two years, received a lifetime membership in AHS. Under Nancy's leadership the society has made great strides, most significantly providing the impetus to make Hattiesburg into a "Daylily Destination City," thereby encouraging tourism.

For the program, President Pat Arnold and Vice President Freddy Walter brought together a master panel on the care and cultivation of daylilies. Consisting of hybridizers, scientists, and other experienced members, the panel fielded questions from an enthusiastic audience about multiple daylily issues. Questions ranged from using pesticides on daylilies to fertilizers to daylily divisions to disease resistant strains. Sometimes the panelists disagreed, giving the audience multiple perspectives on these areas. Because time ran out before all the questions could be answered, these panelists will surely be reconvened in the future for another question-and-answer session.

We were delighted to learn that Randy Preuss of River Road Daylilies, Monticello, MS, won the Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award at the 2007 HADS Daylily Show. This prestigious award originated in Florida and for the past three years has been open to AHS club shows nationwide. This award was won only once in 2006 and three times in 2005 nationwide. To win this award a grower enters either 5 registered on-scape cultivars or 5 on-scape seedlings. A panel of three judges, individually and independently, judges each scape. Each scape must score at least 95 points (equivalent to a purple ribbon) from each of the three judges. Randy entered these registered cultivars: *Hemerocallis* 'Bold Vision', *H.* 'Beautiful Jealous Eyes', *H.* 'Cherokee Patterns', *H.* 'Lillian's Woman's Touch', and *H.* 'Lillian's Tears and Roses'. Randy believes that by taking the Exhibition Judges courses he understood better how to select superior show scapes. "I was very excited to win the award," Randy said. "However, once you win it, you cannot enter this class again." No doubt, Randy will present a strong challenge in other competitions.

Our October 21 meeting featured Lee Pickles, whose topic was "From Conception to Birth—A Daylily Love Story." December 8 we celebrate a successful gardening year at our holiday luncheon.

In the first half of 2008, our programs are as follows: January 20 HADS welcomes Jones County Community College; February 17 "Inside of Hybridizing" with Herbie Phelps (Wonderland of Daylilies, Magnolia, KY); March 16 Local Hybridizers' Slide Show; April 20 "Companion Plants" with Norman Winter; May 25 Daylily Show Guide-

Since we don't meet during the summer, we reconvened on Saturday, September 8th, with a scrumptious covered dish dinner and so much excitement about seeing each other again. We couldn't wait to find out how each of our summers went, what gardens we'd visited, and which daylilies we enjoyed the most in our gardens.

Then on to the serious stuff, as the club continues to prepare for the 2008 Spring Regional Meeting next May here in Dothan. The chairman of each steering committee outlined the progress recently made as well as the needs still prevalent.

The highlight of our meeting was our "first annual" Chinese auction. So many interesting items were brought by each member to bid on and we all went home so pleased with our new finds. The auction provided a nice club fund-raiser and lots of laughs between members trying to outbid each other.

Don't forget to mark your calendars to come to our Spring Regional Meeting on May 30 and 31, 2008. We're planning a wonderful time for each of you. Our guest speakers will be Pat and Grace Stamile from Enterprise, Florida, premier hybridizers in our world of daylilies. Pat is known for his innumerable award-winning daylilies, which include three Stout Medal winners: *Hemerocallis* 'Wedding Band' (1987), *H.* 'Strawberry Candy' (1989), and *H.* 'Custard Candy' (1989). This year he added two more awards to his legacy by receiving Awards of Merit for *H.* 'Taos' (1999) and *H.* 'Web Of Intrigue' (1999). Grace has won many awards, including this year's Donn Fischer Memorial Award for *H.* 'Iddy Biddy Gal' (1997). If you are a hybridizer and haven't done so yet, send your seedlings to Terri Money, who is hosting the Sally Lake Bed. Her address is Ric-A-Tee Daylily Gardens, 4007 State Highway 134 E., Headland, AL 36345. For further information, you may e-mail her at: [ricandtee@boondks.com](mailto:ricandtee@boondks.com).



**A**rickety blue bottle tree at Ric-A-Tee Gardens—with sitting area, chandelier, and corkscrew willow. (Photo by Terri Money)



lines with Barbara Watts, and June 28 our wrap-up meeting and popularity poll.



## Jackson Hemerocallis Society

Lanell Middlebrooks, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday—9:30 A.M.

Municipal Art Gallery, 839 North State Street, Jackson, MS

January, March, May, July, October

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December—Christmas luncheon

President:	Henry Little
Vice President:	Shelton Holliday
Secretary:	Warrene Holliday
Treasurer:	David Lee
Reporter:	Lanell Middlebrooks

Charles Douglas of Browns Ferry Gardens was the speaker for our July meeting. He did a slide show presentation of his gardens along with his new introductions and his futures. He discussed the changes he is making in the type of daylilies he is growing and why he made the changes. He is going to rebloomers only. He also donated several plants for the auction held at the end of the meeting.

Plans will be announced at the October meeting for our Christmas luncheon.

For further information about the society's activities or meetings, contact President Henry Little at 601-833-4064.



## Meridian Daylily Club

Harriett Touchstone, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—11:00 A.M.

Meridian Community College, Hardin Hall, Room 122

January, March, May, July, September, November

President:	Harriett Touchstone
Vice President:	Pete Connolly
Secretary:	Johnna Williamson
Treasurer:	Gloria Jolly

I would like to thank each and everyone for all the help you gave with the Fall Regional Meeting. The Herringtons were delightful and humorous speakers. Tim's "Cupcake" series and Katisue's "Oz" series are outstanding.

Bill and Diana Waldrop of Marietta, GA, will be our guests at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Some of their daylilies are *Hemerocallis* 'Cincinnati Blues' (2002), *H.* 'Diana's Pink Gown' (2004), and *H.* 'Pastor Laurie Ann Moeller' (2004). The Friday night supper will be at Dorothy Coats' house at 334 46<sup>th</sup> Court. Ashley Stuart, the recipient of our scholarship to Meridian Community College, will also be our guest. She is a first year student at MCC and when she graduates she plans to get a degree in Landscape Architecture at Mississippi State University.

Our Regional Vice President, John Falck, will be our speaker January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He will answer our questions about how regional money is spent; also he will show slides of his seedlings, as well as pictures of several Region 14 Display Gardens and gardens at the National Conventions.



## MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Rusty Ingram, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—2 P.M.

St. Martin Public Library, LeMoyne Boulevard, Ocean Springs, MS

September, October, January, February, March, April, and May

President:	Ralph McBroom
Vice President:	Jim Price
Secretary:	C.P. Winters
Treasurer:	Charles Harrell

The MGCDS enjoyed its first meeting of the new year with guest speakers RVP John Falck and wife Nancy. They had put together (John credits Nancy with most of the effort) a very nice presentation of selected photos from the tour gardens from the 2005-2007 National Conventions. These were beautiful gardens with some wonderful landscaping and some very amusing and creative yard art, etc. They also included selected photos of the tour gardens from the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg and several nice photos of Tom and Pat Adams' beautiful garden in Ocean Springs, MS. And a presentation from a hybridizer would not be complete without showing about a dozen photos of some of their own seedlings.

If you are looking for a presentation which does not show photo after photo of just daylilies, but does provide an insight into how other folks do landscaping and yard art, you need to invite John and Nancy to speak at your club. We found them delightful.



## North MS/AL Daylily Society

Jo Anne McMahan, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday—Buffet Supper—5:30 P.M.

River Birch Country Club, Amory, MS

January, April, July, September, October, December

President:	Gary Dunham
1st Vice President:	Linda Beck
2nd Vice President:	Brenda Warren
Secretary:	Jo Anne McMahan
Treasurer:	Stanley Hayes
Historian:	Nancy Gerhart
Parliamentarian:	Lynn Howell
Directors:	Mary Hodges, Donna Grant, & Juanice Hayes

With this past summer being hotter than a six-shooter and dryer than a minister's mouth during revival, we witnessed first-hand the hardness of our daylilies. Even in the extreme summer conditions, our daylilies bloomed beautifully, adding a colorful explosion to an otherwise scorched landscape. With cooler weather just around the corner, we are preparing for yet another phase of caring for our daylilies.

We were delighted to have Henry and Lisa Little as our guest speakers at our July meeting. The Littles presented such an interesting program on hybridizing which included showing pictures of their gorgeous seedlings and new introductions, as well as tips for growing daylilies. They are an interesting pair in that they have their own hybridizing program—Henry converts and Lisa hybridizes—how neat is that?

President Gary Dunham called for volunteers and nominations from the floor to establish a Nominating Committee which would be responsible for securing individuals to serve as officers for 2008. This exercise was completed in record time. It was agreed by all present at

our July meeting that current officers be asked to continue for another year. One of our comical members used the term “railroaded in”—we all laughed at the idiom of Linda Beck. The current officers agreed to serve another year. Juanice Hayes will, however, replace Stanley Hayes as Treasurer since his tenure expires this year.

Our club was saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Allen McLain who served as editor for *The Daylily Journal*. He will certainly be missed.

Our fall auction was held at our September meeting. Stanley and Juanice Hayes traveled this past summer to Tim Bell’s garden in Sycamore, GA, to purchase beautiful daylilies for our club’s fall auction. They came back with a truck load of plants and took on the chore of lily-sitting. Each plant was set out, watered and tended throughout the scalding, desiccated summer months. Stanley and Juanice did a superb job of taking care of these lilies and getting them auction-ready. To show our gratitude, the club presented the Hayeses with a beautiful daylily, *Hemerocallis* ‘Beside Still Waters’ (Bell 2005), and a hardy round of applause for their assiduous efforts. All of the buyers were excited over the daylilies they purchased, some members having to make several trips to their vehicles with their booty. SENSATIONAL, AWESOME, AMAZING, and any of the other analogous adjectives you wish to apply would depict the outcome of this auction. Stanley served as our jolly auctioneer and Linda as our ciphering-without-a-calculator “banker.”

Lathen Walton, of Walton Greenhouses, was the guest speaker at our October meeting. We enjoyed visiting with his wife, Jerry, as well. It was interesting to hear his story of how his retirement hobby of one greenhouse has turned into a FULL TIME job which includes 14 greenhouses and 2 retail operations. They sell geraniums with a few tropical plants and perennials thrown in for variety. Mr. Walton’s informative program focused on insects in the garden and plant diseases.

We are all delighted to hear that Mrs. Charlie Mae Westmoreland is improving. Her sweet smile and love of gardening is an inspiration to us all. We look forward to seeing her at our meetings in the near future.

Wayne Fondren, another one of our members whose positive attitude is motivation to us all, loves to work in his garden. In fact, his wife, Mary, has a time prying him away, even for a daylily meeting. But they do arrive and you can bet your bottom dollar that when door prizes are drawn, Mary and Wayne are each going to win one—without fail!!! My, the luck of some folks!

Lynn and Helen Howell are going to Crystal Springs to the fall plant sale and gardening day. There will be speakers, new plants to look at, and the announcement of the Gold Medallion Plant winners. That is always a thrill—however, we have to wait a while to be able to buy the newest plants.

We had great member participation at the 2007 Fall Regional Meeting this year. Attending were Stanley and Juanice Hayes, Troy and Linda Beck, Jo Anne Burrage, Lynn and Helen Howell, Eddie and Belinda Winters, and their daughters, Faith and Hope Brown. Our club is proud to have been so well represented.

Now! We must brag just a bit (well, maybe a BIG bit). Faith Brown, one of our youth members, entered the 2007 Regional Youth Digital Photography Contest. Faith took First Place in Category Two: Cultivar Clump, and Category Four: Daylilies in the Landscape. Her winning clump photograph was of Lambert’s *H. ‘Open Hearth’* (1976). Her winning landscape photograph was taken in Paul Simmons’ garden in Louisville, MS. She also won Second Place in Category Four for her photograph showing a rounded bed of daylilies, also taken in the Simmons’ garden. Faith received a beautiful certificate made by Mrs. Billingslea, a gift from Mrs. Kinnebrew—a 2006 registration, *H. ‘Spacecoast Southern Belle’*, and some green back\$. These striking photographs can be seen in your Summer/Fall 2007 issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. Keep up the good work, Faith. We are proud of you.

Our club is gearing up for another great, eventful year. Our guest speakers in January will be hybridizers John and Annette Rice; in

April, horticulturist Milo Burnham; and in July, a landscape designer. Also in July, we will have our Popularity Poll Party. September is the month in which we hold our fall plant sale and auction—everyone looks forward to that—and we have the best time. Our election of officers will be held in October, and in December we’ll have our Christmas dinner/get-together. We have started making plans for our 2008 bus tour, and Linda has suggested a tour for 2009 that sounds like it will be loads of fun! In addition, our members are pondering over which daylily they will donate to the 2008 Spring Regional auction. Whew! Wow, we’re moving! But with such enthusiastic members, what else would you expect?

Remember, if you are in the Amory, MS, area during any of our scheduled meetings, please feel free to join us for dinner, fellowship and an interesting meeting.

*As I work among my flowers, I find myself talking to them, reasoning and remonstrating with them, and adoring them as if they were human beings. Much laughter I provoke among my friends by doing so, but that is of no consequence. We are on such good terms, my flowers and I.*

—Ceila Thaxter, 1835-1894



## North Mississippi Daylily Society

Ann Bailey, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—9:00 A.M.

Hernando Library, Hernando, MS

March, April, May, September, October

President:	Frank Huckaby
Vice-President:	Peggy Vanderhook
Secretary:	Ann Bailey
Treasurer:	Betty Huckaby
Parliamentarian:	Fern Mann
Historian:	Doris Jones

Although fall is here, some of us are still blessed with a few daylily blooms. There is still pleasure to be had deadheading that last gorgeous bloom and knowing in a few months the garden will abound with color once again. It is also a good time to share our abundance of daylilies with friends who are always eager to accept them.

At our September meeting all of the members present were allowed to choose two daylilies to add to their collections. Our club had purchased a large selection with funds from our plant auctions. Frank Huckaby arranged the purchase with Suburban Daylilies in Hattiesburg. Earl and Barbara Watts supplied the club with an extremely generous array of plants. We are lucky to have such wonderful hybridizers in our region.

Jay Laundré, a member of our club for many years, has won the Lazarus Award for the third time—this one for his coverage of the 2006 Daylily Show held in Memphis, Tennessee, and for a feature on the Hosanna Garden in Hernando, Mississippi. He recently presented four videos to our membership proving to us once again that he gets better every time. We enjoyed the Daylily Mecca in Florida in May through his photography as well as time lapse photography of daylily blooms opening.

Another one of our talented members and master gardener, Sherri McCalla, will be featured on one of our Memphis television stations demonstrating composting in the near future.

Our Christmas party is currently in the planning stage under the expert chairmanship of Marcia Laundré. We look forward to this festive luncheon with our daylily friends during the holidays.



# Flora, Fauna, and Fireflies: An Evening in the Garden

by Oliver Billingslea

When I was a boy, my father used to sit me on his knee in his rocking chair and tell me hunting stories. He'd describe a path along which various wild animals would come and he'd knock on the arm rest of the chair imitating the approach of a covey of quail, a rabbit, or a fox. Whenever a fox would come by, he'd knock loud, grab my ribs, and I'd giggle.

My father is gone now and there is no longer the smoke-filled kitchen where he would sit and tell me those stories. There is no longer the opportunity for him to take me quail shooting on days when the broom sedge could lift like melting gold into a rain-drenched sky. That will never happen again. Those winters and the hot laughter of summer days in rural Mississippi are gone.

I graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1970. When my wife and I moved to Montgomery, Alabama, we purchased several acres on the east side of the sprawling city, four of which are comprised of a large woods. Our daylily garden is located on the west side of the woods, which provides a dense backdrop to two large curved beds of flowers which remain drenched in evening light until the sun sets.

Many an evening I have sat on a bench in the garden watching the light fade. Often just at dusk, a fox would appear at the edge of the woods and trot slowly its length until it would turn and enter. I taught our cat, Waseda, to value cheese—actually the opportunity to bond while sitting together on the bench. We'd share a tidbit or two—he on the grass, I on the bench. Then he would hop up on the bench and drape his paws over the edge. It would be he who would most often spot the fox; and he wouldn't run as long as I remained still. The fox would course his trail and turn deep into the forest, seemingly oblivious to the two of us. Fireflies would light the evening, searching for moisture in the beds. They would glow like tiny beacons above *Hemerocallis* 'Tahitian Waterfall', *H.* 'Mountain Almond', or *H.* 'Silken Samarkand'. They would glimmer amid the rounded globes of begonia or blue ageratum.

Waseda would rest on the bench beside me quietly. He had only one eye, one incisor, and only one paw that functioned properly (these the result of tangling with a car when he was but a year old), but he lived to be twelve years old, until this preceding spring when something other than a fox came out of the woods.

One year several years ago we had a deer. Where he came from I don't know and why he disappeared late in the summer I don't know that either. But that year he ate a lot of blooms and most all of the seed pods I had set. One evening I was sitting on the bench enjoying the twilight and contemplating the next day's crosses, when to my surprise

a large bud on *H.* 'Uppermost Edge' seemed to have suddenly vanished into thin air. One minute it was there, the object of the next day's scheme of hybridizing, and the next it wasn't. When I looked about, there about fifteen feet behind me was a doe demurely devouring what remained of the scape.

Waseda understood a lot of words. When I would plant seedlings, I would tell him they would provide him "kitty food." He particularly understood the word "cheese" and the phrase "go to the bench." Several years ago when the Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery imported swans from England, together with a gaggle of geese, the geese quickly became domesticated to the extent that they are now everywhere on the east side of the city. Often amid the evening sky they would fly over, and I would tell Waseda they were "geese" and he'd look a bit confused, thinking perhaps that some "cheese" was in the offing. He eventually came to grasp the two concepts.

We have two young cats, brothers, named Kody and Shivers, after P.B.R. stars. We keep them in nights, after what happened this past April to Waseda. One night, "It" came out of the woods—bobcat, coyote—we're not sure. I suspect the latter. In one night he took both a "mama" cat and Waseda (we found fur from the "mama" cat, but no sign of our one-eyed kitty).

Now I sit with a glass of wine and watch the light fade. Kody and Shivers are inside. There are no foxes this year, and no deer (thankfully), but the fireflies light up the evening sky. Two rest on a bloom of *H.* 'Boundless Beauty', lighting up the creamy petals with their glow. Two others rise above a clump of *H.* 'Songwriter', while a third descends, seemingly attracted to the white-gold edge of the deep purple, *H.* 'Born To Reign'. They light up the woods. Seven geese fly low against the roseate sky.

I am reminded of words from Shakespeare's *Cymbeline*:

Fear no more the heat o' the sun,  
Nor the furious winter's rages;  
Thou thy worldly task hast done.  
Thou art past the tyrant's stroke;  
Care no more to clothe and eat;  
To thee the reed is as the oak.  
The sceptre, learning, physic, must  
All follow this and come to dust.

All lovers young, all lovers must  
Consign to thee, and come to dust.

*Editor's note:* If in deference to postmodernism, the writer has moved a firefly here or there, this little story is nonetheless 99.9% true.

Oliver Billingslea

The Eighteenth Presentation of the  
AHS Region 10

Mid-Winter Symposium

February 1 – February 3, 2008

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2008**

- 10:30am Registration  
Richard & Helen Porter – Kentucky
- 12:00pm Garden Judges Workshop 1  
12:00 Exhibition Judges Clinic 1  
12:00 Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic
- 2:00pm Wineception and Informal Robin Social  
Lisa Meadows – Kentucky  
Sotty Innes – Tennessee
- 5:00 Build Your Own Sandwich Buffet (included)
- 6:15 Welcome to Region 10 & the MWS  
Richard Porter – SVP, Region 10  
Bill Schardein – Chair, MWS
- 6:30 Hybridizers On the Way Up!  
Paul Owen – North Carolina  
Don Miller – Georgia  
Nancy Eller – Georgia
- 7:30 The Mystery of Minis  
Elizabeth Salter - Florida
- 8:15 Your Soil and You – a Panel Discussion  
Moderated by David Kirchhoff - Kentucky
- 9:30 - ? The fun continues – Hotel Bar

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2008**

- 8:00am Complimentary continental breakfast
- 8:30 Greetings from the American Hemerocallis Society  
Bronda May – Director, Region 10
- 9:00 Iron Gate Gardens: 40 Years and Counting  
Van Sellers & Victor Santa Lucia – North Carolina
- 9:45 Plant Diseases  
Lynn Griffith, A & L Labs - Florida
- 10:30 Stretch Break
- 10:45 Designing With Passion  
Dr. Daniel Apps – Wisconsin
- Noon Lunch on Your Own
- 1:30pm Using Backdrops in Hybridizing  
Dave Mussar – Ontario, Canada
- 2:15 From Conception to Birth: a Daylily Love Story  
Lee Pickles - Tennessee
- 3:00 Stretch Break
- 3:15 The Longer the Eye...  
Jeff Salter - Florida
- 4:00 Making the Final Cut  
John Rice – Kentucky
- 5:00 Region 10 Business Meeting
- 6:15 Fellowship – Cash Bar
- 7:00 Dinner (included)
- 8:00 Daylily Auction  
Drawing for a \$500 Daylily Certificate from  
a Hybridizer of Your Choice
- 9:30 - ? The fun continues – Hotel Bar

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2008**

- 8:00am Complimentary continental breakfast
- 8:30 Invitation to Attend the 2008 National  
Convention (Houston, TX)  
Invitation to Attend the 2008 Region 10 Meeting  
and Garden Tour (Warrenton, TN)
- 9:00 MS PowerPoint is a Great Gardening Tool  
Niko Schmidt - Michigan
- 9:45 Sowing and Growing a Daylily for any plant Club  
Kathy Guest-Shaddock & Mike Shaddock – New York

- 10:30 Stretch Break
- 10:45 An English Garden Tour - Mike Shaddock – New York
- 11:30 2008 Introductions/Futures  
Jay Turman – Tennessee  
Drawing for a \$500 Daylily Certificate from  
A Hybridizer of Your Choice
- 12:00pm Adjourn

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# What's Forthcoming

The 2008 Region 14 Spring Meeting: Garden Write-Ups

The 2008 Sally Lake Memorial Bed

AHS Region 14 Flower Shows: 2008

The 2008 Youth Digital Photography Awards

“Top Ten” Daylilies in Our Lives: Interviews about Daylilies Enjoyed over the Past Decades

Daylilies and Companion Plants: A Photographic Essay

Region 14 Display Gardens

The Pink Daylilies of Pat Stamile

The World of Grace Stamile's Small & Miniature Daylilies

Newest of the New: A Photographic Selection from your Editor's Travels

## *The Final Word: Editor's Column* by Oliver Billingslea

Our Winter/Spring 2008 issue of *The Dixie Daylily* marks our eleventh attempt to put together our regional newsletter, and I thank everyone who has contributed.

Unfortunately, due to a lack of funds to support three issues for the upcoming year, our readers will notice that we have had to combine two issues (winter and spring) this time. While we have a CD balance now slightly over \$25,000, this is money wisely left untouched. If we have a superb auction in May at the Spring Meeting in Dothan, we might be able to afford a third “Holiday” issue next November to close out the year. No promises—but I think that would be wonderful! Please do whatever you can to help.

The benchmark of this issue is the remarkable history principally put together by our AHS Director, Barbara Watts. Through publishing this article in one piece, we hope to have preserved readably at least a portion of Region 14's history. Among the other writings, there is a report on the National Convention in Minneapolis by guest writer Julie Covington of Roanoke, Virginia. Julie's previous article which she wrote for *The Dixie Daylily* (Winter 2006) won a national award from AHS as the “Best Article on Cultivars.” We need more articles from our writers: principally something on science, something on gardening techniques, and

an article on a Region 14 hybridizer not yet covered during my tenure as editor. There will be a forthcoming issue featuring Region 14 Display Gardens.

Readers will notice that this issue of *The Dixie Daylily* has a slightly different look. Over a year ago, Region 14 offered to purchase Adobe Creative Suite 2 for your editor. The program would make possible my ability to convert digital photos to CMYK for publication, thus saving our Region a great deal of money. I had also thought the more sophisticated program might come in handy, should I one day be granted the opportunity to use it in a more lengthy publication. That notwithstanding, I went ahead and purchased CS2 at my own expense. The noticeable changes in this issue are due to my having used Adobe InDesign, rather than Publisher, and I must again thank my wife, Nancy, for guiding me through each initial step in respect to this program—all in a bit less than four weeks.

Finally, I must congratulate my friend and fellow editor, Narda Jones, for her great work with the Region 2 *Great Lakes Daylily Newsletter*. Her being awarded Best Newsletter for 2006 was an honor most richly deserved.

Oliver Billingslea

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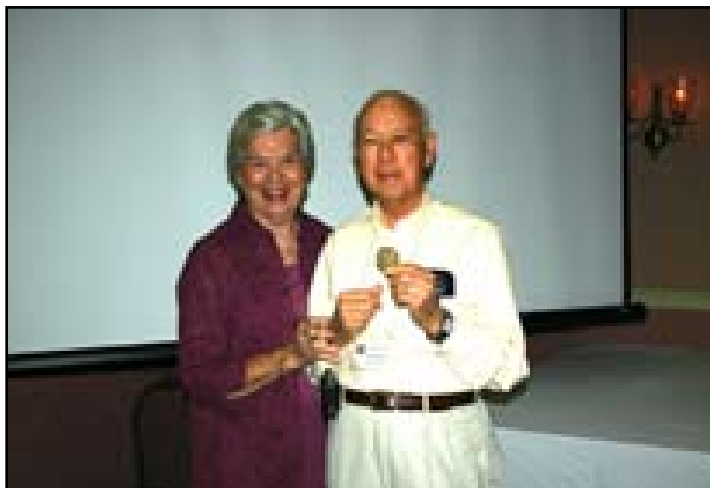


## Dates to Remember 2008

May 15—17  
Houston National  
Convention

May 30—May 31  
Region 14  
Spring Meeting  
Dothan, AL

June 15  
*The Dixie Daylily*  
Summer/Fall  
Deadline



*A*warded to both Joe and Olive Langdon, Joe proudly receives the AHS Region 14 Service Medal from Barbara Watts, AHS Region 14 Director, at the Fall Regional Meeting in Meridian, Mississippi.  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*B*etty Roberts' attention is clearly on Ned's presence, as Darrel Apps announces Ned Roberts as the recipient of the 2007 Bertrand Farr Award Silver Medal at the National Convention in Minneapolis.  
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June 15  
Youth Digital Contest  
Deadline

September 1  
Voting in the 2009  
Popularity Poll  
Deadline

October 15  
*The Dixie Daylily*  
Winter/Spring  
Deadline



*Region 14 Board Members (left to right), RPD Linda Beck, RVP John Falck, Treasurer Tom Adams, and Secretary Jo Anne Burrage, discuss upcoming changes to Regional By-laws. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

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