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Up-Coming Events:

- AHS 2017 National Convention June 21- 24, 2017 Norfolk, VA.
 From Sea to Shining Sea. Go to the AHS Home page and click on Conventions/Meetings for details.
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Region 6 Director Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Beverly Winkelman



Welcome new members and to those that are returning to AHS.

We are extremely glad to have you as a member of AHS and look forward to seeing you at our Regional Meeting in Austin, Seventh Heaven, Williamson Conference Center, May 25-27, 2017.

Are we ready to prepare our gardens for Spring, or has Spring already arrived in February in our Region? I must say, it has been difficult not to get out in the yard and trim back my dead-looking foliage with the 80+ degrees we have been experiencing in the Houston area. I always say that there is still a frost to come before Easter, but with our current weather conditions, I am not sure we will have another frost. It is always a blessing to see my Spring flowers return and to see the beautiful colors coming back into the garden.

I attended my first AHS Board Meeting in October at Myrtle Beach, Forida, as a guest with Maureen Valenza, Region 6's past Director. We should thank Maureen for being a great supporter for our Region and a great representative for Region 6 on the AHS Executive Board. What a beautiful place to visit and to see the area where AHS will be holding their 2018 National Convention. There are few things of importance that I would like to share with each of you from that meeting:

There is a new, printed version of the Daylily Exhibitions Handbook now available thru AHS. My advice is for this to be read before the show planning committees meet. I recommend that each club get a printed version that may be passed around to committee members to study prior to show time. The new 2017 edition of Daylily Exhibitions contains hundreds of changes, clarifications, consolidations and additions designed to eliminate actual problems encountered at shows and to remove confusing, contradictive and redundant material in the previous edition. To further enhance the learning process the new edition also features more than 100 full-color photographs, including 65 illustrating the daylily forms, sub-forms and color patterns.

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In support of the current update for board members, below is a note that you could use to share the developing information regarding "dormant" and "deciduous" from Nikki Schmith:

There has been recent, passionate discussion regarding the terms Dormant and Deciduous. We would like to gather additional scientific information before making any permanent changes to the Registration form. Therefore, in the meantime, the Registration form will remain as it has been historically with the terms Dormant, Semi-evergreen, and Evergreen.

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The online Facebook auction to raise money for the AHS General Fund ran from January 15-22 and was a huge success. AHS raised about \$14,000. Each Region was asked to donate at least two items or experiences to the auction. We need to send a *thank you* to Donna Peck for her donation. If there were others that I am not aware of, please forgive me for not acknowledging you. There will be another Facebook auction scheduled for this year. Please watch for notification and plan to make a donation for Region 6.

AHS Region 6 President Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Tim Closs



Dear Members,

Spring is here in North Texas...about four weeks early! Fruit trees, Redbuds and other plants are already blooming well ahead of normal. Whenever this happens, I always fear a late freeze or frost damaging everything, including our daylilies. Keep your fingers crossed that this year stays warm and we don't have a killer freeze.

We are only three months out from the Region 6 Meeting in Austin. I hope everyone has blocked out their Memorial Day weekend for what promises to be an outstanding event! With two full days of garden tours, our own Region 6 alumnus, Rich Rosen as our guest speaker, and tons of auction plants, the Austin Daylily Society has created an excellent opportunity for ALL of Region 6 members to attend. As I have said before, the health of our Region depends on everyone travelling and supporting our Regional Meetings and the host club! In the past, individual clubs have donated auction baskets to help support the Region and the host club. The wonderful basket donated at the fall 2016 Dallas Symposium by the Lone Star club brought in over \$250. That generosity directly helped with covering costs and expenses. If every club could assist the Austin Daylily Society with a basket this year, and every host club in the future, that gesture would go a long ways towards showing our support.

Speaking of support, one critical item that needs to be addressed in Austin is the election of a new Region 6 President. My second two year term ends in December and we need to have the election to insure that there is a smooth transition. In other Executive Committee news, Peggy and Don Cathey have agreed to take over as the Region 6 Membership Chairs, freeing our Regional Director, Beverly Winkelman to focus on her extensive responsibilities.

See you in the gardens......
Tim

Region 6 Treasurer Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Malcolm Avaritt



As plans are being finalized I wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming garden tours and Region 6 Meeting and daylily auction coming up May 25-27th in Austin. Come out to see the wonderful gardens, eat some great food and swap some stories with friends new and old. Oh, and then there is the Region 6 auction. If you have never been to a previous Region 6 auction let me remind you of the two rules we have. First, bid often. It really helps to get the price up, LOL. Secondly, have fun and laugh at whoever you were able to outbid.

Currently, our balance is \$35,451.55. If your club would like to donate funds to help purchase daylilies for the auction please send a check to my address and payable to AHS Region 6.

Looking forward to seeing you in Austin, Malcolm

Region 6 Publicity Director Report Spring 2016 Newsletter By Maureen Valenza



Each Spring I look forward to bulbs peeking out of the ground and the amaryllis sending up their scapes. This time of the year gives the gardener hope and the start of the growing season. Every year, each AHS member is asked to vote on their ten favorite daylily cultivars and this year will be no exception. This newsletter contains the 2017 Popularity Poll. (Page 26 & 27) I hope that members will vote this year since we had 29% return last year. That trend is not heading in the right direction???

As your new Publicity Director for Region 6 I want to provide you with the latest changes on the National level that will occur in 2018, which I believe many members have been waiting for years to happen.

Sandy Holmes, the National Chair for AHS has requested input from all Regional Publicity Directos, starting in October. She has done a great job vetting through a flurry of emails and summarizing Regional input.

The Popularity Poll is a great resource of the tried and true cultivars, which have survived our climatic variations within Texas and New Mexico. At the Regional Symposium in the Fall (Dallas), I brought up for consideration to the attendees that we need to sunset some of the Popularity Poll winners to make room for newer cultivars. By removing the multiple winners (Red Volunteer, Orange Velvet, etc.) newer daylilies will have the opportunity to be evaluated and shared with the Region members. Sharing the list with the general public and media will help build the AHS brand. The ability to vote for newer daylilies may even renew interest in voting for the Popularity Poll.

We will create a special webpage for the Hall of Famer's or whatever name we decide to call this all-star list of daylilies. We will decide on the name at the Austin Regional Meeting on May 25, 2017, so don't miss the Meeting. Recommendations from AHS regarding Regional Popularity Poll:

After a daylily, has won the Popularity Poll, the daylily will be removed from the Popularity Poll ballot and placed in a Regional list of former winners. The name of the list will be determined by the Region. Note: Some Regions already have a list of former winners. If possible the list should include all Popularity Poll winners back to 1961, but further back if the Region has the records. The group recommends that the former winners list be kept by Region and displayed on the appropriate Region's website. The AHS will continue to display the David Hall Memorial Award Winners on their website. Whenever possible the former winner's list's name should begin with Daylily so that it will appear on search engines and provide more access to the general public. Examples: Daylily Honor Roll - Region XX or Daylily All Stars - Region XX.

The Popularity Poll Ballot is attached to this newsletter edition, but is also available on the "AHS website" under the quick link (left hand) side. Members are to scroll down to "Popularity Poll" and select "Region 6" and the Poll selection will appear for them to select their 10 favorite daylilies. They are to complete the form as noted below for voting requirements. Also, the Popularity Poll is available online at: http://www.ahsregion6.org/popularity_polls.htm This ballot of 95-100 daylilies is based on the results from 2016 on the most voted cultivars which scored up to 4+ votes and was cut off at 95-100. Last year over 630 daylilies were voted on but multiple votes cast for a cultivar with 4+ votes or more made it to this ballot.

Whether you choose to mail your ballots to me your Regional Tabulator at: Maureen Valenza, 24959 Stratton Meadows Drive, Porter, TX 77365 or email your selection to me at: <u>valenza@suddenlink.net</u> or scan the ballot and send the scanned version makes no difference as long as your cast your vote.

The purpose of the Popularity Poll is a service to its members, hybridizers, and the general public. Each year the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) conducts a Popularity Poll among its members to determine the favorite daylilies for their Region and which have staying power. This Popularity Poll provides important

information to all concerned regarding which flowers are performing well and which are best liked by the membership. These Popularity Polls are important for our hybridizers since they see what flowers are getting attention and also for non-members – who make daylily selections for purchase.

Voting Requirements:

All AHS members are eligible to vote and participate.

Vote for up to, but <u>not more</u> than ten (10) cultivars. Note: a valid ballot may consist of only one vote or ten write-in daylilies not listed on the ballot sheet.

For Dual Memberships, the second member should vote separately and make another copy of the ballot. Price need not be a consideration. Vote for what you like whether it is a 2017 registration or one from 1873. All flowers have merit.

Select favorite registered flower that you are growing or observed on a garden tour or Regional Meeting like 2017 garden tours or elsewhere.

No seedlings are allowed.

Mail or email your choices to your Regional Tabulator, Maureen Valenza.

Ballots must be submitted only once.

Please include your name, email address, mailing address, and club name(s) on the ballot sheet.

If you don't see flowers you like? No problem, you may write-in ten (10) cultivars that are not shown on the list. This will refresh the listing for 2015 and beyond.

Ballots must be in by no later than September 01.

Last year, we had 29% AHS Region 6 members participate. Please don't forget to vote this year. Your club can have a chance to win \$300 that can be used by the club at its discretion. We will tabulate the clubs with the most votes and draw on the club that has 95% or greater AHS members voting on the Popularity Poll this year. They will be eligible to participate in this drawing. Another great way to buy flowers for your club's participation!! So don't forget to add all the clubs that you belong to so that they get the credit to win.

Youth Liaison Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Peggy & Dan Cathey



If you would like to order a Region 6 T-shirt, save the postage and get your orders to us before the May 25-27 Region 6 Meeting being held in Austin. After checking with the post office about mailing the shirts, we have had to increase the price of the shirts to \$15 to include the extra postage. We can deliver the shirts to the Meeting for \$8 each. Here is how to order: Send a note with the number of shirts you wish to purchase (youth or adult) along with the sizes. Also, please include your shipping address, phone number and e-mail address in case we need to contact you. White Cotton T-Shirt: Youth or Adult, \$15.00 each (includes shipping) Youth Sizes: XS, S, M, L & XL, Adult Sizes: S, M, L, XL. 2X (add \$2.50), 3X (add \$4.00) Mail, along with your check, to: Peggy Cathey, 1115 HCR 1414, Covington, TX 76636. E-mail address: ahsregion6youth@gmail.com.

Be sure to be out in the garden during bloom season with your camera to capture all the beautiful blooms. You may then choose your best photographs to enter the AHS Youth Photography Contest. More details will follow in the next *Daylilies of the Southwest*.

The *Youth Activity Page* may be found on page 24. Answers to the Crossword are found on page 34. Hope you have fun with it. Please let us know if this something you would like for us to continue.

A Special Program Just For Youths

The AHS National Convention, June 21-24 in Norfolk, VA, has a special program just for youth members.

Youths (18 and under), are invited to come join the fun at the AHS Convention. If you've attended in the past, come again, there's always something different planned. The group spends time together for activities, bus rides and dinners, but there's plenty of time to do your own thing.

Meet old friends and make new ones at Thursday nights 'meet & greet' where you'll receive instructions and special 'goodies'.

During the event, participate in these activities to receive prizes and auction money:

- Games on the bus
- Games and hunts in the tour gardens
- Games at the hotel
- Contests
- Craft projects
- Daylily presentations
- Talks in the garden
- Daylily auction

*The youth only daylily auction is very popular. It's a chance to compete for free daylilies. It runs like a regular auction but no real money is used. Everyone is given a packet of 'play' money and opportunities to acquire more 'play' money by participating in activities during the Convention. The more you accumulate, the more you'll have to outbid your opponents.

Information and a tentative activities schedule will be sent to those registered about a month before the Convention.

If you have questions or need more information contact the AHS Youth Chair, Kathy D'Alessandro youth@daylilies.org

National Youth Contest

Look for a new 'search and find' contest in the upcoming issue of the AHS Youth News due to be distributed in March.

News about the Bertie Ferris Scholarship

The AHS Board approved a change in the requirements for the Bertie Ferris Scholarship due to the variation in age of graduating high school seniors. Effective January 1, 2017, an applicant must be a current AHS member, no more than 19 years of age, who has held AHS youth membership (or would be a youth member but for this age 18 requirement for youth membership) for two consecutive years prior to the year the application is submitted.

According to the guidelines, there will be two \$1,000.00 scholarships offered this year because the scholarship was not awarded last year,

Deadlines

January 1 to March 31 is the application period for the Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award and Bertie Ferris Scholarship. Details for both and applications are on the AHS website, www.daylilies.org April 1 is the deadline for the Mabel Matthews Scholarship applications.

August 1 is the deadline for submissions to the Youth News. Contribute to the newsletter to receive a free daylily.

Garden Judges Liaison Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Eddie Raye Andrews



Today as I am writing it is a blustering typical winter day. Tomorrow again it will be in the 70's. It seems winter never came; or, at least it didn't stay long.

When you get this newsletter, you will have seen dramatic changes to your garden and others. Scapes should be popping up and some will even have blooms. You will have gotten your Awards and Honors worksheet from Melodye Campbell. Please go over the list and notice plants in your own garden and be prepared to see them in others, as well. Remember, all of the HM's and AM's have to be daylilies that you have seen in your own Region. The Stout Silver Medal and many of the Specialty Awards have to be seen in your Region or at this year's National Convention. Set up your rules on how you judge daylilies and do this with all that you see; especially seedlings.

A list of current judges is attached in this newsletter. For those of you needing to renew, Workshop 2 will be taught at the up-coming Regional in Austin on Thursday. Make every attempt to be there. This workshop must be taught in the garden. If you find that you won't be able to make the Workshop, contact me. Maybe something can be arranged or you can ask for a one-year extension by writing to Pat Soileau. Workshop 1 will also be taught at the Regional. If you would like to participate in this Workshop, sign up. Remember to read your Garden Judges Manual – it is located on the AHS website in the Membership Portal.

See you in the Garden,

Exhibition Judges Liaison Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Beverly Winkelman



Hope to see everyone at the Region 6 Meeting in Austin! Please be sure to sign up for the Exhibition Judges Clinics! We desperately need new Judges in our Region and we need for those that are Judges to keep their Refresher Clinic current.

Don't forget to pay your AHS dues!

As stated by Barbara Kirby, Exhibitions Chair.

The new, printed version of the Daylily Exhibitions Handbook is now available thru AHS at an excellent rate. The cost will be \$20 plus \$4 shipping for the color edition (punched for a 3 ring binder). This is well worth the investment and I believe you will find it some very interesting reading. You still may download the Read version (pdf) from the AHS website if you prefer viewing from your computer/tablet.

I am going to copy two things off the website---one is some instructions to get on the Membership Portal and order the Handbook (thank you Claude for doing this), and the second is the description of the Handbook from the book store which will give you a short summary of the major changes.

My advice is for this to be read before the flower show planning committee meets. I know many of you participate in your local show and I intend to send this email and some additional info contained in my first two messages from to the Directors and Regional Presidents with instructions to the Regional Presidents to forward to all club presidents. I recommend that each club get a printed version that may be passed around to committee members to study prior to show time. There's still plenty of time for this before show season. There are changes pertaining to show committee chairs as well as judges.

Remember, this is the final word. All other editions of the Exhibition Judging Handbooks are obsolete and should be destroyed.

Instructions to reach the Membership Portal store to order the book:

Go the AHS Website: http://www.daylilies.org/

The second link on the left navigation bar is: • AHS Members Portal •

Click on that and it will take you to the home page of the AHS Membership Portal.

You do not have to login to go to the Portal Store. (you do have to be logged in to go to some sections of the Portal) The top navigation bar has an option Shop/Donate.

An option under that is AHS Publications. Click on that and it will take you to the Publications Page of the Portal Online Store.

You can click on the photo of the "The Open Form Daylily" or on the Online Portal Store at the middle of the page. That will take you to the AHS Publication part of the store and the Portal Store and the new Exhibitions Handbook is the eighth item down on the first page.

You can now order. (just add and proceed.)

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Highlights of some of the additions and/or changes in the 2017 edition:

Procedures for dealing with ethics violations

Clarification regarding those with the power to disqualify an entry and a list detailing the only reasons an entry may be disqualified

Clarification regarding the ownership and those allowed to transport and enter a given entry into a show

A new Seedling Distinction worksheet, along with guidelines

The requirement for judges to sign their Best-in-Show form

An additional tie breaker for Best-in-Show tabulation and the procedure for determining the outcome if entries remain tied after exhausting all tie breakers

A validation form for the requirement of an exhibition judge to show flowers in accredited shows to retain certification was added to the show schedule

A procedure for transporting very tall seedling scapes to a show

Clarification of the requirements for a double to be considered fully double

The definition of a double (percentage requirements), including a new AHS list of Doubles for show purposes Clarification on judging the Spider form

Redundant sections dealing with point scoring were consolidated

Penalty point assessment under Condition and Grooming for pollen and transitory insects was clarified.

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Archivist/Historian/Webmaster Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Ray Houston



If you wish to know what is happening in Region 6, or you are seeking historical information about the Region, visit the Region 6 website http://www.ahsregion6.org/ There is a large volume of information on the website, and current and historical information is continually added to the website.

If you are seeking information from past or current Region 6 newsletters and don't know where to look, please contact me at krhouston60@att.net or call (979) 297-5814. I am able to perform electronic searches of the newsletter archives in a matter of minutes. I have the majority of the Region 6 newsletters 1961-present in the hard copy and electronic archives. Full color current and two previous year's electronic versions of the Region 6 newsletters - Daylilies of the Southwest - are also available on the website. In October 2016, I posted the complete set of Region 6 digital newsletters, 1961-Present, to the Region 6 website.

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

Additions to the Region 6 Website:

2016 Region 6 Service Award Recipient - Malcolm Avaritt http://www.ahsregion6.org/service award 2016.htm

2017 Popularity Poll Winners http://www.ahsregion6.org/pop_poll_2017.htm

2017 Region 6 Exhibition Judges List http://www.ahsregion6.org/judges.htm

2017 Region 6 Meeting Information http://www.ahsregion6.org/regional_meeting.htm

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http://www.ahsregion6.org/carpenter_mark.htm

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Newsletter Editor Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Larry & Debbie Pike



It has been a pleasure to have had the opportunity to be your Newsletter Editors since the Fall/Winter edition in 2014. Due to the many changes that have occurred in our lives since our home flooded and the death of my father, our priorities have shifted to family and health matters and will not allow us to continue as the Region 6 Newsletter Editors. We intend to stay on as the Awards and Honors Chairs and we will remain active in our local club but we must move on and I know someone will step up and fill this role for our Region. I will be very involved in the handoff as well as being available to answer questions from anyone interested in this opportunity. If you are interested in this role, please contact Tim Closs at (972) 734-2858 or b-cfarm@att.net or you can contact me with any questions at (979) 236-1478 or at larrydebbiepike@gmail.com.

Awards and Honors Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Larry & Debbie Pike



I hope everyone is ready to visit the gardens at the Region 6 Meeting in Austin and to vote on the seedlings submitted by the hybridizers in our Region. Everything is in place and we can only hope and pray that the seedlings will bloom during the garden tours and give us a lot of choices to pick from. Thanks again to Skottie and Jeff for hosting the Seedling Award Beds.

Membership Report Spring 2017 Newsletter By Beverly Winkelman



Welcome new members and to those that are returning to AHS. We are extremely glad to have you back as a member and look forward to see you at your local meeting and the Region 6 Meeting in Austin.

I am also the Membership Chairman for AHS and we are working on several projects to increase and enhance AHS membership. The 2016 renewal of AHS Members was down a considerable amount.

I encourage each of you to work on getting your club at 100% membership. When you have a minimum of 50% of your club as AHS members, send your club's roster to membership@daylilies.org and secretary@daylilies.org. AHS has five recognition levels for clubs with at least 20 members! If your club gets more AHS members (after you have already sent your roster), send the updated roster again.

As soon as you achieve 50% or better AHS membership, your club will be recognized in *The Daylily Journal* and on the AHS website.

If your club succeeds in attaining 90% (or better) AHS membership, then you will be entered automatically into a drawing for a \$500 gift certificate at an AHS Voucher Program participating nursery! (The drawing is held at the AHS Fall Board Meeting.)

Have one of your members bring a laptop to the meeting and help them join online, on-the-spot! Consider adding to your budget a membership for first year members in your club.

Our flower shows and plant sales are coming up soon. Be sure to have AHS pamphlets and forms to sign up new members.

As Membership Chairman for AHS, I have also been working on the Voucher Program for new and upgrading AHS memberships. We have an updated list of vendors on the Portal and each vendor will **not** be requiring a minimum purchase to receive your \$25 gift plant. They will, however, request that you pay for the shipping.

Let's make 2017 a year to increase our AHS Members!

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Mercer Arboretum

Daylily Growers of Dallas President - Michael Reed

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Meetings: Jan-May, Sept-Nov, 3rd Saturday, 10 a.m.

North Haven Gardens, Dallas

East Texas Daylily Society President - Joey Dziema

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Meetings: Jan-May, Oct-Nov, 2nd Sunday, 2 p.m.

Tyler Municipal Rose Garden Center

Golden Spread Daylily Society

President - Doug Smith 726 Lefors, Pampa, TX 79065-4824 Email Contact: Joan Avampato xeriscapegarden@sbcglobal.net Meetings: Feb-Oct, 4th Sunday, 2 p.m.

Amarillo Botanical Gardens

Houston Area Daylily Society

President: Clifford Lee 315 E. Helms, Houston, TX 77037 (281) 448-4153, calee1012@att.net

Meetings: Jan-May, Sep-Dec, 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.

Bayland Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet

First Christian Church Parlor

Nacogdoches Daylily Society

President: Regina Moehring 625 CR 213, Nacogdoches, TX 75965 (936) 560-9236, rlmoehring@sbcglobal.net

Meetings: Mar-May, Oct-Dec, 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.

Members' Homes & Area Restaurants

North Texas Daylily Society-Fort Worth

President - Linda Long 116 Encino Springs Lane, Weatherford, TX 76088-3805

(817) 341-1297, kenlinda2012@gmail.com Meetings: Monthly, 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Fort Worth Botanic Center

Website: http://www.northtexasdaylilysociety.org/

San Antonio Daylily Society

President - Lauren Curtis 12618 La Bahia, San Antonio, TX 78233 (210) 656-6556, <u>lutsenlo@juno.com</u> Meetings: Monthly, 3rd Sunday, 2 p.m.

San Antonio Botanical Garden, Education Building

My Daylily Legacy - People

by Ray Houston

When I became an AHS member and member of Region 6 in November 1984, I joined the organization because I was enthralled with the beauty of the daylilies I viewed at my first club meeting with the Brazosport Daylily Society, in Lake Jackson, Texas. Not long afterwards, I found that it was really the people in the Daylily World that were most intriguing to me.

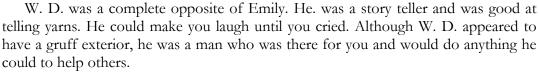
Over the years, I have become acquainted with numerous interesting Daylily World personalities. Many of you who are younger or new to daylilies may have not had the privilege of meeting and knowing these people, as many of them are no longer living. You have missed a tremendous experience.

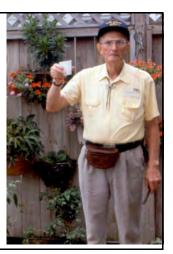
Many of the people I have met were not a single entity. Instead, they were a couple, each person of the couple complimenting the other.

Included here are my comments and memories about several people I have come to know and care for in Region 6.



Emily Everett (1921-1990), and her husband, W. D. "Chief" Everett (1919-2013), were the first people in the Daylily World with whom I became well acquainted. Emily was the Brazosport Daylily Society Librarian, and was the first person taking an interest in teaching me about daylilies. She loaded me down with Region 6 newsletters and AHS *Daylily Journals*. Emily was one of the most gracious, kindest ladies you could ever have the privilege of knowing.







Inez Tarrant (1919-2006), took my wife, Mary, and me under her wings to teach us all she could about growing and exhibiting beautiful daylilies. Inez's garden was the first daylily garden we had the privilege of visiting. Her garden was kept in immaculate condition. While walking around her garden, Inez would be talking and pulling dead leaves from her plants. Her daylily garden was how we thought an AHS Display Garden should look. Inez had a real knack of exhibiting prize winning daylilies at the flower shows and most often came away with a good portion of the awards. She taught many of us the proper way to groom and exhibit a prize winning daylily. In 1993, Inez was honored as the recipient of the AHS Region 6 Service Award



I met Bill Ater (1930-2008), at the 1986 Region 6 Meeting in Austin, Texas. Bill was a storehouse of plant knowledge and was always willing to share his knowledge. He traveled all over Region 6 presenting programs to the Region's clubs on successful floral arrangement designs for flower shows. He was also a mentor for many AHS Exhibition Judges. He had an amazing ability to teach the basics and intricacies of daylily flower judging. My wife, Mary, and I continued to use many of Bill's techniques to teach other Judges.

Bill served as 1984-85 AHS President, and was honored as the 1996 Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal recipient. He was also honored as the recipient of the 1989 AHS Region 6 Service Award.



Ury Winniford (1908-2001), won the AHS Stout Silver Medal in 1980, for his 1969 day-lily registration *Hemerocallis* 'Bertie Ferris'. In 1983, Ury was honored as the recipient of the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for his hybridizing achievements. He was always willing to share his knowledge about hybridizing daylilies with anyone who asked. It was not unusual to see Ury with multiple pollen anthers sticking out of his mouth like tooth-picks when he was hybridizing. He would have pollen coating his fingers and as a consequence, everything he touched had pollen on it. It was very difficult for me to keep from laughing about the pollen that had been deposited on his face and ear lobes. Ury was honored as the recipient of the 1979 AHS Region 6 Service Award.



Bertie Ferris (1906-1998), served as 1969 AHS President, and was honored as the recipient of the 1970 Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal. At the time of Bertie's death in 1998, there was no name better known in the American Hemerocallis Society than that of Bertie Ferris. It has been fondly said by many that Bertie was the "Grand Dame of AHS." Mary and I became acquainted with Bertie in 1987, when she convinced us that we should become AHS Exhibition Judges. When Bertie made her mind up to do something, there was not much one could do to convince her otherwise. Bertie "guided" us through the Exhibition Judges Clinics process and we passed the tests. Without Bertie's coaching, I never would have become an Exhibition Judge.

Bertie was honored as the recipient of the 1981 AHS Region 6 Service Award.

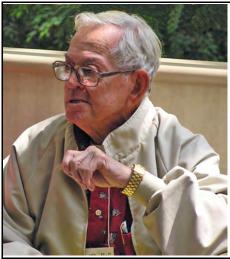


Virginia Henson (1921 - living), is one of those ladies whose presence leaves one with a pleasurable, lasting impression. We met Virginia and her husband, Ken, when we visited the Winniford-Henson-Ferris garden in Dallas. Ury Winniford, Ken Henson, and Bertie Ferris shared a plot on Ury's property, hybridizing and growing daylilies there. In 1984, Virginia was elected to the AHS Board of Directors, where she served for six years as AHS Exhibitions Committee Chair, and was responsible for maintaining records for Exhibition Judges, Exhibition Show Reports, and coordination of Exhibition Judges Clinics. Virginia's reputation as an Exhibition Judges Clinic Instructor was well recognized, and she was kind and considerate in her dealings with students and instructors. In 1991, Virginia was honored as the recipient of the AHS Region 6 Service Award. In 2003, Virginia was honored as the recipient of the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal.



J. L. Cruse (1916-1994), was a well-known Region 6 hybridizer. Daylily enthusiasts from all over the country paid annual visits to J. L.'s country garden located about halfway between Livingston and Woodville, Texas. This photo of J. L. was taken in 1986, and is the way J. L. greeted you as you entered his garden. He welcomed hundreds of guests to his garden wearing a straw hat, blue T-shirt, rope belt, and a pleasant smile. We will always remember J. L. making conversation while leaning on the handle of his shovel. On one of our yearly visits to his garden, J. L. told us to make ourselves at home in the garden, as he was too weak to escort us. He was deathly afraid of snakes and had just seen one in the garden, so he had taken a tranquilizer to calm his nerves. My wife, Mary, wanted to borrow one of his tranquilizers when she heard the word "snake!"

A good portion of J. L.'s daylilies were registered with the prefix "Gypsy" or "Little Gypsy." He had told us that he had Gypsy in his bloodline.



Albert "Bobo" Faggard (1928 - living), is an entertainer. For many years he dressed and acted as a clown to entertain children. With that same enthusiasm, he entertained adults. He was a major force in helping to build the Region 6 Treasury with his efforts as Auctioneer at Regional Meetings. He also served as Auctioneer in several AHS National Convention daylily auctions, keeping the auction moving and interesting, as he danced across the stage, attempting to get that last dollar for a daylily plant.

Bobo joined AHS in 1973. His interest in plant breeding led him to become an avid daylily breeder in 1976, and manager of the Brown Daylily Gardens at Orange, Texas, for Edgar and Betty Brown. Around 1980, Bobo began introducing their daylilies. Bobo has also registered over 80 of his own daylily creations.

In 1992, Bobo was honored as the recipient of the AHS Region 6 Service Award.



Jean Barnhart (1934-2016), was one of the toughest women I have ever met. Although she suffered from the effects of Lupus, she never seemed to slow down. She became serious about daylilies in the 1970s, after several trips to the gardens of Lucille

Williamson and J. L. Cruse. She bought Lucille's garden stock in the late 1970s, then bought the contents of Bob Dove's garden in Pleasanton, Texas, when he retired from hybridizing.

Jean joined AHS in 1984 and in 1985, was a founding member of the Nacogdoches Daylily Society.

In 1987, Jean and a friend purchased a dilapidated historic home in downtown Nacogdoches. They restored the building and in 1988, the Haden Edwards Bed and Breakfast Inn opened. The Inn is on the National Registry of Historical Homes. Mary and I visited Jean at the Inn and spent the night. She was such a gracious host and refused to allow us to pay for our stay.

Jean was one of the primary forces behind the establishment of the Stout Medal Garden at Stephen F. Austin University, in Nacogdoches. Her work there exposed thousands of students and visitors to daylilies. She served as 1996-99 Region 6 Garden Judges Liaison and taught AHS Garden Judges Workshops for many years.

In 2004, Jean was honored as the recipient of the AHS Region 6 Service Award.



Harvey and Nell Shimek are two of our very best friends. We met them in 1987 when their garden was on tour for the Region 6 Meeting.

We accompanied them on several trips into Louisiana to visit the daylily gardens of Elsie Spalding, Lucille Guidry, Rudy Pacas, and others. Harvey and Nell were from Louisiana, and as we travelled further into Louisiana, their speech became more and more Cajun.

Mary and I shared rooms with them at many Regional Meetings and National Conventions.

Harvey and Nell are AHS Senior Exhibition Judges and have judged daylily shows all over the United States and even in South America. Their garden was an official AHS Display Garden from 1991 until the first part of 2016. Hundreds of people from all over the United States have visited their garden.

Both of them are experienced flower arrangers and have won many local club Tricolor Awards. Nell won the AHS Tricolor Award for her flower arrangements in 1990, 1992, 1995, and 1997. Harvey won the AHS Tricolor Award in 1999.

Nell has also won AHS awards for her photography. In 1990 and 1991 she won the AHS Mildred Schlumpf Landscape Photo Award. In 1991, 1993, and 1994 she won the AHS A. D. Roquemore Memorial Award for her photos of daylily clumps.

In 1996, they were founding members of the Lone Star Daylily Society, in Alvin, Texas.

In 2002, they were honored as the recipients of the AHS Region 6 Service Award.



Mary Smith (1918-2002), was one of the feistiest women I have ever met! Mary was quite a colorful character. Although, she was very assertive and out-spoken, she also had a kind and considerate spirit. Once you got past her gruff exterior, you learned to love Mary. I counted Mary as one of my friends.

Mary joined the San Antonio Daylily Society in 1976 and was a faithful member, contributing much to the club and to Region 6.

She was always one of the highest bidders in the Region 6 auctions. Before the auction, she would scope out the daylilies that were donated, deciding which ones she wanted to buy. You could not out-bid Mary when she decided to buy a daylily. In 1989, Nell Crandall donated a plant of her *Hemerocallis* 'Satan's Curls' for the auction. When the bidding began, people started their usual low bidding, attempting to get a bargain. From the back of the room, Mary Smith shouted her bid, "Two Hundred Dollars." There was a gasp from the crowd. The auctioneer, after regaining his composure, asked if there were any other bids. There being none, Mary's \$200 bid purchased the daylily. At that time, \$200 was the highest bid the Region 6 auction had ever had. Mary immediately presented *H.* 'Satan's Curls' back to the auction and it was sold again, but not nearly at such a high bid. Mary did these zany kinds of things to support Region 6.

I have fond memories of all of these people and more whom I have met over the years as I travelled the Daylily World. It has been my pleasure to have known every one of them. I consider this my Daylily Legacy!

AHS Region 6 Vendors Participating in the Voucher Program for New and Upgrading AHS Memberships

Vendor Name	Address	Phone	Website
5-Acre Farm Daylilies	1578 CR 300N Tolono IL 61880	217-621-8474	5acrefarmdaylilies.com
Ashwood Garden	18995 Hooper Ridge Rd. Gloucester OH 45732	740-767-3946	ashwooddayliles.com
Bear W Daylily Farm	4560 Silver Creek Church Rd. Morganton NC 28655	828-584-3699	bearwdaylilyfarm.com
Bell's Daylily Garden	1305 Griffin Rd. Sycamore GA 31790	229-567-2353	bellsdaylilygarden.com
Crainer's Daylily Farm	5748 FM 2611 Brazoria TX 77422	979-964-3468	crainersdaylilyfarm.com
E and B Farm	541 J. C. Sullivan Rd. Louisville KY 39339	662-736-0914	eandbfarm.com
Favorite Things Daylily Garden	156 Fite Bend Rd. Resaca GA 30735	678-986-6361	favoritethingsdaylilies.com
Floyd Cove Nursery	1240 Enterprise Osteen Rd. Enterprise FL 32725	386-232-7379	floydcovenursery.com
Garden Perennials	85261 Hwy 15 Wayne NE 68787	888-375-3615	gardenperennials.net
Harmon Hill Farm	49 Ledge Rd. Hudson NH O3051	603-880-6228	harmonhillfarm.com
Joiner Daylily Gardens	2269 Hwy 119 Pembroke GA 31321	912-433-1414	joinerdaylilygardens.com
Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens	310 McDaniel Rd. Marietta GA 30064	404-375-9454	kennesawmountaindaylilygardens.com
Lasting Dreams Daylilies	6425 S Abbott Rd. Orchard Park NY 14127	716-648-4920	lastingdreamsdaylilies.com
Le Petit Jardin	7185 N. W. Country Rd. 320 McIntosh FL 32664	352-591-1859	petitdaylilies.com
Nottawasaga Daylilies	POB 2018 Creemore ON L0M 1G0	416-962-5018	wilsondaylilies.com
Nova Scotia Daylilies	42 Pickings Lane Upper LaHave NS B4V 7E1	902-543-1988	nsdaylilies.com
Peace on Earth Gardens	113 Dothan Rd. Blakely GA 39823	229-723-6703	theherrickssunnysidegarden.com /peaceonearthgardens
Pleasant Valley Gardens	7465 W. Third St. Dayton Oh 45427	937-835-5231	pleasantvalleygardens.net
Scott Elliott Daylilies	658 Edward Smith Rd. Ellabell GA 31308	912-596-7252	scottelliottdaylilies.com
Shady Rest Gardens	35 Northwoods Dr., NW Cartersville GA 30121	770-386-0438	daylilyfans.com/bishop
Shaw's Sunshine Gardens	2541 Lumpkin Rd. Augusta GA 30906	706-790-9428	shawssunshinegardens.com
Slightly Different Nursery	2812 Hollis Rd. Shelby NC 28150	704-477-9939	slightlydifferentnursery.com

2017 Region 6 Regional Meeting - "Seventh Heaven"

The Austin Daylily Society is honored to present "Seventh Heaven" – the 2017 AHS Region 6 Meeting – May 25-27th, in beautiful Austin, Texas. The event is being held at the Williamson Conference Center in the Wingate Inn and Suites, located in Round Rock (just north of Austin). We have an exciting three days planned for our Region's members!

Thursday, May 25 – Registration will open at noon. This afternoon, we'll also offer Exhibition Judges Clinics I–III at the hotel, and the Garden Judge's Workshop in the garden of Bruce and Jerre Threatte. Attendees may also start shopping at the plant sale or place early bids in the silent auction, until 5 p.m. For those wishing to explore Austin, your show program will list sightseeing suggestions as well as information on our area's wonderful nurseries and garden centers. The Regional Officer's meeting will be held from 5-7 p.m. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Friday, May 26 – Garden Tours start bright and early! Buses will leave the hotel at 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Please sign up for your bus time at the registration desk. Your bus time will be the same for both days. Today, we'll visit gardens on the north side of Austin, including the gardens of: Gary and Suzanne Adair, Bruce and Jerre Threatte, Skottie O'Mahony and Jeff Breitenstein, and Pat and Tom Ellison (see garden descriptions below). Lunch will be served at Skottie and Jeff's Tanglewilde Gardens. While enjoying lunch, please be sure to visit the Edna Lankart Award bed to vote for the best seedling from a Region 6 hybridizer who is not a member of the host club. We have 21 entries this year! You may also vote on one of the 12 seedlings submitted by members of the Austin Daylily Society for the Annie T. Giles Award. Buses will return to the hotel by 3 p.m., where the plant sale, boutique, raffle and silent auction will be open until 5:30 p.m. This evening, dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. at the hotel – fajitas! The Region 6 business meeting will follow dinner, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. After dinner, check out Austin's nightlife or rest up for another busy day of garden tours.

Saturday, May 27 – Day 2 of Garden Tours! Buses will again leave the hotel at 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. (your bus time will be the same). Today, we'll visit gardens in the central and south side of Austin, including the gardens of: Mike Peppers, Velia Sanchez-Ruiz, and Don and Janice Heiskell – plus, a visit to the Zilker Botanical Garden which is home to the Austin Daylily Society's display bed. Last year, the Austin club lifted and replanted the beds, adding many new cultivars – it's sure to be a highlight of the weekend. Sincere thanks go to all of the members who worked on these beds, with special thanks to Skottie O'Mahony for the detailed new garden plan and to Don and Janice Heiskell for coordinating the workdays and making our plant tags. Lunch will be served at Zilker and the buses will return to the hotel by 3 p.m. The plant sale, boutique, raffle and silent auction will close at 6 p.m, last chance to get in your bids! The names of the winners will be posted outside of the boutique, for pick up after dinner. Dinner tonight is PoK-e-Jo's Texas BBQ – serving up some of the best BBQ in Austin since 1979.

We are thrilled to welcome special guest speaker, Rich Rosen. Rich served as the President of the Austin Daylily Society 1988 -89, and served as both an Exhibition and Garden Judge. Rich and his wife, Anna Marie's, AHS Display Garden (in Austin) was on the Region 6 Meeting tours in 1992, 2001, and 2010. Rich served Region 6 as Regional Vice President 1996-97, Garden Judges Liaison 2000-01, and AHS Region 6 Director 2002-07. He also served as Awards & Honors Chair 2002-08 and as AHS Vice President. In 2010, Rich was honored as the recipient of the AHS Region 6 Service Award for his service to both our Region and to AHS. Rich and Anna Marie now live in Fairmont, Kentucky and we are excited to welcome them back!

Registration for "Seventh Heaven" is still open, but will close once we have 125 attendees. Spaces are filling up, so don't delay. Fees are \$120.00 per adult, and \$95.00 per youth (17 or younger). The host hotel is the Wingate Inn and Suites, 1209 North IH 35 (Exit 253) in Round Rock. Phone: 512-341-7000. We've arranged for a special room rate of \$99, which includes a hot breakfast.

Make your reservations by May 10, 2017, and ask for the Austin Daylily Society rate. For more information, please visit: http://www.austindaylily.org/2017-regional/

We look forward to seeing all of you in May for a terrific Regional!

Garden descriptions follow

Gary and Suzanne Adair

Gary and Suzanne have been working on their yard for the past 35 years. As original owners of the house, the backyard was

first a playground to the left and a vegetable garden to the right. But the kids grew up and fighting squash bugs and trying to grow tomatoes became too frustrating. So they now have flower beds around the perimeter of the yard. Since deer frequent the neighborhood, they have all the tasty daylilies in the backyard. They continue to work on plant selection, composting, mulching, and design. After 35 years, they still consider it a work-in-progress. They love to share their garden and Gary will tell you about his many Staghorn ferns, too, while you're there.

Skottie O'Mahony and Jeff Breitenstein

Prior to moving to Austin in 2011, Skottie and Jeff spent 22 years in Seattle where they packed a collector's garden into a 50 x 100 foot city lot. Their daylily addiction, which started with a dozen unnamed Munson seedlings and a few passed down from family (including a red daylily from Skottie's grandmother's garden in Poland), has grown to a collection of over 800 cultivars and 200+ seedlings. In 2013, they found a 1.7 acre property in north Austin and their dream of starting a daylily hybridizing nursery grew into the larger goal of establishing a botanical garden - Tanglewild Gardens. In addition to daylilies, Tanglewild is home to many varieties of palms, brugmansia, arisaema, and coleus. The nursery and garden is their retirement plan from the tech world (someday) - in the meantime, it's a place to recharge, relax, and share good times with friends and family.

Bruce and Jerre Threatte

Bruce and Jerre's backyard garden is an eclectic mixture of typically Texas native plants, plants attracting hummingbirds and butterflies - hostas, calla lilies, ginger, and of course lots of daylilies – including Bruce's seedlings. Their love affair with daylilies began in Virginia Beach, VA, when they happened upon the local club's fundraising sale at a nursery. Daylilies quickly supplanted azaleas which had been their backyard mania. Moving to Texas nine years ago, they packed their cars with a few favorites, but sadly left behind hundreds of beauties. Deer in their neighborhood resulted in a decision to fence the backyard. Now, they can sit on the back porch and enjoy the fruits of their handiwork, especially when the daylily blooms make their annual appearance.

Pat and Tom Ellison

The Ellison's is a cottage garden where fern, nandina, canna, and Lily of the Nile are among the many plants that accompany daylilies in creating the beautiful scenes of plant interplay. In the southern-exposed front yard, the sun-loving annual and perennial beds encircle a grass core. The shady backyard hosts the shade-loving plants and found object sculptures Tom makes, all located under a giant American Elm tree. One side yard is a dry garden where zeric plants like kidney wood thrive without irrigation. The other has two ponds connected by a babbling brook to enhance garden enjoyment. The first daylilies were planted years ago for the simple love of daylilies. Then after attending an Austin Daylily Society show and being smitten by *Hemerocallis* 'Sweet Patootie' and a room full of other beauties, daylilies (now totaling 80 cultivars) began taking center stage in the garden.

Mike Peppers

After moving to Texas 18 years ago, Mike was introduced to daylilies by a co-worker -- the son of award-winning hybridizer Inez Tarrant. He went to a flower show, then visited the garden and selling field of Leon and Paula Payne. His initial purchase of 10 cultivars from the Payne's eventually grew to a collection of more than 400 and became an AHS Display Garden. Relocating from Houston to Austin in 2013, Mike downsized both house and garden. He designed and completely reconstructed the yard and garden of his quarter-acre suburban lot. He now has "only" 200+ different cultivars. The garden also features a 600 gallon pond.

Velia Sanchez-Ruiz

This special garden is situated on a picturesque corner lot in South Austin. The entire front yard has been converted into a flower garden with daylilies growing alongside herbs, roses, iris, tomatoes, verbenas, carnations, and many other perennials and annuals. It has been featured on the Central Texas Gardener television show and its wide variety of plant types makes it a popular destination for other garden clubs. Velia welcomes all to stop by and check out her little piece of heaven!

Don and Janice Heiskell

Don and Janice retired to Austin after gardening for 30 years in California, building their gardens here over the last seven years. They have grown daylilies for a long time and now have a collection of 180. Their previously all-Bermuda lawn is now home to five garden rooms with very little Bermuda remaining. The rooms vary from full sun to full shade, hosting collections of iris, roses, salvias, and many different native and adapted perennials and flowering trees. Their objective is to have color nearly year-round, trying new plants to see how well they can handle the Texas climate. One garden features a number of trellises with climbing roses, espalier Rose of Sharon, and various tropical vines. Several rooms have water features.

Zilker Botanical Garden

The Zilker Botanical Garden is located on 26 acres of varied topography on the south bank of the Colorado River near downtown Austin. Its diverse topography is especially suited to depicting different habitats and displaying an array of native, hybrid, and exotic plants. The Garden is the centerpiece of Zilker Park and the Lady Bird Johnson Lake (Colorado River) corridor and is its most extensively used facility. Over 300,000 people annually visit the gardens from across Texas and the U.S., as well as over 100 countries. The Austin Daylily Society maintains several large beds of daylilies located prominently near the front entrance and strikingly visible to thousands of people passing by on the busy street each day.



Daylilies in the Garden are

SEVENTH HEAVEN

Region 6 Meeting and Garden Tours

Williamson Conference Center, Austin, TX
May 25-27, 2017

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Registration Fees				
• Regular: \$120.00 per person	Qty	x \$120.00 = \$		
• Youth: \$95.00 per person (17 or younger)	Qty	x \$95.00 = \$		
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Please make check payable to: Austin Daylily Society

Mail completed form with payment to

Beth Collier, Registration Chair 2302 Fuente Cove, Austin, TX 78745 512-461-8134 | bethcollier1983@yahoo.com

Hotel Information

Make your reservations by May 10, 2017 to be eligible for a **special room rate of \$99 per night**, includes a hot breakfast. Ask for "Austin Daylily Society rate" when making your reservation.

Wingate Inn and Suites, Williamson Conference Center

1209 North IH 35 (Exit 253), Round Rock, Texas 78664 512-341-7000 | www.wyndhamhotels.com

Region 6 American Hemerocallis Society - 2017 Popularity Poll Ballot

(Open to all AHS Members - Vote Now to Select the Recommended Daylilies for 2017)

Voting Requirements:

- All AHS members are eligible to vote and should participate.
- Vote for up to, but no more than ten (10) cultivars. Note: a valid ballot may consist of only one vote.
- For Dual Memberships, the second member should use another ballot. Each member votes!!!!
- Price need not be considered. Vote for new or oldies it's your personal favorite that counts.
- Select your favorite registered, well established cultivars (no seedlings) which you have observed in your garden or garden visits. Mail or email your choices to your Regional Tabulator, Maureen Valenza, 24959 Stratton Meadows Drive, Porter, TX 77365, or email to valenza@suddenlink.net, or vote directly on the AHS website under Popularity Poll/Select your Region and vote on line. Whichever submission method you choose, please submit your ballot only once.

Vote for up to 10 of your favorite daylilies. Postmark deadline is **SEPTEMBER** 1st, 2017.

☐ H. 'Affair D'Amour'	☐ H. 'Gulf Coast Gentle Sue'	☐ H. 'Patsy Carpenter'
☐ H. 'All About Eve'	☐ H. 'Gulf Coast Miss Bea'	☐ H. 'Peacock Maiden'
☐ H. 'Aly Marie'	☐ H. 'Gulf Coast Sunburst'	☐ H. 'Pearl Harbor'
☐ H. 'American Freedom'	☐ H. 'Halloween Masquerade'	☐ H. 'Primal Scream'
☐ H. 'Barbara Mitchell'	☐ H. 'Highland Lord'	☐ H. 'Red Chile Rendezvous'
☐ H. 'Beautiful Edgings '	☐ H. 'Hillbilly Heart'	☐ H. 'Red Volunteer'
☐ H. 'Bela Lugosi'	☐ H. 'Hold Your Horses'	☐ H. 'Renegade Lady'
☐ H. 'Berried in Texas'	☐ H. 'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'	☐ H. 'Rosie Meyer'
☐ H. 'Betty Warren Woods'	☐ H. 'Ida's Magic'	☐ H. 'Ruby Spider'
☐ H. 'Big Doc'	☐ H. 'Jason Salter'	☐ H. 'Russian Easter'
☐ H. 'Bill Norris'	☐ H. Joan Senior'	☐ H. 'Ruby Spider'
☐ H. 'Bitsy'	☐ H. 'Julie Newmar'	☐ H. 'Scarlet Orbit'
☐ H. 'Black Ambrosia'	☐ H. 'Just for Joanne'	☐ H. 'Sergeant Major'
☐ H. 'Blue Ribbon Roundup'	☐ H. 'King Kahuna'	☐ H. 'Sherry Lane Carr'
☐ H. 'Born In Texas'	☐ H. 'Lacy Marionette'	☐ H. 'Siloam Double Classic'
☐ H. 'Bright Eyed'	☐ H. 'Lady Neva'	☐ H. 'Skinwalker'
☐ H. 'Canadian Border Patrol'	☐ H. 'Lake Jackson Beauty'	☐ H. 'Spacecoast Tiny Perfection'
☐ H. 'Color Me Happy'	☐ H. 'Lavender Blue Baby'	☐ H. 'Strawberry Candy'
☐ H. 'Cosmic Kaleidoscope'	☐ H. 'Lemon Go Lightly'	☐ H. 'Sweet Patootie'
☐ H. 'Cosmic Sensation'	☐ H. 'Lime Painted Lady'	☐ H. 'Texan to the Bones'
☐ H. 'Dizzy Miss Lizzie'	☐ H. 'Little Orange Tex'	☐ H. 'Thin Man'
☐ H. 'Dorothy and Toto'	☐ H. 'Lone Star Back Forty'	☐ H. 'Thomas Tew'
☐ H. 'Double Cranberry Ruffles'	☐ H. 'Lone Star Wagon Wheel'	☐ H. 'Velvet Rose'
☐ H. 'Double Down'	☐ H. 'Lulu's Magic'	☐ H. 'Victorian Lace'
☐ H. 'Dutch Yellow Truffle'	☐ H. 'Madelyn D'Ann Payne'	☐ H. 'Walking Stick'
☐ H. 'Ed Brown'	☐ H. 'Midnight Magic'	☐ H. 'Wild Horses'
☐ H. 'Elizabeth Salter'	☐ H. 'Mildred's Endless Support'	☐ H. 'Wisest of Wizards'
☐ H. 'Ernie's Cajun Wit'	☐ H. 'Ming Porcelain'	☐ H. 'Wind Beneath My Sails'
☐ H. 'Florence Denny'	☐ H. 'Mint Octopus'	☐ H. 'Witches Wink'
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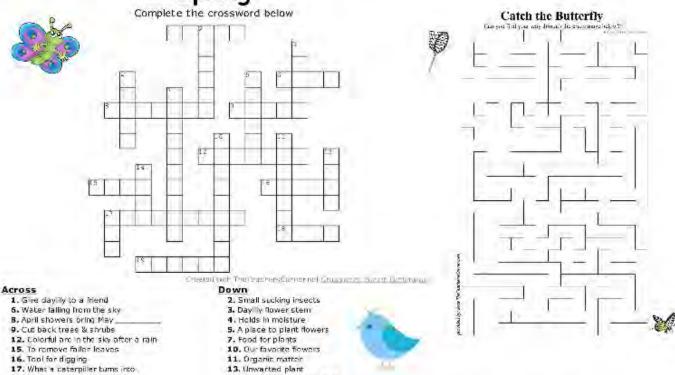
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☐ Golden Spread Daylily Society
☐ Houston Area Daylily Society
☐ Houston Hemerocallis Society
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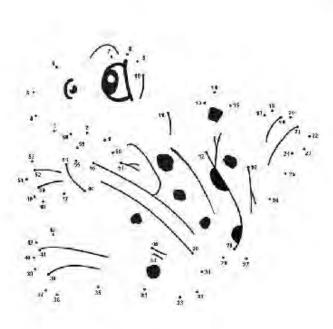
Spring



14. Where a birds tays eggs

17. Before the Tower opens

AHS Region 6 Hybridizers



18. Turn the soil with machine

19. Strappy Green growth



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Harville	Matthews	Imperial	Roberts
McKemie	Porkins	Schlumph	Lankart
Crainer	Tarrant	Amerson	Burseen
Garrett	Glidden	Knight	Ferris
Nichols	Hammel	Place	Jarvis
Yaung	Faggard	Shimek	Hughes
Payne	Lewis	Long	Gage



Albuquerque Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter Donna Peck, Club Reporter

The executive committee of our club met in January to plan the 2017 daylily club meetings. The committee consists of:

President - Amy Howard

Vice Presidents (programs) – Barbara Shapiro & Donna Peck

Secretary – Helen Horwitz

Treasurer - Mike Kittredge

Membership - Vel Saddington

Co-Chair of 2019 Regional - Margo Murdock

The subjects for our meetings were suggested by members at our final meeting last year. The executive committee took the list that the members suggested and tried to put together a good year with programs our members asked for.

Our first meeting of 2017 will take place in March at the Garden Center. The Program is **What Do We Do Each Month For Our Daylilies.** Margo Murdock and Barbara Shapiro will present a calendar to the members, explaining what we need to do each month to make our daylilies grow and prosper! Following will be one of our famous potlucks for all our members to reacquaint ourselves after the long absence of winter!!

Butel and Donna Peck demonstrating **Cooking with Daylilies and Chile....A Perfect Combination.**Samples will be passed around with food combining the two ingredients. Jane Butel has written numerous cookbooks and gives cooking classes throughout the year. Donna Peck owned a restaurant and also edited a bestselling cookbook. They will combine both Daylilies and Chiles to make delicious and interesting food.

The April meeting, at the Pecks' home, we will have Jane

At our May meeting, at Mimi Glover's home, Barbara Shapiro will speak about **Extra Early daylilies and Late Daylilies in Our Garden.** She will be asking members for suggestions.

Also in May, we will host a very special visitor. For the

AHS Auction, Donna and Dick Peck submitted their home as a Bed and Breakfast for a long weekend. Julie Covington (Ex-President of AHS) won the bid. She and her sister will visit New Mexico in the middle of May. Our members will help make their visit interesting by giving tours of Santa Fe and Albuquerque's Old Town.

The programs the rest of year include, Hands on Flower Arranging, Actual Hybridizing By Each Member and Soil Building. Our annual Elite Sale will include Joiner's newer registrations. And our Flower Show will be in early July.

We hope that most of our members will renew their memberships. We are contacting them, hoping the excellent programs we have planned will entice them to re-join!

Austin Daylily Society Spring 2017 Newsletter Skottie O'Mahoney, Club Reporter

The Austin Daylily began a busy 2017 season this February, with its first meeting of the year. Sue King presented a wonderful program on growing bulbs in the Austin area, including many recommendations on central Texas native varieties. In March, we were delighted to welcome back Mark Carpenter who led an engaging discussion about The Lily Farm and his goals as a hybridizer. Mark also brought a number of cultivars from the Farm for a friendly but competitive auction – we all had a great time! Looking ahead, club member Bruce Threatte will share his experiences hybridizing in Austin at our April club meeting, and then past club President, Suzanne Adair, will give a "Daylily primer" presentation at our May meeting. We have several new members and sharing the basics as well as "pro grower" tips will surely be a popular program.

May will be a busy month, the Austin club is hosting this year's AHS Region 6 Meeting, May 25-27. Spaces are filling up, Region 6 members are encouraged to get their registrations in early to save their spot. More information at: http://www.austindaylily.org/2017-regional/ as well as in a detailed article elsewhere in this edition of the Region 6 newsletter.



Lastly, with great sadness we say farewell to a dear friend and long-time member of the Austin Daylily Society. Diane DeVooght Key passed away in her home in February after a courageous battle with cancer. Diane loved daylilies. Here she is surrounded by her beautiful blooms at a recent Austin Daylily Society show. When not in her garden, Diane was Teacher's Aide at Barrington Elementary School until her retirement in 2010. Diane was also a Troop Leader and Assistant Leader for Girl Scout Troop #317, involving herself in many hijinks and shenanigans, yet remaining a positive role model for young girls. Diane also participated in the Capital 10K race every year since its second year. She brought a smile to everyone's face with her humor, kindness, and quick wit. We will miss her.

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Brazosport Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter By Jimmie Bennett, Secretary

The Brazosport Daylily Society held their annual daylily auction in October. Don Andrews and Loris Garrett managed a successful auction of high quality new daylily plants. We welcome all to join us next fall on Sunday, October 8, 2017 at 2 p.m. in the Lake Jackson Civic Center for the next auction and a chance to get the newest, outstanding daylilies.

In November, Everett Crainer, Loris Garrett, and Joanne Berry, members of our club, gave a presentation on their hybridizing programs. Each showed pictures of their newest seedlings and future registrations.



We finished the year with a gift exchange and catered luncheon in December. New BDS officers for 2017 President David Freshour, Co-1st Vice Presidents Jeanne and Joe Weller, 2nd Vice President Eddie Raye Andrews, Secretary Diane Crock, Treasurer Gary Gantt were installed by past President Nancy Freshour.

Gil Livanec, Master Gardener, gave our club an excellent presentation on growing citrus in Brazoria County in January. He listed the best grapefruit, oranges, tangerines and other types of fruit trees that grow well in Brazoria County with many pictures of the trees which he grows. He also reminded everybody of the annual Citrus and Fruit Tree sale at the Brazoria County Fairgrounds in February.

Our February program was Use of Local native plants for Landscaping by Chris Knuepper, Master Naturalist. He informed our members on the trees, understory trees, bushes, vines and perennials that are native to southern Brazoria County to use in our landscapes.

Brazosport Daylily Society will be hosting the 2018 Regional Meeting, May 17-21, we invite all Region 6 hybridizers to submit seedlings for the Edna Lankart Award. The seedlings can be sent to the following address:

Brazosport Daylily Society, Region 6 c/o David Freshour 53 Lavender Ct. Lake Jackson, TX 77566 (979) 285-9664



Cypress Creek Daylily Club 2017 Spring Newsletter

By Jeannie Mallick, Reporter

It's always good to try something new! This past October, the Cypress Creek Daylily Club organized a fall plant sale booth at the historical Wunderlich Farm, a 100 year-old working farm preserved for educational and cultural enrichment. This event is held the on the last Saturday of the month and features a variety of vendors selling fresh

produce, pies, honey, and crafts to name just a few. Our club offered potted perennial plants for the bargain price of \$3 each and sold out of all our daylily fans! Many thanks to the Houston Area Daylily Society's Lucia Hansen for sharing our tent. It was fun to be outdoors enjoying the historical re-enactments by costumed volunteers as we recruited new daylily enthusiasts. You can learn more about this wonderful bit of living history at www.kleinhistorical.org



Bell's H. 'Mazie Farr'



Bell's H. 'Little Giggles'



Amelia Cardona helps customers at Fall Plant Sale



Anna Rosa Glidden offers advice on daylily care at Fall Plant Sale

October is the month we hold our much anticipated Play Money Daylily Auction. Fall is a great time to plant daylilies, and we all got a fresh infusion of colorful new varieties purchased from Bell's Daylily Garden in Sycamore, Georgia. The auction featured a spectrum of daylilies with bright contrasts such as H. 'Mazie Farr' and H. 'Little Giggles'. Billy Lewis was our fast-talking auctioneer who kept the pace of the bidding and the excitement high.



Billy Lewis Play Money Daylily Auctioneer

December was the perfect month for Cypress Creek Daylily Club to celebrate our 20 year anniversary. We made it special by inviting all our past Presidents to join us for the annual Christmas party. It was a chance to recognize their contribution to the success of our club during the past two decades and say thank you for all their good efforts. Our club was joined by guests, Gene Childers and Vicki Barnes. Current President, Anna Rosa Glidden accepted a thank-you gift from our club of a lovely blooming Christmas cactus.



Past-President guests, Gene Childers and Vicki Barnes



President Anna Rosa Glidden accepts club thank-you gift

Our 2017 Officers were installed in December: President, Clifford Lee; Treasurer, Paul Cardona; Secretary, Jeannie Mallick; and Vernna Gibson, Corresponding Secretary. We are looking forward to a great year of educational programs and fun events.



2017 Officer Installation

We began 2017 on a good educational foundation, when daylily expert Nell Shimek spoke on the topic "Daylilies 101" in January. She treated us to a PowerPoint presentation highlighting different ways to classify daylily flowers, descriptions of Unusual Forms, and how to plant, fertilize and care for daylilies. We learned a daylily described as having an eyezone should have the contrasting color on the petals and the sepals. Nell recommends planting daylilies in full sun or a location that receives at least 6 hours of sun each day. She suggests using organic-rich soil and spading in compost and manure, then applying milorganite in the early spring, a granular fertilizer that will not burn daylilies available at Lowes and Home Depot. She says the best months to plant are March to early May, and October to November. Daylilies planted in the summer months risk rotting due to higher humidity.



Harvey and Nell Shimek in their garden



Vernna & Lawrence Gibson and Mary Gage



Example of daylily eyezone - contrasting color on petals and sepals



Daylily Growers of Dallas 2017 Spring Newsletter By Kathy Harris, Club Reporter

The Daylily Growers of Dallas ended 2016 with our annual "Pea Patch" party at the home of Mike and Mary Ellen Reed. We had a lot of good food and a "Chinese Christmas" gift exchange.

We welcomed 2017 with our first meeting, "Art in the Garden" presented by our Program Chair, Jane Denton. We discussed tentative plans for the rest of the year.

In February we went on the road to the East Texas Daylily Society's meeting. Our club rented a 15 passenger van and we all piled in for the trip to Tyler. They hosted Nicole DeVito as their guest speaker. She gave a delightful program with lots of photos of her garden in Florida and her new introductions. Total eye candy! She hybridizes such lovely daylilies. The meeting concluded with an auction of some of DeVito daylilies introductions.

In March, the Daylily Growers of Dallas will bring Scott Elliott from Maneki Neko Gardens in Georgia to speak to our group. What a treat to attend back to back meetings with guest hybridizers.

For the rest of the spring and summer, we plan to have our spring daylily sale on April 29th at North Haven Gardens in Dallas. Then we will join with the North Texas Daylily Society for the flower show on June 3rd at the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens. We did this joint show last year and the results were very pleasing with lots of flowers in a lovely setting.



East Texas Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter By Bill Pace, Club Reporter

Our club's long summer break ended October 2, with a plant and or seed exchange. Each participant brought 2-5 objects surplus to them. The group was shown a "Daylilies 101" video to refresh their memories about all things daylily. Then, the group was split into two teams and asked questions to test their knowledge. Each right answer earned a team member the right to pick a prize. So, everyone learned something and took home things they didn't have.

On November 13th, Mark Carpenter entertained us with a PowerPoint about The Lily Farm and his recent creations. This was followed by a spirited auction. After the sale concluded, the club elected officers for 2017. Joey Dziema was elected as President, Nancy East as 1st VP/Program Chair, and Sandy Perkins as Secretary. We re-elected Dee Pace as our Treasurer.

We concluded the year on December 3, with our annual pre-Christmas lunch. Fifteen members came to Cheng's China Bistro in Tyler and enjoyed their exceptional food. As usual, the fellowship was wonderful and the "Chinese Christmas" gift exchange provided entertainment for all.

"Polymerous Daylilies" was the focus of John Turrentine's program at our first meeting of 2017. His PowerPoint showed numerous examples of this bloom type and argued that it deserves to have its own section in AHS-accredited daylily shows. (Many in the audience seemed to agree.)

We're now looking forward to February 18. On that date, Florida hybridizer Nicole DeVito will drop into east Texas just long enough to give us a presentation about her garden and hybridizing results and conduct a quick auction of some of her plants.

The club will holding our spring sale on March 24-25 at Tyler's "Artisans and Flower Market". This plus supporting our monthly meetings and prepping our own gardens for the upcoming season is sure to keep everyone busy.



Golden Spread Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter Joan Avampato, Club Reporter

Our President is Douglas Smith and he has been for all of 2016. Our member Ruth Malacara thought she wanted to be President but physical limitations prevented her from even considering the job, although she did not realize this until after we had reported her as President. Anyway Douglas Smith was and is still President and will be so in 2017.

Our VP is Howard Raef and Secretary/Treasurer is Joan Avampato.

Joan Avampato is club reporter, email is xeriscapegarden@sbcglobal.net

Top volunteers are Doug Smith, Howard Raef, Terry McCanna, Leonore Jensen, Betty Palmer, Barbalee Blair and Joan Avampato. We depend on them to dig, label and sell the plants for our spring sale. Howard Raef is the main member who takes care of the daylilies in the ground at the Randall County Extension Office that Don Glenn (deceased member) has planted for years. We usually do well at the spring sale but beyond buying the plants, there does not seem to be enough interest to join the Golden Spread Daylily Society. There is not a line of prospective members waiting to sign up although we try to recruit.

We lost 2 members in 2016, Don Glenn who died 10-8-16 and Ken Mazurek who died on 11-25-16. We gained a new member, Terry McCanna.

We are 11 members, all of whom are members of AHS.



Houston Area Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter Mary Gage, Reporter

As we begin the New Year, 2017, we are thankful for the opportunity to continue meeting at Bayland Park in Southwest Houston. Though it is not close to any of our

members as we are spread pretty far apart, it is not so costly as many other places would be and the personnel are very helpful and accommodating.

Officers from last year again took the positions for 2017: President - Clifford Lee; Co-First Vice Presidents - Jo Crisp and Darla Oakes; Second Vice President - Marianne Jones; Recording Secretary - Mary Gage; and Treasurer - Leslie Wong. A bit of explanation on Co-First Vice Presidents: Our beloved Jo Crisp has moved to Virginia to live with her daughter, but plans to return to Houston periodically and is still quite adamant about having input on the programs, so Darla Oakes will be working with her. Jo's membership in HADS goes back to about 1991, and even farther back in Houston Hemerocallis Society.

Our program for January was a "Round Table and Group Discussion" led by Anna Rosa Glidden. While it is true that we are specifically a "Daylily Club", we all love other plants as well and companion plants spice up the garden during bloom season and keep it interesting when the main attraction is resting. Anna Rosa read from a long list of plants that she grows in addition to daylilies and asked members to request information on those they wanted to know more about. Among those discussed were: Bignonia, a good evergreen vine with a lavender bloom; Laura Bush petunia, good seller at plant sales; Gerbera daisy, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow; and Louisiana iris. The variegated leaf Redbird plants don't seem to have the blooms, as do the solid green leaved variety. We enjoyed this program so much that we wished we had allotted twice the time for it.

Thanks to Jo and Darla, we have a great line-up of programs and speakers for 2017: "Tool Sharpening", "Herbs - Growing and Using", "Soils and Mulches", "Ferns - Growing and Care of", just to name a few.

It is Houston Area's turn again to plan and fund the HADS/HHS Flower Show on May 13, 2017, at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. Leslie Wong will again Chair the show along with Hershal Theilen of Houston Hemerocallis Society.

We appreciate Maureen Valenza as she steps down from being Region 6 Director, Before that, she was Chair of the 2008 AHS Convention and Region 6 President. She now serves as RPD. Robert Valenza, previous RPD, continues as Region 6 Secretary. We applaud them both.

Our hats are off to Beverly Winkelman for taking on the job of AHS Director from Region 6. The AHS Board of Directors work has grown tremendously from what we, who have become a bit long in the tooth, remember. The exciting advancement of daylily characteristics, thanks to our hybridizers, requires new words and definitions to keep current and that is just one aspect of the Directors' work. Beverly will be a great asset to the Board.

Thanks to the Austin Daylily Society, it will be good to again have the Region 6 Meeting reasonably close to us here in Houston. The Austin folks have put on some really great Regionals in the past and I am sure this one will be as well. It will be good to have Rich and Anna Marie Rosen back with us for the Meeting.

Houston Hemerocallis Society 2017 Spring Newsletter Bill Jarvis, Reporter

Our annual Christmas party was held at Doyle's Restaurant on December 1st. The food and fellowship were great and everyone had a good time. The 2016 Bertha Ella Cone Award, given in recognition of exemplary service and dedication on behalf of our club, was awarded to Bill Jarvis. The evening was topped off with our traditional white elephant gift exchange.

Our January meeting was moved to the West Gray Community Center due to our normal facilities being needed for Houston's Super Bowl festivities. The evening's program was a slide show titled "2008 Houston National Convention" presented by Bill Jarvis. It was a real treat for our new members to see some of our local gardens at their best.

In February, we also held our meeting at the West Gray Center. Milton Pierson presented a slide show titled "Gardening with Daylilies". This is one of the many programs available from the AHS media library. This PowerPoint program was converted from an AHS Slide Program based on concepts by Sarah Sikes.

The 2017 HHS/HADS flower show will be held at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church on May 13th. The Houston Area Daylily Society is in charge of the show this year with HHS assisting. Each year we alternate which club is in charge. Combining club resources allows us to put on overall better flower shows.

We will be holding our annual plant sale on April 29th. The sale will be held at 5705 Pinemont Drive here in Houston from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Answers to daylily related questions will be provided free of charge to anyone willing to listen (LOL).

Check our website (http://www.ofts.com/hhs/) for HHS club information, meeting dates, and speaker topics.



Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter By Peggy Cathey, Club Reporter

How exciting to see Johnson County Iris & Daylily Society achieving the Silver Level of the AHS Membership Recognition Program for 2016. month, we have a drawing for a free AHS membership. If the winner is married or has a partner, we pay for a dual membership. This program has really helped to get more of our members to become AHS members. We have also opened a PayPal account where we can transfer money from our checking account to PayPal and our Treasurer takes care of sending in the membership information to AHS. Before, we would write a check, payable to AHS and the member was responsible for sending it in. Too many checks were lost or forgotten. The PayPal program works great!

November meeting to talk about Polymerous Daylilies. He showed lots of photos and really opened our eyes to members are spent on selected daylily vendors. Daylilies the difference between a Double and a Polymerous. He are ordered in September and arrive at the beginning of brought several potted daylilies which were raffled off to lucky winners. Other programs scheduled for this year the club for an auction. The auction is held at our include highlights of Conventions and Regional October Meeting. This year the plants were purchased Meetings (and why you should go), Keeping Track of from Tim Bell and Eller's Sunshine Daylily Gardens. **Your Garden** and **Show Prep** just to name a few.

Several members have expressed an interest in the possibility of becoming a daylily Judge - both Garden and Exhibition. We are hoping to have some training classes in the Spring as well as visit area daylily gardens.

Peggy Cathey will be our 2017 Show Chair. The show will be held March 13th at the United Cooperative Services Community Room, 3309 N. Main, Cleburne, Texas. A daylily sale will also be included with our show. To help increase the number of daylilies in our member gardens, each month 2-3 members donate plants which are then auctioned at the end of our meetings. We have sales at our Spring Iris Show, Spring Daylily Show and Fall Plant Sale. We also have a program where each qualifying member gets a free daylily from plants purchased by the club. Members who bring back an increase of those plants the following year, then exchange

plants with other members. These are all great ways to increase our daylily collections.

We are very proud of our Youth Members. They help out at each meeting by drawing the names of our AHS and AIS membership winners, helping distribute auction plants, and their big job is to hold a raffle at each meeting. Our club Youth Advisor, Diana Medrano, purchases a fun raffle gift and the youth members show it off and sell raffle tickets. The money they collect goes to pay for each of them membership in AHS and it also purchased each one a Region 6 Youth T-Shirt.



Lone Star Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter Debbie Pike, Club Reporter

October is always a very exciting month because of our Daylily Buck Program. Daylily Bucks are awarded to We were happy to have John Turrentine come to the members that work hard throughout the year to support our Society's activities. The daylily bucks earned by October. The plants are split between the members and Loris Garrett presented the slate of officers for 2017. Larry Pike will be our President; Carolyn Livanec will be our 1st VP with Debbie Pike continuing in the 2nd VP role. Beverly Winkelman also continues as our Treasurer and Paul Eskine will be our Secretary. The slate was voted on and approved by membership. The officers will be sworn in during our December Meeting. The program for this month was our annual Daylily Auction. Larry Pike volunteered to be our auctioneer. We had 37 people in attendance. A special thanks to the all members for a great Potluck meal.

> The month of November included discussions on the 2017 meeting schedule conflicts and other activities such as fundraisers and holidays. The meeting changes will be emphasized to ensure all members are aware of the

change. Plans for our next fundraiser are being developed. Debbie Pike reviewed the book and emphasized the We will sell daylilies at the Texas Home and Garden Show in February 2017. Plans will be presented during our January 2017 Meeting. Debbie Pike started collecting updates for the 2017 Yearbook in October. All were asked to update their information on the spreadsheet before leaving this meeting. We spent some time discussing the Christmas Party for December. A very special "thank you" goes to Beki Spearman for volunteering to Chair the Lone Star Daylily Society's Flower Show! She has already started filling the list of jobs that need to be done for a successful show. Great job Beki! This month's program was a presentation of seedlings grown by several of our members. The seedlings were beautiful! The meeting was concluded with a raffle for wonderful daylilies and a meal. We had 34 people in attendance. A very special thank you for our November hosts: Leo and Judie Divin, Frank and Peggy Krampota, Bill and Bobbie Ware, and Beverly and Melvin Winkelman. The December meeting Larry welcomed the spouses for coming to our annual Christmas Party. We briefly discussed updates for the 2017 Yearbook. Larry Pike and Beverly Winkelman reminded everyone to pay their 2017 dues. Beverly gave a report from AHS. She stated that AHS lost 1000 members in 2016. In 2017, AHS will be sending out postcards to members that pay their dues. Loris Garrett inducted our 2017 officers/board of directors. President: Larry Pike, 1st VP: Carolyn Livanec, 2nd VP: Debbie Pike, Secretary: Paul Eskine, and Treasurer: Beverly Winkelman. The Flower Show Chair for 2017 is Beki Spearman. The meeting was concluded with a raffle for wonderful daylilies and our annual Christmas Party. The food and fellowship was wonderful. We had 37 people in attendance.



2016 Lone Star Daylily Society Executive Officers - (Left to Right) Paul Eskine - Secretary, Carolyn Livanec - 1st VP, Beverly Winkelman - Treasurer, Debbie Pike - 2nd VP, and Larry Pike - President

To open our January meeting, President, Larry Pike welcomed visitors and the speakers for the meeting. A portion of the meeting was spent reviewing the 2017 Yearbook.

changes in some of the meetings. Members will be reminded monthly about the meeting changes. We also spent time discussing 2017 plans for fundraising. Our program was a presentation on "Hibiscus Care" by Greg and Martie Graves. We had 38 people in attendance. A very special thank you for our January hosts: Hosts will be Harvey and Nell Shimek, Marie Hodges, Sandra Lockhart, Gladys Hanselman, and Jackie Strohbach.

Lufkin Hemerocallis Society 2017 Spring Newsletter Reporter - Tracey Stewart

The autumn months are a great time for daylily gardeners. Representing our Club, Leon and Pat Levens and Marlow and AdaLee Shubert attended the Region 6 Symposium in Dallas in October. They had a really nice time. Our Club finished out the 2016 year in early December with a delightful potluck lunch, meeting and Chinese gift exchange held at President Conni Estes' home. Also, as an appreciation gift to each member, a copy of the book "Daylily Doubles" was distributed. Now after a winter (what winter?) hiatus, we have resumed our meetings with enthusiasm and enjoyable fellowship. The first order of business was to install our 2017 Board. The officers are as follows:

President - Conni Estes 1st VP - Roger Brock 2nd VP - Pat Levens Secretary/Reporter - Tracey Stewart Treasurer - Donna Chicoine Parliamentarian - Maggie Koon Librarian/Historian - AdaLee Shubert

After the installation, our program commenced with our featured speaker (and member of our Club), hybridizer Mark Carpenter, of The Lily Farm. He shared a dazzling slideshow presentation of his 2017 collection and passed out catalogs for the rest of us to ponder and drool over and place orders.

February 18th, representing Lufkin Hemerocallis Society, Tracey Stewart attended a presentation put on by the East Texas Daylily Society. Their featured speaker was hybridizer Nicole DeVito, of Nicole's Daylilies. The ETDS provided all the guests with a delicious luncheon; the table decorated in the theme of Mardi Gras. After Nicole's beautiful presentation of her 2017 collection, an auction of some of her introductions commenced. Bidding was fast and furious and great fun.

There has been a great deal of discussion over this year's upcoming Annual Daylily Sale. As of this writing, we will tentatively hold our sale Saturday, April 22, in conjunction with Lufkin's Spring Festival, held in the historic downtown Lufkin area. Anyone needing updated information on our sale is welcome to contact President Conni Estes. In the meantime, wish us luck!



Nacogdoches Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter Jean Consford, Club Reporter

Several of our members met last Fall for lunch at Casa Tomas Restaurant with no business, but good food and a good time. Christmas dinner and gift exchange was at the home of Jean Consford, also with good food and a good time. We remembered and made a toast to the late Jean Barnhart, founder and long-time member of the club. Jean had been ill for some time and unable to attend meetings. Five of our members had a fun day traveling to Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Gardens near Gladewater during peak bloom season, enjoying acres of daffodils, again good Italian food in Henderson, TX, and much laughter. Sorry some could not make the trip that day. Thanks to Stefani Curbow for driving the rowdy bunch of ladies.

North Texas Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter Susan Austin, Secretary and Club Reporter

NTDS gathered for Daylily Bingo in October and played a very loose game of bingo with lots of winners taking home plants and other gardening items brought by the members. The generosity of the membership ensures that everyone leaves with many prizes. Finger foods, ice cream and desserts were served during breaks from the game.

Thanksgiving dinner was served at the November meeting along with the annual seed exchange. The club paid for turkey & ham and the members brought all the sides. The club celebrated again in December with a gift exchange and turkey dinner.

The New Year started out with our January meeting featuring Hooker Nichols speaking about his gardens and his experiences and Louisiana Irises. We enjoyed a soup/crockpot potluck and lots of desserts.

The club members are looking forward to an exciting year. The club is again co-hosting an accredited show with the Daylily Growers of Dallas. It will be on June 3rd. Speakers are lined up for the spring and undoubtedly there will much good food at each meeting. Join us if you are in Fort Worth!

Facebook fans: Check out https://www.facebook.com/northtexasdaylilysociety and "like" us.



San Antonio Daylily Society 2017 Spring Newsletter Janice Green, Reporter

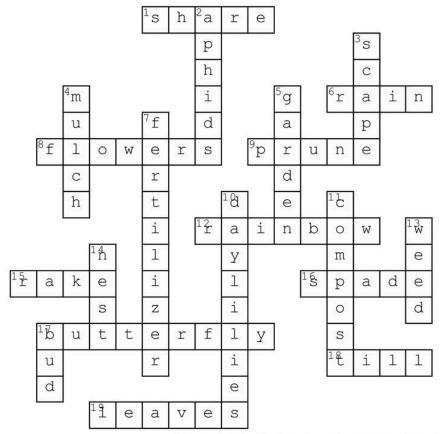
The San Antonio Daylily Society's February meeting started with a bang. The rain was a God send and everyone got varying amounts. Roger Pulley gave us some interesting information in saving his seeds in the freezer. Roger said if you have rust on your daylily it will not grow strong. Cut back the plants in the spring illuminating the rust. The members listed the favorite daylilies from their gardens. We also told why they chose those daylilies, I chose mine by my children's names. Our flower show is going to be on May 27th with the Festival of Flowers of San Antonio.

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Our Facebook page is (San Antonio Daylily Society)
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Spring

Complete the crossword below



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Across

- 1. Give daylily to a friend (share)
- 6. Water falling from the sky (rain)
- **8.** April showers bring May _____ (flowers)
- 9. Cut back trees & shrubs (prune)
- 12. Colorful arc in the sky after a rain (rainbow)
- 15. To remove fallen leaves (rake)
- 16. Tool for digging (spade)
- 17. What a caterpiller turns into (butterfly)
- 18. Turn the soil with machine (till)
- 19. Strappy Green growth (leaves)

Down

- 2. Small sucking insects (aphids)
- 3. Daylily flower stem (scape)
- 4. Holds in moisture (mulch)
- 5. A place to plant flowers (garden)
- 7. Food for plants (fertilizer)
- 10. Our favorite flowers (daylilies)
- 11. Organic matter (compost)
- 13. Unwanted plant (weed)
- 14. Where a birds lays eggs (nest)
- 17. Before the flower opens (bud)

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