

ARKLA DAYLILY

Region 13 American Hemerocallis Society

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE CROCHET

This issue of the ARKLA will be dedicated to Clarence's life as a Region 13 hybridizer, a dedicated AHS member, a devoted husband and father, and a loved friend by all who knew him. It will also be dedicated to Region 13 members who are no longer with us, acknowledging their lives and hybridizing efforts. We are better people for knowing them and our gardens more beautiful displaying their daylilies.



Above: Clarence Crochet
Left: 'King Kahuna' (Crochet, 1994)
Below: Clarence w/'King Kahuna'
Photos Courtesy of Bill Monroe

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Special points of interest:

- * Remembering Clarence Crochet, Pauline Henry, Earlene and Gene Garber, Josie Bomar and other Region 13 Hybridizers
- * 2015 Garden and Exhibition Judges
- * Club News/Happenings

2015 REGION 13 SUMMER MEETING

CELEBRATE IN CENLA

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WHERE: Best Western Hotel
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Clarence Crochet Seedling Bed will be hosted at Pat Soileau's garden.

- * Bus Tour to Avoyelles
- * Cochon de Lait Dinner on the Bayou
- * Bus Tour to St. Landry and Rapides

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Mary Collier Fisher, Clarence Crochet & Meg Ryan
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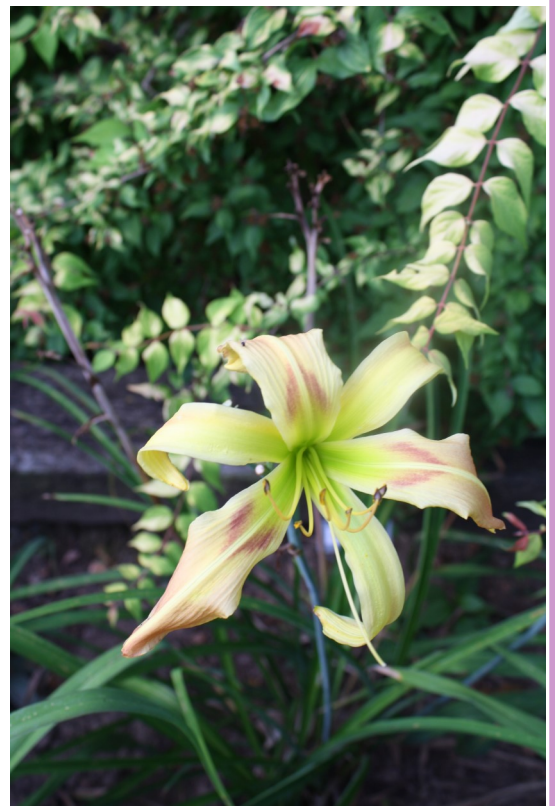
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h. 'Pale Moon Windmill' (Crochet,

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First let me tell you I am extremely honored you elected me to serve as President of Region 13. As some of you are aware, I agreed to accept the nomination only if Judie Branson would agree to be the new ARKLA Newsletter Editor. I did not have any firsthand knowledge of her publishing skills, but I did know she was very passionate about daylilies at the local and national levels. I will admit I was a little concerned when she advised me she was not that familiar with the computer program called *Microsoft Publisher*. However, Judie was eager to learn a new skill. After reviewing her first draft of the 2015 ARKLA (this issue), I know you will agree with me when I say, she has most definitely put Region 13 back "On the Map"! I cannot express how grateful I am that she has exceeded my expectation for an outstanding, colorful, memorable ARKLA publication.



Judie Branson is not only chair of the National AHS Round Robins, but also reads "word for word" newsletters from all other regions. She has put our region in the lead responding to an early request for a special Regional Display Bed for the 2017 AHS National Convention to be held in Norfolk, Virginia. She did the research to determine daylilies that had won AHS awards and then had to 'wheel and deal' to track down the needed plants to be shipped to Virginia. She also has visions for future ARKLA issues with the suggestion of a Regional Photo Contest and has requested that every daylily club in the region designate an AHS Liaison to submit photographs and articles about club activities. Please join me in thanking her for all her hard volunteer effort!

I sincerely look forward to meeting more Region 13 members especially those living in Arkansas. Ann and I hope many of you will attend the Regional meeting this spring sponsored by the CENLA Daylily Club in Alexandria May 14-16. Our terrific organizers, Donna and Raymond Mayeux, and members of the club are planning a wonderful event, full of garden tours, clinics, plant auction and a real Cocheon de Lait (Cajun Style Roast Pork). They invite you to "Come Pass A Good Time". Our Regional Director, Pat Soileau, will not only have her garden on tour, but has agreed to host the Clarence Crochet Seedling Bed giving you an opportunity to view some of the "latest and greatest" seedlings of many of the hybridizers in our Region.

This ARKLA issue will become a "keepsake" for me since Judie dedicated it to many wonderful daylily "greats" who are no longer with us. I hope this issue will also make you proud of Region 13 and bring back many wonderful memories of our departed friends.

Bill Monroe
AHS Region 13 President

<http://www.daylilies.org/AHSreg13.html#Louisiana>



THE AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

An International Daylily Society

AHS REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S Message by Pat Soileau

23 years ago, when I first started buying daylilies, I didn't know what a hybridizer was or all that "stuff" after the name of the daylily. Then the publication of two books really added to my knowledge: *Daylilies-a Fifty-Year Affair* and the recent *Landscaping with Daylilies*. Both of these books are available from AHS. Our Region 13 website, maintained by Tom Walker, has a lot of information as well.



Picture Courtesy of Bill Monroe

I quickly realized that most of my favorite daylilies were hybridized by people from Arkansas and Louisiana and were some of my best bloomers and growers. I also learned that our Region 13 hybridizers have contributed "a lot" to the development of the modern daylily as it exists today. If you come to the Regional in May, the Region 13 plants in my garden will be identified with a flag and I hope you will be inspired to go out and buy some for your garden. Our current Region 13 hybridizers' daylilies are every bit as good as other Regions' daylilies. Joe Goudeau, Josh Jacques, Linda Winberry, Sandy Nall, Henry and Patty Bradford, Jimmy Terrio, Ronnie Rossie, Pat Larsen, Jim Elliott, Ken Begnaud, – just to name a few.

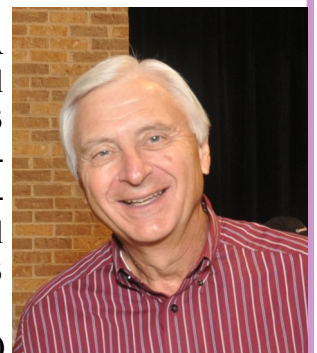
Visit their websites, visit their gardens, grow their daylilies and you also will grow to love and value Louisiana and Arkansas daylilies. Region 13 can be very proud of our place in the history of daylilies and in today's daylily world. **GROW REGION 13 DAYLILIES.**



L to R—'Lilyland Melon Sorbet' (Nall, 2011); 'September Awakening' (Winberry, 2011); 'Nekkid Woman Doing a Jiggy Dance'; (Goudeau-J, 2005); 'Pack's Pride' (Race-Pack, 2012). Pictures Courtesy of Robert Race, Linda Winberry and Editor.

AHS REGIONAL TREASURER'S Report by Ed Herringshaw

As for the financial statement, it's mundane. We get income from AHS (ARKLA mailing support), Region 13 club donations (historically the Region 13 annual meeting auction profits) and from donations from individuals (Region 13 is a 501c3 non-profit i.e. contributions are tax deductible). Expenses are AHS furnished services (insurance & incorporation fees), ARKLA production and mailing costs, Regional officer travel to AHS meetings, and the Clarence Crochet Award Regional club donations. The ARKLA costs are the big swings that can effect the Region 13 finances.



(Photo Courtesy of Bill Monroe)

THE POPULARITY POLL IS AN EDUCATIONAL TOOL

The main focus of the American Hemerocallis Society is education. As members we are responsible to give accurate information to others. The Popularity Poll is just one of the tools of the Educational Outreach Committee, which also includes the AHS Archives & History Committee, the Media Librarian, AHS E-News and Display Gardens. The purpose of the Pop Poll is to gather information on the daylilies that grow well in each region of the U.S. and Canada, not just the prettiest face or the newest and unproven plants. This information is available for new growers or prospective growers of daylilies in each region. It is important for our future growth as a Society that new daylily growers have good success with the plants they choose to grow.

There has been a marked decline over the last two or three years in the participation of voters in the AHS Pop Poll. It is our responsibility as members of AHS to vote. The ballot should be available in each region's Spring newsletter as well as on the AHS Website, which makes it very easy to vote. You can choose one or up to ten names on the ballot, five of which can be write-ins. Some clubs have Pop Poll parties with the opportunity to vote a paper ballot or electronically right there at the club meeting. Some clubs give a door prize to one of the voters at the meeting. These are just a couple suggestions that can help increase participation in the Pop Poll.

I hope we can see a large increase in voters in 2015.

Dorothian Meyer, Popularity Poll Special Chair

2014 TOP 24 REGION 13 POPULARITY POLL WINNERS

1. King Kahuna	26		
2. Peacock Maiden	13		
3. Fancy Face	12		
3. Pat Soileau	12		
4. Christine Tuminello LaGrand	11		
4. Crazy Ivan	11		
4. Ellis Powell	11		
5. Beautiful Edgings	10		
5. Red Heat Resistor	10		
5. Ruby Spider	10		
5. Suburban Nancy Gale	10		
5. Thin Man	10		
5. Two Part Harmony	10		
6. Siloam Double Classic	9		
7. Daddy's Heart	8	7. Frosted Vintage Ruffles	8
7. Open My Eyes	8	7. Palace Garden Beauty	8
7. Pandora's Box	8	7. Red Volunteer	8
7. Siloam Jean Hogan	8	7. Spacecoast Seashells	8
7. To God Be the Glory	8		



'Siloam Jean Hogan' (Henry, 1999)

POPULARITY POLL WINNERS FOR REGION 13



1. 'King Kahuna' (Crochet, 1994)

47 votes were cast to pick the Popularity Poll Winners for Region 13 - only 19% of voters. In 2013, 21% of the members voted. .



2. 'Peacock Maiden' (Carpenter-K., 1982)



3. Pat Soileau (Carpenter-J., 2007)



3. 'Fancy Face' (Carpenter-J., 1994)
Photo Courtesy of Bill Monroe



4. 'Crazy Ivan' (Grace-Smith, 2005) (Tie)
Photo Courtesy of Bill Monroe



4. 'Christine Tuminello LeGrand'(Goudeau, 2007)
Photo Courtesy of Linda Winberry



4. 'Ellis Powell' (Carpenter-J., 2006) (Tie)
Photo Courtesy of Bill Monroe

MEMORIES OF CLARENCE CROCHET



“The late Clarence Crochet, former AHS president, school principal, humorist, friend and mentor to everyone, was knowledgeable about everything including the French and English languages as spoken in Louisiana. One time when speaking with Clarence, I asked if he knew what the phrase DOUBLE ENTENDRE meant. He replied that it had more than one meaning. I asked him to provide me with a few of them. It was the only instance I ever saw him at a loss for words.”

Steve Morrison
Silver Springs, Md.

h. ‘Curly Cinnamon Windmill’ (Crochet, 1997)

The first time Kathy and I met Clarence and Beth Crochet was at a Regional in Hot Springs. A true southern gentleman was my first impression as he always had a kind word for everyone he met. Clarence saw the license plate on the front of my truck that said ‘SLICK’ (which referred to the paint we used on houses) and asked if I was ‘Tom Slick’ like Bill Clinton, as he was president at the time. I tried to explain that ‘SLICK’ was about the paint we used; however, every time he saw me after that he would say to Miss Beth, “Look, here comes Ole Slick.”



Photo Courtesy of Bill Monroe

I once decided to take a Garden Judges class taught by Clarence and Miss Beth, but I dropped out after I found out you had to have spider daylilies in your flower beds. When he found out I didn't care for spider daylilies, on two different occasions, he drew me a big spider daylily in pencil, signed it, and handed it to me with that big smile he had.

Clarence had a big influence on the Daylily World that we know and love, and it was love that he gave back to us. You will be missed, but not forgotten, Clarence Crochet.

Jim ‘Slick’ Elliott
Wooster, Ark.



Clarence Crochet was one of five past AHS Presidents to win both the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal and the Farr Silver Medal. Of the five, he was one of four who also won the Lenington Medal. Quite an accomplishment. Ken Cobb, AHS Archivist/Historian.

To add to Clarence's accomplishments, he also won the Steve Moldovan Award in 2011. Melodye Campbell, Fairport, N.Y.

Clarence Crochet is well-known for mentoring daylily folks - novice gardeners, hybridizers and AHS leaders. My first auction plant came from the Crochet garden along with two much newer and more valuable ones. He sent the extras with a note saying that he knew the gift plants to be fertile and that I might enjoy using them in my hybridizing program.

David Kirchhoff
Lawrenceburg, Ky,

MY FUNNY EXPERIENCE WITH CLARENCE - by Joe Goudeau, Baton Rouge, La.

During one of the Baton Rouge Daylily Society meetings, it was disclosed that I oversaw the landscaping for a 100 acre office park so Clarence asked me if I could provide him some labor to help with lining out his daylilies. He didn't want just anyone - he wanted my best man. The following Saturday, I showed up at the garden at 7 a.m. Clarence met me at the door, cup of coffee in hand, and offered me a cup. OMG that was the strongest (worst) coffee I ever drank. I had to cut it in half with water and add two extra spoonful's of sugar to be able to drink it. While this is going on, Clarence kept looking past me and finally asked "Joe what time is the worker getting here? It is time to get started. I will not accept a worker if he is not timely.". I said, "Mr. Clarence, you are looking at him.". He was surprised to say the least.

The day started as we removed all the old plant material from bed #2 - his pride and joy, the bed he grew all of his newest additions to the garden. We then proceeded to put amendments, wheelbarrow by wheelbarrow, in the bed. Most landscapers or gardeners would place the material next to where the work was to be performed, but not Mr. Clarence. This was an "AHS Display Garden" and the material must be located out of site just in case a visitor or customer dropped in. This material (sand, pine bark mulch, compost, alfalfa pellets, etc.) was located in the back of the garden a minimum of a football field away!!!! This "old man" filled and pushed wheelbarrow for wheelbarrow with me. It felt like fifty trips.



The one redeeming moment of the whole day was lunch. Beth Crochet could cook. The melt in your mouth roast beef, rice and dark roux gravy, and sweet potatoes were fabulous! As good as that was it did not compare to the homemade yeast rolls.

After lunch, as each amendment was added, the bed had to be tilled - three times! No big deal you think - that is until you meet the "MULE". The Mule (really, that is what it was called) is a tiller. The tiller must have weighed 300 pounds and about killed me. It was heavy, slow and was NOT designed to go in circles. Long story short, a bed that should have taken, at the most, a couple of hours to rebuild took ALL DAY. I was exhausted and went home saying to myself "I cannot believe that old man gave me a run for my money."

The following morning, I showed up with my tiller, wheel barrows, and garden tools in tow ready to plant bed #2. And, I brought my own coffee. Mr. Clarence started planting by hand - he split the roots with his thumbs and scooped indentions in the soil with the remaining fingers making a perfect furrow to plant in. The motion looked very similar to making shadow figures of flying bird in front of a projector for the kids. He scolded me because I was unable to duplicate this motion in one pass as he did. I held my hand next to his—his hand made mine look like that of a toddler. Believe it or not, it took most of the day to plant that bed. Now, time to start the next bed. Same process, plants removed, all of the trash cleaned up; however, this time I requested we did the bed my way. If not acceptable, I would redo it. All the amendments go in the bed prior to tilling - just one time. We still have to travel the length of a football field but at least I have my own wheel barrow to use.



(Photo Courtesy of Bill Monroe)

When I pulled my tiller out of the truck and began to till, Clarence couldn't stand it. He tried out my tiller and tilled the entire bed himself. My next visit, I was greeted with a brand new tiller and the "Mule" was put out to pasture.

It was years later, Beth (after a glass of wine or two) admitted that Clarence had sat down that first evening and said "That young man almost killed me, but I was not going to let him out work me."

(Editor's Note: Through the connection of Jane Mahan in Elm Springs, Ark., the following memories of Clarence were received from Marc King of Italy)

It would be my pleasure to write something about dear Clarence Crochet!

I started my first attempts at breeding daylilies as a teenager in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in the 1970's, but it wasn't until years later, when I lived with my wife and our newly founded family in Switzerland, that I started breeding in earnest. Rosemary Whitacre had started measuring daylilies with a small group of dedicated measurers to find true spiders and spidery variants and Clarence Crochet was one of the few maintaining the older collections. On trips home from Europe, I would always drop by his nursery - usually the only nursery I would fit into our schedule - to talk about the developments of the Spiders, UF's, etc. He and Mrs. Crochet would put on the coffee and pull out the slides they had been taking in other gardens and we'd talk for hours. I always felt extremely privileged to have such favor from such a dedicated master. Clarence was always honest about what he felt were really good cultivars. I shared with him that I was keenly interested in working exclusively with the spatulate forms and he drew my attention to a newly registered cultivar Dr. Lambert had sent to him and he had planted in one of the circular show beds in front of his house. Its name was 'Asterisk' (Lambert, 1985). There were only two or three fans in circulation at the time.



Well, Clarence made sure I got a piece a couple of months later, which launched my now nearly 30 year-old passion for these exotic forms. 'Asterisk' now figures in almost every daylily I've ever bred. Clarence even offered to carry some of my first registrations and would let me know how they performed. I am still thankful to Clarence. I have to credit his kindest generosity and opening the door for me to start with this still amazing hobby. Kind Regards,

Marc King, Italy

(Photo Courtesy of Bob Schwarz)

I heard Clarence Crochet give a presentation many years ago. As you know, Clarence liked to make people laugh. He showed a slide of a spent scape with 3 Bud Light cans stuck on it and said, "This is a lightly budded scape". The audience roared. This had an impact on my future presentations wanting to break up boring information with something unexpected.

Lee Pickles
Hixson, Tenn.



Francis Crochet, Barbara Sheets, Clarence, and Mark Crochet
Photo Courtesy of Bill Monroe

A few years ago, Clarence Crochet told me the following:

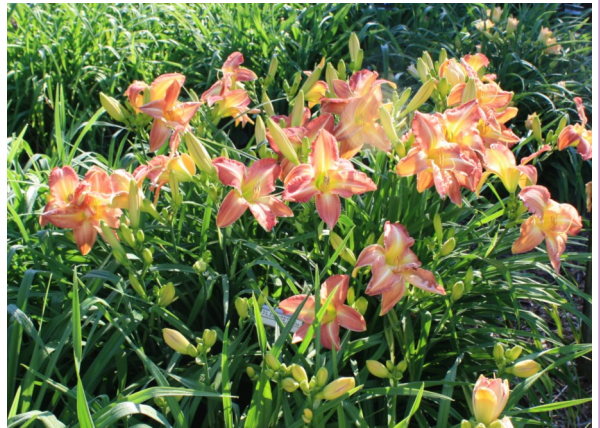
- Miss Elsie Spalding was the first hybridizer to offer a daylily for sale at \$100 and everyone thought she was crazy and it would not sell. It did! So others started charging \$100.
- He sold 'King Kahuna' as a seedling to Jay and Judy Farquhar for \$5 and when they noticed its great qualities over the next two years, they sent half back to Clarence and told him to grow it.
- 'King Kahuna' missed tying for the Stout by one vote.

Pat Soileau
St. Landry, La.

Years ago, I was visiting Clarence's garden when I spotted 'King Kahuna' (Crochet, 2000) and asked about the price. It was \$100.00 for a double fan for a new introduction, which was more than I had paid for a daylily, but I wanted it. Clarence was sold out and he said it would be next year before I could get one. There were several other cultivars I wanted that were not going to be available until next year so I asked Clarence to call me when he had them and I would pick them up. Clarence called me a few days later and asked me if I still wanted the daylilies? I said yes. He wanted to bring them to me because he was leaving to go on a trip the next day. I had tried to get Clarence in my garden for years but he didn't have time so we met at the Holiday Inn in Hammond and I got my daylilies. When they left, I checked out the bag for the daylilies I had purchased for the most money I had ever paid for any daylilies. To my pleasant surprise, there was an extra pair of named daylilies in the bag.

It was years later that I finely got Clarence in my garden. He noticed one of my seedlings and told me to watch that plant and last year it won the Region 13 Tot Rattliff Award for the Best Diploid Clump. The daylily Clarence admired was 'Peacock King' (Rossie, 2011) a cross between 'King Kahuna' and 'Peacock Maiden'. Clarence's comment on learning of the cross was "Ronnie, I wouldn't have thought of making that cross."

Ronnie Rossie
Hammond, La.



Ronnie Rossie, Jimmy Terrio, and Clarence Crochet at Ronnie's Gardens during the AHS National Convention in 2011
Photo Courtesy of Ronnie Rossie



'Richfield Eye Shocker' (Crochet '02)

Pat Stamile's Memories



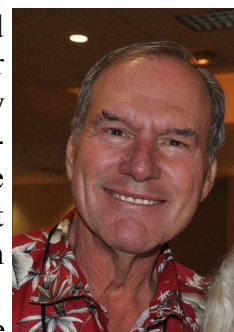
You knew you would have a good time when you rode the bus with Clarence. No one could capture an audience like Clarence. Whether it was a bus load or a convention of 500, folks would be laughing in an uproar. Like Jack Benny, it was all in the delivery. It was that deep voice, delivered in that wonderful South Louisiana cadence, that had everyone in stitches. All this he could do at the drop of a hat. He had such a wonderful memory.

I loved visiting Clarence Crochet's and Anita Copenhaver's gardens. They were both so knowledgeable about daylilies and Louisiana was THE place to go. Clarence had wonderful eclectic taste - dips, tets, spiders, full forms, doubles, large and small. He created and worked with them all.

Most hybridizer gardens are somewhat of a mess. After all most have a lot of fans that just have not been discarded. Seedling fields filled with pretty daylilies, but also not-so-pretty discards. This was not the case at Pauline Henry's garden. Never have I seen a hybridizer's garden with such a high level of quality. It was everywhere but this was not by accident. Whenever Pauline spotted a daylily she disapproved of, the call rang out: "RALPH GET THE SHOVEL!". Out went the daylily over the bank at the end of the road.

Pauline was a great inspiration to me. She was ruthless in discarding daylilies that did not fit what she wanted. I think all hybridizers need a little bit of this to truly be selective. It is the selection process that is THE most important thing in hybridizing. Yet, Pauline was also very sensitive to what others thought as well. Everyone who was really into daylilies came to visit Pauline. She would guide them but also ask what they liked as well. Pauline was a great cook and you did not leave without gaining a few pounds.

Lucille and Gabe (Guidry) were wonderful to visit. I remember how modest Lucille was about the wonderful daylilies she created. I think it was Lucille most of all that convinced me that if I was serious about daylilies I had to move to the South from NY. In NY a daylily would go from one fan to two in a year and from two to four maybe five the following year. Lucille showed me a clump of about 20 fans that she proudly announced had been a proliferation a year before. This truly amazed this novice! I loved her approachability. She would willingly answer any question and seemed always willing to help. Perhaps it was her nursing background but it was great for folks wanting to learn. Lucille, like Elsie Spalding and Pauline Henry, knew exactly what she wanted in a daylily. They carried the parameters of what constituted a great daylily in their mind and set about doing it. These are a few of the fun things I remember.



Pat Stamile
Arroyo Grande, Calif.

Photo Courtesy of
Bill Monroe

My father, Ed Kirchhoff, and I visited Mr. MacMillan on our way to the 1973 AHS National Convention in Shreveport. Mr. Mac had only recently suffered a stroke so while he and my father visited, Lucille Guidry, Mr. MacMillan's nurse, gave me a tour of his garden. Mrs. Guidry explained that Mr. Mac had taught her how to hybridize and that she would continue his work. I don't think she had any idea how well known and beloved a daylily hybridizer she would later become.

David Kirchhoff
Lawrenceburg, Ky.

2017 AHS National in Norfolk, Virginia

The Tidewater Daylily Society will host the AHS National Convention in 2017 and invited all regions to participate in Regional Display Beds at one of their tour gardens.

Name	Hybridizer	Year	Distinction	From
SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC	Pauline Henry	1985	Stout Silver Medal Winner - 1993	Siloam Springs, AR
SILOAM RALPH HENRY	Pauline Henry	1988	Stout Silver Medal Runner-Up	Siloam Springs, AR
KING KAHUNA	Clarence Crochet	1994	HM-1998; AM-2001; IM-2000; LAA-2008	Prairieville, LA
FRANK GLADNEY	Ken Durio	1979	JC-1979; HM-1984; AM-1987	Opelousas, LA
BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS	Anita Copenhaver	1989	HM-1999; AM-2002; LAA-2006	Deridder, LA
SEDUCTOR	Lee Gates	1983	HM-1986; AM-1990	Prairieville, LA
BECKY LYNN	Lucille Guidry	1977	Stout Silver Medal Winner - 1987	Abbeville, LA
JANET GAYLE	Lucille Guidry	1976	Stout Silver Medal Winner - 1986	Abbeville, LA
TODD MONROE	Edith Sholar	1974	HM-1984	Baton Rouge, LA
HARRY BARRAS	Oliver Monette	1974	HM-1978; AM-1981	Abbeville, LA
CLARENCE SIMON	William MacMillan	1966	Stout Silver Medal Winner - 1975	Abbeville, LA
MOMENT OF TRUTH	William MacMillan	1969	Stout Silver Medal Winner - 1979	Abbeville, LA
SABIE	William MacMillan	1974	Stout Silver Medal Winner - 1983	Abbeville, LA
LAVENDER FLIGHT	Edna Spalding	1963	Stout Silver Medal Winner - 1973	Iowa, LA
LUXURY LACE	Edna Spalding	1959	Stout Silver Medal Winner - 1965	Iowa, LA

They have a vision of a garden that showcases the best 15-25 daylilies from each region. These daylilies were sent to Diana Driver in Suffolk, Virginia to represent Region 13.



'Siloam Double Classic'



'Frank Gladney'



'Beautiful Edgings'



'King Kahuna'
Photo Courtesy of Jane Mahan



'Siloam Ralph Henry'



'Seductor'
Photo Courtesy of Jane Mahan

Earlene Garber and Gene Garber: Lifelong Gardeners

My mother loved plants. She particularly loved flowering plants, but she had a soft spot for weeds, too. One of my earliest memories is watching her pollinate daylilies early one morning and telling me “When I retire, I’m going to hybridize daylilies.”

My dad grew up on a farm and gardening was second nature to him. He certainly did not have a soft spot for weeds, but he loved to grow things. Bigger, in plants, was always better, in his view. Sadly, my father was forced to quit school during the Depression after his father died. He kept the family going by farming potatoes. After that he could not bear to eat potatoes! My mother, also a child of the Depression, was determined to obtain an education and worked her way through school. She paid for her education through scholarships and working in the sugarcane fields.

Perhaps it was natural for the two of them to meet just steps away from the front door of my mother’s home. They married and moved to my father’s home in Lafayette, where my mother set about transforming her mother-in-law’s yard into a flower garden. The magnolias she planted there still bloom today, sixty years later.

Shortly after my mother completed her master’s degree in English, the couple returned to New Iberia in order for my mother to care for her father. She picked up her gardening tools again. This was not a light task because the shovels and hoes were substantial, heavy tools which had been fashioned by my grandfather in his blacksmith shop. Undeterred by the weight of the tools, my mother started adding landscaping and flowers to her mother’s yard.

The yard already had good bones to work with: six acres with two large live oaks over a hundred years old, the state’s largest hackberry, a long circular driveway bordered in azaleas and bridal wreath, mimosas and the neatest bed of leather leaf ferns a child ever played in.

My mother would rise early in the morning and work in the flower beds before she taught her classes. She would return home, cook dinner and then dash out to the yard again. When he could, my father served as support staff, mowing, planting vegetables, working up the beds and repairing gardening equipment. They purchased a railroad right-of-way adjacent to the property and planted roses, camellias, daylilies, flowering vines and bulbs. No visitor could leave my parents’ home without being served a cup of coffee on fine china and getting a tour of the flowers in bloom.

This went on for decades until my parents neared retirement. During that time my mother had written her dissertation, learned German and Old English, cared for her father, raised a daughter, served in numerous positions at her church, was designated teacher of the year, served on educational committees at the state level and became supervisor of social studies for the parish. All the while, my dad continued sharpening tools, raising vegetables, working up flower beds and being occasionally fussed at for mowing over the plants which were gradually taking over his beloved grassy spaces.

Retirement came at last for them and my mother’s interests dramatically shifted from English studies to full-time gardening with an emphasis on daylilies. To his unending delight, my father upgraded his Snapper lawnmower to a John Deere tractor. The vegetable garden was minimized and beds for flowers were maximized. What had once been a lovely yard became a three acre outdoor bouquet. Earlene and Gene joined the local, regional and national clubs and regularly attended the meetings and national conventions.



Photo Courtesy of the Archives

With an outstanding background in English to recommend her, my mother became the Region 13 Newsletter Editor and won the award for Best Newsletter for each year she served in that position - a feat which has not been repeated.

Earlene also served as Regional Vice President, served on the Board of Directors 1993-95 and 1996-98 in various positions including President and Chair of Publications. She co-chaired the 1998 National Convention in Baton Rouge which remains the largest AHS convention ever held. She served as both a garden and exhibitions judge. In 2000, she won the Helen Field Fisher Award.

These accomplishments are made all the more remarkable by the fact that during this time of intensive gardening and meetings, my father and mother cared for an invalid sister and had their grandchildren over frequently. My mother even found time to prepare a written program for the church every week. She introduced an acquaintance first to the art of landscaping and then to the religious life of her church. She even graciously accepted (and planted) a potato vine which he offered her!

Health issues ended my mother's involvement in gardening. Even in her eighties she maintained that had her knees not caused her trouble, she would be working in the yard. Fearing she would be injured, my father would tell her that the lawnmower was out of gas and she could not use it. I don't think she believed him. My father continued to use his beloved tractor right up until the week of his death.

We dearly miss them, but my parents left a legacy for us to be proud of. There is a daylily, 'Richfield Earlene Garber' (Crochet, 2000), named in her honor. Like its namesake, the plant is listed as having an extended bloom and re-bloom. It is a fitting tribute for parents who bloomed wherever they planted.

Anne Stevens, proud daughter
of Gene and Earlene Garber



'Richfield Earlene Garber' (Crochet, 2000)
Photo Courtesy of Tom Walker

EARLENE GARBER (1928—2015)

I knew Earlene when she was AHS President a good long while ago, and most new members have no knowledge of her. She was president the year that I gave my very first talk on a daylily related subject to a large group, one of the early Mid-Winter Symposiums given in Chattanooga before the Choo-choo days. The talk was on poop. Actually it was called "The North-end of a South Bound Horse: Road Apples in the Garden of Eden". Earlene was at that meeting and came up to me afterwards to tell me how much she enjoyed the talk, and encouraged me to write it for *The Daylily Journal*. Much to my amazement, it was published and my speaking 'career' was launched.

I met Earlene several times after, as I became involved in AHS activities, becoming an RVP, as they were known then, and later on the Board of Directors. I remember her garden being on tour in Lafayette, LA, as gracious and beautiful a garden as Earlene herself. Earlene was a true southern lady, soft spoken, always elegant, and very sweet to me. But she was a Steel Magnolia in every sense of the word, and ran the board meetings with a firm hand. God help those who weren't on her page! I'm small potatoes in AHS, but I want folks to know how much I truly appreciated Earlene Garber and her work in the Daylily Society.



Photo Courtesy of the Archives

Melanie Mason, Region 4, Upstate N.Y.
(a bit of a magnolia herself by marriage)

Photo Courtesy of Melanie



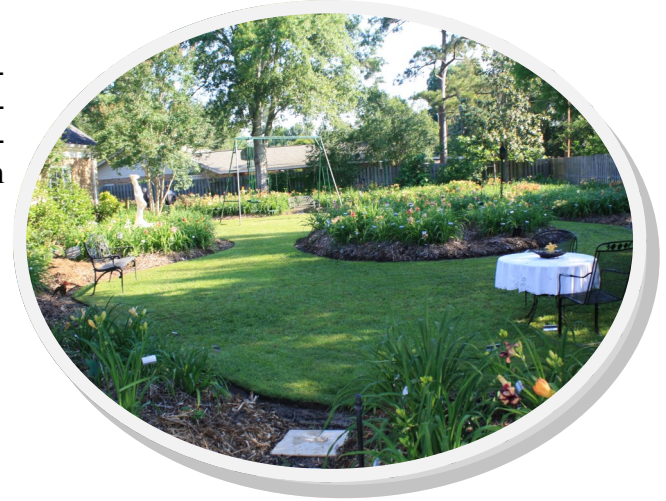
***2014 Region 13 Summer Meeting, Baton Rouge, La.
Good Weather, Great times, Exquisite Gardens and Hospitality.
May 15-17, 2014***

Thursday evening began the Regional Meeting with presentations from various hybridizers: Ronnie Rossie, Linda Winberry, and Jimmy Terrio. Friday morning, we were greeted with perfect weather for touring three wonderful gardens:

The Rossie Garden, Ronnie and Cathryn, was exquisite, and perfectly manicured with plenty of companion plants, garden art and fountains. The Rossie Garden hosted the Clarence Crochet Seedling Bed which was well maintained and the seedlings spectacular.



Seedling #22



The Bradford Garden, Henry and Patricia, was a sprawling, beautifully landscaped private garden that overcame the destruction of Hurricane Katrina. Thousands of named varieties and seedlings graced the gardens along with hundreds of hosta, camellias, perennials, and other landscape attractions.

The LSU Ag Center Hammond Research Station was our final stop of the day. It had wonderful trial gardens full of unusual and interesting perennials and annuals to see.



Friday evening was dinner, camaraderie and the Auction. As always, with Joe Goudeau as Auctioneer, the auction was entertaining, fast moving, and great deals were had by all. The night ended with a slide show presentation from Josh Jaques - WOW.

Saturday morning rolled out way too soon but, once again, we were greeted by perfect weather and exquisite gardens.



The Terrio Garden, Jimmy and Linda, did not disappoint. It is amazing just how much Jimmy can fit into a typical residential lot. An AHS Display Garden, and a must see any time you are in the Baton Rouge area. With its aviary and bird houses galore, this Garden has a different twist than any in Region 13.

Joe Goudeau's garden, although beautifully landscaped, could be considered a hybridizing garden. Though only two years old, it astounded everyone with the sheer number of seedlings in bloom (10,000 plus).



The Botanical Garden of Baton Rouge, also an AHS Display Garden, maintains one of the largest collections of daylilies in a public garden in the world. Grown here are some of the classics from Lee Gates, Clarence Crochet, and Lucille Guidry just to name of few. Claire Fontenot greeted us and gave us the 'royal' tour.

Saturday nights' Awards Banquet proved very fruitful for Ronnie Rossie. He took home both the Tot Rattliff Award and Pauline Henry Award for 'Peacock King' (2011). The Lee Gates Award went to Jimmy Terrio's 'Branch on Fire' (2012). Tom Talley of Shongaloo, La. won the Clarence Crochet Seedling Bed Award. The night concluded with presentations of the hybridizing programs of Joe Goudeau and Henry and Patricia Bradford. Gift plants of recent introductions from Sandy Nall, Joe Goudeau and Josh Jaques were given to each attendee.

MEMORIES OF PAULINE HENRY

(NOTE from the Editor: Last year, as part of the Archives Committee, I was asked to do an L L & D on Pauline Henry and this article from Clint Barnes, Oklahoma City, Okla. was part of that research. You can find the LL&D on the AHS Website. Here are Clint's thoughts in its entirety.

The following are some of the many precious "Siloam Memories" which I can recall:

'Siloam Pauline Henry' (2000) (right) was originally going to be named 'Siloam Millionaire' but it was decided to name it after Mrs. Henry when she passed away. It was the favorite of the seedlings that year.

'Siloam Pink Platinum' (1998) was named by Tom Howard. I was in the Henry Garden when Tom stopped by and shared the name for an outstanding new pink. He suggested 'Siloam Platinum Pink' but at the time, a daylily couldn't end with the name of a plant (the flower "pinks) so the flower was named 'Siloam Pink Platinum' (below).



I submitted a couple of lists of names for Mrs. Henry to consider. She used several of them including 'Siloam Homecoming' (1999) and 'Siloam Celebration' (1998). I named 'Siloam Speechless' (1999) right in the garden. She asked for suggestions and I knew that she already had 'Siloam Breathless' (1997) so I suggested 'Siloam Speechless', and she went with it. When Mrs. Henry originally named 'Siloam Clint Barnes' (1998) for me, I was so excited. After much consideration (and passing on what eventually became 'Siloam Matthew Kaskel' (1998)), I chose a lovely ruffled light pink. A few days after returning home, I received a call from Mrs. Henry who said that we had a problem. The flower I selected was not opening well, and we need to change it. I returned to Siloam Springs the following weekend, and I ended up picking one that wasn't in bloom! I went with the one she suggested—a smaller, very flat, ruffled, light golden apricot that she had considered naming 'Siloam Accessory'.

'Siloam Mitch Singleton' (2000) is named for one of her doctors. 'Siloam Lesia Mowery' (1991) and 'Siloam Lesia's Birthday' (1998) are named for her hard-working garden helper. I believe that 'Siloam Bones Londagin' (2000) is named for a relative of Lesia's. "Siloam Dean Reusser" (1993), Siloam Dean's Double' (1996) and 'Siloam Dean's Circle' (1994) are named for Dean Reusser of Bethany, Okla. Dean worked for Mrs. Henry when he attended John Brown University.

'Siloam Vaughn's Luxury' (1996) was priced at \$75 when I was in the garden that year and Mrs. Henry was a little reluctant to sell a piece of it. She called later in the summer (before shipping the plants) and said that she was going to have to raise the price to \$100 because Van Sellers thought so much of the plant. I told her that was fine. That actually made me want it more!

Mrs. Henry was exceptionally proud of several daylilies one year. She was considering charging \$200 for 'Siloam Peggy Turman' (1999), 'Siloam Jay Turman' (1999) and 'Siloam Pink Cloud' (1999). After viewing the gorgeous flowers that day, I told her I'd have to pass on them. I stayed in Siloam Springs that night and returned the following day for another garden visit. By then, she had lowered the price to \$100. I ended up buying them all!

Mrs. Henry was a wonderful cook and made lots of goodies in the off season, which she put in the freezer. One year, I was sitting on her porch, enjoying some of her incredible chocolate candies, when she saw someone driving up. She exclaimed "He will want all those candies, put some in your pocket!".

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Mrs. Henry watched her garden visitors from the window when she went inside. One year, I really liked a double flower and showed it to a couple of other people in the garden. I wonder if she saw how much I liked it. When she returned to the garden, she pointed it out and asked what I thought of it. This flower became ‘Siloam Clint’s Double’ (1999) (right). She said ‘Pick the best bloom and bring it up on the porch’, so I did, and she wrote down the description. Mrs. Henry described it as a “rosy thistle double” which she said would make people wonder what color it was, but I called it a coral pink with slight thistle veining. I certainly didn’t argue with her!



Mrs. Henry also surprised me one time and presented me with a framed set of antique holiday post cards, beginning with a Happy New Year card and ending with a Christmas Card. This was another of her many hobbies. The cards were beautiful, and on the back she wrote the year of the post cards, when she gave them to me and signed her name. She also gifted me with a start of her Petticoat Fern and the large begonia that she had in the garden every summer. I asked her what kind of begonia that was and she thought for a few seconds and said “Mount Olive Begonia”. When I left that day, I noticed that I turned on Mount Olive Street to get back to Highway 412. I think she made up that name!

Oh, what I wouldn’t give to be able to go to that magical garden on College Street during peak bloom . . . or to have some of her delicious treats . . . or to get a phone call from Mrs. Henry! If she was still living and hybridizing, I can’t even imagine all the beauties she would have helped to create over the last 12 years!

Clint Barnes
Oklahoma City, Okla.



(Photos Courtesy of Pauline Henry’s slides)

I was sitting with Pauline Henry at the AHS National Convention in Pittsburgh in 1993 when she received the Stout Medal for Siloam Double Classic. She was beaming and thrilled to accept it. Mrs. Henry was very talented. She was a wonderful hostess and great cook. She often served daylily friends and visitors a banquet with dozens of great casseroles, salads and desserts. She explained that she prepared and froze many of these delicacies ahead of the bloom season. She was a bit reluctant to name the daylily ‘Siloam David Kirchoff’ in my honor. It was on its maiden bloom the second day of my visit and had yet to prove itself to be of any value. As it turns out, neither of us ever regretted it.

David Kirchoff
Lawrenceburg, Ky.

Memories of Pauline Henry (1908 - 2000)

The following spring, after Pauline died, Ralph started selling her daylilies. Bob Clary was a close friend who often visited them and helped Ralph organize and price the sale plants. Of course, I went (that was my 'initiation' to high dollar daylilies). Bob Clary was there and commented that 'Siloam Amazing Grace' (Henry, 1989) was worthy of the Stout Medal. He said he thought it would have won, had it not been yellow, because it had everything a Stout winner should have.



'Siloam Virginia Henson' (1979) was the 'break-through' color and size. I have been told that it provided the foundation for some of the well-known hybridizers of the time.

Jane Mahan, Elm Springs, Ark.
Photos courtesy of Jane

I remember Ralph told me Pauline taught school but had quit. When I asked why she quit, he looked at me with this surprised look and proclaimed "because we got married"! Times have certainly changed.

Trudy Pickett, Bentonville, Ark.
Former Henry Garden Worker

I worked for the Henry's during the spring and summers of 1990 to 1996. I would show up early just after dawn and get to work and she'd send me home by 11 or 12 when it got too hot to work - which I wasn't sure if that meant too hot for me or for them. I forget how much she paid an hour, maybe \$4.50 starting out but probably close to \$6 or so by the time I left.

I was trained how to dig outside of the root zone and pop up a clump which was easy because her soil was so rich and loose. When she was filling orders, she'd have me bring the clumps over to where she'd sit on a nice stone bench under the buckeye tree (which bloomed red all over every spring!) and she'd start splitting them up into double fans with her big work knife - hosing them off and trimming back, wrapping up and labeling.

Other jobs consisted of going with the rabbit farmer to obtain rabbit manure and spreading the rabbit manure around. Another job in the spring included going all around the border of the daffodil beds and braiding the leaves together and pinning them down. She also trained me to plant the seedling out in lines. "Soldiers are marching", she'd say when all the rows got planted. Another job was to dig up all the seedlings that weren't worth keeping and dump them onto a hillside where it went down to a sort of ravine/creek bed. No one got to keep the seedlings, although she did let me keep a nice red one I liked once, also an orange double I liked for my mom.

One sweet story about Mrs. Henry is her love of Mr. Henry. I remember one morning coming to work and there was a row of newly planted hostas on one side of the house and she told me to move them back further away from the brick. She told me not to let Ralph know or see because she didn't want to hurt his feelings. Apparently, he'd planted them too close to the brick border than she wanted.

'Siloam Lisa Mowery' (Henry, 1991) is named after a girl that cleaned once a week for Mrs. Henry. They got along real well because she was just as detailed in her orders for work done inside as she was for work done in the yard. 'Siloam Allison Perry' (Henry, 1991) was named for a John Brown University basketball player that worked for her a few summers and got me the job with Mrs. Henry.

After college, I worked in Central America for a few years and she called me once to make sure I'd be working for her that next summer while back in the states! I'd moved back to Oklahoma City and was in Siloam Springs for Homecoming that fall. I recall getting a very nice hug and telling her all about what I was doing and why I couldn't come back to Siloam Springs and work in the garden. I recall her approving smile and clever things to say condoning my decision. I am so thankful I had the opportunity to visit with her that fall before she passed.



Dean Reusser
Bethany, Okla.



Kathy D'Alessandro and the youth who attended the 2014 National Convention in North Carolina (Photo Courtesy of Bill Monroe)

AHS YOUTH NEWS

Announcements of the contests (listed below) are in the Youth Group of the AHS Portal and in the *Youth News* (to be distributed in March). Kathy D'Alessandro, AHS Youth Chair

Spring Surprise Contest - January 1 to June 1

Send your name to the *Youth Chair for a chance to win a surprise gift.

A drawing will be held June 2, 2015.

Entries can be sent by regular mail, email or the Portal's message center.

Multiple entries will be accepted, but not more than one per month.

*Youth Chair, 2076 Silo Lane, East Greenville, PA 18041, kadales@verizon.net

BINGO on the AHS Portal – March 1 to September 1

Perform the required tasks in the Youth Group to obtain the letters B I N G O.

Repeat the process to obtain more BINGO's.

The one with the most BINGO's is the winner.

There will also be a second and third place winner.

Prize daylilies donated by Mike & Sandy Holmes of River Bend Daylily Gardens.

Official rules are posted on the Youth Group homepage, www.daylilynetwork.org

Kathy D'Alessandro
AHS Youth Chair

JOSEPHINE MARINA BOMAR (1934-2014)

Many in Region 13 knew Josie Bomar very well - both from trips to the Lily Farm Garden and from our trips to Anita Copenhaver's, Elsie Spalding's, Clarence Crochet's, Lucille Guidry's, Josh Jaques, and others in Louisiana. The CENLA bus group came to our Lily Farm every year. Josie loved the Arkansas, Mississippi, and CENLA groups so very much.

Josie was born in Ilford, England on October 1, 1934 during the period of time of World War II and the bombing of London, which was a part of the Nazi offensive. Josie, her two brothers and their mother left London by train to live with relatives during that wartime scene to save them from the bombings.

Josie married a career U.S. Air Force man and they had four children, two daughters and two sons who were blessed to have such a faithful and supportive mother. Josie's greatest love was for her Lord Jesus Christ and this great love flowed to her family and friends everywhere she went. They attended Assembly of God churches where ever they traveled during their Air Force years. The family moved to Center, TX when the military career ended and Josie worked for Beall's Department Store for a number of years. No matter where she worked she gave her all in faithfulness and dedication to the job at hand. After arriving in Center, she began ministering to the folks in the two nursing homes in Center by singing and giving devotionals every Sunday at both of the nursing homes. She faithfully continued this ministry for approximately 38 years until the last two weeks before her passing. The nursing home was where the Lord brought the pathways of Jack Carpenter and Josie Bomar to cross with each other. This meeting led to a wonderful Christian friendship.



The land that came to be known as The Lily Farm was purchased from Josie and her son-in-law, and slowly over a period of years Jack and Josie began to develop it. As the Lily Farm operation expanded and the mail order business increased, Josie left her work at Beall's and decided to work at The Lily Farm full time. It goes without saying that her dedication to the operation was the underlying reason for its great success. Everyone who met Josie wanted to come again and again each year due to her graciousness. She also became a great hybridizer as is seen in her several introductions. Josie never really wanted me to sell the Lily Farm, but sometimes age becomes a factor in what we must do. We continued working with daylilies at my home just down the highway and the next year on a small scale at another location near Town Bluff, Texas. We managed to bloom about 20,000 new seedlings there this year (2014). What glories those daylilies were as she and I went around spreading the pollen one last season. As the season ended in July, we both realized that things were getting more and more difficult for us, and so we decided that we had to finally bring our work with daylilies to a close.

Looking back in memory over the fields of daylilies over a fifty year span, I can see many beautiful flowers, but my Josie was the jewel among the flowers wherever they were growing. No flower ever bloomed among the daylilies that graced us with the beauty and radiance that her sweet smile and face gave us. May we always remember her that way as that is how she always was!

With love and thankfulness in my heart,
Jack Carpenter
Center, Texas

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Arkansas State Daylily Society

Spring Tour (TBD) - for fun and camaraderie

Fall Meeting (1st weekend in September) with speaker and auction

Jim Elliott, President

Hot Springs Daylily Society

Tentative programs scheduled for 2015

April 11 - GWG Program by Sharon Dent in Magnolia Room

April 25 - Plant Sale at the Farmer's Market

May 9 - Herbicides & Weed Control by Yvonne Becker

May 14-16 - Region 13 Meeting at Cenla Daylily Society in Alexandria, La.

June 13 - Arkansas State Daylily Society Spring Tour

July 11 - No meeting

August 8 - Herbs in the Garden by Mary Roark, Pres. Arkansas Herb Society

September 5 - Arkansas State Daylily Society Fall Meeting

October 10 - TBD

November 14 - TBD

December 12 - Christmas Luncheon

Lin Johnson, President

Northeast Arkansas Daylily Society

March 19 - Michael Bouman, St. Peters, Mo., "The Overwhelming Landscape".

April 16 - Todd Smith, Harmony Gardens, Jonesboro, Ark., " Small Garden Water Features".

April 30-May 3 - Traveling to Georgia "Springtime in Savannah".

May 9 - Spring Plant Sale, at Farmers Market, Aggie Road, Jonesboro ,Ark.

May 14-16 - Region 13 Spring Conference, Alexandria, La..

May 21 - Meeting.

June 18 - Sonya presenting "Photography in the Garden".

June 19-20 - ASDS Spring Tour, Conway, Ark..

July 16 - Dr. Kim Pittcock, ASU Horticulture Department

August 20 - Meeting. Program TBA.

September 4-5 - ASDS Fall Meeting, Conway, Ark..

September 17 - Meeting. Program TBA.

October 15 - Jim Eillott, Wooster Gardens, Wooster, Ark.

November - Cenla Daylily Society Winter Symposium, Alexandria, La.

November 19 - Meeting. Program TBA.

December 19 - PARTY!!! Location TBA.

Wanda Howerton, President

Northwest Arkansas Daylily Society

Meetings are held at the Botanical Garden of the Ozarks in Fayetteville at 6 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month except for June, August and December. Speakers most months with Christmas Party in November.

NEWS: The NWADS membership has been steadily decreasing even though several attempts were made to draw interest in the club. In June of 2014, the club held an off scape exhibition at the Northwest Arkansas Mall in order to discuss daylilies with the public. Club members were able to inform and educate the public without having an AHS Sanctioned Daylily Show where the public can only look at the daylilies while they are being judged with little or no interaction. Over 150 daylily blooms were displayed and the response was fantastic!

Our goal of one new member was surpassed as this exhibition resulted in five new memberships in our club! We plan another off scape exhibition this June and happily expect to gain more new members.



'Midnight Oil' (Apps, 1995) in middle, won the best daylily of the Exhibition.

Judy Henbest, President
Photos Courtesy of Libby Beecher

White County Daylily Society

The White County Daylily Society meets the second Saturday of the month at Simmons First National Bank on South Main Street in Searcy, Arkansas at 9:30 a.m.

We have two plant sales each year rain or shine. One will be April 18th and October 10th.

NEWS: Two of our founding members Harry and Dorothy Roland have moved to Rochelle, Illinois to be closer to their children. We will dearly miss them.

Visitors are always welcome to any of our meetings and of course we are always looking for new members.

We are all looking for a great bloom season in 2015.

Colleen Massengale, President

LOUISIANA CLUB MEETING DATES/HAPPENINGS

Baton Rouge Daylily Society

April 18 - Druscilla Restaurant Bayou Room 10 a.m. w/speaker

Cenla Daylily Society

Meet at noon the first Saturday of each month, and enjoy a meal prepared by members.

March 28 - Spring Plant Sale— Kent House
April 10 & 11 - Garden Expo, LSU Ag Center
April 4 - Regular Meeting
May 2 - Regular Meeting
May 14, 15, 16 - Region 13 "Celebrate in Cenla" Meeting
May 26 - The Lily Farm, Center, TX Daytrip
June 2 & 3 - Suburban Gardens and Earl and Barbara Watts Gardens,
Hattiesburg, MS Overnight Trip
June 10 –14 - AHS Nationals—Atlanta, GA
August 1 - Regular Meeting
September 5 - Regular Meeting
October 3 - Regular Meeting
October 23 & 24 - Fall Symposium
December 5 - Christmas Party



Clarence and his daughter, Barbara Sheets. Photo courtesy of Bill Monroe taken November, 2014.

Delta Daylily Society

Joan Adams, President
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Hemerocalls Study Club ARK-LA-TEX Area

Meetings Sunday at Randle T. Moore Hall at 2:00 P.M.

April 1 - "Bell Daylily Garden", Tim Bell, Sycamore, Georgia.
Meeting to be held at Plantation Point Nursery, Mooringsport, LA
May 15 & 16 - Region 13 Meeting at Alexandria, LA
May 23 - Club Bus Trip to Phyllis Kirkley's Display Garden, Benton, AR
and Sandy Nall's Garden, Texarkana, AR
June 21 - Presentation to be determined
July 10-15 - AHS National Convention, Atlanta GA
September 20 - "What's new at the Daylily Farm", Mark Allen Carpenter, Center, TX
October 18 - "2013 Introductions and Seedlings", Josh Jacques, Woodworth, LA
November 15 - "A Virtual Tour of Members Gardens", Dennis Coppersmith, Bossier City, LA
December 20th - Christmas Dinner and Party, Randle T. Moore Hall at 1:00 P.M.

Gerald Lutterman, President

North Shore Daylily Society

Meetings held at Tangipahoa Tourism Visitors Center, Hammond, La. at 10 a.m.

April 25
August 29
November 14

Ronnie Rossie, President

Southeast Louisiana Daylily Club

Meeting Dates:

March 28
May 16
September 9

Meetings consists of garden tours, a social, or a speaker with time and place TBD. Plant sale at the Botanical Garden in Baton Rouge TBD.

Jimmy Terrio, President

Southwest Louisiana Daylily Club

All meetings begin at 11 a.m. Meeting Dates:

February 14 - Ryans in Lake Charles
March 21 - Ryans in Lake Charles
March 27-18 - Daylily Sale at Burton Coliseum
May 30 - Garden Tour of club members
August Meeting will be at LSU Ag. Center on Gulf Highway
October 10 - Coincide w/annual fish fry at Deridder Park
December 12 - LSU Ag. Center

Barbara Broussard, President

GARDENING IS GOOD FOR YOU!

Gardeners cultivate and plant for many reasons; but, all fall under mental or physical ramifications. It is written that Sir Walter Scott gardened to distance himself from debt. Some grief and others stress of fast lane existence.

A sense of wellbeing veils our minds of self-worth and accomplishment when we plant a seed, watch it grow and see the results. Be it something edible or of great beauty, maybe both.

One can look at a crooked, snarled cucumber that struggled to grow through a supporting fence, saying, you fought to live, a little ugly, but you have character. Thus making your heart happy because in your mind you know the crooked cucumber will taste just as good as a beautiful, straight one.

Hope all you gardeners have rested! Now thinking, planning and mentally sketching the planting and cleaning up of your garden beds in a few weeks. Where does the mental and physical meet or divide? The physical is coming very s-ooo-n! So, get those exercises going - bending and stretching from head to toe. As we age, gardening becomes more difficult. Getting fit for gardening is of the most importance. This is where the mental/physical meet at least once a year, saying, "What is happening to my body?" When you are fit, you can say "this is fun". GARDENING IS GOOD FOR YOU AND ME!!! Remember, gardening is an extension of yourself in art form.

Your garden friend, Wanda Howerton
Paragould, Ark.

'CELEBRATE IN CENLA' GARDENS ON TOUR

Anne and Bert Dorgant 396 Pinks Lane Mansura, Louisiana 71350

The home of Anne and Bert Dorgant is located on 2 acres landscaped with daylilies, as well as many perennials including Asiatic lilies, daisies, agapanthus, iris and roses. It is accented with wooden structures built by Bert. There are also several water features and an antique wooden cistern. Bert and Anne also enjoy vegetable gardening with several raised beds throughout the yard.

Anne and Bert bought their first daylily fans from Mrs. Mickey Marcotte, digging them from her field. She was an early hybridizer from central Louisiana. These are located in one bed and are not identified. They have been growing daylilies for over 20 years and have visited many daylily gardens on their travels throughout the United States. Anne, who is a retired French teacher, also enjoys collecting daylilies with French or Louisiana names.

They look forward to welcoming everyone to their garden.



Faye Lemoine Gardens 1653 Horseshoe Drive Cottonport, Louisiana 71327

Faye Lemoine's garden consist of several raised beds. Pictured are two of her raised beds in bloom last year. Her garden boasts of over 800 registered daylilies from hybridizers in Texas, Louisiana, California, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee and Kentucky.



Having a full-time job, Faye's daylily gardening is her hobby. When working in her daylily beds, all problems, big and small, are forgotten. She considers her garden to be her 'Heaven on Earth'. Faye has played around with a few crosses—mostly the pod parent x the unknown from the bees crossing them.

Faye welcomes everyone to her garden and hopes all visitors for the Regional enjoys her blooms as much as she does.



DAYLILY DAZE
Raymond and Donna Mayeux
1747 Front Street
Cottonport, Louisiana

Daylily Daze is located on the banks of beautiful Bayou DeGlaise. Raymond and Donna Mayeux have called this their home for most of their 47 years of marriage. Their garden is relatively new (less than 10 years) as Raymond fell victim to the daylily bug shortly after his retirement as a school board supervisor.

He maintains the garden alone, and can be seen most days with a hoe in hand patrolling the rows of daylilies. When the daylilies are done, his attention goes to his vegetable garden which supplies family and friends with fresh produce most months of the year.

The garden features daylilies that are tried and true. Several lilies in the garden were hybridized in the 1940's and 1950's. Of course, there are also many of the newer varieties, with the total garden boasting more than 700 named varieties. In addition to daylilies, the garden features bearded iris, and amaryllis.

The Mayeuxs are anxious to welcome AHS members to their home and garden at the 2015 Regional. Guest will be enjoying a full Cajun Cocheon de'lait dinner in the garden under the pecan trees. Make sure you arrive hungry!



Chester and Elizabeth McDonald
425 Timberridge Drive
Woodworth, Louisiana 71485



Chet and Liz McDonald have newly planted flower beds on about an acre of land; thus they have no current pictures of their small suburban garden except the one shown herewith. The picture will hopefully peak your interest until you see it in full bloom at the Regional.

The back yard beds house approximately 100 daylilies with a bird bath. Recently a Peggy Martin Rose was added to enhance the back yard. The front yard is colored with a large bed of Knock Out Roses among other perennials.

Liz really enjoys the daylilies and the surprises they bring each year. Welcome!

Pat Soileau
1113 Baldrige Road
St. Landry, Louisiana 71367



Pat Soileau is a retired teacher who lives in Evangeline Parish. Her garden was started by her mother and there are still four daylilies that were planted over 24 years ago. The garden is mainly daylilies (around 1,500, although it has been as large as 2,000 daylilies). If you like daylilies, you will like this garden; if you are looking for companion plants, etc. you won't see much. Pat likes historic daylilies but also has lots of newer daylilies. All of Josh Jacques's collections are there as well as the last three collections of Mark Carpenter, about 50 Jack Carpenter seedlings, and lots of Elizabeth Salter's small and miniature daylilies.

Pat had no photos of her garden but sent a photo of her favorite garden ornament which has shared the garden with her the past 11 years - her Chihuahua, Chrisie. Both Pat and Chrisie welcome you to their garden.

NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:

Last year, at the Regional Meeting in Baton Rouge, I was pleasantly surprised to be asked to be the Editor of the ARKLA in 2015. I graciously accepted the challenge knowing Bill Monroe would be the Region 13 President for 2015-16. I knew Bill's knowledge of AHS and the Region, along with his picture taking capabilities, would be a big help in my endeavor as Editor.

I hope you enjoy our 'first' edition of the ARKLA as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. I would be remiss if I did not thank all the contributors who have graciously sent me articles and/or pictures. I wish to extend a special thanks to Anne Stevens, Earlene and Gene Garber's daughter, and Barbara Sheets, Clarence Crochet's daughter, for contributing their 'memories'.

Although I take a lot of pictures myself, I respectfully request pictures from other sources too. If you have pictures you would like to share, please let me know so I can contact you if I need anything specific. Also, if you want to write an article for the ARKLA, please feel free to do so – it would be greatly appreciated.

My motto, that I usually include in my 'signature' line on my e-mails, states "*Your yard reflects your life and everything in it has a story to tell.*" how so very true. Please contact me if you have something to share with the rest of the Region.

Respectfully submitted
Judie Branson, ARKLA Editor





CELEBRATE IN CENLA

REGION 13 MEETING

MAY 14, 15, 16, 2015

*We Promise You'll Love
the Flowers & the Food!*

*Enjoy a Full Cocheon de Lait
Dinner (Cajun Style Roast
Pork) with all the trimmings*

*Become a Judge!
Garden Judge and
Exhibition Judge
Classes*

Schedule of Events:
Thursday, May 14, 2015
 Registration 1 p.m.
 Region 13 Officers Meeting
 Dinner On Your Own

Friday, May 15, 2015
 Registration 8 a.m.
 Bus Tour to Avoyelles 9 a.m.
 Cochen-de-lait Dinner on the Bayou 1 p.m.
 Auction and Dessert Bar

Saturday, May 16, 2015
 Bus Tour to St. Landry and Rapides 9 a. m.
 Lunch Provided 1 p.m.
 Awards Banquet 7 p.m.
 Adjourn

“Come Pass A Good Time!”
 Visit 6 Uniquely
 Beautiful Gardens

*Cast Your Vote!
 Enter a Seedling in the
 Clarence Crochet Bed*

Send Seedlings to:
 Pat Soileau / P.O. Box 156
 1113 Baldrige Road
 St. Landry, LA 71367

Lodging: Best Western Hotel / 2720 North MacArthur Drive, Alexandria, LA Call 318-445-5530
 Mention Group Code: **DAYLILY 14** Special rates: Suite \$113, King \$70 Double \$79

REGISTRATION FORM: Celebrate in Cenla Region 13 Annual Meeting May 14,15,16, 2015
 Send check & attached registration form to: Cenla Daylily Society / 1746 Front St., Cottonport, LA 71327

Name: _____ Additional Attendee _____

Address: _____ City: State: Zip _____

Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ E-mail _____

I am interested in taking the following classes:

Garden Judge I _____ : Garden Judge II _____ : Exhibition Judge I _____ : Exhibition Judge II _____ :Exhibition Judge III _____ :Master Panel _____

PLEASE indicate if you will be taking a class so that we can make arrangements for instructors and classroom facilities in advance. Times and locations of classes will be available at registration. Classes are \$5 each payable at the door.

Number of Attendees _____ x \$145 = \$ _____ (Includes Total Conference: Meals Listed, Bus Tours, Boutique & Auction)

*****EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 15.....\$125.00 per person*****

Make Checks payable to : Cenla Daylily Society / 1746 Front St. / Cottonport, LA 71327

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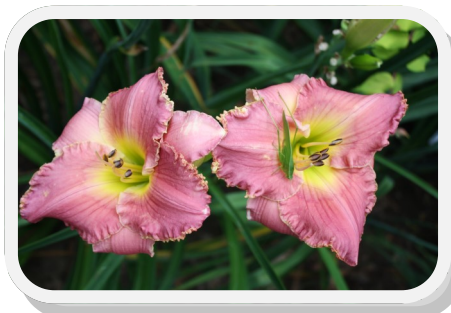
Clarence Crochet
Photo courtesy of Bill Monroe



'Pocket Change' (Crochet '85)



'Rose Windmill' (Crochet '08)



'Richfield Rose Elegance' (Crochet '01)



'Princess Ellen' (Crochet '85)

**Please remember to enter the Photo Contest to be held at the
Regional in Alexandria. Send pictures to Judie Branson.**

FUTURE AHS NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

***2015 Region 5—Atlanta, GA June 10-13, 2015
hosted by The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta & The Cobb County Daylily Society***

***2016 Region 5—Louisville, KY June 29-July 2, 2016
hosted by The Daylily Society of Louisville & The Louisville Area Daylily Society***

***2017 Region 3—Norfolk, VA June 21-24, 2017
hosted by The Tidewater Daylily Society***

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