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1 Year	\$18.00
3 Years	\$50.00
Youth	\$8.00

Family:

1 Year	\$22.00
3 Years	\$60.00
Individual Life	\$500.00
Dual Life	\$750.00

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REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT JOHN FALCK

AHS REGION 14 CLUB PRESIDENTS

The year 2005 is already passing quickly. I've been able to visit quite a few clubs, speaking to some and hearing programs at others. Seeing all of Region 14's daylily enthusiasts is always fun. From talking with many of you, I think everyone is ready for spring this year.

In South Alabama we've experienced quite a few days of balmy, spring-like weather. Still, there is much work to be done in our gardens to recover from winter and get ready for bloom season.

Spring also brings many other activities for gardeners. I hope everyone is planning to go to the Spring Regional Meeting in Jackson, June 3-4. We will have great accommodations. Best of all will be the fun of getting together and seeing daylilies grown in the tour gardens. Also, clinics will be offered for Exhibition and Garden Judges. The region needs more judges. Another benefit of attending a clinic is learning more ways to appreciate daylilies.

Many clubs are planning shows. The MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society will have its first accredited show on May 21. The South Central Mississippi Daylily Society will have its 8th annual show also on the 21st. The Mobile Hemerocallis Society will have its show on May 28. The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society will have its show on June 11. I would like to see many of you showing your flowers or at least visiting shows in your area.

The National Convention to be held in Cincinnati, June 29-July 2, should have some really great gardens as well. If you have never attended a national convention, maybe 2005 is the year to go.

Bob and Sheila Watson have developed an exciting program for our youth. Their ideas and enthusiasm have made our Regional Meetings and other get-togethers fun for the growing number of youth. A new offering for this year is the Youth Digital Photography Awards, a contest organized by the editor of our regional newsletter. Rules are in the Winter 2005 issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.

I would like to thank all the people who have accepted their regional jobs and who are working to help make Region 14 the best. Also, I want to commend clubs who are donating 5% of sales or auctions in support of *The Dixie Daylily*. The quality of our newsletter depends upon the generosity of these gifts, along with the income received from our plant sales and auctions during the Spring and Fall Regional Meetings. Local officers are also working hard to have programs, shows, and other events. I hope everyone keeps up the hard work. Members make the region strong.

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**REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR
LINDA BECK**

**TREASURER'S REPORT
JOHN FALCK, TREASURER**

This morning I watched the return of many bluebirds to our garden. They flew from tree branch to shrubs, from the yard to the bluebird houses. They staked their claims to the birdhouses. I read that the same birds come back year after year. I took this as a sign of spring: a new year, a new group of birds.

Region 14 is similar to the bluebirds, embracing a new year and new people. I welcome all our new members. I encourage each of you and the current members to attend our regional meetings. This year the Spring Regional Meeting will be in Jackson, and it promises to be one of the best meetings ever. There are garden tours and special guest speakers. John Kinnebrew, Jr. will present his hybridizing program. Food, fellowship and friends are always in abundance.

I will prepare a booklet of auction plants for this event. Please donate daylilies and send me the names of the plants, the price, and your garden's name. Don't forget to bring plants for the sales tables as well. I need this information by May 30. The proceeds of this auction will be used to publish *The Dixie Daylily* with its wonderful color. Pictures of daylilies look so much better in color. If you miss the deadline for the booklet, please bring your plants to the meeting anyway. We will include the names at the appropriate place.

In 2004 the number of people who voted in the Popularity Poll rose to 23 percent. This was the highest participation ever. Let's do better this year. Please take the time to vote and forward your ballots to me on or before September 1. I ask the Presidents of each club to take time at your last meeting before the deadline to pass out copies of the ballot and encourage your members to vote. There are several clubs that vote at their July or August meeting, and the President sends the ballots in one big envelope.

Have a Popularity Poll Party. Draw names from the ballots that have been marked and give away daylilies, free membership to the club, a new *Eureka*, companion plants, or anything of interest to daylily folks. We could easily have 30 percent participation this year and steadily increase the percentage each year thereafter. I need your help and appreciate all that you do.

Linda Beck

Spring Meetings:

- 2005 Jackson
- 2006 Huntsville
- 2007 Hattiesburg
- 2008 Dothan

January 1, 2004—December 31, 2004

Cash on Hand @ 12/31/03	\$25,448.99
	<u>\$25,448.99</u>
Investment @ 12/31/03	<u>17,737.62</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	\$43,186.61

RECEIPTS

Interest-Checking	\$ 23.31
Fall Regional Meeting	726.42
Spring Regional Meeting	2579.75
5% Pledge	402.81
Plant Sale—Foley	459.00
Plant Sale—Meridian	736.00
Plant Auction—Foley	4470.00
Plant Auction—Meridian	3066.00
<i>Dixie Daylily</i> —Ads	280.00
<i>Dixie Daylily</i> —AHS Label Allowance	610.45
<i>Dixie Daylily</i> —Subscriptions	<u>1350.00</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$14,703.74
	<u>\$14,703.74</u>

CASH ON HAND	<u>\$40,152.73</u>
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EXPENDITURES

Allowance—RVP + National	\$ 1,199.00
Allowance—Director	1,000.00
Reimbursements	420.78
<i>Dixie Daylily</i> —Printing 3 issues	10,114.98
<i>Dixie Daylily</i> —Mailing 3 issues	1,191.61
W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund	500.00
Meeting—Foley	370.04
Meeting—Meridian	554.16
AHS Insurance	241.75
Editor's Salary	<i>Priceless</i>
Transfer to CD	<u>5000.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$20,592.32
	<u>\$20,592.32</u>

CASH ON HAND	<u>\$19,560.41</u>
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Cash on Hand @ 12/31/04	\$19,560.41
CD Investment	22,737.62
CD Interest	<u>313.03</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	\$42,611.06
	<u>\$42,611.06</u>

John Falck

DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

BARBARA WATTS, AHS REGION 14

The Board of Directors of the American Hemerocal-lis Society meets twice annually. The first meeting is in conjunction with the annual convention of the society in the summer. Traditionally the convention activities begin during the day on Thursday with the first general meeting held Thursday evening. The Board members arrive at the convention site a day or two before other attendees because the Board meets all day Thursday. The Publications Committee traditionally meets at 1:00 P.M. on Wednesday, followed by the Executive Committee meeting at 3 P.M. Because of these meetings, I have found it best to arrive on Tuesday. That has given me time to prepare for the two committee meetings on Wednesday. The second Board meeting is held the last Saturday of October and the site is moved around the country, depending on where the host club might be located. The 2004 Fall Meeting was in Knoxville, TN. The Board meeting is always a busy time and involves long periods of reports, discussions, questions, answers, some disagreements (usually of a friendly nature) and requires intense concentration because the members want to understand proposals and make informed decisions that will be in the best interest of the society.

At the 2004 Fall Meeting, quite an extended discussion concerning a dues increase for the society resulted in the board members directing the Executive Committee, along with the Long Range Planning Committee and Finance Committee, to continue to carefully monitor the financial outlook of the Society and report at future board meetings. AHS has not had a dues increase since 1988. An increase is inevitable but board members do not want to recommend this until it is absolutely necessary.

Membership is always a concern at the board meetings. The Publications Committee and the Membership Committee worked with Editor Allen McLain and presented a "New Member Brochure" to the Board. The Executive Secretary was asked to mail this brochure to each new member immediately after receiving an application. This will eliminate the long waiting period that some individuals have experienced prior to receiving their first *Daylily Journal* and thereby knowing they were indeed a member of the Society. The Publications Committee and Editor also announced that because of the limited supply of *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*, a reprint would be ready in January 2005 and a new *Membership Roster* would be available in early 2005. The other publication that you may see soon is the revised promotional brochure that clubs may order for use at shows, plant sales and other events where they want to encourage interest in daylilies and promote membership.

Those of you who are active in the daylily shows will see the addition of a new category in the schedule this year. The Board voted to add a category for Extra Large Diameter registered cultivars and Extra Large Diameter seedlings.

A disappointing report came from the Garden Judges chairman. Only 63 eligible students attended Garden Judges Workshop I in 2004 compared to 121 in 2003. In 2003 the Society had 97 potential new judges as compared to 48 in 2005. The Garden Judges are the members who vote on the Awards and Honors and we desperately need to increase these numbers. I want to encourage you to consider becoming a Garden Judge (as well as an Exhibition Judge). It is one way of expanding your knowledge of daylilies and being able to express your view on those cultivars that are deserving of awards.

Minutes may not present the most interesting reading, but I challenge you to read the minutes of the Board meetings that are published in the *Daylily Journal*. This is the way you can keep abreast of what is happening in your Society. You may present your idea on any item to me and I will see that the proper person receives the information for consideration.

Barbara Watts

Editor's Note: The booklet, *Cumulative Awards and Honors: Of People and Daylilies, 1950-2004*, also available from Jimmy Jordan, lists all of the recipients of AHS awards since the inception of the program in 1950. The price for the 52 page booklet is \$6.00.

**Register Today
for the
AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting
Jackson, Mississippi
June 3—4, 2005**

**For
Registration Form
and
Garden Tour Previews
see pages 7-9
in the
Winter issue
of
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EDITOR'S COLUMN
OLIVER BILLINGSLEA

As your editor, this is my third issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. Truly, it has been a joint effort by Nancy and me, and we appreciate your kind comments about our first two efforts. We have tried to make each issue a bit better. Once again, I thank my wife for her suggestions as well as for the countless hours she has spent in proofreading text. I myself spend between 160 and 180 hours preparing a single issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. For the Spring issue, we have experimented with the layout by removing the boxes around the captions to give the text what we hope is a more graceful appearance. The green and pink drop caps are a celebration of Spring.

This issue is filled with material by and about Region 14, though from time to time we plan to continue to develop articles of interest about out-of-region hybridizers and gardens. I was especially pleased to write the feature on John Kinnebrew, Jr., who will be our speaker at the Spring Regional Meeting in Jackson, June 3-4. We received many nice comments about the article we did on Tim Bell's garden near Sycamore, Georgia, and we are happy to announce that Tim will be our speaker at the Fall Meeting in Meridian on Saturday, October 1. I want to thank Sarah Hegwood for two very nice "historical" articles and Kathy Homsey for her article on planning a garden around daylilies on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Her article is informative, carefully researched, and features some of Kathy's own wonderful photography. I have put together an exciting article on our newest Region 14 hybridizer, the talented Linda Agin, for which Linda contributed some very nice photographs. And finally, last summer, I had the opportunity to take a trip along County Road 14 to the northern part of Alabama and to photograph two lovely gardens in Hazel Green, which will be on tour in 2006. These gardens are featured here. I have included in this issue a schedule of events for our upcoming Regional Meeting in Jackson, as well as an up-to-date list of our garden judges, exhibition judges, and our Region 14 display gardens. Our RPD, Linda Beck, has submitted a nice report on the Mid-Winter Symposium.

Of particular note, Earl and Barbara Watts will be teaching a Garden Judges Workshop I at the Fall Meeting. Region 14 needs more Garden Judges, and I encourage our membership to take advantage of one of the several workshops offered, either at the Spring or the Fall Meeting.

I have been fortunate to procure for the calendar year 2005 over 100 out-of-Region subscriptions. Thanks to the kindness of these subscribers, we have approximately \$1,800 in additional funds to make *The Dixie Daylily* an even better newsletter.

Oliver Billingslea

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Guidelines

The editor invites submissions of the following:

- Articles on Daylilies
- Articles on Daylily Culture
- Profiles of Region 14 Hybridizers
- Garden Write-ups
- Features of Historical Interest
- Articles on Photography
- Scientific Studies Involving Daylilies
- Club News and Events

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

All submissions will be edited for length, grammar, clarity and style to ensure the highest possible quality in our publication. If you have any questions, please call me at 334-277-0994, or e-mail me at:

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INFORMATION FOR THE SPRING REGIONAL MEETING JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

The American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 Spring Meeting Alabama and Mississippi June 3-4, 2005

Host Club: Jackson Hemerocallis Society
Co-Chairmen: Peggy Coleman and Shelton Holliday

Headquarters: Clarion Hotel and Convention Center
400 Greymont Avenue
Jackson, MS 39202
(601)-969-2141

Room Rate: \$69.00 + tax (Single)
\$79.00 + tax (Double)

Friday Activities:

9:00 A.M.	Registration Begins
10:00 A.M.	Plant Sales Begin
11:30 A.M.	Luncheon on Your Own
11:30 A.M.	Clinic Instructors Luncheon
1:00-3:00 P.M.	Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic
1:00-4:00 P.M.	Exhibition Judges Clinic I
1:00-4:00 P.M.	Exhibition Judges Clinic II
1:00-3:00 P.M.	Garden Judges Workshop I
3:30-4:30 P.M.	Garden Judges Workshop II
3:30-4:30 P.M.	Youth Hybridizing Clinic
5:00-6:30 P.M.	Dinner on Your Own
7:00 P.M.	Business Meeting Slide Show/Auction

Saturday Activities:

6:00 A.M.	Breakfast for Guests w/Coupon
7:30-11:15 A.M.	Garden Tours
11:30-12:30 A.M.	Lunch at the Clarion
12:45-4:30 P.M.	Garden Tours
1:30-3:00 P.M.	Youth Supervised Activity
4:45-5:15 P.M.	RVP/Club Presidents Meeting
7:30 P.M.	Awards Banquet John Kinnebrew, Jr., Speaker

Saturday Tour Gardens:

Gordon Bain, "Pat's Place"
Rita Davis, "The Lost 40 Daylily Garden"
Chuck and Chris Heller, "Heller's Daylily Patch"
Shelton Holliday, "Cornerstone Garden"
Oren and Shirley Segrest, "Oren Segrest Garden"

Region 14 Hybridizers

Send your slides to be shown at the Region 14 Spring Meeting to:

Elaine and James Smelley
4831 Devon Street
Moss Point, MS 39563 Phone: (228)-475-9736

Deadline: May 28, 2005

Please send slides of 2005 introductions or selected seedlings, with a description of each slide as to parentage, size, color, etc. Limit: 5 slides per hybridizer.

If you are at the meeting, you can pick up your slides after the program; or we can mail them back to you after the meeting.

We must receive your slides by May 28, so that we can organize the program and handouts.

Auction Plants Region 14 Spring Meeting

The Spring Meeting Auction is scheduled for Friday night, June 3. We very much need Region 14 members to contribute one or two double fans of top quality plants, so that we can continue to finance our Regional activities, especially the publication of our newsletter, *The Dixie Daylily*. The quality of our newsletter depends upon your generosity.

If you can contribute, please send the name of cultivars and their value to:

Linda Beck, RPD
P.O. Box 91
Tupelo, MS 38802 Phone: (662)-842-0520

Linda must receive this information no later than May 30, so that she can provide a list of plants and donors for those attending the Region 14 Auction. If you do not send a price, the average price in *Eureka* will be used.

Bring your plant(s) to the June 3 Meeting in Jackson. Someone will be near the registration desk to receive them. In lieu of bringing the plants, you may bring self-addressed post cards with plant information to be mailed to you by the successful bidder.

Your editor, Oliver Billingslea, thanks you.

REGION 14 AWARDS

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SPRING REGIONAL MEETING: JACKSON, MS

All participants at the Regional Meeting are eligible to vote in nine categories regardless of American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) status.

1. Vice-President's Cup

This award is given for the best clump of a registered cultivar, regardless of flower color or size, seen in a tour garden.

Award: Top Award/Discretion of RVP
Donor: Region 14 (RVP obtains and presents)
Recipient: Owner of garden

2. Region 14 Landscape Award

This award is given for the best use of daylilies in landscaping in a tour garden.

Award: Discretion of Donor
Donor: West Alabama Daylily Society
Recipient: Owner of garden

3. Amy Stewart Memorial Award

This award is given for the best clump of a registered pink daylily, seen in a tour garden.

Award: Discretion of Donor
Donor: Birmingham Daylily Society
Recipient: Owner of garden

4. Ethel Barfield Smith Memorial Award

This award is given for the best clump of a registered double daylily, seen in a tour garden.

Award: Discretion of Donor
Donor: Jackson Hemerocallis Society
Recipient: Owner of garden

5. Jim Terry Memorial Award

This award is given for the best clump of a registered red daylily, seen in a tour garden.

Award: Discretion of Donor
Donor: Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society
Recipient: Owner of garden

6. Bennie McRae Small or Miniature Daylily Award

This award is given for the best clump of a registered small or miniature daylily, seen in a tour garden.

Award: Discretion of Donor
Donor: North MS-AL Daylily Society
Recipient: Owner of garden

7. Johnny Edward Kelly Memorial Award

This award is given for the best clump of a registered spider or unusual form daylily, seen in a tour garden.

Award: Discretion of Donor
Donor: MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society
Recipient: Owner of garden

8. Ben Arthur Davis, Sr. Memorial Award

This award is given for the best clump of a registered eyed or eyed and edged daylily, seen in a tour garden.

Award: Waterford crystal vase
Donor: Meridian Hemerocallis Club
Recipient: Owner of garden

9. Sally Lake Memorial Award

This award is given for the best seedling or named, but un-introduced, daylily, regardless of size, growing in the Sally Lake Bed.

Award: Top Award/Crystal or Discretion of Donor
Donor: Central Alabama Daylily Society
Recipient: Region 14 Hybridizer

Non-Voting Awards:

Award of Appreciation

This award is given in appreciation for hosting the Sally Lake Bed.

Award: Statuary
Donor: Region 14 (RVP obtains and presents)
Recipient: Owner of garden hosting the Sally Lake Bed

Award for Best Article in *The Dixie Daylily*

This award is given for the best article written for *The Dixie Daylily* (Summer/Fall through Spring issues) by a member of Region 14. The RVP selects two people to review the articles and select what they consider to be the best. If there is need for the opinion of a third person, the RVP will select a third person.

Award: Daylily hybridized by a Region 14 hybridizer
Donor: 2005: Terah and Jesse George
Recipient: Author of selected article

Awards donated by clubs are funded through 2008.

REGARDING OUR YOUTH: AN OPEN LETTER FROM YOUR EDITOR TO THE MEMBERSHIP

I challenge the membership of Region 14, through your local clubs, to sponsor a youth at the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, June 3-4, 2005. The registration fee is a mere \$15, and a double room is \$79 per night. If each club takes up this challenge, just think: we could have a minimum of 24 youth attending the Regional Meeting in Jackson. Youth liaisons, Bob and Sheila Watson, are planning an “adventure” for the youth at the Spring Meeting. Just the fact that they will eat together, sit together, ride a bus together, and attend a garden judging clinic together, will be great fun, and they are always given responsibilities, such as helping with the Friday night auction.

I also ask all club presidents to encourage participation in the new Youth Digital Photography Awards which are open this year to all of the Region’s youth. As editor of *The Dixie Daylily*, I would like our youth to help out our newsletter, by shooting some good photos for possible publication in the Summer/Fall 2005 issue. The great thing about digital photography is that they can shoot their subject as many times as they want until they get it right. Hopefully, if they don’t yet have their own cameras, they can borrow their parents’ for that specialty shot, and I know a lot of us photography buffs would be happy to give our youth pointers, if asked. (On the other

hand, they might just give us some!) During the Regional tours, if any young person comes to me and asks, “May I shoot a picture with your camera?”, I’ll be sure to say, “I’d be happy to lend it for a shot or two. We’ll just have to record which pictures you take.” The rules for the photography awards can be found on page 10 of the Winter issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. The deadline for submission by e-mail is June 15, just after the Regional Meeting.

I know there are several youth members out there ready to respond, like Greg and Dylan Preuss, or Beth Pickel, who was featured in the winter issue of *The Daylily Journal*. And there’s Meghan Byrd, Rachel Cook, K. C. and Hunter Owens, Kirsten and Olivia Beck, Brittany Sandberg, Casey Robertson, and Grace McBroom—all of whom attended last year’s Spring Regional in Foley, AL. And if I’m not mistaken, there are several young folks who have been featured in *The Dixie Daylily* in the past few years, but who were not able to attend our Regional Meeting last year: Billy Bob Moody, of Andalusia, AL; Christopher and Cayla George, of Jasper, AL; Jarod Roberts of Petal, MS; Hayley and Joshua Hodges, who used to be members of the MS Gulf Coast Society; Bradley Boykin, of Magee, MS; and J.T. Wilkerson of Hoover, AL.

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Editor, The Dixie Daylily



LINDA BECK (Digital Photo by Linda Agin)

Recently, I pulled up the AHS Website section on “Guidelines for Clubs and Individuals to Interest Youth in Daylilies,” and this is a summary of what I found:

1. Clubs could assign each of their youths a mentor, to reinforce the daylily connection.
2. A club could invite a youth group (4-H, Scouts, Brownies, etc.) to participate in a club function.
3. A club could buy a year’s AHS membership for a youth interested in daylilies. The cost is only \$8.
4. A club could sponsor a youth either to our Regional Meeting or to the AHS National Convention.
5. Each club could ask a youth to write for our Regional Newsletter. They could ask him/her to write about a garden visit, or to write about his/her collection of daylilies.
6. Clubs could encourage youth to do artwork or take daylily pictures for their yearbooks (I would add to this now the opportunity for entering digital shots in our Region 14 contest).
7. Clubs could encourage youths to take Garden Judge and Exhibition Judge clinics and cover the fees.
8. They could encourage youths to participate in an AHS show and show them how to groom their daylilies.
9. Clubs should visit their youth members’ gardens.
10. Clubs could encourage their youth to apply for the Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award, discussing with them a year in advance the rules as printed on page 10 of the Winter issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.
11. Clubs should seek out corporate sponsors to establish a scholarship for youths involved in horticulture. (The Meridian Daylily Club has done this.)
12. Each club should encourage older youth members, who have an interest in horticulture, to apply as graduating seniors for The Bertie Ferris Youth Scholarship Award. AHS is offering two \$1,000 scholarships in 2005.

The 1966 National Convention in Jackson

Shortly after the Midwest Hemerocallis Society was formed in Shenandoah, Iowa, in 1946, it became evident that interest in daylilies was a national matter, if not a world-wide one. In 1948 the membership voted to change the name to The Hemerocallis Society. Under the new organization, there were ten regions. Mississippi and Alabama were part of Region 5, along with Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina.

In 1950, the bylaws were revised in accordance with yet another name, "The American Hemerocallis Society," and the number of regions were enlarged to twelve and realigned again. Mississippi and Alabama became part of Region 10 which also included Tennessee and Kentucky.

In 1957, Ben Arthur Davis became Regional Supervisor (now called Regional Vice President) for Region 10, and it was under his leadership that Mississippi and Alabama were cut from Region 10

and formed as Region 14. He became Region 14's first Regional Vice President (1958-1959).

Mr. Davis had been one of the leading organizers of the Mississippi Hemerocallis Society in 1955, which grew to several hundred members. Many members of the MHS also belonged to the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS), and the two organizations worked side by side for several years. In 1964, the MHS Board decided to disband after the National Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society to be held June 9-11, 1966, in Jackson, Mississippi, as their goals were basically the same. Mrs. A. C. (Nancye) Park was Region 14's RVP and Mrs. Betty R. Williams was President of the MHS.

The 1966 National AHS Convention was the first to be held in Region 14. The Jackson Hemerocallis Society and Region 14 members rolled out the red carpet *southern style*, leaving no stone unturned to make this convention a fun-filled and memorable event. They spruced up gardens, gathered approximately 1100 gift plants plus 600 guest plants, planned a reception, a tea, and special entertainment for their guests. In the Region 14 report section of *The Hemerocallis Journal*, Vol. 19:4, Mrs. Sally Lake (Region 14's RVP in 1965-1966) reported, "The spotlight will be on Region 14 in 1966, especially Jackson, Mississippi, where the convention

will be held. A delightful program has been planned which will be different—the pages of history will be turned back."

Gift plants for attendees included SEA GOLD, CAREY QUINN, LILLY DACHE, EXALTED RULER (Hall), LITTLE WART, LUXURY LACE



At Mynelle Hayward's garden, ladies, dressed in "by-gone days" attire, strolled through the grounds and greeted guests.

(Photo from AHS Archives)

(Spalding); PAPPY GATES (Gates, W.R.); AVA MICHELLE (Flory); HORTENSIA (Branch); MULT-NOMAH (Kraus); SATIN GLASS (Fay); SUZIE WONG (Kennedy); MARY LAWRENCE, WILLIAM MUNSON (MacMillan); BIG MAMOU (Sholar); NELL LATHAM, YAZOO DELTA (Smith, W.H.); and GREEN DRAGON (Parker).

The headline of the final MHS newsletter in May 1966 read: "AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY: WELCOME TO MISSISSIPPI." Extra copies of the newsletter telling of the event were sent not only to MHS members, but to AHS members in Region 14. Jackson's *The Clarion Ledger* publicized the event in the column, "The Bloomingest City," by Bryant Horne.

At that time, his column was recognized as one of the six best garden columns in the United States.

The following excerpts from that column emphasize the theme of the convention, "Inventing Tomorrow, Youth as People Beginning To Be." In the words of the columnist, "We need and must have young people

in our membership if we are to show constant growth. The time will come when they will take our places of leadership. 'Inventing Tomorrow' is surely building in the present, on the past, for the future." The column also cited the following "Pledge to our Youth": "We will recognize your worth as a member and help you to strengthen

your sense of belonging. Respect your right to be yourself and at the same time help you to understand the rights of others. Help you to develop in initiative and imagination, so that you will have the opportunity to freely create. We will encourage you always in your endeavor to grow hemerocallis. We will provide you with rewarding opportunities so that you may develop your talents and contribute much toward a better Society. . . . May our youth grow in joy, in faith in God and in man, giving us new hope for the future. Youth are people beginning to be, and they are people inventing tomorrow." According to the column, a certificate of membership in the American Hemerocallis Society for our youth is desirable. Special membership dues for youth would be voted on at the business meeting in Jackson by the AHS membership, June 1966.

Registration for the convention before May 25, 1966, was \$30, afterwards \$32.50. The Commercial Hemerocallis Growers Association of the AHS, for the first time ever, would furnish an air-conditioned bus for

each day of the convention. They also promised gift plants for each person each day. The first 74 to register would ride in the bus: the first 37 the first day, and the next 37 the second day.

The day of the Twentieth AHS National Convention finally arrived. It was Thursday, June 9, 1966.



*T*ea was held at the Governor's Mansion honoring Dr. Richard C. Peck, AHS President. Left to right: Mrs. Paul B. Johnson, the Governor's wife; Ben Arthur Davis, dean of daylily writers who was also honored by the Mississippi group; Mrs. Ben Arthur Davis; Dr. Peck, and Mrs. Sally Lake. (Photo from AHS Archives)

All plans were in place. Daylilies were blooming at their peak and the weather was beautiful. Registration was from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. with visits to the gardens of Mrs. George Adkins, Mrs. Clark List, and Mrs. J. H. Swann available for early arrivals.

The Board of Directors met at 8 A.M. Registrar W. E. Monroe read a letter of commendation from the American Horticultural Society relative to the superior handling of registrations of hemerocallis clones by the American Hemerocallis Society. Mr. W. B. MacMillan was recommended for the Bertrand Farr Award and Mrs. Hugh A. Purnell was recommended for the Helen Field Fischer Award. Both recommendations were approved.

A reception was held from 3 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. at the Governor's Mansion in honor of Dr. Richard C. Peck, AHS President. The historic southern colonial Governor's Mansion was built by slave labor and is the oldest such edifice in the United States to continue to house a State Governor. At 7:30 P.M., James W. Terry of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, showed slides of daylilies and gardens.

Friday morning June 10, guests boarded buses at 7:30 A.M. for Mynelle and Hal Hayward's garden where ladies dressed in "by-gone-days" attire strolled the grounds and greeted the guests. Besides an abundance of daylilies, the gardens beautifully displayed

other rare plants that Mynelle had gathered from around the world.

The business meeting was held at the hotel from 10 A.M. till 12 Noon, with Dr. Peck presiding. Membership in AHS was reported to be 3,085. Approved were the requirements that each Exhibition Judge must attend a refresher course every four years to maintain active status and that Garden Judges must vote 2 out of 3 years or be dropped. It was agreed that AHS would collaborate with the American Horticultural Society in publishing a *Handbook of Daylilies*. The "Youth Program" as outlined above was adopted. Membership dues for youth from ages eight to 18 were approved at a reduced rate of \$1.50 per year.

After lunch at the Primos' Northgate restaurant, guests loaded the buses and traveled to No Mistake Plantation near Satartia where a tea was served in their honor and a vast display of daylilies by noteworthy hybridizers, as well as Ethel Smith's own seedlings, were in spectacular bloom.

Then, on to Vicksburg where they boarded the paddlewheel *Sprague*, the largest stern wheeler in the world, known up and down the Mississippi as "Big Mama." At suppertime a delectable Plantation Supper was served by waitresses in "mammy" costumes, and a daylily drawing took place. Next, guests were entertained in the theater onboard by Can Can girls and the hilarious southern melodrama *Gold in the Hills*. Happy, but tired, guests boarded buses back to the Sun-N-Sands hotel in Jackson where they hoped to get some rest by 11 P.M.

Saturday morning bright and early, they again boarded buses for tours of the gardens of the A. K. Primos estate, as well as those of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stribbling, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rockett, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Falk, and Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Chapman.

Daylilies on parade included the following: NORTHFIELD and ANNIE WELCH (Claar); LEGACY (Pittard); SUNRISE SERENADE (Moore); WILLIAM MUNSON (MacMillan); GREEN VALLEY (Fischer, H.A.); EDNA SPALDING (Spalding); MULTNOMAH (Kraus); HORTENSIA (Branch);

YAZOO DELTA (Smith, W.H.); TEENAGER (Peck); SEA GOLD (Hall, D.F.); CHANTILLY LACE, KINGS GRANT, and SHOWMAN (Childs, F.); and some "old favorites," such as ALAN and THE DOCTOR (Claar); and SUMMER INTERLUDE (Hall, D.F.).

In the afternoon at 2:30 P.M., there was a Scientific Forum with Dr. Walter Hava of Biloxi presiding.



Allen J. Wild, proprietor of Wild's Nursery in Sarcoxie, Missouri, stands with the gracious hostess of No Mistake Plantation, Ethel Smith.

(Photo from AHS Archives)

Dr. John Russell spoke on "Aphids and Insects." Region 14 held its annual meeting at 4:30 P.M., which was presided over by RVP, Mrs. Sally Lake.

The banquet followed at 7 P.M. at the Jackson Country Club with Dr. Richard C. Peck presiding. The guest speaker was the distinguished and popular Mr. Wilmer B. Flory of Indiana, a charter member of AHS and recipient of the Helen Field Fischer Gold

Medal in 1959. He was the hybridizer of such cultivars as FRANS HALS (1955), FLYING SAUCER (1956), and AVA MICHELLE (1960).

SEA GOLD (Hall, D.F. 1963), a 5" peach blend, won the President's Cup for its performance in the Chapman's garden.

Dr. Peck in his President's message wrote: "The Twentieth Annual Convention held in Jackson, Mississippi, will live in the memories of those who were fortunate enough to be able to be present, there being a total of 468 full and part-time registrations. This may well establish some kind of record." Mrs. L. W. Middlebrooks, Convention Chair, stated, "This is the largest and best convention I have attended."

(Note: In 1975, a Youth Section was added to AHS Shows. Since then, the AHS has established the Bertie Ferris Youth Scholarship, as well as the Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award. Region 14 approved a Youth Digital Photo Award at its Fall 2004 meeting. To quote from the AHS's "Pledge to the Youth," as related in Bryant Horne's column of *The Clarion Ledger* in 1966, truly we are still "building in the present, on the past, for the future.")

Sarah Hegwood

Remembering Ms. Betty

October 13, 2004, was a sad day for those of us who knew and loved Mrs. Betty Barnes. This was the day God called her to her eternal home—Heaven. Her life was long on this earth—99 years and 29 days.



Ms. Betty, as she was affectionately known, enjoys a daylily bloom in her garden. This photo was taken in June, 1999. The bloom is the “classic” rose-red cultivar, MY SON BOB (Parker 1969).

(Photo by Laura Skelding, Natchez Democrat)

She lived each day with joy and purpose. She brightened the lives of all who knew her. Although she was not a Mississippian by birth, she became one by choice when she moved from Camden, Arkansas, to Natchez, Mississippi, in 1972. There she was greatly involved in her church, her community, and her gardening. She loved keeping her grandchildren and they loved being with “Gran Betty.” In Natchez, she is fondly known as “Our Natchez Lady.”

I first met Ms. Betty in May 1980 in Mobile, Alabama, at the Region 14 Meeting. She taught the Exhibition Clinic in which I was a student. Later, I learned how hard she worked across the country, training much needed Exhibition judges. Years later, it was my privilege to judge some shows with her. She was very discriminating when it came to judging seedlings, which she felt should be distinctive.

We owe her much for her vision as President of the American Hemerocallis Society in 1974-1975. She established four new Sections in our Exhibition Shows: Youth, Mini,

Small, and Double Sections. She saw the need for better trained judges and worked to have more and better clinics for their training. In 1978, in recognition of her long years of dedicated service to the society, she received the highest AHS personal award, the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal. Later on, even though she was in her 90's, she continued to instruct in clinics wherever she was needed. The last one was at the Region 14 Meeting in Hattiesburg, in 2001. She was 96 at the time.

I visited her in her home in Natchez not too long after that when working on an article about her. She was delightful and even prepared lunch for me and another friend, Claudia Ford from Louisiana.

A couple of years later, after going on a Christmas cruise with her family, she planned and oversaw the landscaping of the grounds of The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Vidalia, Louisiana. That work won a state and then a national award for gardens.

Her small yard always had daylilies which she loved. She marveled at God's handiwork. May we all be inspired by her life and her accomplishments, and may we all share her love for the “wonder of nature.”

Sarah Hegwood



Mrs. Betty Barnes and her busmate, Bertie Ferris, arrive at one of the tour gardens during the AHS National Convention held in Shreveport, Louisiana, in 1992. Both ladies served as Presidents of the AHS, Bertie in 1969 and Betty in 1974-1975.

(Photo by Lorene Smith)

AHS REGION 14 GARDEN JUDGES: 2005

ALABAMA

Name	Term	Instructor	New	Hon.	Name	Term	Instructor	New	Hon.
					Sarah E. Hegwood	2005			
					Kathleen Homsey	2008			
Linda Agin	2009				Peter Homsey	2008			
Ruby Anderson	2006	I			Bettye Huckaby	2005			
Judi Aucoin	2005				Frank Huckaby	2005			
Paul Aucoin	2005				Marcia Laundré	2005			
Nancy Billingslea	2005				Rissa Lawrence	2005			
Oliver Billingslea	2006	I			Henry Little	2005			
John N. Falck	2007				Lisa Little	2005			
Nancy Falck	2007				Allen McLain	2008	I		
Paul Furr	2009				John Doyle Pierce	2005			
Jesse George	2008				Kemberly Roberts	2008			
Terah George	2008				Bill Robinson	2006			
Charles Hamil				H	Teresia Robinson	2005			
Kim Hileman	2005				Elaine W. Smelley	2005			
Joe M. Langdon	2005				James Smelley	2005			
Olive B. Langdon	2005				Erma Stennett	2007			
Clyde F. Manning	2005				Linda C. Touchstone	2006			
Kathleen Manning	2005				Kevin Vaughn	2005			
Bennie D. McRae	2005				Barbara Watts	2005		I	
Nan Miles				H	Earl Watts	2008		I	
Charles E. Milliron	2009		N						
Joyce Milliron	2009		N						
Gaye Moore	2007								
Faith Qualls	2009		N						
Jim Qualls	2009		N						
Bill Rogers	2005								
Mary Sloan	2006								
Rosa Belle Van Valkenburgh				H					

MISSISSIPPI

Name	Term	Instructor	New	Hon.
Patricia Adams	2008			
Thomas R. Adams	2008			
Charles E. Baker	2005			
Linda Beck	2008			
Troy Beck	2008			
Mary E. Bonds	2009		N	
Norma Jean Breshears	2006			
Thomas R. Breshears	2006			
Jo Anne Burrage	2008			
Dimple Campbell	2005			
Don Campbell	2005			
Nancy Chain	2009		N	
Rita Davis	2008			
Bob Goolsby	2005			
Juanice Hayes	2006			
Stanley Hayes	2006			



Taking Notes! At the Region 14 Spring Meeting, "Garden Judges" evaluate daylilies in the Hileman garden.
(Photo by Charles Milliron)

AHS REGION 14 EXHIBITION JUDGES: 2005

ALABAMA

Name	Term	Status	Instructor
Ruby Anderson	2006	EX	
John Besse	2004	EX	
Peggy Bingham	2005	EX	
Edwin W. Brown	2007	E/j	
Armyn Celisia Burke	2005	S	
James E. Burrell	2006	S	
Laura Carlson Doran	2007	S	
John N. Falck	2007	EX	
Nancy Falck	2007	EX	
Amalia Harrison	2008	EX	
Jack Harrison	2008	EX	I
Nell Keown	2007	EX	
Beverly Klamer	2008	EX	I
Joe M. Langdon	2008	EX	I
Olive Bailey Langdon	2008	EX	I
Clyde F. Manning	2006	E/j	
Bennie D. McRae	2005	EX	
Charles E. Milliron	2006	E/j	
Joyce Milliron	2006	E/j	
Joyce S. Ochoa	2006	EX	
James B. Riddle	2006	S	
Phyllis Riddle	2006	S	
Bill Rogers	2007	EX	I
Sarah Sikes		E/h	
Lorene F. Smith	2006	EX	I
Elizabeth Strong	2005	EX	
Rosa Belle Van Valkenburgh		E/h	
Ronald Waddell	2006	S	
Sam Windham	2008	EX	I

MISSISSIPPI

Name	Term	Status	Instructor
Patricia Adams	2005	EX	
Thomas R. Adams	2005	EX	
Hilton Anderson	2008	EX	
Huey L. Arnold	2008	S	
Patricia D. Arnold	2008	S	
Grace Auwarter		E/h	
Charles E. Baker	2005	S	
Norma Jean Breshears	2008	EX	
Thomas R. Breshears	2008	EX	
Nelda R. Broom	2008	EX	
Dimple Campbell	2007	EX	
Sarah E. Hegwood	2008	EX	I
Kathleen Homsey	2008	EX	
Peter Homsey	2008	EX	

Name	Term	Status	Instructor
Janice Kervin	2008	EX	I
Elly Launius		E/h	
Henry Little	2008	EX	
Lisa Little	2008	EX	
Allen McLain	2005	EX	
Randy Preuss	2008	S	
Ted Preuss	2007	E/j	
Kemberly Roberts	2008	EX	I
Bill Robinson	2008	EX	I
Martha Slaid	2005	E/j	
Murrel G. Slaid	2006	S	
Elaine W. Smelley	2006	E/j	
Linda C. Touchstone	2005	EX	
Mrs. Edward Warren		E/h	
Sheila Watson	2006	EX	
Barbara Watts	2005	EX	
Earl Watts	2005	EX	
Tammy Wilkinson	2006	S	
Margaret Woodson	2005	E/j	

LEGEND:

- EX = Senior Exhibition Judge
- E/j = Junior Exhibition Judge
- S = Student
- E/h = Honorary Exhibition Judge (ineligible to judge)
- I = Accredited Clinic Instructor



*T*alk about concentration! Exhibition judges evaluate entries during the Jackson Show, June 12, 2004.
(Photo by Carey Parkinson)

Spacecoasts and Arabesques: The Hybridizing Program of the Kinnebrews

The Kinnebrews of Scottsmoor, Florida, have made hybridizing a family affair. John Sr., of course, is well known for his hybridizing program back in the late seventies and early eighties. His black-red tet MIDNIGHT MAGIC (1979) has become an American classic. As testimony to its enduring appeal and to its ability to perform well throughout most regions of the nation, MIDNIGHT MAGIC was awarded the Lenington All-American Award in 2002. Today, his son John Jr. is instrumental in a renewed hybridizing program, and Marjorie helps with many aspects of the enterprise as well.

On several occasions during the past couple of years, I have been able to visit their home near the “spacecoast,” for which so many of their recent cultivars are named. Their garden is located in Scottsmoor, just a



SPACECOAST SEA SHELLS (2003) offered this distinctive bloom in John Falck's garden during the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Foley. Its celery-colored “appliqué” eye pattern on both petals and sepals contrasts nicely with its dark purple eye and edge.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

couple of blocks off U.S. Highway 1. John, Marjorie, and John, Jr. are very unassuming people and some of the nicest you'd ever want to meet. What is really special is that they like to treat visitors like friends. They love to sit down with you under the large live oak near the front of their garden, share a Coca-Cola, and talk daylilies. Because their beds are raised in attractive boxes, many of their newest cultivars appear at eye level, and sometimes John Sr. will bring out a garden chair for you to stand on in order to get a good photograph. Although John, Jr. works over at the Cape, he takes time out in the mornings to hybridize, and he's in the garden on weekends to show visitors around.

As John, Jr. recalls, “I was almost born into daylilies. Mom and Dad were growing them as early as I can remember, although it was mostly for hobby and show. There was little hybridizing back then. We might have had 50 to 100 seedlings total per year. However, there were some interesting outcomes (MIDNIGHT MAGIC, for exam-

ple). I had a few introductions. Probably most noteworthy was AMERICAN MADE (1985), a large, round, flat yellow-gold, which was fairly well known in its time. As my late teen years approached, I lost interest in daylilies. School, sports, etc. just took up too much time. For several years, we grew very few daylilies.”

Around 1992, John and Marjorie decided to start growing daylilies again, and John, Jr. suggested that, if they were going to grow them, they should breed them as well. “With some help from friends like Jeff and Liz Salter and the late June Williams,” says John, Jr., “we slowly began a very modest backyard program. Jeff, already a prominent breeder in the early 90’s, was very generous with his ideas and several of his cultivars which he considered instrumental in starting a program. June Williams, who lived only a few miles away, had several interesting seedlings of her own. One in particular caught my eye. With heavy ruffling and edging, this bright coral pink was hard to miss. However, it had faults, mainly poor opening and low bud count. Also, it was dormant, making it difficult to deal with in Florida. June and I both agreed that this flower had real potential as a breeder. With June’s permission, I took its pollen to everything Salter we had. Thus, a program blossomed. In that first year, SS x JR3 bloomed. SECRET SPLENDOR x June’s ruffled # 3 would later become SPACECOAST STARBURST (1998), our most important breeder.”

Those of us who are familiar with the Kinnebrews’ recent introductions are of course struck by their rich colors and rich textures. Much of their work I would call “arabesque,” not only because of the gnarly ruffling on so many of their cultivars, but because of the rich combinations of purple and gold, or cranberry, burgundy, and orange, which remind one of exotic Arabian tales. SPACECOAST STARBURST, that “important breeder,” was one of their first to feature intriguingly blended tones of lavender, rose, and beige. LORI GOLDSTON (1999), WATERMELON WINE (1999), and SPACECOAST CRANBERRY BREEZE (1999) soon followed with their warm tones of rose coral, burgundy, and cranberry edged in gold, and DARLA ANITA (1999), a dusky lavender mauve blend, also set

a new hallmark in heavily ruffled gold edges. But other lavishly ruffled cultivars, such as SPACECOAST CRANBERRY KID (2001), a rich cranberry red with an amber throat and an orange edge, and JERRY NETTLES (2002), a red-violet with a heavily ruffled yellow-gold edge, were already turning up in their seedling beds. ALEXA KATHRYN (2003) continued the tradition with its 6 1/4” lavender blooms fantastically edged in yellow and chartreuse.



SPACECOAST CRANBERRY KID (2001) is indicative of the “arabesque” ruffling and rich coloring found in many of the Kinnebrew registrations.

(Photo by John Kinnebrew, Jr.)

SPACECOAST GATOR EYE (2000) and SPACECOAST BULL GATOR (2002) are striking in their own right for their large plum-purple or lilac eyes. Last summer at the National Convention, I saw SPACECOAST GATOR EYE blooming in the Buehrig garden in St. Louis, and it was a standout. SPACECOAST BULL GATOR lurks even larger. It can have blooms up to 7 1/4”, its base color a light lavender with a deep lilac eye and a double-edged picotee of lilac and chartreuse, giving a serrated appearance. Perhaps even more striking is SPACECOAST SEA SHELLS (2003), which those attending our Region 14 Spring Meeting may have seen blooming in John Falck’s garden in Fairhope. This 5 1/2” cream with a purple eye and edge has a distinctive celery-cream throat, reminding one of the “appliqué” throat seen a few years ago in Jeff Salter’s MAGE QUEST (1993). When one thinks of the intense colors which are also a part of the renewed Kinnebrew program, one has only to think of ELECTRIC MARMALADE MAGIC (2001) with its brilliantly suffused tangerine orange flowers, or more recently of LIES AND LIPSTICK (2003), a 5 1/2” pink with a red eye and red gold edge. When one thinks of lavishly ruffled pastels, one thinks of SPACECOAST COTTON CANDY (2001), a 5 1/4” peach-pink, or SPACECOAST CREAM SUPREME (2001), a 6” light cream. But John Jr. has also introduced his share of miniature and small flowered treasures as well, such as the immensely popular SPACECOAST TINY PERFECTION (1998), a flesh and apricot miniature which won the Donn Fischer Memorial Award in 2003, and the small-flowered SPACECOAST SWEETNESS (1998), a heavily ruffled pink self, which won the Annie T. Giles Award in 2004.

For this Spring, there are more rich colors added to the palette, reminding us of sumptuous Persian sher-



SPACECOAST TINY PERFECTION was a picture of perfection in John and Nancy Falck's Hem Haven garden at the Regional Spring Meeting in May, 2004. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

bets. ANNICK VERHAERT (2004) is a rich bronzy mango, while RENIE'S DELIGHT (2004) is a sultry mixture of mango and watermelon. TROPICAL PASSION (2004) is so lavishly ruffled, it reminds one of a scooped-up, mouth-watering dish of passion fruit. ANN McWILLIAMS (2004) continues the legacy of DARLA ANITA and ALEXA KATHYRN in a clearer lavender

with a rich creamy baroque edge.

In just a few short years, the Kinnebrew hybridizing program has garnered 14 HMs. Our Region 14 Spring Meeting is fortunate to have John Kinnebrew, Jr. as our featured speaker this coming June.

Oliver Billingslea



TRROPICAL PASSION (2004) is a lavishly ruffled rich peach-melon. *(Photo by John Kinnebrew, Jr.)*



ANN McWILLIAMS (2004) is a rosy lavender, with a creamy baroque edge. *(Photo by John Kinnebrew, Jr.)*

AHS REGION 14 DISPLAY GARDENS: 2005

An AHS Display Garden is established to show the very best daylily cultivars to the general public. Its purpose is to educate the visitor about modern daylilies and how they can be used effectively in landscapes. In an approved AHS Display Garden, a visitor can view a large number and wide variety of labeled daylilies in a well-maintained garden setting.

In Region 14, there are 36 Display Gardens. We encourage the membership of Region 14 this spring to take advantage of one or more of these open gardens by calling ahead to arrange a visit. AHS Display Gardens provide a lovely excursion and give the visitor the opportunity to see cultivars of every size, shape, and form from a number of hybridizers.

Alabama

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Tabby Tails Garden
2202 Magnolia Cove
Birmingham, AL 35243
205-970-0967

Paul and Judi F. Aucoin

Shantih Daylily Gardens
2553 Dunmore Drive
Hoover, AL 35226
205-824-3592

Jim and Kay Chappell

Chappell Gardens
900 Smoke Rise Trail
Warrior, AL 35180
205-647-0688

Kay and Leo Davis

Dixie Daylilies
11430 Patterson Lane
Elberta, AL 36530
251-987-1987

Ethel Dodd

Dodd's Daylily Garden
270 Sutton Bridge Road
Rainbow City, AL 35906
256-442-5752

John and Nancy Falck

Hem Haven
20205 Lawrence Road South
Fairhope, AL 36533
251-928-3340

Jesse and Terah George

JTM Gardens
781 Bird Farm Road
Jasper, AL 35503
205-387-8897

Kim Hileman

Kim's Hems
27727 County Road 66 North
Loxley, AL 36551
251-964-6468

Huntsville Botanical Garden

4747 Wallace Drive
Huntsville, AL 35805
256-830-4447

Joe and Olive Langdon

Langdon Garden
4832 Mill Springs Circle
Birmingham, AL 35223
205-956-1516

John and Sarah Lunsford

Lunsford's Lilies
309 Meadow Wood Lane
Brent, AL 35034
205-926-4388

Fred and Kathleen Manning

Daylily Place
10019 Route Road
Lillian, AL 36549
251-961-2583

Ric and Terri Money

Ric-A-Tee Daylily Gardens
4007 State Hwy 134E
Headland, AL 36345
334-693-3055

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Rural Route 3, Box 127
Eutaw, AL 35462
205-372-3687

Randy and Karen Stephens

Stephens Family Garden
446 West Limestone Road
Hazel Green, AL 35750
256-828-3127

Janice R. Tate

Jan's Daylily & Iris Garden
11510 River Road
Hamilton, AL 35570
205-921-3767

Tony and Susie Thompson

Precious' Petals
104 Perdido Drive
Hazel Green, AL 35750
256-828-8508

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Thomas and Patricia Adams

Bayou Bend
5916 Oak Bayou Lane
Ocean Springs, MS 39564
228-872-3200

Ann and John C. Arledge III

2512 Rolling Meadows
Gautier, MS 39553
228-497-5170

Troy and Linda Beck

Beck's Bloomers
205 State Park Road
Tupelo, MS 38802
662-842-0520

Calvin and Willodean Becton

Cat Walk Blooms
14590 Highway 21 North
Philadelphia, MS 39350
601-656-1799

Narvel and Nelda Broom

Singing River Daylily Garden
1811 Singing River Street
Pascagoula, MS 39567
228-762-1994

Jo Anne Burrage

Oakleaf Creek Daylily Garden
352 Henry Wells Road
Caledonia, MS 39740
662-356-4310

Dorothy Hasson

Dorothy's Daylilies
585 Goss-Bunker Hill Road
Columbia, MS 39429
601-736-2418

Stanley and Juanice Hayes

Hayes Daylilies
1069 New Hope Road
Columbus, MS 39702
662-328-0531

Kathleen and Peter Homsey

Gulfhaven Gardens
15429 CC Camp Road
Gulfport, MS 39503
228-832-6424

Rissa and Bill Lawrence

Victorian Place Garden
201 Lawrence Road
Caledonia, MS 39740
662-356-6019

Henry and Lisa Little

Silent Sentinel
2468 Erie Lane NW
Brookhaven, MS 39601
601-833-4064

John D. (Doyle) Pierce

Sans Souci Jardin
610 49th Avenue
Meridian, MS 39307
601-482-8229

Randy and Schanta Preuss

River Road Daylilies
2263 Old Highway 27 North
Monticello, MS 39654
601-587-0148

Ted and Sandra Preuss

River Road Daylilies
2143 Old Highway 27 North
Monticello, MS 39654
601-587-7676

Penny and Jimmy Stringer

Penny's Daylily Patch
509 Old Highway 24
Sumrall, MS 39482
601-264-6328

James Townsend

Swan Lake Daylily Garden
1687 Sandersville Sharon Road
Laurel, MS 39440
601-649-3183

Henry and Martha Turner

Spring Lake Daylily Garden
17100 Spring Lake Dr. East
Vanceleave, MS 39565
228-826-4682

Earl and Barbara Watts

Suburban Daylilies
60 Serene Meadows Drive
Hattiesburg, MS 39402
601-268-3884

Helen Wheeler

Big Stump Daylilies
38 Quince Circle
Columbus, MS 39702
662-327-1904

Companion Plants for a Coastal Garden

When designing a garden around daylilies, some simple landscaping tips will help create a garden that is enjoyable and yet practical in its maintenance. A sample plan might include small trees, vines, small shrubs, perennial plantings, a water feature, bench, and daylily beds. Daylilies thrive in a soil that is amended and reworked every few years. Setting aside a space to group these plants will make the task simpler.

Some plants to intersperse with daylilies are Japanese iris, dianthus, and various annuals. Japanese iris bloom exactly when daylilies are coming into flower. They will clump and not spread like the Louisiana iris. “Bouquet Purple” dianthus, a MS Medallion Plant, provides almost continuous bloom. Some dead-heading is needed, but it is a great performer remaining evergreen in winter. Annuals such as ducksfoot coleus and a trailing type of sun coleus are personal favorites. These plants provide foliage that spread into a colorful groundcover. Another plant to consider is the



Salvia “Argentina Skies” sports sky blue flowers with a hint of lavender from midsummer to early autumn.

(Photo by Kathy Homsey)



Among the various penstemons, also known as beard-tongues, *P. mexicale* x “Red Rocks” displays bright rose flowers.

(Photo by Kathy Homsey)

“Summerwave” torenia (*T. fournieri*). This variety of torenia spreads to a three to four foot dense groundcover about 4 inches high and sports one-inch blue or violet bell shaped flowers until frost. Water needs are medium and it is attractive to bees and skipper butterflies. Other annuals that do well are pentas, ageratum, salvia (*S. splendens*), and annual phlox (*P. drummondii*).

Perennials usually require less soil maintenance and can serve as either a background or in groupings to anchor an edge of your garden. Something new I've added to my garden are various penstemons. One variety, *P. mexicale* x “Red Rocks,” is working out well with its bright rose pink flowers. “Husker Red” (*P. digitalis*) is quite hardy with bronze red foliage and near white blossoms. Both thrive in full sun with well drained, enriched soil and attract hummingbirds.

Salvia (*S. guaranitica*), a subshrubby perennial, offers varieties which range in color from light to dark blue. “Argentina Skies” sports sky blue flowers, “Blue

Anise” has dark blue blossoms, and “Black and Blue” possesses unique black stems with very dark purple-blue calyces and indigo blue flowers. All varieties are hardy in zones 8-11 and are particularly attractive to hummingbirds. Height can vary from 4 to 6 feet.

Another long-lived perennial is the blackberry lily (*Belamcanda chinensis*), also known as leopard flower. Foliage is “iris” like. Its orange blooms are lightly spotted red and brown. Bloom is in summer and the plant is hardy to zone 4. It gets its more popular name from the “blackberry” shaped seedpod that develops from the flower.

You can create a hummingbird buffet with cupheas and firespike. Cuphea (*C. ignea*), Mexican cigar flower, has tubular red-orange flowers that bloom May to frost. Cuphea (*C. micropetala*), a true giant up to 8 feet, blooms with candy corn blossoms from July to frost. A charming plant, cuphea (*C. llavea*), “Tiny Mice,” looks like a little mouse with bright red ears and a purple nose. The giant cigar flower is probably the most cold hardy (zone 8) and the “Tiny Mice” the most tender. Firespike (*Odontonema strictum*) is absolutely vibrant in the garden. Beautiful tropical foliage is high-



Firespike is highlighted by red spears of flowers. It is one of the few “hummingbird” plants that will bloom in sun or shade.

(Photo by Kathy Homsey)

lighted by red spears of flowers from July to frost. Growing zones are 8-11. This is one of the few “hummingbird” plants that will bloom in sun or shade. Height will vary from 4-6 feet. A lavender form is available but generally should be grown only in coastal gardens as bloom is much later.

Hardy hibiscus is also a great plant to add to the garden. Some new varieties to consider are “Blue River II” for its snow white blossoms, “Moy Grande” for huge 12” rose red blossoms, “Sweet Caroline” for an overlapping pink form, and “Kopper King.” “Kopper King” is a new look as it features bronze red foliage. The bloom is large in pastel pink shades with rose center. All varieties are hardy in zones 5-9.

Antique roses also work well to enhance your daylily garden. Heirloom roses and a few choice tea roses can be durable, disease free, and quite beautiful in the garden. A local nursery, Countrysideroses.com, helped me select varieties that do well without spraying. My favorites are “Katy Road Pink,” “Lafter,” “Nacogdoches Noisette,” “Old Gay Hill,” “Ducher,” and “Carefree Sunshine.”

Black-eyed Susans (*Rudbeckia fulgida*), purple



Salvia guaranitica is the species of which “Blue Anise” and “Argentina Skies” are varieties. “Blue Anise” has dark blue flowers.

(Photo by Kathy Homsey)

coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*), and stokesia (or Stokes' aster), also work well and require little care. In fact, these plants interspersed with lilies (Asiatic, Trumpet, Oriental, and Tiger) can provide a painter's pallet of color in a garden. One bed in our garden with this combination has lasted 15 years with only fertilizer and mulching.

Butterfly bush (*Buddleja davidii*) attracts both butterflies and hummingbirds. New varieties with larger bloom panicles and new colors are making their way into commerce. "Bonnie," a selection by Michael Dirr from the University of Georgia, can get up to 10 feet tall with 10 inch powder blue flower clusters. Other notable varieties I've seen are "African Queen," which has dark violet panicles, and "Dubonnet," which has dark purple flowers with orange eyes.

Even gingers can have a place in the garden, but you have to be very careful not to include an invasive variety. The "Siam Tulip" ginger lily (*Alpinia galanga*), named for its "tulip-like" appearance is an interesting plant that has worked well in mixed plantings. This plant with pale-green flowers and pink-lined

white lips grows to about 18" and blooms in summer on new growth. It needs drainage and works best with a sunny to part-shade exposure.

False indigo (*Baptisia australis*) is another durable perennial that is valued for both its flowers and textured foliage. In early summer, it bears many-flowered racemes of dark blue flowers, often flecked with white or cream. It is hardy in zones 4-8.

Trees selected to accompany your garden should be small. The new Mississippi Medallion Tree, the "Krauter Vesuvius" purple leaf plum (*Prunus cerasifera*), will grow to 20', so you would place it accordingly to prevent extensive shading or root invasion. Saucer magnolias (*M x soulangana*), of which there are many varieties varying in color from deep rose-pink to violet-purple or pure white, sourwood, and ornamental cherry trees are good choices. In shaded areas consider using redbuds, dogwoods, and Japanese maples.

Large shrubs can also be trained to small trees. "Natchez" crape myrtles (*Lagerstroemia indica*) develop beautiful bark and bloom with white blossoms. New varieties such as "Pink Velour" bloom with



Japanese iris, such as "Royal Robes," make good companion plants for daylilies, accentuating colors such as purple, blue, and magenta. (Photo by Kathy Homsey)



Gloriosa lily is an exotic climbing lily from tropical Africa. Its waxy, long lasting flowers are valued for flower arrangements. (Photo by Kathy Homsey)

large frilly hot pink blossoms with bronze red stems. In well drained areas, vitex (*V. agnus-castus*), also known as the Chaste tree, works very well and can bloom in either blue, pale pink, or white blossoms. “White” vitex left in shrub form looks much like a huge butterfly bush.

Harlequin glory bower (*C. trichotomum*), a tree

clerodendrum, can be used, if spaced well away from your cultivated area. Like all clerodendrums it will sucker, but is worthy of mention as its fragrance is attractive to hummingbirds. A more rare variegated form can also be found, looking much like a variegated dogwood. It is extremely hardy and will grow without freezing back in zones 6-9.



Of course where there is a daylily garden there are daylilies. This beautiful cultivar, J.J. HOMSEY (Homsey 2004), won an Achievement Medal at the Hattiesburg Show in 2004.

(Photo by Kathy Homsey)

Vines on a trellis or arbor can provide a captivating background for your garden. Selecting the right plant is extremely important. Vines fall into two categories, tidy and manageable, or large scale and fast growing, which need their own space. Firecracker vine (*Manettia cordifolia*) works well for small trellises and decorative fences. Attractive dainty foliage is highlighted by tubular red blossoms from July to frost. This plant grows well in zones 8-11 and is an excellent nectar plant for hummingbirds. The vine returns faithfully each spring and is propagated by root division.

Gloriosa lily (*G. rothschildiana*), an exotic climbing lily from tropical Africa, is hardy in zones 8-11. The waxy, recurved flowers are long lasting and valued in flower arrangements. The plant should not be eaten as all parts are poisonous. Confederate jasmine (*Trachelospermum jasminoides*) is a durable, evergreen vine that can be managed with pruning. Growing zones are 7-10. Good in full sun to partial shade, this jasmine

fills the spring air with fragrance from white blossoms.

There are plants that combine well with Confederate jasmine. The shrub, waxleaf ligustrum (*Ligustrum japonicum*), also known as Japanese privet, blooms exactly the same time with fragrant, white blossoms and evergreen foliage. Hardy in zones 7-10, this shrub can

be trained to a small 15 foot tree. Hostas with white variegation also pick up on the jasmine's white blossoms in spring.

For the more adventurous gardener, “Mt. Fuji” morning glories (*Ipomoea alba*), can create sensation with blooms up to six inches. Spanish flag vine (*Mina lobata*) creates striking displays of orange and yellow. The hyacinth bean (*Lablab purpureus*) features purple blossoms followed by ornamental purple pods. All are annuals and usually will reseed. Night blooming vines such as moon vine (*Ipomoea bona-nox*), available in white or pink, can be added for bloom later in the day.

There are many exciting plants and ideas to incorporate into a garden. The herbs “dill” and “bronze fennel” make striking garden accents. Not long ago, I saw a border created from parsley used to good effect. The Italian variety, “Gigante d'Italia” is a culinary parsley known to grow to 3 feet!

To close, every garden is a new creation. For centuries, the word “paradise,” was used to mean a beautiful garden. Perhaps all we need now in this garden is a lovely bench on which to sit, smell the fragrance, and enjoy our beloved daylilies—“beauties for a day.”

Kathy Homsey

The Hybridizing Program of Linda Agin

Consider the great hybridizers who have honored Region 14. With her first registration, Linda Agin becomes part of this great tradition. She stands upon the shoulders of a great cloud of witnesses to the genetic potential of the daylily. One has only to think of Sally Lake, Charlie Pierce, and Sarah Sikes—all of them Bertrand Farr Silver Medalists—not to mention Ethel Smith, Jim Terry, Dick Webster, Kelly Wall, Dan Wedgeworth, and a host of others, to realize the depths of this Region's talent.

Because she enjoys looking down from heights, several years ago Alan, her husband, built her a large wood deck overlooking their pool area. But immediately she sensed something was missing: the pool area needed color. That same week, by chance, she rode by a

really did sparkle in the sunlight, a trait which she later learned was called "diamond dusting." She was immediately hooked, and to this day it lines Alan, Jr.'s driveway next door.

When I first met Linda, this was basically what she knew about daylilies. She had lived for four years in Naples, Italy, where Alan was stationed at an American Air Force base, and that experience had no doubt intensified her artistic sensibilities. She loves to paint, particularly Italianate murals, and that coupled with her running a shop called "Linda's Antiques," where she carries all sorts of things, but particularly fine examples of European and American art glass, has enhanced her eye for form, design, and color.

From the beginning, her favorite varieties



This exemplary orchid pink seedling, A2-TLAS-04, typifies Linda Agin's hybridizing program. Its beautifully formed blooms are saturated with color and feature a serrated edging of creamy chartruse. It stems from a seedling of Tet LINDA AGIN x a seedling from Larry Grace. (Photo by Linda Agin)

large planting of SPARKLING ORANGE (Barth 1983) at a local nursery. Upon closer inspection she noticed it

seemed to be those hybridized by Tom Wilson, whom we could almost call a Region 14 hybridizer, since his



*L*inda's love for antiques and Old World charm shows in this garden scene. Among the many pink, rose and pastel beauties featured here, several are from hybridizers Tom Wilson and Jack Carpenter. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

residence in Gonzalez, Florida, is only a few miles from the Alabama border. Several years ago, Jack and Amalia Harrison asked Linda to ride with them to Pensacola where they were judging a show. On the way back, they stopped off at Tom's garden, and that day Tom named the daylily LINDA AGIN for Linda. Thereafter, Linda met Larry and Cindy Grace and immediately fell in love with the ruffles Larry was getting. That was when she decided to do a little hybridizing herself. She says, "Tom visited my garden once and saw me pollinating a daylily. He said, 'I wouldn't do that.' I knew what he was going



*I*n Linda's quest to create red daylilies with white shark's teeth edges, RUBY CLARE MIMS is a beauty. (Photo by Linda Agin)

to say. One of the daylilies had poor substance, but I thought the better one would make up for the substance of the other. I was wrong! Ugly was a kind word for those seedlings."

At that time Linda recalls that she was doing several hundred seedlings a year but was disappointed in almost all of them. Then a couple of years ago, a lady and her husband visited Linda's garden. "The lady told me I was going to be a good hybridizer one day. I told her then I would name a daylily for her. That daylily will be my first introduction in 2005, LINDA BECK."

Linda doesn't recall exactly when her

hybridizing addiction began, but she does know that “the addiction part reached a new level in 2004.” In a recent interview, Linda said, “I can remember talking to my friend, Charlene Berry who helped me in my antique shop. I said, ‘Charlene, if you were a daylily, I would use you in my breeding program but I couldn’t use your husband. I’m breeding full-formed flowers and his legs are too skinny.’ Now that’s an addiction, comparing your friends to daylilies. Charlene never was a gardener. I can hear her now saying, ‘Here comes some of those “daylily people” driving up outside.’ I always found it amusing that we were called ‘daylily people.’”

Paraphrasing Forrest Gump, Linda says, “I think when hybridizing, ‘Daylilies are like a box of chocolates. You never know what you will get,’ but when you set a goal and it shows up in your seedling bed—its very exciting.” One of her goals has been to

get a shark’s tooth edge on a red, so she crossed a FORTUNE’S DEAREST x Tet LAVENDER BLUE BABY seedling with STARTLE. This gave her a rosy red with

white teeth that is proving to be a great parent, producing variations of the same look. This first break, #A5-FDST-03, will be named for one of Linda’s friends in the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, DEAN CRANMORE. Another seedling from this same line will be named for RUBY CLARE MIMS, another of Linda’s friends in the local club. RUBY CLARE MIMS, #A6-FDSTR-04, is the result of crossing [(FORTUNE’S DEAREST x Tet LAVENDER BLUE BABY) x STARTLE] with Jeff Salter’s ROYAL RENAISSANCE. It is a 6” rosy red with a distinctive shark toothed edging and a feathered patterning above the throat.



Above is one of Linda’s favorites, # A7-RLC-03, from which she hopes to induce tightly crimped ruffles into her eyed and edged program. Below is the large, brilliant yellow gold, MIRIAM FOSHEE.

(Photos by Linda Agin)



Green edges have also been a significant goal. Her first green-edged seedling bloomed on the birthday

of one of her friends, Guy Meadows, from Opp, Alabama, and will possibly be named for him. A subsequent green-edged seedling, #A11-GMJTM-04, was the result of the cross of this seedling, “Guy Meadows,” x (J.T. DAVIS x Tet MOMENTUM); it is a rosy Indian red with a chartreuse edge and greenish white midrib. She has crossed this seedling along with one of its siblings with Pat Stamile’s SHORES OF TIME (2002), which has all the qualities of substance, form, and color saturation which Linda admires.

Perhaps one of Linda’s most beautiful cultivars to date is the result of a Tet LINDA AGIN seedling crossed with a seedling from Larry Grace. #A2-TLAS-04 is a saturated pink with a serrated edge of creamy chartreuse. Still another beauty involving a Tet LINDA AGIN seedling is a cross made with Audrey Caywood’s REIGNING KISSES (2000). #A3-RKTLAS-03 is a 6 ½” peach self with 4” petals featuring a silver wire-edge. A third, #A4-TLAS-04, is a light creamy apricot, which possesses the looping ruffles and thick substance of the hybridizer’s namesake.

A different sort of beauty is seedling #A7-RLC-03, resulting from a cross of REYNA x LAVENDER CASCADES. Linda hopes this pale lilac lavender with tightly crimped edging will yield progeny with the same tightly crimped ruffles in her eyed and edged program. She has crossed this beauty with daylilies like MEET JOE BLACK and JANE TRIMMER. Still, another very distinctive cultivar is #A8-TLBBS-04, a light rose with a shark-toothed edge and a large washed lavender eye, edged with a penciling of deep rose.

In addition to purples, rosy reds with white shark’s teeth, chartreuse edges, pinks and lavenders, and washed eyes, Linda is producing some beautiful yellows and creamy whites. #A9-LGS-04 is a 6” heavily ruffled

gold to be named MIRIAM FOSHEE. #A10-JTMRMJTHL-04 is a 7” eye-stopping cream out of [(J.T. DAVIS x Tet MOMENTUM) x Tet RUFFLED MASTERPIECE] x (J.T. DAVIS x HELENA LOUISA); it has distinctive lemon-lime ruffling.

Linda has learned from other hybridizers, particularly Larry Grace, the significance of incorporating converted diploid material into her lines. Not only has she used seedlings from Tet LINDA AGIN in her own program, but she is currently trying to convert several others of Tom Wilson’s daylilies. I was pleased to find that she has attempted to convert my own STARS AND ANGELS, though she won’t know until spring if her efforts were successful.

Which brings us to Linda’s first introduction, named in honor of that lady who said she “would be a good hybridizer one day.” That first introduction, stemming from J.T. DAVIS x LIFTING ME HIGHER has been registered as LINDA BECK, who is none other than Region 14’s current Regional Publicity Director. “She is a lot of fun,” says Linda, “and I’m honored to be able to name a daylily for her.” This spring Linda will bloom progeny from a cross of LINDA BECK x Pat Stamile’s BELLA SERA in a continuance of her purple program.

“I’m very grateful that I have friends and family that put up with me and my hybridizing efforts,” says Linda. “My respect goes out to anyone who hybridizes. It is an enormous amount of work.” Even with a fairly large greenhouse which helps with hybridizing in early spring, Linda has to line everything out to test it under normal garden conditions. She says, “The daylilies always have to be moved. They start shaking when I walk out the door.”

Oliver Billingslea



DEAN CRANMORE is a rosy red with white shark-tooth edging. (Photo by Linda Agin)



This rose with a large washed lavender eye shows off some shark-teeth as well. (Photo by Linda Agin)

The Jewels of Hazel Green: The Thompson and Stephens Gardens

Last June I had the opportunity to visit the gardens of Tony and Susie Thompson and Randy and Karen Stephens in Hazel Green, Alabama. Although located in one of the northernmost reaches of Region 14, only three miles from the Tennessee line, these lovely gardens behoove a visit, when traveling north along County Road 14. Both are AHS Display Gardens and feature not only a wide selection of daylilies, but outstanding landscaping.

The Thompson yard is a registered wildlife habitat, especially for migratory birds. After the Thompsons moved to Hazel Green from Huntsville in 1994, they soon bought the “jungle next door,” but with no specific plans as to what to do with it. Today that “jungle” is a beautiful garden: partly sunlit, featuring a large gazebo at the center of an impressive collection of daylilies and companion plants; partly a shade area,

separated from the sunlit garden by a 30 to 40 foot section of stone wall, dating back to 1790 and removed piece by piece from the John Conger homestead in Tennessee; and partly a water garden, replete with Japanese koi and goldfish, urns, a splashing fountain, and an impressive statue of Hebe. The Thompsons cut down lots of cedars to make room for an arboretum of weeping larch and cherry, river birch, and Japanese maples.

Naturally, bird watching is a favorite pastime for Tony and Susie, and the yard is visited every year by numbers of migrating birds, as well as those more indigenous to the area, such as purple martins, wrens, chickadees, and bluebirds. The Thompsons attract many birds by building houses for them.

In the shade area, hellebores and rhododendrons bloom in the winter, and there are several varieties of fern; some 50 to 75 native Alabama species of wild-



A wildlife habitat, the Thompson garden features plenty of birdhouses. A water garden, replete with Japanese koi and goldfish, is situated near the gazebo and enhanced by elephant ears and ornamental grasses. A statue of Hebe, the goddess who filled the cups of the gods with nectar, graces the water area. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

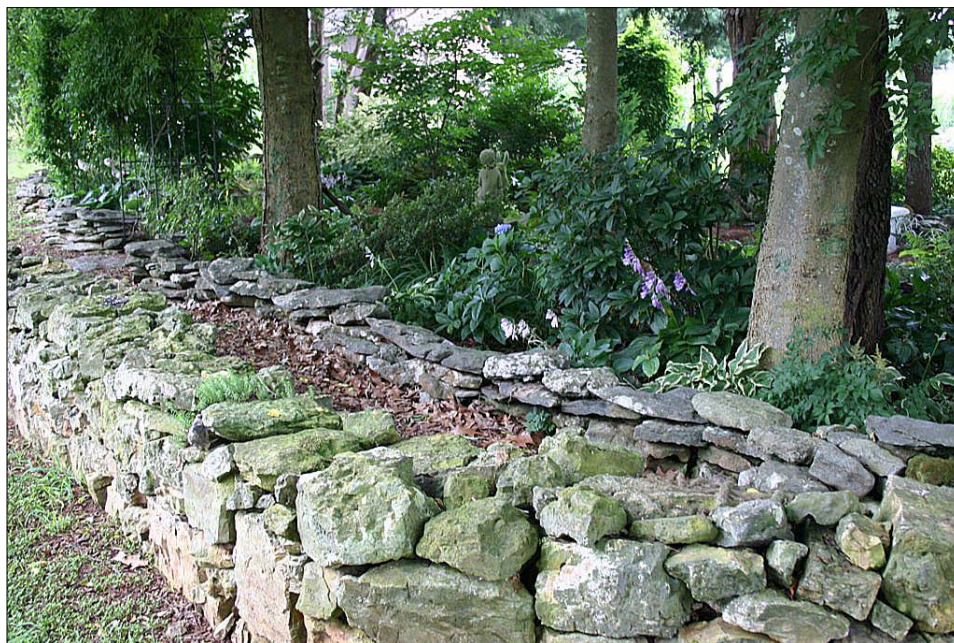
flowers are located there as well. In the early spring, the Thompson shade garden is a riot of daffodils. In the summer astilbes and hostas grace the area.

In Huntsville, Tony and Susie had owned a townhouse and had planted their small yard with daylilies, such as “Kwanso,” which they had found growing along a country road. As they developed their garden in Hazel Green, they bought some daylilies from a lady in Guntersville. At that time they were interested in care-free flowers of varying color, not names. They later went to a daylily sale at the Huntsville Botanical Garden, met Dot Hanks, and joined the AHS.

Today Tony is an active participant in AHS, especially as a member of the E-mail Robin, frequently posting upbeat messages about their garden and the many birds that visit, often viewed from their hot tub. He and Susie enjoy boating, camping, and especially the many friends they have made over the internet and at daylily meetings, such as the MWS, at Chattanooga, and CAN-AM, which occurs annually at Niagara. Several years ago, Canadian/American hybridizer, John Peat, after a speaking engagement at a daylily club in Mississippi, stopped by their garden for a visit, and the following summer, Tony and Susie spent a week at *Le Petit Jardin* in Florida where John Peat and Ted Petit operate their hybridizing program. These two fellows shared many hybridizing pointers with the Thompsons, and today John and Ted are among their favorite hybridizers, as is Canadian Pam Erikson.

Amid the large collection of daylilies, Tony and Susie maintain a Stout Medal Bed: from HESPERUS, the first winner in 1950, to PRIMAL SCREAM, the winner in 2003. I’m sure he has added Jeff Salter’s MOONLIT MASQUERADE to the collection since I was there. It’s an impressive collection, and viewing it brought back memories of plants I used to grow as a

farm boy in Mississippi. It was good to see Carl Miliken’s HIGH NOON again and Elmer Claar’s fine bright red, BESS ROSS. Despite the full-formed NEAL BERREY and BARBARA MITCHELL gracing the collection, we joked about how the Stout has seemed to have come full circle from a cultivar like Hugh M. Russell’s PAINTED LADY, the 1951 winner, to Curt Hanson’s similarly formed, but certainly more intensely colored PRIMAL SCREAM.



The shade area in the Thompson garden is separated from the sunlit garden by a 30 to 40 foot section of stone wall, dating back to 1790.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Thompson collection contains some of the newest of the new, such as John Peat’s TODD FOX (1999) and John Kinnebrew, Jr.’s ALEXA KATHYRN (2003), as well as classics from Region 14, such as Sarah Sikes’ HUSH LITTLE BABY. One older cultivar I was not familiar with was R. W. Munson, Jr.’s WINDSOR

WATERMARK (1982), a richly colored and intriguingly patterned orchid-lavender.

Located on the west side of Hazel Green, less than four miles from the Thompsons, is the Stephens



R.W. Munson, Jr.’s WINDSOR WATERMARK shows how lovely an older cultivar can be.

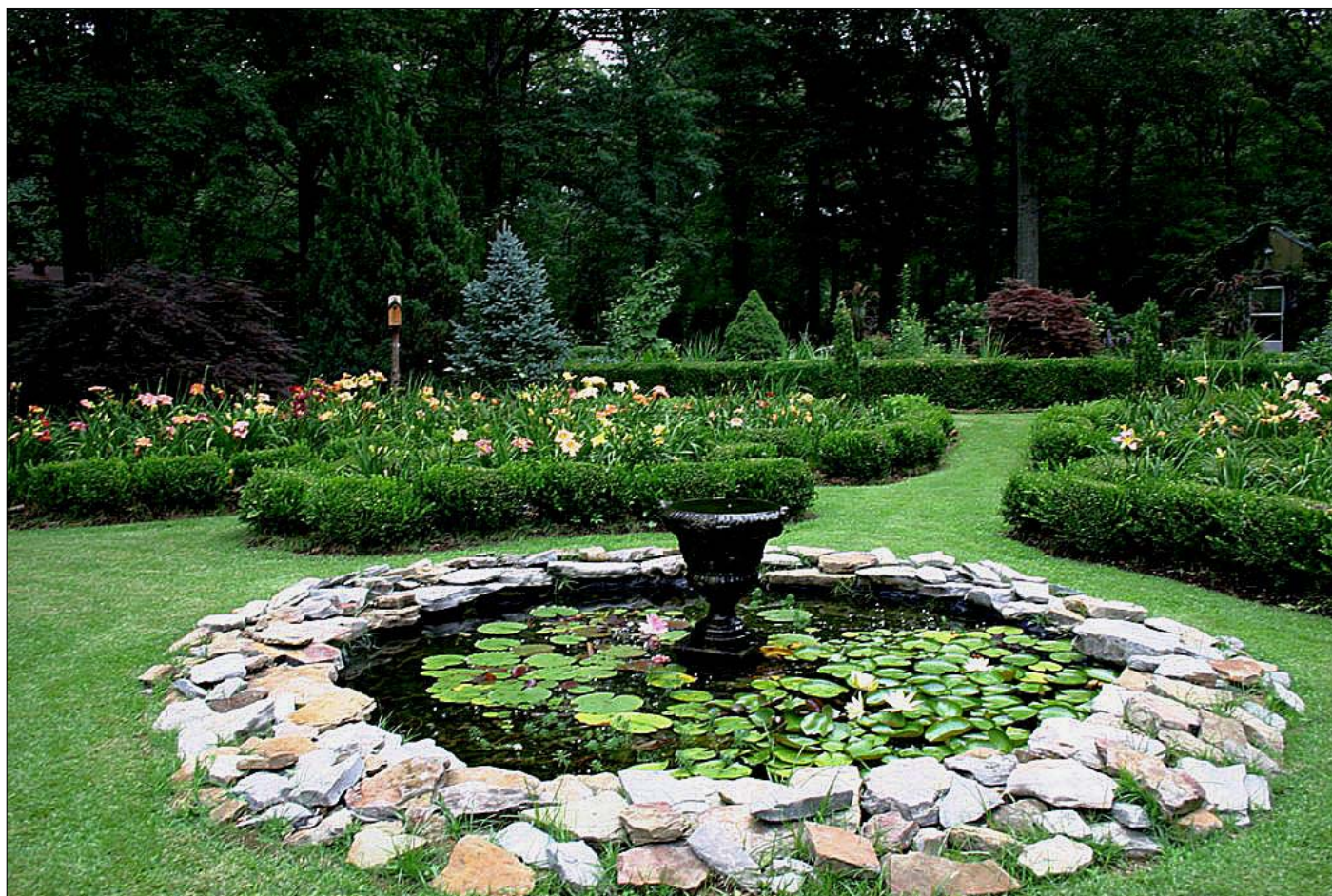
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

garden, his wife, Randy Stephens, and their daughter, Karen. They began their garden about 1982 by purchasing the property next door to their two homes. Today the Stephens garden consists of 4½ acres, wooded in part with white and red oaks, as well as magnificent specimens of American beech. Gradually their vegetable garden gave way to a formal garden replete with a pool, urns, and a lovely arbor. Several seating areas are paved with brick from an old gym, formerly part of the Hazel Green High School.

Initially, Randy was more interested in sports, such as golf and rifle shooting, but perhaps because his parents had been avid gardeners, by 1990 he had become addicted to gardening. Through a friend, Ross Hunter, Randy began to collect hostas, and when Ross dug up many of his older daylilies and gave them to the Stephens, they became hooked on these sun-loving plants as well. Through Ross, they met Rosa Belle Van Valkenburgh, liaison for the Huntsville-Madison County Botanical Garden. Randy calls her “a lifetime daylily grower, judge, and advocate.” Through Rosa

Belle, they met Dot Hanks and Dot Summers. In the past several years, the Stephens have made annual trips to visit the gardens of the major growers in Florida. In Region 14, hybridizer Larry Grace has served as a mentor to Randy’s own fledgling hybridizing program.

Randy and Karen do all the work themselves, maintaining a garden that is the sort one often sees on tour at a National Convention. I was very impressed when I visited last June. There is plenty of shade for hostas and specialty hydrangeas, such as “Merritt’s Beauty.” Oregon grape, oak leaf hydrangea, and rhododendrons serve as under story in the wooded areas, and where there are pockets of sunlight the Stephens grow a number of varieties of Japanese maple. Some like “Bloodgood,” “Crimson Queen,” and “Red Dragon” in June show hints of their red foliage, which blazes even more intensely in the fall. “Waterfall” is an impressive green; “Butterfly,” a variegated gray and green; and “Garnet,” a green and burgundy blend. Of the several varieties of hosta, large specimens of “Frances Williams” were the most impressive, along with a bright



The centerpiece for the Stephens’ large garden is this beautiful waterlily pool featuring a large urn and surrounded by field stones gathered from a farm in Tennessee. Daylilies are arrayed in an almost Neoclassical manner in this portion of the large four and a half-acre garden.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Large specimens of hosta “Frances Williams” were most impressive, along with cedars, blue spruce, and an array of Japanese maples. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

sport of “Sum and Substance” found in England. Japanese painted fern were in abundance throughout the garden, as were plantings of white and pink-veined caladiums.

In what I would call a “Neoclassical” area largely given over to daylilies, the Stephens have a large collection of daylilies from hybridizers such as the Stamiles, Salters, Dan Trimmer, Larry Grace, Jack Carpenter, and John Kinnebrew, Jr. A large urn at the center of a pool of pink and white waterlilies graces the center of this garden, and stones gathered from a farm in Tennessee form a full circle about that. Although there are daylilies of all shapes and sizes here, on the day I visited, several of Pat Stamile’s introductions were particularly lovely. VICTORIAN LACE (Stamile 1999), a fantastically ruffled melon-pink, and MICHAEL MILLER (Stamile 2000), a paragon in near-white with its absolutely impeccable form, were showing why they both may become candidates for future Stout Medals. TAOS (Stamile 1999), one of Pat’s most popular cultivars, is a pastel cream pink blend with a wire-gold edge;

it is apparently as strong a grower in north Alabama, as elsewhere. The brand new SHORES OF TIME (Stamile 2002), wonderfully looped and ruffled in medium rose-pink, was also top notch. Kinnebrew’s SPACECOAST CRANBERRY KID (2001), a cranberry with orange throat and gold edge, Larry Grace’s LIFTING ME HIGHER (1998), a cranberry purple lightly edge in gold, and OLIVER BILLINGSLEA (1996), a 5½” light apricot orange self with tightly crimped petals, were in full-clump strength. It was good to see my namesake growing in an area of Region 14, where it gets cold enough for dormants to thrive.

Neither the Stephens nor the Thompsons knew they shared a love for daylilies or that they were located within 3½ miles of one another, until they applied almost simultaneously for AHS Display Garden status, and Paul and Judi Aucoin came to assess both gardens for eligibility in 1999. Since then a continued friendship has grown between all three couples. The Thompsons’ *Precious’ Petals* and the Stephens garden will both be on tour during the 2006 Region 14 Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama.

Oliver Billingslea



Daylilies present their lavish blooms throughout the formal garden. In the foreground is a clump of OLIVER BILLINGSLEA. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Region 14 Members Attend Mid-Winter Symposium

Lyrics from a popular song introduced in 1941 by Glenn Miller echoed throughout the grand hall while we stood at the front desk and registered for the Mid-Winter Symposium: “Pardon me boys, is that the Chattanooga Choo Choo?” A familiar group of hybridizers were standing together talking: John Rice, Dan Hansen, Steve Moldovan, Margo Reed, Charles Douglas, John Kinnebrew, and David Kirchhoff, just to name a few. The weather was perfect and the weekend perfect to begin to talk daylilies, see pictures of daylilies, and learn about the future of daylilies.

The most enthusiastic speaker was William Cureton, better known as “Captain Compost” of Birmingham, Alabama. The Captain spoke with authority and exuberance on the topic, “Compost, that pile out back?” He was delightful, funny, and knew his subject matter.

Lynn Freeny, who has an art degree from the University of Tennessee, presented workshops on Digital Daylilies (photographing flowers), Adobe Photoshop, and Basic Digital Photography.

During the stretch breaks, we toured downtown Chattanooga on the free shuttle. We enjoyed dinner at the authentic Old English Teahouse with its interesting menu of steak and kidney pie, raisin scones lathered with strawberry jam and lemon curd, and of course, tea. Outlet shops galore dotted Warehouse Row for the connoisseur of bargains. What a wonderful way to combine a vacation with an educational meeting.

Linda Beck



At least 21 members of Region 14 attended the Mid-Winter Symposium held in Chattanooga, February 3-6, 2005. Gathered in front of an historic relic, the “Chattanooga Choo Choo,” 16 of the attendees seem as brightly garbed as the engine itself. Pictured (left to right) are Ronda Mullins, Huey Arnold, Terri Money, Patricia Arnold, Lea Anne Parker, Earl Watts, Barbara Watts, Barbara Barnes, Cecil Barnes, John Falck, Troy Beck, Linda Beck, Nancy Falck, Bernard Holliday, Julie McClure, and Suzanne H. Sikes. Not pictured: Allen and Carolyn McLain, Faith and Jim Qualls, and your editor.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Club News : ALABAMA

Birmingham Daylily Society

Kay Chappell, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:00 P.M. January, February, March
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

4th Saturday—11:00 A.M. September
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

1st Saturday—11:00 A.M. December
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

President:	Jim Chappell
Vice President:	Debbie Daniels
Treasurer:	Bill Daniels
Recording Secretary:	Edna Alderman
Corresponding Secretary:	Nancy Milton

Spring is just around the corner. With plenty of rain and cold dreary days behind us, the daylilies are popping up from their hiding places. We have enjoyed all the catalogs and their pretty pictures but are looking forward to seeing the real daylilies in bloom. We had some good programs so far this year, and we are looking forward to the Region 14 Spring Meeting. In May, prior to our Regional Meeting, we will be taking a trip to Georgia and Florida.

On a personal note, Nan Elizabeth Miles, a charter member of our club, passed away in December of last year.



Central Alabama Daylily Society

Faith Qualls, Reporter

2nd Sunday—2:00 P.M.
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

January, February, March, April, May, June—Plant Sale, July, August, September—Picnic, November, December—Christmas Party

Officers for 2004-2005:	
President:	Lea Anne Parker
Vice President:	John Besse
Corresponding Secretary:	Jerry Jenkins
Recording Secretary:	Faith Qualls
Treasurer:	Jim Riddle

November brought two of our favorite daylily people to Birmingham, John and Nancy Falck. We are delighted that John will be our new RVP as of January 1, 2005. He reminded us that it is very important to visit our Region's Display Gardens.

In December, we had our annual Christmas party at the Winfrey Hotel at the Galleria in Birmingham. We enjoyed the excellent food and exchanged garden-related gifts.

January is always a business meeting for our club. We planned our upcoming sale which will be on Saturday, April 30th, at the Birmingham Botanical Garden. We plan to have over eight hundred double fans of very nice daylilies for

sale. All are invited to come that Saturday. Come early around 9 A.M. for great bargains!

We are looking forward to visiting some of our outstanding local gardens, as well as attending the Region 14 Spring Meeting on June 3rd and 4th in Jackson. See you there!



East Alabama Hemerocallis Society

Neda Hill, Reporter

2nd Friday of each month—6:00 P.M.
Camellia Place, Auburn, Alabama

January, February, March, April, May, August, September, October, and November
Covered dish dinner, meeting, and program

President:	Johnie Crance
Vice President:	Calvin Hinkle
Secretary:	Jan McGeehee
Treasurer:	Carl Hill
Reporter:	Neda Hill

In 1819 Percy Bysshe Shelley, the famous Romantic poet, penned the rhythmic query, "If winter come, can spring be far behind?" During this season of the year, we east Alabama daylily growers are asking the same question. As our daylilies hibernate, we look enviously at camellia growers, who—with mile-wide grins—now are showcasing their blossoms while we gaze hopefully at our daylilies. In January we did find a place, however, where "something is always blooming." That oasis was Auburn University's Donald E. Davis Arboretum, brought to us quite vividly in a presentation by its director, Christy Hartsfield. Club members viewed pictures and learned interesting facts about the arboretum. For one thing, the gardens are home to 350 species of native Alabama plants, the oldest of which is the Founder's Oak, now 156 years old. Several examples of oak leaf hydrangea are also at home in the arboretum. In addition, the grounds are the habitat of five types of carnivorous plants—a special source of fascination for elementary school students who occasionally patronize the gardens. Although their habitat was not a planned part of the gardens, toads, frogs, and turtles have found sanctuary there. They, too, are a source of interest for youngsters who tour the area. The only planned part of the arboretum that is not typical of Alabama is a small Oriental plot. Otherwise, all aspects of the garden reflect life indigenous to the state. On a visit to the garden, no Alabama resident should feel like an outsider. Growing happily in appropriate habitats are plants for bogs, sandy land, coastal plains, etc.

According to Hartsfield, the arboretum staff are planning ways for the gardens to become a more dynamic presence in the lives of Alabamians. For one thing, beginning in March, there will be an increase in garden tours, lectures, and other types of programs. Plant shows are also among the planned activities, and sales of unusual plants are a likelihood. To aid accessibility, seven parking spaces are to be added. Even Auburn University's athletic programs are among staff

considerations, for the gardens are always open during the mornings of home football games.

We East Alabama Hemerocallis Society members were keenly interested in the fact that one flower is missing from the arboretum: the daylily. Ready to get our spades to fill the void, we were told that only old-fashioned daylilies would be a welcome addition.

Maybe when winter wanes Meanwhile, we daylily growers check our calendars—and wait.



North Alabama Daylily Society

Dave Flanigan, Corresponding Secretary

Co-Presidents:	Randy Stephens and Tony Thompson
Recording Secretary:	Susie Thompson
Corresponding Secretary:	Dave Flanigan
Treasurer:	Karen Stephens

During our annual pilgrimage to MECCA last May, a few of us North Alabamians were politely accosted by our RVP in an attempt to encourage us to host the Spring 2006 Regional Meeting. Since there has never been such a meeting in Huntsville, Professor Billingslea suggested, in his inimitable manner, that it would be a wonderful experience for us. Without making an immediate commitment, we did a lot of hand wringing and soul searching before finally agreeing (after another gentle shove from Oliver) to host the Spring Meeting in Huntsville in 2006.

THEN, a shocking realization set in—why would we agree to such an endeavor without even having a daylily club to help support such a meeting? So through the Herculean efforts of Randy Stephens, Tony Thompson and especially their wives, the North Alabama Daylily Society was formed prior to our official commitment at the Fall Regional Meeting in Meridian. Our first fully operational meeting is to be held on Sunday afternoon, March 13, at 2 P.M. at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, and we anticipate a turnout of at least forty people. Needless to say, we are encouraged that so many daylily aficionados from Huntsville, Decatur, Athens, and the surrounding areas plan to join us in this adventure. For those of you who know Jesse and Terah George of JTM Gardens in Jasper, you will not be surprised to know that when the formation of our club was rumored, they called and offered to be the featured speakers at our first meeting. Their continual encouragement and generous offers in helping us form the club are greatly appreciated. They are, without a doubt, a significant treasure within Region 14.

As for the Regional Meeting in the spring of 2006, a good bit of planning has already taken place. We have selected a date, a hotel, all necessary meeting rooms, tentative food selections, a bus company, four tour gardens, visiting speakers, and a tentative schedule. The Sally Lake Bed has been laid out and is being properly amended with some of North Alabama's finest compost. Without being solicited, several of the South's finest hybridizers have offered to guest plants in our gardens. It's all a bit overwhelming! We were

honored to have our new RVP, John Falck, and his lovely wife Nancy visit in early February to look over our initial planning and our tour gardens. They provided us with some invaluable insights and advice as we move forward with our planning. You can be assured that we will provide Region 14 members with a memorable weekend in the dynamic and beautiful Tennessee Valley of North Alabama.



The Riviera Daylily Society

Kathleen Manning, Reporter

2nd Sunday—2:00 P.M.

The Boy Scout Building, 2101 Cypress St., Foley, AL

January, March, May, July, September, November

President:	John Falck
Vice President:	Fred Manning
Secretary:	Kay Davis
Treasurer:	Bobbye McClinton

At the November meeting, our club had one of our own members, Nell Keown, along with hubby Johnny, present our program, during which she showed many, many older daylilies that most of us probably owned at one time or another. In addition to daylilies, the Keowns used to grow and hybridize amaryllis. It is worth a trip to their Mobile garden when the amaryllis are in full bloom. My personal favorite is a purple one that I had never seen the likes of and never knew the color existed in the amaryllis family.

In January, our guest was James Townsend from Laurel, MS, who presented a slide program of daylilies that he has hybridized. He has several new daylilies soon to be introduced that were stunning enough to keep many members writing down names so they could order before he sells out. Miss Sally could not attend and we missed her. James has always been one of the club's favorite guests and is generous to a fault. Of course he also brought one or two plants to auction off.

Our treasurer, Bobbye McClinton, wrote a check for \$100 to the Boy Scouts for letting us use their building for free. What a nice place it is.

Just a side note: Fred and I recently attended the funeral of Arthur Swanson, A.C. Swanson's father. Despite the sad occasion, A.C. and Dora are both doing well and are in the process of building a small two bedroom home on a hill behind and overlooking the Swanson spread.

Another note of interest to some: During a recent visit to Jack Temple's home, he showed us a catalogue that he had found which had cushioned the back of a family photo. It was an iris catalogue from Cooley's Gardens in Silverton, Oregon, dated 1941. There is one page dedicated to the modern daylily and a sales list advertising your choice of any six of the following daylilies: GOLDENI, MIKADO, OPHIR, MANDARIN, HYPERION, AMARYLLIS, MODESTY, or WAUBUN. The price for any six daylilies was \$3.00.



Club News : MISSISSIPPI

Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Linda Touchstone, Publicity Director

3rd Sunday—2:00 P.M.

Multi-purpose Center, Extension Service Conference Room
952 Sullivan Drive, Highway 49 South, Hattiesburg, MS

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

President:	Rita Davis
Vice President:	Nancy Chain
Secretary:	Karen Sainsbury
Treasurer:	Martha Slaid
Publicity Director:	Linda Touchstone

Frank Smith dazzled members of HADS at the October meeting with his PowerPoint presentation. Gasps and moans resonated throughout the room as he presented each slide. In addition to sharing pictures of his beautiful cultivars, Frank shared his growing tips.

Nancy Chain, show chairman for 2004, presented three Achievement Medals. Earl Watts was presented medals for his now registered SUBURBAN DADDY JOHN and for his SUBURBAN CLAINY. Peter Homsey was presented a medal for his now registered J.J. HOMSEY.

The Christmas luncheon was held at Farmer's Market Restaurant. After a delicious meal, many door prizes were presented. Nancy Chain entertained members with her daylily rendition of "The Night Before Christmas." We closed the meeting by singing "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

Ludlow Lambertson presented a slide show at the January meeting. Members were introduced to Luddy's unusual forms and the new direction he is taking with daylilies. A brief business meeting followed the presentation. Members were asked to register for the bus trips to Jack Carpenter's garden and to the National Convention.



Jackson Hemerocallis Society

Rita Davis, Reporter

3rd Saturday—9:30 A.M.

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

January, March, May, July, October,
1st Saturday in December—Christmas Luncheon

President:	Shelton Holliday
Vice President:	Henry Little
Secretary:	Jeanne Monsour
Treasurer:	Greg Britt
Reporter:	Rita Davis

It shall be an exciting year for our club as we look forward to hosting the Region 14 Meeting June 3-4. We have already started our new club year with new officers and new plans.

Our first club meeting was held January 15 and we were fortunate to have our new RVP, John Falck, as our

speaker. He and his wife, Nancy, offered suggestions and advice about putting on the Spring Meeting and went over the guidelines that were printed in *The Dixie Daylily* Spring 2002 issue.

All of the garden hosts that are on the Regional tour are avidly working on making their gardens look the best ever. It is anticipated that this year's Sally Lake Bed will showcase the largest number of seedlings to date.

Our new Vice President has also lined up some great speakers for future meetings including Bill Reinke and Dan Trimmer.

We want everyone to come to the Regional Meeting and bring family and friends. Great food, great gardens and great daylilies await you!



Meridian Daylily Club

Mary Alice Stokes, Reporter

2nd Saturday—11:30 A.M.

Meridian Community College, Hardin Hall, Room 122

January, March, May, July, September, November

President:	Jim Smith
Vice President:	Pete Connolly
Secretary:	Martha Williams
Treasurer:	Gloria Jolly

Friday night, November 12th, the Meridian Daylily Club welcomed Charles Douglas of Brown's Ferry Daylily Gardens, Georgetown, SC, with a potluck supper held at the home of Jay and Gloria Jolly. On Saturday, November 13th, Charles presented the last regular meeting program of 2004. Many beautiful slides showing the grounds of his extensive gardens and the lovely daylilies he is introducing in Spring 2005 were viewed with appreciation by a good crowd of our regular members and out of town visitors. This was followed by enthusiastic bidding in an auction of daylily plants donated by Mr. Douglas from his 2005 collection.

On Saturday night, December 4th, members of The Meridian Daylily Club gathered at the Midtown Grille for our annual Christmas Dinner. This is when our group takes the time to recount the successes of the past year and begins to look forward to new programs, new distinguished guests, and new daylilies to come in the new year.

An award was presented to Beth Harbour as being The Most Valuable Member of the Year. Beth had to take over the reins of the club when our club President moved to Florida. She is also the person who has been responsible, for several years, for seeing to the planning of the annual Region 14 Fall Festival here in Meridian, which is quite a job. The club was pleased to take this time to applaud and honor her.

Awards for seedlings hybridized by members of the local club were also given. Johnna Williamson, of Louisville, took the top honor with her beautiful large spider yellow seedling. Those awarded Honorable Mention certificates were Lisa Little of Brookhaven, for her gorgeous black-red spider, Charles Plaisance of Union, for a wonderful, deeply

saturated, ruffled red, and Doyle Pierce of Meridian, for his lovely owl-eared pink edged in gold. There were many outstanding entries and the decisions were not easy ones. We count ourselves fortunate to have so many talented hybridizers in our midst.

On January 7th, we were pleased to host a potluck supper for Frank Smith, our first guest speaker of the year. Everyone was delighted to meet him and hear about his daylily program. On Saturday, January 8th, he presented a great program for members and guests, showing his wonderful 2005 intros and lots of futures. He also had slides of some of his gorgeous orchids. The daylilies he donated from his collection for auction were bid on with enthusiasm. It was a pleasure to have Frank with us to start our year.

On March 12th, we will have Kevin Vaughn of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Stonewall, MS, as our guest speaker. Linda Agin, from Prattville, AL, will be with us on May 14th; James Townsend, of Laurel, MS, on July 9th; David Kirchoff, of Daylily World in Sanford, FL, on September 10th; and Otis Houston, of Countryside Daylilies in Lake City, FL, on November 12th. We always enjoy having guests, so please come and visit with us.



Miss-Lou Daylily Society

Joan McDaniel, Reporter

Last Saturday—12:00 Noon
Call Club President for Location
March, May, October

President:	Rosa Duck
Vice President:	Kelly Wall
Secretary-Treasurer:	Fay Atwood
Reporter:	Joan McDaniel

The Miss-Lou Daylily Society met October 30, 2004, in the Community Room of Pike County National Bank. Hosts were Kelly Wall, Alton and Fay Atwood, assisted by Berenice Hughes. Following the blessing, offered by Carl McDaniel, a noon lunch was enjoyed by the members and guests.

Vice President Wall conducted the club's business in the absence of President Duck. The motion carried to divide the membership into two groups to host the Spring and Autumn meetings alternately. V.P. Wall recognized Henry and Lisa Little of Brookhaven, who are becoming nationally known for their outstanding hybridizing of daylilies.

Joan McDaniel showed colorful slides of daylilies and companion plants, featuring gardens in Nova Scotia; Victoria, British Columbia; Washington State; Alabama; and locally. The closing slide showed Mrs. Norma Lamb at her last "daylily party." She was responsible for many "plants people" in this area becoming daylily enthusiasts, and was honored by Mr. Wall in his naming a registered daylily NORMA LAMB.

The club held a plant exchange, everyone going home with at least one plant.

Attending our October meeting were Gordon and Kathleen Alexander, the Atwoods, Harold and Thelma Hogan, Mrs. Hughes, Wayne and Pam Johnson, the Littles, the McDaniels, Dr. Dewey and Olive McNiece, Dealos Moak, Maurine Murphy, Margaret Smith, Dr. Pat Tarry, and Mr. Wall.



MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Larry E. Pickel, Reporter

2nd Saturday—2:00 P.M.

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

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

Please call 228-475-1880 for the location of the December, April, May, and June activities.

President:	Larry Pickel
Vice President:	Michael Owens
Secretary:	Teresa Owens
Treasurer:	Jeri McBroom
Publicity Directors:	Larry Pickel Jane Pickel

Our winter schedule has been rewarding to both members and guests. The Christmas Party was, as usual, a great time of fellowship. A large number were in attendance with both members and their guests.

John Falck, Regional Vice President, was our January speaker and provided suggestions and recommendations for the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society Show to be held at the Edgewater Mall in Biloxi, MS on May 21st, 2005. John has chaired daylily shows in Mobile, Alabama. He is an educator and administrator by profession and he was most informative.

Dan Hansen, Florida hybridizer, provided an excellent program at the February 12th meeting. He provided hybridizing recommendations and information beneficial to current and future hybridizers. He was generous with providing the MGCDS with 2005 introductions for our auction.

During March, Shelton Holliday will provide his expertise on hybridizing. Shelton is well known to Region 14 members as he has won many awards through his hybridizing efforts.

The following week (March 19-20) is the Ocean Springs Herb Festival held in downtown Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The festival is from 9:00 A.M. till 5:00 P.M. Saturday and Sunday. There are food booths and hundreds of plant and craft vendors. Crowds for the two day event typically exceed 100,000 people. The MGCDS has a daylily sale and we recruit new members. The annual membership fee for our society is \$5. The fee for youth membership is \$1. The sale is a major fund-raising project for our society. A variety of registered daylilies are sold, and members who are hybridizers also offer some of their seedlings for sale at the gala event.

Our final scheduled meeting on April 9th will be a presentation by Earl Watts from Suburban Gardens in Hatties-

burg, Mississippi. Earl, a hybridizer and frequent show chairman, officer, and known fancier of daylilies, will provide his expertise to attendees on the many features of having a successful show, and he will share his experience on properly preparing daylilies for the show. He is an expert.

At this meeting, we will also have our annual End of Year Picnic, although we will probably have additional meetings of committees and various groups prior to our May 21st Flower Show.



North MS-AL Daylily Society

Linda Beck, Reporter

2nd Tuesday—Buffet Supper—6:00 P.M.
THE DAILY GRIND, Amory, MS

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

President:	Juanice Hayes
1 st Vice President:	Jo Anne Burrage
2 nd Vice President:	Donna Grant
Secretary:	Nancy Gerhart
Treasurer:	Reggie Rose
Parliamentarian:	JoAnne Dunham
Historian:	Mary Fondren

On Tuesday night, December 14, the North MS-AL Daylily Society held its annual Christmas Party at THE DAILY GRIND in Amory, MS. There were 38 members present for this event. The club bought several gift certificates from Lowe's and gave them to the lucky door-prize winners. Regrets were sent from the harmonica player with a promise to present his musical program at a later date.

Wayne Fondren, representing the club's membership, presented President Linda Beck with an Oriental jar in appreciation of her serving as the club's president for the past two years.

On January 11, 2005, the North MS-AL Daylily Society kicked off its first program of the year with special guest Linda Agin of Prattville, AL. Linda showed slides of her many seedlings that she will introduce in the near future. When the slide of LINDA BECK appeared on the screen, there were many appreciative murmurs. This will be Linda's first introduction and it will be available in 2005.

President Juanice Hayes reminded everyone that the annual plant sale and auction will be held the second Tuesday in April. The plants that Linda Agin so generously donated will be in the auction at this meeting.

The Ways and Means Committee members had agreed upon a wonderful plan for door prizes. The chairman will call three or four people per meeting and ask them to bring three door prizes each. This will guarantee the availability of door prizes for each meeting.

Treasurer Reggie Rose announced that 83 people paid their 2005 dues. This exceeds the number of folks from last year this time.

First Vice-President, Jo Anne Burrage, announced that Region 14's RVP, John Falck, will be our featured speaker at the July 12 meeting. John and his wife Nancy are from Fairhope, AL, and are the owners of Hem Haven Nursery.

Juanice encouraged everyone to attend the Spring Regional Meeting in Jackson and the Fall Regional Meeting in Meridian.

Forty-nine members attended our January meeting and enjoyed a delicious buffet meal.



South Central Mississippi Daylily Society

Patricia Arnold and Betty Cline, Reporters

1st Sunday—2:00 P.M.
Calhoun Community Center, Laurel, MS

January, February, April, May, September, October

President:	Martha Kidd
Vice President:	Mary Wedgeworth
Secretary:	Mary Lou Hull
Treasurer:	James Townsend
Reporter/Hospitality:	Betty Cline

It was a busy year last year for the SCMDS and with lots of new members joining us this year, the excitement is already building for 2005! To end 2004 with a bang, Susie and Tony Thompson of Hazel Green, AL, were our guest speakers for October. As we drooled over slides of their beautiful Display Garden, Susie and Tony were kind enough to answer many questions about ponds, daylilies, and their National Wildlife Federation Backyard Wildlife Habitat. We even got to see the beautiful daylilies named for them: TONY THOMPSON, a future introduction from John Peat of Cross Border Daylilies, and SUSIE TEE, a future from Ted L. Petit of Le Petit Jardin. A Precious' Petals birdhouse was gifted to the Club for auction and now graces the garden of one of our members. It will not only serve as a home for bluebirds, but as a reminder of two great daylily friends who ended our year with a wonderful program! Our thanks to Susie and Tony for being our guests!

Following the program, not only did we vote to have our 8th Annual Daylily Show in 2005, with Erma Stennett accepting the General Show Chairmanship, but we also elected the officers for 2005.

Our meetings in 2005 will be on February 28, April 4, and May 2. Our Show is scheduled for May 28.



Several clubs, having had few meetings during the winter months, did not choose to report for this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. Hopefully, these clubs will have news for the Summer/Fall issue. Reporters, please submit all club news by June 15, 2005.

—Editor's Note

WHAT'S FORTHCOMING

The 2005 Region 14 Spring Meeting: Garden Write-Ups

The 2005 Sally Lake Memorial Bed

AHS Region 14 Flower Shows: 2005

The Hattiesburg Exhibition Show

Suburban Daylilies: The Garden of Earl and Barbara Watts

Going Digital: The Art of Photography

Landscaping With Daylilies: The St. Louis and Cincinnati National Conventions

Shantih Gardens: The Birmingham Oasis of Paul and Judi Aucoin

Kemberly Roberts's Passion for Spiders and Unusual Forms

Newest of the New: A Photographic Selection From Your Editor's Trip to Mecca

DATES TO REMEMBER—2005

June 3-4	Region 14 Spring Meeting Jackson, Mississippi
June 15	<i>The Dixie Daylily</i> Summer/Fall Deadline
	Deadline: Youth Digital Photography Award
June 29--July 2	AHS National Convention Cincinnati, Ohio
September 1	Popularity Poll Deadline
October 1	Region 14 Fall Meeting Meridian, Mississippi
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*H*ibiscus, "Blue River II," and the "Siam Tulip" ginger lily are plants worthy of our coastal gardens.

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Asiatic, Trumpet, Oriental, and Tiger lilies can provide additional texture in a garden designed around daylilies. This Oriental lily, “Conca’dor,” was spotted growing in the St. Louis Botanical Gardens. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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A Celebration of People and Daylilies

by Oliver Billingslea, Alabama

“All these people came to Gatsby’s house in the summer.”

--F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

On Saturday, May 14th, as an appreciation to his many friends for being so supportive in his first year of daylilies, Frank Smith hosted the 1st Annual Central Florida Daylily Celebration at his garden near Apopka, Florida. The celebration certainly lived up to its billing as a “Down Home” Bar-B-Que dinner “with lots of great Southern food and hospitality and an opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow gardeners.” Approximately 266 guests attended, including a number of notable hybridizers from Florida and throughout the United States, as well as growers from Canada, Great Britain, Belgium, and South Africa. The daylilies were beautiful.

Born and raised in the tobacco country of eastern North Carolina, Frank Smith attended the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, then Georgia Tech, from which he received his degree in engineering. For twelve years he worked with the nuclear power program for the Navy, his specialty nuclear submarines. Stationed eventually in Orlando, he became an instructor for operators of nuclear reactors.

In 1978, he entered the orchid business with partner Jim Krull. Today, Frank shows

orchids all over the world and lectures frequently in England and Asia. He has developed hybrids of several genera, including cattleya, paphiopedilum, and phalaenopsis. In the book, *100 Orchids for the American Gardener*, author Elvin McDonald describes the Krull Smith “Riverbend” as “among the world’s most beautiful orchids.”

In 1980, Frank bought his first daylily, Mort Morss’ PAPER BUTTERFLY. Becoming increasingly interested in the genetic potential of the modern tetraploid, he bought Audrey Caywood’s Oregon program in 2000 and Larry Grace’s Alabama program in 2001. This gave him the jump start he needed, and although most of the cultivars he has introduced so far are technically Grace-Smith, he is now breeding and preparing his own line for introduction. While there is genetic complexity in his line, thanks to the incorporation of material from Matthew Kaskel, Elizabeth Salter, and others, Frank seems to be favoring the very



Frank had built a comfortable pavilion for his guests with lots of rockers and round tables for conversation and dining. Delphiniums graced the entrance to the daylily beds.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

rounded, heavily ruffled cultivar. Frank asked that I not emphasize his daylilies in this article, because, as he said, “this is a celebration of people.” But of course I’ve included an exemplary picture at the end.

Frank is a man of gracious manners, and I have been particularly impressed with the way he treats his staff. Tina Cohen is his Office Manager and has a delightful personality. Handsome Matt Saftenberg is his Landscape Superintendent and is the coordinator of the work at Universal Studios and several Disney hotels. Frank calls Maria Fidel, who works in the greenhouses and does much of the digging and cleaning, his “angel.” The day of the party she was finding places across the way for each of the 266 guests to park. Jerry Steele

is his Sales Manager. All of these people are great organizers and pleasant folk, essential to a big operation such as Frank Smith’s Daylilies.

The party went well. Guests got to meet hybridizers from all over North America, guys like Bill Maryott (CA), Jamie Gossard (OH), Ed Brown (FL), and John Peat (Canada), as well as most of the Central Florida group. There were lots of us regular folk there as well. I got to talk again with Barry Engelbrecht (South Africa), whom I had met several days earlier, with Rich Rosen (TX), Chairman of Awards & Honors, and with AHS Secretary Pat Mercer (GA). Alie Bey, a local entertainer, sang and played his guitar during the meal. Youth member, Chris Arsenault (FL), led everyone in singing “Happy Birthday” to his grandmother, Margaret Tucker. And finally, there were drawings for several prizes, including a Caribbean cruise and at least two Spring 2006 collections of Frank Smith’s daylilies.

Throughout the event, Frank moved with ease among his



Frank Smith and Ed Brown sign my copy of the Cumulative Awards & Honors booklet, which now has the autographs of 50 of our most prominent hybridizers. I was so excited that I had Bobby Baxter shoot this photograph. *(Photo by Bobby Baxter)*



Bobby Baxter (NC), Paul Limmer (NY), and Bridey Greeson (TX) discuss daylilies—what else? Chat groups abounded. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*V*ideographer Bobby Baxter films guests at the barbecue, as I snapped this picture of him unawares. An array of impatiens added a colorful carpet to the evening's festivities. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*M*ark Carpenter (TX) says something—"about daylilies," no doubt—which causes even Peggy Jeffcoat (SC) to blush. Raymond Quinn (NC) smiles at the camera, while Jim Jeffcoat seems but mildly amused. What exactly it was Mark said, I never found out. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*C*hris Arsenault enjoys a coke. He will attend Central Florida this fall. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

guests. He has that remarkable quality of reassurance that concentrates on each guest “with an irresistible prejudice in your favor.” So it was no accident that when Larry Grace introduced me to Frank a couple of years ago, I immediately drew a connection with F. Scott Fitzgerald’s “Gatsby.” I told Frank so at the time—not just in respect to his buying Larry’s program and getting a jump start, but as a compliment to Frank’s “extraordinary gift for hope.”



They came—an extraordinary group of hybridizers. Here John Kinnebrew, Dan Trimmer, and Jeff Salter chat with Frank Smith. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



FS-4-33 is typical of Frank’s hybridizing program. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Ray Spencer (Great Britain), Francois Verhaert (Belgium), and Stefano Peroni (Italy) converse. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Floriferous (and piratical) Curt Hanson was most stunning. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Ted and Susan Petit are caught in conversation with their handsome son Gavin, and his girlfriend, Julie Warren.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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