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**Cover Photo:** *It is with pleasure that I have chosen a photo of Hemerocallis 'Song of the Sea' (Emmerich 2018) to grace this cover of The Dixie Daylily. Photographed in the Billingslea Garden, it was the winner of the Linda Agin Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered purple daylily seen in a tour garden during the Region 14 Spring Meeting.*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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

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## REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT TERESE GOODSON

Well, the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Montgomery is history, as also was a very enjoyable trip to the AHS National Convention hosted in Myrtle Beach, SC. It was fun to see so many gardens at both events. My thanks go out to the Montgomery Area Daylily Society for being such gracious hosts over the Memorial Day weekend and also to the Georgetown Daylily Society for sponsoring the National Convention in early June. Since my garden was on regional tour this year, I have a whole new appreciation for the amount of work involved to prep for visitors. My farm looks better now than it has in over 40 years, thanks to help from several MADS members and friends.

Congratulations are definitely in order to Debbie Smith, Regional Publicity Director for AL/MS. Her hard work over the years has not gone unnoticed, as she was honored with the AHS Regional Service Award in Myrtle Beach. It was a pleasure to see her face when she heard her name and saw her picture on the national stage. This was a well-deserved recognition and honor.

I'm proud to announce that Region 14 has two new display gardens. I recently evaluated the Whetstone Garden by the Lake in Titus, AL, and was delighted to see huge clumps of daylilies waving along the waterfront. No wonder boaters stop along the shore to admire this display garden! Charlotte and Mabrey Whetstone are certainly advertising our favorite flower. The second garden I certified was Daylily Hollow, the Collinsville, MS, garden of Beverly and Philip Odom. This garden has over 285 daylilies registered before 1980, so it will also be listed as an AHS Historic Daylily Display Garden. If you haven't visited display gardens in the past, take some time to do so. I have already visited 12 gardens in Region 14, and I plan to make more rounds very soon. Each garden is so very different and reflects the personality of the owner(s). This has been a fun adventure for me.

There have been many changes at the national level for the American Hemerocallis/American Daylily Society. New information was shared in Myrtle Beach. It was a great networking opportunity to meet and visit with other regional presidents and share ideas and concerns. Do take time to browse the updated website for AHS/ADS at <https://daylilies.org/> and see what is new for members.

I have traveled across AL/MS visiting local daylily clubs. If I haven't made it to your area yet, please help me by sharing dates and times of your future meetings. I also am compiling a database with current email addresses for Region 14 members. It is so easy to communicate on a regular basis if I can just shoot an email out when I get new information to share. How about this news? Henry Little, a Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society member from Brookhaven, MS, has accepted the position of Region 14 president, effective January 1, 2019. Thank you, Henry for your willingness to serve in this capacity.

*Terese Goodson*

## RPD'S REPORT DEBBIE D. SMITH

As our busy 2018 daylily season comes to an end, we can sit back, relax and reflect on what worked and what we need to do differently next year. We saw multiple gorgeous gardens both in Montgomery, Alabama, and in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I also toured several private gardens. Taking exciting ideas from all these different gardens and dreaming of incorporating them into my own will keep me occupied during the summer's heat until it is bearable outside again in the fall.

The Region 14 Spring Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, in May was very successful. It was the first time that I had heard Karol Emmerich speak. She blended gardening know-how with humor and made you wonder how she has escaped termination in her greenhouse. We saw four great gardens that will each have write-ups in this issue. The weather cooperated until the very end of the tours when the second bus caught rain just after arrival at the Goodson Garden. Choosing what to vote for was very difficult. The tour garden awards are:

Amy Stewart Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Pink: **'South Sea Enchantment'** in the Carleton Garden

Ben Arthur Davis Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Eyed or Eyed & Edged daylily: **'Walter Kennedy'** in the Billingslea Garden

Bennie McRae Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Small or Miniature daylily: **'Little Red Dumplings'** in the Goodson Garden

Elaine Smelley Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Spider or Unusual Form daylily: **'Curious George'** in the Carleton Garden

Nell George Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Red daylily: **'Spider Man'** in the Carleton Garden

Robbie Bush Adams Award – Best clump of a registered Yellow daylily: **'Andrew Christian'** in the Billingslea Garden

Shelton Holliday Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Double daylily: **'Sebastian the Crab'** in the Frye Garden

Linda Agin Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Purple daylily: **'Song of the Sea'** in the Billingslea Garden

Region 14 Landscape Award for the best use of daylilies in the landscape: The Frye Garden

President's Cup – Best clump of a registered cultivar: **'Tide-water Elf'** in the Billingslea Garden

## Sally Lake Memorial Award – Best Seedling:

Winner	#52	Martha Brazelton
1st Runner-up	#9	Jim Brazelton
2nd Runner-up	#33	Martha Brazelton
3rd Runner-up	#16	Steve Thompson
4th Runner-up	#31	John Falck

Best Article in *The Dixie Daylily*: Marie Updike for “The Watts Garden: A Magnet for Daylily Enthusiasts.” Her award was a new introduction of Earl Watts.

Congratulations to all and a special thanks to Linda and George Carleton for a spectacularly grown Sally Lake Bed.

The National was hosted by a very small club, the Georgetown Area Daylily Club in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It shows what an organized, dedicated group of people can accomplish when they set their minds to the task. We toured wonderful gardens. The heat and humidity wrapped us up in its arms and made us think that we were at home. I was thrilled to receive the AHS Region 14 Service Award.

Your popularity Poll Ballot is due by September 1, 2018. AHS/ADS members can mail it, fill it out on-line, send me an email, or even call and give me your picks over the phone. My new email is: [debdahlsmith@hughes.net](mailto:debdahlsmith@hughes.net) but if you sent it to my old one, don't worry; it is still being forwarded. Call me at 251-957-0066 or my cell is 251-490-2273.

The 2018 Fall Regional meeting is being sponsored by the Meridian Daylily Club and will be held in Meridian, Mississippi, on the first Saturday in October, the 6th. Registration is scheduled to open at 8:30 A.M. The speaker is Bill Waldrop. The registration form is in this issue and on the Region 14 website. Hope to see y'all there!

As always, please remember to send in your club's contact information and changes as they occur.

*Debbie D. Smith*



*H. 'Little Red Dumplings' (Anderson-H. 2000), winner of the Bennie McRae Memorial Award in the Goodson Garden for the best clump of a registered small or miniature daylily. (Photo by Bennie Ray Brown)*

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## MINUTES, SPRING MEETING 2018 BEVERLY ODOM, SECRETARY

The AHS Region 14 spring business meeting was held at the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, AL, on Friday, May 26, 2018.

President Terese Goodson called the meeting to order. She announced her upcoming visits to 2 new potential display gardens.

Region Secretary, Beverly Odom, was asked to stand. The Region 14 minutes from October 7, 2017, for the Fall 2017 meeting, were published in *The Dixie Daylily*, Spring 2017 edition. President Goodson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There was a motion by Oliver Billingslea, seconded by Henry Little, to accept the minutes and they were approved as published.

Jim Chappell, Regional Treasurer, read the treasurer's report. The ending balance was \$19,267.90. President Goodson asked if there were any corrections to the report. There was a motion to accept the report as stated, and the report was approved.

Brief reports were given as follows:

Regional Publicity Director, Debbie Smith, encouraged AHS members to vote in the 2018 Popularity Poll. The 2017 Poll was published in the Spring 2018 edition of *The Dixie Daylily*.

*The Dixie Daylily* Editor and Region 14 Director, Oliver Billingslea, thanked everyone for their support and encouraged members to send articles and photos for the Summer/Fall edition of *The Dixie Daylily*. He reported that the deadline would be June 21, 2018.

Henry Little presented Garden Judge Liaison Nancy Chain's report, which encouraged more people to become garden judges. Only 3 people attended the 2 clinics held at the meeting. He also thanked the Billingsleas for hosting the Garden Judges Workshop II.

Exhibition Judges Liaison, John Falck, encouraged more people to become exhibition judges. He also made a motion that for future meetings, people would pay for the clinics upfront with their registration instead of at the meeting. Jason Fleishman seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion was carried.

Historian, Sarah Lunsford – No report.

Membership Chairperson, Glenda Woods, reported that she would be contacting new members to encourage participation in Daylily Clubs, Display Gardens, and to make them aware of our publications.

Protocol, Jack Harrison – No Report.

Youth, Tricia Folks – Reported that 2 youth members were in attendance.

Unfinished Business:

President Goodson thanked the North Alabama Daylily Society for hosting the Fall 2017 Meeting in Huntsville, AL.

Janet Green's resignation as Region 14 Secretary, due to health reasons, was announced.

George Carleton presented the report from the nominating committee for Regional President. The committee nominated Henry Little as the next Region President. President Goodson called for a vote and the nomination was approved.

Phyllis Riddle made a motion to wait on the decision to keep *The Dixie Daylily* separate or make it part of the national publication.

New Business:

Beverly Odom, Meridian, MS, was named Secretary for Region 14.

Jason Fleishman, Tuscaloosa, accepted the position of AHS Scientific Studies Chairperson for Region 14.

The nominating committee for the new Regional Director was selected. The members are: Chairperson, B.J. Yance, Phyllis Riddle, and Pat Wentz. A vote was called and the committee was approved.

President Goodson closed the business meeting.

Announcements:

In January, Hattiesburg was named the nation's first official "AHS 'Gold Level' Daylily City."

Donations were made to the AHS general fund, the AHS 100 giving \$100 fund, and the William E. Monroe Endowment Trust Fund by several Region 14 members.

2018 Pop Poll, on-line or by paper ballot, is due to Debbie Smith by September 1.

2018 National AHS Convention, June 6-9, hosted by the Georgetown Area Daylily Club, was held in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Lois Smith, President of The Meridian Daylily Society, announced that the Fall 2018 Region 14 Meeting will be held in Meridian on October 6th at the Northeast Convention Center with accommodations being available at the Hampton Inn. Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies will be the guest speaker.

It was also announced that the Central Alabama Daylily Society has been dissolved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Beverly Odom*

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## TREASURER'S REPORT 6/20/18

JIM CHAPPELL, TREASURER

February 12, 2018—June 20, 2018

**Cash on Hand @ February 12, 2018** \$22,537.90

**Total Funds:** **\$22,537.90**

**Receipts:**

Date:

2/14/2018	CADS Donation for Sally Lake	\$100.00
4/5/2018	MSGCDS Donation	\$150.00
6/5/2018	Plant Auction	\$4,185.00
6/5/2018	Silent Auction	\$281.00
6/5/2018	Plant Sale Table	\$870.00

**Total Receipts:** \$5,586.00  
**\$5,586.00**

**Expenditures:**

Date: CK#

5/23/2018 #1097	Phyllis Riddle, Sally Lake Award	(\$20.00)
5/23/2018 #1098	Oliver Billingslea, Director	(\$1,000.00)
5/23/2018 #1099	Oliver Billingslea, Editor	(\$1,000.00)
5/23/2018 #1100	Terese Goodson, RP	(\$1,000.00)
5/23/2018 #1101	MADS Region Meeting	(\$500.00)
5/25/2018 #1102	Debbie Smith, Region Supplies	(\$175.42)
5/25/2018 #1103	Terese Goodson, Region Awards	(\$187.97)
5/25/2018 #1104	Phyllis Riddle, Region Supplies	(\$85.01)
5/26/2018 #1105	MADS, Salters' Hotel Room	(\$200.00)

**Total Expenditures:** -\$4,168.40  
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Cash on Hand @ June 20, 2018 \$23,955.50

**Total Funds as of June 20, 2018** **\$23,955.50**

*Jim Chappell*

# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## OLIVER BILLINGSLEA

The AHS Board of Directors Spring Meeting was held in Myrtle Beach, SC, on June 7, 2018, hosted by the Georgetown Area Daylily Club.

As Chair of Special Projects, I had no new information to report, other than to express continuing hope that a Botanical Garden will offer to establish a Lenington All-American Bed, as many Gardens have done with planting of Stout Medal Winners. Limited funds from AHS are available in support of such a project. The good news is that at least two private gardens in Region 14, those of Connie and Don Montgomery and our new Region 14 Secretary Beverly Odom are developing Lenington collections.

At the Publication Committee meeting, it was announced that work is proceeding on a "Hybridizing 101" book and that a PDF for "Flower Arranging with Daylilies" has been completed. Two new judges' handbooks, *Judging Daylilies in the Garden* and *Daylily Exhibitions* became available January 15, and are being sold by Amazon Print on Demand or as E-books. AHS members can download a PDF for free at the AHS Portal store. It was also reported that the sales of single copies of *Daylilies: The Fifty Year Affair*, *Landscaping with Daylilies*, *Double Daylilies: Twice the Fun*, *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies* (revised edition), and *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms and Other "Exotics"* have been transferred to Amazon Fulfillment. These publications will now be exposed to the vast Amazon audience, whereas before they were only marketed to the AHS membership. Multiple copies of AHS publications can still be ordered directly through AHS with discounts for 10 or more copies, and a special price has also been set for orders of 5 copies. Kindle copies of these books can be obtained for as little as \$2.99 when purchasing a hard copy from Amazon. As a future project, depending the success of our latest publications, I have given some thought to beginning work on a book on "the full form daylily: miniature, small, and large flowers," but I also realize it would be a time-consuming project. The project will largely depend on the availability of photos of these subjects.

As of March 1, Kathy Pinkas of Granite City, IL, accepted the position of Publication Sales Manager, and has been conducting an inventory of all books in storage. She has taken over the mailing of club orders, although single copies must be ordered through Amazon. She can be reached at [pubsales@daylilies.org](mailto:pubsales@daylilies.org). Because Kathy was unable to attend the National Convention in Myrtle Beach, I volunteered to sell as many books as our Publications Chair, Lois Hart, could bring.

AHS has been doing well, partly because of our book publications. As of March 31, 2018, the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust reported a balance of \$786,692.98.

As in many organizations throughout the country, membership continues to decline, albeit ever so slightly in AHS. As of May 14, 2018, AHS had 5,541 members. It is so important that each of us renew our membership for 2019

right away, if we have not already done so. Remember, you have to be a member of AHS to receive *The Daylily Journal*, as well as issues of Region 14's *The Dixie Daylily*. I find it disappointing that some Club Presidents in Region 14 are not members of AHS. It would be nice if clubs could offer them a membership, so they would know what is going on in our Region, as well as nationally.

In previous Board action last summer, a new Daylily Ambassador Program was created for the purpose of recognizing events/activities that publicize and promote the daylily in innovative ways that successfully achieve outreach to the general public. In regard to Region 14 in particular, it was approved that the Board bypass all required Daylily City application paperwork and designate Hattiesburg, MS, a Daylily City, at the Gold level. A write-up of the Hattiesburg celebration by Bud Kirkpatrick this past January was featured in this Spring on-line issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.

In respect to the Popularity Poll, the execution of which remains the prerogative of each Region, despite several Regions deciding to revamp their processes (retiring anywhere from one to five daylilies from their poll yearly), Region 14 voted to continue its process of selecting the most "popular" daylilies that grow well in our region, notwithstanding their repeated selection.

Subsequent to the Fall Board Meeting, and thanks to a generous gift, significant improvements have been undertaken regarding our AHS website. Its re-design began in late February and was completed by mid April, although improvements are still being carried out. In connection with its new design, the AHS Board of Directors has ratified "the greater emphasis and use of 'American Daylily Society' in marketing, education, and outreach efforts." I found it amusing that at the Board Meeting in Myrtle Beach most Directors were happy to refer to ADS. However, as we move forward, no immediate plans are being made to change our medals, our books, or our logo, or to eliminate the AHS name altogether.

The AHS Marketing Committee has initiated a cross-membership recruitment plan with the American Horticultural Society and is exchanging full page ads in their society's journal, *The American Gardener*, and in our own publication, *The Daylily Journal*.

At the Fall Board Meeting in Savannah, GA, individuals will once again be selected for various personal awards given annually by the Society. These awards include the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal for Service, the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for Hybridizing, the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award, the Electronic Media Award, and the various Regional Service Awards. The 2018 recipients were announced in June at the National Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC. If you would like to nominate someone for the 2019 awards, your nomination letter must be received by Claude Carpenter, Chair of Awards & Honors, by September 1, 2018. He can accept an electronic submission at [awards@daylilies.org](mailto:awards@daylilies.org), or you may mail your letter to his home address at 6075 Vickery Pt., Cumming, GA 30040.

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## AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting

October 6, 2018

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Guest Speaker: Bill Waldrop, Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, GA

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## American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 2018 Popularity Poll Ballot

The Popularity Poll ballot is available in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily* and on the AHS Region 14 website. Mail or email your choices by September 1, 2018, or use the web-based ballot. Please submit your ballot in any form only once. Each member can vote for up to ten (10) registered cultivars. You have the option of writing in up to five (5) personal choices, should these choices not appear on the Regional ballot. Each AHS member is eligible to vote and is encouraged to do so. Thank you for your time.

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Alabama Jubilee  
Alabama Wildfire  
All American Chief  
Amalia Harrison  
Bali Watercolor  
Banana Smoothie  
Barbara Fuller  
Barbara Mitchell  
Barbara Watts  
Beautiful Edgings  
Bella Lugosi  
Beyond Red  
Big Kiss  
Big Red Wagon  
Blazing Cannons  
Boundless Beauty  
Clothed in Glory  
Coach's Braided Angel  
Coach's Hot Lips  
Coffee to Go  
Crazy Ivan  
Debbie Daniels  
Dorothy and Toto  
Double Blue Blood  
Double Screamer  
Emma's Curls  
Evelyn Gates  
Fairhope Red Tailed Kite  
Free Wheelin'  
Get Jiggy  
God Save the Queen  
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be  
Jessica Lynn Bell  
J.T. Davis  
Just for Breakfast  
King Kahuna  
Last Snowflake  
Lava Flow  
Lavender Blue Baby  
Lillian's John Falck  
Lillian's Legends and Lies  
Lillian's Lying Eyes  
Lillian's White Lies  
Lillian's Woman's Touch  
Lilly's Smile  
Linda Beck

Little Red Dumplings  
Look Here Mary  
Loose Reins  
Mary's Gold  
Mayor of Munchkinland  
Memphis  
Moonlit Masquerade  
Moses' Fire  
Nancy Billingslea  
Nancy's Quilt  
Orange Velvet  
Papa Goose  
Persian Ruby  
Phyllis Riddle  
Pink Lemonade Party  
Planet Max  
Point Clear Jubilee  
Primal Scream  
Princess Diana  
Red Volunteer  
Rose F. Kennedy  
Rose Masterpiece  
Savannah Debutante  
Sebastian the Crab  
Scream and Shout  
Seminole Wind  
Shores of Time  
Signature Truffle  
South Sea Enchantment  
Spacecoast Gold Bonanza  
Spider Man  
Strawberry Candy  
Suburban Barbara Huff  
Suburban Carey Roberts  
Suburban Coach Burnham  
Suburban Golden Eagle  
Suburban Nancy Gayle  
Suburban Wren  
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Tangerine Horses  
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*Hemerocallis 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004)*  
Winner of the Region 14 Popularity Poll:  
2013, 2014, 2016, 2017  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

## Debbie D. Smith

### Receives the AHS Region 14 Service Award

The following is an excerpt from the letter sent to the AHS Board of Directors nominating Debbie D. Smith for the 2018 AHS Regional Service Award for Region 14:

“Besides being an AHS member since 2009, Debbie Smith is a member of three Region 14 daylily clubs: MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society, Hattiesburg Area Daylily Club, and the Mobile Hemerocallis Society. She has served as an officer in the MSGCDS club, and has been a member there since about 2004. According to Bonnie Lingel, current MS Gulf Coast president, ‘I have never met anyone who is more organized and more talented’ than Debbie. ‘She is the lynch pin for all of the activities on the MS Gulf Coast.’ Bonnie frequently consults with Debbie about club agendas, speakers, etc. She is a valuable resource.

“In addition to being a general resource, Debbie has been instrumental in planning for the many annual daylily shows on the Gulf Coast. She has assisted in all operations, and also enters/exhibits in these shows, and has worked especially hard on placement and tabulation. John Falck, a former regional president, noted that Debbie has always been a strong supporter of the Mobile Hemerocallis Society.

“Oliver Billingslea commented that Debbie has submitted several well written articles, all unsolicited, for publication in *The Dixie Daylily*. “God's Glory Garden: The Trip to Display Status” was a tribute to the garden of the late C.P. Winters (former Region 14 president), and her husband Bill. Debbie’s “A Show is More Than Just One Day: The 2015 MSGCDS Show” is a treasure trove of information about the scenes requirements for planning and hosting an AHS daylily show. Oliver also noted how promptly Debbie answers all emails and calls. She has been very informative in her communications to club presidents, the Regional Director, and to members. She publicized and disseminated the Popularity Poll in memos, on the Region 14 website, and in the newsletter.

“When Linda Carleton, president of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, requested assistance in planning for the 2018 Spring meeting in Montgomery, Debbie graciously volunteered to drive up from the coast to serve as a resource for the meeting. Her input was invaluable for finalizing a budget and for insuring that the required programs and clinics would be available. Debbie’s organizational skills will show, once again, as they did in Hattiesburg for the Spring 2017 and for the Fall 2016 meeting. Whether that meant soliciting donated plants for auction, designing award certificates, ensuring that all awards were available, setting up head tables or speaker’s needs, Debbie is a non-stop workhorse and a pleasure with whom to work.

“When C.P. Winters became too ill to continue serving as Region 14 president, Debbie stepped up to the plate and finished the remainder of her term. She then jumped right back into her strong role as Regional Publicity Director

for the region. Debbie was also quite instrumental in assisting at God’s Glory Garden by digging, dividing, and transferring C.P.’s Stout and Lenington Award winning daylily beds to a new home in “The Montgomery Garden,” home of Connie and Don Montgomery in Hattiesburg, MS. Other daylilies were also prepped during MANY long hours for use at regional and club sales and auctions.

“I’m sure I could find statements from additional club members around AL/MS to add to the few items I have listed. As Bonnie Lingel also stated, ‘Debbie won’t take any credit.’ She might not take the credit, but I will give her that well deserved credit through this Region 14 Service Award nomination.”



*Claude Carpenter, Chair of Awards and Honors,  
At the National Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC,  
Congratulates Debbie Smith,  
Upon her receiving the AHS Service Medal for Region 14  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Debbie Smith, Region 14's RPD  
(Photo for AHS Presentation)*

# *A Country Experience in a Suburban Community*

*by Marie Updike*

The Carleton Garden is located in the suburban community of Pike Road, Alabama, 16 miles east of Montgomery. Their current home was built in 1991 after they purchased 15 acres in 1988. Subsequently, some of the landscaping and the new, small gardens close to the house were planted. Their acreage started out in the country, but Pike Road has expanded and now surrounds the Carleton's woodland property.

Before delving into a description of the exquisite gardens that today exhibit such beauty in our garden write-up, a bit of history is first provided.

Linda Carleton, a member of the Capital City Master Gardener Association, initially became interested in registered daylilies after Georgia Rehnberg, a grower of daylilies from Coosada, Alabama, gave a daylily presentation. Linda purchased her first daylilies from her. A few years later, a fellow CCMGA member, Terese Goodson, invited Linda to attend a meeting of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society. It wasn't until 2011 that the Carletons joined the daylily club and the American Hemerocallis Society. All the signs were there for daylily addiction, and over time, they enthusiastically began expanding the gardens and purchasing registered daylilies. This led to a desire for blooms with brilliant, solid colors, especially the yellows and oranges, plus plants with strong scapes. Their "thing" or obsession with daylilies took off seven years ago after George installed more landscaping changes and a huge raised garden bed in addition to the beds he had already installed as a gift to Linda for graduating from the CCMGA 2008 intern class. The Carletons visited Terese Goodson's gardens, read issues of the *The Dixie Daylily* magazine edited by Oliver Billingslea, and with a thorough knowledge of daylilies, then expanded their daylily beds. As of June, 2018, the Carletons have planted approximately 176 daylily cultivars. *Hemerocallis 'Curious George'* (Peat 2001) is one of Linda's favorite daylilies. George expressed a penchant for *H. 'Jolly White Giant'* (Ciavarelli 1984).

George's background as an architect included working with several successful architecture firms in New York, Florida, and Montgomery, Alabama. Linda is a retired educator, with previous work as a school psychometrist. She has been a member of the CCMGA since 2008, receiving her gold badge in 2012. Her activities in the CCMGA include focusing on plant sales, managing the intern program, as well as holding the office of treasurer. Linda enjoys ceramics which she makes for her six grandchildren, ages from two to twenty. In 2018 she was nominated "Citizen of the Year" by the Pike Road Civic Club. Her long-time civic club involvement includes serving as president for two years, first vice-president for two years, and for two years she has helped organized the Pike Road Arts and Crafts Fair. As a MADS member, she was first vice president for two years and then president for 2017 and 2018. George and

Linda display leadership and strong organization qualities which has fostered effective teamwork between them and many accomplishments.

The next phase of their lives will focus on down-sizing, making the gardens and home easier to maintain. Previously, their combined goals were to expand, but now, appropriately, as both are retired, their joint goals are spending more time with grandchildren and traveling. Still, the Carletons enjoy the surprise that daylilies offer each spring as the plants come alive, grow and send up blooms. So, daylilies will continue to be a focus in the gardens.

Linda says George has a natural knack for gardening and maintaining the three-acre landscaped site. That includes procuring "super soil" or tussling with weeds. Upon first arriving at the gardens, a visitor might initially experience amazement at the sensational expanse of gardens surrounding their gracious home, evidence of George's gift and his successful results, then feel a sense of joy from the peacefulness in seeing lakes and ponds in all directions. George, who grew up on Long Island, New York, was exposed to gardening by his father and uncle, who grew vegetables. His knowledge of good gardening techniques could be a mantra for maximizing a home garden. A handful of his revered words might be: "Begin with really, really, really good soil. Weed early and often. Use the right tools. Water efficiently and often." Listening to George's step-by-step guide takes away the mystery of common gardening tutorials.

Super what, you say? That's "super soil" which George orders from Froggy Bottom Materials, locally owned and operated by Zeb King and Ben Lassiter, 1010 Cook Station Rd., Montgomery, AL 36117, Phone: 334-215-FROG (3704). The list on the Internet for their recipe mixture is: "Super Soil (PH 6.8) = 1/3 mix of mushroom compost, pine-bark mulch fines and washed sand." George finds it a wonderful way to amend Alabama clay soil and has ordered truckloads for almost every garden bed. He says it creates exceptional growing conditions, and some beds now have a loam appearance, like a forest floor. Zeb King says, "It is especially effective with alkaline gumbo soil; the blend never gets too hot, and we take care with the mixing, sifting and grinding of materials. There's rarely an issue with weeds as super soil does not have any top soil in it." Super soil is a highly amended growing medium that George applies over a base of chicken manure in the daylily beds. Liquid nutrients are almost never necessary because super soil is a well-balanced, nutrient rich soil mixture which grows thick, strong plants that increase quickly. Some double fan daylily cultivars planted last fall have tripled the number of fans in a clump. The impact of super soil is evident in the vigorous daylily clumps, as they are receiving both macronutrients and micronutrients, a necessity for viable plant growth. It is the ideal mixture for plants.

*Marie Updike*

# *Garden Judges Clinic II*

## *Held in the Billingslea Garden, May 25, 2018*



*Jeff Salter conducts the Garden Judges II Clinic held in the Billingslea Garden on May 25, 2018. From left to right are Nancy Stainsby, Steve Stainsby, Nancy Chain, Jason Fleishman, Henry Little, Lisa Little, Elizabeth Salter, and Jeff. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Jeff extols the qualities of H. 'Andrew Christian' (Harris-Benz 1990), while clinic attendees listen. (Photo by Nancy Billingslea)*



*The Billingsleas (from left to right: daughter Rachel, Oliver, and Nancy) gather for a portrait during the clinic. (Photo by Lisa Little)*



*We were pleased to have Earl and Barbara Watts as guests in our garden during the clinic.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Blooming during the clinic and on the tour, during which it received the Linda Agin Memorial Award, Hemerocallis 'Song of the Sea' (2018), hybridized by our guest speaker, Karol Emmerich, is your editor's discovery of the year. The photo above was taken July 7, 2018, on rebloom scapes in our garden.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

# *Otis Acres: The Garden of Linda and George Carleton*

*by Marie Updike*

May 26, 2018, was a lovely day when the Carletons welcomed the AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting bus tour participants to their Okfuski Trail domain. According to the Region 14 program, “Daylilies—Bringing Color to the River Region,” the Carleton Gardens are “affectionately referred to as ‘Otis Acres’ by family members and nicknamed after a beloved German Shepard called ‘Otis’.” The house “sits atop a hillside overlooking Lake Cameron in the town of Pike Road, with sweeping views visible for miles.” Standing at the highest point of the property near the house, the awe-inspiring portrait of house, gardens, hills and trees hark back to perfect scenery for an outdoor ceremony. The best view is from the swing in a shaded part of the garden. The placement of the house, tool shed and gardens is a natural layout as a result of the surrounding woodland topography.

Nothing builds enthusiasm for a daylily group like seeing masses of daylily blooms as they step off the bus. Guests listened to their hosts explain that each garden bed or patch has a special meaning to Linda and George. Large clumps of daylily cultivars listed on the Region 14 Popularity Poll Ballot for 2018 were in bloom: ‘Alabama Jubilee’, ‘Double Blue Blood’, ‘J.T. Davis’, ‘King Kahuna’, ‘Lava Flow’, ‘Moses’ Fire’, ‘Orange Velvet’, ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’, ‘Tangerine Horses’ and ‘Webster’s Pink Wonder’. Numerous daylily cultivars were obtained from fellow MADS member Evelyn Miller when she downsized, and there were special daylily purchases from Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia and Texas. Almost every year MADS has a bus trip at which time the group tours a southern region with the purchase of daylilies as a goal.



*A magnificent magnolia tree serves as a backdrop for one of the many beds featuring daylilies at “Otis Acres.”*

*Knockout roses further complement the daylilies.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Many of the guests on the tour that day complimented the Carletons on the ambiance which they experienced.

At the far side of the house is a garden with more shade and a peaceful place to retreat. There are holly ferns,

iris, and canna lilies all dispersed with more daylilies, wherever enough sunlight is possible.



*A beautiful side yard features canna lilies alongside holly fern and irises.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Yard art encouraged visitors to observe the gardens at a closer perspective and provided interesting venues. Various planters, iron figurines, a large metal flower, benches, and several urns were purchased from different shopping trips. Some of Linda's special items in the gardens are things she created in ceramics class. The prized birdhouse constructed by MADS member Arthur Woods will last because it is made of cedar. It has attracted a pair of birds who are currently nesting and egg sitting.



*A shady area contains a birdhouse and is bordered by red sun patiens.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

The Sally Lake Memorial Award Bed offered up some great seedling plants from various Region 14 hybridizers. So many beauties were in bloom on tour day, but one stood out: Number 52, a seedling from Martha Brazelton. It was covered with many buds and beautiful peachy colored blooms that had a rose eye, rose ruffled edge and green

throat. Seedling number 16 displayed huge red blooms with big yellow ruffled edges and a yellow throat. Seedling number 33 had very impressive blooms on tour day; it was of a medium rose color, with white ribbing and a yellow ruffled edge with a big yellow throat. Prior to building the SLMAB, George had to consider the clay soil, the installing of underground soaker hoses, and placement of timbers on a sloped area. The existing daylilies growing in that area were to be dug and moved to a different location. To build the new SLMAB, George constructed raised beds with timbered sides, followed by a truckload of super soil placed over chicken manure.



*The newly installed Sally Lake Memorial Bed featured daylilies at their best.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Following the pathways through the garden, there are many other plants, trees and bushes. Two Toomer's Corners oak trees were planted in 2012 as offspring/rooted from the original Auburn University trees. In shaded areas they planted a number of Japanese Maple trees at various times, one of which was acquired from Pat Dye, former Auburn football coach. Nearby are hostas, ferns, pots of geraniums, and impatiens around the patio. The sun patiens were spectacular having been planted around the borders of the pecan tree, ash trees and others. The gently sloping lawns run down into beautiful hay fields. George uses a zero turn mower to cut both lawns and fields, and installed above ground drip hoses in most of the gardens. Daylilies moved to make way for the SLMAB were planted around a "marriage tree" bed. The center of that bed, a stately Magnolia tree, was planted on the day of George and Linda's marriage. The bed includes numerous, large daylily clumps, abundant blooming blue salvia and a large band of hardy ferns as the bed receives sun from all sides. Blooming on tour day in this bed were *Hemerocallis* 'South Sea Enchantment', *H.* 'Spider Man' and many other named cultivars. Visitors made choices casting ballots for specific clumps for specific awards. At the awards banquet, the Carletons received the following awards for daylily clumps grown in their garden during the tour: the Amy Stewart Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered pink daylily, ('South Sea Enchantment');



The classic *H.* ‘**Spider Man**’ (Durio 1982) won the Nell George Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered red daylily seen in a tour garden.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H.* ‘**Curious George**’ (Peat 2001)  
Winner of the Elaine Smelley Memorial Award  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The patio at the Carletons featured a plethora of potted plants, including specimen ferns, begonias, and geraniums.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

the Nell George Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered red daylily, (**‘Spider Man’**); the Elaine Smelley Memorial Award for best clump of a spider or unusual form

daylily, (**‘Curious George’**)\*; and an award for hosting and growing fifty-five daylily seedlings in the Sally Lake Memorial Bed. (\* See *Editor’s Column*, p. 55.)





*The backyard at "Otis Acres" combines daylilies alongside irises, roses, ferns, and grasses. H. 'Curious George' (Peat 2001), which received the Elaine Smelley Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered spider or unusual form daylily seen in a tour garden, is displayed in this lovely setting. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. 'Gene Strawn' (Strawn-Netherton 2003) is a tangerine double found blooming in the Carleton Garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

The Carletons were excited to welcome many daylily lovers to their beautiful gardens. George and Linda have been bitten by the daylily bug, and feel fortunate to share their garden with Region 14 members. Their country experience in a suburban setting, which best describes Otis Acres, makes it unique and special.

*Marie Updike*



*Linda and George Carleton (Photo by Marie Updike)*

# *The Garden of Freda and William Frye*

*by Rita Moore*

As we stepped off the bus at the home of Freda and William Frye, we were greeted with a few daylilies and amaryllis and a gorgeous Annabelle hydrangea in full bloom with a beautiful planting of begonias at the front entrance to the house. All of this was situated on a city lot in small-town Millbrook, AL, with tall pines gracing the neighborhood. Near the garage we found a few more daylilies, gerbera daisies and calla lilies. Boy were we in for a surprise when we passed through the gate to enter the backyard!

In the backyard we found an oasis of daylilies with an abundance of hydrangeas: mopheads, lace-caps, **'Fuji Waterfall'**, **'Lady in Red'**, **'Cityline Paris'** (red) among others unnamed. Freda and William had placed strategic locations to sit and enjoy the peaceful, relaxing scenery and enjoy the wind racing through the pines and listen to the singing of the birds.

Among the companion plants in the backyard were hostas, amaryllis, vincas, verbena, gardenias, roses, azaleas



Hydrangea **'Fuji Waterfall'**  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*A beautiful lace-cap hydrangea in full bloom*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Jason Fleishman and B.J. Yance converse alongside a backyard focal point: a raised stone bed featuring a collection of Mexican Talavera pottery.*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

and camellias. There was a large custom-built birdhouse with large ceramic bluebirds nearby. The focal point of the backyard was a raised-bed stone garden with steps to access the bed. A stepping stone path crossed providing easy access for admiring individual cultivars or working among plants. A collection of Mexican Talavera pottery filled with colorful purslane flanked the stone bed.

The entire backyard had strategically placed garden art accenting the many daylilies. One bed with a rustic fence serving as a backdrop contained yet another birdhouse and a beautifully sculpted butterfly alongside mophead hydrangeas and yellow daylilies.



*Each venue contributed to the Frye's Garden being selected as the recipient of the Region 14 Landscape Award.  
Photo by Oliver Billingslea*

Some of my favorite daylilies in bloom on tour day were *Hemerocallis* 'Sebastian the Crab', *H.* 'Jan's Twister', 'Mount Herman Intrigue', 'Raspberry Lustre', 'Clark Gable', and 'Coach's Magic Man'.



*H.* 'Barbara Barnette' (Carpenter-J. 1996)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H.* 'Too Hot to Touch' (Harry-P. 2013)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H.* 'Sebastian the Crab' (Joiner-J. 2003)  
Winner of the Shelton Holliday Memorial Award for Best Double  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Freda and William have used daylilies to the best advantage to landscape a very relaxing and enjoyable backyard on a regular-sized city lot in a small town!

*Rita Moore*

# *Picnic Hill: The Garden of Terese Goodson*

*by Beverly Odom*

Picnic Hill is a lovely country home situated on 139 acres located off of Woodley Road, several miles south of Montgomery, AL. As you come down the long drive lined with hackberry trees, you are greeted by beautiful beds full of daylilies and numerous companion plants such as pink canna, coleus, purple coneflowers, hosta, artemisia, elephant ears, and heuchera.

Another large bed of daylilies in the front yard features a Bald Cypress tree as its centerpiece. This is where you can find the clump of *Hemerocallis* 'Little Red Dumplings' (Anderson-H. 2000) which received the Bennie McRae Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered small or miniature daylily.



*The long drive leading from Woodley Road to the Goodson home  
(Photo by Beverly Odom)*



*An interesting bald cypress tree amidst the daylilies  
(Photo by Beverly Odom)*

Generous beds of daylilies bordered with stone and punctuated with ornamental trees surround the house. The bed in front of the house features a Japanese Maple as a centerpiece to compliment the daylilies.

Also in the front yard stands a beautiful, mature Vitex tree which commands your attention, because as we all know, blue is the one color elusive to daylilies. It is a beautiful focal point.



*The bed in front of the house featuring daylilies and a Japanese maple  
(Photo by Beverly Odom)*



*The Vitex tree  
(Photo by Beverly Odom)*

As you make your way along the side of the house, you are delighted once again with a long, generous bed of daylilies and companion plants.



One of the many beautiful shrubs at Picnic Hill: a rosy-lavender althea  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Among the many birdhouses and feeders at Picnic Hill  
(Photo by Beverly Odom)



H. 'Talquin's Sangria' (Fowler-B. 2017)  
One of Terese's newest acquisitions  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

When you get to the backyard you are treated to yet another bed of beautiful daylilies accented with a gorgeous Red Bud tree, a massive clump of Zebra Grass and a nice clump of Canna. Multiple birdhouses adorn the bed as well as provide refuge for feathered friends. Also in the backyard you will find the "Queen Bed" featuring daylilies with the word queen in the name, as a tribute to Terese Goodson's six years as President/Queen of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society.

As a master gardener, Terese Goodson has done an exceptional job of combining her daylilies with companion plants such as in the picture in the next column of H. 'Roll Tide' with a nice clump of purple perilla.



H. 'Roll Tide' (Webster 1987) with purple perilla  
(Photo by Beverly Odom)

Her use of ornamental trees, and plenty of interesting and functional garden art make it a delightful garden to visit. We are glad we had the chance to tour it.

*Beverly Odom*



One example of the intriguing garden art at Picnic Hill  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

# The Garden of Oliver and Nancy Billingslea

by Nancy Falck

Having visited the Billingslea's garden quite a few times before, I was anxious to see it in bloom for this year's Region 14 Spring Regional Meeting. I was certainly not disappointed. The garden was meticulously planted and groomed in anticipation of the two buses loaded with daylily enthusiasts armed with cameras, phones, and notepads.

When the bus stopped at the drive, Oliver greeted us and told us a little about the garden. Everyone trooped out of the bus and began the walk up the tree lined driveway. Along the way we passed drifts of bright yellow Black-eyed Susans lighting up the trail. Their bright yellow lighted the way through the wooded entry.

The tall blue purple of 'Amistad' and the 'Mystic Spires Blue' salvia plants were a perfect foil for the colorful daylilies. Contrasting the cool blues were the hotter red and yellow of 'Arizona Sun' gallardia. The circle birdbath bed contained 'Chapel Hill' yellow lantana and 'Adam Saul' echinacea. Other interesting plants are spaced throughout the beds.

One special feature of this garden is the use of smooth river rocks as plant markers. The name of each daylily is carefully lettered on the rocks in white paint. These markers are a unique way to make the markers as unobtrusive as possible while still being easy to read.



The Billingslea Garden featured not only daylilies, but various companion plants. One long bed was bordered with 'Gin' begonias and 'Profusion Double White' zinnias. The warm colors of the daylilies were complemented with blue 'Mystic Spires Blue' salvia, the taller purple 'Amistad' salvia, and single specimens of a lavender sun patiens and a silvery green artemisia. Hummingbirds love the 'Amistad' salvia. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

As we topped the hill, mounds of color in three beds beckoned to us. Crossing the manicured lawn, we headed wherever our gazes led us. Each bed was surrounded by small mounds of 'Gin' and 'Whiskey' begonias and 'Profusion Double White' zinnias. This outline was a good reminder not to step into the beds for photo opportunities even though each daylily and companion plant was ready for its portrait to be taken.

In a palette-shaped bed, the complementary colors of two award winning daylilies attracted numerous photographers. The bright yellow of Sandy Holmes' 2012 registration, *Hemerocallis* 'Tidewater Elf', with a hint of tangerine, attracted immediate attention. This tetraploid is popular everywhere it is seen, having won the President's Cup at the AHS Tidewater National Convention, and now winning our Region 14's President's Cup in the Billingslea Garden.



A lovely clump of *H. 'Tidewater Elf'* garnered the President's Cup.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Nearby, a deeper, darker variety was Karol Emmerich's *H. 'Song of the Sea'*. This 2018 registration is a rich mulberry self with a lavender halo. It has a double edge of lavender and purple. It was the winner of the Linda Agin Memorial



*H. 'Song of the Sea'* (Emmerich 2018)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Award, given for the best clump of a registered purple daylily seen in a tour garden. Another eye-catching daylily was '**Andrew Christian**' (Harris-Benz, 1990), which sported twelve blooms. Also, Karol Emmerich's 2007 introduction, '**Entwined in the Vine**' attracted its usual crowd of admirers.



*H. 'Andrew Christian'* (Harris-Benz 1990)  
Winner of the Robbie Bush Adams Award  
for the best registered yellow daylily seen in a tour garden  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H. 'Entwined in the Vine'* (Emmerich 2007)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Yet another winner in the Billingslea Garden was Pat Stamile's *H. 'Walter Kennedy'* (2008), receiving the Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered eyed or eyed and edged daylily seen in a tour garden.

Several Region 14 hybridizers were featured in the garden. A tall beauty was Terah George's *H. 'Banana Smoothie'* (2006), which has won several awards including the Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form Award at the 2017 AHS national convention. Nancy Falck's small '**Summer Flirtation**' (2016) is a magenta self with an eye of blue purple on the petals and yellow to purple on the sepals. Her



A new pedestal bed established in 2016 especially for the upcoming Regional Meeting was bordered by ‘Whiskey’ begonias. It contained a number of daylily clumps, including the President’s Cup winner, H. ‘Tidewater Elf’, and the impressively tall ‘Banana Smoothie’. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

2016 registration ‘Blue Eyes and Big Smiles’ was a small white with lavender purple eye.

Oliver’s own introductions were interspersed among those of many other hybridizers. A large planting



H. ‘Blue Eyes and Big Smiles’ (Falck 2016)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. ‘Rachel Billingslea’ (Billingslea 1990)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



of *H.* **'Rachel Billingslea'** (Billingslea, 1990) was a quiet counterpoint to the brighter and darker colors. It is a light rose peach with a somewhat darker halo and yellow to green throat. This round, ruffled beauty proved even older introductions can attract the attention of visitors.



*H.* **'Walter Kennedy'** (Stamile 2008)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Billingslea's daylily collection is a carefully chosen mixture of old and new cultivars. There are both tetraploids and diploids as well as miniature, small, large and extra-large flowers. A wide range of forms and colors gave each bed a variety of blooms to admire. Everyone left the garden with snapshots, notes, and admiration for this lovely garden.

*Nancy Falck*



*H.* **'Jubilee Shrimp Boil'** (Falck 2016)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Coleus* **'Gay's Delight'** with *Angelonia* **'Archangel White'**  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H.* **'Memphis'** (Trimmer 2008)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Black-eyed Susans* growing wild along the wooded drive  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

*The Sally Lake Memorial Award for 2018*



*Winner: #52 (Martha Brazelton)  
(Photo by John Falck)*



*The 2018 Sally Lake Memorial Award Bed in the Carleton Garden  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*First Runner-up: #9 (Jim Brazelton)  
(Photo by John Falck)*



*Second Runner-up: #33 (Martha Brazelton)  
(Photo by John Falck)*



*Third-Runner-up: #16 (Steve Thompson)  
(Photo by John Falck)*



*Fourth Runner-up: #31 (John Falck)  
(Photo by John Falck)*

# *The 2018 Spring Regional Awards Banquets Friday and Saturday Evenings*



*The Beautiful Central Table Arrangement for the Banquets  
Crafted by Anna Trawick and Mary Long  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*The Awards Table, set with prizes sponsored by various Region 14 Clubs, features a quilt made by Nancy Billingslea and donated to Region 14 as part of the Huntsville, AL, raffle in 2009. It was won by Gordon and Anna Trawick of Montgomery, AL.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*The Montgomery Area Daylily Society President, Linda Carleton, together with her husband George, was responsible for coordinating the activities of the 2018 Spring Regional Meeting. They deserve many accolades for their accomplishment.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



Jason Fleishman from Tuscaloosa, AL, purchases raffle tickets from Martha Barber. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Lisa and Henry Little smile for the camera. Henry was nominated to become the next President of Region 14. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



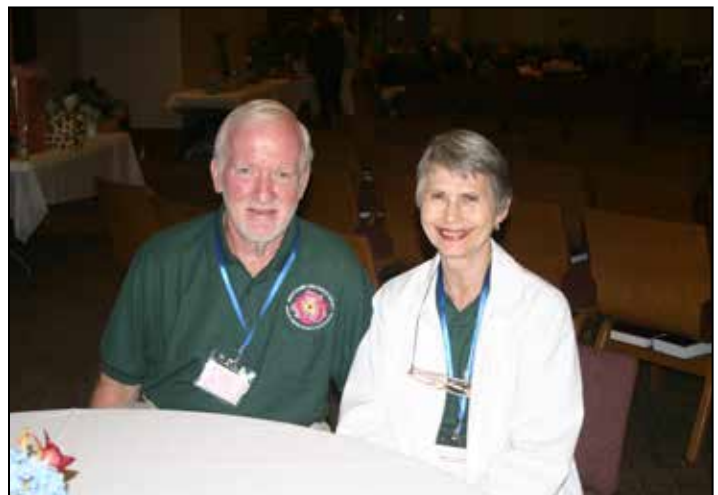
Nancy and John Falck check over a list of auction items. They continue to support Region 14 in innumerable ways. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Sharon and Joe Agosta are from Tallahassee, FL. Joe frequently conducts Garden Judges Workshop I. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Chuck Lewis is one of MADS' most enthusiastic new members. Bette encourages him in all his endeavors. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Kyle and Donna Curington served as one set of bus captains during the Spring Meeting. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Jane Martin (left) served as Co-Chair for the Spring Meeting, while Mary Long (right) was in charge of individual table decorations.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Nancy Billingslea (left) and our daughter Rachel helped in innumerable ways in getting our Montgomery Club ready to host the Region 14 Spring Meeting.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*It was a pleasure to have Sandra Little (center) attend our Regional Meeting with the two youth, Abby Keener (left) and Genevieve Barnett, along with Don and Pat Nelson.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Members of the The Wiregrass Daylily Society came out in full support of the Regional Meeting. From left to right, Sue Ballard, Rita Moore, Pat and Bill Wente, and B.J. Yance.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*MADS President Linda Carleton visits with Charlotte Stebbins and Debbie Corn. Charlotte volunteered to be the driver and escort for our Guest Speaker, Karol Emmerich.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*From North Alabama Daylily Society were Cherry and Roger Hooper (left) and Jim and Martha Brazelton. Martha's entry #52 was the winner of the Sally Lake Memorial Award.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

# The Presentation of Awards



On behalf of the Birmingham Daylily Society, Jim Riddle presents Linda and George Carleton the Amy Stewart Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered pink daylily. The winning cultivar was H. 'South Sea Enchantment'.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the MSGCDS, Debbie Smith and Jason Fleishman present Linda and George Carleton the Elaine Smelley Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered spider or unusual form daylily. The winning cultivar was H. 'Curious George'.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the North AL-MS Daylily Society, Juanice Hayes presents Terese Goodson the Bennie McRae Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered small or miniature daylily. The winning cultivar was H. 'Little Red Dumplings'.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Wiregrass Daylily Society, Rita Moore presents Nancy and Oliver Billingslea the Robbie Bush Adams Award for the best clump of a registered yellow daylily. The winning cultivar was H. 'Andrew Christian'.  
(Photo by Benny Ray Brown)



On behalf of the Jackson Daylily Society, RP Terese Goodson presents Freda and William Frye the Shelton Holliday Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered double daylily. The winning cultivar was H. 'Sebastian the Crab'.  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, Barbara Burkhart presents Nancy and Oliver Billingslea the Linda Agin Memorial Award for the best clump of a purple daylily. The winning cultivar was H. 'Song of the Sea'.  
(Photo by Benny Ray Brown)



On behalf of the Meridian Daylily Society, Lois Smith presents Oliver and Nancy Billingslea the Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Memorial Award for the best clump of an eyed or eyed/edged daylily. The winning cultivar was H. 'Walter Kennedy'.  
(Photo by Benny Ray Brown)



On behalf of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, Jane Green presents the Nell George Award to Linda and George Carleton for the best clump of a registered red daylily. The winning cultivar was H. 'Spider Man'.  
(Photo by Lisa Little)



On behalf of the West Alabama Daylily Society, Jason Fleishman, WADS President, presents the Landscape Award to Freda and William Frye for the best use of daylilies in the landscape. This is one of the two top awards given during Region 14's Spring Meeting.  
(Photo by Lisa Little)



Terese Goodson, Region 14's President, presents the President's Cup to Nancy and Oliver Billingslea for the best clump of a registered and introduced cultivar seen in a tour garden. The winning cultivar was H. 'Tidewater Elf'.  
(Photo by Lisa Little)



On behalf of the Central Alabama Daylily Society, Benny Ray Brown presents Martha Brazelton the Sally Lake Memorial Award for the best seedling, or named but unIntroduced daylily, growing in the Sally Lake Bed. The winning entry was #52.  
(Photo by Lisa Little)



Region 14's RVP, Debbie Smith, together with RP, Terese Goodson, present the certificate honoring Linda and George Carleton for all the hard work they put into hosting the Sally Lake Memorial Bed.  
(Photo by Lisa Little)



*Region 14 Photography Awards for 2018*



*First Place, Single Bloom Category: Hank Immler  
H. 'Lake Martin Double Streaky Freaky' (Ponder 2015)*



*Second Place, Single Bloom Category: Kay Cline  
H. 'Early Early Truffle' (Kirchhoff-D. 2004)*



*First Place, Multi-bloom Category: Kay Cline  
H. 'Fantasy Beckons' (Eller 2010)*



*Second Place, Multi-bloom Category: Beverly Odom  
H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004)*



*First Place, Landscape Category: Kay Cline  
Canterbury Garden, Myrtle Beach, SC*



*Second Place, Landscape Category: Beverly Odom  
Billingslea Garden, Montgomery, AL*



*First Place, Daylilies with Companion Plants Category: Beverly Odom  
H. 'With Softer Gleam' (Billingslea 1993), with artemisia, sun patiens, and salvias*



*Second Place, Daylilies with Companion Plants Category: Kay Cline  
H. 'Double Blue Blood' (George-T. 2005) with salvia*



*First Place, Artistic Category: Mickey Immler  
H. 'Ladybug Fancy Nancy' (Hansen-D. 2010)*



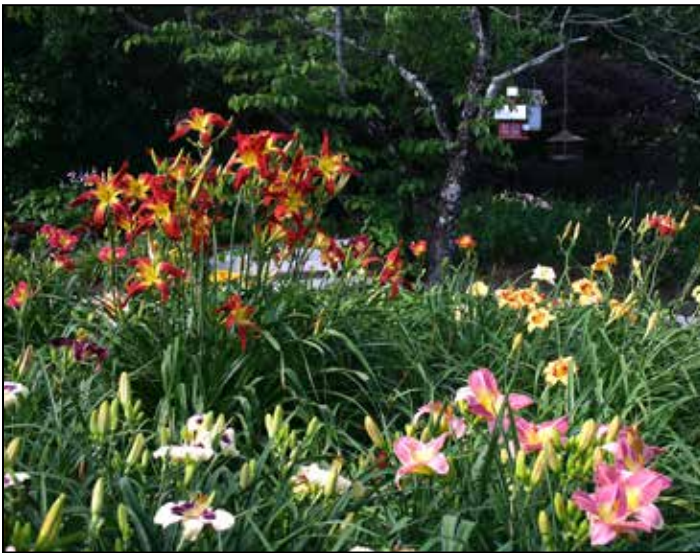
*Second Place, Artistic Category: Beverly Odom  
H. 'Desperado Love' (Stamile 1994)*

# Travels with My Camera: Highlights of Myrtle Beach

by Oliver Billingslea

In June of this year, I had the pleasure of traveling to Myrtle Beach, SC, to attend the AHS National Convention. As Director for Region 14, it was my duty to participate in the always interesting Board Meeting, but visiting each of the six gardens on tour made the trip especially fun. I got to renew many acquaintances, and for the first time I got to meet the young man, Edvinas Misiukevičius, from Lithuania. He turned out to be my bus companion both days, and we had the opportunity to share a lot of information about daylilies. He has been an active participant in the Daylily Robin for several years and is the artist who did the silk screen painting of *Hemerocallis* ‘**Heavenly United We Stand**’ for the Myrtle Beach auction. I also got to meet Professor Zhiguo Zhang of the Shanghai Institute of Technology in China. He was pleased to purchase several of my books and have me sign them. He was most gracious and presented me with a lovely framed copy of a silk screen painting of *H. ‘Kwanso’*. John Baker, whom I had met before, was there from Linford, England, and purchased six copies of *The Open Form Daylily* book for British friends.

The first garden we toured was Canterbury Gardens, the garden of Johnny and Odessa Bourne, located in Andrews, SC. Hundreds of plants by numerous hybridizers graced this well-landscaped suburban lot.



A large clump of *H. ‘Catawampus’* (Jeffcoat 2004) created quite a display in the Bourne Garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H. ‘Charles Can’t Have It’* (Douglas-H. 2013) illustrates the friendly competition between husband and wife. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



While it is sometimes difficult to photograph daylilies in close proximity, there is often the respite of a partially shaded area filled with hostas and coleus. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A well-grown clump of *H. ‘Orchid Elegance’* (Carpenter-J. 2004) proved to be very photogenic at Canterbury Gardens. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H. 'Expect the Unexpected' (Jeffcoat-P. 2012) shows what can happen when one crosses two fine diploids, 'Lavender Blue Baby' x 'Evelyn Gates'.*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

*A lovely planting of hostas, coleus, and colorful impatiens in the Bourne Garden is granted access by a curving brick walkway. Two iron benches painted red provide ample seating.*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

The second garden we visited was Browns Ferry Garden, located in Georgetown, SC. A large commercial daylily nursery and AHS Display Garden, owned and operated by Charles and Heidi Douglas, it features the introductions of Heidi and Charles plus those of Gene Tanner, together with selected favorites used in their hybridizing program. Presently, more than 10,000 seedlings are being evaluated, several of which were outstanding.



*A large display bed, flanked by a wood fence decorated with garden art, runs the length of the front garden. Orange cannas and Knockout roses provide additional interest.*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*In front of a large air-conditioned sales building complete with kitchen and meeting area, the Douglasses have planted a second display area.*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*One of the most beautiful daylilies in this display area was H. ‘Cynthia Lucius’ (Douglas-C. 2015). Cynthia and Charles Lucius’ garden was on tour during the 2012 National Convention.*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Another beautiful daylily in the display area was H. ‘Boys of Summer’ (Douglas-C. 2016). Perhaps it was the name, or perhaps because I like purple, it was one of my favorites.*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*In the main display area, H. ‘Muddy Creek Magic’ (Tanner-G. 2015) was particularly elegant. This pink with a lemon to cream to green throat is a diploid.*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*It is rare that I feature seedlings in our newsletter, but I found both of these interesting in their own right: the first, #H 14-24, because it sports blooms that are actually opening a day in advance of fully opening; and the second, from Charles Douglas, because it was the winner of the best seedling in the Region 15 competition.*



*(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*

Perhaps the most unexpected garden on the Myrtle Beach tour was the one called “I Can’t Believe It’s a Dip,” owned and operated by Ed Zahler and his friend Duane Thierren. Both fellows were seated at our dinner table, so we struck up a pleasant conversation about their hybridizing programs. Since their garden is located in Conway, SC, less than a mile off Hwy 501, I was able to stop by on Sunday morning a second time on my way back to Montgomery, AL.

Ed Zahler began his hybridizing career developing miniatures, the most famous of which are *H.* ‘**Dash Dash**’ (Zahler 1989) and ‘**Dot Dot**’ (Zahler 1989). Both were still growing in large clumps at the garden. But in the past several years, he and his friend Duane have begun developing diploids with large flowers that look and perform a lot like tetraploids.



*A koi pool and waterfall in an Asian setting  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. ‘Splendiperos in Pink’ (Zahler 2018)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Lotus  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. ‘Nettie Amanda’ (Zahler 2018)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. ‘Heck of a Dip’ (Zahler 2016)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Elephant Ears with Black and Blue Salvia  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

A fourth gorgeous garden, also located in Conway, SC, was Southern Charm Gardens, which are actually two gardens in one. Ann and Marion Howell and Lloyd and Jeanette Howell have created a lovely setting in adjoining yards for their more than 700 cultivars. Jeanette's garden art highlighted the ambiance of the total garden.

In respect to flowers, the highlight of Southern Charm Gardens on the day we visited was Heidi Douglas' diploid, *Hemerocallis* 'Breathing in Snowflakes'. This cultivar was beautiful in several gardens, but especially here. It went on to capture the President's Cup.



*H. 'Breathing in Snowflakes'* (Douglas-H. 2016)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H. 'Jelly Dancer'* (Herr-D. 2010)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H. 'Butterfly Moon'* (Bell-T. 2010)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)





*A beautiful display with garden art  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. 'Bonibrae the Freak' (Matthie 2011)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Our fifth stop was the Don Albers Garden, located in Murrells Inlet, SC. The property was once a hog farm, a throwback to the days when this part of South Carolina was largely rural. What was most impressive to me in the garden were the Albers seedlings, many of them dark, nearly black. I picked out one that I thought had good branching and good form, and Don agreed in that he had given it a number. What was especially intriguing is that it had a deep burgundy midrib enhancing the black purple flower.



*Albers Garden landscape  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*# T-07-197 (Albers Seedling)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

# Brookgreen Gardens

This amazing garden, founded by Archer and Anna Hyatt Huntington, is a jewel amidst the Lowcountry region in South Carolina. Created “to provide a backdrop for Anna’s larger than life sculptures,” the garden also contains an area devoted to native plants and animals, a butterfly house, and the impressive Live Oak Allée, comprised of 250 year-old live oak trees that were planted in the early 1700s when the

area consisted largely of rice plantations. The total property consists of 9,127 acres, including waterways and woods. According to one source, the collection of sculptures is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the country. Of special interest to Convention attendees was the Daylily Walk, containing a number of plants hybridized by members of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club.



*It boggles the mind to think that these trees in Live Oak Allée were planted before the colonies achieved their independence from the British, at a time when the area consisted of four thriving rice plantations.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Innumerable smaller sculptures are placed throughout the garden, enhanced by beautiful settings.*



*(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*



Daylilies were in full bloom along the Daylily Walk, including this lovely display of *Hemerocallis* 'Breathing in Snowflakes', which was beautiful in several tour gardens. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Blue hydrangeas were in full bloom, such as this planting of *Hydrangea* 'Endless Summer'. Elsewhere there were numerous lace-caps in bloom as well. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Sculptures featuring Greek motifs were much in evidence throughout the Brookgreen Gardens. Diana, Goddess of the Hunt, was a frequent subject, as in the case of these two companion pieces. On the right the youthful Acteon is being turned into a stag and is being torn by his hounds after having looked upon Diana in the nude (Paul Howard Manship, 1885-1966). (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)

Indeed, there was much nudity displayed throughout the Gardens, but all of it tastefully executed. The gold-clad centerpiece of Dionysus and the panther was beautiful. The Diana Pool featuring the Goddess of the Chase with drawn bow was elegant. The sculpture of Pegasus being tamed by Bellerophon was the largest in size.

In total, there are over 2,000 works in the Gardens by 425 artists. Many of the smaller works are featured in extensive statuary galleries. On the following pages, I have chosen several works which I found exemplary, including the sculpture of Dionysus. They are powerful depictions of the human condition, reflective in Greek, Roman, Hebrew, and Native American mythology.

*Oliver Billingslea*



*Nathaniel Choate (1899-1965) was one of the artists prominently featured at Brookgreen Gardens. Born in Southboro, MA, he attended Harvard University, and as a prominent sculptor later worked with various materials, including aluminum, bronze, marble, and onyx. His “Alligator Bender Sculpture” was executed in 1937 and depicts a young man of Native American descent powerfully in control of the primitive beast in nature and in himself.*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Man Carving His Own Destiny (Albin Polasek, 1879-1965)*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Samson and the Lion (Gleb Derujinsky, 1888-1975)*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Dionysus with Panther (Edward McCartan, 1879-1947)*  
(Photo courtesy of Brookgreen Gardens)



*Riders of the Dawn (Adolph Alexander Weinman, 1870-1952), "The Archer Huntsman Astride his Stallion"*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Diana of the Chase (Anna Hyatt Huntington, 1876-1973)*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Palmetto Garden*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Anna Hyatt Huntington's "Fighting Stallions" at the entrance to Brookgreen Gardens  
(Photo Courtesy of Brookgreen Gardens)*

Anna Hyatt Huntington (1876-1973) was one of the great American sculptors of horses and animals. Her most famous sculptures include the equestrian statue of "Joan of Arc" (1910), located on Riverside Drive at 93rd Street, New York; "Fighting Stallions" (1950), located at Brookgreen Gardens, SC; and "The Torch Bearers" (1955) at Ciudad Universitaria, Madrid.

Along with her husband, Archer Milton Huntington (1870-1955), she was responsible for founding America's first sculptural garden, the Brookgreen Gardens in South Carolina. Archer, reportedly one of the twelve richest men in America, was very proud of his wife's works, and he wanted to procure a place to display them, along with other works of the Art Deco period. In 1930 they acquired the property needed. Brookgreen Gardens, near Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, contains one of the best collections of late 19th and early 20th century sculptures anywhere. It was the first garden in America to be devoted exclusively to statuary.

*Oliver Billingslea*

# Club News: ALABAMA

## Birmingham Daylily Society

Kay Chappell, Reporter

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

President:	David Allison
Vice President:	Jim Riddle
Treasurer:	Jim Chappell
Recording Secretary:	Kay Chappell
Corresponding Secretary:	Phyllis Riddle

The Birmingham Daylily Society's first meeting of 2018 was held in February at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. Our Speakers were John and Nancy Falck of Hem Haven Daylilies in Fairhope, Alabama. They gave us an interesting program about how they became involved with growing and hybridizing daylilies.

At the March meeting we had the pleasure of having as our guest, Region 14 President Terese Goodson of Montgomery, Alabama. We also had as guests Henry and Lisa Little from Brookhaven, Mississippi. The Little's garden is Silent Sentinel; they grow many flowers and also grow and hybridize daylilies. They were our Speakers and shared their efforts in hybridizing. They also brought plants for the club to auction. We really enjoyed having our visitors.

In May the Riddles hosted a garden tour and luncheon at their new home in Wilsonville, Alabama. They had invited members of the Birmingham Daylily Society and members of the Blount Iris and Daylily Society. It was a beautiful day and the flowers were showing off. We so enjoyed our visit and the good fellowship, food and flowers.

Several of our members attended the spring Region 14 Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama. We enjoyed the beautiful gardens and all the work put in by members of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society.



## Blount Iris and Daylily Society

Sandra Little, Reporter

4th Tuesday—10 A.M.  
Each Month  
Frank Green Building  
415 5th Ave. E  
Oneonta, AL

President:	Sandra Little
Vice President:	Delois Dunn
Secretary:	Ellen Hallman
Treasurer:	Hazel Jones

Last Fall we began a new tradition. Our October meeting is now our Dues Auction. Plants and other items are donated for auction. The money you pay for auctions won is applied to your yearly dues. Any money over the cost of dues is donated to our club. We had fun with the auction, got our dues paid, and raised money for the club.

We began 2018 with a presentation by Eric Sanders from our local co-op. Then we had Dan Porch, Blount County extension officer,

give a presentation about organic gardening and GMO's. In April, we visited the Iris garden of Sandra Little. May was the best month so far this year. We visited the garden and home of Jim and Phyllis Riddle. Their flowers were beautiful and their hospitality was wonderful. Phyllis fixed us a tasty lunch followed by desert. It was a good day with friends.

Next we were off to visit Petals From The Past in Jemison, AL. We have three more road trips to gardens planned this year. Hopefully we will enjoy the gardens and learn more about gardening.

I was able to attend the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Montgomery. The gardens we visited were outstanding. And of course, I brought a load of daylilies home with me. The daylilies were planted just before I left for the AHS National Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC. I can't say enough about Myrtle Beach. It was awesome!



## Cullman Iris and Daylily Society

No report submitted.



## The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

No report submitted.



## Montgomery Area Daylily Society

No report submitted

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—2 P.M.  
Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2130 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL  
February, April; August (3rd Saturday at Noon); October; December (1st Saturday at Noon)—Christmas Party

Club Website: [www.montgomeryareadaylilysociety.com](http://www.montgomeryareadaylilysociety.com)

Facebook: Montgomery Area Daylily Society

President:	Linda Carleton
First Vice President:	Donna Curington
Second Vice President:	Rhonda Miles
Treasurer:	Glenda Woods
Recording Secretary:	Marie Updike
Corresponding Secretary:	Martha Barber
Parliamentarian:	Jack Harrison

In January, February, and April, MADS members held both an informal and two formal meetings to solidify their committee assignments as hosts for the Region 14 Spring Meeting, held May 25-26, 2018. RPD Debbie Smith drove up from Grand Bay, AL, and was an invaluable resource. The theme of the meeting was "Bringing Color to the River Region." 93 folks registered, and 35 MADS members carried out their committee assignments with good cheer and expertise. From the reports of those who attended, the meeting was a great success.

—Editor, *The Dixie Daylily*.



## North Alabama Daylily Society

Madolyn Whitt, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Saturday or Sunday—2:00 P.M. (February, March, April, August, September, October)  
Huntsville Botanical Garden, Anderson Nature Center Classroom  
Check our Facebook page to confirm location and date:  
[Facebook.com/NADaylilySociety](https://www.facebook.com/NADaylilySociety).



President: Roger Hooper  
 Vice President: Jim Beecher  
 Secretary: Samantha Downs  
 Treasurer: Fritz Owens  
 Publicity: Cherry Hooper  
 Scheduling: Randy Whitt  
 Corresponding Secretary: Madolyn Whitt  
 Plant Sales Coordinators: Randy Whitt, Jim Brazelton

Like many other clubs, we have been struggling with the loss of some of our most active members due to the infirmities of age and health problems. Roger Hooper is doing a fantastic job as our current president, and we have been fortunate to have long time daylily advocate Rosabelle Van Valkenburg attend a couple of meetings this year. We miss Ross Hunter and Dave Flanigan.

In March we welcomed Diana and Bill Waldrop (Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, Marietta, GA.) They have visited in the past and never disappointed us. Some of our members were able to visit their gardens during the 2015 National Convention. Bill showed us some wonderful photos taken during that convention and gave us a preview of quite a few up and coming seedlings which may become introductions. Diana has an awesome toothy, neon yellow flower that we hope will be out soon. After the program Bill offered 14 different varieties for auction.

In August we hosted Sandy Holmes of Riverbend Daylily Garden near Xenia, Ohio. She and her husband Mike hybridize unusual forms and have an interesting variety of seedlings. An auction following her presentation gave everyone a chance to purchase some great plants!

In May many of our members took part in the Region 14 Spring meeting hosted by the Montgomery Area Daylily Society. Two of our members, Martha and Jim Brazleton, were winners of the Sally Lake Memorial Award. Martha won the top prize with Jim getting runner up! Way to go, Martha and Jim!

Next on our agenda is our annual daylily sale at the "The Greenery," for which we are already hard at work.



### Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

No report submitted.



### The West Alabama Daylily Society

Sarah Lunsford, Reporter

2nd Saturday—11:00 A.M.  
 Fleishman Law Firm  
 2317 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

President: Jason T. Fleishman  
 Secretary: Juanice Hayes  
 Treasurer: Sarah Lunsford

The WADS group meets four times a year. We generally plan to have speakers or programs for the March and October meetings. These two meetings will be at the Law Office of Jason Fleishman. The address for this building is 2317 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa. The meetings will start at 11:00 and a light lunch will be served. Our June meeting will be a garden tour somewhere in the area, and December will be a Christmas Party.

If you want more details of WADS, please contact Mary Williams at 205-562-3075.



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### The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Pat Wente, Reporter

2nd Saturday—12:00 Noon  
 December, January, February, March  
 2nd Monday—6 P.M.  
 September, October, November  
 Grace Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

President: Rita Moore  
 Vice President: B. J. Yance  
 Secretary: Bill Wente  
 Treasurer: Sue Ballard  
 Parliamentarian and Reporter: Pat Wente

March was devoted to planning our 9th Annual Daylily Show held on Saturday May 19, 2018. The show was held at Dothan Area Botanical Gardens. The large glass room held all of our blooms and will certainly hold a lot more. It was new site for us but one we hope will be the site of the show for years to come.

Our April meeting brought Kathy and Bruce Fowler to speak. Kathy's Daylilies is located in Moultrie, GA. Our Region 14 President also attended this meeting.

May was a busy month with our local show on May 19th and the Regional meeting in Montgomery on the 25th and 26th.

Rita Moore and Pat Wente attended National Convention held in Myrtle Beach, SC, in June.

#### Wiregrass Daylily Society Show Results

- Extra Large: **'Wiregrass Greenstar'**, Sue Ballard
- Large: **'Lydia's Regal Robe'**, Guy Meadows
- Small: **'Now and Zen'**, Rita Moore
- Miniature: **'Audrey Shortcake'**, B.J. Yance
- Double, Multiform, Polymerous: **'Small Gesture'**, Sue Ballard
- Spider: **'Green Spider'**, B.J. Yance
- Unusual Form: **'Lemon Peel'**, Sue Ballard
- Seedling: B.J. Yance
- Off-Scape: **'Emma's Pink Pleasure'**, Bill Wente
- Best In Show: **'Lydia's Regal Robe'**, Guy Meadows
- Sweepstakes Award: B.J. Yance

We were especially proud of both the Best in Show Award and the Sweepstakes Award, which went respectively to Guy Meadows and B.J. Yance.



Best in Show  
 H. **'Lydia's Regal Robe'**  
 Exhibited by Guy Meadows  
 (Photo courtesy of The Wiregrass Daylily Society)

# Club News: MISSISSIPPI

## Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Nancy Chain, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:00 P.M.

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

September, October, January through May

President:	Vonda Martin
Vice President:	Chuck Holcomb
Secretary:	Janet Green
Treasurer:	Don Montgomery
Publicity Director:	Nancy Chain

The much anticipated bloom season has been a busy, busy one for members of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society.

First came the show hosted by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society. Numerous members of HADS participated in that show, either as exhibitors or as judges.

Next came the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Montgomery. Some of us were not able to experience all of the events because of graduation, but from all accounts, it was a good meeting. The two gardens that we were able to see on Friday were so lovely, and we hated to miss seeing everything.

On Memorial Day, 11 gardens were opened to the public by HADS members. That is always a fun time when people visit to “ooh and aah” over the blooms—and they did, in spite of the heat! The tours give us a great opportunity to discuss growing/fertilizing/watering, etc. with people who love the beautiful flowers, but don’t really know much about growing and selecting cultivars.

In the midst of our “busyness,” we celebrated the life of our beloved Bud Kirkpatrick, who did so much for HADS during his tenure as our Publicity Director. We have missed him and will continue to miss this wonderful man.

On Thursday, after Open Gardens, HADS members gathered at Suburban Daylilies for “wash day.” This is the day we divide, wash, and tag plants for the plant sale at our show. It is work, but also fun. Lots of talk, then more talk as we eat hamburgers and all the fixings.

Saturday, June 2, HADS hosted our 23rd annual Daylily Show. Our theme was: DAYLILIES: A Circus of Color. Visitors came from many places to see the beautiful entries: the Gulf Coast, Louisiana, North Carolina, to name a few. We were delighted to have Nikki Schmith from Illinois as one of our judges. Melodye Campbell from New York state came to see an exhibition—she had never been to one! We let her experience everything—including putting her to work helping with classification!

Show Results: Best in Show: **‘King Kahuna’**, Nancy Chain; Best Extra-Large: **‘Tropicana Treat’**, Keith Powell; Best Large: **‘New Zealand Red’**, Penny Stringer; Best Small: **‘Fall Back In Time’**, Linda Holcomb; Best Miniature: **‘Suburban Newell Howell’**, Earl Watts; Best Double/Multiform/Polymerous: **‘King Kahuna’**, Nancy Chain; Best Spider: **‘Velvet Ribbons’**, Earl Watts; Best Unusual Form: **‘Emma’s Curls’**, Earl Watts; Popularity Poll: **‘Look Here Mary’**, Kenny Hatten; Best Seedling: Hybridizer, Keith Powell; Debutante(off-scape): **‘Hotlanta’**, Nancy Chain; Sweepstakes: Earl Watts.

Club Awards: Earl Watts Award (large red): **‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’**, Earl Watts; Nell George Award (small/miniature): **‘Time Tested’**, Kay Kline; Mary Lois Burkett Award (spider type): **‘Purple Many Faces’**, Penny Stringer; Louise Cubley Award (large pink): **‘Blessed Morning’**, Janet Green; Marty DeBolt Award (large golden yellow):

**‘Orange Velvet’**, Kurt Green.

The Design Division is always a popular part of our annual show. This year we did the Tricolor rather than Designer’s Choice. The over-all winner of the Design Division was Teddy Plaisance. The class was “Circus Parade,” and the title of her design was “The Leader of the Parade.” A picture of this design has been sent to AHS, and our fingers are crossed in hopes that Teddy will win the AHS Tricolor award.

Several members of HADS traveled to Myrtle Beach for the National Convention. We all enjoyed the whole experience—visiting beautiful gardens, trying to win fantastic raffle offerings, and meeting new friends from other states.

The highlight of the meetings was Friday night when two HADS members were awarded Regional Service Awards. Congratulations to Debbie Smith—Region 14 Service Award, and Pat Soileau—Region 13 Service Award. We appreciate the time and effort these women have made to their local clubs, to both Region 14 and Region 13, and to AHS. Thanks from all of us!!

Our Wrap-Up Meeting, June 13 at Suburban Daylilies, was a lot of fun. We talked and talked, ate too much, and just relaxed—what we will be doing for the rest of the summer, when we are not pulling weeds, spraying, and doing all those other chores that need to be done. We will also be anticipating September, when we begin the 27th year of HADS. We have a great line-up of programs, and look forward to each one.



Best in Show  
H. **‘King Kahuna’**  
Exhibited by Nancy Chain  
(Photo by Chuck Holcomb)



*Winner in the Design Division  
 "The Leader of the Parade"  
 Exhibited by Teddy Plaisance  
 (Photo by Chuck Holcomb)*



### Marion County Daylily Society

No report submitted.

4th Sunday—2 P.M.  
 Marion County Library 900 Broad Street, Columbia, Ms 39429.

President: Roger Carr  
 Vice President: John Dawsey  
 Secretary: Jo Ellen Carr  
 Treasurer: Glen Dawsey



### Meridian Daylily Club

Reporter, Beverly Odom

3rd Saturday—11:00 A.M.  
 January, March, July, September, and November  
 May Garden Tours  
 Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse, Meridian, MS

President: Lois Smith  
 Vice President: Mark Flynn  
 Treasurer: Jeanie Kilpatrick  
 Secretary: Toni Thompson  
 Reporter: Beverly Odom

Summer / Fall 2018

We started off the year in January with a visit from Jan Joiner of Joiner Daylily Gardens in Pembroke, GA. She gave us an informative presentation on how she got into daylilies, personal tidbits about the family, and a sneak peak into daily life in the garden. She showed us their seedlings and new introductions and brought a list of new daylilies to be auctioned and shipped in the spring.

In March, club members and hybridizers Charles Plaisance and Eric & Tammy Plaisance discussed their hybridizing program with us. They shared many beautiful pictures of introductions as well as seedlings being evaluated.

Our annual plant sale in April was a great success with plants grown, labeled, and sold by club members.



*Meridian Daylily Club Plant Sale  
 with Toni Thompson and Mark Flynn  
 Linda Moffett, not pictured  
 (Photo by Beverly Odom)*

Several club members attended the Region 14 Spring meeting in Montgomery, AL. Club President Lois Smith presented Oliver and Nancy Billingslea with the Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Memorial Award from the Meridian Daylily Society for the best clump of a registered eyed or eyed/edged daylily for their clump of *Hemerocallis* 'Walter Kennedy'



*With Debbie Smith presiding, Lois Smith presents the Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Memorial Award to Oliver and Nancy Billingslea  
 (Photo by Beverly Odom)*

Club members Beverly and Philip Odom's garden: Daylily Hollow, was selected to be the newest AHS Display Garden for Region 14.

Looking ahead, we look forward to our annual club barbecue in July, hosting the Region 14 fall meeting October 6, a visit from Tim Bell in November, and our annual club Christmas party in December.



## MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

2nd Saturday—1:30 P.M. (unless otherwise noted in Club booklet)  
Vancleave Public Library, Highway 57, Vancleave, MS

January, February, March, April, September, and October; Christmas Party in December; Spring Picnic and Club Show in May  
Club website: [mgcds.web.com](http://mgcds.web.com)

President:	Sydney Dyche
Vice President:	Debbie D. Smith
Secretary:	Barbara Register
Treasurer:	Judy Harris
Publicity Director:	Bonnie Lingel

In March, James and Laura Hall came to speak with our club, showed us his beautiful introductions and answered all the questions that we could come up with. The April meeting had to be canceled due to predicted severe weather and flooding, but naturally most of us didn't get a drop of rain and the rest got very little.

We had a wonderful Spring Picnic at Jimmy Smelley's country house in Agricola, Mississippi. The food was great. We had a spirited auction. And, the Falcks (John and Nancy) gave us pointers on getting ready for a show.

After much initial confusion, we held our 14th annual Daylily Show on Saturday, May 19, 2018 at Edgewater Mall in Biloxi, Mississippi. After crazy cold weather followed by record high temperatures, then drought followed by floods, we still had 145 scapes entered.

Our winners are:

- Extra Large: **'Kitty Wells'**, Debbie D. Smith
- Large: **'Touch the Night'**, Chuck Holcomb
- Small: **'Strawberry Candy'**, Debbie D. Smith
- Miniature: **'Suburban Wren'**, Earl Watts
- Double: **'Patrick Doodlehead'**, Debbie D. Smith
- Spider: **'Waltz With the Wind'**, Gary Campbell
- Unusual Form: **'Lillian's Legends & Lies'**, Debbie D. Smith
- Youth: None
- Popularity Poll: No Winner, (or should it say No Purple Ribbon)
- Seedling: No Winner
- Best In Show: **'Patrick Doodlehead'**, Debbie D. Smith
- Sweepstakes: Kenny Hatten

We had many people doing different jobs for the first time and everything went according to plan. Thanks to all who put in so much work to make this show a success and to all who entered scapes, some for their 1st time. We want to thank Fred & Kathleen Manning, Jimmy Smelley and Earl & Barbara Watts for their donations to the plant sale that paid for our show!

We only had 6 members registered for the Spring Regional Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, but those who actually attended had a great time and saw beautiful gardens. Bonnie Lingel and I had a wonderful time at the National in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and brought home more daylilies but never saw the beach except from the car.



*Best in Show*  
**H. 'Patrick Doodlehead'**  
*Exhibited by Debbie D. Smith*  
*(Photo by Chuck Holcomb)*



*Best Large*  
**H. 'Touch the Night'**  
*Exhibited by Chuck Holcomb*  
*(Photo by Debbie D. Smith)*



Sydney Dyche, Bonnie Lingel, and Judy Harris unload a truckload of plants, a generous donation made by friends to the MSGCDS in support of their Show. (Photo by Debbie D. Smith)



### North MS/AL Daylily Society

Martha Stancil, Reporter

2nd Tuesday—5:30 P.M.

Meeting Place (Amory and/or Columbus)

March, April, September, December

President: Linda Beck  
 Secretary: Martha Stancil  
 Treasurer: Juanice Hayes  
 Auditor/Parliamentarian: Troy Beck

At the Regional 14 Meeting in Montgomery, AL, the Bennie McRae Memorial Award went to Terese Goodson of Montgomery for the best clump of a registered small or miniature daylily seen in a tour garden, **'Little Red Dumplings'**. Mrs. McRae was a lifetime member of AHS, a garden judge, and exhibition judge. She registered over 100 cultivars during her years as a hybridizer. Some of her well-known daylilies are: **'Barbie Doll'**, **'Ho Ho Ho'** and **'Rhinestone Kid'**. Our club is pleased to sponsor this award in honor of Mrs. McRae.

Summer time is a busy time for daylily gardeners and we wish everyone "Happy Gardening".



## Contributions Made to AHS

Kathleen Schloeder, Endowment Chair for the American Hemerocallis Society, reports the following contributions made to AHS by Region 14 individuals and clubs:

\* A contribution at the Silver level has been made to the AHS General Fund 100 Giving \$100 by:

Earl and Barbara Watts  
 60 Serene Meadows Dr.  
 Hattiesburg, MS 39402

\* A contribution at the Silver level in memory of Clara "C.P." Winters has been made to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by:

Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society  
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Mr. Sammy Strickland  
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\* Since the last publication of *The Dixie Daylily*, contributions at the Supporting level have been made to the AHS General Fund by:

Mr. Kevin Tyler  
 1826 Planters Road  
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Ms. Marlene Harrington  
 8224 Chadburn Crossing  
 Montgomery, AL 36116

Note: (Marlene's donation is in honor of Karen Ciula, Region 2)

\* A contribution at the Other Donor level has been made to the AHS General Fund by:

Ms. Kay Cline  
 4 Oak Lane  
 Picayune, MS 39466



# MADS Picnic at the AHS Display Garden of Charlotte & Mabrey Whetstone



On June 16, 2018, members of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society met at the new AHS Display Garden of Charlotte and Mabrey Whetstone for fellowship and relaxation after hosting a successful Spring Regional Meeting. The lakeside garden is gorgeous, featuring daylilies such as *Hemerocallis* ‘**Passion for Red**’ (Stamile 1994), *H.* ‘**Sunny Monster**’ (Arsenault 2006), and the classic ‘**Spider Miracle**’ (Hendricks-W. 1986), the last spilling over almost into the water. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H.* ‘**Dublin Elaine**’ (Joiner 1987) provided a pleasing photographic opportunity, its double peach pink bloom caught against the lake water. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In honor of her article, “The Watts Garden: A Magnet for Daylily Enthusiasts,” receiving the Award for Best Article in *The Dixie Daylily* for 2017, I asked Marie Updike to pause for a photo. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

# New Members

July, 2017, through June, 2018

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Montgomery, AL 36111

Hider, Denise  
1004 Vinson Road  
Slocumb, AL 36375

Hudson, Ken  
109 East Azalea Drive  
Long Beach, MS 39560

Hughes, Diane G.  
6043 Woods Road  
Picayune, MS 39466



*H. 'Song of the Sea' (Emmerich 2018)*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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Montgomery, AL 36111

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1446 U.S. Highway 82  
Mathews, AL 36163

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Martin, James  
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Petal, MS 39465

Page, Jennifer  
217 Paxton Cove  
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Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

## Editor's Column:

We are pleased to present our twenty-sixth issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, and as always, I want to thank my wife, Nancy Billingslea, who has done a commendable job of proofreading. Without her help over the years, I could not have put together this newsletter.

As our tenure as editor draws to a close, I want to thank those Regional Presidents who had confidence in me to serve in this capacity: principally John Falck (2005-2008), Jim Riddle (2011-2014), C.P. Winters and Debbie Smith (2015-2016), and Terese Goodson (2017-2018).

I especially want to thank the contributors to this issue, Nancy Falck, Rita Moore, Beverly Odom, and Marie Updike, for their write-ups of the four gardens on Regional tour. Thanks are also due Lisa Little, who took additional photos during the Awards Banquet. Accolades go to the four photographers who entered our 2018 Region 14 Photography Contest. There were a total of 44 entries.

For this issue I have included my largely photographic essay, "Travels with My Camera: Highlights of Myrtle Beach," but by producing only enough copies for our present Region 14 membership plus a very few extras, I have made every effort to keep our printing costs at a reasonable amount.

Note: *\*Hemerocallis 'Curious George'* (Peat 2001) is not registered as an unusual form, although it is clearly an "open form" daylily. We have decided to accept the tabulation committee's decision to award it the Elaine Smelley Memorial Award. The voters chose wisely.

I hope you will enjoy the garden write-ups and the photography I have included in this issue. I am looking forward to our Fall Meeting in Meridian and the 2019 Spring Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg.

*Oliver Billingslea*

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*H. 'South Sea Enchantment'* (Billingslea 1996), winner of the Amy Stewart Memorial Award, AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)