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The editor invites submissions on the following:

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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

JIM RIDDLE

I hope everyone had a great summer. In July, Phyllis and I went to the AHS National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, along with our Regional Director, Nancy Falck, and her husband John. We went by car and had a great trip. Several other Region 14 members also attended.

Phyllis and I had the opportunity to help with the Exhibition Judges' Clinic. We both did the Master Panel and I helped with the Refresher Clinic. It was very cool for the garden tours, but we still had a great time and got to see lots of bloom.

At the Spring Regional Meeting in Fairhope the question of the region paying for a speaker for the spring meetings was brought up. A motion was made to pay the speaker for both the fall and spring meetings, but after a question about the bylaws was raised, the motion was withdrawn until it could be looked into. Nancy Falck and I agreed to present more information at the fall meeting. At the officers' meeting in Minneapolis I brought up the question, and most of the RPs present said that their regions paid for the speaker, but with a limit. I brought this information to our Fall Regional Meeting in Montgomery, and a motion was made to pay for speakers for the spring meeting and for the fall. After some discussion the motion was passed by a show of hands.

I thought the 2013 Fall Meeting in Montgomery was very well hosted. I want to thank the Montgomery Area Daylily Society for all its hard work. The meeting place, at Memorial Presbyterian Church, was outstanding and everything worked well. Bill Maryott was a very good speaker and very generous with his new introductions for our auction. We had a very good auction and I want to thank all those who donated and those who bid on the daylilies. Thanks to Arthur and Gail Woods for building the benches that were donated for the silent auction and to Barbara Burkhart for the lovely orchid also donated. At the business meeting, John Falck reported that the 2013 Spring Meeting in Fairhope made enough money to cover all their expenses and returned over \$700 to the Region. All these monies go to fund our region and the printing of *The Dixie Daylily*.

Our 2014 Spring Regional Meeting will be hosted by the North Alabama Daylily Society. It will be in Madison, AL, just west of Huntsville. Our speaker will be Larry Grace. I know that he is doing some outstanding hybridizing and look forward to seeing his new flowers. There will be four outstanding gardens for us to tour. The registration form is in this edition of *The Dixie Daylily*, so please register early so NADS will know the number for which to prepare.

After three years as RP, I find the hardest part of my job is trying to get daylily clubs to host our spring meetings. I still have not had a club to volunteer for spring 2015. Things have to be planned ahead. Please talk with your club members and let me know. We would hate to lose the opportunity to vote for Sally Lake seedlings and all the other awards that go with the spring meetings. The Mobile Hemerocallis Society proved that a small club can host an outstanding meeting with three wonderful gardens and a great speaker.

I look forward to seeing you June 13-14, in Madison, AL, for the Spring Meeting.

Jim Riddle

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

NANCY FALCK

2013 was an unusual year for AHS as the National Convention board meeting was late and the fall board meeting was early, so I'll be including information from both of these. AHS has been working hard to meet the needs of its members while remaining in good financial condition. All of this work on the part of your elected representatives is paying off for members.

First, AHS has contracted with a different insurance carrier. This move was made to save money by moving to a company which serves more nonprofit organizations and tailors their policies to meet these needs. The region and all clubs that are AHS members can request insurance certificates from AHS for their events. Most venues like malls, libraries, and such now require these certificates before allowing events on their premises. These can be obtained from Barbara Kirby through the AHS website.

Also, the AHS financial committee and treasurer have been working to trim our budget and to improve our investments. We've cut some expenses, started a "green" initiative by putting more things on-line like forms, etc. This saves paper, printing, and postage. We are in the process of moving the garden judges voting to an on-line process, although paper ballots will be available for those who want them. Much of our income comes from auctions at the national convention each year. Donations and bids have been affected by economic conditions. The financial crisis and resulting sluggish economy have also affected our donation and investment income. We have begun moving our C.D. investments to a ladder schedule so that we can take advantage of any positive changes in rates. Over the last couple of years our budget and our special funds have seen improved balance sheets.

In 2013 there were 51 daylily shows held in the various regions. Region 14, which has traditionally had about 5 or 6 shows per year had only one this year. Hopefully, Mobile, which held the Regional Meeting in lieu of a show, and Hattiesburg, which has held shows yearly, will be joined by other clubs in 2014. I would be happy to help any club which wants to initiate or again hold a show or exhibition, by clarifying the process or by helping in any other way that I can. Shows are an important means of promoting daylilies with the public, providing education, recruiting members, and offering a fun activity for a club to work and socialize together. Many clubs fear the expense, but this can be cut to a minimum without diminishing the impact of the show, and the public sale of plants will usually offset costs as well as add to the club treasury.

The AHS publications committee has enjoyed wonderful success with Oliver Billingslea's *Landscaping with Daylilies*. This is still available if you haven't gotten a copy. Now, the committee is planning to produce a series of small booklets on various subjects connected with daylilies. Some of these will be updated and revisions of the popular pamphlets offered about a decade ago. These include such topics as hybridizing, planting seeds, spider daylilies, and many more. The popular *An Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*, currently being edited by Oliver Billingslea, will be among the first issued. New topics like a booklet on doubles are also in the works. These will be offered at modest prices as they are published.

The highlight of the AHS year is the National Convention. For years members from across the U.S. and even international members have come together to enjoy fellowship, programs, world class gardens, and, of course, good food. For several years we enjoyed having national conventions in nearby states. For a couple of years lately we've had "northern" hosts. In 2014 the move is back toward the south. The next convention will be in the wonderful city of Asheville, North Carolina. We will have an entire resort to ourselves. Having been there, I know the hotel is a really great venue. The gardens will be spectacular. Also, an optional tour of Biltmore is being offered for Thursday before the convention begins that night. The all-day tour includes tickets, tours, lunch, and other amenities. There are many nearby sights including the Blue Ridge Parkway. I hope to see many of you so that Region 14 will have a sizable delegation.

After Asheville, the 2015 convention will move even nearer to home by being hosted by the Atlanta/Cobb County clubs. Again, they have selected a great location and fabulous gardens including Bill Waldrop's Kennesaw Mountain Garden and Claude Carpenter's Cumming, Georgia, garden. The 2016 meeting will be in Louisville, KY. Again, the hosts promise a great experience for all. This is in the area of many of the "Northern Mecca" hybridizers so you can expect wonderful daylilies. The last currently scheduled convention will be the meeting in the Tidewater area of Virginia. Besides the usual great convention events and tours, the site is near Virginia attractions like Jamestown and Williamsburg, as well as Washington, DC. This is a great opportunity for a family vacation to be added to the convention. Many enjoy meeting Daylily Robin members they have known only through their posts. Conventions are a way to enjoy daylilies and daylily people.

Another important emphasis for AHS is including more special events and offerings for our youth members. First, if you have a youth member, they can receive the *Youth Newsletter*. They can sign up for this on the AHS website. Recently, the number of youth attending national conventions has grown in proportion to their enthusiasm at the meetings. As Region 14 does, they have special programs, ride a common bus with the youth sponsors, socialize, and eat together. A new event this year was a special "youth auction." Nicole DiVito and Paul Limmer acted as auctioneers for this lively event. Youth members who had earned "daylily bucks," during various activities in the gardens, on the buses, and such, were able to win new cultivars donated by many hybridizers and gardeners across the country. This was perhaps the most spirited auction ever held, as the buyers were very serious in their attempts to win their special choices. When they left the auction, adults were wowed by their "winnings."

As we enter the grayer and colder months, I am already looking forward to spring bloom and especially to our regional meeting in Huntsville. It is always fun to see daylily friends from around the region and even our visitors from other regions, but gardens, clinics, and programs are always good ways to charge my batteries for the season. Although we visited Huntsville only a few years ago, I know that their hospitality and gardens will be wonderful again. I discovered something about revisiting a meeting location. This year we returned to a national in Minneapolis after the previous one in 2007. Although several gardens were repeats, these amazed me. Not only had the hosts worked hard in developing and perfecting their gardens, I could see growth and

development of trees, companion plants, hardscapes, and fantastic and fanciful garden art. I am always interested in the way that gardens express the personalities of their owners. I hope you join me this June in Huntsville to enjoy another great Region 14 meeting.

After six years, this is my final director's report. I have enjoyed representing Region 14 at the national level for two terms. I've learned so much about AHS, daylilies, and new places. Most of all, I've enjoyed meeting more and more Region 14 members. I hope that I've been able to express the ideas and opinions of our members at the national level as we made decisions for the whole society. My concern has always been how each decision would affect Region 14. For many years our region has been a model for other regions, and I hope to see us continue to strive to be the best for our clubs and individual members.

John and I will still be available to provide programs or any other help that clubs may need. It is always fun and a learning experience to visit clubs around the region.

As 2014 begins, it is time for our new director, Oliver Billingslea, to move into my seat at board meetings. Now, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Huntsville in June. As has been stated before, "We come for the daylilies and stay for the people."

Nancy Falck

RPD'S REPORT PHYLLIS RIDDLE

I don't think I have ever seen a year go by so swiftly. Old age has a lot to do with that I'm sure. There is just not enough time to look at all the daylilies I want to see. Jim and I were blessed with the opportunity to attend the AHS National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in July. The weather had gone from a temperatures in the high 80s the week before to the high 40s and low 50s. We were told by those who live there that there are only two seasons: snow and roadwork. We were in the roadwork season. But even with the cool weather, the daylilies were lovely. The companion plants were awesome and some that I had never seen. There were tree lilies in various colors. Our bus captains told Sven and Ollie jokes with a Norwegian accent and kept us laughing. All in all it was a trip of a lifetime.

The fall meeting in Montgomery was well attended and the location was perfect. It was held in a beautiful Presbyterian Church with plenty of space. Many old friends and new friends were there. Our speaker Bill Maryott is known to many of us from his past trips to our region. The live auction was profitable and the silent auction provided some beautiful non daylily items. Of course the food was good and the hospitality was great.

I hope you all have finished "laying by" as the old farmers say. That is a farm term for getting it all done temporarily and taking a little rest until February when things begin to sprout. We look forward to seeing ya'll in Madison for the spring meeting.

God Bless,

Phyllis Riddle

MINUTES, FALL MEETING 2013

NANCY CHAIN, ACTING SECRETARY

AHS Region 14 held the Fall Meeting at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, AL, October 5, 2013. President Jim Riddle recognized Terese Goodson, Chairman for the meeting, and Linda Carleton, Registrar for the meeting. Terese recognized and thanked all members of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society who helped with the Regional meeting. She welcomed all daylily enthusiasts who attended the Fall Regional. Terese called on Jack Harrison who gave the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

President Riddle called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. Special guest speaker, Bill Maryott from California, was recognized. First time attendees were applauded, as was the only youth attendee, Jacob Henry.

In the absence of Janet Green, Region 14 Secretary, Nancy Chain stood for the approval of minutes of the 2013 Spring Regional. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved as printed in the Summer/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.

Treasurer, Jim Chappell, gave the treasurer's report. Region 14 has a total of \$23,063.30. There were no questions and that report will be filed.

Reports were given by Nancy Falck, Region 14 AHS Director; Phyllis Riddle, Region 14 RPD; and Oliver Billingslea, editor of *The Dixie Daylily*. Although there was no report from a Youth Liaison, there was discussion about the future of the youth photo contest. Oliver Billingslea suggested that the contest be made open to youth and adult members in separate divisions. No decision was made.

President Riddle made several presentations of national awards:

David Hall Memorial Award
Region 14 2012 Popularity Poll
Earl Watts, *Hemerocallis* '**Suburban Nancy Gayle**'

David Hall Memorial Award
Region 3 2012 Popularity Poll
Richard Webster and Robert Cobb
'Webster's Pink Wonder'

Award of Merit
Richard Webster and Robert Cobb
'Webster's Pink Wonder'

Honorable Mention
Terah George
'Loose Reins'

Honorable Mention
Linda Agin
'Nancy's Quilt'

Junior Citation
Earl Watts
'Suburban Rick Taylor' and **'Suburban Wren'**

Unfinished business included a wrap-up report from John Falck on the 2013 Spring Regional. John presented President Riddle with a check for \$746.92, the surplus from the meeting.

President Riddle called for a motion concerning paying for speakers at the Regional meetings. Sharon Beecher made a motion that Region 14 pay the Fall and Spring meeting speakers with a limit of \$500 for each meeting. Pat Connolly seconded the motion. Discussion revealed that the Region already pays fully for the Fall meeting speaker. Jack Harrison made a motion to amend the original motion to state "pay for Spring meeting speaker." The motion carried.

There was no new business.

Sharon Beecher, President of the North Alabama Daylily Society, extended an invitation to the Region 14 Spring meeting to be held in Huntsville, Alabama.

Phyllis Riddle made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Falck seconded the motion. The Region 14 Fall Meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Chain

SPRING MEETINGS	
2014 HUNTSVILLE	2015 TBA
2016 TBA	2017 TBA

FUTURE NATIONAL AHS CONVENTIONS	
2014	Asheville, NC June 25-28, 2014
2015	Atlanta, GA June 10-13, 2015
2016	Louisville, KY June 29-July 2
2017	Virginia Beach, Virginia June 21-25

TREASURER'S REPORT 12/9/13
JIM CHAPPELL, TREASURER

June 16, 2013—December 9, 2013

Cash on Hand @ 06/11/2013 \$28,161.06
Total Funds **\$28,161.06**

Receipts:

Donation—Wiregrass Daylily Society
(08/01/2013) \$142.03
AHS Reimbursement for newsletter
(09/07/2013) \$413.65
Region 14 Fall Auction & Plant Sale,
Silent Auction (10/05/2013) \$5,574.96
Donation—Montgomery Area Daylily Society \$250.00

Total Receipts: **\$6,380.64**

Expenditures:

Wells Printing—*The Dixie Daylily*
(08/19/2013) -\$4,742.84
Newsletter Mailing (08/19/2013) -\$350.10
Phyllis Riddle—Printing for Region Meeting -\$85.83
Jim Chappell—Supplies -\$10.87
Bill Maryott—Fall Regional Speaker
Airline Ticket (09/12/2013) -\$560.50
Terese Goodson—Hotel Room for Bill Maryott -208.10
AHS W.E. Monroe Fund -\$500.00
Youth Photo Awards -\$100.00

Total Expenditures: **-\$6,558.24**

Cash on Hand @12/9/2013 \$27,983.46

Total Funds: @ 12/9/2013 **\$27,983.46**

Jim Chappell



Heemerocallis 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004)
Winner of the 2013 Region 14 Popularity Poll

Photo by Oliver Billingslea

Region 14 Popularity Poll Results:
2013

The following is the result of tabulations based upon cultivars which appeared on the official ballot which appeared on the Region 14 website:

Cultivar	Votes
Suburban Nancy Gayle	57
Look Here Mary	51
Double Blue Blood	33
Coffee to Go	32
Suburban Golden Eagle	29
Clothed in Glory	27
South Sea Enchantment	26
Big Kiss	25
Emma's Curls	25
Little Red Dumplings	24
Beautiful Edgings	23
Lavender Blue Baby	23
Alabama Jubilee	21
Linda Beck	21
Mynelle's Starfish	19
Dorothy and Toto	18
J.T. Davis	18
Orange Velvet	18
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	17
Lillian's Woman's Touch	16
Peacock Maiden	16
Primal Scream	16
Santa's Little Helper	16
Alabama Wildfire	15
Thin Man	15
Wiregrass Greenstar	15
Lava Flow	14
Red Volunteer	14
Rose Masterpiece	14
Tuscawilla Snowdrift	14
Boundless Beauty	13
Crazy Ivan	13
Moses' Fire	13
Victorian Lace	13
Barbara Mitchell	12
Signature Truffle	12
Abilene Lillian	11
All American Chief	11
Bela Lugosi	11
Belle Cook	11
Bill Robinson	11
Bluegrass Memories	11
Mary's Gold	11
Mississippi Red Bed Beauty	11
Nancy Billingslea	11
Strawberry Candy	11
Suburban Barbara Huff	11
Banana Smoothie	10
Key Lime Special	10
Linda Agin	10
Moonlit Masquerade	10
Wild Horses	10

Tabulations by *Tee Money*

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2015 I	Kervin, Janice	Senior		470 Mitchell Rd.	Collins, MS	MS	39428	(601) 765-8406
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2016 I	Manning, Clyde F.	Senior	fredcm@gulftel.com	10019 Route Rd.	Lillian, AL	AL	36549	(251) 961-2583
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2014	Riddle, Phyllis	Senior	phylandjim@charter.net	207 Oak Circle	Trussville, AL	AL	35173	(205) 655-7648
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Exhibition Judges evaluate entries in the 2013 Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show. (Photo by C P Winters)



These entries won purple ribbons as the best in each category at the 2012 Mobile Daylily Show. (Photo by Fred Manning)

AHS Region 14 Garden Judges

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2017	Williamson, Myrtle Sue		237 New Hope Rd.	Ellisville, MS		39437	(601) 477-3053
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2016	Winters, C.P.	cpwinters@bellsouth.net	22017 Ellis Hamilton Rd.	Moss Point, MS		39562	(228) 217-3156

AHS Region 14 Display Gardens

There are 23 AHS Display Gardens in Alabama and Mississippi, including the Hem Haven AHS Historic Daylily Garden. Note that many Display Gardens are at private homes. Please call ahead to arrange a convenient time for visiting.

A Bloomin' Addiction!

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(Photo, courtesy of AHS)

Ben Arthur Davis, Sr.

by Peachie Saxon

AHS is a national organization which promotes our favorite perennial, the daylily. Every organization must have a champion to trumpet the call to others declaring the benefits of its cause. In the daylily world, especially for Mississippi, that person and champion was Ben Arthur Davis.

My association and friendship with Mr. Davis and Mrs. Davis began around 1958, when I became a member of the Ben Arthur Davis Garden Club in Meridian, MS. Mrs. Davis was a member as was another daylily champion, Ruth Howell.

Mr. Davis was a real gentleman of the "old school of manners." When a lady came into the room, he stood and acknowledged her. If a lady was going down stairs, he held out his arm to assist her. Once, after he had a stroke and his walking was affected slightly, he tried to assist me down the steps in front of his house. I told him, "Now Mr. Davis, I think I need to help you this time."

I worked for Mr. Davis for a while toward the end of his writing days. We worked in his office at his lovely home, "Hope Haven." I took dictation and typed the papers. These papers were usually on specific plants and their cultivation. He also worked on his memoir which was a very interesting project. He told some very funny stories of growing up on a farm near Waynesboro. I wish I could read the whole book. As far as I know his family has the only copies. I will always treasure this time I spent with Mr. and Mrs. Davis. I thought it very amusing and sweet that he addressed her as Mrs. Davis when speaking to her; this was common long ago.

He wrote for *Holland's Magazine*, *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Flower Grower Magazine*, and others. He also participated in the Oral History Project at Mississippi Southern.

I asked Mr. Davis once how he became interested in gardening and plants. He said that when he and Mrs. Davis bought their first house he realized it need shrubbery and other plants to make it attractive. He bought some plants and began. He already had a background in farming so it was here his interest grew to include many types of plants. He was one of the organizers of the Men's Garden Club of Mississippi, and was a member of the Camellia, Rose, and Chrysanthemum Societies. He also organized the Mississippi Federation of Garden Clubs in 1928. He later became a fellow in the Royal Horticultural Society.

Mr. Davis' introduction to the hybrid daylily occurred in 1936 when he went to Dallas, Texas, to speak to garden clubs. He was given several named daylilies by the president of the National Council of State Garden Clubs. Some of these were hybridized by George Yeld of England, one of the first known hybridizers of daylilies. He learned all he could about daylilies and got other people interested in them. He read A.B. Stout's book, *Daylilies* (1934), which further spurred his interest in hybridizing. Since there were

few books on daylily culture or on Southern gardening (at the time almost all horticultural books were written for the northeast part of the U.S.), he wrote several books himself, including *Daylilies and how to grow them*, *Azaleas and Camellias*, *Holland's Handbook for Southern Gardens*, *Azaleas-Camellias-Gardenias*, and *The Southern Garden*. He also authored weekly newspaper columns.

Mr. Davis was instrumental in the creation of the Mississippi Hemerocallis Society and was its first President. When the MHS later became Region 14 of the American Hemerocallis Society, he served as the first RVP of Region 14.

We owe much to this lovely man who was an organizer, inspirational leader, and well known writer and lecturer. He promoted daylilies everywhere he went because he considered the daylily the supreme perennial. It was fitting that in 1971 a daylily was named for him. *Hemerocallis* '**Ben Arthur Davis**' (Wild 1971) is an 8" yellow cream blend with orchid blushing and a green throat. He led us into the future of daylilies which we see today. He was the supreme ambassador for the supreme perennial, for which we will always be grateful.

Peachie Saxon

Editor's note: Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., was born in 1888 and died in 1975. A previous article on Mr. Davis by Sarah Hegwood appeared in the Spring 2007 issue of The Dixie Daylily.



*On the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Allen J. Wild registered Hemerocallis '**Ben Arthur Davis**' (1971) as a tribute to the Mississippi couple. (Photo, courtesy of Debbie Monbeck, Frankfort, KY)*

Region 14 Fall Meeting

Montgomery, Alabama, October 5, 2013



Linda Carleton and Carolyn Love-Dorsey greet registrants for the Fall Regional Meeting in Montgomery. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Pictured are some of the many door prizes given out at the Fall Regional Meeting. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Terese Goodson, President of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, welcomes attendees to the Region 14 Fall Meeting. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Bill Maryott, of Corralitos, California, was the featured speaker at the Region 14 Fall Meeting, held at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Montgomery, Alabama. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



This beautiful orchid, elegantly arranged in a basket, was one of several silent auction items offered at the meeting. It was donated by Barbara Burkhardt. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Among the many attendees about to enjoy lunch were (left to right) Pete and Pat Connolly, Jim and Phyllis Riddle, Bonnie Lingel, and Debbie Smith. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Region 14 youth, Jacob Henry, shows his handsome smile. Seated with him are Ron Waddell, Becky Parr, Benny Brown, and Anna Trawick. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Seated at table (left to right) are Peggy Walker, Terese Goodson, Jack Harrison, and Cecil Barnes. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



During the afternoon session, Bill Maryott discussed his own hybridizing program. Jack Harrison and Jim Riddle seem particularly attentive. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The Hattiesburg group (left to right) included Edd and Nancy Chain; and Earl and Barbara Watts; along with with honorary Region 14 members, Elizabeth and Jeff Salter, of Region 12. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Sharon Beecher, President of the North Alabama Daylily Society, extends an invitation to attend the 2014 Spring Regional Meeting to be held in Huntsville, Alabama, June 13-14. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

*youth digital photography awards for 2013
announced at the Region 14 Fall Meeting*



*First Place: daylilies with companion plants, Payton Ham
H. 'Carlotta' with coneflower and various potted plants, taken at Bella Vista Garden, Guntersville, AL*



*First Place: landscape, Payton Ham
taken at Village Visions, Elkmont, AL*



*First Place: individual bloom, Lauren Ham
H. 'Shady Lady', taken at Heller's Daylily Patch, Florence, MS*



*First Place: multi-blooms, Hope Brown
H. 'Exotic Candy', taken at E and B Farm, Louisville, MS*

AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting

June 13-14, 2014

Hosted by The North Alabama Daylily Society

Meeting Chairperson: Sharon Beecher—256-895-8589; email: Jamesbeecher@bellsouth.net

Best Western Plus

9035 Madison Blvd., Madison, AL 35758

Guest Speakers: Larry and Cindy Grace, Graceland Gardens, Newton, AL

Registration Fees:

Adult: \$98

Youth: \$50

Three meals, bus tours, four gardens

Make checks payable to North Alabama Daylily Society.

Mail checks and registration form to:

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Registration Deadline: June 6, 2014

Rooms are available at the following:

Best Western Plus

9035 Madison Blvd.

Madison, AL 35758

Phone: 256-772-7170

Room rate: \$89 (plus tax)

(includes full breakfast)

Make reservations directly with hotel at 256-772-7170

(Mention "Daylily Meeting")

Registration Form:

1st Person _____

2nd Person _____

Youth #1 _____

Youth #2 _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Indicate Judges Clinics or Workshops you will attend on Friday June 13, 2014 (\$5 fee collected on site)

_____ Exhibition Judges Clinic I

_____ Garden Judges Workshop I

_____ Exhibition Judges Clinic II

_____ Garden Judges Workshop II

_____ Exhibition Judges Clinic III (Refresher)

Do you need handicapped facilities? Yes ___ No ___ Do you have special dietary requirements? Yes ___ No ___

Please give details if you answer yes to either question.

Garden Previews

Region 14 Spring Meeting, Huntsville, Alabama

Diamond Valley Garden

Located in a beautiful and fertile valley between Guntersville Lake and Brindlee Mountain, Jim and Martha Brazelton have developed a remarkable daylily garden; surrounded by three small lakes and watered by an ice cold “never go dry” well, their mule manure amended daylily beds provide extraordinary growing conditions for daylilies.

There are three distinct features which will require your attention as you visit this garden. The Sally Lake Memorial Bed will be located in this garden and the 68 cultivar seedlings presently planted in the bed are prospering with vigor and enthusiasm. Secondly, Jim has constructed an entirely new bed in front of their home to prominently display their “second look” seedlings. The bed is basically a maze with a circle surrounded by two semi-circles filled with what the future holds emanating from these two talented hybridizers. Thirdly, the display of their own introductions along with several hundred quality cultivars from the nation’s best hybridizers provides a display of daylilies grown to near perfection.

Jim has introduced two cultivars for 2014, including a gorgeous toothy yellow/pink specimen, *Hemerocallis* 'Spiked Buttermilk', and a most unusual multi-colored toothy cultivar, 'Newfound Road'. His focus on large red and rose-red cultivars continues unabated. Martha has introduced three new cultivars for 2014, including an eight inch clear pink specimen named 'Pompous Pink', which is truly spectacular; her personal favorite 'Big Delight'; and 'Sun Kissed Ruffles', the winner of the 2012 Sally Lake Bed Memorial Award. Martha’s hybridizing focus is trending toward patterns, although her talented eye does not limit her hybridizing direction.

Behind their home are several beds containing their hundreds of first year seedlings; seeing the several thousand cultivars in their garden is always a challenge, but also quite exciting. Jim and Martha are always excited to have you enjoy one of the largest and best daylily gardens in North Alabama.



Taken in early Spring, this is a view of one of the many beautiful curving beds at Diamond Valley Garden. Large, manicured lawns and three sparkling lakes complement the many daylilies.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Stone Wall Garden

Roger and Cherry Hooper are truly excited to welcome you to their STONE WALL GARDEN in New Market, AL. Many of you who honored them by visiting their garden on Thursday evening prior to our 2011 Regional meeting will remember that their garden was quite young, but offered tremendous potential as a visitor friendly exposé of the modern daylily. You will not be disappointed in the many significant changes and growth in numbers and quality of cultivars.

Featured in their garden are two daylilies hybridized by Cherry's sister, Marguerite Oakes, of Trenton Daylilies, located in Trenton, KY. Named to honor Roger and Cherry, both cultivars are quality specimens. The largest bed in the garden has been completely redone and primarily features Stamile creations; another bed contains Stout Medal winners. Since 2011, a number of cultivars from Fred Manning, Tim Bell, and Marguerite Oakes have been added, along with some tall unusual form cultivars from Jamie Gossard. Their horseshoe shaped bed has been replanted with matching cultivars on each side to provide attractive balance in foliage and bloom. A new irrigation system has been installed to facilitate the excellent maintenance of these beds. Other new features include beds near the street and in the front of the house.

Many attractive companion plants are judiciously placed among the daylily beds adding considerable interest; included are blueberry bushes, azaleas, hydrangeas, iris, hosta, Russian and Jerusalem sage, and peonies. Large slabs of Tennessee field stone border many of the beds providing elevation for several daylily beds and enjoyable spots to sit and enjoy the remarkable daylily display. This gently sloping back yard garden with various elevations in daylily beds provides a visitor friendly experience which you will truly enjoy!



Walls fashioned of fieldstone complement beautifully grown daylilies at Stone Wall Garden. Chinese lanterns and bottle trees add interest. Featured above, a clump of Hemerocallis 'Forced Impulse' (Peat 2002) glows in the morning sunlight.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Bella Vista Garden

Twenty years ago Mary Terrell returned to her home town of Guntersville, AL, and settled into the family homestead situated on a windswept bluff overlooking the spectacular Guntersville Lake. After enhancing the rock filled property with tons of top soil and other amendments, the Bella Vista Garden was christened and has grown into one of the finest displays of floriferous excellence in Alabama. Many of you who were charmed by this garden in 2011 will be happy to know that more than 50 of the newest daylily cultivars have been added to Mary's 700 cultivar collection including a "must have" cultivar hybridized by Jesse George named *Hemerocallis* '**Mary Terrell**' (2013) to honor this charming lady. Among the 2013 stars in her daylily garden were '**Evelyn Kloeris**' (Carpenter-J. 2004), '**Fire in My Soul**' (Harry 2010), '**Entwined in the Vine**' (Emmerich 2007), '**Patsy Cline**' (Smith-FR 2008), and '**Double Screamer**' (George-T. 2010). Over 70 new hostas have been added to one of North Alabama's finest hosta collections which is highlighted by her miniature hostas, such as *Hosta* '**Teeny-weeny Bikini**' (Elslager-E. 2000); her shade garden collection has grown with additions on new heucheras, hydrangeas and ferns. Be sure to pause before the unique bubbling rock water feature overlooking the lake to enjoy its calming effect.

Unfortunately, Mary will be in North Carolina during the regional meeting to attend the high school graduation of her grandson. She certainly has her priorities set correctly and our club members will be excited and honored to be your hosts, and you can be assured that Mary's many friends and garden club members in Guntersville will provide the excellent table of treats assuring that Bella Vista will provide a memorable visit for all of you.



Hemerocallis '**Evelyn Kloeris**' (Carpenter-J. 2004)

Bella Vista Garden is a photographer's delight, offering daylily blooms at their very best. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

E-Scape

Jim and Sharon Beecher welcome you to their garden nestled in the heart of Harvest, Alabama, where they truly enjoy their personal “e-scape” from their jobs in the military-industrial complex each day. This small but beautifully designed and manicured garden is only four years old but contains over 300 of the newest cultivars from the nation’s most accomplished hybridizers. The garden welcomes you through an arched arbor covered with clematis and maypop to a view of terraced walls and raised beds filled with daylilies and companion plants. The curved pathway takes you to a special circular bed centered by a fountain which is surrounded with beautiful daylilies; this specially designed bed is a memorial to their daughter who passed away last June.

The garden was constructed on a deeply sloped hill with serpentine walls which provide eye level encounters with many of the daylily blossoms. The soil, markedly enhanced with mushroom compost and pine bark fines, provides exceptional drainage and ideal conditions for growing daylilies. A recently installed irrigation system will assure a spectacular bloom at the regional meeting. Although this garden is considered relatively young, the attention provided by the Beeches is evidenced by the fact that nearly all cultivars are clump sized.

E-scape contains an excellent combination of unusual form, double, spider, miniature and full form daylilies which share their space with amaryllis, azaleas, Asiatic lilies, phlox, dahlias and numerous other perennials. This garden offers a palette of color and texture which invites you to enjoy the fruits of the Beechers’ efforts as it provides each of you with a memorable visit.



The steeply sloping backyard at E-Scape is terraced with beautifully curved beds featuring some of the newest daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Grace and Beauty at Graceland Gardens

by Chris Rea

I first met Larry and Cindy Grace at the 2009 Region 14 Spring Meeting in Dothan, Alabama. I had heard the name many times and had seen many beautiful flowers hybridized by Larry. As most of you already know, Larry has been growing and hybridizing daylilies for about 25 years now, I think. If my memory serves me correctly, Larry had been hybridizing daylilies for several years when he was talked into going to Myrtle Beach, where hybridizers gathered each Thanksgiving, to show some slides of his lilies. I think it was five in total. He had a picture of a 7" lavender mauve with a lavender eyezone and yellow-gold throat seedling that everyone just went crazy over. This seedling later became known as *Hemerocallis* 'Clothed in Glory' (1996). Larry told me that this is the one cultivar that got his name out there.

Since that time, Larry has become one of the premiere hybridizers in the country. When Larry sold his entire program to Frank Smith he thought he was through with daylilies, but as the seasons went by he realized he had not finished doing what the good Lord wanted him to do with daylilies, so he started buying up the very best diploid and tetraploid daylilies he could get. Larry started back mostly with diploids and converted many of them to get him back in the game. Larry started introducing daylilies again in 2009 with cultivars like *H.* 'Angels Gather Around' (2008), 'Before My Eyes' (2008), and 'Moving Forward' (2008). He has followed that up with many great lilies in 2010-2013.

Larry has always been very proud of his pastel lilies. Since 2009, his pastel line has gotten even prettier, bigger, taller, and greener edged with cultivars such as 'My Dream of Heaven' (2009), 'Full Of Treasure' (2010) and 'Unfolding Dreams' (2012). In 2011 he introduced a uniquely patterned daylily named for his daughter, 'Heather Grace' (2010). It has substance like plastic and holds well in the hottest sun. In 2012, not only did Larry win the Stout Silver Medal for 'J.T. Davis' (1999), he also introduced his first diploid daylily, 'Wild Dreams' (2012), his first true red, 'Home of the Free' (2012), and the toothy 'Dr Celia Stump' (2012), named for his dentist. Last year, he introduced five new cultivars: 'The Power Of Peace' (2013), 'Got Attitude' (2013), 'Nuggets Of Honey' (2013), 'Unlock Your Dreams' (2013), and what I think is the finest red daylily to be recently introduced, 'The Ultimate Sacrifice' (2013).

Having spent many spring mornings with Larry in his garden, I am truly amazed at the extreme thought and care that he puts into every cross that he makes. It does not matter if he is using a brand new conversion for the first time, or if he is using a pollen that he knows very well. He thinks out every cross very carefully before he makes it. This kind of attention to detail is very evident when you walk into his garden.

My wife Beth and I spent four days with Larry and Cindy this past spring. Going out to the shade house and the greenhouse every morning was a treat. We saw lilies of every shape and color. There were very dark super saturated purples with what I can't just call teeth because they were more like fangs. There were eight and a half inch reds and six and a half inch pastels on forty inch scapes. If you don't like daylilies that look the same all day, then Larry has something for you. He has seedlings that start the day purple with a darker eye zone and end the day by changing color into a pale lavender with dark rings. If patterns make your heart beat rapidly, then don't go to Graceland Gardens because the patterns there will make your heart explode. There were patterns with as many as seven rings in the eye and others with large flat faces with many colors. The seedlings at Larry's this past spring just blew me away. Either it was the tall scapes with the huge flowers that felt like shoe leather or the extreme saturation of color in the reds and purples that held up all day in the heat. You can go and walk that garden fifty times in one day and see something new every time.

If Larry is not a master of hybridizing, then he is well on his way. Just to end this on a more personal note. The first time we went to Graceland Gardens we were going to meet "Larry Grace." Now when we go, we are just going back home to see family. Larry and Cindy are more like family now than friends.

Chris Rea

Editor's Note: Larry and Cindy Grace will be the featured speakers at the Region 14 Spring Meeting to be held in Huntsville, AL, June 13-14.



Tetraploid #804-11
(Photo by Larry Grace)



'Home of the Free' (Grace-L. 2012)
(Photo by Larry Grace)



'Dr. Celia Stump' (Grace-L. 2012)
(Photo by Larry Grace)



'Heather Grace' (Grace-L. 2010)
(Photo by Larry Grace)



'Nuggets of Honey' (Grace-L. 2013)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



'Unlock Your Dreams' (Grace-L. 2013)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



'The Ultimate Sacrifice' (Grace-L. 2013)
(Photo by Larry Grace)

The Glenaire Retirement Center Daylily Garden in Cary, North Carolina

by Oliver Billingslea



The interior courtyard garden at the Glenaire Retirement Center in Cary, North Carolina, contains an impressive planting of daylilies nestled amid numerous shrubs and trees. Although unlabeled, Hemerocallis 'Strawberry Candy' (Stamile 1989), 'Mountain Almond' (Billingslea 1991), and 'Fooled Me' (Reilly-Hein 1994) are among the many recognizable daylilies in the garden.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



'Elizabeth Salter' (Salter 1990)



'Splendid Touch' (Stamile 1994)

Last June, Nancy and I had the opportunity to visit Dr. and Mrs. Roscoe Braham, who are living at the Glenaire Retirement Community Center in Cary, North Carolina. Roscoe and Mary Ann, Nancy's parents, are a spry 93-year-old couple, who enjoy living at the Center and taking advantage of a calendar full of activities, which includes speakers, concerts, and numerous celebrations. The Center has lovely grounds, but what was most amazing to us was that its interior courtyard contained a large display of daylilies. From what I could gather from a lady seated in the garden, the collection was established by Margaret Pursley of Gastonia, NC, in 2000. On a subsequent visit this past November, I found recorded in the Center's Archives that Margaret "had brought over 100 different hybrid lilies [sic.] from her home in Gastonia, NC, when she came to Glenaire in 2000." The garden which contains the daylilies was dedicated June 29, 2000.

I found out from Ken Cobb, our AHS Archivist who lives in nearby Raleigh, that Margaret Pursley had been an active member of her local club and of the American Hemerocallis Society.

She was also a garden judge. She taught English in the Gaston County Schools for over 30 years and was an avid horticulturist.

From her personal collection, she gifted the Center with many excellent daylilies, including several future Stout Medal winners and recipients of the Lenington All-American Award. Although none of the plants are labeled, amid the fine collection I discovered many recognizable cultivars, including *Hemerocallis* 'Orange Velvet' (Joiner 1988), 'Strawberry Candy' (Stamile 1989), 'Beautiful Edgings' (Copenhaver 1989), 'Elizabeth Salter' (Salter 1990), 'Mountain Almond' (Billingslea 1991), 'Ruby Spider' (Stamile 1991), 'Dragon King' (Kirchhoff-D. 1992), 'Fooled Me' (Reilly-Hein 1994), 'Splendid Touch' (Stamile 1994), 'Peggy Jeffcoat' (Joiner-J. 1995), and 'Helen Shooter' (Shooter 1998). Each June and July this beautiful little garden at Glenaire is awash with color, though other perennials, together with flowering shrubs and trees, lend beauty throughout the year.

Oliver Billingslea



'Orange Velvet' (Joiner 1988)



'Beautiful Edgings' (Copenhaver 1989)



'Mountain Almond' (Billingslea 1991)

All photos on these two pages were taken at Glenaire Retirement Community Center in Cary, North Carolina. (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)

Montgomery Area Daylily Society's Busy Calendar of Events, 2013

by Terese Goodson

MADS members enjoy a variety of programs throughout the year, but if recent numbers mean anything, they especially enjoy the “extra” activities that provide fun and fellowship. Before embarking on our bus trip to Georgia and the Carolinas in June, we car pooled to visit several nearby Alabama gardens. In April, Bill Oswalt and Martha Barber, both MADS members, hosted a gathering on Lake Martin at Bill’s lovely house on the water. The great food, the stunning water views, and the beautiful grounds of the lake house provided a very pleasant evening for all.

Next, club members traveled to the home of Adriana and Joe Ponder for a “Jacksons Gap in Bloom” tour in mid-May. Because of the cool, wet spring, the daylilies may not have been at peak bloom, but the rest of the flowers and foliage put on a spectacular display. The Ponders have several unusual Japanese maples surrounding the house which add interest to the view. The memory garden offers a peaceful respite from the hustle and bustle of gardening with daylilies. A variety of plants, bushes, and trees are a tribute to Joe’s past dominance in the nursery business. The leveled terrace of the back yard gave plenty of space to peek out and see garden art, and wooded scenery. The Ponders also have a “Secret Garden” in their woods at Jacksons Gap.

The group then ventured to Oskars for fried onion rings, BBQ, and lots of other “fixins” before heading out for a private tour of Jim Scott’s 15 acre Lake Martin garden paradise. You might have seen an article in *Southern Living* or the *Alabama Farmers Co-op* magazine about this garden, but it is even more amazing when you are actually flying by on a zip line, like brave Donna Curington, or perusing the underground wine cellar. Check out the kids’ bedroom made of trees, or just wander through the gardens and trails and see all the hidden foliage and garden art treasures. We won’t soon forget this trip and all the beauty that nature can provide in one pastoral setting.

Because we can’t see enough daylilies in a season, the following week, a caravan of MADS members drove down to Dothan, AL, to visit fellow MADS member, Guy Meadows. Guy is in a new location and his garden shows that he has been very busy getting his daylily beds in order, both in the front and back yard areas. Members also had a chance to see *Hemerocallis* 'Bruce Garner' (2008), one of Guy’s cultivars. It is a 6" gold with a ruffled bronze edge tipped in gold. Linda Agin’s 2009 'Guy Meadows', a 6" pale pink with a darker pink edge outlined in chartreuse, was also in full bloom when we arrived.

Cindy and Larry Grace’s Graceland Gardens in Newton, AL, was next on the agenda. Besides enjoying this beautiful home site, the greenhouse was full of beautiful

seedlings and a variety of named daylilies. From the many blooms we enjoyed on this visit, you can expect to see some gorgeous new introductions from Larry’s program in the future.

The trip back to Montgomery was another adventure for MADS members since we had a chance to visit Art Wurks in Brundidge, AL, and the Art Wurks studio where the heavy bronze, steel, copper, aluminum, and concrete sculptures are made. Too bad none of us had the cash on hand to purchase a stunning life-sized bronze Icarus statue or a stainless steel Vortex sculpture! The art was detailed and simply amazing! A Dairy Queen run, complete with Heath Bar Blizzards, didn’t hurt anyone’s mood either.

Small groups of MADS members and various individuals have been visiting club members’ gardens. Georgia Rehnberg, Evelyn Miller, Paul Furr, and Terese Goodson have all been gracious hosts and hostesses this bloom season, and it has been a pleasure to see what each of them have been doing before the sun sets each day.

Terese Goodson



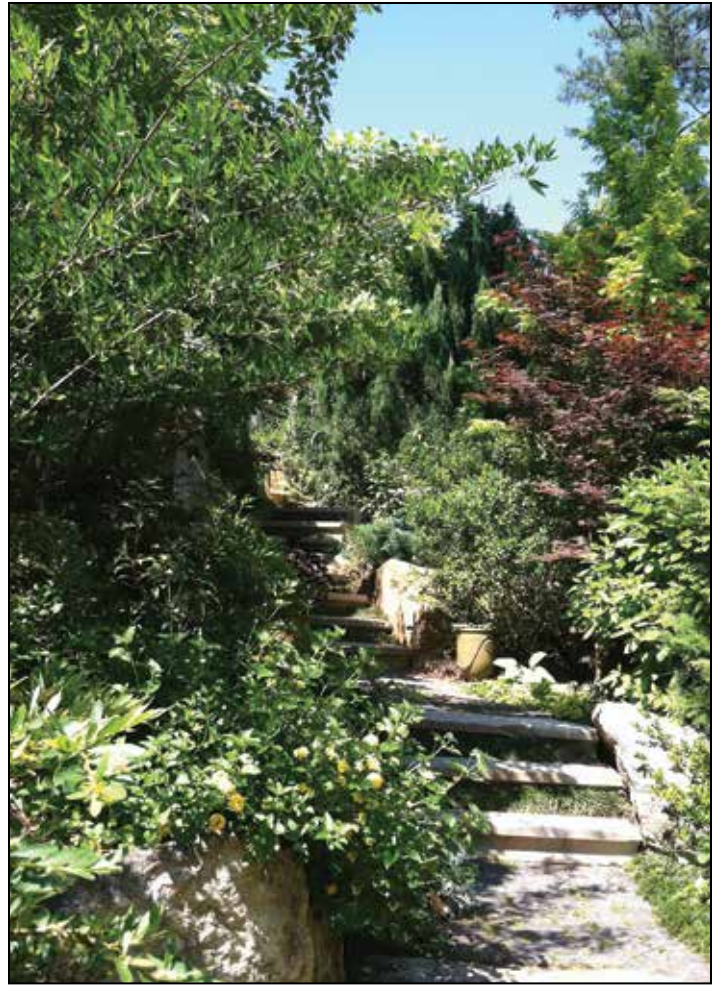
Adriana and Joe Ponder's Memory Garden contains a variety of plants, bushes, and trees, reflective of Joe's interest in nursery landscaping.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)



At Bill Oswalt's lovely home on Lake Martin, a Japanese maple displays its spring foliage in rich shades of burgundy. In the distance one sees the still waters of one of the many coves which form the lakeshore. Bill also maintains a lovely home and garden in Montgomery, AL, which features daylilies, along with other numerous perennials.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)



Steps lead to an upper terrace at Jim Scott's 15 acre garden paradise on Lake Martin. In addition to an impressive waterfall and innumerable artifacts, such as a life-size chess set, the garden contains skywalks and a large wine cellar enclosed inside a cave. The garden has played host to many events, including a concert by the Montgomery Chorale.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)



At Graceland Gardens near Newton, AL, Larry Grace is continuing his work with richly saturated daylilies, especially reds and purples. Seedling #263-13 is one of many purples which promises to be an advancement along these lines.

(Photo by Larry Grace)



Larry's shade-cloth house and greenhouse (in the distance) were special treats for members of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society who were hoping to see an amazing array of daylilies. Graceland Gardens did not disappoint.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

MADS Bus Trip to Georgia and the Carolinas

by Terese Goodson

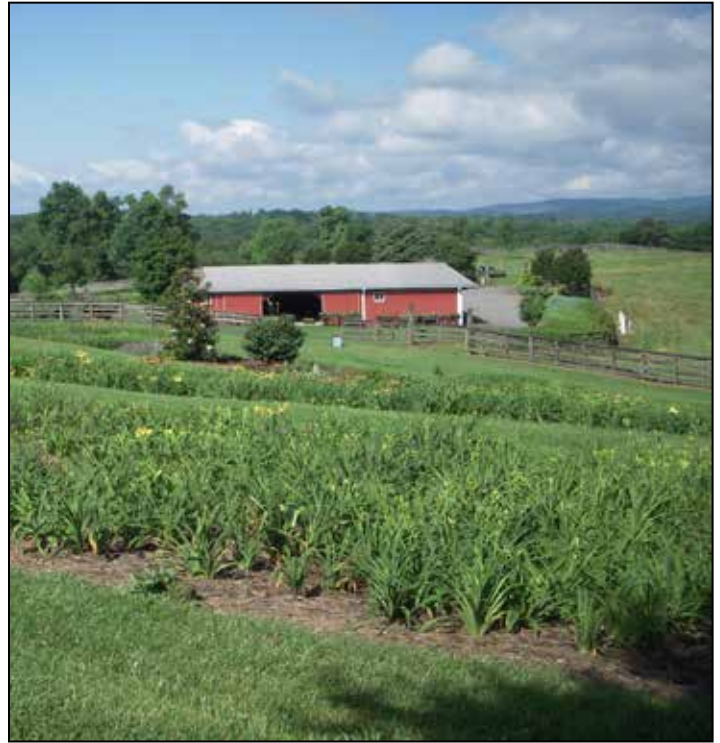
A busload of Montgomery Area Daylily Society enthusiasts and some of their guests, 23 in all, made a three day bus trip this past summer to five different daylily gardens in Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. What an adventure! Starting out before dawn, they arrived in the early morning to see Diana and Bill Waldrop's Kennesaw Mountain Garden, near Atlanta, and then it was on to visit Pat and Bruce Kovach's Centerpiece Gardens in Suwanee, GA. Both of these lovely gardens will be on tour for the AHS Convention in 2015. It was fun to see their beauty without any crowds. The Trailways bus made plenty of restaurant stops on Friday, plus with a steady supply of goodies, we ensured that no one on the bus went hungry, even for a minute!

On the second day, the North Carolina gardens were on display with their majestic mountain vistas and quiet, green garden areas. Slightly Different Nursery in Shelby, NC, lived up to its name. Tricolor beech trees, weeping figs, rams horn and corkscrew willows, plus tons of daylilies enhanced this lush pastoral setting. Paul Owen's acreage appears to extend for miles. Too bad there wasn't a wedding taking place on the grounds that we could attend! (Paul often hosts weddings in his beautiful garden.)

Paul was extremely generous to the bus group. Each visitor received a named daylily to bring home. Paul also took time to visit with the group and answer questions about all the unusual plants that were intermingled with the daylilies. Terese Goodson, president of MADS, is fondly known as the "Queen" of the daylily group, so Paul gave her a double fan of *Hemerocallis* 'Screaming Queen' (Owen-P. 2007) to remember his home site. She just might start a "queen" bed since she also bought 'Queen of Everything' (Douglas-C. 2006) on the trip.

Paul fixed chocolate mint tea for everyone to enjoy while sitting on benches under the shade of his patio. The group would have liked to spend the day in this beautiful garden, and, from the gossip mill afterwards on the bus, maybe one of the guys on the trip would have liked to have spent a little more time with Paul Owen's mom. There are certainly more tales to tell, but what happens in North Carolina, STAYS in North Carolina!

On to Iron Gate Daylilies in Kings Mountain, NC, for more oohs and aahs! No one ever expected Linda Carleton, a new MADS member, to REALLY get down and dirty with Mother Nature, but that's what a MADS member and Master Gardener does sometimes!! She was a terrific sport when she fell into boggy soil at the garden and was covered from head to foot with mud. SIGH!! She reminded the daylily group of "Pigpen" in the Peanuts comic strip. No broken bones or bruises, so the bus moved on for more eating and snacking. Vic Santa Lucia and Van Sellers had their garden in full bloom for us and the alphabetized beds



A very late spring resulted in sparse bloom at many of the gardens visited in Georgia and North Carolina, but the setting for Slightly Different Nursery was breathtaking anyway. (Photo by Terese Goodson)

made it easy to find the cultivars on our lists. Of course, with such easy visibility and a daylily sale to boot, members went home with more plants than they had planned to purchase.

Sunday found the daylily group leaving early for Singing Oakes Gardens in Blythewood, South Carolina, home to Peggy and Jim Jeffcoat. The grounds in this lovely setting covered a huge area and several of the MADS members managed to sweet talk the bus driver into giving them tours on the golf cart. Daylilies were in bloom everywhere. In addition to daylilies, this garden had some spectacular Japanese irises growing—the colors were breathtaking. Too bad there wasn't more time to spend at this site, but it was back on the bus for more restaurant stops and a lot more snacking. Did you know that Golden Corral serves at least five types of ice cream if you visit their Augusta, GA, location? We have members who can attest to that.

The group rolled back into Montgomery around 6:30 p.m. with plenty of daylight left. The bus looked like a moving florist shop with daylilies covering the entire back of the bus and the luggage compartments. The travelers might have been tired, but overall, they all left with wide smiles. Joe Ponder's itinerary was a real success.

Terese Goodson



Arrival at Slightly Different Nursery was in the early morning when skies were overcast, but as the day progressed, skies became a brilliant cerulean. Above, one of several creek beds inlaid with stone. Below, a portion of Paul Owen's beautiful display garden. Slightly Different Nursery is one of several North Carolina gardens which will be on tour during the 2014 National Convention to be held in Asheville, North Carolina, June 25-28.

(Photos by Terese Goodson)



Ask the Ombudsman

by Donna Peck, AHS Ombudsman

Why Host a Flower Show?

I hope all of you have read Part One on "Why Host a Flower Show." I had mentioned that I write a column when I have received numerous questions from AHS members on the same subject. The last couple of years, and also on the Daylily Robin, this subject has come up often. So I asked Nikki Schmith (Chair of Photographic Media) from Region 2, Joann Stewart (Chair of Exhibition Judges Records) from Region 5 and Gwen Pennington (member of the Ombudsman Committee) from Region 6 for their thoughts on why a club should hold a daylily show, and for this part of their response, how a club can make the show more fun and interesting for the public and club members.

QUESTION: How Can We Make The Show More Informative and interesting to The Public?

Joann Stewart writes "education is the key to getting the public involved." She suggests "having easels with information about Exhibition Judges (i.e. Judges are accredited after taking classes and serving an apprenticeship) and 'rules for judging' located close to the exhibit tables, not off to the side where no one sees the information.

"These can be focal points for an impatient public while judging is taking place (and will give onlookers something to read while they wait). There should be an explanation somewhere about the ribbons and their significance, and about the significance of the head table entries.

"Most people aren't aware that hybrid daylilies are registered. If, however, the public is made aware that entries are judged by their adherence to registered characteristics, the judging process makes instant 'sense' to them, even if they've never seen a registration. Samples of daylily registrations might also be on an easel, with the AHS scale of points shown beside it along with the explanation that exhibits are judged only in comparison to others in the same name class, not against 'all other entries' till they reach the head table."

Joann wants to make sure to "get the public involved." She writes, "Have a big sign saying PEOPLE'S CHOICE. Ask onlookers to vote for their favorite daylily. Make up containers for tickets at each exhibit, and after judging is concluded put them out at exhibits in a central location. Give out a limited numbers of tickets to onlookers with instructions to drop their tickets in their choice in each Division. This gives you a chance to explain the Divisions of a show and give a prize (ideally a club or AHS membership) for a name on a random ticket drawn out of the cup containing the most votes.

"The reason for the prize won't matter. It just adds to the potential interest and helps keep people's attention long enough to get them interested. If you don't think a se-

lection by Division is appropriate, you can ask the public to pick 'the best red,' 'the best yellow,' etc."

At our Albuquerque Daylily show we have a ballot that we give the public that has them write in their favorite daylily and daylily design. It is a little simpler than what Joann suggests. So whatever you decide to do, the public really enjoys choosing their favorites.

Joann also suggests to "give the most outgoing person in the club the job of standing near the education table, handing out information, smiling and explaining. I can't emphasize enough the importance of SMILING at passers-by, and engaging them if you can."

QUESTION: How Can We Make Our Daylily Show More Enjoyable to Our Club Members?

The Albuquerque Daylily Club has a potluck dinner for our judges the night before the show. Since we get our judges from out of state, they usually arrive the day before the show. So as judge's chair, I host a 'Gourmet Potluck.' Our club members sign up for what they are going to bring, and it is always one of the best meals of the year. We have it early in the evening so the members can get back home to prepare for the next day.

For our winners, we give daylily nursery gift certificates which the members love spending! Many clubs give crystal or other prizes, but we know our members would rather get a daylily, so the gift certificates are perfect. And all the commercial nurseries have them.

Some of our members have small gardens and are reluctant about cutting a scape for a show. So we have added a photography exhibit. Gwen Pennington mentions that "this is a way of allowing members to share other interests." The photography exhibit can also be in various categories. This year not only did Albuquerque have a class for Single Flowers and Clumps of Growing Daylilies, but one for Landscape Design featuring Daylilies, and one for Special Effects featuring Daylilies. The Photography Division has been very popular with many of the spouses.

Joann has another idea of adding incentives for club participation. She points out that "Daylily clubs have a limited number of members who are actively engaged in club affairs, and these members generally feel overworked and underappreciated by the end of the year. Shows do take energy! Some clubs have member benefits (like bonus points) to reward workers. If your club doesn't have this system there are other incentives a club might offer to get more members involved."

Joann goes on to say "Determine your show goals (more people to help set up, take down, enter exhibits, become clerks, etc.) and find ways to entice helpers. This



Flower scapes placed for judging in an accredited AHS Daylily Show

(Photo by Nikki Schmith, Worden, Illinois)

might be as small as a \$5 gift certificate to MacDonald's or Chick-fil-A for people helping set up or take down or as large as a drawing for an AHS membership, a really nice daylily, or a nice bottle of wine. The gift might be instead, a volunteer who spends two hours weeding for them, or helping divide clumps for a plant sale."

Nikki Schmith gives some ideas about how to get the exhibitors enthused and organized. She suggests having the chair "get the tags early from AHS and distribute them. Have a quick learning session on how to fill them out correctly and completely. Have a grooming clinic a couple of weeks before the show. Add an off-scape section." She also suggests adding a photography contest. "Add a novice section that allows first-timers to enter without too much fear. Carpool to nearby shows (if possible) to see what's being done. Offer a raffle prize of good value (a new introduction, the new AHS coffee table book, or 3-year memberships in AHS, etc.) to all exhibitors. Offer them one chance to win for every scape they enter."

In closing this discussion Joann writes "Once they've done it, and realized that the companionship and sense of accomplishment is there in putting on a good show, they're likely to repeat the experience. Above all, having fun is the most important part of a show, so try to create

ways in which to achieve that goal." Nikki adds "The purpose of a daylily show is to get people inspired about daylilies, and we can't do that if our members don't bring in a few to share. I promise, if you bring scapes to the show and participate with an open mind, you will have a GREAT TIME. You will have connected with the club, you will have connected to the national organization, and you will have connected with the other daylily fans like yourself. Having a show for your local gardening public IS A TRADITION WORTH THE EFFORT."

P.S. Since writing this article, I've been to the National Board Meeting where this subject about daylily shows was discussed. The discussion centered on having non AHS daylily shows. Some of the clubs have more "unorganized, non-judged shows." Many of the members don't want to cut their scapes during bloom season, so they only bring in their flowers, minus the scapes. If your club has never had a show, I think this is a good way to start. But many of us during this discussion felt the members and public miss a good deal by having a show this way. There was a committee formed to discuss this further. So keep posted and you'll be hearing more about various daylily shows.

Donna Peck

Digital Photography Awards Guidelines for 2014

Region 14 is sponsoring Photography Awards for 2014 in two divisions: Youth and Adult.

Images will be accepted until June 21, 2014. Please e-mail as attachments or put them on a CD and mail to the Photography Liaison. Do not reduce the size of images. They need to be sent large enough, preferably 1MB to 6MB, for our editor to be able to print them in our regional newsletter. Images sent at less than 500 KB cannot be accepted.

Rules and guidelines:

For the first time this year, there are two divisions: Youth (under 21) and Adult.

There are five categories. Photographers may submit up to five entries in each category:

- (1) Single bloom (the photograph may be of any registered cultivar)
- (2) Multi-bloom or cultivar clump (must be of a registered cultivar)
- (3) Daylilies with companion plants
- (4) Daylilies in the landscape
- (5) Artistic image

In the category of single bloom, the photographer must identify the cultivar, its hybridizer, its year of registration, and the garden in which the photo was taken.

The same applies for the multi-bloom or cultivar clump, the latter of which should show the foliage, the scapes, and the flowers to give a total picture.

In the daylilies with companion plants category, the photographer must identify the most prominent daylilies in the picture, as well as the most prominent companion plants. The photographer must also identify the garden in which the photo was taken.

In the landscape category, the photographer may, if he or she wishes, identify some of the daylilies, but must identify the garden in which the photo was taken. No people should appear in the photo.

The artistic category should stress uniqueness in subject and composition.

The photographer must be an AHS Region 14 member.

A panel of three judges will evaluate all entries in respect to focus, color, and composition.

Region 14 will present a certificate plus a cash award of \$25 in each of the five categories, and the winning entries will be published in the 2014 Summer/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. An awards presentation will be held at the Region 14 Fall Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS.

Oliver Billingslea

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National Photography Awards, 2013

Youth: Intermediate Division



First Place: Kyle Kunze, Region 8, Vancouver, WA

H. 'Rose F. Kennedy' (Doorakian 2007)



Second Place: Kyle Kunze, Region 8, Vancouver, WA

H. 'Heavenly Bombshell' (Gossard 2006)



Third Place, Hope Brown, Region 14, Louisville, MS

H. 'Spacecoast Early Bird' (Kinnebrew-J. 1999)

A History of the North Mississippi Daylily Society

by Emma Hood

The history of the North Mississippi Daylily Society (NMDS) is presented here based on information gleaned from records meticulously kept by the Club's historians over the years. There have been many very competent individuals responsible for the orderly and entertaining happenings which our group continues to enjoy.

Mrs. Anna Yarbrough was the impetus behind starting the NMDS because she had a desire to bring together fellow daylily enthusiasts to promote and advance the growth, appreciation and edification of the daylily. She advertised in the local newspaper and an initial meeting was held at the Western Sizzlin Steakhouse on Highway 6 in Batesville, MS on Saturday, August 9, 1997, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. 49 members were present.

Anna suggested that the name of the club should be "North Mississippi Daylily Society." The Constitution and By-Laws were presented to the group, discussed and approved. They decided that all of the individuals joining the club through October of 1997 would receive Charter Member designation. The following were elected to office:

President:	Anna Yarbrough
Vice-President:	Greg Reinke
Secretary:	Bonita Cross
Treasurer:	Dennis Baker
Historian:	Evelyn Adams
Parliamentarian:	Linda Watson

The members agreed to meet four times a year on the second Saturday in September, October, April and May, not including yard tours or sales. The tradition of having door prizes was established at this meeting when Anna Yarbrough and Greg and Lee Reinke donated daylilies for that purpose. Evelyn Adams of Delta Daylilies volunteered to present a program at the next meeting. It was decided that the club be affiliated with The American Hemerocallis Society in Region 14, which encompasses Mississippi and Alabama. Anna announced that a fall meeting for Region 14 would take place on October 4, 1997 at the Howard Johnson in Meridian, MS. The speaker would be Bill Reinke, a hybridizer and Charter Member, who resides in Tennessee. At this point, the Club was off and running.

That year, another Charter Member, Elizabeth Goode, was named Panola County's 1997 "Woman of the Year" at the age of 80. Elizabeth and her daughter, Kay, were both avid gardeners. She had started out with 15 daylilies and expanded to 505 plants by that time. She loved people and flowers, especially children, as shown by her work with the child development center. Our club is grateful to her for all she did.

At later meetings, Frank Huckaby, advised the members of the advantages of attending Regional and National Meetings. Betty Wilson suggested adding a meeting in March so we could get an early start on the growing season, and Anna Yarbrough suggested that we research historic points of interest in our area to prepare for hosting a Regional Meeting in the future.

In 1999, Bettye Huckaby was elected Treasurer and Buddy Beaver became the new Vice-President, both of whom brought experience and knowledge from having served as officers in the Memphis club. Lee Reinke volunteered to draw a map of the area and mark the locations of all members' gardens. Mrs. Adams placed an ad in the *Quitman County Democrat* newspaper announcing the meetings and suggested that other members volunteer to place ads in their local newspapers. Anna Yarbrough requested that everyone name their garden since only 6 members had done so.

George Lewis agreed to purchase daylilies from Graceland Gardens (owners Larry and Cindy Grace) in Alabama, plant and care for them a year, and sell them in April, 2000. He was able to procure fifteen different cultivars (101 fans) of the following cultivars: *Hemerocallis* '**Beloved Deceiver**' (Salter 1996), '**Cindy's Eye**' (Salter 1994), '**Crintonic Shadowlands**' (Hanson-C. 1995), '**Joe Marinello**' (Stamile 1989), '**Kathleen Salter**' (Salter 1989), '**Lady Arabella**' (Salter 1992), '**Leonard Bernstein**' (Kirchhoff-D. 1991), '**Moonlit Masquerade**' (Salter 1992), '**Natchez Moon**' (Salter 1994), '**Orchid Candy**' (Stamile 1994), '**Pirate's Patch**' (Salter 1991), '**Rainbow Touch Down**' (Kirchhoff-D. 1994), '**Royal Braid**' (Stamile 1993), '**Sacred Drummer**' (Salter 1996), and '**Something Wonderful**' (Salter 1991). Some of these are striving in local gardens today.

The first garden tour was June 5, 1999, to the gardens of Philip and Evelyn Adams (Delta Daylilies) in Marks, MS; Elizabeth and Kay Goode; Betty and Scoot Wilson, and Judge Dennis Baker, all in Batesville, MS. It was a rousing success and spawned a tradition which still exists today of having a bloom-season garden tour. That has now expanded into a club bus tour to other areas with a luncheon at a restaurant or botanical garden in the host area. Charter members Dot Tatum and Bettye and Frank Huckaby have "open gardens" yearly, and occasionally other members offer the same so that people can gain a greater appreciation for our favorite flower.

After having met at the Western Sizzlin Steakhouse for some time, the meetings became so large that a bigger place was needed to provide comfort and privacy. Scoot and Betty Wilson managed to get permission from their church, United Methodist in Batesville, to use one of their meeting

rooms. The venue was changed and the club was able to provide slide show presentations and have speakers to provide needed information to our members. We owe a debt of thanks both to the Wilsons and their church for accommodating our club.

Since lunch had always been a feature at Western Sizzlin, we decided to continue having refreshments at our meetings. We depend on our members to showcase new creations or bring old favorites to share. A lot of recipe sharing takes place as well.

In 2001, Linda Dunaway, of Olive Branch, became our secretary. She had a garden of about 500 cultivars in her yard, many of which were from her own hybridizing program. She was originally from the Jackson area and had connections with many daylily enthusiasts there. She arranged a tour of several gardens, one of which belonged to a real southern gentleman, Mr. Shelton Holliday. Mr. Holliday's niece and his next door neighbor, Mr. Bain, also shared their gardens with us that day. Most daylily lovers also take delight in companion plants such as iris, hydrangeas, French hollyhocks, and begonias, so those gardens were a veritable paradise for us. The hosts generously shared their plants, so we came home on a bus packed with flowers. In addition, we were treated to some of the most beautiful carvings created by a Mississippi artist, Mr. Oren Segrest, at his lovely home and garden.

Another activity which has become a tradition at our meetings is a plant auction. Over the years we have had some very capable auctioneers; Buddy Beaver, Frank Huckaby, Sam Jobe, Barry McCalla, and Jay Landré have made it a most enjoyable experience to bid on plants bought from hybridizers, as well as those donated by fellow club members. That has been a source of income to provide the club members with transportation and lunches on our trips.

Because so many of our members live in DeSoto County, in 2004, we decided to move our meeting place again. The First Regional Library in Hernando was convenient and that is where we still meet at present. Many of our members hold dual membership with the Memphis Area Daylily Society, which is in Region 10. One of their founders was Mr. Walter Bolin, a Hernando resident who hybridized 23 registered daylilies during the 1970's and 1980's. We cooperate with them so that members can participate in tours for a nominal fee.

In the Spring 2006 issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, an article, "Landscaping with Daylilies in North Mississippi Gardens," showcased the daylily gardens of Frank and Bettye Huckaby in Hernando, Ann and Lewis Bailey in Southaven, Carl and Emma Hood in Olive Branch, Dot Tatum in Coldwater, and Scoot and Betty Wilson in Batesville. Color photos illustrated not only daylilies, but companion plants and garden art as well.

The Huckaby's "Hosanna Garden" was also featured in a 2007 article in *DeSoto Magazine* with beautiful photos by Karen Ott Mayer, including one of their favorite daylilies, *Hemerocallis* 'Becky Lynn' (Guidry 1977).

The Bailey and Hood gardens were part of the 2010 Region 10 meeting and tour, "Rocking and Growing on the River" in Memphis, and were featured in the Region 10

newsletter, *The Daily Appeal*, along with three other area gardens: that of Pat and Jimmy Bevill of Olive Branch, MS; Tom and Margaret Dixon's "Honey Tree Garden," and Janice Wood's "Rivertrail Garden," both of the latter in Memphis, TN.

Ralph Smith, one of our members from Olive Branch, was featured in *The Commercial Appeal* of Memphis, TN, in March, 2011. He stated, "I wake up at sunrise every morning just to see which ones [of his 650 varieties] are in bloom that day."



The garden of Frank and Bettye Huckaby, located in Hernando, MS, displays daylilies alongside numerous companion plants. A gazing ball and decorative bird feeders complement the flowers. (Photo by Bettye Huckaby)



Another portion of the Huckaby garden contains a Stout Medal bed, containing winning cultivars, 1950-2013. The bed is bordered with yellow marigolds, while an orange canna lends height. (Photo by Bettye Huckaby)

Besides touring our own beautiful state, we have also toured lovely gardens in Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee. Our latest tour was to gardens in Paragould and Jonesboro, Arkansas, and The Crowley Ridge Nature Center. We have been privileged to enjoy the Botanical Gardens both in Huntsville, AL, and Memphis, TN, where there are gardens set aside to highlight daylilies and the beauty of nature at its best. The Memphis garden has recently opened "My Big Backyard," a children's delight, with whimsical



The Memphis Botanical Garden is a favorite of the members of the North Mississippi Daylily Society. The Nature Photography Garden invites camera enthusiasts to capture great shots.
(Photo by Jana Wilson)

creations and gorgeous designs. It also contains a nationally recognized hosta garden, a Japanese garden with koi ponds, and rose gardens to die for.

Over the years, we have had the opportunity to enjoy so many wonderful presentations: Mr. Clarence Crochet, a hybridizer from Prairieville, La, who introduced 85 cultivars in his career, entertained us with all of his “Cajun” jokes. His knowledge and love of the daylily inspired us. Coach Jesse and Terah George, with their friends Jim and Kay Chappell, showed an impressive slide presentation of their garden and nursery and offered plants for sale and auction. Sharon Price of Sharon’s Daylilies in Vernon, AL, with her granddaughters, Brooke and Tiffany, showed us how to germinate and plant seeds and brought plants to share. Bill and Joyce Reinke of Bells, TN, showed a slide presentation of their beautiful home and gardens and offered plants as well. Joy Anderson, of the Agriculture Extension Service, gave a presentation on “MS Medallion Plants” and used a color wheel to explain how to use companion plants and colors effectively. Richard Williamson brought pictures and a listing of the plants he has for sale in his nursery in Byhalia, MS. Former officers and fellow members, Barry and Sherry McCalla presented programs on vermicomposting (worm



The daylily garden at the Memphis Botanical Garden delights visitors in June and July.
(Photo by Jana Wilson)



A portion of the Hosta Display Garden at the Memphis Botanical Garden is also a photographer's delight. In the spring, flowering trees grace the shady vistas.
(Photo by Jana Wilson)



The herb garden at the Memphis Botanical garden is both beautiful and educational.
(Photo by Jana Wilson)

casting) and sustainable gardening. Sam Jobe presented several slide shows, including one of the 2006 National Convention; the Huckabys presented one on the 2007 National, and Ann Bailey presented one on the 2008 National. Jay Laundré showed the videos of two garden tours and a time lapse of daylilies blooming, for which he was awarded the prestigious Lazarus Memorial Video Award by the AHS in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Darrell Black gave us some excellent information on eliminating moles and voles. Warren Johansen, a DeSoto County Master Gardener, spoke on propagating plants, the importance of photosynthesis, and using heat and cooling to assure a well developed root system. Our current President, Bettie Pruitt, keeps us informed about the activities of the Master Gardeners and the DeSoto County Extension society. Our members have participated in the Hypertufa and Leaf Casting classes they provide and contributed to a display garden in Hernando which was modeled after one at Mississippi State University.

Many of our officers have held multiple positions and served several terms. We are grateful for all their dedication. DeSoto is one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. We are planning an advertising campaign to reach out to the community and expand the visibility of our club.



The garden of Jay and Marcia Laundré, located in Southaven, Mississippi, contains a sizable collection of daylilies. Visitors enter the backyard through a lovely white portal. (Photo by Jay Laundré)



Viewed from any angle, during daylily season the Laundré garden is a riot of color. A swing and a gazebo provide comfortable seating from which to view the daylilies. In addition to the Laundrés maintaining a beautifully landscaped garden, Jay Laundré is a master videographer; having won the Lazarus Memorial Video Award from the American Hemerocallis Society for three consecutive years, 2005-2007. His first award was for the “Memphis 2004 Daylily Show at the Botanical Gardens,” a “Daylily and Hummingbird Garden Tour in Arkansas,” and “Time Lapse of Daylilies Opening.” His 2006 award was for a “Jackson, TN, Daylily Tour,” which also included time lapses. His third award was for a “Florida Mecca Tour,” which again featured time lapses. (Photos by Jay Laundré)



One of the most intriguing photos sent me by the folks from North Mississippi was this picture of the boat bed in Nina Morgan's lakeside garden. What appears to be dragonfly is captured flying off in the upper right hand corner of the photo. (Photo by Barry McCalla)

Last but not least, an activity that we all enjoy immensely is our annual Christmas Party. It is on the second Saturday of December, also at the library. However, one year, Marcia Laundré, one of our members who sings in a Christian band, was able to provide a musical program for a nursing home in Hernando and we held our party there so that the residents could participate with us. In the last few years, we decided to forgo presents and bring non-perishable food items to donate to a local charity. Our ladies decorate and bring their favorite holiday recipes and we have musical entertainment. We have also been privileged to enjoy additional visual presentations created by our most talented videographer, Jay Laundré. His award winning videos and pictures of some of our tours can be viewed at: northmississippiadaylilyclub.shutterfly.com

The following Charter Members are still active in our club: Dot Tatum, Scoot and Betty Wilson, Mary Skelton, Peggy Bingham, Anna Yarbrough, and Bettye and Frank Huckaby.

We are also privileged to have Master Gardeners in our group: Bettye Huckaby, Frank Huckaby, Sherri Marshall, Bettie Pruitt, and Dot Williams. Also, John Duda, Doris Jones, Marcia Laundré, Barbara Tollison, Peggy Vanderhook and Judith LeVault completed the program but are no longer active.



The Nina Morgan garden, located in Aberdeen, Mississippi, offers a fine display of daylilies and garden art. (Photo by Barry McCalla)

We have enjoyed the company of many wonderful individuals over the past sixteen years, many of whom are now deceased; but their memory continues to enrich our lives. Like-minded people who share a common interest lead to treasured friendships. The North Mississippi Daylily Society is just that.

Emma Hood

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:	Joe Langdon
Vice President:	Terah George
Treasurer:	Jim Chappell
Recording Secretary:	Benny Brown
Corresponding Secretary:	Debbie Daniels
Parliamentarian:	Jesse George
Historian-Librarian:	Kay Chappell

The daylilies really put on a wonderful show for us this past season with plenty of rain when we really needed for them to grow. We had some very good programs and sales for the club members and public. The Spring Regional and Fall Regional Meetings were outstanding. The only other meeting for 2013 will be our annual Christmas meeting for a luncheon.

We are looking forward to all our daylily activities in 2014. In January we are looking forward to two great hybridizers from the Huntsville area Jim and Martha Brazelton. They have hybridized many large beautiful daylilies. Martha Brazelton has won the Best Seedling at a couple of Spring Region 14 meetings. Jim has introduced many fine daylilies and we are looking for Martha to introduce her first daylily. In February our guest speaker will be Herbie Phelps who has introduced many fine daylilies also.

In March we will have Dr. Jerry Patton who has returned to Alabama from the north to grow and introduce daylilies. He is living now in Bridgeport, Alabama, and has a wide knowledge of all things horticultural.

We are also looking forward to attending the Spring and Fall Region 14 Meetings in 2014. We also would like for you to attend our meetings and meet the hybridizers that we have invited.



Blount Iris and Daylily Society

DeLois Dunn, Reporter

President:	Phyllis Riddle
Vice President:	DeLois Dunn
Treasurer:	Hazel Jones
Secretary:	Ellen Hallman

4th Monday—7 P.M.

Frank Green Building, Oneonta, AL

In June BIDS took a trip to Willie Markus' garden in Lawrenceburg, TN. "Best of the Old-Newest of the New" describes his garden perfectly. His plants are always healthy and lush. Most of our car trunks were stuffed full when we left. It was a great trip.

Our in-club plant sale was set for the July meeting. Daylily plants, companion plants and assorted "yard collections," plus one thornless blackberry were auctioned off.

In August, as a break from heat and weeding was needed, we held our ice cream social and picnic.

In September, the Blount and Cullman clubs held a joint meeting, with Tim Bell as speaker. His program featured beautiful slides from his "botanical grade" daylily garden in Sycamore, Georgia. Dozens of new introductions were auctioned. Tim is always a pleasure.

In October, Brenda Armstrong was our guest. A master gardener and flower lover, Brenda shared her recent experiences in Central America. Cultural differences, health issues, and gigantic blackberries were discussed. It was a very interesting and informative program.

In November, our Thanksgiving and Christmas meetings were combined. As always, there was great fellowship and good food, plus Dirty Santa!

Best wishes for 2014.



Central Alabama Daylily Society

Becky Parr, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Sunday—2 P.M.

Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

January, February, March, April, May (Sale), July, August, September (Picnic), October, November, December (Christmas Luncheon)

President:	Morris Parr
Vice President:	Ron Waddell
Treasurer:	Paul Kacmarcik
Secretary:	Paula Lampkin
Corresponding Secretary:	Becky Parr

August 2013 was considered a business meeting with the election of a nominating committee for new officers, but it was also a good day to catch up with other members and how their gardens fared for the season. There are always good times when you get a bunch of daylily enthusiasts together.

Our featured guest speaker for the September meeting was Hope Long who is the Director of Library Services at the Botanical Gardens. Hope demonstrated how to make your own mosaics for garden art and made it look very easy and fun. I'm always on the lookout for something unique for my garden and want to try this soon. We also announced our new officers who will take office in January of 2014.

We held our annual picnic and auction in October at mine and Morris' new house and the weather was perfect! CADS had bought 2 collections of daylilies from Nicole DeVito which we had been growing since last March. Nicole was so generous with the plants that we had over 60 plants for adoption and then auction. There is nothing better than fantastic food, wonderful friends, and beautiful daylilies to end a perfect day.

Our Christmas party was held on December 8 at the home of Paula Lampkin. Paula and her mother, Jackie, had been busy making and baking all sorts of goodies for the past few weeks and everything was awesome. Paula also owns a vineyard, and we were in for a little wine tasting.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Cullman Iris and Daylily Society

Mary Reid, Reporter

3rd Thursday of each month at 1 P.M. at the Cullman County Extension Office located at 402 Arnold Street, N.E., Cullman, Alabama 35055

President:	Donnie Douthit
Vice President:	Pete Douthit
Recording Secretary:	Sue Rodgers
Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Reid
Treasurer:	Marion Carroll
Parliamentarian:	Don Reid
Historian:	Pat Nelson

At our July meeting, a discussion was held with reference to having a Daylily show in 2014. However, as two of our members stated that we did not have enough people to work a show, a motion was made not to have a 2014 Daylily show and to discuss it at another time. It was also decided not to have an October Fest sale this year. But regarding iris, the club was reminded that the AIS Region 24 Fall Meeting was to be held August 17th in Cullman at the Sportsman Lake Senior Citizens building. Everybody was encouraged to bring a covered dish for lunch and iris and other sale plants. We were also reminded that an auction of newer irises would be conducted after the Regional Meeting. Our program for July was given by Sandy Blanchard on growing roses. We had three guests who we were hoping would want to join our club.

At our August meeting, Tim Bell from Bell's Daylily Garden in Sycamore, Georgia, came with his son, as his assistant. Via video, we were taken on a stroll through his garden with Tim narrating. He gave us the history of his garden along with how he keeps track of all his daylilies. Mr. Bell, who is a devout Christian, told us how some of the names of his daylilies evolved, some from his family and some from Bible verses. Mr. Bell has a very interesting program should anyone else want him to talk, and I can personally recommend his daylilies! They are extremely healthy and will grow well in your garden.

The AIS Region 24 Fall Meeting was enjoyed by many with lots of good food. We had to set up additional tables to hold all the food that was prepared! We actually had "groaning" tables! The irises were very reasonably priced and, needless to say, many have found their way into my garden on the hill. The auction went well and we all had great fun bidding and sometimes out-bidding each other!

At the September meeting, the club was reminded of the Fall AHS meeting to be held on October 5, 2013, in Montgomery, Alabama. Pete and Donnie Douthit volunteered to be the Nominating Committee to elect our new officers as there were no other volunteers.

At the October meeting, however, Donnie stated that she and Pete had not had time to get in touch with anybody in regard to their becoming an officer for 2014. Don Reid, who was absent at the September meeting, suggested that elections be put off until the next month. Jim Chappell said nominations could be taken from the floor and voted upon. A slate of new officers were elected for the coming year, but was nullified by the vote to dissolve the Cullman Iris & Daylily Society, Inc., later in the meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, the Membership Committee, which was established on November 15, 2012, began a discussion again to move the time and place of our meetings in order to regain old members and entice new members, and by having events such as a Daylily or iris show. A spirited discussion ensued regarding older members not being able to see at night; women not wanting to drive alone at night, some living so far out into the county; members not wanting to work on events promoting daylilies and irises; and some members who have a morning club meeting having to come into town twice in order to attend our club meeting at night. At this point, some members stated they would resign if we changed the date and time, and immediately thereafter Jim Chappell made a motion to dissolve the club since nobody was interested enough; Mary Reid seconded the motion. The vote was 9 to 3 to dissolve. Jim Chappell stated that he would make checks out the following day in equal amounts, one to the AIS, and one to the AHS. We had the President of the Huntsville Area Daylily Society, Sharon Beecher, in attendance.

After all of this, a November meeting was held at 1:00 P.M. at the Cullman County Extension Office, with notices having been sent to each member by mail and calls made by phone, to please attend in order

to rescind the Motion to Dissolve made by Jim Chappell at our October meeting. A Motion to Rescind and a second was made, and a secret ballot vote taken as to whether to rescind the Motion to Dissolve. The motion was rescinded by a unanimous vote, and Cullman Iris and Daylily Society, Inc., still exists and will continue into the future. Marion Carroll was elected as our new treasurer. Sue Rodgers was elected as our new Recording Secretary, and Mary Reid said she would continue as Corresponding Secretary. Evelyn Davenport volunteered to Chair a committee to review and redraft the By-Laws for our Society. Evelyn's committee includes Sue Rodgers, Don Reid, Doris Simmons, and Donnie Douthit. A complete slate of officers were nominated and approved for 2014.

At the conclusion of our November meeting, Don Nelson of the Membership Committee named six or seven people who have asked to become members with one particular lady to be in charge of youth. We are looking forward to a lot of new energy fueling our club.

Our Christmas party will be held on December 19th at 2:00 P.M. at the Trimble Fire Station. Dirty Santa will be played again this year! Fun, fun, fun!!!



The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

Kathleen Manning, Reporter

4th Sunday—2:00 P.M.

The Community Room of Belk's in Colonial Bel Air Mall, just off I-65, Mobile, AL

January, February, March, April

President:	Fred Manning
Vice President and Program Chair:	John Falck
Secretary:	Nancy Falck
Treasurer:	John Falck

The Mobile Hemerocallis Society is pleased to have hosted the 2013 Spring Regional Meeting for Region 14, and we express our thanks to all who attended and contributed in so many ways to make our meeting a success.



Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Barbara Barnes, Recording Secretary

3rd Sunday—2 P.M.

Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2130 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL
February, April, August, October, December

President:	Terese Goodson
First Vice President:	Marie Updike
Second Vice President:	Evelyn Miller
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Barnes
Treasurer:	Cecil Barnes
Corresponding Secretary:	Martha Barber
Parliamentarian:	Jack Harrison
Devotional Chair:	Bill Oswalt

The Montgomery Area Daylily Society has had a great year. It is hard to imagine how much fun we have had. Since last reporting we have stayed busy.

We always have a covered dish dinner before our August meeting. Then ballots are supplied to anyone who had not yet voted for their favorite daylilies in our Regional Popularity Poll. Oliver Billingslea

presented an interactive PowerPoint program on photography, showing methods to get the best results in taking our own pictures. We were asked to identify what was good, better and best in a series of photos, noting color, focus, distractions, lighting, angles, etc.

It was our club's pleasure to host the Region 14 Fall Meeting on October 5th. We enjoyed having all our friends from Alabama and Mississippi join us.

Our October meeting featured a panel discussion by Jack Harrison and Paul Furr on selected items concerning the growing and care of the daylily.

On the first Saturday in December we enjoyed our annual Christmas party. Once again we were reminded that our club has some of the very best cooks in Montgomery. Martha Barber did a terrific job directing the dinner and the Dirty Santa that followed. Our own, Joe Ponder, reminded us of good times in the past, like how we always stole Miss Ruby Mims presents and about the time we set the volunteer fire department on fire.

MADS has a great line-up of programs for the coming year. On February 16, our featured speaker will be Pete Harry from Tavares, Florida. As most know, Pete is continuing the line of daylilies instituted by Larry Grace and further developed for a number of years by Frank Smith. On April 12, our guest will be our own Region 14's Tommy Maddox from Biloxi, Mississippi. Tommy is best known for his development of the "Abilene" series of daylilies, one of which *Hemerocallis* 'Abilene Lillian' (2009) appears on this year's Region 14 Popularity Poll. Other recent registrations include the tetraploids 'Abilene White Out' (2010) and 'Abilene Tom's Magic' (2012), as well as the diploid 'Abilene Tall and Lanky' (2012), a 12" yellow green spider with a ratio of 6.00:1.

Once again we are thankful for a very good year, but most of all for the very good friends we have. We invite you to come join us this next year.



Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

Edith Fuqua, Reporter

4th Thursday—6:30 P.M.
Guntersville Recreation Center
1500 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, AL
February through October

President:	Catherine Townson
Vice President:	Diann Smith
Secretary:	Linda Jones
Treasurer:	Edith Fuqua
Historian:	Betty Graham

Late May finds us finalizing plans for our June plant sale. It is a busy time and everyone helps by choosing plants to donate for the sale. Visiting local gardens is always a favorite activity.

Our meetings are highlighted by several programs each year. In June, David Clemons, a rose hybridizer, gave valuable information about his hybridizing program and care for roses. In July, our very own Naomi Herbert, demonstrated Ikebana and included an interactive session so everyone could try the Japanese flower arranging techniques. In August, Terry Shackelford's program covered details about becoming a Master Gardener. Other programs included wildflowers, seed collecting and companion plants to keep three seasons of beauty growing.

At each meeting, we have a horticulture question and answer session. Each member also shares what is blooming in their gardens at the time. Our meeting schedule ends in October with a pot luck supper and the installation of new officers.



North Alabama Daylily Society

Dave Flanigan, Reporter

2nd Saturday or Sunday—2:00 P.M.
Huntsville Botanical Garden, Boeving Classroom

President:	Sharon Beecher
Vice President:	Roger Hooper
Secretary:	Samantha Downs
Treasurer:	Jim Beecher
Publicity Chairman:	Cherry Hooper
Corresponding Secretary:	Madolyn Whitt

The final quarter of our program season was highlighted by programs from Fred Manning and Marguerite Oakes and a "what we experienced during the daylily bloom season" interactive session with the membership.



Newly elected officers for the Montgomery Area Daylily Society include (left to right) Bill Oswalt, Evelyn Miller, Marie Updike, Martha Barber, Jack Harrison, Terese Goodson, Linda Carleton (presiding), Cecil Barnes, and Barbara Barnes. (Photo courtesy of Marie Updike)

We had hoped to have Sandy Holmes as our speaker in August but she had to cancel due to illness; we look forward to her visit in 2014.

In September we were honored to host Fred and Kathleen Manning. Having just recovered from hosting an extraordinary tour garden at the Spring Regional Meeting, Fred presented his usually outstanding PowerPoint program. In addition to providing a marvelous selection of auction plants, the Mannings donated a box of guest plants to each of our 2014 tour garden hosts.

Marguerite Oakes from Trenton daylilies charmed our membership with her program in October. Her new introductions continue to demonstrate the excellence of her hybridizing program and her discussions of her horticultural practices was appreciated. Membership truly enjoyed an active auction of many of Marguerite's newest introductions.

We concluded a great year with membership discussing favorite flowers, gardening successes and failures, horticultural practices, etc.. The interaction was vigorous and lasted well over two hours; next year we may plan for an extended discussion of these issues as our club members seemed to truly enjoy the subject.



Hemerocallis 'Newfound Road' (Brazelton 2013) is one of the new registrations visitors will find at Diamond Valley Garden at the upcoming Spring Regional Meeting in Huntsville, AL. (Photo by Jim Brazelton)



The West Alabama Daylily Society

Ron Hood, Reporter

Saturdays as determined—11 A.M.

Piccadilly Cafeteria in the University Mall, Tuscaloosa, AL

President:	Ron Hood
Vice President:	Barbara Hood
Secretary:	Juanice Hayes
Treasurer:	Sarah Lunsford
Directors:	Charles Houston Jane Rasco Ruth Watts

At our meeting in September we had an auction of daylilies donated by club members.

There was also a wonderful Christmas luncheon party at Sarah Lunsford's home in Brent, Alabama. The party was held on Saturday, December 7. The party capped off a year of excellent programs at our meetings held in Tuscaloosa, and the club welcomed several new members.



The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Sue Ballard, Reporter

2nd Saturday—12:00 Noon

Grace Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

September, October, November, December,

January, February, March, April, May

President:	Lewis Mallory
Vice President:	Mary Netherton
Secretary:	Janet LeGrone
Treasurer:	Carolyn Yance
Chaplain:	B. J. Yance
Parliamentarian:	John Cooper
Reporter:	Sue Ballard

Wiregrass Daylily Society met on Saturday, September 14, 2013, and enjoyed a covered dish meal. Our program time was spent discussing plans for this new year.

WDS took on a new project in 2009 of being responsible for daylily beds at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens. During our September meeting, members agreed it was time to set a date for a work day in the daylily beds. On October 9th six members met at DABG and began weeding beds, digging large clumps and dividing them. We had decided that all cultivars older than 2000 were removed and would be replaced with newer cultivars donated by club members. We completed our work day by mulching all beds.

Our October 12th meeting was our annual in house daylily auction with members bringing cultivars. This has been a good fund raiser for our club.

On October 27th all members were shocked when hearing late news on TV relating there had been a house fire in Dothan, Alabama, with one person not escaping the fire. We were not given the name but recognized the street address as being the home of our long time member, Anne McCuistian. Anne was a twenty year member of WDS, having joined after retiring as Dean of Academic Records at Troy State University. Anne was also our treasurer for many years. She was a very dedicated and efficient officer and always present for our regular monthly meetings as well as any planned work sessions we had. We will always remember her presence at our October 9th work day at DABG which was almost three weeks prior to the date of her death. She will be greatly missed by all.

Our November meeting was hosted by B. J. and Carolyn Yance at their home where we enjoyed a covered dish meal. Our invited guests, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Huff, from our neighboring state of Georgia then presented their PowerPoint presentation of their recent hybridized cultivars and an early look of some that will be in their next collection offered for sale. The program was enjoyed by all. The Huffs brought cultivars for auction with proceeds given to WDS. We appreciate their generosity. During the business meeting we elected Mrs. Carolyn Yance as our treasurer, and Mrs. Pat Wente graciously volunteered to make our members handbooks, which Anne McCuistian had prepared for many years.

WDS Christmas Party was hosted by members, Bill and Pat Wente, in their home in Columbia, Alabama, on December 14th. The home and decorations were absolutely beautiful and food was great also. Thanks Bill and Pat for all the work you did in preparing for us. Our gift exchange consisted of playing Dirty Santa by drawing Christmas cards bearing a picture and description of a daylily. Each member will bring to our spring meeting a plant for the person retaining your Christmas card.

In January, Mr. Conner Vernon of Dothan Area Botanical Gardens will be our guest speaker.

We will report on spring meetings next time, but we do have the date set for Annual Show and Sale at Wiregrass Commons Mall in Dothan, Alabama.



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Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Jane Eyre Girard, 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:	Patricia Folks
Vice President:	Jon Tibbetts
Secretary:	Kay Cline
Treasurer:	Gary Campbell
Reporter:	Jane Eyre Girard

We were very excited to start off our new club year and meet once again to further explore the joy and wonder of daylilies. Our monthly meetings for September and October provided further insight into the world of hybridization and new daylily beauties to come.

September's meeting was festive although atypical as we convened in the Hattiesburg Convention Center. We were treated to a wonderful presentation by David Kirchhoff of Daylily World in Lawrenceburg, KY. Mr. Kirchhoff shared with us the stories and history behind some of his most beloved daylilies and presented a glimpse of his and Mort Morss' introductions for the upcoming year. After the program, David had his picture taken with Mary Lois Burkett who has always been a fan of David's flowers, but had never met David or heard him speak. Mary Lois will be 100 years young in January, and still works in her garden! We finished the meeting with a lively plant auction during which we had the honor of purchasing some of Mr. Kirchhoff's own selections.

October's meeting was held on the fourth Sunday of the month, leaving us with an extra week of waiting in anticipation. This month's exciting speaker was Fred Manning of Daylily Place in Lillian, AL. Mr. Manning presented his newest introductions and future seedlings with much enthusiasm and appreciation from our members. He has some beautiful flowers and we know that they grow well in the Pine Belt. We again ended our meeting with an exciting plant auction and door prizes.

Our Christmas Luncheon in December was certainly very merry and bright. A good time was had by all as we sang favorite Christmas carols and enjoyed delicious holiday foods. The favorite activity of the afternoon was Daylily Bingo. We brushed up on the names of favorite miniatures, large, doubles, and unusual forms as we eagerly played along, hoping for the chance to shout out "Bingo!" Many beautiful plants were won as prizes, and a successful table plant sale concluded the festivities. We are eager to meet again in the new year and looking forward to the remainder of this season's excitement!



Jackson Hemerocallis Society

Warrene Holliday, Reporter

3rd Saturday—9:30 A.M.

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

January, March, May, July, October

1st Saturday in December—Christmas luncheon

Acting President:	Ralph Sowell
Secretary:	Peggy Coleman
Treasurer:	J. A. Middlebrooks
Reporter:	Warrene Holliday

Our members were saddened at the death of our president, Chuck Heller, earlier this year. Recently we got together for our annual Christmas luncheon and plant swap. In spite of inclement weather, we had a good turnout and enjoyed the fellowship. We look forward to springtime when we can again enjoy our daylilies.



MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

2nd Saturday—1:30 P.M.

Vancleave Public Library, Hwy. 57, Vancleave, MS

January, February, March, September, and October; Christmas Party in December; Spring Picnic in April; and Club Show in May

President:	C P Winters
Vice President:	Bill Robinson
Secretary:	Edna Shaw
Treasurer:	Debbie Smith

Our club year began in September with Master Gardener Norma Savage speaking on camellias as a backdrop and companion plant for our beloved daylilies. October brought us cooler days and Ted & Susan Pett with the latest from Le Petit Jardin. One of Ted's most impressive registrations is *Hemerocallis* 'Helen Virginia Wheeler' (2013), a 6.5" black red to purple with a very wide white sharks tooth edge. With many oohs and ahhs we had the most spirited auction that we have had in years.

In our ongoing effort to increase our treasury, we have had several work days, transporting over 800 pots of registered daylilies graciously donated by Rusty Ingram to join all the seedlings donated by Earl & Barbara Watts. These along with those donated by other members will be sold at the Herb Festival in Ocean Springs, MS, on March 22-23, 2014. This is our primary income generating event, and we also hand out educational material to the public and answer cultivation questions. The club has voted to donate 5% of the proceeds to the Region 14 newsletter, *The Dixie Daylily*. We have also voted to have an AHS accredited show on May 10, 2014, at Edgewater Mall in Biloxi, MS.

We look forward to hearing from Fred Manning, Jim and Phyllis Riddle, and Dr. Wayne Porter from MSU in the Spring. Our new members are Sydney Dyche, Cassandra Griswold, and Don Simpson. Many of our members have had surgery and our prayers are with them all! We need everyone to be healthy and ready for the coming Spring workout. Hope to see ya soon!



Ted and Susan Pett pose with Bill Robinson after the MSGCDS meeting in October.
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)



Left to right, Bonnie Lingel, CP Winters, Debbie Smith, Sydney Dyche, and Linda Gaston pose with a portion of the over 800 pots of daylilies donated by Rusty Ingram to MSGCDS for its spring plant sale.

(Photo by Bill Winters)



North MS/AL Daylily Society

Martha Stancil, Reporter

2nd Tuesday—5:30 P.M.
Cadance Bank, Amory, MS

January, April, September, December

President:	Rick Smith
1st Vice President:	Linda Beck
2nd Vice President:	Donna Grant
Secretary:	Martha Stancil
Treasurer:	Juanice Hayes
Historian:	Hellen Polk
Parliamentarian:	Bill McMahan

This year our club had two meetings that were presented by our President, Rick Smith. In January, the first was a PowerPoint about Early and Extra Early Daylilies by Julie Covington. In April, the program was Shapes of Distinction. The AHS has certainly broadened the scope of the various forms tremendously. As with any form/color in the daylily world, we all had our likes and dislikes.

In June, we toured three gardens in Starkville, MS: those of Rick and Judy Smith, Bill and Jo Anne McMahan, and Carlton and Hellen Polk. We finished the day with Bar-B-Q with all the trimmings and ice cream sandwiches served from an old-fashioned bucket.

Our guest for the September meeting was Dr. Jeff Wilson, Northeast District Area Extension Agent with MSU Extension Service. Dr. Wilson focused on landscape plants and how to select plants to extend colorful blooms during the winter months.

Our annual plant auction was held at the September meeting. Mr. Smith prepared a PowerPoint on each of the auction plants, with details of color, height, bloom habit, and everything one needed to know about the plant.

Our club voted not to have a meeting in December. We want to wish our daylily friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



North Mississippi Daylily Society

Emma Hood, Reporter

2nd Saturday—10:00 A.M.
First Regional Library, 370 W. Commerce Street, Hernando, MS

March, April, May, September, October

President:	Bettie Pruitt
Vice President:	Marcia Laundré
Secretary:	Linda Campbell
Treasurer:	Bettye Huckaby
Parliamentarian:	Dot Williams
Historian:	Jay Laundré
Reporter:	Emma Hood

Our club is planning to contact local newspapers in our area to advertise the dates of our meetings in order to attract new members. We have an excellent location for our meetings. The library is just a short walk from the town square in Hernando, MS, where the Farmers' Market is held on Saturdays during the summer. We are hoping to attract some of the younger crowd who attend that venue.

We have an established membership and some wonderful, informative programs, so the prospects looks good for the future.

As of this writing, we are planning our Christmas potluck and program. It will be held on Saturday, December 14th, at 11 A.M. at our usual meeting place. We have purchased a copy of Oliver Billingslea's beautiful book, *Landscaping with Daylilies*, to present to the library in appreciation for the use of their facilities for our monthly meetings. We know they will be happy to have such a comprehensive history and description of daylilies as a new addition to their inventory.

We have also approved a donation to both *The Dixie Daylily* and the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund in memory of one of our members, Fern Mann.

Since winter is showing up early this year, we hope that it will pass quickly and we will see our favorite flowers back in bloom soon.



Emma Hood and Bettie Pruitt, President of the North Mississippi Daylily Society (left to right), present a copy of the AHS publication, **Landscaping with Daylilies**, to library employees, Robin Warren-Busigo, Shanna Ferri, and Karen Phillips at the First Regional Library in Hernando, MS.

(Photo by Jay Laundré)





(Photo by Rachel Billingslea Richmond, Springfield, VA)

Deer Diary: How I Lost My Garden in 16 Days

by Tim Herrington

May 21. The garden is bursting with blooms. All my past work is finally paying off at last. Along with my beautiful daylilies were a variety of companion plants. Life is good! I have all spring to enjoy my garden.

May 22. Turning into the driveway, I surprise two fawns and a doe staring wide-eyed at the 50 plus buds on *Hemerocallis* '**Everybody Loves Earnest**'. They are frozen by my headlights. I wait while they go leisurely across the drive and disappear among the trees. I pick some zinnias for my kitchen table.

May 23. Spend a happy two hours fiddling about in my garden after work. Chunk some fertilizer out, remove a number of weeds and deadhead some spent blooms. As I drift off to sleep, I hear the pitter patter of little hooves outside my window. Funny that my dog Daisy does not bark. I grin in my near-sleep, feeling at one with nature here in my secluded house.

May 24. The deer return, just at sunset, I can see them standing on the knoll, the fawns looking as their mother nips a few bites of '**Hat's Off to Sue**' before trotting away. I wonder whether she fancies tetraploids over diploids. I notice she doesn't seem fussy about which type is better.

May 25. Didn't take notice of any deer last night but today the tops of '**Firefly Frenzy**' have vanished. Only scapes remain. But some of the foliage seems undamaged. I find a hoof imprint surrounding my trampled '**Symphony of Praise**'. Nuts!

May 26. More destruction. All my plants of '**Rainbow Over Georgia**' are looking frazzled. '**Kennesaw Mountain Hayride**' is half gone. I make a decision to leave Daisy out to discourage intruders. Get up three times during the night to see where Daisy has disappeared to.

May 27. Daisy finally comes back, wet, worn out, with a neighbor's shoe in her mouth. While she is away, deer eat part of '**Marion Tyus**' and most of '**Spider Miracle**'.

May 28. Weeds taking over but the deer don't touch them. I quit watering all my beds. I buy some roses at Walmart. Cost: \$12.99.

May 29. Can't sleep at all. Am keyed up listening for the doe and sons of a buck. At last doze off at 2:00 a.m., but wake up later when I hear Daisy barking. I fire a warning shot into the air since I am up anyway. Back to sleep at 3:30 a.m. Am having delusions at work. Imagine I hear nibbling. Lack of sleep is getting to me.

May 30. After work I turn into my driveway and see four deer gazing at '**Just for Breakfast**'. Attempt to run them over with my Dodge Ram, but they are too quick. Getting a terrible headache. Put in an electric fence with a twelve-volt charger.

May 31. Conclude deer are going over electric fence. Adjust voltage to 110 house current. Unintentionally touch it while weeding. My headache is worse! Get toupee to cover burn spot in hair. Realize the need for a few dental fillings to be replaced. Right hand still numb, one arm seems shorter than the other.

June 1. Disengage the electricity to the fence. Set numerous deer snares after reading a survivalist guide ordered from a radical cookbook. Later, carefully remove neighbor's Jack Russell terrier from snare and, making sure there are no fingerprints, lay dog on their side of the fence.

June 2. Purchase two Doberman pinschers. Attempt to train them with femur bone from a road kill. They go after the femur of the UPS man instead. His lawyer will be in touch.

June 3. Spread mountain-lion dung in what few seedlings I still have. Have to buy a fogger to keep the flies away from my house. All my cats have vanished. Keep the doors and windows closed around the clock.

June 4. Marauding mountain lion is attracted to the scent, attacks my Doberman pinschers. Vet's bill is \$800. Notice twenty deer at border of my property tonight.

June 5. Contact dozer man to come and dig out garden. Am going to put in a pool and just visit other daylily gardens this year.

Tim Herrington

Newsletter Award Categories

This past year we were able to include some wonderful articles written by Region 14 members in *The Dixie Daylily*. Below is a list of topics that can hopefully give you some inspiration. Please consider writing an article for the Summer/Fall 2014 issue. Submissions are due by June 21, 2014. AHS Newsletter Awards are given annually in each category.

Article About Cultivars

This award is given to a feature article written about a registered daylily/daylilies or seedling(s). The article focus is centered on the cultivar(s).

Article About Gardens

This award is given to a feature article written with a focus on a garden or gardens. The article can discuss any plants or landscape of daylilies, but must focus on total garden aspects.

Article About a Hybridizer

This award is given to a feature article written about a daylily hybridizer, or hybridizers, who has/have registered cultivars and also has/have cultivars in commerce.

Article About Daylily Culture

This award is given to a feature article that describes how to get your daylilies to grow better. Examples of subjects might be weed prevention, fertilizer, pest control, natural predators, hydroponics, foliage controls, or similar areas.

Scientific Article

This award is given to a feature article that involves research or expert opinion.

Article Using Humor

This award is given to a feature article that has any daylily or gardening subject and uses humor throughout the article.

Article About Hybridizing

This award is given to a feature article that describes methods, theories, or procedures about the aspects of hybridizing daylilies.

Article Demonstrating a Specific Aspect of Garden Design

This award is given to a feature article that describes single or multiple gardens and the specific aspect of garden design, including subjects of hardscaping, general garden design, or other garden features.

Article About Photographing Daylilies

This award is given to a feature article that describes any methods, equipment, or procedures used to photograph daylilies.

Article About Garden Technology

This award is given to a feature article that describes technologies used in and assisting in the science of daylilies, including subjects of databases, software, and hardware.

Article Featuring Historical Aspects

This award is given to a feature article that describes a cultivar, person, organization, logo, or other from purely an historical point of view.

Article About Daylily Personalities

This award is given to a feature article written about a non-hybridizer(s) in the daylily community, focusing on his/her work for AHS, Region, or local clubs promoting AHS and daylilies.

Youth Article

This award is given to a feature article written by or about a youth member of AHS or local club.

Editorial Special Award

This article is given to a feature that does not fit into a current article award category and is outstanding in content, form, or subject matter.

Springtime in Savannah

A Celebration of Daylilies and Hydrangeas

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Sponsored by:

Joiner Gardens & Maneki Neko Gardens (Scott Elliott Daylilies)

Activities include:

Gift plants to all participants

Bargain table daylilies

Numerous raffle prizes throughout the day

Big daylily auction

Large raffle prize at end of auction

Up to 80 different hydrangeas for sale

Lunch catered by The Rusty Pig

Schedule of Events

9:00 a.m. - Check-in and garden sales begin at Joiner Daylily Gardens. Raffle tickets available. 2269 Hwy. 119, Pembroke, Ga 30321

10:00 a.m. - Bargain tables open at Joiner Daylily Gardens.

11:30-12:30 p.m. - Lunch is served. Catered by The Rusty Pig.

12:30 p.m. - Auction. More raffle prizes. Grand prize raffle prize drawing at the end of the auction. Must be present to win.

Registration

You must pre-register for this event. The cost is \$30 for adults, \$15 for youth between 5-18 years old and free to children under the age of 5. Registration includes a 2013 or 2014 introduction gift plant. All registrations must be received no later than April 27, 2014.

Approximately two weeks before the event lists of the auction plants, available hydrangeas, and the bargain plants will be available on our websites.

For more information, and additional registration forms, visit our websites after January 1, 2014:

www.joinerdaylilygardens.com
www.scottelliottdaylilies.com

Or contact us directly anytime at:

Email: scottelliottdaylilies@yahoo.com
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Registration Form

Name(s): _____

_____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

_____ Email: _____

Number Attending:

_____ Adults @ \$30 each

_____ Youth 5-18 yrs. @ \$15 each

Total:

Total Enclosed: _____

Make Check payable to Joiner Gardens and mail to:
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Among the many unusual daylilies at Graceland are those that change colors. Diploid seedling #12-6 begins the day as a dark purple with a darker eye zone and ends the day by changing into a pale lavender with dark rings. (Photos by Larry Grace)

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Editor's Column:

We are pleased to present our seventeenth issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. As always, I am indebted to Nancy Billingslea for her meticulous proofreading.

For this issue, I particularly want to thank Emma Hood of Olive Branch, Mississippi, for her writing the history of the North Mississippi Daylily Society and for her securing the many photographs with which to illustrate the article. We hope to preserve yet another history in our Summer/Fall issue. I also appreciate the contributions by Peachie Saxon, Chris Rea, and Terese Goodson, and I must

especially thank Tim Herrington of Dublin, Georgia, for allowing me to reprint his humorous piece, "Deer Diary."

During the spring, I shall turn my attention to the several tasks to which I have been assigned by the AHS. I will again be serving on the Photography and Video Awards Subcommittee, and as the AHS Ombudsman. As chair of Special Projects, I shall be editing a forthcoming revised edition of *An Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*.

Oliver Billingslea

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If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?

—Percy Bysshe Shelley, "Ode to the West Wind"

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