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<b>Future Events</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Host Club</b>	<b>Date</b>
Region 6 Fall Seminar	San Antonio, TX	San Antonio Daylily Society	November 4
2001 Region 6 Meeting	Austin, TX	Austin Hemerocallis Society	May 24-26
2002 Region 6 Meeting	Albuquerque, NM	Albuquerque Daylily Society	TBA
2003 Region 6 Meeting	Alvin, TX	Lone Star Daylily Society	TBA



## From the RVP's Corner

Jean Consford

Another daylily season is almost past. This has been the best bloom year I've ever had, enough rain that water has not yet been a problem and because the woods are not dry, the deer and the armadillo have not invaded, yet. This year I will get another daylily fix at the AHS 2000 National Convention in Philadelphia, and I hope a break from the dog days of summer heat in Texas.

**GOOD NEWS:** Three new Display Gardens are filing applications and possibly a fourth, more later.

**THANKS** to Joanne Berry, Eddie Raye Andrews, Edgar Tarrant, and all the members of the Brazosport Daylily Society for an outstanding Millennium Daylily Fest. In the face of uncooperative weather, a special thanks to the tour garden owners who graciously welcomed us to their beautiful gardens, allowing us to trample the grass after the rains.

**THANKS** to Warren Goza, Jay Tompkins, and Richard Johnson for their many hours devoted to setting up the very successful Regional Auction as well as the individuals that are recognized elsewhere in the Newsletter. The auction results were the best news of my weekend and whoever I was going to beg to chair a Fall Mail-In Auction must be relieved, too! We will be skipping the Fall Mail-In this year. Your generous donations and bids will continue to finance the necessary operations of Region 6.

**THANKS** to the committee members who will nominate your next RVP and Director. The RVP Nominating Committee consists of Chairman, Gene Orgeron, and committee members Nell Crandall and Rich Rosen. The Director Nominating Committee consists of Chairman, Mary Gage, and committee members Nell Shimek and Donna Peck. **THANKS** to the committee members who volunteered or agreed to serve on the Region 6 By-Laws Committee. This group will formulate and re-write our By-Laws. As you can imagine this will be an exciting and scintillating project! The committee members are Barbara Chang, Edgar Tarrant, Binion Amerson, Kay Day, and myself.

**THANKS** to Rich Rosen for a great Garden Judges Workshop II and to John and Toni Kwan for allowing us to meet in their lovely garden. **THANKS** to Donna Peck for agreeing to serve as Regional photographer at the last minute. **THANKS** to Sharon Umphress, who although unable to attend the Regional, arranged for the new Edna Lankart Awards, the miniature replica awards for past winners of the traveling trophy, and the retirement of the original trophy at the Tyler Rose Garden. **THANKS** to Barbara Chang for her interest in the youth of Region 6 and for her enthusiasm. Barbara has volunteered to work on rewriting the Region 6 By-Laws and the Youth By-Laws. **THANKS** to Annie Weinreich for being so especially helpful in so many ways. Annie doesn't stop to wonder if its in her "job description," she simply takes care of things.

**THANKS** to Region 6 for the spirit of cooperation and good will that was so evident in the Business Meeting with much laughter and camaraderie.

**THANKS** to Jerry, my enabler spouse, who, knowing that I was a "basket case" and ill, took off work to drive Miss Jean to Lake Jackson and returned to drive our little group home so that we might re-visit the

Imperial garden. We also visited the Houston's, Shimek's, and Payne's on Sunday. As the saying goes, I might have to keep him.

**A FEW SPECIAL MEMORIES** of the 2000 Millennium Daylily Fest:

As always, getting together with daylily friends and enjoying all those beautiful daylilies and gardens.

Art and Nina Imperial's garden, this one has it all, a world class collection of daylilies expertly grown in a wonderful, landscaped, lush setting. Guests were walking around shaking their heads in wonder.

The poise of Joanne Berry, standing at the end of her driveway greeting guests under an umbrella with a light rain falling, mosquitoes encircling her, and dispensing mosquito spray to her guests, all done with a smile.

**REMINDERS:**

Plan to attend the Fall Seminar in San Antonio and please register early. It is difficult to make plans when you don't know how many are to attend. The fate of our Region 6 Fall Seminars will ultimately be decided by your attendance.

Please vote in the Popularity Poll. Garden Judges, send in those Awards and Honors ballots.

Nominate a deserving individual for the Region 6 Service Award. A typewritten letter specifying the nominee's qualifications and accomplishments may be mailed either to me or to Jean Barnhart who represents Region 6 on the AHS Awards and Honors Committee. Either of us will forward your letter to the AHS Chairman.

Hybridizers, send your plants for the Edna Lankart Awards beds in Austin and Albuquerque. Remember that Albuquerque's Fall season comes earlier and colder than most of Region 6. Give your plants time to adjust before Winter.

Set aside plants this Fall for the 2001 Regional Auction. Don't do like I do and "slaughter" a clump in full bloom to separate a fan! Remember, a slide is sometimes worth a hundred dollars.

Sign up your club to sponsor the Fall Seminar and/or a Regional Meeting. As a club, ask the San Antonio, Austin, and Albuquerque folks how you can help them. For instance, the Tyler club sponsored the 1999 Regional Flower Show in Nacogdoches, the Tyler and Lufkin clubs furnished hospitality cookies for Nacogdoches, and the Gulf Coast club sponsored a reception/party Saturday night. Nacogdoches furnished hospitality cookies for the Brazosport club this year and the Gulf Coast club in 1997. Wouldn't it be a great tradition if other clubs participated and helped out the hosts more? Smaller groups might even be encouraged to sponsor Seminars and Regional Meetings.

Write an article for the Newsletter. The content is the important message; we have people who can't stop themselves from proofreading and editing, so there's no need to be reluctant because of spelling, grammar, and punctuation. Send in a picture of your club members. Remember it is **Your Newsletter!!**

**A REGRETFUL FAREWELL** to Annie Weinreich, who is leaving Region 6 to return to Pennsylvania. Our loss will definitely be their gain.

Several of you have suggested that I write more (sense or nonsense). This may be covered under the adage, "Be careful what you ask for." Apologies to the other 95%!

**PERSONAL:** At the time of the Regional Meeting, only a few were aware of my Mother's tragic circumstances and that I was pretty much a "basket case." During that time and following her death after the Meeting, your support in the form of phone calls, e-mails, and cards have been such a comfort to me, rounding the sharp edges of my angst. I will forever be grateful for your kindness and prayers. Unfortunately, several members of Region 6 have lost loved ones recently; these people will be missed and remembered by many. I have carried the following "quote" in my wallet for more than ten years. Having shared it with only a few, I hope this is an appropriate time to share it with Region 6.

When I think of all the sadness  
That each of us has known,  
I realize how very much we need  
...the little, loving acts,  
The unexpected call, the sweet surprise  
That strengthens us for trials  
We have yet to meet....



.....jeanC



## From Your RPD Paula Payne

No one ever told me I would have to write an article for EVERY Newsletter. Oops! I've tried that line before haven't I? Something like, been there, done that? Okay, well it didn't work the first time so I don't know why I thought I could get away with it now. Enough already. Let's go with what "they" did tell me.

I am responsible for compiling and submitting the Popularity Poll for Region 6. Now THAT I can handle. I can handle it, that is, IF everyone does their part and turns in a ballot postmarked by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Think about it. This is your chance to contribute to the education of the public at large. In a lot of cases, the Journal/Regional Newsletter just might be the first place a "newbie" turns to see what daylilies might be expected to perform well in their growing area. I know that was where we looked when we first came down with daylily fever. In fact, I still have most of those same original favorites growing in my garden. Those are the kinds of plants for which we are looking. We are not asking how many expensive daylilies you are growing. In fact, just the opposite might be true. We want to know what you grow and love, something that has been in your garden awhile and has earned its place, something that you wouldn't want to be without in your garden. A daylily that still excites you with every new bloom. This is the idea we are trying to get across. I don't want you to exclude any flowers. Just don't think that this is an effort to compile a list of who's got what growing in their garden.

Another factor that might be considered, this is an entire category in our local flower shows, the Popularity Poll Section. If we as a group choose a daylily that doesn't bloom around flower show time, guess what? No one exhibits it and those attending the show miss the opportunity to see our favorite selection in the flesh. How much better would it be if they could get up close and personal with the winner? This is not a requirement, just something to think about. When better to think about your favorites than now, when our bloom season is nearing its end and our memories are still fresh. So, put a pencil to paper or fingers to the keyboard and get those cards and letters coming. I'm willing to accept ballots by snail mail or e-mail, so don't put it off. Do it now while you are thinking about it. Finally, keep in mind that again this year, we are going to award some prizes to some of those who submit their ballots and vote. There will be a drawing. I'd like to encourage all club Presidents to heed

my plea and make this a club effort to see how much participation we can muster this year. I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you. Don't make it easy for me!



## **Newsletter Co-Editors**

**Ray & Mary Houston**

What a great Regional! Brazosport Daylily Society did us proud with the 2000 Millennium Daylily Fest!! The Regional Flower Show was dedicated to Inez Tarrant. Inez is one of the long time members of the Brazosport Daylily Society. Inez has been very active in Region 6 activities and has been awarded the Region 6 Service Award. The picture on the front cover of the Newsletter shows Inez holding the quilt created by Becky Tarrant for the 2000 Millennium Daylily Fest. This quilt was in the silent auction and was purchased by Inez. If you missed the Regional Meeting, you missed a real treat. The tour gardens were superb. Of course, the food was fabulous.

Region 6 has lost several friends this year. Tributes have been written honoring Ernie Eskine, Pug Yarborough, Betty Henry, and Ken Henson. We are saddened by the loss of these friends.

Most of the Regional clubs have come through with donations in support of the Newsletter. Out of eighteen clubs, only three have not made monetary donations. As voted by the 1999 Region 6 Officers, the newsletters are no longer being mailed to non-AHS members of those clubs who have not made donations in support of the Newsletter this year. So, if you are a non-AHS member of a Region 6 club and you are reading this Summer Newsletter, you should thank your club for their generosity. Of course, we encourage each and every one of you who are not members of AHS to join. We thank the clubs for supporting the Newsletter with their cash. Of course, cash is not the only manner in which the local clubs support Region 6. Countless hours were put into the presentation of the Region 6 Meeting from people all over the Region.

We thank all of the individuals who contributed their literary images of the gardens for this Newsletter. Your writings remind us of the beauty we have seen in the gardens. If you did not have the opportunity to visit the gardens, hopefully, the articles in this Newsletter will give you a vivid picture of the gardens and will stimulate your desire to visit them. We thank those of you who contributed interesting articles from other areas of the Region. We thank those of you who contributed photos for use in the Newsletter.

For the Fall Newsletter, we are requesting articles and daylily pictures from the Region 6 hybridizers. Share with the Region what you are doing in your hybridizing program. Please submit your articles and pictures no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>.

If your club is reaching out to your community with special activities, please submit an article. We want to share these ideas with other clubs in the Region.

## **2000 Annual Business Meeting AHS Region 6**

**Respectfully Submitted by Ann Marks, Region 6 Secretary**

The Meeting convened May 19, 2000, at the Ramada Inn in Lake Jackson, Texas, with Jean Consford, RVP, presiding. A moment of silence was held for deceased members: Doris Allen, Betty Barbato,

Ernie Eskine, Kate Graham, Pauline Guillory, Callie Pounds, and Pug Yarborough. Jean Consford then introduced the AHS and Region 6 Officers: Kay Day, AHS President and Region 6 Director; Paula Payne, Regional Publicity Director; Ray and Mary Houston, Newsletter Co-Editors; Edgar Tarrant, Treasurer; Ann Marks, Secretary; Binion Amerson, W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Liaison and Region 6 Webmaster; Sue Jackson, Membership Chairman; Barbara Chang, Youth Liaison and Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund Chairman; Nollanne Chang, Youth Advisor; Mary Gage, Exhibition Judges Liaison; Rich Rosen, Garden Judges Liaison; Annie Weinreich, Protocol and Parliamentary Chairman; and Bill Ater, Historian/Archive Chairman.

### **Director's Report - Kay Day**

The AHS is financially sound. In 1999, the Board approved a deficit budget of \$5000. At the end of the year, there was a \$13,000 net income. The Journal is back on track with an interim Editor. A new Editor should be hired by July. Jimmy Jordan from Jackson, Tennessee, is the new AHS Publications Sales staff member. As a response to the classification problems caused by spider/variants, there will be a one-time exception allowing a reclassification period extending until November 1, 2000. There will be no recommendation for a dues increase. A recommendation will be made to the membership for an increase in the cost of a Life Membership to \$500. Sixty-five volunteers have completed the task of documenting the classifications of daylilies onto compact disks for computer access. All members were invited to attend the National Convention in Philadelphia, in July.

Jean Consford stated the minutes of last year's meeting were published in the Newsletter and asked for additions or corrections. There were none and the minutes were approved as written.

### **Treasurer's Report - Edgar Tarrant**

Beginning Balance	\$10,488.74
Income	\$15,429.55
Expenses	\$13,400.94
Ending Balance	\$12,517.35

A full financial report is included with the minutes.

### **RVP Report - Jean Consford**

Region 6 has eighteen local clubs and thirteen Display Gardens. Rich Rosen is applying for Display Garden status, as is the Austin Hemerocallis Society at Zilker Botanical Garden. East Texas Daylily Society may apply for Display Garden status at the Tyler Rose Garden. All members were encouraged to consider sponsoring a Display Garden. The formation of a committee to review the By-Laws was announced. The members are Jean Consford, Barbara Chang, Edgar Tarrant, Kay Day, and Binion Amerson. This process will take two years with the presentation at the 2001 Regional Meeting in Austin and final approval at the 2002 Regional Meeting in Albuquerque. In keeping with the tradition of Region 6, Sue Jackson was awarded a life membership in AHS for her work as RVP. Both the RVP and the Regional Director will be elected by mail-in ballot to promote harmony and to enable more participation in the voting process. Ballots for both positions will be in a separate mailing to AHS members next Spring with listings of nominees and space for write-in candidates.



### **RPD Report - Paula Payne**

All club reporters were thanked for submitting their news in a timely manner. There was 100% participation by the club reporters for the Spring Newsletter. All members were asked to forward news items of interest. All members were asked to vote in the Daylily Popularity Poll to determine the Top 25 Daylilies. Everyone submitting a ballot will be entered in a drawing for one of four quality daylilies. The deadline for voting is September 1, 2000.

### **Newsletter Co-Editors Report - Ray and Mary Houston**

Those who had submitted articles for the Newsletter were thanked for their efforts promoting the Region. About 1000 copies of the Spring issue were mailed in record time. Last year the officers voted to send complimentary copies of the Spring Newsletter to all club members. Clubs that made donations to the Newsletter fund will have copies of the Summer and Fall issues mailed to all of their members. Clubs that did not make such donations will have Summer and Fall copies mailed only to AHS members.

### **Garden Judges Report - Rich Rosen**

Qualifications for Garden Judges were reviewed. Currently our region has 78 Garden Judges, which is less than the number we are allowed to have. Members were asked to become judges to allow our Region to fully participate in cultivar awards. Ten members attended Workshop I and eighteen attended Workshop II. John and Toni Kwan were thanked for the use of their garden for the workshops.

### **Youth Liaison and Youth Fund Report - Barbara Chang**

Four youth members were recognized - Beth Dungan, Joe Allen Lewis, Nollanne Chang, and Kim Winkelman. The Brazosport Daylily Society was thanked for giving a reduced rate for youth registration as were the clubs and individuals who donated to the Youth Fund last year. Money was available to spend for the first time from the Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund. The Fund contained \$11,893. The interest of \$389.85 may be spent on youth registration and other small gifts to encourage interest in daylilies. The youth had an auction involving play money. Mary and Eddie Gage, Barbara Chang, and Fred Rice donated plants. At the previous auction, money collected for the sale of designated plants was placed into the Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund. Warren Goza chaired the auction and \$495 was added to the Fund from the auction. Ten plants have been donated for this year's auction with a goal of \$500. The committee members overseeing the Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund are Jean Consford, Barbara Chang, Edgar Tarrant, Sharon Umphress, and Albert Faggard.

### **Exhibition Judges Liaison Report - Mary Gage**

Two of three scheduled clinics were held. At Clinic II, four students took the test. Twelve senior judges attended the Refresher. Clinics I and the Refresher Clinic may be sponsored by any club whenever desired.

### **W. E. Monroe Endowment Fund Report and Region 6 Webmaster Report - Binion Amerson**

Traditionally this fund has been well supported by Region 6 and it is hoped such support will continue this year. Letters will be forwarded to all club presidents about the fund's condition. Region 6 is now on the World Wide Web and efforts are being made to add more color to the web page.

### **Membership Chairman Report - Sue Jackson**

There are 727 AHS members in the Region and 403 non-AHS members. All non-members were asked to join AHS and increase their club activities.

## **Historian/Archive Chairman Report - Bill Ater**

The history of Region 6 is in need of update. All clubs are asked to send a recent summary of activities for inclusion in the archives.

## **Regional Flower Show Report - Faia Demain**

The flower show was held in honor of Inez Tarrant. There were 256 entries in the show. Awards were given in the following categories: Large Flower - SPIDER MIRACLE exhibited by Paula Payne; Small Flower - REGENCY SUMMER exhibited by Inez Tarrant; Miniature Flower - JASON SALTER exhibited by Paula Payne; Spider Flower - LACY MARIONETTE exhibited by Art Imperial.; Best-in-Show - LACY MARIONETTE exhibited by Art Imperial; Seedling or Pre-Registered - exhibited by Paula Payne; Youth - FAIRY FIRECRACKER exhibited by Jordan Mills; Sweepstakes Winner - Art Imperial. In the Artistic Division, awards were: Tricolor - Nell Shimek; Club Award - Ruth Goza; Education - Ann Buckingham; AHS Appreciation - Ann Buckingham.

## **New Business**

Jean Consford solicited nominations from the floor to serve on committees to nominate the next RVP and the next Regional Director. Chairpersons had already been designated. Mary Gage will chair the Regional Director Nominating Committee with Donna Peck and Nell Shimek serving as members. Gene Orgeron will chair the RVP Nominating Committee with Rich Rosen and Nell Crandall serving as members.

The meeting was adjourned.

## **2000 Annual Awards Banquet AHS Region 6**

The meeting was reconvened on May 20, 2000, at the Ramada Inn in Lake Jackson, Texas. Jean Consford presided.

Eddie Raye Andrews sang an inspirational song in lieu of the invocation.

Jean Consford introduced all the former AHS Presidents, former AHS Board members, former RVPs, current Region 6 Officers, and Region 6 Service Award winners in attendance. Additional introductions were members of local clubs, out-of-region attendees, first-time regional meeting attendees, and youth members.

Auction results were given by Warren Goza. The grand total for the combined live and silent auctions was \$10,368.50, with \$9512.50 for the operating account and \$856 for the Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund.

Jean Consford recognized Sharon Umphress for her hard work on the Edna Lankart Awards. Sharon has also arranged for the retirement of the original award, which is on display at the Tyler Rose Gardens. Bobo and Anne Faggard were recognized for their fiftieth wedding anniversary, which will be celebrated later in May.

Rich Rosen announced the winners of the awards for the year: Annie T. Giles Award - Leon Payne for his beautiful spider and the Edna Lankart Award - Martha Gayle for her seedling 102-95-G. In the past the Edna Lankart Award traveled from winner to winner, but now plaques will be given each year. Previous winners will receive special awards. They are Gene Orgeron for 1990's OH NANCY, 1995's EYEWITNESS, and 1998's seedling Ey67; Mary Gage for 1992's WATERMELON FESTIVAL, and 1993's RED TEARS; Nell Crandall for 1991's SKINNY MINNIE; and Mable Nelson for 1988's PINK ZINGER and 1989's FRANCES ANN MARKS.

Dana Stevens was recognized for the watercolor paintings at each guest's plate.

Edgar Tarrant recognized all of the tour gardens hosts. They were Faye and Earnest Sewell, Milton and Merle Nollkamper, Patsy Tarrant, John and Toni Kwan, Art and Sylvia Doumas, Joanne and Elton Berry, and Art and Nina Imperial.

Eddie Raye Andrews introduced the guest speaker, David Kirchhoff. He presented a slide show on the history of the AHS.

Rich Rosen invited all to the next Regional Meeting in Austin, Texas in 2001.

The meeting was adjourned.

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**Editor's Note:** The following contributions have been received since May 5<sup>th</sup> when the Treasurer's Report was submitted.

<b>Newsletter Contributions</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Albuquerque Daylily Society	\$250
Austin Hemerocallis Society	\$200
Cypress Creek Daylily Club	\$200
Golden Spread Daylily Society	\$50
Gulf Coast Daylily Society	\$500
<b>Regional Fund Donations</b>	
Bill Jarvis	\$100
<b>Memorial Contributions</b>	
Nacogdoches Daylily Society	
Nacogdoches Daylily Society	
Nacogdoches Daylily Society	
<b>In Memory of:</b>	
Frances Lurry - Mother of Regina Moehring	\$25
Lucille Parrish - Mother of Jean Consford	\$25
Robert Rowe - Father of Cyndi Ballew	\$25



**American Hemerocallis Society  
Region 6  
Regional Meeting May 18-20, 2000**

**Treasurer's Report  
Edgar Tarrant - Region 6 Treasurer**

<b>BALANCE MAY 25, 1999</b>		\$10,488.74
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Club Contributions	\$6,739.00	
Donation to Color Fund	\$100.00	
Memorial Contributions	\$50.00	
Total Contributions		\$6,889.00
1999 Regional Meeting Auction (Net)		\$6,230.96
Mail-In Auction		\$1,702.86
Interest Income		\$389.73
Advertising Revenue		\$130.00
Newsletter Subscriptions		\$87.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>		<b>\$15,429.55</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
Newsletter Printing & Postage	\$10,980.09	
Transfer to Bertie Ferris Youth Fund	\$629.13	
AHS Board Member Expenses	\$500.00	
RVP Meeting Expenses	\$500.00	
AHS Insurance	\$206.00	
Mail-In Auction Expense	\$168.80	
Refurbish Original Edna Lankart Trophy	\$137.04	
Display Table for Edna Lankart Trophy	\$119.08	
RPD Expenses	\$74.05	
RVP Miscellaneous Expenses	\$49.75	
Expenses - new Edna Lankart Trophies	\$35.00	
Bank Service Charges	\$2.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>(\$13,400.94)</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE MAY 5, 2000</b>		<b>\$12,517.35</b>

## Club Contributions - May 31, 1999 to May 5, 2000

CLUB	AMOUNT		
Brazosport Daylily Society	\$600.00		
Daylily Growers of Dallas	\$500.00		
Daylily Growers of Dallas	\$640.00		
East Texas Daylily Society	\$440.00		
Gulf Coast Daylily Society	\$500.00		
Houston Area Daylily Society	\$800.00		
Houston Hemerocallis Society	\$400.00		
Lone Star Daylily Society	\$700.00		
Lufkin Hemerocallis Society	\$184.00		
Nacogdoches Daylily Society	\$1,000.00		
Nacogdoches Daylily Society	\$225.00		
North Texas Daylily Society	\$500.00		
North Texas Daylily Society - Donation to Color Fund	\$100.00		
San Antonio Daylily Society	\$250.00		
Lufkin Hemerocallis Society - Doris Allen Memorial		\$25.00	
Nacogdoches Daylily Society - Mildred Dews Memorial		\$25.00	
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	<b>\$6,839.00</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>	<b>\$6,889.00</b>

## Region 6 Bertie Ferris Youth Endowment Fund

**BALANCE MAY 25, 1999** \$8,828.72

**REVENUE:**

**MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Daylily Growers of Dallas - Vada Day Memorial	\$1,000.00
John Ocelli - Vada Day Memorial	\$25.00
Robert Frazier - Vada Day Memorial	\$25.00
Daylily Growers of Dallas - Laura Sims Memorial	\$250.00
Helen Reynolds - Agnes Amerson Memorial	\$25.00

**TOTAL MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS** \$1,325.00

**CLUB CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Houston Area Daylily Society	\$250.00	
Daylily Growers of Dallas	\$500.00	
<b>Total Club Contributions</b>		<b>\$750.00</b>

Interest Income	\$505.46
1999 Regional Auction	\$495.00

**TOTAL REVENUE** \$3,075.46

**EXPENDITURES:**

Bank Service Charges	(\$11.00)
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**BALANCE APRIL 30, 2000** \$11,893.18

**NOTES:**

- (1) \$9,000 invested in a 13 month Certificate of Deposit with an interest rate of 5.41% - matures 11/01/2000. Non-CD funds are invested in a Commercial Now Account with an interest rate of 2.75%.
- (2) Total Interest Income Available for Youth Activities \$389.85. Funds recognized as being available when Certificate of Deposit matures.

## 2000 Region 6 Exhibition Judges Clinics

### Mary Gage, Exhibition Judges Liaison



At the Region 6 Meeting in Lake Jackson we had four students in Clinic II. Next year our Region will have four new Junior Exhibition Judges if they have a passing score on their exam. They will be welcomed with open arms. We had thirteen Senior Exhibition Judges in the Refresher Clinic. There were no new students in Clinic I. Speaking for myself and Region 6, I extend appreciation to the instructors who gave their time and expertise.

In 1999, Region 6 had twelve accredited daylily shows. If memory serves me correctly, five years ago we typically had only eight shows each year. Only Region 2 has more (13) shows than we do. Clearly, interest in daylilies is growing as evidenced by our increasing number of daylily clubs and flower shows. This calls for an adequate number of accredited Exhibition Judges.

Often it is difficult for shows to find enough judges outside of their own clubs due to the necessary scheduling of shows in nearby areas. We must schedule shows when we expect to have peak bloom. This difficulty is multiplied when Regional Meetings or the AHS National Convention also must be held in the same time frame. What usually happens is that judges who are willing accept more judging invitations than they really want. They become overworked and their opportunities to exhibit are limited. Judges do like to exhibit and have a chance to win some of those lovely trophies. On the other hand, some judges are seldom invited and would welcome being asked. Also, remember that judging twice is a requirement for Junior Exhibition Judges to qualify for Senior Judgeship. A list of judges can be obtained from the AHS Exhibitions Judges Chairman and/or the Regional Exhibition Judges Liaison. A list is also published in the Spring Newsletter so please consider expanding your horizons when inviting judges for your shows.

Sometimes, it is difficult for prospective judges to attend Judges Clinics at regional meetings. The reasons for this are certainly legitimate. Most of our regional meetings are held in May before school is out, posing a problem for parents, high school students, and teachers. Others travel to regionals on club busses, arriving too late to attend the clinics. To address this problem I would encourage any club to sponsor an Exhibition Judges Clinic at other times of the year so that more students could attend. Clinics I and III (Refresher) can be held any time of the year with slides for demonstration - live flowers are not absolutely necessary. However, Clinic II can only be held during daylily season with fresh flowers. These clinics need not be a big production. All we need are students, instructors, a place to meet, application to AHS for permission, and the paperwork. We lose judges for various reasons - health problems, aging, loss of interest, burnout, etc. We must replenish our numbers if we are to continue to have the excellent shows that we have come to expect and enjoy.



**Editor's Note:** The following three articles were written about Edna Lankart and the Edna Lankart Award and Trophy. Edna was an important person in the history of Region 6 and AHS. The first article was taken from the Summer 1989, Region 6 Newsletter and was written by Mable Nelson after Edna Lankart died. The second article was written by Nell Crandall about Becca Biemolt, the artist who created the original Edna Lankart Trophy. The third article was written by Sharon Umphress who tirelessly pursued the quest to retire the Edna Lankart Trophy to be permanently displayed in the Tyler Rose Garden. Sharon also had the new Edna Lankart Awards created. All three articles were provided by Sharon. We thank Sharon for her efforts in this very important endeavor for Region 6.

## **In Memoriam - Edna Lankart**

**by Mable Nelson**



The daylily world lost one of its best friends when we lost Edna Lankart.

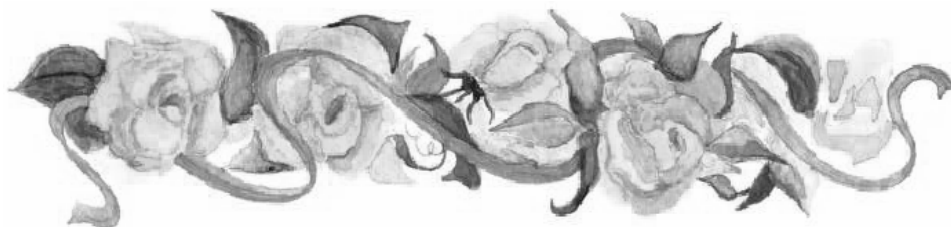
Edna's contributions to the Daylily Society are too numerous to list, as well as remember. In 1976, the American Hemerocallis Society honored Edna with the Helen Field Fischer medal, the Society's highest honor and the official recognition for distinguished and meritorious service by a member. Then, her own Region 6 awarded her the Regional Service Award for outstanding service in 1983.

She won many awards for her photography, winning single bloom award in 1970, landscape in 1970, 1971, and again in 1974. She was awarded the best color slide of a clump of daylilies in 1978.

She will long be remembered for her articles in the Journals as contributing editor for a number of years. These were filled with humor as well as excellent growing tips and other daylily interests. She also wrote many articles for our newsletters.

As a member of Region 6 she served as Regional Vice President. When there were no daylily auctions to supplement the newsletters, she personally financed several. She also hosted a regional meeting almost single-handedly.

In 1987, Region 6 again honored Edna by retiring the Malcolm Collie Award for the best unintroducted cultivar hybridized by a Region 6 member other than the host society, replacing it with a beautiful metal sculpture of her famous LITTLE ZINGER, a red miniature, one of her many introductions. LITTLE ZINGER won Edna the Donn Fischer Memorial Cup in 1986. This award will be known as the Edna Lankart Traveling Award.



# Becca Biemolt - Floral Metal Sculptress

by Nell Crandall



Ever since childhood, Becca Biemolt has been fascinated with all forms of the arts - music, painting, ballet, handcrafts, and design. She always found her self expression by creating in yarns, paint, and textiles and in composing music. Her love of all beauty drew her into gardening, working with flowers, and finally, a study of botany. The desire to reproduce flowers and plants in a most realistic and lasting form led her into metal sculpture, to do for flowers and plants what Audubon and Boehm did for birds. After much experimentation with various metals and paints she developed her own methods. The results are floral sculptures that seem to be alive.

The sculptures are life size and as perfectly botanical as possible. Each petal, stamen, pistil, sepal, leaf, vein, and stem is cut from a sheet of metal or piece of wire. The pieces are bent and formed into shape. Hours of metal shaping finally bring the effect to life. The minute pieces are delicately soldered to compose the flowers and leaves. These are then soldered to the stems and finally welded in acid, sanded and filed smooth. They go through several steps of rust proofing, base painting, and color shading to give depth and texture. Each process is done by hand and the final painting is done with waterproof paints. As a result, the sculptures can be gently cleaned with a soft cloth saturated in water.

Woodland flowers, violets, dandelions, clovers, bellflowers, etc. are placed into driftwood found especially for Becca in the Cayman Islands by a dear friend. All sculptures take many weeks to create. All sculptures are custom made. No two pieces are alike because each sculpture is done from a study of a live plant or flower.

Rebecca Biemolt's work has been exhibited in museums, galleries, and libraries. She has been a guest of Tox Fox and Sarah Vaughn on Channel 11 in Houston. Collectors across the country, including breeders who have commissioned replicas of their award winning flowers, prize her work.

To quote the artist, "Floral metal sculpting starts with a sheet of metal, tin shears, pliers, awls, solder, flux, acid, files, and patience. Hopefully it ends with a lifelike replica of a flowering plant."

## A Year with Edna

by Sharon Umphress

Over the past year, I have become very familiar with the Edna Lankart Trophy. You see, after the 1999 Regional Meeting, I volunteered to have my husband refurbish the trophy for display in the Tyler Rose Garden. I brought the trophy home to my sweet and unsuspecting husband, Henry, and he did what he always does, smiled sweetly and got to work. Once again, he saved face for me and produced wonderful results. After 25 years nothing much surprises him where daylilies and I are concerned.

The trophy case was scratched inside and out and the sculpture was loose from the base. Henry made a new base from Poplar, which complements the green of the leaves and replaced the plexiglas with glass. Of course, the trophy case is now very heavy at 40 lbs., but as it is no longer a traveling trophy that is



not a concern. Keith Mills, the Tyler Rose Garden Horticultural Director, was very impressed with this piece of art. It is now on display in the main hallway in the Tyler Rose Center Building.

I thought I was finished with this job, but Jean Consford called and asked if I would be interested in taking over the project for the new award to be ready for the 2000 Regional Meeting. Of course, I said yes. Who could refuse Jean, with her soft spoken, gracious manner. Most of the work had already been done by Kay Day, Jean Barnhart, and Sue Jackson, so it really was more of a matter of tying up the loose ends and making sure the awards reached Rich Rosen in time for this year's presentation. I was very pleased with the rendition of the new Edna Lankart Award that Durham Trophies had designed. Appreciation Awards for the past winners of the Edna Lankart Trophy were also to be presented at the Regional Meeting. These awards were made by East Texas Trophies for Region 6.

I heard the presentations all went off without a hitch and the recipients were pleased. I know I enjoyed my time with the original trophy and helping to make a new one possible. I especially enjoyed being able to do something for the past winners, Gene Orgeron, Nell Crandall, Mable Nelson, Mary Gage, Jim Caldwell, and Billie Foster. In some small way it was a thank you for all they have given to Region 6 and the help they have given me.

### **2000 Edna Lankart Award Winner**



**Payne Seedling  
Winner of Edna Lankart Award**



**Rich Rosen presenting  
Edna Lankart Award to Leon Payne**



## Dear Region 6 Garden Judge:

by Rich Rosen, Garden Judges Liaison

As your new Region 6 Garden Judges Liaison, I have several items that need your immediate attention. Please review each item and take action as soon as possible.

1. Please send me your e-mail address. This will save time and reduce costs of future mailings. Please send your e-mail address to me at: [rhosen@swbell.net](mailto:rhosen@swbell.net)
2. Be aware of when your term as a Garden Judge expires. Check the Garden Judges list which follows this article to find the year your term expires. If your term expires this year, then make certain that you have met the requirements for reappointment. This includes attending or instructing at least one Garden Judges Workshop II.
3. We can use more Garden Judges in Region 6. Therefore, I ask each of you to please contact one other daylily grower in your area and twist their arm.
4. You have already received your Awards and Honors ballot for 2000. Make a note on your calendar to remind yourself to send it in on time. Though it must be postmarked by September 1<sup>st</sup>, go ahead and send it in July when your garden viewing has come to a close.
5. We can use more AHS Display Gardens in Region 6. I know many of you have beautiful gardens. If you are willing to welcome people into your garden during bloom season, then please take a few pictures of your garden this year, and then contact me for application forms. If you are already an AHS Display Garden, my thanks to you.
6. If you are interested in becoming a Garden Judges Workshop Instructor, please call me at 512-331-0243.

Thanks to each of you for your ongoing efforts as a Region 6 Garden Judge.



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Name	End of Term	Honorary	New	Instructor
GRACE ALEXANDER	2001			
DUDLEY ALLBRIGHT	2003		N	
ELIZABETH ALLBRIGHT	2003		N	
BINION AMERSON, JR	2002			
EDDIE RAYE ANDREWS	2000			
JEAN BARNHART	2004			I
JOANNE BERRY	2000			
DOROTHY BIGBEE	2000			
KATHY LOU BLIKKEN	2004		N	
ELAINE BOUDREAU		H		
BETTY BRADFORD	2002			
DAVID BURTON	2002			
SUE CASPER	2000			
AILEEN CASTLEBURY	2002			
BOBBY CASTLEBURY	2000			
BARBARA CHANG	2001			
BILL COCKERHAM	2004		N	
SHARON COCKERHAM	2004		N	
BARBARA COHEA	2004		N	
RON COHEA	2004		N	
JEAN CONSFORD	2000			
NELL CRANDALL	2002			
JO CRISP	2002			
MARIE DATTALO	2003			
KAY DAY	2001			I
CHERYL DUNGAN	2002			
J THOMAS ENGLE	2002			
ALBERT FAGGARD	2000			I
ANNE FAGGARD	2000			
ROBERT FRAZIER	2001			
EDDIE GAGE	2001			I
MARY GAGE	2001			I
MARTHA GAYLE	2002			
BRIDEY GREESON	2002			
MAXINE GWINN	2001			
ELIZABETH HOOVER	2003			
CAROL HORTON	2003			
MARY HOUSTON	2003			
RAY HOUSTON	2003			

Name	End of Term	Honorary	New	Instructor
CAROLYN JACKSON	2002			
SUE JACKSON	2003			
ZAK JACKSON	2000			
DELORES JONES	2004			
BETTY KIRKWOOD	2002			
ELOISE KOONCE	2003			I
GENE KOONCE	2000			I
CLIFFORD LEE	2002			
MARGARET LEGE	2002			
JOYCE LEWIS		H		
ANN MARKS	2002			
JEANE MCNUTT	2002			
MARYANN MORENO	2004		N	
JACK MULLINS	2000			
JANET MULLINS	2000			
KATHRYN NEELY	2002			
MABLE NELSON	2000			I
BONNIE NICHOLS	2002			
HOOKER NICHOLS	2000			
MRS. PAUL J OFFER		H		
EUGENE ORGERON	2000			I
LEON PAYNE	2001			
PAULA PAYNE	2001			
BARBARA PICOU	2002			
FRED RICE	2001			
NORMA RICE	2001			
ANNA MARIE ROSEN	2004		N	
RICHARD ROSEN	2003			I
VELIA SANCHEZ-RUIZ	2002			
HARVEY SHIMEK	2003			
NELL SHIMEK	2004			
MRS D GAINES SHORT		H		
INEZ TARRANT	2002			
PATSY TARRANT		H		
JAY TOMPKINS	2004		N	
EARLINE TULLIER	2003			
THOMAS TYNAN	2004		N	
SHARON UMPHRESS	2003			
VERNON WALLIS	2004		N	
URY WINNIFORD		H		

# **2000 Region 6 Live Auction**

**by Jean Consford**

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

The Region 6 live auction netted a total of \$9,894.50, with \$9,358.50 for the operating fund and \$536.00 for the Youth Fund. The number of individuals contributing (27) was actually the same as in 1999, so my pleas for more individual involvement apparently fell on deaf ears. However, the efforts of the Brazosport host club in coordinating club donations (increased from 2 to 8), the remarkable generosity of the growers and hybridizers, and bless them, the buyers, realized one of the larger auctions for Region 6. Inez Tarrant donated plants and set up a silent auction in the hospitality room to benefit the Youth Fund which netted \$192.00. A separate silent auction of "left-over" live auction plants netted an additional \$282.00, with \$154.00 going to the operating account and \$128.00 to the Youth Fund. The grand total for the combined live and silent auctions was \$10,368.50, with \$9,512.50 for the operating account and \$856.00 for the Youth Fund.

On behalf of Region 6, a very special thank you goes to Warren Goza, Auction Chairman for two consecutive years, and his assistants, Jay Tompkins, who coordinated slides and Richard Johnson, who assisted with the computer listings, in addition to all the donors and buyers.

"Making it happen" credits go to David and Betty Burton, Kay Day, and Bridey Greeson who worked so hard in the "make ready" room beforehand to get everything organized and moved to the auction room. As always, many individuals helped to keep things moving. Thanks to Donald Andrews, Jean Barnhart, Eddie Gage, Clifford Lee, Kermit Muske, and Robert and Maureen Valenza. At the tabulator table were Barron Bozeman, Betty Burton, Cheryl Dungan, Shirlene Holt, and Helen Reynolds. Jennie Little, Frankie Sherman, and Maxine Soape passed out the numbered plates used by the bidders. Binion Amerson, Marilyn Overturff, and Edgar and Becky Tarrant received and counted the funds. Region 6, does this give you an idea how many people are involved to produce an auction of this size?

Individual donors were Dudley and Elizabeth Allbright, Don and Eddie Raye Andrews, Ann Buckingham, Barbara Chang, Annie Chovanec, Jean Consford, Sandy Courier, Jo Crisp, Kay Day, Ernest and Mildred Eskine, Eddie and Mary Gage, Anna Rosa Glidden, Warren and Ruth Goza, Bridey Greeson, Bernard Holliday, Ray and Mary Houston, Dick Johnson, Frank Krampota, Andy Kramtz, Clifford Lee, Mabel Matthews, Kermit Muske, Mable Nelson, Deborah and Danny Neuman, Gene Orgeron, James Scruggs, Jay Tompkins, and Inez Tarrant.

Club donors were Austin, Brazosport, East Texas, Golden Spread, Gulf Coast, Houston Area, Houston Hemerocallis, Lone Star, and Lufkin.

Generous grower/hybridizers were Beau Basin Gardens, Brookwood Gardens (Leo Sharp), Browns Ferry Gardens, Clarence Crochet, Countryside Daylilies (Eddy Scott and Ottis Houston), Daylily World (David Kirchoff and Mort Morss), Floyd Cove Nursery (Pat and Grace Stamile), Hobby Gardens (Lee Gates), Graceland (Larry Grace), Lady Bug Daylilies (Dan Hansen), The Lily Farm (Jack Carpenter), Payne's in the Grass (Leon and Paula Payne), Pine Branch Gardens (Aileen and Bobby Castlebury), Rollingwood Gardens (Jeff and Elizabeth Salter), and Water Mill Gardens (Dan Trimmer).

Buyers were Binion Amerson, Don and Eddie Raye Andrews, Bill Ater, Cyndi Ballew, Joanne Berry, David Burton, Lee Causey, Ron and Barbara Cohea, Jean Consford, Jo Crisp, Treva Cruse, Kay Day, Bobo Faggard, Mary Gage, Anna Rosa Glidden, Warren Goza, Bridey Greeson, Nancy Hackney, Lois Hall, Scott Henry, Ray Houston, Carolyn Jackson, Sue and Zak Jackson, Richard Johnson, Delores Jones, Carolyn Kittredge, Mabel Matthews, Carolyn Mersiovsky, Bob Montgomery, Margo Murdock,

Mable Nelson, Bonnie Nichols, Michelle Ogee, Martha Overby, Donna Peck, Gwen Pennington, Nancy Peterson, Thelma Pratts, Gloria Quinn, Helen Reynolds, Fred Rice, Richard Rosen, Judithe Savely, Sharon Shackelford, Leo Sharp, Harvey and Nell Shimek, Edgar and Becky Tarrant, Dianne Taylor, Ted Tompkin, Jay Tompkins, Ruben Valdez, and Maureen Valenza.

Please forgive us if your name has been inadvertently omitted from this list. If you will let me know, we will note it in the next Newsletter.



**Hoeing & Showing**  
**Harvey Shimek, 1999 AHS**  
**Tricolor Medal Winner**  
by Nell Shimek



Harvey is known in this neck of the rice fields as the hoe man, mainly because he is always in the garden with his hoe. The neighbors even have a game they play as they pass the garden, searching to find Harvey with his hoe in hand.

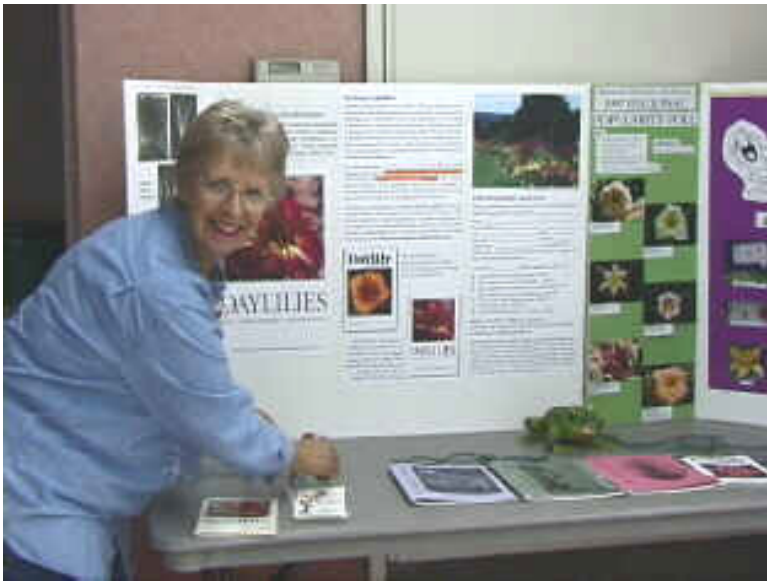
Harvey is a machinist by trade and has been with the company 40 years. The company president told me once that Harvey keeps them all in line.

Harvey's latest venture has been in the area of exhibiting in the Artistic Design Section of daylily flower shows. I don't think that anyone who knows Harvey would have ever guessed that he would become an artistic designer. He has been such a help to me over the years, as I have worked on my own artistic designs. Artistic design has become one of the activities that Harvey really enjoys. He has enjoyed creating artistic designs so much that he has scored higher points with his designs than I have with my designs, and he has beat me!

Harvey and I were very excited and were thrilled beyond words when he won the 1999 AHS Tricolor Medal with his design in the Region 6 Flower Show held in Nacogdoches, TX. We are honored by this wonderful organization to be able to compete for the Tricolor Medal, we THANK YOU.

# Unsung Heroes - The Backbone of Region 6 Clubs

Articles written by Nell Shimek



## Ann Buckingham The Dedicated Educational Exhibitor

Lone Star Daylily Society is fortunate to have Ann Buckingham, a person who loves to create educational exhibits. This is no minor task. Ann carries trunk loads of material to each and every flower show that she is able to attend. She does not just set her sights on one or two shows per season but attends many in the surrounding Houston area. I have never seen one person do so much to educate the public in such a big way. Ann has published a

Daylily Cookbook, the proceeds of which are donated to the sponsoring club. She has prepared samples of her recipes at several shows to share with all who attend. To demonstrate that daylilies really will perform in pots, Ann exhibits potted daylilies in full bloom. She also shares her “Texas Fire Ants” along with many other garden cuties and educational material. We are thrilled and proud to have Ann as a member of our Region. We salute our DEDICATED EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITOR, Ann Buckingham.



## Nelma Martin The Dedicated Librarian

Lone Star Daylily Society is fortunate to have Nelma Martin, a dedicated librarian. Having been a librarian by profession, Nelma works tirelessly at each meeting arranging the most attractive and informative displays of our club’s daylily literature.

Nelma strives to keep our library stocked with updated daylily and perennial books, gardening books, pamphlets, price lists, Region 6 Newsletters, and copies of *The*

*Daylily Journal*. She makes sure that we are not too delinquent in returning our books.

Nelma is also an avid “daylily shopper.” If you need to find an item displaying the image of a daylily, Nelma can quote the name of the store where you can find it, the aisle, shelf, and price of the item.

Our hats are off to our FINE LIBRARIAN, Nelma Martin.

**Editor’s Note:** Edgar Tarrant and Paula Payne wrote excellent articles in tribute to Ernie Eskine. Both have been included in this Newsletter. Pictured below are Mildred and Ernie Eskine with Bob Carr.



## **A Tribute to Ernie Eskine**

**by Edgar Tarrant**

I feel somewhat responsible for Ernie's interest in Daylilies.

Ernie was a gardener and just liked to grow things. His son, Paul, and my wife, Becky, had known each other for a long time. Paul had been Becky's son's Scout Master. One day Paul called, asking if he could bring his Daddy over to see our daylilies. Ernie had seen BRIGHT EYED blooming in our yard and thought it was the most

beautiful daylily he had ever seen. He had been growing some of his Aunt Teel's daylilies that she had given him years ago. These were daylilies that she had acquired at a lumber yard in town many, many years ago. Anyway, they came by and Ernie began to explain to me that sometimes daylilies put a little shoot (proliferation) on the scape that you could plant and the shoot would "make" a daylily. He asked if I would be willing to share one with him if the plant produced one. In the Fall, when I reworked the bed, I divided BRIGHT EYED and took a plant to him. You would have thought I had given him a sack of crawfish. Ernie, being Cajun, had a particular fondness for crawfish. Later, he would tell me that BRIGHT EYED had cost him over \$10,000. From then on, whenever he saw something he liked, he got it, price didn't seem to matter. I told him about Lone Star Daylily Society, a daylily club that had recently formed in Alvin. He and Mildred attended and became very active members in the club. Ernie had definite ideas and thought everyone should be treated the same, no matter who they were.

Living close to Ernie and Mildred, we visited fairly often. Becky and I consider them both to be very dear, valuable friends. Ernie passed away in his sleep on 3/3/2000. There is a certain void in our hearts now and we will miss Ernie and his wit.

## **A Tribute to Ernie Eskine**

**by Paula Payne**

Have you ever answered a question posed to you with the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? Well, that's the answer one got if they ever asked a question of Ernie Eskine. Not that he wasn't polite, he was. Ernie was honest above all else. Everyone who knew Ernie came to appreciate this special quality about him and admired him for it.

A joke that Ernie often liked to tell about his beginning addiction to daylilies was that the purchase of BRIGHT EYED, a \$10 daylily at the time, eventually cost him over \$10,000! Everyone involved with daylilies knows that feeling. He was bitten late with the daylily fever but he had always been an avid gardener. He could grow anything and loved sharing everything he grew, including his daylilies.

The first time he called me to inquire about our new daylily club that was forming, he told his wife, Mildred, that he wasn't going to get involved in the club activities. He only wanted to attend a "few" meetings to learn about daylilies. It is really hard for me to keep from laughing out loud as I write this, knowing how very active he actually became in every phase of our club. He was there to volunteer for any work that needed to be done. Being typically Cajun, Ernie brought enjoyment to everything he did. If Ernie promised he would do something, well, that was all that was needed. He got the job done.

Ernie lived within just a few minutes of us and he would drop by all during the year to visit or talk daylilies. We would compare what we had blooming if it was daylily season and/or we would talk about new introductions we might plan to buy during the Fall or for the coming Spring season. He often came bearing gifts, too. No matter how much I tried to reciprocate, it was impossible. One could never out-give Ernie.

Ernie also enjoyed a number of other interests. He was a diehard baseball fan and a Houston Astros season ticket holder. He liked fishing and hunting and maintained a place in the country to indulge in both. He loved Hawaii. I don't recall how many trips he had made to Hawaii, but he traveled there every chance he got. When we were planning our first trip there last fall, Ernie is the first person I asked for advice about where to go and what to see. He had all the answers and like always, was willing to share what he knew.

We lost Ernie on March 3, 2000, shortly before daylily season began. It was a season that he was really looking forward to since he had so many seedlings that would bloom for the first time. He was still looking for that special one that he planned to name for Mildred. Ernie was looking forward to competing in the local flower shows. His garden was weeded and fertilized just before his death and needed little tending prior to that first show in May. Mildred and their son, Paul, tirelessly brought Ernie's scapes to the show. Not surprisingly, one scape in particular made the winner's table. KING KAHUNA won Best Double Flower in the Lone Star Daylily Society Flower Show at Baybrook Mall in Friendswood. I know that Ernie would have been pleased and proud to have collected that winning prize. I also know that he is relishing in the fact that in his heavenly garden, that he now tends, all of his scapes are show winners.



**BRIGHT EYED**





## **Passing of Our Friend - Pug Yarborough**

**by Jack Carpenter**

My good friend and garden buddy, Pug Yarborough, passed away on Friday, March 24, 2000. When I met Pug about 12 years ago, he was a fishing enthusiast from the word go. He came into the garden one day when I was culling unmarked daylilies. He asked me what I was going to do with those daylilies and I said, "Give them to you." He quickly gathered them into a garbage liner and was so excited about the gift. To make a long story short, he became **TOTALLY ADDICTED** to daylilies. He almost forgot fishing. Pug terraced and landscaped his yard and become a plant/Hosta/flower/**DAYLILY** lover of the most addicted in nature!!!

Pug assisted me with customers and with work here at the farm. He was my right hand man and a friend with whom to share the joys of each new blooming seedling. Pug will be sorely missed by his wife, children, and many grandchildren. He will be missed by all of us who came to know him during his short romance with daylilies. After a five year bout with lung cancer he has entered into the realms of gardens far more fair. I can hear Pug laughing and saying, "Jack, I have a better seedling today than you do. When you get up here I'll show you the best ones to work with."

I will miss Pug greatly.



## **A Tribute to Betty Henry**

**by Mary Gage**

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, we lost Betty Henry, a member of the Houston Area and Gulf Coast Daylily Societies. She had lived a very full and active life for 80 years. With her son, Scott, two daughters, Pat and Melissa, and grandson, James Buckingham, and numerous friends, her life was celebrated with a memorial service. Tears of sadness mingled with tears of joy as friends and family recounted events and fond memories of her life.

Growing up on a ranch in Idaho, Betty learned to ride and rope, then studied nursing. Betty lived life to the fullest as she moved from state to state with her late Air Force Colonel husband, Bob. After Bob's retirement, they spent time traveling and wound up with the "Escapees" in Livingston. She found activities to absorb her interest wherever she was, such as breeding and showing poodles, as well as camellias. About ten years ago, she and Bob, along with Scott, found out about daylilies and we all know what happens to people when the daylily bug bites. Their garden is a delight with practically the whole place taken up with camellias and daylilies.

We will miss Betty's bright blue eyes, smiling face, friendly hugs, and the camellia in her hair. I can see her now, freed from her frail body and walker, eagerly tending the flowers in God's garden.

## Ken Henson: 1918 - 2000

by Binion Amerson



The American Hemerocallis Society (AHS), AHS Region 6, and the Daylily Growers of Dallas lost one of its long-time members, Kenneth Hayes Henson, on June 13, 2000, at age 81.

Ken Henson, born in Lawton, Oklahoma, is survived by his wife of 58 years, Virginia Little Henson; sons, Kenneth H. Henson, Jr. and Gordon Henson; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Outside our daylily world, Ken had been involved with designing the B-24 Bomber, based on his engineering degree from Indiana Tech University. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, a World War II Purple Heart recipient, a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason, and a retired employee of Dresser Industries where he worked 37 years. Ken was an avid classic car collector, art collector, photographer, and along with Virginia, loved to travel throughout the World. He loved the outdoors, animals, and gardening, especially daylilies.

For the Daylily Growers of Dallas, Ken Henson served in many capacities, including President in 1977 and 1980. He attended most all meetings and was a frequent speaker. Ken collected daylilies on many of his trips to gardens in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida. For many years, Ken and Virginia had an AHS Display Garden where they grew recent and older daylilies as well as his own seedlings. Although an avid daylily hybridizer, he was very critical of his own seedlings. He did register two daylilies: one for his father, ODELL HENSON (1972) and one for Virginia's father, HARRY LITTLE (1975). Two daylilies were named in his honor: KEN HENSON (Macmillan, 1975) and SILOAM KEN HENSON (Henry, 1989).

For AHS and AHS Region 6, Ken Henson attended many Regional and National meetings, especially when Virginia was a Regional and National officer. He contributed heavily to daylily auctions and supported daylily functions all over the country. For AHS, he was a Life Member, a Garden Judge, and an Exhibition Judge.

We will all miss Ken Henson. We are grateful for having known this delightful gentleman and avid daylily enthusiast and supporter. AHS, AHS Region 6, and the Daylily Growers of Dallas are proud of Ken's influence and accomplishments.

Editor's Note: The following was written by Binion, who attended Ken Henson's funeral, we thought it was appropriate for the Newsletter.

Ken's funeral was very nice and church services were well attended. Wilma Smith who grows many of Ken's seedlings in her daylily garden, made a beautiful flower arrangement for the services. She used many of Ken's seedling blooms. Just as the graveside portion was ending and taps played, the heavens put on a display of sounds in the form of thunder in the distance. Ken Jr. remarked to those attending that it was appropriate that "drum rolls" accompanied the taps. It was very touching.



# Daylily Scavenger Hunt

by Boyd Farar

A daylily scavenger hunt can be fun for flower lovers of all ages. This can even be a fun introduction to the daylily world for neophytes. There is no better time than peak bloom to add interest to all those beautiful flowers. Peruse your daylily list or walk your garden to locate names of daylilies that would lend themselves to questions for your scavenger hunt. List cultivars according to the knowledge of club members, i.e., more difficult questions such as: name the hybridizers in the garden (JASON SALTER - Salter, 1987; KATE CARPENTER - Munson, 1980; SILOAM URY WINNIFORD - Henry, 1980); easy questions for beginners such as: a pianist (LEONARD BERNSTEIN - Kirchhoff, 1991), a tenor (CARUSO - Salter, 1995) or Fred Flintstone yelled, "YABBA DABBA DO" (Hansen, 1993).

What might a little girl put in her hair to match her scarlet dress? (RED RIBBONS - Lennington, 1964)

A white snow bird: (PTARMIGAN - Stamile, 1989)

A monument to his queen: (TAJ MAJAL - Russell, 1945)

One will melt in your hands: (IMM AND IMM - Houston, 1997)

Name the garden magic: (IDA'S MAGIC - I. Munson, 1988; MAGIC MIRROR - Moldovan, 1986)

What streets wind their way through the garden? (GREEN DOLPHIN STREET - Roberts, 1986; FORTY SECOND STREET - Kirchhoff, 1991; LEXINGTON AVENUE - Munson, 1990)

As a high school senior you probably had one of these for the big dance: (PROM DATE - Peck, 1980)

What you would say to your sweetheart on February 14<sup>th</sup>? (BE MY VALENTINE - Ward, 1993)

What might a superstitious person have with them to make sure they find each and every cultivar? (GOOD LUCK CHARM - Spalding, 1986)

Other ideas for questions could include cities, towns, countries, wines, birds, islands, famous people, a king, a queen, a princess, or a prince! Think of those memories a particular daylily name can bring: a trip to your first Regional Meeting, meeting Ra Hansen, your first AHS National Convention, or a trip to Australia!

The daylilies on your list must be in the garden, but they do not need to be in bloom the day of the scavenger hunt. Prepare your list and make an answer sheet or answer key. Make note of their location in the garden and give hints to visitors for those that might be difficult to find, "That one is in the front yard near the bottlebrush tree," or "She is in the back yard near the gazebo."

Make sure your markers are easy to read so your visitors won't step into the daylily beds or break off a prized seed pod! Tell them before they begin that all plants listed are easy to find and they won't need to step into a flower bed or lean over to see a name tag. You might want to set up teams and encourage competition. Include that first timer with your club president. To enhance competition and encourage more fun, offer prizes, daylilies, of course! Have enough prizes on hand so everyone gets something to take home. They'll have memories of you, your garden, and the daylily scavenger hunt!

Get going! Get your list of cultivars and make those scavenger hunt lists! Good Luck!

Many thanks to Ruth Hanson for her ideas and encouragement. Thanks to Allen McLain for his encouragement in writing this article.

# A Daylily Odyssey II

## by Gene Orgeron

Once again, the Gulf Coast Daylily Society has sponsored a trip to the Florida daylily fields. Twenty-eight members, led by bus captain Mable Nelson, departed on May 1st, with fond memories of last year's trip and with great expectations.

On arrival at Graceland Gardens in Alabama, home of Larry and Cindy Grace, we once again marveled over their exciting daylilies. Grown in a completely automated growing environment, their daylilies show great advancements - increase in petal and sepal width, wide edges, and the introduction of blue into color schemes. Outstanding were a beautiful wide raspberry with yellow watermark, #53399, and a delicate but precise cream-yellow with a red edge bordered by a cream edge, #55599.

The next day was very busy, with visits to Daylily World, Rollingwood Gardens, Brookwood Gardens, and Art Gallery Gardens.

Daylily World was showing very large tetraploid doubles, very full and refined. These show great improvements in doubles but they are not yet ready for release. We also admired a future introduction named VIRGINIA LITTLE HENSON. At the Salter's we saw acres of daylilies in bloom. Notable were MACHO MACHO MAN, a large ruffled round yellow, and MOONLIGHT RHAPSODY, a delicate pink round flower with a large gold edge, as well as HIDDEN RICHES, a small flower of bright lemon yellow with very heavy petal ruffles. We next visited Leo Sharp's Brookwood Gardens where we were each presented with a plant of BROOKWOOD ORANGE DROP, a small round brilliant orange flower. Our last garden this day, Ludlow Lambertson's Art Gallery Gardens, was well arranged and featured some elevated beds. The Lambertsons are specializing in unusual eyes, often of a blue tint, and unusual forms. Especially attractive was BLUE EYED BUTTERFLY.

Next was another very busy day, visiting the Stamiles, Trimmers, Kinnebrews, and Dan Hansen.

At the Stamile's Floyd Cove Nursery their new SOUTHERN CORAL was very pretty with tremendous scapes and flowers of hot coral with orange edging, set off by a green throat. Grace's new IDDY BIDDY GIRL, a coral pink double, was a sell-out. An unnumbered cream double with rose edging on all segments attracted a lot of attention.

The Trimmer's Water Mill gardens showed many new things. Most notable was PUMPKIN PRINCE, pumpkin with red edging. A new double No. 96-40 x L 15, was outstanding, as was 95-59 TPE, a beautiful ruffled pink with a rose eye.

Next came the Kinnebrew Daylily Garden, where we again admired many of their previous introductions. The ruffling here was unbelievable. They proudly showed us DARLA ANITA, soon to be released, a bright pink with incredibly wide, bubbly, yellow edging, as well as a seedling known as SPACECOAST SWEETNESS x DESERT DREAMS #1, another pink with very wide yellow ruffles. We again noted the Kinnebrews' unusual daylily beds, built above ground on wooden frames, which do away with bending over and prevent competition from tree roots.

Dan Hansen's Lady Bug Daylilies was a beehive of activity. His new ROSES IN SNOW was dramatic, with a wide ivory border around its blood red segments. Betty and Ned Roberts were there, tending to their seedlings of spider, spidery, and unusual form.

The following day was spent at Bob Carr's Daylilies, Le Petit Jardin, and Ridaught Daylily Farm. At Bob Carr's we saw the beautiful PAGAN RITUAL, in burgundy-purple, as well as INHERITED

WEALTH, a beautiful pink. At Petit's we especially admired a new double seedling, to be named SUSAN PETIT, a sensational, magnificently formed flower in cream with each segment outlined in deep rose. There was another fine double, unnumbered in deep rose. The Ridaught Farm, completely new to us, was a very pleasant surprise. It featured a very fine, well-planned country garden, plus a separate field from which they sold. A standout in the garden was CARIBBEAN ROSIE CHRISTA, (Talbot, 1994) an 8" bright rose.

Next day, we visited Countryside Daylilies where we admired BELIEVE IN TOMORROW (Ottis Houston, 1998), a beautiful rose pink blend with rose band, and MELROSE LACE (Scott, 1999), a pink bitone. We then saw the Lake City garden of Grady and Audrey Green. This garden had been a tour garden at the 1998 National Convention. It was beautifully arranged, featuring many companion plants and topiaries in addition to daylilies. The large Cypress trees dripping with Spanish Moss gave it an old South feeling. One outstanding daylily clump was LITTLE BIT COUNTRY (Elizabeth Salter, 1991).

Finally, homeward bound, we stopped in Mobile, Alabama, to see the garden of John and Nell Keown. The Keown garden is outstanding for its fine assortment of plants, carefully spaced and not crowded, with each carefully marked by a plant label created by Nell, giving a full description of the plant. They are growing many of Jack Carpenter's daylilies - FANCY FACE, RUFFLED PERFECTION, TERZA JANE, TIGER'S EYE, VERNON CARPENTER, and WATERCOLOR FANTASIA. Large clumps of BABY FRESH (Joiner, 1991) and SUNNY EYES (E. C. Brown, 1994) were imposing. K-22-97, a Keown seedling, was a very round ruffled rose beauty.

Then the "killer bees" returned to the Gautier, Mississippi garden of the hospitable Arledges, John and Ann. Their garden features many of the newest cultivars, plus many fine seedlings from John's hybridizing efforts. Finally, after enjoying their hospitality, tired but happy, we returned home on May 7<sup>th</sup>, ready for our next daylily adventure. We were 28 passengers in a 50-passenger bus, but the bus was crammed, both above and below, with various daylily plants which had been either purchased or received as gifts or bonuses.

## **Future Edna Lankart & Annie T. Giles Awards Competition**

### **Plants for 2001 Austin Region 6 Meeting**

Austin is hosting the Region 6 Meeting in 2001.

Hybridizers, please send your cultivars to:

Carolyn Mersiovsky  
1616 Golden Valley Lane  
La Grange, TX 78945-5019

### **Plants for 2002 Albuquerque Region 6 Meeting**

The Land of Enchantment is hosting the Region 6 Meeting in July 2002.

Hybridizers, please send your cultivars to:

Donna Peck  
96 Homesteads Rd.  
Placitas, NM 87043

# **Impressions From Down Under**

**by Yvonne Hargreaves**



In May this year I fulfilled a dream of mine and traveled to Orlando, Florida, meeting up with fellow Australian, Ian Wicks, and a group of Texan ladies with whom I had only had brief e-mail contact. Little did I know what a great time lay in store for me, both in the daylily world and company-wise. Ian had told me what a fun bunch these Texas gals were, but no amount of “telling” could have prepared me for the fun that lay ahead. Due entirely to the generosity and ingenuity of the group, I saw a fabulous range of cultivars and blooms and met some amazing characters, previously known only to me from Journals, catalogues, and the Electronic Robin. Had I been traveling alone I would have seen practically nothing. This is an important comment, as there must be other folks who come to see the daylilies without access to transport or hosts.

As this is mainly for the Region 6 Newsletter, I will just say that I was totally amazed at the hybridizers’ gardens we visited in Florida and I so enjoyed meeting and spending time with the folks there. I thank you for your hospitality.

After the “Mecca” trip was over I moved on to friends in San Antonio who took me to meet Mark Carpenter and to see his garden. During the weekend I was able to experience my first “Accredited Show” held in a shopping mall in San Antonio. Here in Brisbane, our show is held in a large school hall, so it was very interesting to see how the general public (as in deference to the already converted or is it addicted?) reacted to the display of our favorite flower. I found the plant sales method quite different, too, but the effect was much the same, many happy folks and new converts left clutching their treasured new plants. I was very impressed with the work done on posters and information display boards in San Antonio, (as I was at the Brazosport Show) and the video slide show caught the interest of many passersby. It was good to see that the work of “spreading the word” (and joy) is taken so seriously.

My friends drove me from San Antonio to Katy, to connect with my hostess for the next nine days, Paula Payne. What a Welcome to the area! Forward thinking local councilors (City Planners) had made daylilies a feature of the town parks and garden areas. Katy was a blaze of color. It hardly prepared me for the beautiful sight that awaited me at “Payne’s In The Grass.” What a mass of bloom and vivid color! I could hardly get out of the car quickly enough! I headed for the area under the shade cover and was stunned at the beauty that met my eyes. A very well grown, vast range of cultivars from all over the country, and from the top hybridizers gave me the opportunity to enjoy the blooms and learn a great deal.

It was pleasing to see some of our Australian growers represented there with GOLD REEF (Nunan) and CHRISTOPHER MEAD (Mead) and with seedlings from Ian Wicks growing there. Paula and Leon Payne have several of their own registrations that are up with anything I saw elsewhere. They are both keen hybridizers and during my stay with them I was privy to their discussions of what they planned to cross with what the next day, and it is certainly no hit and miss game. Lots of consideration goes into the crosses, with many years of experience aiding their selections.

Leon is the antithesis of Paula - quiet, almost shy, but with a delightful sense of fun and zest for his main passion, daylilies. I was made so welcome at perhaps the busiest and most awkward time to have a houseguest and soon felt I was one of the family, relishing being allowed to help in the gardens and in some of the vast preparations for the Region 6 Meeting and the Shows. I have had very little experience with flower shows or more accurately what is involved in the showing of daylilies, so I was absolutely delighted to see the many hours (months) of hard work on Paula and Leon’s behalf pay off in the

recognition from the Judges and their peers for their work and cultivars. They received this with as much grace and modesty as one could imagine, swiftly shelving their excitement, and on to the next job or function.

The Region 6 functions were held in Lake Jackson, about an hours drive from Pearland and we traveled back and forth each night and morning as we had watering to keep up and two of the sweetest little cocker spaniels to see to. This made for extra long days, but they were worth it!

The chance to see so many of the wonderful gardens in the area was much enjoyed, and three bus loads of “happy hemmers” shuttled around soaking up the sights. The night before the second day of garden tours, we had very heavy rains and it looked as if we might miss out on seeing the rest of the gardens. Not So! After a huge breakfast in a nearby church we were all delighted to be told the owners of the remaining gardens we were to visit were insistent that we come, despite the wet ground underfoot and the risk of damage to immaculate lawns. What sights we were to see! I am still shaking my head at the size of the plants themselves and the range of the cultivars I saw in full bloom.

One of the advantages of a daylily (obviously) is the fact that there is a totally fresh lot of blooms every day, so despite the previous night’s rain there were lots of flowers to drool over and enjoy. It was great to get to see such a lot of the very newest registrations in the “flesh.” Here in Australia, we are somewhat limited to what the few importers select to bring in, but I was pleased to note we are well up with the latest releases. It is just so expensive with our high quarantine costs, but I guess that is the price you pay for a clean and healthy place in which to live and grow our beautiful blooms.

One of the more “special” moments of my Texas experience was the chance to meet and speak with Inez Tarrant. What a lovely lady! I have for many years grown and loved her wonderful WIND FRILLS, as has almost every serious collector in Australia, so it was indeed special for me to spend some time with her. I was thrilled to see her win an award at the flower show and be recognized and acclaimed for her skills and dedication to Hemerocallis by her peers at the Region 6 Meeting.

I had heard that Texans were hospitable, and it sure is true. I was amazed at the amounts of foods I encountered everywhere and at the ready acceptance of a stranger from the other side of the world. I had not had access to the story of the daylily and the AHS so I really was enthralled with the slide show and commentary from the incredible David Kirchhoff.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank my delightful host and hostess for the care they gave me along with the fun times. I would also like to thank Nell and Harvey Shimek for their part in my “holiday” (a lovely day together and a unique experience - a genuine “gumbo” dinner), and to Eddie Raye Andrews and Beverly Winkelman for their fun company in Florida and Beverly’s skill and patience behind the wheel as she drove us from garden to garden in Orlando. To all others I met, who in any way contributed to a wonderful experience, I send my kind regards and most sincere thanks and repeat my invitation to come visit me (us) here in Australia. Our bloom season is from October to April, with peak bloom in Brisbane in mid November. Keep it in mind, you would be made very welcome.

The opportunity to see so much and to meet the identities of the Daylily world will remain indelibly fixed in my memory for the rest of my days.

From a grateful Yvonne Hargreaves, Oxenford --- Gold Coast --- Queensland --- Australia --- just an e-mail away!!! [gcvonnie@ozemail.com.au](mailto:gcvonnie@ozemail.com.au)

# Region 6 Fall Seminar - San Antonio, Texas

by Mark Carpenter

The San Antonio Daylily Society will be hosting the Region 6 Fall Seminar in San Antonio, TX, on November 4th this year. The speakers will be Dan Hansen from Lady Bug Daylilies, Jack Carpenter from the Lily Farm (wonder how I got him to do that?), and AHS President Kay Day.

All the meeting places, hotels, and seminar location will be within walking distance of each other. Of course, we would welcome with open arms any and everyone that might want to venture to one of the most beautiful cities in America to attend this exciting event. You will have to put up with our weather, which usually has highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s during November, but we've found you can get used to it fairly quickly.

## ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS

We have a very exciting program for your enjoyment. A BIG Plant Auction will add to the excitement of our terrific line-up of speakers.

Dan Hansen from Lady Bug Daylilies in Florida will cover the Past, Present, and Future. He will relive the wonderful past with his Mom, the irreplaceable Ra Hansen; the present with his garden today; and his wonderfully promising future shown through his upcoming introductions. Dan is making terrific strides in his tetraploid lines.

Jack Carpenter of the Lily Farm in Center, Texas, will showcase his amazing talent for hybridizing both diploids and tetraploids. The advances Jack is making in the tetraploid lines are truly inspiring to all of us. Jack continues to choose those seedlings which have those special traits making his daylilies so unique.

Kay Day, our new AHS President, will be returning from an Executive Board meeting and will be able to give us all the news hot off the presses!! We are terribly excited to have her participate in this event and give us the "first glimpse" of the "new" happenings with AHS.





**San Antonio Daylily Society  
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**Saturday, November 4, 2000**

*8 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

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Jean Consford

Dan Hansen

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Jack Carpenter

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Mark Carpenter

**Reception Friday Night 7 p.m. - Luby's Cafeteria Meeting Room, Colonial Square**

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**REGISTRATION FEE: \$40 PER PERSON**

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Lunch and Drinks Included

**LOCATION:**

**Saint Francis Episcopal Church**

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**San Antonio, TX 78240**

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**For Additional Information, Please Contact:**

**Mark Carpenter (chairman) 210-523-0017**

**Ray Jordan (registrar) 210-342-6360**

**Lori Potrykus (auction) 210-494-6570**

The hotel is walking distance from the church and Luby's! Room rate is \$56.99. Identify yourself as being with the Daylily Seminar.

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# They're All Pythons

by Jean Consford



They're ALL pythons. I should have known it was going to be a bad hair day when the cat threw up under the kitchen table, but Noooo, I sauntered outside and went to work in the garden, still wearing my long housedress garb. I was walking down the pathway to the greenhouse, minding my own business, when the foliage below me began to rustle and sway. You don't need to be the sharpest pencil in the box to think, "Hmmm, better stop and observe."

Sure enough, a 15' long python, OKAY, a 4 ½' long snake rushed out three steps below me. I stopped and turned to calmly scream, "SNAKE!" to the heroic spouse who was all of ten feet behind me. The python, with his head 2 feet high and fangs bared, OKAY, with his head 18" high (they ARE ALL pythons) started taking the steps two at a time straight toward me, I THINK. I didn't get a real long look at him. I calmly turned and engaged my feet in flight, or at least one of them. I must have missed the first riser because I went down, into the iron fence, onto the landscape timber, and the gravel. Feeling the python and his extended family ALL under my long dress, I couldn't seem to get to my feet, because of the long dress. Begging the heroic spouse to save me, I was calling (actually the words bawling and squalling come to mind) "HELP ME! HELP ME! SNAKE! SNAKE!"

His version of this story is that I got to my feet immediately before he could move. My version is that he was frozen like stone for an eternity as I struggled and crawled on the gravel, this ENTIRE family of pythons up my long dress. When I finally gained my footing and made it to the top of the pathway, he was an enormous help, grabbing both my arms, and yelling "STOP!" Oddly, I was not in a listening mood and continued to struggle. His version is that he stopped me and made me understand that the python (they ARE ALL pythons) had detoured off the beaten path. My version is more like, have you ever seen the television news coverage of football teams at practice when the guy attacks the dummy on the track and shoves the dummy down the track? No veiled references here.

After climbing to the safety of the riding mower and having my many, many wounds tended by the heroic spouse, I went inside and did the ice pack thing for half an hour. Assured by the heroic spouse that the python who was more terrified than me (YEAH RIGHT!) had undoubtedly fled to the woods, NEVER to be seen again. I didn't go near the greenhouse, but had ventured off the patio when the heroic spouse started calling out, "GET THE GUN! GET THE GUN!" That same terrified python was chasing a frog down the open path of the terraced garden, repeatedly lunging as the frog jumped, when he met his just end. Geez, what a sight that must have been. The heroic spouse says that he couldn't identify the snake, but he admits that he's never actually SEEN a python.

Try to picture this. I am again going down the path of the terraced garden, minding my own business, when this SAME python rushes out on me for the second time in less than an hour. Just try convincing me that snakes don't lie in wait and chase people. It could have been worse. The heroic spouse is confident that the "terrified" python was merely chasing a frog up the steps when he encountered me, but then, HE didn't see the look in that python's eyes.

# The Imperial Garden

by Cheryl Dungan



We visited the garden of Art and Nina Imperial on Saturday morning. Their garden is located in the “City of Enchantment.” What an “imperial” garden full of “enchantment!”

Rain had fallen during the night and early morning and, at first, we heard that we were not going to get to visit the gardens. Everyone was very disappointed. Finally, it was decided that we would go despite the rainfall. We were overjoyed! We had heard how wonderful the Imperial’s garden was and had looked forward to visiting it.

Upon arriving at the garden, we found large trees throughout the property. Daylily beds were laid out enticing one to see what was around the next corner. Caladiums were beautifully interplanted. A pair of Polynesian Snow Bushes welcomed us down one path. Gorgeous ginger plants, taller than our heads, had exotic blooms glowing on this cloudy morning. A beautiful red Passion Vine grew up the tennis court fence. Washed black river stones and an oriental lantern beckoned us down one of the paths. Groupings of bird houses painted in various colors added spark to this exquisite garden. There were a number of fountains around the garden adding their tranquil, gurgling, water sounds.

The daylilies in the garden were grown to perfection. Each plant showed that it had been given the very best of care. A huge clump of AWESOME BLOSSOM took my breath away! Other plants noted were: A BREED APART, BEST KEPT SECRET, CARIBBEAN LEGEND, CASTLE DOUBLE ROYALTY, CHERRY STONE, CLASSIC EDGE, DEBRA BILLIPS, DESPERADO LOVE, DOUBLE PINK DELIGHT, FRANCIS OF ASSISI, HEAVEN ALL DAY, IN THE NAVY, JEAN HIGH, LAST PICTURE SHOW, MOON OVER MONTERREY, MYSTICAL RAINBOW, RHAPSODY IN TIME, ROMEO IS BLEEDING, ROSE MASTERPIECE, RUNE MARK, SABINE BAUER, SOLOMON’S ROBES, SOMETHING WONDERFUL, and SPECIAL EFFECTS.

Hiding beside a bush was a seedling bearing the label 95-010. This was a beautiful lavender, pink, pattern-eyed wonder, really a knockout!

All too soon, the whistle blew for us to leave. I barely had time to survey the back yard with its beautiful view of the lake. What a wonderful time, what wonderful memories!





## The Nollkamper Garden

by Donna Peck

When our bus stopped at the Nollkamper garden, there were sounds of “oohs” and “aahs.” We first walked through a series of blooming hibiscus before seeing the three rows of daylilies in the front yard that were filled with beautiful clumps showing off their best form. We were told that the garden was two and a half weeks past peak bloom, but I didn’t realize that since I’m from Albuquerque, and only STELLA DE ORO was in bloom when I left home.

Two of the daylilies that I enjoyed seeing, especially since I was not familiar with them were ABLAZING RIMFIRE (E. W. Brown, 1990), and KARANKAWA DANCER (Mildred Smith, 1995). KARANKAWA DANCER had eight blooms with numerous buds in a healthy clump.

Nearby, I couldn’t help but notice a carved sign by the garage that read, “Cherish yesterday, Dream tomorrow, Live today.” I had to write that down.

I stopped to enjoy FORTUNE’S FOLLY (E. Salter, 1995) with a brilliant yellow edge, VICTORIAN PRINCIPLES (J. Salter, 1999), and two guest plants - CASTLE ORCHID FROSTINGS (A. Castlebury, 1997) and ELITE COMPANY (L. Gates, 1998).

I walked around to the back yard where there was a gate leading to rectangular gardens. A pretty clump of GYPSY CRANBERRY (J. L. Cruse, 1975) greeted us as we entered the back beds. These beds were filled with some of the older cultivars, and it made me realize again their beauty and outstanding characteristics. No new cultivar could be more inviting than another Cruse daylily, LITTLE BRIDESMAID. It had shades of red fading to a light pink edge. Then in a startling contrast was an outstanding orange and yellow clump of BOB WARD (Wilma LaGasse, 1991). Another contrast was an entire bed lined with the red and yellow, THREE CHEERS (D. F. Hall, 1951), along with clumps of the red double, HIGHLAND LORD (R. W. Munson, 1983).

I had time to walk further around the back yard where I saw 700 new seedlings and an outstanding vegetable garden filled with okra, zucchini, and chives in bloom. Milton Nollkamper was explaining about the mulch of shredded pine needles that they shred themselves with an 8 hp shredder. It did make an attractive mulch and the visitors were taking notes about the details.

As I left to return to the bus, I looked back to a newly planted bed with a design using miniature cultivars of COUNTRY HONEY (J. Lewis, 1984) and LITTLE STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE (Bobo Faggard, 1986). I would like to see this in a couple of years when it is in full bloom.

Thanks to Milton and Merle Nollkamper for letting us enjoy their garden. I am so glad that 15 years ago they became interested in daylilies for the first time at the daylily show in the Brazos Mall.

# The Garden of Joanne and Elton Berry

by Vera Petersen

The Berry garden is on Schrader Lane off FM 2004. Schrader Lane is a long dead-end street which has no place for a charter bus to turn around. Our driver, Rick, backed the bus down the street to make access to the long driveway easier and more accessible.

As we walked down the long driveway, we passed a large guardian angel statue and a piece of garden art, which was a small decorated picket fence reading, "Welcome to the Berry's." There were other angel statues amongst many daylilies, roses, larkspurs, spider flowers, and small yellow chrysanthemums. A large iridescent gazing ball near the back of the driveway was a focal point of the garden. Another piece of garden art informed us that, "Two Old Crows Live Here." I looked but I never found them! However, there was a welcoming committee - Joanne, Elton, Baxter the cat who was posing for photos, and Patsy the small kitten for whom they were cat sitting.

Joanne said they live on two and one fourth acres. In 1972, they moved into the little house and in 1979, Elton built the main house all by himself. Speaking of Elton, he is not King of the Road, King of the Hill, King Kong, or King Kahuna! Joanne told us he is King of the Compost! You could believe this after seeing two huge piles of compost lining the rear of the driveway. Cleomes and White Angel Trumpets had sprouted in the compost, giving this area an interesting look.

Other interesting points of the garden were fig trees grown in barrels under a large tree, and a tomato patch growing as a vine on the ground. There were a lot of tomatoes.

Saying either Goodbye or Hello, was Sunbonnet Sue sitting, waiting for a bite as she fished among the water hyacinths in her private container pond.

I thanked Joanne and Elton for the nice visit in their garden. I also thanked Joanne for all of the time, effort, and hard work that went into making the Region 6 Meeting one to be remembered. Being with friends, good food, and beautiful gardens makes fond memories.

Edgar Tarrant, our bus captain, blew his whistle and we were saddened, because this meant our last tour garden had been visited.





## **“Don’t Worry, Be Happy”**

### **The Doumas Garden**

by Julian Wells

People were getting back on the bus singing and humming this snappy little tune. They had heard a little fish singing it in the garden of Sylvia and Art Doumas. They were singing because they had found a garden that was the result of lots of work, but also one that

reflected the love and fun of gardening. The garden showed this at every turn and every step as the visitors’ eyes tried to take in the overall appeal and personality of this garden. It is remarkable to think that what we were seeing on May 20<sup>th</sup> did not exist one and a half years ago. The garden certainly reflected the personalities of Sylvia and Art. It also reflected the hard work and creative thought that they had both put forth into developing this lovely garden that they so generously shared with us on a wet Saturday morning.

When we first got off the bus there were neat little rocks to greet us. They had glad faces and sad faces and projected the feeling that there were many sides to this garden. They were situated in a garden of miniature daylilies where BROOKWOOD ORANGE DROP (Sharp, 1997) called to us with its vivid orange color and deep green throat. Right next to this clump was a clever ant made of metal that illustrated just how large the ants are here in Texas.

The daylily beds to the left were in a shaded area edged with bricks and they looked so neat and clean with the mulch that was around all of the daylilies. SHADOW DANCER (Morss, 1986) was especially nice with its mauve color and lavender eye. It was so much brighter growing there in the shade with WILD MUSTANG (Stamile, 1995) that was a vivid shade of pink with an intense red eye. A must have! Near this daylily was a very creative metal preying mantis that was a delight to the eye. I would have to say that the Doumas love frogs, or perhaps it is a case of frog mania, because frog statues were throughout the garden in one form or another. As I was approaching the back gate there was a snappy little frog wearing her bikini and dark glasses. She was just as happy as could be. Who could blame her, as anyone would be happy in this garden? By the way, I found her mate lounging in another part of the garden, wearing only a lily pad.

As I went through the back gate my attention was directed to the “spider bed,” and indeed it was a spider bed. Sylvia and Art had laid this bed out with bricks in the shape of a huge spider and I was trapped in the web spun by the delightful spidery forms growing there. This daylily bed was another example of their humor and creative flare.

The “black widow” of the group was one labeled FLEISHEL BLACK, an unregistered black spider with a vivid orange throat. It should be registered as I would like to grow it and I am sure many others would also with that fine color contrast of black and orange. LAKE NORMAN SPIDER (K. Carpenter, 1981) was putting on a nice show in pink with a cream eye. It had to be all of 8” across.

There were several other daylily beds landscaped throughout the back garden. Here we found many well grown daylily cultivars. Several noteworthy flowers were MATISSE (Munson, 1990), a lovely rose shade with a pink watermark, and SPECIAL TOUCH (J. Carpenter, 1996) with four huge flowers

of rich melon open on one scape, illustrating how well Sylvia and Art grow these daylilies. Another well-grown daylily was DANCING HEART (Sikes, 1990), a rose with a darker rose eye.

This lovely garden with well-grown daylilies and special items artistically placed in areas that enhanced the overall charm, was a real delight. One area of special note was the Frank Lloyd Wright designed statuary that was the focal point in the back garden layout. Looking at this piece of art made me aware of the creative genius that we all possess in one form or another and that the Doumas had carried throughout their garden.

As a member of Region 6, I would like to thank Sylvia and Art Doumas for the privilege of sharing what they have created.





## The Garden of Earnest & Faye Sewell

by Barron Bozeman & Diane Taylor

What a treat! The garden of Earnest and Faye Sewell provided guests with a plethora of daylilies, co-mingled with a vast array of companion plants, set in a wonderfully landscaped countryside setting. We counted 23 separate flower beds, before losing count. That did not take into consideration the huge seedling bed or any of the plantings in the back yard.

Highlights were many. Framed by a headboard and footboard, the “Guest Bed” was clever and unique. Although most of the flowers had finished blooming in this bed, Faye provided photos of those that had

“bloomed out.” A picture was truly worth a thousand words and it was nice to “see” what we had missed.

Everyone oohed and aahed over the incredible blue morning glory growing in the back yard. You couldn’t miss the mass of huge bright blue flowers, literally glowing as it draped over its own custom trellis. Another special spot was the red honeysuckle arbor with the large ornamental eagle perched on top. If this was not enough, this garden had a large collection of birdhouses, fountains, and many other pieces of yard art.

Some of the daylilies that we found exceptionally showy were: BEAUTIFUL EDGINGS (Copenhaver), CASTLE ORCHID FROSTING (Castlebury), IRVING SCHULMAN (Salter), LAYERS OF GOLD (Kirchhoff), PURPLE SAND DOLLAR (E. C. Brown), RED ROGUE (McKinney), SARI (Munson), and SOUND AND FURY (Sikes).

Kudos to Earnest and Faye for all of their hard work creating this picture-perfect setting. Special congratulations to Earnest and Faye, who are enjoying their newlywed status. Ernest says that he is going to try to take this “home-town girl” traveling. We’ll wait to see if he can get her out of the garden.





# Country Garden, The Garden of Patsy Tarrant

by Ray Houston



Patsy Tarrant's garden is truly a country garden. Located outside the city limits of Brazoria, the garden is found down a narrow road, next to a slough which has been known to house various sized alligators. Next to the garden entrance was a tub of rubber duckies, enticing visitors to draw for prized daylilies. Directly behind the house was a garden laid out in brick cobblestone. Daylilies and other flowers were planted in this area. We found CINNAMON BEAR, PRAIRIE FIRE, SOPHIA PAYNE, SOOTHSAYER, SPANISH LEGEND, and VICTORIAN PRINCIPLES displaying their beauty here. At the far end of this garden there was a lily pond and fountain with its soothing spray of water.

Next to the barn, near the garden entrance, one was drawn into a shady garden containing shade loving plants. This garden was bordered by a large bed of cosmos, larkspur, and other tall annuals. Hidden behind this area was heard the cooing of morning doves.

A long line of tables and chairs paralleled the slough, welcoming visitors for the treats which abounded there. Much fellowship and laughter could be heard in this area as folks relaxed in this peaceful setting.



# The Kwan Garden

by Judithe Savely



Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> was a memorable day for the Region 6 garden tours. An extremely heavy rain had fallen, yet all four garden hosts graciously welcomed us to their gardens. Yards drenched in rain had the guests sinking in some mud, and quite possibly, ruining beautifully manicured grass surrounding the daylily beds, but neither hosts nor guests appeared to have feathers ruffled and a fun day was had by all.

As we disembarked the bus in front of the Toni and John Kwan garden, we were welcomed not only by the Kwans, but by their young granddaughter, Kelsey. We strolled up the driveway to see a number of magnificently landscaped and maintained beds in the front yard. To our right was a bed with two large trees, under which were mostly green plants, such as giant liriopse, caladiums, bridal wreath, impatiens and a red Ti plant. Highlighting this bed was a welcome sign with a charming frog! This garden had ornamentation that complemented the plants in each bed.

Banked across and hugging the front of the house were daylilies and a number of other plants, accented with three well-placed birdhouses. Additionally, this bed, along with the others, blended very well with its surroundings. Another long bed in front of the house was anchored by two crepe myrtles, agapanthus, plumbago, and lush, well-tended daylilies.

The Annie T. Giles Awards bed was in the back yard with the Payne seedling a standout that day!

Beds at the back of the house were designed with an eye to detail. Seen blooming in the guest bed that day were: BANANA SORBET, BLOOM TOWN CELEBRATION, CASTLE ORCHID FROSTING, DISTINCTLY DEBONAIR, DOUBLE JUANITA, and LUCIENA, along with a plumeria. Blooming in other beds in the back yard were BROOKWOOD LEE CAUSEY, CLOTHED IN GLORY, FORTUNE'S DEAREST, and THUNDER AND LIGHTNING. Other plants in the back beds included hibiscus, crepe myrtles, and roses. On a secluded side of the house was a charming screened-in porch where John grows orchids and ferns. That side of the house was as well landscaped as the rest of the property!

Those of us who have never been a regional garden host nor had our garden on tour have no inkling of the effort involved in the labor of love and preparation for this tour. This was an exceptional, magnificent, presentation. We thank you, Toni and John!



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# Region 6 Club Reports

## **ALBUQUERQUE DAYLILY SOCIETY**

**Anna Mulkey**

The Albuquerque Daylily Society is deep into preparations for the Regional we will host in 2002. Specific gardens have been chosen for viewing, and guest plants are being distributed to them.

Club members continue to care for the extensive daylily plantings that were planned and installed in special beds about the lawns of the University of New Mexico Presidential residence. These gardens were a project of Dick and Donna Peck during Dick Peck's years as President of the University.

Several of our members have been working on a handbook for growing daylilies in Albuquerque. Currently the book is in the proofing stages. I'll have more to report about this at a later date.

In mid-June, as our daylilies were beginning to burst into their splendor, our club members toured four of the fine daylily gardens in the Northeast section of Albuquerque. All agreed that these four gardeners understood the requirements for growing lovely daylilies in Albuquerque.

## **AUSTIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY**

**Bill Ater**

The Austin Hemerocallis Society resumed its Spring meetings in March with a slide show of "Hybridizing Basics" photographed and compiled by Mark Carpenter of San Antonio. In the slide set Mark described how to get started in hybridizing with the selection of cultivars, making the cross, harvesting the seed, planting the seed, and growing the plant to bloom. Bill Ater also presented slides of daylilies that attracted his attention at the 1999 Region 6 Meeting and AHS National Convention.

In April, Don Freeman, Chairman of the Zilker Botanical Garden Horticulture Committee, gave a walking tour of the gardens, pointing out many features that are often missed when visiting the gardens. Of course, the tour ended at the Daylily Garden that was beginning to show considerable color. A potluck dinner followed the tour of the gardens.

At the April meeting Rich Rosen explained what Exhibition Judges are looking for when they come to judge our show. Bill Ater explained basic design mechanics to complete the May program.

May 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, we participated in the Zilker Garden Fest by explaining daylily culture and selling daylilies. Later in the month fourteen of our members attended the Region 6 Meeting in Lake Jackson. Some members served as judges and some prepared designs while others participated in various other aspects of the Regional.

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, we conducted our annual Daylily Show and Sale. The daylily plants were completely sold out in less than an hour. The show was well attended and enjoyed by those who came to see new varieties. The Austin Hemerocallis Society is proud to have four male designers. One of the men won the Tricolor Award.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, Velia Sanchez-Ruiz and C. L. Williams will present a program on Yard Art. The program ranges from examples of Yard Art brought by our members to slides that have appeal from the very serious to the very comical. We are continuing with our plans for hosting the Region 6 Meeting in Austin May 24-26, 2001. A Regional Flower Show is planned at the hotel on Thursday. There are nine gardens on tour Friday and Saturday. The gardens include compact home gardens, public gardens at the Zilker Botanical Gardens, a commercial garden, and all stages in between.

We are in the process of adding on to our garden at the Zilker Botanical Garden. We receive many complements on this garden from the public. It is easily viewed from Barton Springs Road.

## **BRAZOSPORT DAYLILY SOCIETY**

**Milton Nollkamper**

We can put away our garden tools, find ourselves a shady spot, or better still - retreat to the air-conditioned comfort of our homes because Summer is here! It makes no difference when the calendar says the first day of Summer is to occur. Summer, with its uncomfortable humidity, has

settled into South Texas. Daylilies are still blooming, their last buds reluctantly opening to greet the heat of the day, and rebloom, if not already completed, is preparing to offer its last boost for a beautiful finish to our bloom season.

Since the Brazosport Daylily Society was to be the host for the 2000 Region 6 Meeting in May, programs for the January through April club meetings were purposely designed to emphasize planning for that event. January's program was presented by Eddie Raye Andrews, a program about Garden Ornaments. She showed an interesting group of slides depicting gardening statuary, bird houses, decorated stumps and trees, sun dials, wagon wheels, antique pumps, ponds, cotton scales, fire hydrants, plows, and flags demonstrating how these items can be used to enhance the beauty of our gardens.

In February, we enjoyed a program by Bill Ater of Austin. He showed us how flower arrangements should be developed. He used a variety of containers and floral paraphernalia to illustrate those techniques. This program helped boost interest in the artistic design division of the flower show in May.

As Regional loomed near, the March program concentrated on the encouragement of club members' participation in volunteering for the many jobs that needed to be done during the Regional. Eddie Raye Andrews and Joanne Berry headed up this endeavor.

The final preparatory program for the Regional was presented in April by Carol Horton and Faia Demain. They reviewed the techniques of grooming plants for the flower show. Tips on how to prepare daylilies for the best scores were discussed. Additionally, Nell Shimek and Ruth Goza demonstrated techniques for artistic displays.

The May meeting was omitted in order to concentrate on preparation for the Regional Meeting.

Judging by the comments of Regional attendees, the Year 2000 Region 6 Meeting was a huge success. Even though a passing "cool" front and rain showers on Friday and a deluge on Friday night/Saturday morning temporarily delayed the

garden tours, all tours took place. By many accounts the gardens were enjoyed by all.

David Kirchhoff was the guest speaker at the Saturday night banquet and entertained us with the history of the daylily and AHS.

On Thursday, before the Regional, the "Inez Tarrant Daylily Flower Show" was held at Brazos Mall in Lake Jackson. Carol Horton and Faia Demain were co-chairmen for this event. The following are the winners of the awards:

Art Imperial won the Best Spider/Spider Variant section with his entry, LACY MARIONETTE, hybridized by Inez Tarrant. This entry also won Best-in-Show. Paula Payne won the Best Large Flower section with her entry, SPIDER MIRACLE, hybridized by W. Hendricks. Inez Tarrant won the Best Small Flower section with her entry, REGENCY SUMMER, hybridized by Elizabeth Salter. Paula Payne won the Best Miniature Flower section with her entry, JASON SALTER, hybridized by Elizabeth Salter. Paula also won the Best Double Flower section with her entry, KING KAHUNA, hybridized by Clarence Crochet. Paula also won the Seedling section with Seedling #93-216, hybridized by Leon Payne. Art Imperial took the Sweepstakes Award in the Horticulture Division for most blue ribbon entries. Nell Shimek won the Tricolor Award for her entry in the Design Division. Her entry was in Class C "The History of Daylilies Across the Millennium."

## **CORPUS CHRISTI DAYLILY SOCIETY**

### **Marie Marburger**

Bloom in the area has become scattered, but with recent rains repeat scapes are showing.

These past months, we've had several members actively participating in flower shows. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Ray Briones and Boyd Farar entered design arrangements at the Corpus Christi Council Flower Show, and did well.

Boyd traveled to several daylily shows in the state and won awards for his design entries. He won a blue and a red ribbon at the Lone Star Daylily Society show at Baybrook Mall in Friendswood, as well as a blue ribbon at the Region 6 flower show in Lake Jackson. In Austin, he received a blue ribbon and the Tricolor Award.

This Spring, the club has been making a special effort to publicize daylilies. In April, Boyd and Ray answered questions about daylilies and their culture. As a result, we acquired a new member. Boyd and Ray also showed daylily blooms at the Botanical Garden plant sale in April.

Our daylily tour was held at Boyd's garden this May. Members enjoyed a daylily scavenger hunt with daylily gifts for the winner as well as all present.

Boyd and Marie Marburger sold potted daylilies at the May Corpus Christi Council of Garden Clubs meeting and also answered questions on daylily culture.

Our next meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. with a program on spiders and unusual forms. Please join us if you are in the area at that time. Call 361-991-7875 or 361-364-1893 for further information.

### **CYPRESS CREEK DAYLILY CLUB**

**Catherine Neal**

The Cypress Creek Daylily Club will resume meetings on Sunday, September 24, 2000, at 2 p.m. The year has been productive for this club. Our meetings are held in the beautiful surroundings of Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens located at 22306 Aldine-Westfield Road, Humble, Texas, phone 281-443-8731.

The Flower Show on May 30 was viewed by the many visitors to Mercer. Flower Show Chairman, Sara Chumley reports that Jean Lewis won Best-in-Show with her Large Flower entry of DUNEDIN. She also won the Sweepstakes Award for the most blue ribbon entries. Maureen and Robert Valenza won Best Small Flower with ELEGANT CANDY and Best Double Flower with MADGE CAYSE. Best Spider/Spider Variant winner was Mary and Eddie Gage with LIMITED EDITION. The individual blooms and educational display allowed members to learn more about the best perennial for the Houston Area. Division II Horticulture Off Scape Collection winners were Mary and Eddie Gage. Catherine Neal displayed a large educational exhibit titled, "It is Time for Daylilies and the Eyes of the Daylilies are on You." She won an Appreciation Award. Jerrie Glidden, won an Appreciation Award for the outstanding job on the floral arranging that was placed at the fireplace. The co-chairman of this

event was Gene Childress and I'm sure that Sara is grateful for all his help.

The April plant sale at Cornelius Nursery, 1755 W FM 1960 in Houston, was enjoyed by all who viewed our display and purchased plants we offered for sale.

Mary Gage demonstrated grooming techniques for flower shows at the April meeting. We had the pleasure of seeing the slide show about older daylilies that were over five feet tall shown by Mort Morss. I took a picture of Mort under the Red Bud tree at Mercer and will submit it at a later date.

### **DAYLILY GROWERS OF DALLAS**

**Binion Amerson**

The Daylily Growers of Dallas continued Year 2000 in February with daylily hybridizer Dave Talbott of Green Cove Springs, Florida. Dave is well known throughout daylily circles and has won three AHS medal awards and numerous Award of Merit and Honorable Mention awards for his daylily cultivars. He thrilled our members and numerous guests with his down-home humor and color slides of recent registrations.

Our March meeting featured long-time member Ron Cohea who presented a program entitled "Update on Organic Gardening of Daylilies." Ron first presented a program on growing daylilies organically a couple of years ago. Because many members practice organic methods in their gardening, Ron was back by popular demand and told us all about Hu-More and other organic fertilizers as well as organic insecticides.

For April, we met at Naaman Forest High School in Garland. Instructors, Joe Skinner and Tim Closs, told us all about their most successful Horticulture Program. Joe started the program seven years ago and it is recognized as one of the top five in Texas. The two instructors and several students gave us an overview of the program, what they do during the year, and even a demonstration of the tissue culture work the students are beginning. After meeting in the classroom, we were given a walking tour of the facilities, the greenhouses, and garden sites on the campus. The highlight was the daylily garden, built by the students with plant donations from the Daylily Growers of Dallas.

Our May meeting was well attended and featured daylily grooming by Lee Causey and details of the Spring show by Show Chairmen, Ron and Barbara Cohea. Daylily Growers of Dallas scholarship awards were presented to Shelby Steiniger and Mitch Steinhauer, two students from Naaman Forest High School. Shelby and Mitch were chosen out of a number of applicants. We all feel proud that we were able to participate in supporting the promising future of these two young men.

A number of members attended the AHS Region 6 Meeting in Lake Jackson. The Club sponsored a bus to Regional and members enjoyed the Meeting, banquet, plant auction, plant sale, the beautiful tour gardens, and the fantastic Regional Flower Show. It was great to see long-time friends and to make new ones. Those on the bus visited Jack Carpenter's Lily Farm in Center, the Stephen F. Austin Arboretum in Nacogdoches, Scott Henry's daylily garden in Livingston, the Mercer Arboretum Gardens in Houston, Ray and Mary Houston's daylily garden in Lake Jackson, Leon and Paula Payne's in the Grass Daylily Farm in Pearland, and Snooks Harville's daylily garden in Murchison. A wonderful time was had by all.

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, the Daylily Growers of Dallas hosted a very successful "Lone Star Daylilies - The 2000 Daylily Horticulture and Design Show," co-chaired by Ron and Barbara Cohea. Winners in the Horticultural Division were David and Betty Burton - Best Large Flower with COLOR STONE, David Burton - Best Small Flower with GREEN FLUTTER, John Turrentine - Best Miniature Flower with COURTNEY'S HALO, Ron and Barbara Cohea - Best Double Flower with CONDILLA, Lee Causey - Best Spider/Spider Variant Flower with MISS JESSIE, Hooker and Bonnie Nichols - Popularity Poll with STRAWBERRY CANDY, Lee Causey - Seedling, Kacie Branson - Youth Division with ELEGANT CANDY, and Lee Causey - Sweepstakes. In the Design Division, David Burton won the Tricolor Award, and Don Grotefend won Sweepstakes.

All members of the Daylily Growers of Dallas were saddened to learn that longtime member Ken Henson passed away on June 13. He will be missed by the Daylily Growers of Dallas, the AHS, and Region 6.

## **EAST TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY**

**Sharon Umphress**

This year our programs for each of our monthly meetings have vastly improved over last year. Dr. David Creech, Steven F. Austin University Horticultural Director, presented an informative and amusing program on perennial plants, including daylilies. Fred the Farmer, from Jacksonville, followed with a program on organic gardening. Karl's Cameras gave our most recent program. After their program, I purchased one of their recommendations and I am thrilled with it.

The annual Spring sale, in conjunction with the Tyler Men's Garden Club, was quite a success so we were able to forego a sale at our Flower Show. Speaking of the Flower Show we had quite a large turnout for our show May 27<sup>th</sup>. The programs on the design section must have really helped because the judges said they could not believe the improvement from last year's entries. Our show theme was "Putting on the Ritz," and we all did with panache and enthusiasm. The show winners were:

Lee Causey	Best-in-Show
	Best Large Flower
	Sweepstakes
Elizabeth Hoover	Best Spider
	Best Miniature
	Best Small Flower
	Popularity Poll
	Best Seedling
Sharon Umphress	Best Double
Beth Dungan	Youth
David Burton	Tricolor

The trophies this year were beautiful crystal with daylily and flower themes.

Several of our club members went to the Regional Meeting and I heard the food was a big hit with everyone. They are still raving about the gardens. So far around my place we have had just the right amount of rain and it sure is nice not to have to water.

## **GOLDEN SPREAD DAYLILY SOCIETY**

**Annie Weinreich**

Our brave little group just completed another successful plant sale, during which we were able to place several hundred daylily fans into the community. Several of our members were ill or otherwise unavailable, and there were just five of us to hold down the fort. The Spring sale is always held in conjunction, and in competition, with all of the other Botanical Garden clubs. In the Fall, however, people come strictly to buy daylilies, and it is a much bigger sale for us. The side benefit of participating in the combined Spring sale, though, is that some people who come specifically to buy tomatoes, herbs, or geraniums, may buy their first daylilies on a spur of the moment impulse. We take the names of all those interested in our Fall sale, and we send reminder notices to them in August.

Rex Johnston contacted the Nacogdoches Daylily Society for our club and received a gift of many of the older Stout Medal winning daylilies. We are so appreciative to Rex for all of his efforts, and to the Nacogdoches club for their generous gift. These new-to-us Stout Medal winners will be added to those which we already have, and will be placed in a special Stout Medal bed on the grounds of the soon-to-be-further-developed Amarillo Botanical Gardens (ABG). The down side of this story is that the location of our present Kate Graham Daylily Garden will, at the end of the summer, be dug up and developed into more classroom space. We have known that this might be the case, but it will still be sad to think that this is our final season to see them bloom in their present location. We will, however, work with the ABG Director to select those daylilies that will be placed throughout the future gardens. Our recently awarded status as an AHS Display Garden will have to be rescinded, and the sign returned, as our daylilies will be scattered throughout the larger garden, and will no longer be in one special space.

This will be my final article covering the activities of the Golden Spread Daylily Society as my husband and I expect to be moving to Philadelphia in August. We started our daylily life, nearly 30 years ago, in Pennsylvania, and now we will be returning to our regional birthplace. I shall turn this pleasant responsibility over to Joanie Hernon, our club's President, and I know that she will do a

very capable job of reporting. I have developed a real love for Region 6, and will very much miss the members, the clubs, and the gardens in Texas and New Mexico. I greatly admire your warmth, your knowledge, and your generous willingness to share both with others. Thank you for adopting me into your midst for the past seven years. I have been proud to have been a part of Region 6, and especially to have been a part of the wonderful Golden Spread Daylily Society.

## **GULF COAST DAYLILY SOCIETY**

**Mary Gage**

We started the New Year off the best way possible with a meeting at one of our most favorite places, Dorothy's Front Porch. We always look forward to this time of planning our fun for the coming year, or I should say, finding out what fun our officers have planned for us. After the hectic pace of the holidays it was good to relax with friends and get back to daylily talk.

In April, we were back at our regular meeting place, Groves Senior Citizen Center, where we had a potluck lunch and daylily auction. We all had a chance to beef up our gardens with some of the newer cultivars from leading daylily hybridizers and in so doing we also fattened up our treasury. The club purchased some of these especially for the auction and members donated the rest. Bidding was lively and the proceeds will help us pay for our fun.

On May 17 and 24, we had our annual tour of local gardens and competition for the Fuqua Trophy and Silver Trophy. This year the Silver Trophy is for the best pink seedling or registered cultivar produced by a member of Gulf Coast Daylily Society. The Fuqua Trophy is for the best seedling hybridized by a member of the Society. Winners will be announced at the September meeting. Gardens toured were Alldredge, Dattalo, Dumesnil, Faggard, Harman, Huhn, Lege, Nelson, Orgeron, Smith, and Tullier.

Our flower show was held on May 13<sup>th</sup>, at Central Mall in Port Arthur. Our show was quite small (94 scapes) this year due to the early season. This seems to have been the case with most shows in our Region. For many cultivars, the first scapes were bloomed out and repeats had not yet begun. Anita Harman, Show Chairman, expressed



appreciation to Co-Chairman Bobo Faggard and all the members who worked so diligently to make the show a success. As usual, our plant sale, led this year by Ann Marks, was quite successful. Flower show winners were: Large Flower, CLASSIC EDGE, Anita Harman; Small flower, OUT IN STYLE, Jay & Judy Farquhar; Miniature, LITTLE ROMANCE, Jay & Judy Farquhar; Double, CHINESE SCHOLAR, Fred Rice; Spider/Variant, RAINBOW SPANGLES, Jay & Judy Farquhar; Best-in-Show, CHINESE SCHOLAR, Fred Rice; Sweepstakes, Jay & Judy Farquhar with 34 blue ribbons; Off-Scape, Anita Harman, Club Award; Appreciation Award, Dr. Eugene Orgeron, Educational

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, a busload of daylily enthusiasts left Beaumont for Florida and a week of intense garden visiting and plant buying. Eddie and I were not able to make the trip and Dr. Orgeron graciously agreed to write the account for this report which has become an article for the Summer Newsletter.

### **HOUSTON AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY** **Wayne E. Ballentine**

The year started out with Mary Gage and Anna Rosa Glidden showing slides of daylilies from the past that are still worthwhile investments for today's gardens. Along with the slides came stories of daylily folks from the past and their contributions to the living artist's palette we call daylilies. Those who are new to the club (five years or less) learned of the legacy that we inherited and the diligence for which we ought to strive. It was a casual stroll down memory lane with two of the finest daylily enthusiasts in our club.

In February, Scott Henry took us on a trip to his place and showed us what seedlings he is grooming for introduction. He explained where he started and illustrated where he was heading with his hybridizing program. He also told us about how he maintains his records for tracking his hybridizing.

Mary Ellen Holley was our hostess for the March meeting and we toured her gardens and had the chance to see what "suburban paradise" could be. (It also caused some of us to realize we had a bit farther to go before we were ready to present our yards to the public.)

Imagine attending a program titled, "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Daylilies," with a panel of the most pre-eminent growers in Houston. Now, imagine trying to fit that into a half-hour discussion. Needless to say, it was too short and only left as many questions to be asked as were answered. One could easily fill a day, an evening, or even a week and still quest for more information.

Leon and Paula Payne served as our gracious hosts for our April meeting. They showed us their seedlings, their planting beds, and the daylilies they brought back from Australia. They shared with us ideas on the care and preservation of daylilies. We spent about four hours dreaming of what it would be like to be "Payne's in the Grass." Words cannot convey the gratitude for their generosity and patience.

### **HOUSTON HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY** **Geraldine Kennedy**

Officers for the 2000-2001 year were installed at the April meeting of the Houston Hemerocallis Society. Congratulations and gratitude to our new officers.

President:	Kevin Eaves
1st Vice President:	Nancy Petersen
2nd Vice President:	Catherine Neal
Recording Secretary:	Lana Nelson
Treasurer:	Herschel Thielen

We would also like to express our appreciation and thanks to outgoing President Maurice Petersen for two years of outstanding leadership and to Herbert M. Peake, who is retiring as 2nd Vice President. Catherine Neal, Lana Nelson, and Herschel Thielen are returning to resume another year of duties on behalf of the members of the Houston Hemerocallis Society. Thanks are also due to all of the members who contributed refreshments for the meetings in the past year. Kermit Muske did a good job of organizing these folks, who supplied us with nourishment for some lively meetings and interesting programs. We are also grateful to all of the committee chairmen who helped to make it a great year for all of us.

We have been reporting for several months now on a visit to our club from Elizabeth Salter. We are sad to report that Elizabeth will not be coming due to health concerns. This was a much-anticipated

event and perhaps, in the future we can look forward to rescheduling a visit at a time when Elizabeth feels able to travel.

The Houston Hemerocallis Society and the Houston Area Daylily Society sponsored the Daylily International Friendship Show in the Hermann Park Garden Center on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Flower Show Chairman, Sara Chumley reported that 145 scapes were submitted for competition and 150 members and guests attended the show. In the Horticultural Division the awards were as follows:

Large: TRAHLYTA  
Mary & Eddie Gage  
Small: BEFORE THE MASK  
Paula & Leon Payne  
Miniature: COSMOPOLITAN  
Paula & Leon Payne  
Double: SAVANNAH DEBUTANTE  
Mary & Eddie Gage  
Spider: MOUNTAIN TOP EXPERIENCE  
Nell Crandall  
Seedling: #97-206  
Paula & Leon Payne  
Best-in-Show: TRAHLYTA  
Mary & Eddie Gage  
Sweepstakes: Paula & Leon Payne  
Off-scape: Kevin Eaves

In the Design Division, Ruth Goza won the Tricolor Award and the Creativity Award. Special Awards of Appreciation were given to Ann Buckingham and Catherine Neal for extraordinary service to their respective societies.

## **JOHNSON COUNTY IRIS & DAYLILY SOCIETY**

**Kristy Mackey**

In February, our guest speakers were Mary Bobbling and Kimberly Nickerson from Our Thyme Garden. They brought many herbs for us to see, as well as recommendations for cooking and companion planting. We were treated to marinated cheese and lemon tea bread. They were wonderful, and soon we all were asking for recipes. Mary and Kimberly were so entertaining; it was time to adjourn before we realized it.

Myrtle Hodges and Bob Alexander presented a slide program on daylilies for our March meeting. The slides included individual daylilies as well as tips on planting, care, and fertilizing. Our annual

daylily gift exchange was this month. I know everyone is as pleased as I am about the new additions to our daylily gardens.

Unfortunately, our annual non-accredited Daylily Show was cancelled. With over two inches of rain on Friday night before the show the daylilies were in no shape to show. We received over 8" of rain the following weekend and I don't think I have seen brighter colors in my garden. The daylilies have been beautiful in past years, but due to low rainfall I did not know just how bright they could be. Although Central Texas is close to normal rainfall for 2000 with that last 8", it is still behind due to past years' drought.

In June, we were pleased to have Charlene Murray present a program on using native plants in our landscape. We always welcome new information on using native plants. I know everyone who takes her advice will be pleased when or if we have water allocation this summer.

In July, our meeting will be the installation of new officers. They are as follows:

President	Janice Green
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Mary Huggins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Maudie Tarver
3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Presidents	Bobbie Johnson & Joyce Curlee
Secretary & Reporter	Kristy Mackey
Treasurer	Kathy Craig
Parliamentarian	Lois Wall
Publicity	Doris Harts
Hospitality	Margie Shelton, Cindy Cole, & Janet Wallace
Historian	Kathy Craig

As always, visitors and new members are invited to join us. Please call for meeting information. Until next time, I hope everyone takes time to enjoy their gardens.

## **LONE STAR DAYLILY SOCIETY**

**Nell Shimek**

We began our year on a high note with some of our own members presenting tips on their hybridizing programs. At our January meeting Leon Payne, who with his wife Paula, have registered some very desirable daylilies, gave a very informative talk about his hybridizing techniques and showed slides of his beautiful work. We also had Dick

Johnson speak to us about his hybridizing progress and what he is doing in his program. Both speakers gave us all food for thought with the yearning to get out and dabble with the pollen.

February's meeting brought us a Master Gardener from Harris County, Margie Gullede, who spoke on perennial plants. We also had a perennial plant swap that was fun for all. Some members came away with Datura cuttings brought by our speaker.

For our March meeting we all trekked to Galveston to two of our member's BEAUTIFUL garden. Larry Anaya and Julian Wells have created an iris and daylily heaven in the sands. Julian Wells is President of the International Oleander Society and is also the very knowledgeable Horticultural Reporter for our club. He and Larry were bitten by the bug of many interests and have a collection of every oleander that is grown on the island. They also have extensive collections of bananas, palms, Louisiana iris, bamboo, and our favorite, the daylily. We look forward to his monthly reports that are so full of information. We are saddened to learn that they will be moving soon and leaving our region.

May is a busy month with our yearly flower show and sale. Lone Star is blessed in having a mall location to hold our annual show enabling us to draw lots of attendees. Sara Chumley did a splendid job of chairing our beautiful show in which we had 176 entries in the horticultural division and twenty in the design section. The winners of the show were as follows: Best Large Flower and Best-in-Show went to Becky & Edgar Tarrant with PIRATES PROMISE, a Jeff Salter introduction. Best Double was KING KAHUNA, a Crochet introduction, shown by Earnest, Mildred and Paul Eskine. We know that Earnest was smiling down from Heaven as his family carried his blooms to the show and then made the winners table. (The many who knew Ernest know that he passed away in early March, ironically just after weeding, fertilizing, and tending his daylily beds, so we all know he was looking forward to an exciting daylily season.) Best Miniature was TEXAS SUNLIGHT, a Joyce Lewis introduction, shown by Paula and Leon Payne. Best Spider was won with WINDMILL YELLOW shown by Paula and Leon. The Paynes won Best Seedling as well with one of their beautiful large eyed creations. They also took the Sweepstakes Award. The Best

Small Flower was won with Elizabeth Salter's GOBLIN MOON shown by Nell and Harvey Shimek. Nell also won the Tricolor Award in the design section with her design "Hearts Afire." Ruth Goza won the Club Appreciation Award for her design entitled "Angel's Smile." Ann Buckingham won the Educational Award for her very elaborate and delightful exhibit of educational material.

We are looking forward to our June meeting to reflect on the memories of our blooms and hope to encourage our membership to vote for their favorite flowers in the Popularity Poll.

## **LUFKIN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY**

### **Edythe Weeks**

The Pilgrimage Committee planned trips to several places this season. If a member wanted to see daylilies, this was the year. Our first trip was to visit the Daylily Garden at the Tyler Rose Center, then to the gardens of Snooks Harville, Joyce Lewis, and to the Blue Moon Nursery. Everyone making the trip had a good time.

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, we saw the Bigbee Daylily Garden in Cypress and were hosted by Dorothy and Travis Bigbee. After lunch the Gage's Garden was visited. It was very apparent why the Gages have won so many awards.

May 13<sup>th</sup>, the group went to Nacogdoches Arboretum, to Sue Casper's for the Nacogdoches Society Daylily Sale, to Jean Consford's garden, and the Singleton's garden. These were each beautiful in their own way and the daylilies were to die for.

May 15<sup>th</sup>, the local gardens were visited. On the tour were gardens at the homes of E. B. and Dorothy Hale, Charles and Edythe Weeks, Maggie Koon, and Max and Evelyn Barley. The Barley garden has the most daylilies and every other kind of flower that grows well in this area. Frank and Ann Cady were gone but we walked around their garden. We ate lunch at the home of Bobby and Linda Leonard. They had really worked to have a show garden of daylilies. I think he collects everything. They have acquired the "Daylily Fever." I want to commend the Leonards since they are new members and they have the love it takes to be achievers in the growing and hybridizing of daylilies. I believe we will see their

daylilies named in the future. They have a very unique place and we ate lunch on the covered deck and enjoyed bird watching.

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, we visited Bobbie's yard at Etoile, where we were served coffee and snacks while we viewed a variety of daylilies. Then on we went to Jack Carpenter's Lily Farm near Center. If you haven't been there, plan to go next year, it's a must.

I asked several members what their favorite daylily was and no one could choose just one. Some of the favorites mentioned were CRANBERRY FLUFF, FEISTY, HIGHLAND LORD, HOT CAKE, and SUPER DOUBLE DELIGHT. I really think I have a different favorite every day.

Several members went to the Regional Meeting at Lake Jackson. Our President, Reba Garrison, said the countryside was beautiful. The business meeting was conducted so the members understood the reports, the meetings were interesting and instructive, and the gardens were really something to see. We also have four or more members going to the AHS National Convention in Philadelphia.

We have welcomed two new members, Max and Jean Pugh, and looking forward to their help this coming year.

We had about 500 daylilies for our sale and it was a huge success. They were sold out in an hour. The gardens in this area should be even more beautiful with so many daylilies added.

Thanks to all the members for all the things they do to make this such a charming, friendly, and sharing group.

## **NACOGDOCHES DAYLILY SOCIETY**

### **Cyndi Ballew**

Did anyone out there see winter come and go? Winter here in the Piney Woods of deep East Texas came and went with a whimper. "Sweater Weather" just didn't happen here - from my mouth to God's ear. We'll probably pay next year!

We held our February meeting at Sue Casper's home with guest speaker Aubry King. Some of you know that Aubry's family has been in the plant nursery business for many years and his speeches are always informative and humorous. He is especially interested in native plants and carries

varieties of perennials well suited to our hot, dry summers.

As is the custom, we held our plant exchange in April. This is an event that someone should video tape. Most of us newer gardeners hang back, trying not to seem too greedy but we want those plants so badly! The members who have been gardening the longest always provide the neophytes with plenty of plants and everyone goes away satisfied. Later in April, we worked at the Stephen F. Austin Arboretum, getting it picture perfect for the Gala Sale that was held April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

May is always a busy month for our club. Along with our annual plant sale at Sue Casper's home, we try to tour as many member gardens as possible. Many of you who came to the Regional Meeting in Nacogdoches last year know that we have some especially beautiful gardens. Then again, some of us work year round just to stay off the list of gardens to be toured!

Kudos to the Brazosport Daylily Society for a wonderful Regional Meeting. Several of our club members attended and reported that even though it rained cats and dogs the night before the Saturday garden tours, the Brazosport gardeners were real troupers allowing busloads of folks to tramp through their gardens just so no one would go away disappointed. It seems as though every daylily on earth is planted in Brazosport and they were, almost without exception, blooming! A real educational experience for those of us who had only heard of certain daylilies but never seen them blooming.

We suspend meetings during the summer months, but keep up with each other by phone or email. Maxine Gwinn and Sue Casper are cruising to Alaska mid-Summer and who knows where some of our other members may end up. If they get desperate enough, you may find them checking out your back yard.

We'll all meet back up at Sue's house come September and do it all over again, can't wait!

## **NORTH TEXAS DAYLILY SOCIETY**

### **Judy Montgomery**

Although our winter weather was mild, the chili was thoroughly enjoyed at the January meeting. The guest speaker was Jackie Pike who spoke about Companion Planting.

A video of "Southern Daylily Gardens," provided by Margie Peters, was shown at the February meeting. Later in the month, several of our members joined the Daylily Growers of Dallas to hear Dave Talbott present his humorous and informative program, along with slides of his introductions.

Ever popular, a spirited game of "Daylily Bingo," called by Joe Conrad, comprised the March meeting. There were many daylilies to be won, including some ordered from Dave Talbott. Everyone went home with several of them.

A trip to the Blue Moon Nursery in April, was enjoyed by a number of our members. This was a lot of fun with our vehicles filled to overflowing with various plants for the return trip home, after enjoying a delicious lunch. A slide show featuring Mercer's Gardens in Fayetteville, North Carolina, was presented by Vernon Wallis at our April meeting.

The month of May was quite busy for our club. At the May meeting, Mabel Matthews demonstrated how to groom daylilies for a show and discussed various tips for showing daylilies. This was very informative, especially for the newer members. The Region 6 Meeting in Lake Jackson came next. Members Vernon Wallis, Gene and Shirlene Holt, Mabel Matthews, Gwen Pennington, Bob and Judy Montgomery, and Jay Tompkins attended. Upon their return from the Meeting, the annual tours of our members' gardens took place. The gardens of Vernon Wallis, Gene and Shirlene Holt, John Turrentine, Tom and Diane Bevel, Eddie and Nickie Knight, and Bob and Judy Montgomery were visited. There were many lovely daylilies in bloom with each garden presenting various landscaping designs and garden features.

"Daylilies of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" was the theme of our flower show held at the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a good turnout with many beautiful daylilies being shown, even

thought it had rained during the night and early morning. The show winners were:

Lee Causey's exhibit MARDI GRAS BALL won Best-in-Show, Best Large Flower, and Best Eyed Large Flower. Mabel Matthews exhibit SPELL FIRE won Best Small Flower and Best Eyed Small Flower. Eddie & Nickie Knight won Best Miniature with JASON SALTER. They also won Best Double with TRIBUTE TO GARY. Judy Montgomery won Best Spider with RED RIBBONS. Gene & Shirlene Hold won Best Unusual Form with LADY NEVA. Hooker & Bonnie Nichols won the Popularity Poll with STRAWBERRY CANDY. Sweepstakes was won by Lee Causey.

Many new members were acquired at the show due to the efforts of our super-salesman and one-man welcoming committee, John Turrentine.

## **SAN ANTONIO DAYLILY SOCIETY**

### **Dennis Fortassain**

On April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, we participated in "Viva Botanica," the annual Spring plant extravaganza, which is held at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens. Thanks to the efforts of Thelma Pratts, our chairperson, our members were able to sell many daylilies during this event. In the days following "Viva Botanica" our members worked at the Botanical Center to upgrade the daylily gardens.

Three events occurred in May. First, our annual daylily garden tours were held on Saturday and Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Serving as tour hosts this year were Bobbye Manion, Barbara Kay, Mark Carpenter, Lori Potrykus and Col. Mike Conrad. Next, we held our annual Flower Show and Sale on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at McCreless Mall. This year, we had 108 entries. The show awards were as follows: Best of Show, Mark Carpenter, PATCHWORK PUZZLE; Best Miniature, Mark Carpenter, PATCHWORK PUZZLE; Best Small Flower, Dana Griffin, LOOKING FINE; Best Large Flower, Dana Griffin, MOON OF XANADU; Best Double Flower, Dana Griffin, RUFFLED DOUBLE FRILLS; Best Spider, Ray Jordan, CAROLICOLASSAL; Best Seedling, Mark Carpenter, #9904AS; Popularity Poll, Ruben Valdez, ELIZABETH SALTER; Sweepstakes Winner, Dana Griffin, 19 Blue Ribbons.

Mark Carpenter won the Off-Scape award with his entry of ONLY BELIEVE. Those serving as judges for the Show were MaryAnne and Bill Ater and Rich Rosen. We extend our most sincere “thank you” to all three of you! Finally, we ended the month of May participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual “Festival of Flowers,” which was held Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Alzafar Shrine on Loop 1604.



## Region 6 AHS Display Gardens

<b>The Aerie</b>	Col. & Mrs. Michael M. Conrad, 106 Cliffside Dr. San Antonio, TX 78231-1509 (210) 492-1114
<b>Amerson Daylily Garden</b>	Binion Amerson, 13339 Castleton Circle Dallas, TX 75234-5111 (972) 241-1726
<b>Andrews Garden</b>	Donald & Eddie Raye Andrews, 415 Walnut Waller, TX 77484-0167 (409) 931-3846
<b>Barnee's Gardens</b>	Jean & Kathy Barnhart, RT. 10, Box 2010 Nacogdoches, TX 75961-9438 (409) 564-2920
<b>Gardens of Nambe</b>	Robert W. Frazier III & Jean Occelli, Santa Fe County Rt. 1175 #21 Nambe, NM 87532 (505) 455-3318
<b>Hillcrest Iris and Daylily Gardens</b>	Hooker & Bonnie Nichols, 3365 Northaven Rd. Dallas, TX 75229-2545 H (214) 352-2191, W (214) 286-3636
<b>Hurst Park Daylily Garden</b>	Mabel Matthews, 405 Crosstimber Dr. Hurst, TX 76053-1404 (817) 268-5189
<b>Kate Graham Daylily Garden</b>	Sponsored by the Golden Spread Daylily Society Amarillo Botanical Gardens, 1400 Streit Drive, Amarillo, TX Liaison: Dr. Rex Johnston, 1231 S. Bonham Amarillo, TX 79102 (806) 373-7557
<b>Overby's Garden</b>	Leon & Martha Overby, 32235 Divot Dr. Waller, TX 77484-0011 (409) 372-5729
<b>Payne's in the Grass Daylily Farm</b>	Leon & Paula Payne, 2137 Melanie Ln. Pearland, TX 77581-8025 (281) 485-3821
<b>Pine Branch Daylily Garden</b>	Bobby & Aileen Castlebury, Rt. 1, Box 93 Brookston, TX 75421-9717 (903) 785-0206
<b>Pinehurst Gardens</b>	David Brown & Dennis Davis, Old Hwy. 90 Orange TX, 77630 Mail to: PO Box 459, Orange TX 77631-0459 (409) 883-5351
<b>Shimek's Gardens</b>	Harvey & Nell Shimek, Rt. 1, Box 267, County Rd. 237 Alvin, TX 77511-9308 (281) 331-4395

# Region 6 Daylily Clubs

<p><b>Albuquerque Daylily Society</b>          President - Margo Murdoch          5601 Mariola Place NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111          505-822-9410, <a href="mailto:murdock@swcp.com">murdock@swcp.com</a>          Meetings: Mar-Apr, Jun-Aug, Oct          9:30 a.m., Members Homes</p>	<p><b>Houston Area Daylily Society</b>          President - Eddie Gage          25150 Gosling, Spring, TX 77389-3225          281-351-8827, <a href="mailto:m.b.gage@worldnet.att.net">m.b.gage@worldnet.att.net</a>          Meetings: Monthly          2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 10 a.m., Hermann Park Garden Center</p>
<p><b>Austin Hemerocallis Society</b>          President - Suzanne Adair          11519 Antigua, Austin, TX 78759          512-256-6192          Meetings: Apr-May, Aug-Dec          1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Austin Area Garden Center</p>	<p><b>Houston Hemerocallis Society</b>          President - Kevin Eaves          611 Land Grant Dr, Richmond, TX 77469-2109          281-239-0654, <a href="mailto:kevin@dominet.com">kevin@dominet.com</a>          Meetings: Jan-May, Sep-Oct,          4<sup>th</sup> Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Hermann Park Garden Center</p>
<p><b>Brazosport Daylily Society</b>          President - Eddie Raye Andrews          415 Walnut, Waller, TX 77484-0167          936-931-3846, <a href="mailto:dera@pdq.net">dera@pdq.net</a>          Meetings: Monthly          2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2:30 p.m., Lake Jackson Library</p>	<p><b>Johnson County Iris and Daylily Society</b>          President - Janice Green          3332 CR 310, Cleburn, TX 76031-0733          817-558-2283          Meetings: Monthly          2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 2 p.m.          Johnson County Electric Cooperative, Cleburne</p>
<p><b>Corpus Christi Daylily Society</b>          President - Boyd Farar          4814 Lansdown Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78411-2718          361-991-7875, <a href="mailto:befarar@aol.com">befarar@aol.com</a>          Meetings: Feb-May, Oct-Nov          2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 3 p.m., Corpus Christi Garden Center</p>	<p><b>Lone Star Daylily Society</b>          President - Nell Shimek          Rt. 1, Box 267, County Rd. 237, Alvin, TX 77511-9308          281-331-4395, <a href="mailto:neshimek@hall-pc.org">neshimek@hall-pc.org</a>          Meetings: Monthly          3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 2 p.m., Alvin Senior Citizen's Building</p>
<p><b>Cypress Creek Daylily Club</b>          President - Freda Guillot          8914 Pine Lane, Magnolia, TX 77355-5519          281-356-7636          Meetings: Jan-Apr, Sept-Oct          4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 2 p.m., Mercer Arboretum</p>	<p><b>Lufkin Hemerocallis Society</b>          President - Reba Garrison          1302 Tom Temple Dr #302, Lufkin, TX 75904-5552          409-634-2000, <a href="mailto:pgarrl@lcc.net">pgarrl@lcc.net</a>          Meetings: Monthly,          1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, 2 p.m., T. U. Electric Meeting Room</p>
<p><b>Daylily Growers of Dallas</b>          President - Eloise Koonce          447 Crestover Circle, Richardson, TX 75080-2529          214-231-3516, <a href="mailto:ekoonce2@airmail.net">ekoonce2@airmail.net</a>          Meetings: Jan-May, Sept-Nov          3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday, 10 a.m., North Haven Gardens, Dallas</p>	<p><b>Nacogdoches Daylily Society</b>          President - Pat Samares          P.O. Box 22, Douglas, TX 75943-0022          409-560-3484          Meetings: Monthly          2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7 p.m., Call 409-564-8296 for location</p>
<p><b>East Texas Daylily Society</b>          President - Elizabeth Hoover          11294 FM Rd. 3226, Arp, TX 75750-9535          903-566-9702          Meetings: Monthly          2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 2 p.m., RTDC Room 108, Tyler</p>	<p><b>North Texas Daylily Society - Fort Worth</b>          President - John Turrentine, Jr.          2033 Avenue A, Grand Prairie, TX 75051-4506          972-642-1043          Meetings: Monthly          3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Fort Worth Botanic Center</p>
<p><b>Golden Spread Daylily Society</b>          President - Doug Smith          726 Lefors, Pampa, TX 79065-4824          Meetings: Feb-Oct          4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, 2 p.m., Amarillo Garden Center</p>	<p><b>San Antonio Daylily Society</b>          President - Mark Carpenter          8518 Chessington Drive, San Antonio, TX 78250          210-523-0017          Meetings: Monthly          3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 2 p.m., San Antonio Botanical Gardens</p>
<p><b>Gulf Coast Daylily Society</b>          President - Fred Rice          5390 Fairview, Beaumont, TX 77705-6016          409-838-1582, <a href="mailto:farice@worldnet.att.net">farice@worldnet.att.net</a>          Meetings: Feb, Apr-May, Aug-Oct, Dec - Call for Details          2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday</p>	

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