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**Cover Photo:** *Daylilies in the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, one of the open gardens during the upcoming Spring 2014 Regional Meeting in Huntsville, AL.*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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Articles on Photography  
Scientific Studies Involving  
Daylilies  
Club News and Events

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## REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT JIM RIDDLE

I hope your daylilies have been drinking up all this rain; ours are beautiful and growing like weeds and with weeds.

If you missed the Spring Regional Meeting in Fairhope, hosted by the Mobile Hemerocallis Society, you missed a real treat. The members outdid themselves. I want to thank the club and all its hard working members for an outstanding meeting. Thanks. They surely proved that a small club could put on a Regional Meeting, have an outstanding speaker, feature wonderful gardens, and not break the bank. What an inspiration! No one missed the frills, bells and whistles, because everyone was too busy looking at the beautiful gardens.

I want to say how much I and the Region appreciate those clubs and individuals that donated plants for the live and silent auctions. RPD Tee Money has listed them in her report. I especially want to thank the clubs who generously donated monies specifically for the publication of *The Dixie Daylily*. It was a wonderful meeting all around, and the town of Fairhope put on a great display of beauty and hospitality for all of our attendees. Just about every corner of the downtown area was covered in gorgeous plantings of perennials, annuals, and hanging baskets.

Phyl and I had the opportunity to judge two shows this spring, one in Pensacola and one in Hattiesburg. The daylilies were beautiful and well grown. It was disappointing that Region 14 had only two shows this year. We hope to have more in the coming years. Our judge's liaisons work hard to educate and prepare our judges for the work that they do. If your club or combined clubs is considering having a show, we have people in the Region with experience to help you in any way.

Thanks goes to the Montgomery Area Daylily Society for agreeing to host the 2013 Fall Regional Meeting. Our speaker will be Bill Maryott from California. The registration form is in this edition of *The Dixie Daylily*. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Register early please.

Looking forward to 2014, the North Alabama Daylily Society has generously agreed to host the 2014 Spring Regional Meeting in Madison, Alabama, just outside of Huntsville. In order to continue having the Spring Regional Meetings with the Sally Lake Memorial Bed where hybridizers can display their beautiful new creations, and to have all the awards that go with this event, we need your club to bring us a proposal to host this event in the future, basically for Spring 2015.

Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society has again generously agreed to host the 2014 Fall Regional Meeting. We truly appreciate their continued involvement and effort in making our Region a great one. This meeting will be the 1st Saturday in October, so mark your calendars so you won't forget.

Phyl and I will be attending the National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with our Regional Director Nancy Falck and John. I hope to see some of you there.

I look forward to seeing you in Montgomery on October 5, 2013, at the Fall Regional Meeting.

Have a safe and prosperous summer.

*Jim Riddle*

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT NANCY FALCK

Summer is definitely here as our temperatures are going to be in the mid 90's all week. That means that spring with its cooler days, especially the early mornings, is past. Also, many of our regional events have already occurred. Now our garden in south Alabama is past peak as those of you further north are just coming to that gloriously colorful time. We still have plenty of re-bloom and we are still trying to set seeds since we made few crosses in April and May.

Our region has traditionally hosted exceptional daylily shows, which not only showcase our flower for the public but also draw new members and provide a venue for plant sales. Where we have had five or six shows each year, this year only the Hattiesburg Daylily Society and the Wiregrass Daylily Society have held shows. HADS held their show in conjunction with the Hattiesburg garden clubs. This gave an extra draw as the garden clubs presented a myriad of extravagant design entrants of their own to add to Hattiesburg's usual offerings. Wiregrass also had a very successful show continuing their tradition of hosting shows each spring.

Many other clubs have ended their 2013 spring with picnics, sales, exhibitions, and other fun events. Also, this is often the time to elect new officers. All clubs who have elected new officers need to send the offices, names, and contact information to Jim Riddle and to Oliver Billingslea. This is the only way to keep all clubs up to date on events throughout the region. Local clubs are really the life blood of Region 14 and of AHS.

Having hosted our Region 14 Spring Regional Meeting in Fairhope, the Mobile Hemerocallis Society enjoyed the help of all of our members, many others from throughout the region, and our regional officers. We not only enjoyed preparing the Crenshaw Farms Garden of Larry and Dianne Crenshaw, Daylily Place of Fred and Kathleen Manning, and Hem Haven of John and Nancy Falck, we also enjoyed planning what we hoped would be a fun weekend for all attendees. Our speaker, Josh Jaques, also added a real interesting touch as he traced his interest in daylilies to his mentor, Ellis Powell, and showed his garden and family along with his hybridizing program. Now, we are looking forward to the 2013 Fall Regional Meeting in Montgomery in October and the 2014 Spring Regional Meeting in Huntsville in June.

Your Regional President Jim Riddle and Phyllis along with John and me are planning to attend the AHS National Convention in Minneapolis. We will see some lovely gardens as well as enjoy their northern hospitality. Having seen some of these gardens, I know that this will be an outstanding tour and meeting. The spring board meeting will be held the Thursday before the convention, so I will report any new information in the fall.

A new problem has arrived in Alabama and Mississippi. For several years I've heard of leaf miners in other parts of the country and in articles in *The Daylily Journal* and on the AHS website. Larvae of a type of black fly literally "mine" the leaf tissue on the plants leaving a grayish streaking that looks somewhat similar to slug tracks. They are inside the leaf. Although they generally do not kill a plant, they sap strength and make the leaves look weak then wither. Articles about this have been developed through the AHS Scientific committee. They can be found on the

internet. There are some miticides which can be used as well as removing affected leaves and disposing of them in garbage bags. We have found evidence of leaf miners in our garden, but hope they are slow to arrive in your gardens.

Also, the Judges' Education Committee and its sub committees have worked on judges' materials as well as some issues affecting all aspects of growing, registering, and showing daylilies. A major aid is the clarification of the method of counting branches. This is online and in the Summer issue of *The Daylily Journal*. This will be added to the daylily dictionary on line.

I hope more of you are exploring the AHS Portal. Important information is housed here, but it also gives an excellent "social media" format for discussing daylilies in general or specific interests like spiders or doubles. Membership lists, lists of garden and exhibition judges, judging materials, society documents, and many other sources are located here. Also, there are pictures galore. Enter the Portal and check out all of its parts.

I wish all of you happy gardening (in the shade when it's too hot), and hope to see you in Montgomery in October.

*Nancy Falck*

## REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR TEE MONEY

Well, if you didn't attend the Spring Meeting in Fairhope, you really missed out on a great time. Beautiful gardens and fantastic eats were enjoyed by all.

A special thanks to each club that donated money or plants as well as those individuals who also donated plants for the spring auction. I have not received a report of the monies raised, but here is a list of the clubs and individuals that made donations:

**Birmingham Daylily Society** (\$375.00 value of daylilies donated); **Blount Iris & Daylily Society** (\$300.00); **Central Alabama Daylily Society** (\$350.00 value of daylilies donated); **Cullman Iris & Daylily Society** (\$400.00); **Mobile Daylily Society** (\$380.00 value of daylilies donated); **North Alabama Daylily Society** (\$500.00 + \$700.00 value of daylilies donated); **Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society** (\$1,250.00 value of daylilies donated); **Meridian Daylily Society** (\$370.00 value of daylilies donated); **Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society** (\$300.00 value of daylilies donated); **Montgomery Area Daylily Society** (\$350.00 value of daylilies donated); **North Mississippi Daylily Society** (\$100.00).

Other plant donations came from Pete & Pat Connolly, John & Nancy Falck, Jesse & Terah George, Bonnie Lingel, Tommy & Joyce Maddox, Fred & Kathleen Manning, Ric & Tee Money, Jim & Phyllis Riddle, Earl & Barbara Watts, and C. P. & Bill Winters.

I'll see you in Montgomery for the Fall Meeting!

*Tee Money*

PS - Don't forget to vote your Pop Poll by September 1,

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## MINUTES, SPRING MEETING 2013 JANET GREEN, SECRETARY

The AHS Region 14 Spring 2013 Business Meeting was held at the Fairhope Civic Center, Fairhope, Alabama.

Attendees at the Regional Meeting were welcomed by John Falck, member and Chairman of the Regional Meeting steering committee. John Falck also gave the invocation.

Regional President, Jim Riddle, thanked the members of the Mobile Daylily Society for all their hard work: Fred Manning, President; John Falck, Chairman; and Kathleen Manning, Registrar.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. President Riddle called for a moment of silence in remembrance of members of Region 14 who passed away during the year.

Regional Secretary, Janet Green, was asked to stand. The Region 14 minutes for the Fall 2012 meeting were published in *The Dixie Daylily* on page 6. President Riddle asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were made and the minutes were approved as published.

Regional Treasurer, Jim Chappell, reported \$30,100.53 on hand at the last meeting in the fall. After expenses and earnings, Region 14 now has on hand \$22,879.73 as of May 2013.

Brief reports were given by the following:

AHS Region 14 Director, Nancy Falck reported that clubs and regions are working on finances for CD's; Directors, Bob Martin from Region 12 and Pat Soileau from Region 13, who attended our meeting, were recognized. This will be Nancy Falck's last year to serve as Director after six years of service.

Regional Publicity Director, Tee Money, encouraged more members to vote in the Popularity Poll next year. She reported that in support of Region 14 all clubs should give to the live auction (3 plants, minimum \$80 each); to the silent auction (2 plants, minimum \$40 each); and to the plant sale table (10 double fans of inexpensive plants). Clubs can donate money in lieu of plants. She specifically recognized clubs which gave monies this spring: North Alabama Daylily Society donated \$500, Cullman Iris and Daylily Society donated \$400, and Blount Iris and Daylily Society donated \$300.

*The Dixie Daylily* Editor, Oliver Billingslea, stated that the North Mississippi Daylily Society had donated \$100 to the Region as a Memorial to Richard Norris. He encourage members to write articles for our newsletter, and stated that several members are working on writing a history of each club in Region 14.

Exhibition Judges Liaisons, Henry and Lisa Little, encouraged more members to become exhibition judges and stated that all classes had students in them.

Garden Judges Liaisons, Barbara and Earl Watts, stated that the Garden Judges Clinic II was held at John and Nancy Falck's home. Jeff Salter conducted the clinic. Joe Agosta was the instructor in Garden Judges Clinic I.

# TREASURER'S REPORT 6/15/13

## JIM CHAPPELL, TREASURER

December 1, 2012—June 15, 2013

**Cash on Hand @ 12/1/2012** \$30,100.53  
**Total Funds** **\$30,100.53**

**Receipts:**

North Mississippi Daylily Society:  
     Memorial for Richard Norris \$100.00  
 AHS Label Allowance \$326.25  
 Donation—Huntsville Area Daylily Society \$500.00  
 Donation—Blount Iris and Daylily Society \$300.00  
 Donation—Cullman Iris and Daylily Society \$400.00  
 Region 14 Auction & Plant Sale (Fairhope, AL) \$5,361.00

**Total Receipts:** **\$6,987.25**

**Expenditures:**

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 AHS Insurance -\$94.50  
 Jim Riddle—President's Allowance -\$1,239.00  
 Nancy Falck—Director's Allowance -\$1,000.00  
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 Tee Money—Printing for Region Meeting -\$79.67

**Total Expenditures:** **-\$8,926.72**

**Cash on Hand @ 6/15/2013** \$28,161.06  
**Total Funds: @ 6/15/2013** **\$28,161.06**

*Jim Chappell*

Protocol Liaison, Jack Harrison, had no report. Region 14 Web Master, Paul Aucoin, did not attend the meeting.

Youth Liaisons, Becky and Morris Parr, were also not able to attend the meeting. There was no written report on Membership, for which Becky serves as Liaison, or on the status of the Youth Digital Photography Contest for 2013.

President Riddle called on the Nominating Committee Chairman, Nancy Chain, for its report of a nomination for the AHS Region 14 Director for the years 2014-2016. Nancy reported that the committee nominated Oliver Billingslea. No other nominations were made from the floor. John Falck made a motion to close the nominations. Pete Connolly seconded the motion. The vote was a resounding "Aye." Oliver Billingslea was elected new Director.

President Riddle called for nominations for a Nominating Committee to recommend a member to fill the Region 14 President post for the years 2015-2016. Jesse George, Rusty Ingram, Jim Chappell and Tee Money were nominated. John Falck made a motion to close the nominations, and Pat Connolly seconded it. Jesse George will serve as chairman of the committee. The committee will report at the 2014 Spring Meeting.

President Riddle called upon John Falck to remind members of the Saturday schedule.

President Riddle thanked all members and others who donated plants for the live auction, silent auction, and the plant sale table. The monies from these sales go to the region to underwrite the cost of *The Dixie Daylily*.

At the start of new business, Dave Flanagan requested to speak, asking why the Region pays for the Fall meeting speaker and does not pay for the Spring meeting speaker. Jack Harrison made a motion to pay speakers for both fall and spring meetings. The motion was seconded by Teresa Goodsen. However, after Nancy Falck reviewed the bylaws aloud, she stated that she and President Riddle would look into the matter and present more information at the Fall 2013 meeting. John Falck made a motion to withdraw Jack's motion and Jack seconded it.

Earl Watts moved to adjourn the meeting, Henry Little seconded the motion, and the Region 14 Spring 2013 Meeting adjourned.

*Editor's Note: Subsequent to the Regional Meeting, Jim Chappell asked that his name be removed from the Nominating Committee.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Janet Green*

SPRING MEETINGS	
2014 HUNTSVILLE	2015 TBA
2016 TBA	2017 TBA

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**2014**  
 Asheville, NC  
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**2015**  
 Atlanta, GA  
 June 10-13, 2015

# *In Memory of Carolyn Haga McLain*

*by Barbara Watts*

Carolyn McLain, whose home was in Belzoni, Mississippi, died April 30, 2013. Carolyn was the wife of Allen McLain who served as Editor of the American Hemerocallis Society *Daylily Journal* from 2004 until his death in the spring of 2007.

Carolyn attended the University of Mississippi and she and Allen were “die hard” Rebel fans, so much so that she had a life size image of one of her favorite football players, Eli Manning, in the corner of her great room. Even though she loved the fall season and football, perhaps Carolyn’s favorite sport was tennis. For her, nothing could compare to an afternoon or evening in a comfortable recliner to watch a tennis match.

Carolyn McLain’s contribution to the daylily world actually is best told as some history of the American Hemerocallis Society and especially AHS Region 14. This basically began at the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, on Sunday morning, June 7, 1998. Carolyn and Allen McLain were members of the Jackson Hemerocallis Society and the Spring Meeting, hosted by the club, had just concluded with the Saturday evening banquet. Earl Watts, RVP at that time, had been advised that the editor of the Region 14 newsletter, *The Dixie Daylily*, was to move, because of his job, to Louisiana and would no longer be in the region to continue as editor of the newsletter. The Watts and the McLains had breakfast together on Sunday morning before going their separate ways home. RVP Watts brought up the subject of the newsletter; there was quite a discussion and before the conclusion Allen McLain said, “Well, let us try this. I think we could do it.” And do it, they did! Allen and Carolyn worked well together. Allen was a real “people person”; he researched the two state area, established contacts with the clubs, the members, the garden owners, and the hybridizers who would be contributing information and writing articles, while Carolyn made plans for the lay-outs, the photographs, the printing and all the details for the finished publication. Allen was the Editor but Carolyn was his “right hand.” This team worked with *The Dixie Daylily* (three issues per year) from the Summer/Fall 1998 issue through the Spring 2003 issue. At this time Allen became Editor of the AHS *Daylily Journal*, a position that was accepted with the understanding that Allen would be the editor but Carolyn would be responsible for lay-out. The two continued to work as a team until Allen’s death June 6, 2007. Carolyn served as Interim Editor of the *Journal* through the Spring 2008 issue at which time Meg McKenzie Ryan was selected as Editor and the *Journal* was changed from the 6" x 9" size that had been used for years to the magazine style with which we are now familiar.

Carolyn enjoyed the traveling that she and Allen did to Regional Meetings, National Conventions, and local daylily club meetings. They had friends scattered all over the country and Carolyn was always elated to find college

classmates and sorority sisters at various stops. Carolyn’s delight though was in her three daughters, Melissa, Adele, and Alleen, their husbands and six grandchildren. She drove many miles between Belzoni and Jackson to keep abreast of the activities of these families. Carolyn will be greatly missed at the First Presbyterian Church in Belzoni where she was actively involved.

Carolyn devoted much of her time to working at the Catfish Capitol Museum where she shared the history of the catfish capitol with people from around the world. She was working at the museum on the morning of Tuesday, April 30, 2013, and her death occurred during her lunch break at her home. The funeral service was on Tuesday, May 7, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.

*Barbara Watts*

*Editor’s note: Carolyn also graciously served as an interim editor for three issues of The Dixie Daylily (Spring 2010 to Spring 2011).*



*Carolyn McLain at the Cincinnati National Convention in 2005, where she and her husband, Allen, were awarded the AHS Region 14 Service Medal for their outstanding contributions to their Region.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

## American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 2013 Popularity Poll Ballot

The Popularity Poll ballot is printed here and will be available on the AHS Portal at [www.daylilynwork.org](http://www.daylilynwork.org). Mail or e-mail your choices to your Regional Tabulator or use the web-based ballot. Please submit your ballot only once. Votes must be postmarked by September 1, 2013.

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**Please circle your choices:**

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Abilene Lillian       | Doyle Pierce                 | Linda Beck                 | Savannah Debutante         |
| Alabama Jubilee       | Dorothy and Toto             | Little Red Dimples         | Sebastian the Crab         |
| Alabama Wildfire      | Double Blue Blood            | Longshot                   | Seldom Seen                |
| Aldersgate            | Dutch Yellow Truffle         | Look Here Mary             | Seminole Wind              |
| Alexa Kathryn         | Ed Brown                     | Loose Reins                | Sense of Wonder            |
| All American Chief    | Elva White Grow              | Lynnstar                   | Shimmering Elegance        |
| Almost a Rainbow      | Emma's Curls                 | Mary's Gold                | Shores of Time             |
| Annie Armstrong       | Entwined in the Vine         | Memphis                    | Signature Truffle          |
| Bali Watercolor       | Evelyn Gates                 | Mississippi Red Bed Beauty | Skinwalker                 |
| Bama Girl Tee         | Feliz Navidad                | Moment in the Sun          | Songwriter                 |
| Banana Smoothie       | Fire on the Mountain         | Moonlit Masquerade         | South Sea Enchantment      |
| Barbara Mitchell      | Free Wheelin'                | Moses' Fire                | Spacecoast Gold Bonanza    |
| Beautiful Edgings     | Gary Colby                   | Mountain Almond            | Spacecoast Tiny Perfection |
| Bela Lugosi           | Gavin Petit                  | Mynelle's Starfish         | Spider Man                 |
| Bella Sera            | Heavenly Angel Ice           | Nancy Billingslea          | Stars and Angels           |
| Belle Cook            | How Beautiful Heaven Must Be | Nancy's Quilt              | Strawberry Candy           |
| Big Kiss              | Humdinger                    | North Wind Dancer          | Suburban Barbara Huff      |
| Big Red Wagon         | Isle of Zanzibar             | Open My Eyes               | Suburban Golden Eagle      |
| Bill Norris           | J.T. Davis                   | Orange Velvet              | Suburban Nancy Gayle       |
| Bill Robinson         | Jane Trimmer                 | Palace Garden Beauty       | Symphony of Praise         |
| Black Ambrosia        | Jennifer Trimmer             | Peacock Maiden             | Tangerine Horses           |
| Bluegrass Memories    | Johnny Cash                  | Peggy Jeffcoat             | Tar and Feather            |
| Born to Reign         | Judy Farquhar                | Persian Ruby               | Thin Man                   |
| Boundless Beauty      | Just for Breakfast           | Picture in Picture         | Trahlyta                   |
| Clothed in Glory      | Key Lime Special             | Pink Lemonade Party        | Tuscawilla Snowdrift       |
| Coach's Class Act     | Lava Flow                    | Planet Max                 | Victorian Lace             |
| Coach's Hot Lips      | Lavender Blue Baby           | Primal Scream              | Walking in Beauty          |
| Coach's Laughing Eyes | Leslie Renee                 | Princess Diana             | Walter Kennedy             |
| Coach's Real Deal     | Lillian's Jinger Bred        | Red Volunteer              | Webster's Pink Wonder      |
| Coffee to Go          | Lillian's Lying Eyes         | Rose Masterpiece           | Wild Horses                |
| Crazy Ivan            | Lillian's Sweet Thang        | Ruby Spider                | Wiregrass Greenstar        |
| Darci Darlin'         | Lillian's Woman's Touch      | Sabine Baur                | Wonder of It All           |
| Destined to See       | Linda Agin                   | Santa's Little Helper      | Xia Xiang                  |

**Write-In Choices (up to five):**

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**Mail to: Popularity Poll Ballot  
Tee Money  
4007 State Hwy 134E  
Headland, AL 36345  
E-mail: [ricandtee@centurylink.net](mailto:ricandtee@centurylink.net)**

## Popularity Poll Ballot—Instructions:

Each year the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) conducts a poll of its members to create a list of favorite daylilies for each region. It is a goal of the AHS that these Popularity Polls present an accurate picture of which daylilies perform well in a given area; which cultivars are best liked by our members; and which daylilies are suitable for recommending to those new to growing daylilies. During the Fall 2008 Board meeting, the AHS Board voted to change the Popularity Poll format. The intent is to make voting easier for everyone, and to make the end product more useful for members and public alike. There will no longer be a National Popularity Poll ballot (or winner). Instead, each Region will have its own ballot based on a list of popular daylilies that thrive in the local area.

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In addition to changing the format of the ballot, the AHS Board also approved a group voting policy to clarify what is appropriate for situations that have been reported in recent years:

*The Popularity Poll is intended to reflect an individual's own personal vote for the member's favorite daylilies. Independent voting ensures each member's vote will carry equal weight in choosing the Region's most popular daylilies. Group voting and other activities which influence the poll's outcome are not allowed and may result in those ballots not being counted. Each individual member may vote one ballot regardless of memberships held and the voting habits of their dual members. Club, corporations, and institutions may not vote and are not to be included when determining participation.*

**Please take note, you will not receive a postcard ballot in the mail.**

## Region 14 Awards at the 2013 Spring Meeting

### Amy Stewart Memorial Award

*H. 'Lillith Claire'* (Netherton 2006)  
Hem Haven  
Donor: Birmingham Daylily Society

### Robbie Bush Adams Memorial Award

*H. 'Just for Breakfast'* (Threewitts 1994)  
Hem Haven  
Donor: Wiregrass Daylily Society

### Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Memorial Award

*H. 'Open My Eyes'* (Grace-L. 2001)  
Crenshaw Garden  
Donor: Meridian Daylily Society

### Shelton Holliday Award

*H. 'Double Screamer'* (George-T. 2010)  
Daylily Place  
Donor: Jackson Hemerocallis Society

### Bennie McRae Memorial Award

*H. 'Elva White Glow'* (Smith-F. 1986)  
Daylily Place  
Donor: North MS-AL Daylily Society

### President's Cup

*H. 'Elva White Grow'* (Smith-F. 1986)  
Daylily Place  
Donor: Region 14

### Johnny Edward Kelly Memorial Award

*H. 'Lillian's Thin Ice'* (Manning 2009)  
Daylily Place  
Donor: MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

### Sally Lake Memorial Award

**#20, Seedling 41-30-1**  
Martha Brazelton  
Donor: Central Alabama Daylily Society

### Nell George Memorial Award

*H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle'* (Watts 2004)  
Hem Haven  
Donor: Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

### Region 14 Landscape Award

Hem Haven  
Donor: West Alabama Daylily Society

# *Awards and Honors Banquet*

## *Region 14 Spring Meeting, May 25, 2013*



*Josh Jaques of Bayou Bend Daylilies in Woodworth, Louisiana, was the featured speaker at the Region 14 Spring Regional Meeting held in Fairhope, Alabama. He delighted the audience with his tale of his hybridizing program; his mentor Ellis Powell; his wife, Nikki; his twin sons, Denson and Hudson; and his new baby girl, Josie. Nikki and Josie were in attendance.*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*At another table, Chuck and Maxine Self, Jim and Kay Chappell, Terah and Jesse George, and Rusty Ingram enjoy good conversation prior to the feast.*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*The Huntsville brigade, soon to host the 2014 Spring Regional Meeting, consists of Jim and Martha Brazelton, Dave Flanigan, Sharon and Jim Beecher, Randy Whitt, and Cherry and Roger Hooper.*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Phyllis and Jim Riddle, together with garden hosts, Fred Manning, John Falck, Larry and Dianne Crenshaw, and Nancy Falck, await the beginning of the banquet.*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Barbara Plake, C. P. Winters, Bonnie Lingel, Debbie Smith, Barbara Register, Suzonne and Bill Trufant, and Lena La Cour, also represent both Mobile and the Gulf Coast at the banquet.*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Past Regional Vice President, AHS Vice President, and Helen Field Fisher Gold Medal recipient for his outstanding service to AHS, Jack Harrison eagerly awaits the carving of the roasted boar at the banquet.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*C. P. Winters, President of the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society, presents Fred Manning the Johnny Edward Kelly Memorial Award, given for the best clump of a registered spider or unusual form daylily seen in a tour garden.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Barbara Watts, President of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, presents John Falck the Nell George Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered red daylily seen in a tour garden.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Dianne Crenshaw accepts the Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Memorial Award from Pete Connolly, President of the Meridian Daylily Society. The award is given for the best clump of a registered eyed or eyed and edged daylily seen in a tour garden.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Terah George, on behalf of the Birmingham Daylily Society, presents John Falck the Amy Stewart Memorial Award, given for the best clump of a registered pink daylily seen in a tour garden.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*B. J. Yance (left), of the Wiregrass Daylily Society, presents John Falck the Robbie Bush Adams Memorial Award given for the best clump of a registered yellow daylily seen in a tour garden.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

## The 2013 Sally Lake Memorial Bed



The 2013 Sally Lake Memorial Bed was but a portion of the beautifully landscaped Hem Haven Garden of John and Nancy Falck. 67 cultivars competed for the top award. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Nancy and John Falck accept the Region 14 Landscape Award from Ron Hood (left), president of the West Alabama Daylily Society. The award is given for the best use of daylilies in landscaping a tour garden.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Jim and Martha Brazelton accept the 2013 Sally Lake Memorial Award, given for the best seedling or named but unintroducted daylily, regardless of size, growing in the Sally Lake Bed. Seedling #20, hybridized by Martha, was the winner.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Martha Brazelton of Guntersville, AL, is the winner of the 2013 Sally Lake Memorial Award. Her seedling #20 (41-30-1), a large purple with a green throat, was the favorite of garden visitors. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

## Donations to William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust

A contribution at the Silver level has been made to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by the Central Alabama Daylily Society in honor of **Nancy Wilkerson**.

Contributions at the Supporting level have been made by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society and by the Mobile Hemerocallis Society in memory of **Elaine Smelley**, and by the Montgomery Area Daylily Society in memory of **Ruby Mims**.

A contribution at the Supporting level has been made by Gea and Garry Graves, of Flowood, Mississippi, in memory of **Carolyn Haga McLain**.



Fred Manning (left) accepts the President's Cup from Jim Riddle, Region 14 President, for Hemerocallis 'Elva White Grow' (Smith-F. 1986), which was voted the best clump of a registered and introduced cultivar; seen in a tour garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

## AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Hosted by The Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Meeting Chair: Terese Goodson—334-288-6024; e-mail: etbgoodson@aol.com

Memorial Presbyterian Church

2130 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL 36117

**Guest Speaker: Bill Maryott, Maryott's Daylily Gardens, Freedom, CA**

### Registration Fees:

Adult: \$25

Youth: \$15

Fees include lunch on Saturday.

Make checks payable to Montgomery Area Daylily Society.

### Mail checks and registration form to:

Linda Carleton, Registrar

49 Okfuski Trail

Pike Road, AL 36064

Phone: 334-277-1664; e-mail: ta99ch03@knology.net

**Registration Deadline:** Tuesday, October 1, 2013

### AGENDA

### Rooms are available at the following (including breakfast):

Drury Inn & Suites Montgomery

1124 Eastern Blvd.

Montgomery, AL 36117-1942

Phone: 334-273-1101

King Bed Deluxe \$89.95 (plus tax)

2 Queen Beds Deluxe \$94.95 (plus tax)

Mention "Daylily Society" or call 1-800-325-0720 and refer to the group number of 2178617; rates are available through September 4, 2013.

**8:30 Registration and Plant Sales Table Open**

**10:00 Region 14 Business Meeting**

**10:30 Bill Maryott, Speaker**

**11:30 BBQ Lunch**

**12:30 Bill Maryott, Speaker**

**1:30 Announcements; Door Prizes**

**2:00 Plant Auction**

**3:00 Meeting Adjourned**

### Registration Form:

1st Person \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Person \_\_\_\_\_

Youth #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Youth #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please give details if you answered yes to either question.

*Bill Maryott: In His Own Words*  
*Our Featured Speaker: 2013 Fall Regional Meeting*  
*Montgomery, Alabama, October 5, 2013*

I was born in Nebraska and raised in Oregon. I graduated from Oregon State with an engineering degree and an MBA in marketing, joined IBM and worked my entire career in San Jose, California, building computer hard drives. I retired at age 50 in 1992. “Retired” is really not the right term, because I work harder now than I ever did at IBM. My wife Marilyn and I have six children between us. I started breeding bearded iris in 1973 and opened Maryott’s Gardens in 1978 in San Jose. In 1997, we sold our land in San Jose and moved to Corralitos, California, where we have five acres just 3 miles from the ocean and about 60 miles south of San Francisco. In 2000, we discontinued iris, and our focus since then has been entirely on daylilies.

Several years ago, I subscribed to *The Dixie Daylily* publication, because at the time it was far ahead of any of the other regional newsletters. I found an article by a young woman named Linda Agin and realized she was making cutting edge new cultivars. I e-mailed her and asked questions about her breeding program. Unfortunately, she didn’t reply. Only later did we meet and become really close friends. Her untimely passing was one of saddest moments of my daylily career. Before she passed away, she asked Barbara Burkhart to invite me to come speak at her club, and Linda’s husband Alan agreed to let me stay at their home. This then will be my second visit to Alabama.

We have a large commercial greenhouse and my focus is on line-breeding. I’m partial to large, round, flat, “ruffled bagels.” Occasionally I will have a seedling that is entirely different. I’m trying to learn to be tolerant of other forms. My goal is to make strong performers, with unique features.

Commercially we ship from mid June through the end of September each year. We do not publish a paper catalog, but keep our website (daylilygarden.net) updated in a timely fashion. A good deal of our business lies in providing club plants for club members and in holding plant sales.

I’m excited about coming again to Alabama and providing an entirely new talk. I will be bringing some of my latest introductions to auction. If you live nearby, please come to my presentation in Montgomery. I’d love to meet you all again.

*Bill Maryott*

*Editor’s Note: Although Bill did not specifically mention any of his 131 registrations in his biography, at my request he sent me photos of several of his 2013 registrations, as well as several of his “futures” under evaluation.*



*Hemerocallis ‘Pleated Pumpkin’ (Maryott 2013)*

*(Photo by Bill Maryott)*



*H. ‘Stunningly Different’ (Maryott 2013)*

*(Photo by Bill Maryott)*



*H. 'Fugitive' (Maryott 2013)*

*(Photo by Bill Maryott)*



*H. 'Black Phantom' (Maryott 2013)*

*(Photo by Bill Maryott)*



N1179A



M991B



N560B



M1181N



M709A



N514A

*The six cultivars pictured above demonstrate the range of Bill Maryott's hybridizing program in respect to eyed and edged full-formed cultivars, as well as his forays into patterns.*

*(Photos by Bill Maryott)*

# Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show

June 1, 2013

Lake Terrace Convention Center  
1 Convention Center Plaza  
Hattiesburg, MS 39401

Number of AHS Members—71; Number of non-AHS Members—56; Total Members—127  
Show Attendance—897; New AHS Members—2; Scapes Competing—477; Design Division—12 Entries  
Show Chairman: Jon Tibbetts; Co-chairman: Barbara Watts

## Winning Cultivars and Exhibitors:

### Best in Show:

‘Little Red Dumplings’ (Anderson-H. 2000)  
Kurt Green

### Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons):

Earl Watts

### Best Extra Large Flower:

‘Aaron’s Dinner Plate’ (Joiner-A. 2001)  
Kurt Green

### Best Large Flower:

‘Wings of Angels’ (Grace-Smith 2005)  
Earl Watts

### Best Small Flower:

‘Spirited Butterfly’ (Salter-E.H. 2005)  
Earl Watts

### Best Miniature Flower:

‘Little Red Dumplings’ (Anderson-H. 2000)  
Kurt Green

### Best Double Flower:

‘Joseph Hudson Memorial’ (Salter 2012)  
Earl Watts

### Best Spider Flower:

‘Free Wheelin’ (Stamile 2004)  
Veronica Powell

### Best Unusual Form Flower:

‘Suburban Coach Burnham’ (Watts 2011)  
Earl Watts

### Youth:

None

### Popularity Poll:

‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’ (Watts 2004)  
Earl Watts

### Best Seedling:

Wayne McLaurin

### AHS Achievement Award:

None

### Ophelia Taylor Award:

None

### Debutante (Off scape):

‘Mint Octopus’ (Stamile 2008)  
Cecil McClellan

### Club Awards:

#### Jim Terry Award (Large Red Daylily):

‘Yuletide Magic’ (Carpenter-J. 2009)  
Dimple Campbell

#### Nell George Award (Small or Miniature Daylily):

‘Jason Mark’ (Crochet 1989)  
Evelyn Wesley

#### Mary Lois Burkett Award (Large Spider Type Daylily):

‘Behind the Bush’ (Campbell-D. 2012)  
Dimple Campbell

#### Louise Cubley Award (Large Pink Daylily):

‘Savannah Duchess’ (Joiner 1998)  
Janet Green

#### Billy Stennett Award (Large Yellow Daylily):

‘Phantom Eye’ (Collins-T. 1997)  
Dimple Campbell

### Design Division:

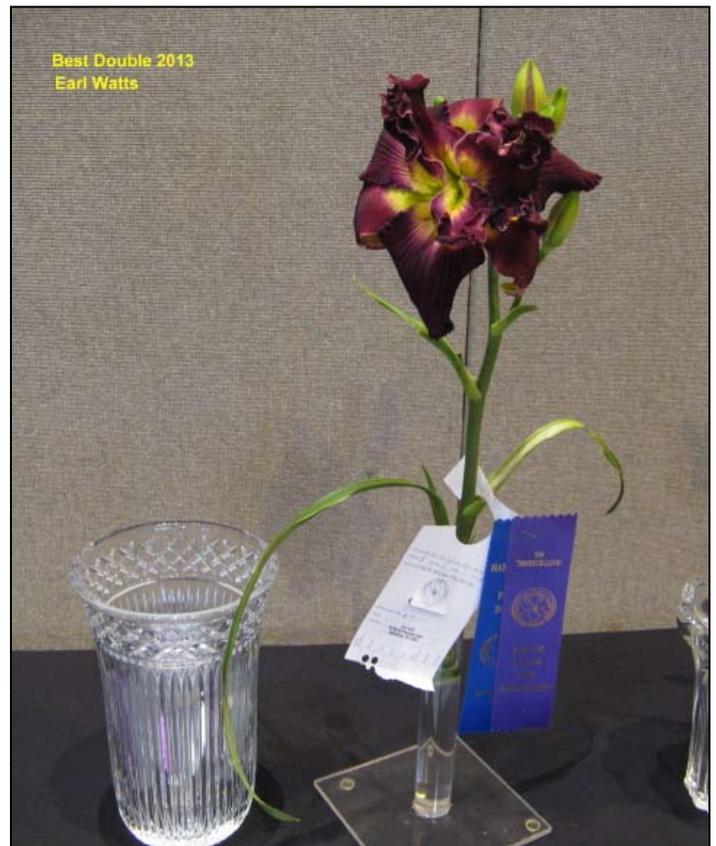
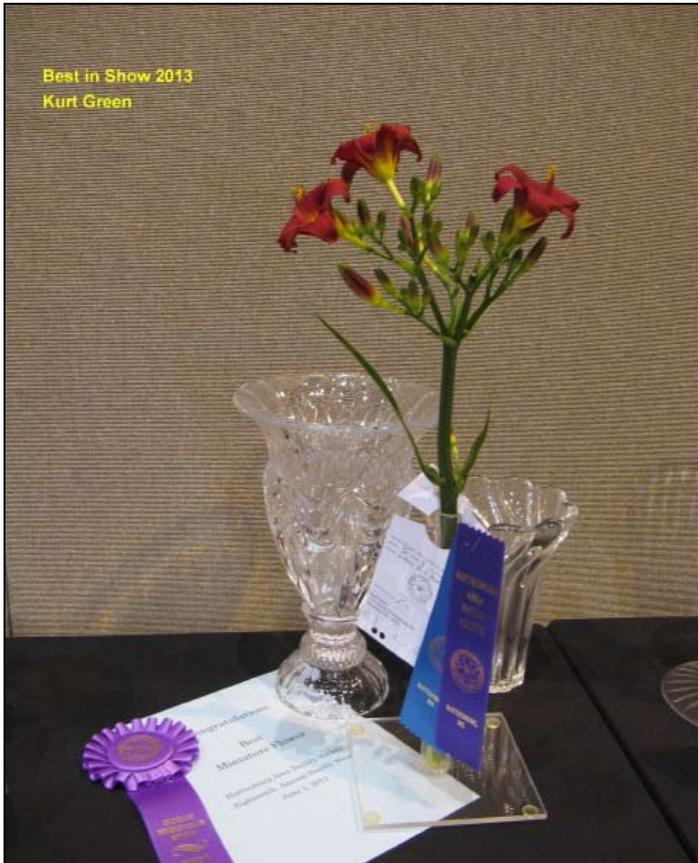
‘A Thing of Beauty’  
Abbey Fleming

### Green Thumb Award (Most blue ribbons among members who do not sell):

Kurt Green

# The Photography of Louise McClellan

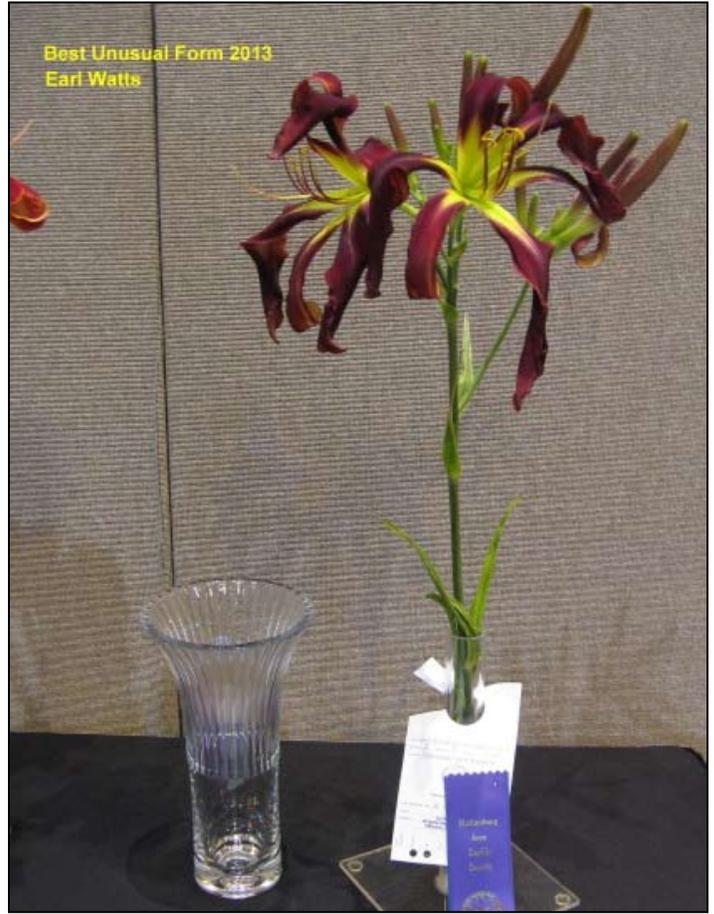
## The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show



Best Spider 2013  
Veronica Powell



Best Unusual Form 2013  
Earl Watts



Best Extra Large Flower 2013  
Kurt Green



Region 14 Popularity Poll  
Earl Watts





The Louise Cubley Award  
One-scape of Large Pink  
Janet Green



Best Large Golden Yellow 2013  
Dimple Campbell



James W. Terry Award 2013  
Large Red  
Dimple Campbell



Debutante Award 2013  
Cecil McClellan





*A near perfect scape of H. 'Little Red Dumplings' (Anderson-H. 2000), exhibited by Kurt Green, wins Best in Show at the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show, held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, June 1, 2013. (Photo by C. P. Winters)*



During the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show, exhibition judges inspect carefully the purple ribbon winners in each class to select the Best in Show recipient. The Show was held June 1, 2013, in the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Judges (from left to right) are Phyllis Riddle, John Falck, Robbie Robinson, Nancy Falck, Danny Robinson, Pat Soileau, Jim Riddle, and Carter Stafford. (Photo by C. P. Winters)



The purple ribbon winners in each class are displayed on two tables and await the public's viewing.

(Photos by C. P. Winters)

# Ask the Ombudsman

by Donna Peck, AHS Ombudsman

During the past few years I've had a number of people ask me this question. Why does our club need to put on a flower show? I was surprised to learn that many clubs don't have a flower show, even though ever since I became a daylily club member, our club has always held a show!

I belong to the Albuquerque Daylily Club in New Mexico, and I think our show is one of the highlights of the year. I joined in 1990 and we automatically put our show on our calendar of the year's activities. We enjoy showing the daylilies to our community, and we have many visitors who come see our show each year. We even give them a voting slip for them to vote on their favorite daylily and arrangement. We also hold a plant sale at the same time, and it is always very successful. Since we are the only club in New Mexico, we need to "import" judges from other states such as Arizona and Texas. We have a big potluck for them the night before the show, which is a wonderful way of getting to know them and also socialize with our members. We do give them a free night at a hotel and a stipend to help with traveling expenses. We treat the judges to lunch after they finish judging and some even stay another day at their own expense for extra sightseeing. Our club members volunteer to pick up the judges at the airport, if needed, and transport them to the dinner and to the show the next day. It is a very special time for our club.

I asked Nikki Schmith (Chair of Photographic Media) from Region 2, Joann Stewart (Chair of Exhibition Judges Records) from Region 5, and Gwen Pennington (member of the Ombudsman Committee) from Region 6 for their thoughts on why a club should hold a daylily show.

## QUESTION: WHY ARE FLOWER SHOWS IMPORTANT TO A CLUB?

Joann says "like an Easter parade, an accredited daylily show gives you the chance to show off your plants, garner admiring looks and comments about your entries, and earn accolades on your grooming and plant culture. Perhaps more importantly this is also the best way to spotlight your club, to show not only that you grow plants which are worthy of garden space, and that you're a group of divergent members with a common interest, but that you're a group which is congenial, willing to share 'self,' information, and plants, and don't look down on beginners or strangers."

Nikki feels that those in the club who resist having a show are a "loud minority." The theme is generally the same around the country—"we don't have the money," "we don't have the energy/manpower," or "we don't like what the competition brings out in the members." But Nikki encourages those who have the desire to host such an event to MOVE FORWARD WITH YOUR GRAND PLANS DESPITE THE RESISTANCE. Nikki promises that if you bring scapes to the show and participate with an open mind, you will realize it is WORTH THE EFFORT. You will have connected with the club, you will have connected to the national organization, and you will have connected with other daylily fans like yourself. You will have a GREAT TIME.

Nikki hears many negative comments from the members who aren't personally enthused about a show. Here are a few comments and Nikki's answer to them:

1. "I don't want to waste a whole scape to bring it to the show." If it's a new cultivar, or one you are using for hybridizing, then don't cut it. Just bring in one flower for the off scape section. But, on a clump that is surely going to produce multiple scapes, "you won't miss one!" Nikki feels that once you cut one, clean it up, and bring it in to exhibit you will wonder why you never did it more in the past. 2. Another comment one hears is "I don't need a 'judge' telling me my flowers are pretty. I can see that for myself." Nikki points out that "exhibiting daylilies isn't about the 'prettiest' flower, it is about STANDARDS. Judges look for traits such as scape height, growing conditions, flower texture, flower color, grooming etc. Judges are judging on a defined set of criteria for each individual flower. The standard the judges use is the hybridizer's registration information. Remember the judges aren't judging YOU, they are judging flowers by the registered standard." 3. "I don't like competition" is another comment one hears. You need to remember that the "mission of an accredited AHS Exhibition Show is PUBLIC EDUCATION—not competition." 4. "I don't grow any new or expensive daylilies." This is no excuse!! The year, cost, or hybridizer does not matter in exhibition shows. Nikki points out that the average year of introduction for section winners in the last decade was 1988. Any daylily can win. And does.

Joann says "that clubs who don't have shows have few other ways in which to troll for new members, educate the general public on our wonderful flower, or extend the number of places where modern daylilies can be seen."

Gwen agrees. She says "this is one of the best ways to attract new members. I joined a daylily club after I accidentally stumbled into their annual show that was being held at the city's botanic gardens. I was totally amazed at the incredible blooms. So many colors and forms . . . they were unbelievable. The club members were friendly and knowledgeable . . . they obviously were having fun sharing their hobby."

A show does not have to be accredited in order to be successful in goals which have been discussed, but Joann feels that accredited shows give the better chance to educate the public about what criteria are used in judging flowers and why some entries might not win. It is true that one AHS member pointed out that an unsanctioned show is faster and much easier to set up. So your club might start with an unaccredited show for the first time, to see if they enjoy the experience.

After a few years in the club, Gwen has found that the annual show provides great learning opportunities to hone her daylily growing skills. "Exhibiting in a daylily show is all about the bloom and scape. However, no amount of grooming can produce a winning bloom. This begins with good gardening habits. Exhibiting will encourage each gardener to increase his or her knowledge."

Nikki gets e-mails from members who are struggling to get their members "enthused about such an old-fashioned thing to do." In response, she has published "Finding a Fresh Perspective on Daylily Exhibitions" in the Summer 2013 issue of *The Daylily Journal* (pp. 44-46), and has created a new colorful, informative PowerPoint presentation on accredited AHS Daylily Shows. Her presentation can be downloaded at <https://www.box.com/s/9pmsgfetjmfufijllkdm>.

Donna Peck

# Crenshaw Daylily Garden

by Barbara Watts

Crenshaw Daylily Garden is not your ordinary garden. Located at Crenshaw Farms, it is part of a larger enterprise composed of daylilies, antiques, and Paso Fino horses. I was familiar with the first area, daylilies.

Larry and Dianne Crenshaw have had an interest in daylilies for a number of years, but it was when their uncle and aunt, the Hadleys, decided to close their daylily garden after forty years of loving care for the flowers that the Crenshaws thought they would be wise to expand their interest in this perennial. Larry and Dianne bought many daylilies from the Hadleys and added to this collection by going on a “buying trip” to central Florida where they purchased from some of the major hybridizers. Adding daylilies from friends in Mississippi and purchases from some of the daylily clubs they visited brought the stock to a level that allowed them to open their garden in May 2008.

At the time of our visit there were twenty or more beds of registered cultivars. These daylilies were in one or two gallon pots and many were in waterbeds. I saw names with which I was familiar, *Hemerocallis* ‘**Santa’s Little Helper**’ (Trimmer 2007), ‘**Forbidden Fantasy**’ (Salter 2000), ‘**Madeline Nettles Eyes**’ (Kinnebrew-J. 2004), and ‘**Spacecoast Dream Catcher**’ (Kinnebrew-J. 2005), among others. There were many beds of non-registered daylilies that were receiving attention. Most of these were also in pots and many in waterbeds.

the eye at the front of the garden was the line of bottle trees that held many colors of bottles and other glass decorative items.

Perhaps the newest addition to Crenshaw Farms was the “old country store” that housed antiques and gift items, which included jellies and jams.



A unique daylily captured blooming at Crenshaw Gardens was *H.* ‘**Spacecoast Freaky Tiki**’ (Kinnebrew-J. 2006), a 3.5” stippled orange-bronze blend with a green throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H.* ‘**Open My Eyes**’ (Grace-L. 2001), garnered the Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Memorial Award. This award is given by the Meridian Daylily Club for the best clump of a registered eyed or eyed and edged daylily seen in a tour garden. The cultivar was growing in the Crenshaw Garden.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H.* ‘**Spacecoast Dream Catcher**’ (Kinnebrew-J. 2005) attracted a lot of attention in the Crenshaw Garden. Like many of the cultivars growing in the garden, it was in a pot, allowing the photographer, with permission from Dianne, to place it in an ideal lighting situation.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The garden included garden art that was for sale. Because the bloom season for daylilies is two months or so, Larry has some time to spend in his welding shop designing and constructing these unique pieces. The thing that caught

The third area of the farm, the horses, was one that I did not have time to inquire about but I am sure if one had more time and could make inquiry, this would be of interest also.



*H. 'Pink Ambrosia' (Stamile 1994) was one of the older cultivars on display, but pristine in its perfectly formed blooms.*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Hydrangea 'Fuji Waterfall' was particularly beautiful with its many clusters of white blooms.*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*The Crenshaw Garden, located near Stockton, Alabama, just off of I-65, grows over 20,000 pots of seedlings and about 200 pots of registered daylilies. The above photos suggest the large commercial aspect of the garden with its ideal combination of sunlight and shade for growing daylilies.*  
(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)

When at Crenshaw Farms, you get the feeling of being “way out in the country,” but you are actually a short distance from I-65 which is just beyond a heavy fence and a very thick hedge barrier.

*Barbara Watts*

# *Daylily Place: Coastal Alabama Brilliance*

*by Dave Flanigan*

The heat of a mid-afternoon sun on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay was just beginning to impart its influence on daylilies as well as attendees to the 2013 Spring Regional Meeting in Fairhope, AL, as we pulled onto the sand packed lane leading into the “Daylily Place” garden of Fred and Kathleen Manning in the small town of Lillian, AL. What we were about to encounter was not only unexpected but almost beyond description.

I immediately passed the daylily display to hug one of my favorite people in Region 14, Kathleen Manning.

were what would be expected from the best of southeastern hybridizers. I was shocked to see that no blooms were showing any signs of stress or burn out in the heat of the afternoon. I also noted some marvelous specimens hybridized by Clyde Manning, Fred’s eldest son. Apparently, “the fruit does not fall far from the tree.”

I then launched a search for my favorite Manning introduction, *Hemerocallis* ‘Lillian’s Alabama Sunrise’ (2007), but Fred said it had been dispatched to the sales garden which was more than a short walk away.



*The entrance gate to the garden from the Manning home frames a spectacular view of daylilies. Plentiful shaded areas and benches grant respite to the noonday heat prevalent in coastal Alabama.* (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

My first look at the daylilies was a bed of guest plants from the Salters, the Georges, Trimmer, Petit, DeVito, Jaques, Watts, the Falcks, and Fred Manning himself. The scapes were impeccable in height amidst foliage so dense the labels were often hard to see. Branching and bud count

The main display was a superb collection of cultivars, all equally well grown and representing nearly every major hybridizer. I was pleased to see an excellent collection of small-blossomed flowers highlighted by a clump of *H. ‘Elva White Grow’* (Smith-F. 1986), which clearly stole



*H. 'Elva White Grow' (1986), hybridized by Frank Q. Smith, of Valdosta, Georgia, was the winner of the 2013 Region 14 President's Cup for the best clump of a registered and introduced cultivar, regardless of size, seen in a tour garden.*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. 'Dragonfly Tattoo' (Trimmer-J. 2012) was impressive with its 8" misty orchid blooms, its washed and imprinted eye, and its lavender pistils and black anthers.*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Above are two lovely pastels by Josh Jaques, of Woodworth, Louisiana. Numbered # 10-6 and # 10-89 respectively, they drew praise from garden visitors for their color and form. Josh was Region 14's featured speaker at the Regional Meeting.*  
*(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*

the show with more than 40 open blossoms and about 100 buds on well-branched scapes. Never have I seen better-grown daylilies in my years of attending regional meetings.

How does one grow such spectacular cultivars in the sand of coastal Alabama? He makes his own soil, a 90/10

mixture of finely divided pine bark and sand which he mixes in a cement mixer and fills his elevated, (to discourage armadillos) firm bottomed boxes (to discourage tree roots) with this mixture. He has to water this soil mixture every two days because of excellent the drainage of this mixture. He fertilizes once a year in October with Nutricote, Milorganite and alfalfa pellets; as the pellets decompose and the earthworms take the product into the soil, Fred adds more pellets.

Our stay in the garden was much too short to marvel at the companion plant display highlighted by some great coleus and impatiens grown in shady nooks in the front of the Manning's home. As we were leaving the garden I asked several folks about their impressions and without exception everyone was stunned at how well the daylilies were grown and the magnificence of the blooms. I had always known about Fred's skill as a hybridizer but I had no idea that he would be such a talented agronomist. In the very simplest terms, I WAS BLOWN AWAY!!

*Dave Flanigan*



*In a garden landscape, a water feature can provide a relaxing element. At Daylily Place, this small pool with its splashing waterfall and its fragrant, light yellow waterlilies was most pleasant.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

# Hem Haven Daylily Garden

by Terese Goodson

The bus slowly meanders down Highway 181, and then it carefully backs onto a long, winding driveway that heralds John and Nancy Falck's Hem Haven Daylily Garden. Lush acres of green grass border the path along the drive. When it appears in the distance, the white Dutch colonial house looks like it stretches for miles on both sides, bordered by the Jerusalem thorn and curly dock and ram's horn willows on one end and stone statues on the right. A blue chaste tree, stunning coleus displays peeking out from the petunias and begonias, and variegated orange cannas also add to the beauty of the setting. Lots of containers filled with plants and lovely stone accents create a stunning visual presence for visitors to admire. A stone turtle and crab and numerous birdhouses add whimsy that can't help but put a smile on your face. Huge planters of plumbago and a sago palm welcome you at the front entrance.

Rows of daylily blooms greet guests as they arrive. As you get closer, you see many unique daylily beds—

mixed daylilies, guest plants, miniatures, and Stout Medal Award winners are all in view of the house. Region 14 hybridizers are recognized in a daylily bed of their own, so you can see Nancy Falck's *Hemerocallis* 'Dawn Jubilee' (2010), Terah George's 'Double Blue Blood' (2005), Jesse George's 'Coach's Braided Angel' (2008), Fred Manning's 'Lillian's Jinger Bred' (2007), along with so many other lovely daylilies from well respected names from this region. You could spend the morning just admiring the double daylilies bed—what a show! How nice to see everything so clearly labeled!

Walking down one pathway, you find Earl Watts' *H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle'* (2004) blooming her heart out in a burst of red color. The stunning yellow blooms of 'Isle of Capri' (Stamile 1990) beckon from across the garden. Frank Smith's 'William Shakespeare' (2006) is a beauty, but you also have to admire the whimsical 'Fairy Firecracker' (Hudson 1984) that is blooming along the path. Where do



*The graceful blooms of a large Parkinsonia aculeata (Jerusalem thorn) added a wispy texture to elephant ears and plumbago planted at one edge of the daylily garden, but visitors need beware of the thorns on this specimen plant.*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Welcoming visitors to the front entrance of the Dutch colonial-styled home with its green door, decorative pots of plumbago, salvia, and rose and white petunias add a cheerful note alongside a potted *Cycas revoluta* (Japanese sago palm) and bordering hedge. Small-flowered and miniature daylilies accent the walkway. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

you start when admiring daylilies in this garden? You could peruse the historic daylily garden area and see blooms that

hybridized the year after I was born, and **'Buddha'** (Whatley 1969) came out the year I graduated from college. (YOU



In the bed featuring some of the newest creations from Region 14 hybridizers, Jesse George's H. **'Sister Magic'** (2012) with its toothy edge was particularly impressive. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Winner of the Robbie Bush Adams Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered yellow daylily seen in a tour garden, H. **'Just for Breakfast'** (Threewitts 1994) was simply beautiful. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

were hybridized before the 40s or the 50s, and after. **'Hybridion'** (Mead-F.B.) was a 1924 registration. How many of you have it in your garden? **'Emily Brown'** (Russell 1949) was

can do the math!!) At Hem Haven Daylily Garden, you can notice how daylilies have changed over the past sixty years and more.



*Hem Haven abounds with all sorts of plants. In an area secluded from the main garden, this specimen of *Curcuma petiolata* (Hidden ginger) was blooming profusely.* (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Falcks were honored to host the Sally Lake Memorial Bed this year and it was a difficult task to select just one winner when so many seedlings were worthy of the honor. More than sixty cultivars were submitted for inclusion in the 2013 planting. The hands-on part of the Garden Judges Workshop was also held here on Friday in the “cool” of the morning in Fairhope, a relative term in south Alabama.

As you peek into the back yard, a monstrous live oak tree with its low lying branches beckons you to have a seat. You’ll hear birds chirping amidst the pine trees if you listen very carefully—what a happy sound! You might have been part of the group who watched a snake as it quickly slithered up another tree along the path. This would certainly be a place it would want to call home!

Fig trees, a massive line of giant oaks, Rose of Sharon bushes, and hidden ginger in pots all add interest and detail to the yard. A dark maroon Japanese maple serves as an anchor in another section of the back yard, along with additional flower planters, Mexican petunias, sweet potato vines, and colorful lantana in pots. Sit in the white wicker rockers for a spell and admire the views!

Hem Haven has row after row of well-organized daylily plants for sale in the back garden area. You have to remember the principles of alphabetical order—how sim-



*Early morning light enhances a bloom of *Hemerocallis* ‘Shimmering Elegance’ (Stamile 2004) at Hem Haven.* (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*There were a number of contenders for the 2013 Sally Lake Memorial Award at Hem Haven. Two entries tied for second place, one of which was #22, hybridized by Gerald Marlowe, John and Nancy Falck’s son-in-law.* (Photo by Nancy Falck)

ple—to really appreciate how easy it is to find a particular cultivar! Visitors were admiring the blooms and marking down names of the plants on their “wish lists” for daylily orders in the future. So much work has gone into this operation, and Hem Haven customers are most appreciative of the effort. The hybridizing area of the garden must see a lot of activity, since it is shared by both Nancy and John.

After enjoying snacks and drinks, Region 14 attendees were hailed back to the bus area much too soon, but there were other gardens to visit. Thanks to the Falcks for their true southern hospitality and their wonderful garden.

*Terese Goodson*

# *A History of the North Alabama Daylily Society*

*by Dave Flanigan*

The North Alabama Daylily Society is now the fastest growing and largest daylily club in Alabama, but its humble beginnings represent a tale of questionable decisions, remarkable degrees of intestinal fortitude, unanticipated successes, and tremendous pressures.

## The Germination

The seed that eventually germinated into the formation of the club occurred on May 10, 2004, when on a trip to the daylily MECCA in Florida, Randy Stephens was approached by Oliver Billingslea, Region 14 RVP, asking if there was any way that a regional meeting could be held in North Alabama. The answer was an immediate NO!! and for very good reasons—insufficient numbers of potential tour gardens, no club to host such a meeting, total lack of knowledge about regional meetings, and not a lot of interest. Oliver did not quit in his quest; over the next several months a continual dialogue between Oliver, Randy Stephens, and Tony Thompson occurred including a trip Oliver made to Huntsville to apply more pressure. Finally in mid-July an agreement was reached to host a regional meeting contingent on finding four acceptable tour gardens. With Randy and Karen Stephens, Tony and Susie Thompson, and the daylily garden at the Huntsville Botanical Garden as potential tour gardens, a considerable amount of pressure was applied to Dave Flanigan to have his small backyard garden as a tour garden. After refusing for several weeks, he finally succumbed to the pressure—BUT WE STILL DIDN'T HAVE A DAYLILY CLUB TO HOST SUCH AN EVENT!!

After wringing our hands for several more months, four potential club members met at Clementine's deli in early January to discuss how a club might be formed and how we might meet the early financial needs for hosting a regional meeting. Those four folks threw some money on the table and we were off and running, albeit slowly.

In early March, 2005, we had our first meeting at the Huntsville Botanical Garden with Jesse and Terah George as our honored guest speakers. Words cannot express the appreciation we owe the Georges. At every step during our early decision-making and formative processes, their cajoling, criticism, and encouragement were paramount in our success.

## Club Meetings

In the early days of our club we scheduled meetings whenever we could get a speaker, but conflicts with other daylily club meetings in our area led us to develop a set time

and place for our meetings, namely the second weekend of each month at 2:00 P.M. at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. With each passing year we developed a more extensive meeting schedule. During the past couple of years we have had eight programs per year plus a plant sale and a picnic. Program subject matter is primarily daylily related with an occasional complementary subject. In an attempt to attract the very best speakers, we have developed an attractive arrangement for our speakers. Since we are not in business to make money but to enjoy daylilies, we provide speaker's expenses plus a substantial honorarium. In order to encourage the speaker to bring quality plants for auction, we provide the speaker with a quite high percentage of the receipts. These decisions have led to providing our membership with some memorable meetings, featuring speakers such as Larry Grace, Linda Agin, Dan Trimmer, Dan Bachman, Tim Bell, Karol Emmerich, etc., and two of our very favorite Alabama couples, Fred and Kathleen Manning and Jesse and Terah George, whom we try to invite every year.

Believing that folks come to daylily meetings to hear and talk about daylilies, we have eliminated extensive financial and secretarial discussions from the meeting by having such information posted on a table at each meeting for all who might be interested. Three members of the club are assigned to provide snacks for each meeting, and occasionally a pot luck meal accompanies a meeting at which the club provides meats and drinks.

We are indeed fortunate to have an active and productive advertising program thanks to the efforts of Roger and Cherry Hooper. Meetings and other activities are advertised in area newspapers, on the local NPR station, and listed in the Huntsville Botanical Garden newsletter. Flyers are distributed monthly to garden emporiums and nurseries in the area, monthly e-mails are sent to club members and friends about the next meeting, as well as a reminder e-mail a few days before each event.

## 2006 Spring Regional Meeting

The remainder of 2005 was primarily focused upon preparing for the 2006 Regional Meeting. We did have five meetings that year including a summer picnic at the Stephens garden where John Falck, after examining our tour gardens, provided important advice regarding specific expectations for a regional meeting. The Falcks also paid a visit to our gardens in mid February to make sure we were on schedule. A few weeks prior to the picnic, the Stephens, Dave Flanigan, and Ross Hunter went to our first Spring Regional Meeting in Jackson, MS, and it was an eye-opening and humbling

experience. Armed with a raft of ideas/requirements and a healthy dose of fear, the process of preparing for the 2006 Regional Meeting began.

Sending a personal invitation to everyone in Region 14 was a Herculean task, but the results were most heartening as reservations started pouring in. Due to popular demand we added a side bus trip to "Willie's Daylilies" on Friday, and more than 100 people signed up for that trip. The major workload fell squarely on the shoulders of Randy and Karen Stephens; although they both held full time jobs, for a full year they spent every waking moment focused on each excruciating detail. WITHOUT THEIR EFFORTS WE WOULD HAVE FAILED MISERABLY!! Huntsville's best hotel served as a most popular resting spot and our bus company and bus captains performed without a glitch.

Our tour gardens exceeded even our own expectations with perfect weather leading up to the meeting date. The Stephen garden with its collection of hostas, hydrangeas, and prize Japanese maples was beautifully landscaped which added to a magnificent daylily display. Everyone enjoyed being welcomed to the Thompson garden by Tony, Susie, and John Peat where a viewer friendly garden design, a koi pond, and an extensive collection of companion plants added to the daylily display. Rosa Belle Van Valkenburgh and her "girls" had the daylilies at the Huntsville Botanical Garden well groomed and blooming beautifully in an overall landscape that was near perfect for a daylily display.



*Hemerocallis 'Designer Jeans' (Sikes 1983), photographed on June 14, 2013, is one of hundreds of famous cultivars maintained at clump strength in the Huntsville Botanical Gardens. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Dave Flanigan's gently sloping backyard garden was quite inviting, featuring many of the cultivars from several major hybridizer's newest collections including those from the Stamiles, Salters, Georges, and Kinnebrews. The collection of tuberous begonias blooming in a lath house added to the display.

The Friday evening program by John Peat and the Saturday evening banquet featuring Ted Petit were fitting touches to each day's activities.

In retrospect, we were indeed proud and honored to have hosted the 2006 Spring Regional Meeting where more than 230 daylily enthusiasts seemed to truly enjoy the experience.

## Our Daylily Gardens

Within our club we have a delightful mixture of gardens ranging from sales gardens to hybridizing gardens, but the majority are small and designed specifically for the owners' edification and love of daylilies. Six of our gardens are AHS Display gardens.

In the quiet community of Elkmont Rural Village, Randy and Madolyn Whitt have developed a superb daylily garden during the past several years. Randy, being a master brick and stone mason, constructed an elevated pool and garden area in their steeply sloped backyard which he and Madolyn have filled with several hundred of the newest and best cultivars. Their garden, appropriately called Village Visions, is certainly one of the best maintained in North Alabama being continually well groomed and weed free. Their volunteer efforts in our club are monumental, they having served in nearly every capacity since the club was formed. They are clearly a major factor in the success of our growing and active club.



*The charming poolside garden of Randy and Madolyn Whitt, located near Elkmont, Alabama, maintains a splendid collection of modern daylilies, including many of the recent registrations of Terah and Jesse George.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. 'Gold Penny' (George-J. 2009) shows a delectable blend of cream, gold, peach, and bronze, as photographed in early morning light at Randy and Madolyn's garden.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Diamond Valley Gardens, surrounded by three ponds, contains over 4000 seedlings and hundreds of registered cultivars by well-known hybridizers. Jim and Martha Brazelton have maintained a large collection of her father's (Dick Webster's) cultivars, many of which are spiders or unusual forms.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

We enjoy two beautiful gardens in and around the “near island” city of Guntersville. On a cliff overlooking the magnificent and scenic expanse of Lake Guntersville, Mary Terrell has developed a floriferous paradise with magnificent collections of hosta, hydrangeas, and Japanese maples to augment her prize collection of daylilies. In the northern reaches of Alabama, her garden is clearly the most complete and beautiful example of how to combine the very best companion plants with daylilies.

A few miles away at the foot of Brindlee Mountain where Richard Webster did his pioneering hybridization of spider and unusual form cultivars in Arab, the hybridizing garden of Jim and Martha Brazelton is the fastest growing daylily garden in the area. In spite of the fact that Martha is the daughter of Mr. Webster, they had little interest in daylilies until after Mr. Webster's death, when they, out of sheer curiosity, crossed one of Mr. Webster's cultivars with *Hemerocallis* ‘**Ruffled Strawberry Parfait**’ (Reckamp-Klehm 2003); a toothy cultivar resulted, and now you know the rest of the story. Their garden now contains more than 6500 cultivars, most of which are seedlings, in a mule manure amended soil, and the results are impressive. Both Jim and Martha now hybridize with Jim's emphasis being extra large red and purple daylilies, while Martha's focus is

on patterns, spiders and doubles. Jim's prize introduction, ‘**Seldom Seen**’ (2011) is a must have cultivar, and Martha's seedlings which won the Sally Lake Bed Memorial Award in 2012 and 2013 have certainly placed her on the “hybridizers of merit” map. We are indeed proud of their rapid hybridizing advances; we can hardly await their next successes.

Jesse and Terah George are members of daylily clubs in Birmingham, Oneonta, and Cullman, and we are indeed honored that they also joined our club. They have converted a rocky hillside in Jasper, AL, into one of the very best sales and hybridizing gardens in Region 14. Their hybridizing successes are highly regarded with cultivars such as Terah's *H.* ‘**Double Blue Blood**’ (2005) and ‘**Loose Reins**’ (2005) and Jesse's ‘**Coach Hot Lips**’ (2006) and ‘**Coach's Real Deal**’ (2004) among customer favorites. Their JTM Garden contains several hundred well grown (in spite of the rocks) cultivars featuring some old favorites and many of the newest cultivars. A large shade house provides excellent conditions for their extensive and talented hybridizing efforts. Their contributions to our club and to our members' gardens cannot be overstated!

Another of our members' favorite sales gardens is Willie's Daylilies just outside Lawrenceburg, TN. Willie Markus grows nearly 2000 of the newest cultivars in raised



*The garden of Willie Markus, located near Lawrenceburg, TN, is a favorite with north Alabama daylily aficionados. Although his garden is located in Tennessee, Willie is a faithful member of the Huntsville Area Daylily Society.*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Daylilies abound at Roger and Cherry Hooper's Stone Wall Garden, located in New Market, AL. In their gently sloping backyard, blocks of fieldstone act as barriers for the soil, but also serve as seats on which one can rest.*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*In her town garden, with breathtaking views overlooking Lake Guntersville, Mary Terrell has created a veritable canvas of form, texture, and color.*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Shady areas at Mary Terrell's Bella Vista are planted with heucheras, ferns, and hosta. Ceramic pots display colorful hydrangeas, while a large Japanese maple provides ample shade.*  
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

beds amended with leaf mold compost. His acquisition of the newest introductions from the nation's best hybridizers each year provides an opportunity for visitors to purchase the very newest daylilies available. His reputation for selling large healthy cultivars at bargain prices as well as his inordinate generosity are seldom matched. As a member of our club, Willie's yearly contributions to our plant sale have been a major factor in our sale's success. Yearly trips through the rolling hills of southern Tennessee to Willie's garden are a highly anticipated activity for many of our members. A mid-June viewing of his garden in full bloom is long remembered.

To the northeast of Huntsville near the watercress capitol of the world in New Market, AL, Roger and Cherry Hooper have christened their new backyard daylily activity as "Stone Wall Garden." After Cherry's retirement as an educator in New York, Roger and Cherry returned to Alabama and began to collect some of the newest and best cultivars with which to start a garden. In their gently sloping backyard, they bordered their daylily beds with large

blocks of fieldstone which serve as barriers for the amended soil but also as seats from which one can rest while readily viewing their collection of cultivars. Although the garden is young, its potential to be one of the finer displays in the area is unquestioned. Nice collections of companion plants and a stream at the rear of the garden add to the overall scene.

The inseparable pair of Dot Hanks and Dot Summers, charter members of our club, both come from agricultural families where their enjoyment of flowers was cultivated. They both volunteered at the botanical garden where the influence of Rosa Belle Van Valkenburgh was a major factor in both ladies starting their own daylily gardens. Many trips to Florida to acquire the newer cultivars and support from their husbands have resulted in two delightful gardens. The Hanks' garden high atop Green Mountain contains several hundred named cultivars and seedlings surrounding their beautiful home. The daylily beds are surrounded by fencing designed to keep out the ravenous deer on their nightly visits. Roy and Dot have developed a showplace where our club has thoroughly enjoyed several summer picnics.



*The garden of Jerry and Dot Sumners is beautifully groomed. In one portion of the yard, a bed of brilliantly colored daylilies is backed by an impressive specimen of *Magnolia macrophylla* (Bigleaf magnolia), which Alabamians also recognize as a Cowcumber magnolia.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Dot & Dot have jointly hybridized one of my favorite cultivars *H.* ‘**Darci Darlin**’ (Sumners-Hanks 2006), a 4" coral pink double which would make crab grass jealous of its growth habits—it’s always in bloom!!

The Sumners’ garden in southeast Huntsville features an attractive display of daylilies along the side of their backyard with an adjoining small area in the backyard where Dot does much of her hybridizing which presently is focused on some attractive red seedlings. Obviously there is a large display of ‘**Darci Darlin**’ surrounding one corner of their charming home. Frustrated by squirrels and chipmunks carrying off her daylily labels she has resorted to using round polished river rock on which she writes the cultivar name—a neat solution. Jerry and Dot take great pride in their well manicured daylily displays and it always shows.

Two of our newer and most active club members, Jim and Sharon Beecher, returned to Huntsville in 2006 and found their new home in Harvest, AL, with a rear yard that was too steep to even mow the lawn; after replacing 100 yards of red clay with mushroom compost enhanced top soil,



*One of the wonderful things about visiting gardens is that moment when one comes across a splendid clump of a fine daylily. As grown high atop Green Mountain, *Hemerocallis* ‘**Elva White Grow**’ (Smith-F. 1986) could have easily won a President’s Cup for Roy and Dot Hanks.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

they designed several stone block raised and serpentine beds which now contain around 250 high quality cultivars; it will soon be quite a showplace for their many friends to visit. Their continuing and active support of all of our club activities has been a major factor in our club’s success.

Located in Madison, the fastest growing city in Alabama, is the garden of Laura Eiras. Moving to the Huntsville area from West Palm Beach in 2003 and finding a few strange plants (daylilies) growing in her new back yard, she started to investigate the origin of these orange and yellow flowers. In the next few months she found daylilies at the Home Depot, discovered on-line daylily sales and then the Lily Auction, and similar to many of us she now has numerous registered cultivars in her beautiful garden. She has started to dabble in hybridizing with enthusiasm. Laura frequents several daylily web sites and since joining our club in 2011 has been a valuable and contributing member.

The patriarch of daylilies in Huntsville, Ross Hunter, has recently moved into a condominium due to advancing age, but his love for daylilies has not been tempered. He has



On a steeply sloping lot, Sharon and Jim Beecher have created a lovely backyard filled with daylilies, many such as *H. 'Red Step Ahead'* (Carpenter-J. 1995) in full clump strength. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Located near Bridgeport, AL, not far from the Tennessee state line, the garden of Jerry and Jonnett Patton devotes several acres to an extensive collection of daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



One of the newest club members in the Huntsville Area Daylily Society, Laura Eiras specializes in palettes of rich color in her Madison, AL, garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



One of the most unusual gardens in Alabama is located in Madison, AL. Rosanna Caneer and her husband Harold have over 200 cultivars planted atop their home. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

converted his courtyard into a miniature garden with several of Grace Stamile's and Elizabeth Salter's small flowered cultivars planted in the sunny portion of the courtyard together with a tremendous collection of miniature hosta and epimediums highlighting the shady portions—a delightful spot to share an adult beverage on a June afternoon!!

If a poll were taken among our members, the majority would say they like the more brightly colored cultivars, but Lynda Nelson truly loves the pastels, especially pink and lavender daylilies, and has developed a superb, well manicured garden in southwest Huntsville featuring these lighter colored cultivars. Illustrative of her gardening acumen, her lawn/garden is a continual winner of "Garden of the Month" in her neighborhood.

Jason and Bonnie Richburg, two of our younger members, have an opposite liking in daylilies—bold and darker colors. While on vacation a few years ago, they stumbled onto a large daylily "farm" in the Carolinas where they purchased a few cultivars; with each passing year their yearly trips together have resulted in enough daylily purchases to have a terrific garden containing nearly 400 different cul-

tivars in Northeast Huntsville—a remarkable achievement since both have full time and active careers.

Our newest members, Jerry and Jonnett Patton, have developed a quite extensive daylily and iris garden in Bridgeport, AL, in the far northeast corner of Alabama. Jerry is a PhD chemist recently retired from the pharmaceutical business. As a former president of the Greater St. Louis Iris Society, his interest in daylilies was spurred when someone brought a daylily to an iris meeting—he was hooked!! Their garden now contains several thousand registered cultivars and seedlings along with an extensive collection of iris. Jerry has registered more than 50 cultivars with his primary hybridizing emphasis on diploids.

Our most unusual daylily garden is located in Madison, AL, a single story home with the roof covered with tons of top soil (tornado proof) into which daylilies have been planted; Rosanna Caneer and her husband Harold have several daylily beds in front of the house, with nearly 200 cultivars planted atop their home, including a large planting of the species *H. fulva*, with steps leading up one side of their home to facilitate watering, fertilizing, and dead heading; it



Ross Hunter's condominium grants space for a few select daylilies and hosta. In a planting just off his patio, *Hosta* 'Paradise Glory' and 'Brother Stephen' share space with *Dicentra* 'King of Hearts' (*Fern-leaf Bleeding heart*). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

will be difficult, but maybe in a few years the entire home will be covered with blooming daylilies!

### 2011 Spring Regional Meeting

After such a successful regional meeting in Huntsville in 2006, the club voted to offer our gardens and effort in conducting another such meeting. In order to provide a bit of "lagniappe" for attendees, we planned a Thursday evening garden picnic and tour at the Stone Wall Garden of Roger and Mary Hooper in New Market. Our club purchased a ham and several buckets of KFC, and club members provided their favorite vegetables and dessert. Only 35 folks signed up for the evening, but word spread and over 70 attendees showed up; somehow, everyone was fed except me and because of my full bodied figure and a cold beer I did survive. Everyone truly enjoyed their evening stroll through the Hooper's garden with newly met friends—a delightful way to prepare for the weekend events.

We were fortunate to have three different gardens on tour from those seen in 2006. In spite of a one hour bus ride, we wanted attendees to see two excellent gardens in Guntersville, the beautiful and highly acclaimed garden of Mary Terrell overlooking Guntersville Lake and the hybridizing garden of the talented Jim and Martha Brazelton. To the west of Huntsville in Elkmont, Randy and Madolyn Whitt's garden around their backyard pool was a visitor's favorite. Along with Rosa Belle Van Valkenburgh's always enjoyable daylily garden at the Huntsville Botanical Garden, we were indeed proud to have offered our visitors four of the very best daylily treats in all of North Alabama.

As meeting chairperson, I decided instead of riding a bus I would go to each garden to make sure that schedules were being met and to help solve any problems that might arise. After the buses left, I dropped off a few dozen Krispy Crème donuts at the Huntsville Botanical Garden to assure that the mid-morning bus group would have sufficient nourishment for the long day ahead. A one hour trip to Gunters-

ville to the garden of Mary Terrell found the attendees about to board the bus for the next garden, but effusive in their praise for what they had just experienced. The daylilies were at peak bloom, and as we found out at the awards banquet that evening a couple of older cultivars in Mary's garden *H. 'Hudson Valley'* (Peck 1971) and *'Red Volunteer'* (Oakes 1984) won major awards. You don't always need all the latest "bells and whistles" to be spectacular. Her hosta collection is among the very best in North Alabama, and attendees were indeed charmed by her collection of miniature hostas highlighted by *Hosta* 'Teeny-weeny Bikini' (Elslager-E. 2000). After a quick trip to a spectacular table of snacks and a glass of peach tea, I hurried across Guntersville Lake to the garden of Jim and Martha Brazelton.

I immediately looked for the Sally Lake Bed, but my attention was redirected to a large group of folks surrounding a large grouping of Jim's *Hemerocallis* 'Seldom Seen' (2011); this non-fading rose/purple cultivar is Jim's pride and joy with vigorous growth habits and impeccable branching and bud count. In their second year seedling bed I could hardly take my eyes away from a toothy light pinkish yellow cultivar which I learned recently has been registered as *'Spiked Buttermilk'*.



This newly registered cultivar *Hemerocallis* 'Spiked Buttermilk' (Brazelton 2013) should be on display at Diamond Valley Gardens at the 2014 Spring Regional Meeting in Huntsville, AL. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Sally Lake Bed exceeded everyone's expectations with more cultivars in bloom than had been the case in recent years. Apparently that mule manure compost is a bloom enhancing amendment!

The pulled pork lunch at the Huntsville Botanical Garden was catered by Whitt's Barbecue, its owner a relative of club member Randy Whitt, and was as usual a superb meal. The only negative was a complaint that they ran out of "sweet" barbecue sauce; apparently those south Alabamians and Mississippians don't appreciate the red pepper/vinegar sauce we here in this area prefer. After dashing about all morning, my deodorant was beginning to fail, so I dropped by my house for a quick shower and a change of clothes before heading west to Elkmont to the garden of Randy and Madolyn Whitt. The Whitt's garden is always weed free, and as usual I started looking for a weed but again I failed to find one. Even

though the early afternoon sun was taking the starch out of some blooms, the ambience of seeing spectacular blooming daylilies surrounding a sparkling pool was a lasting memory for me, although I had spent the entire day worried that someone was going to fall into the pool. I was particularly impressed with the growth and



*A lovely clump of H. 'Darci Darlin' (Sumners-Hanks 2006) graces the yard of Mary Terrell in Guntersville, AL. Dot Sumners and Dot Hanks from Huntsville, AL, co-registered this daylily and plan to register several more, including one to be name "Heather Honey."*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

blooming habits of the 2011 introductions of Jesse and Terah George, which they had graciously donated to the Whitt's garden. The neighbors of the Whitts had provided a terrific afternoon snack table, which also had a cooler full of cold beer. As a severe thunderstorm was approaching, I headed back to Huntsville to see how the daylilies at the Botanical Garden had fared. I was shocked to see that Rosa Belle and "her girls" were nowhere to be seen. Due to the impending storm, the powers that be at the Huntsville Botanical Garden had forced everyone to leave the garden. Fortunately the storm dissipated prior to reaching the garden, and being unaware of the temporary closure, our hero bus captains, Jim and Sharon Beecher, brought their bus to the daylily garden where the attendees enjoyed everything except Rosa Belle's smiling face.

A highlight of the weekend was the decision by Jesse and Terah George to register a daylily as '**Huntsville Memories**' (George-J. 2010) and provide each attendee with a nice fan of that cultivar—a most generous and appreciated gesture on their part. We were delighted to have both Dan and Jane Trimmer present our banquet program, and we recognized one of Region 14 young hybridizers, Chris Rea, with his presentation on Friday night. We were honored to have the AHS President, Mary Collier Fisher, be our guest for the weekend. Her presentation about the history of Region 14 was most timely and interesting.

We had many plants donated for the silent auction, which was greatly enhanced by a most generous contribu-

tion of 30 Dan Trimmer introductions by Sharon Price from the North MS / AL Daylily Society and about 40 cultivars from club member Willie Markus. The use of our raffle proceeds and a generous donation from Henry and Lisa Little helped keep us financially solvent. Although five gardens, four

speakers, four meals, two auctions, a successful raffle, etc. were a bit tiring, we proudly enjoyed a successful weekend.

### Epilogue

You would think we would know better, but when faced with potential of not having a spring meeting in 2014, the members of the North Alabama Daylily Society have once again stepped forward and with a high degree of enthusiasm and optimism have agreed to host the 2014 Region 14 Spring Meeting on June 13-14, 2014, in Madison, AL. We hope to see you there!

Stunning! How else could you describe how we could host three Spring Regional Meetings in eight years, develop over twelve tour quality gardens (more on the way) and grow into a large and rapidly growing daylily entity with some 60 happy members.

We are indeed proud of our accomplishments, but equally excited about what the future may bring in our endeavor to bring the very best in daylilydom to Region 14 and North Alabama! Our editor of *The Dixie Daylily*, who joined us this June for a two-day photography shoot of our gardens, tells us he is "very impressed."

ENERGY—DEDICATION—ENTHUSIASM—ORGANIZATION—FRIENDS—LOVE OF THE DAY-LILY: OUR RECIPE FOR SUCCESS.

*Dave Flanigan*

*The Dixie Daylily*

# Unprocessed Cow Manure

by Tom Maddox, Biloxi, MS

In my early days of selling Daylilies, I sold them for \$5 in a gallon bucket, at the Farmers Market. Been using water beds at least 20 years, so they are already potted. I had a lot of things happen in those days. One woman tried to get the on-duty policeman to arrest me. She always had a little dog on her arm every Saturday. I told the vegetable salesman, Merle, who always parked next to my truck, "I am going to get that dog today." She would always come by and look but never bought anything. I was sitting on a 5 gallon paint bucket. I told her I was going to give her a deal she could not turn down. I said, "Pitch that little dog of yours up under this paint bucket so he can't run off and I'm going to give you 4 of my \$5 Daylilies, you get to pick them and I'll take them to your car for you." She talked to the policeman for a good half hour trying to come up with a reason to have me arrested.

Still at the Farmers Market. I was showing this man and his wife how to hybridize. Men like to get off on the male and female side of hybridizing. That makes the pod parent, mama. An older couple was standing at the back listening to my sexual spiel, men will usually show interest when this kind of language is being discussed, I know I still do. Finally they come up and the feller tells me, "I told my wife that you must know more about Daylilies than any man alive." He whispered that his wife told him I was just an old pervert. Being old, she was right about that. Being a pervert, I don't have time. I certainly couldn't let this feller's confidence wane at this point. I told them I have been raising Daylilies for 20 years and being able to tell a male Daylily from a female Daylily was quite easy. I was telling this to Joyce when I got home. She looked at me, "I hope you cleared it up before they left." "I did." "How?" "I sold him 2 males and 5 females." Before they left I told them I put these Daylilies in these buckets and I checked them all for their gender. Feller ask, "Their What?" "Sex." I told them if they ever get a chance to check when their roots are clean, turn them upside down and it will become evident. "What are you going to do when they find out you lied?" "I'm gonna tell them Pat Stamile taught me how to do this." "They will have no idea who Pat Stamile is." If I ever see them again I'll give them Pat's phone number. "One of these days they are going to come get you and put you in a home and I'll show them which bed you're hiding under."

Old man come one day to look at my flowers at the Farmers Market, he usually bought a couple. He didn't this time, we got to discussing age, he was 15 years older than I was, looked more, but I must admit I have always looked quite dashing for my age. I bought this Botox cream from a feller at the carnival. I think it does marvelous things. Joyce ask me, "How long is it going to take to start working?" Back to my story, he would always park in front of my parking place at the market. He walked away digging in his pockets, he turned around come back looking on the ground, still digging in his pockets. I ask him what was wrong, he

said he lost his truck keys. I remembered he always left his truck running. I reminded him his truck was running, he responded, "I know that but without my keys I won't be able to shut it off when I get home." I told him to go look in his truck. He reluctantly did, got in his truck, rolled the window down and said, "Never mind, I found them." Wow, that was 15 years ago. At the time I was thinking surely I'll never get that bad. As men get older we tell our spouses less and less. Past weekend we went to the 14th Regional at Fairhope, AL. Getting ready to go home I couldn't find my truck keys. I had them last night, I remembered because I had to go out to the truck for my sleeping tonic. Went outside looked over the balcony, my keys were still in the door. This is one of those things I talk about less and less about to Joyce. I get more e-mails from people in Mobile. I didn't know there were that many computers in Alabama.

Lady was here the other day ask "What is all that brown stuff in your flower beds?" "Unprocessed cow manure." "Where do you get it?" "Feed store." "Why do you use it?" "Makes flowers grow like mad." "Why do you call it unprocessed?" "Cause the cow hasn't eat it yet." "In other words it's cow feed." "Right." "Why didn't you say so?" "I don't know, I do a lot of things I can't explain." Gotta Go...tom.

*Tommy Maddox*



**FALL AUCTION**

**ATTENTION: ALL REGION 14 CLUBS!**

We are asking each club to donate the following for our  
Fall Auction:

- LIVE AUCTION – 3 daylilies (double fans or better) that have a minimum \$80.00 value (each plant)
- SILENT AUCTION – 2 daylilies (double fans or better) that have a \$40.
- PLANT SALE TABLE – 10 daylilies (double fans or better) that are inexpensive with no set value

This is what we are asking as a minimum donation from each club. Of course, you can donate more. There is no limit.

I will need your list of daylilies emailed to me by September 15th – email your list to [ricandtee@centurylink.net](mailto:ricandtee@centurylink.net) I will email you back to confirm my receiving your list. If you do not hear from me within a day, please email it again. If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 334-796-4705

# Club News: ALABAMA

## Birmingham Daylily Society

Kay Chappell, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.

January, February, March

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.

September

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday—11:30 A.M.

December

Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

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

Several of our members attended the AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting May 24-24, 2013, held in Fairhope, Alabama, and sponsored by the Mobile Hemerocallis Society. The weather was just perfect and the town of Fairhope was alive with beautiful flowers everywhere you looked. What a beautiful little town!

We went to the Fairhope Civic Center first thing to pick up our name tags and sign up for our bus for Saturday. The raffle choices were all great, featuring many great hybridizer collections, a gorgeous quilt, and gardening tools. There was a huge table of sales plants to choose from and a lot of silent auction plants to bid on. Thanks to all those who donated plants, items, and their time to make this regional meeting a success. Thanks to all the wonderful people who attended. We sure had a good time with all of you.

Friday night our business meeting was presided over by Jim Riddle, Regional President. Jim Chappell was the auctioneer with the help of John Falck, Fred Manning, and others. We had a lively auction with the many donated daylilies going to new homes. Announcements were made, and Sharon Beecher, Chairperson, and Dave Flanigan, Co-chairperson of the North Alabama Daylily Society, gave a very welcoming invitation to come to Huntsville June 14, 2014, for the AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting.

Saturday began with a pleasant early morning. We loaded onto buses at the Fairhope Civic Center. Our first garden was Hem Haven in Fairhope, the garden of John and Nancy Falck. This garden had the Region 14 Sally Lake Memorial Bed, and we voted first for that award. We proceeded to look at their pretty garden, taking notes for all of the awards. Then with what time that was left we visited and grabbed a snack. As we were traveling to the next garden which was a longer bus ride, we passed the time playing daylily games, such as matching Region 14 hybridizers with some of their well known cultivars. Our bus captain C. P. Winters made it fun. We eventually arrived at the Crenshaw Farms Daylily Garden in Stockton, AL. The daylilies and an antique shop in the barn were a delight to see. Larry and Dianne Crenshaw have a lovely place to visit. After their garden we went to lunch at a country buffet and had an enjoyable time. Our last garden of the day was Daylily Place, the garden of Fred and Kathleen Manning. Daylilies were well grown in raised beds. I could go for that idea. Not as much bending and no weeds! On the way back to the Civic Center everyone filled out their ballots and handed them in. We sure wanted to award the gardens for all their hard work and effort for us.

Saturday night we arrived at 7:00 P.M. for the night's festivities. The night began with a delicious buffet. At 8:00 P.M. Jim Riddle

presented our speaker Josh Jaques, from Bayou Bend Daylilies in Woodworth, Louisiana. He gave a very enthusiastic program on how he got into growing and hybridizing daylilies. Awards were presented to the garden hosts. After the silent auction winners were announced, an invitation was given. Terese Goodson, President of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, issued an invitation to come to Montgomery, Alabama, October 5, 2013, for the AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting. We had a wonderful time as always and look forward to seeing you all at the next regional meeting.



## Blount Iris and Daylily Society

Phyllis Riddle, Reporter

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

4<sup>th</sup> Monday—7 P.M.

Frank Green Building, Oneonta, AL

The Blount Club has had a wonderful year so far. In January, Dan Porch from the Auburn Extension gave us a program and lesson on computer use. My 11 year old granddaughter helped explain what he was saying to our computer illiterate minds. What fun! We can certainly laugh at ourselves as we learned.

February gave us Mr. Whitley who owns Whitley Seed and Feed to tell us all the new and useful products to help our gardens grow.

In March Dr. Jerry Patton from Bridgeport, AL, came to show his daylilies and "companion plants." Peony plants. WOW!

In April we had an in club plants auction. What fun! It gets interesting when we bid against each other for our own stuff to raise money.

For our May meeting Jesse and Terah George from JTM Gardens presented a great program. Of course we always have a meal at every meeting.

We would love for you to come and join us on the 4th Monday evening of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Frank Green Building, Oneonta, Alabama.



## Central Alabama Daylily Society

Becky Parr, Corresponding Secretary

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—2 P.M.

Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

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

President:	Edna Alderman
Vice President:	Morris Parr
Treasurer:	Ron Waddell
Recording Secretary:	Paula Lampkin
Corresponding Secretary:	Becky Parr

2013 has been an unusual season for daylilies and all gardeners. With a cool wet spring, our season was about 3 weeks late, but caught up quickly with hot and drier weather making the daylilies pop! The members of CADS have also been very busy this spring getting geared up for what we all wait for each year.

We had Joe Ponder to come to our club in February to speak about everything you wanted to know about daylilies. He had so much information to share that we'll have to ask him back for Part 2 of his presentation. He's a wealth of information about horticulture and so much fun too!

Jim and Martha Brazelton came to Birmingham for our March meeting. Jim has been busy hybridizing some beautiful daylilies, and Martha hasn't been just sitting and watching as she won the Sally Lake Seedling award last spring and again this year. They brought beautiful plants from their garden to auction though it was only March.

Our annual sale was held in April. We had our sale at two locations: Birmingham Botanical Gardens and Myers Plants and Pottery in Pelham, AL. Both were a great success, and we met so many nice folks and hopefully recruited some new club members.

This year for our bus trip we went to Cartersville, GA, to visit with Doris and Jim Bishop at Shady Rest Gardens. They are gearing up to be on their regional tour next year and National tour in 2015. It's a beautiful garden with winding terraced beds along with companion plants and yard art. It is definitely a garden to visit if you get a chance. Then we drove on down to Diana and Bill Waldrop's garden in Marietta, GA. As always, their garden is groomed to perfection, and we thoroughly enjoyed going into Bill's greenhouse to see what he has been up to. He has been very busy in there with seed pods everywhere. It was a wonderful trip and everyone had a great time.

We're looking forward to the rest of our year and we invite you to come and visit us at one of our meetings.



### Cullman Iris and Daylily Society

Mary Reid, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M. at the Angler Restaurant located on Highway 222, Cullman, AL

President:	Don Reid
Vice President:	Don Nelson
Recording Secretary:	Kay Chappell
Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Reid
Treasurer:	Jim Chappell
Historian:	Pat Nelson



### The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

Kathleen Manning, Reporter

4th Sunday—2:00 P.M.  
The Community Room of Belk's in Colonial Bel Air Mall, just off I-65, Mobile, AL

January, February, March, April

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

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



### Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Barbara Barnes, Recording Secretary

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2 P.M.  
Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2130 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL  
February, April, August, October, December

President:	Terese Goodson
First Vice President:	Jack Harrison
Second Vice President:	Evelyn Miller
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Barnes
Treasurer:	Cecil Barnes
Corresponding Secretary:	Freda Frye
Parliamentarian:	Jack Harrison
Devotional Chairs:	Charles & Joyce Milliron

The Montgomery Area Daylily Society has had an exceptional year. We have enjoyed lots of friends, laughter, beautiful gardens, and stunning daylilies.

In February we were fortunate to have Don and Nancy Eller of Eller Sunshine Gardens as our guest speakers. They presented a Power-Point program featuring their daylilies, both single and double.

Our April meeting featured Scott Elliott's Maneki Neko Gardens in Savannah, Georgia. His program involves unique doubles in beautiful colors.

The club has enjoyed much fellowship time together this year. In April, the club was invited to Bill Oswald's peaceful lake home for a picnic supper. His garden is beautifully landscaped and offers quiet serenity.

In May we took two caravan trips to members' gardens. We first visited Joe and Andy Ponder's garden in Jacksons Gap. Joe and Andy have a lovely memorial garden honoring members of the family who have passed on. During the same trip, we were fortunate to have several hours to leisurely walk through the ten acre lakefront gardens of Jim Scott on Lake Martin.

The following week we headed south to Dothan, AL, and visited Guy Meadow's garden. Guy had just finished two large beds that are going to be beautiful when they are established. We next made our way to Larry and Cindy Grace's garden and greenhouse near Newton. We all enjoyed their greenhouse and the outside sale area. On our way home we stopped at a Dairy Queen and stuffed ourselves with lunch and blizzards for desert. We then stopped in Brundidge and visited with artist friends of one of our members. We were blown away! Beautiful gardens and beautiful art in one day. Wow!



At Graceland Gardens a shaded woodland area was planted in *Salvia guaranitica* 'Black and Blue'. The garden was a great hit with the Montgomery group, even though the daylilies were just coming into bloom.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The next big adventure was the Spring Regional Meeting in Fairhope. Five of us stuffed ourselves into Terese Goodson's Camry, and off we went to Fairhope. Thank you, Fairhope, for a great Regional Meeting. Several people from our club stayed in Fairhope for a few days to enjoy the beauty of the area.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Montgomery for the Fall Regional Meeting. Happy gardening!



## Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

Wallace Kistler, Reporter

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday—6:30 P.M.  
Guntersville Recreation Center  
February through October

President:	Wally Kistler
Vice President:	Naomi Herbert
Secretary:	Edith Fuqua
Treasurer:	Debbie Bolding
Historian:	Betty Graham



## North Alabama Daylily Society

Dave Flanigan, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday or Sunday—2:00 P.M.  
Huntsville Botanical Garden, Boeing Classroom

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

Our new year started in February with an enthusiastic program from Bill and Diana Waldrop from the Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens in Marietta, Georgia. His remarkable hybridizing accomplishments in just a few years are a true daylily success story. Bill's newest introductions are indeed superb and were quickly acquired by club members in a rapid fire auction. I particularly enjoyed seeing photos of his 2012 introduction, *Hemerocallis* 'Kennesaw Horizon' (2011), as well as my long-time favorite 'Kennesaw Mountain Hayride' (2007). His humorous tales of success and failure in his hybridizing venture are always a feature of his presentations and he did not disappoint, although we missed his usual tales about his cat.

March came in like a lion with a ninety-minute display of Tim Bell's beautiful garden and cultivars in Sycamore, GA. His self-denigrating humor always highlights the presentation of his newest cultivar introductions. His newest introduction, *H.* 'Linda Bell' (2011), named in honor of his wife, is a quite large wine red cultivar with a very wide gold edge—a real stunner. His registration 'Lemon Zebra' (2011) is his finest patterned eye cultivar featuring seven layers in the purple pattern. Tim told us he was bringing 40 plants for auction, but he showed up with more than 100 beautiful double and triple fans which auctioned at bargain prices leaving NADS club members with some terrific cultivars.

We were approached at this March meeting by Region 14 officers, Jim Riddle and Jim Chappell, with an urgent plea to consider hosting the 2014 Region 14 Spring Meeting. Our initial response was negative in that we had hosted that meeting just 20 months earlier.

Our meeting in April is always highly anticipated as it features Jesse and Terah George from JTM Gardens in Jasper AL. I think their

2013 introductions are the finest examples of their considerable hybridizing talent that we have seen over the past several years. Jesse's *H.* 'Monica Lee Smith' (2012) is approaching the pinnacle of what I think the ideal "eyed and edged" cultivar should look like. Club members' favorites were divided between two of Terah's introductions, a bright red double with a pencil thin white edge, 'Double Red Robin' (2012) and a striking unusual form crispate, 'A Special Rainbow' (2012), a red/purple cultivar with a yellow stitched chevron. A special feature of Jesse's presentation was his announcement that he was honoring one of our club members, Mary Terrell, by naming a spectacular red/white cultivar in her honor. I can safely state that "Mary Terrell" will be a must-have cultivar when it is introduced.

After considering the request to host next year's Region 14 Spring Meeting, the club president presented the membership with a listing of positives and negatives in hosting the event, and after Sharon Beecher stepped forward to volunteer as chairperson, a show of hands indicated a positive response pending our ability to find a headquarters hotel, banquet speaker, etc.

We were indeed honored to welcome Herbie and Gale Phelps from Wonderland of Daylilies in Magnolia, KY, as our speakers in May. It had indeed been tragic to see a wonderful athlete, who played running back for Bear Bryant at Alabama, be brought to his knees by a medication designed to help with reflux, instead causing severe depression which incapacitated Herbie for nearly two years. Having regained his health and with help from his wife Gale, the Phelps hybridizing program is on a fast track once again. His enthusiastic presentation focused on his plans and successes in crossing northern dormant daylily genetics with southern daylily genes to develop cultivars capable of exceeding in growth and bloom in a wider range of environmental conditions. His work with diploid cultivars was indeed impressive, with bud count, branching and scape sturdiness matching even that of his best tetraploid introductions.

Sharon Beecher had a remarkably successful month in acquiring many of the necessities for hosting next year's Regional Meeting, and we decided to have an official e-mail vote as to whether to proceed with the plan Sharon had presented. The vote was 87% favorable, so the die was cast!! To host the meeting was not an assignment we sought, but we as contributing members of Region 14 could not envision not having *The Dixie Daylily*, a Sally Lake Bed, garden tours, etc., in 2014, which would have been the case if NADS had declined to host the meeting. We will have four most attractive tour gardens for the meeting, a picnic, Friday and Saturday night meals, a reasonable room rate with a full breakfast, and four additional open gardens for your Friday viewing pleasure. It will be our pleasure to welcome all of you to North Alabama next June 13/14.

Our June meeting featured a most enthusiastic new hybridizer, Eric Simpson, from Cavalier Daylily Gardens in Elwood, Indiana. Eric is a native of Huntsville and we were excited to see a native son do some terrific hybridizing. Eric has introduced some 17 cultivars with some really nice advances in patterns and attractive eyed and edged blossoms. His work with diploids, like that of Herbie Phelps, is changing some of our minds about the "inferiority" of diploids. One of his diploid seedlings even had teeth. We truly look forward to more programs from Eric.

With a plant sale in late June and our annual picnic in July, we look forward to our fall program schedule featuring Sandy Holmes in August, Fred and Kathleen Manning in September, and Marguerite Oakes in October.



## The West Alabama Daylily Society

Ron Hood, Reporter

Saturdays as determined—11 A.M.  
Piccadilly Cafeteria in the University Mall, Tuscaloosa, AL

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

The West Alabama Daylily Society met on May 11. North Alabama daylily growers and hybridizers, Jim and Martha Brazelton, presented an interesting program with slides of their introductions and others in their Diamond Valley Gardens. As an added attraction, Jim and Martha brought a number of great daylilies, including their own introductions, that were auctioned at our meeting.

On June 8, the club sponsored tours of three of our members' daylily gardens. They were the gardens of Monty and Joan McKinley and Charles ("Sam") and Bobbie Houston near Coker, Alabama, and the garden of Ron and Barbara Hood in Northport.

Dates for our meetings in the fall are scheduled so as not to conflict with University of Alabama home football games.



## The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Sue Ballard, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—12:00 Noon

First Christian Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

September, October, November, December,

January, February, March, April, May

President: Lewis Mallory  
 Vice President: Mary Netherton  
 Secretary: Janet LeGrone  
 Treasurer: Anne McCuistian  
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We had a mild winter in Southeast Alabama with sufficient rainfall, then we thought an early spring with temperatures reaching seventy plus degrees. The daylilies also thought spring had arrived and began putting on new growth, and then the cooler weather returned and continued through mid-May. If you worked in your garden before noon, you had to bundle up to stay warm.

Blooms were slow opening in May and most doubles failed to double while the weather was so cool. By the end of May most blooms were back to normal. A lot of gardens were very dry during the month of May and we finally received rain the second week of June.

We really enjoyed our programs as outlined in our last newsletter. Our guests included James and Louise Fennell, Bill and Diana Waldrop, and Larry and Cindy Grace. All guests brought beautiful daylilies, which were auctioned off to our members.

This year's 5th Annual Show & Sale was held on May 18 in the main atrium of the Wiregrass Commons Mall in Dothan, AL. Despite the unsettling aspect of a late blooming season and not knowing if we'd have many blooms, our club members pitched in with so much enthusiasm that we had our largest show to date with 206 entries (170 on-scape and 26 off-scape). The public that visited our display was truly fascinated by the variety of daylilies shown. In addition, we had a very good response to our sales table and the "People's Choice" section where they voted on their favorite off-scape entry. It's always the highlight of our year, showing the public why we enjoy growing these beautiful daylilies and just being able to spend the day with such great friends.

The show results were as follows:

Best In Show: *H.* **'Kathryn June Wood'** (Roberts-N. 2003)  
 Rita Moore  
 Sweepstakes:  
 Jim Netherton  
 Extra Large: **'True Gertrude Demarest'** (Spalding-W. 1986)  
 Rita Moore  
 Large: **'Pacific Shamrock'** (Smith-FR 2010)  
 Michael D. Miller  
 Small: **'Little Rosy Cloud'** (Winniford-E. 1985)  
 Michael D. Miller  
 Miniature: **'Spacecoast Tiny Perfection'** (Kinnebrew-J. 1998)  
 Michael D. Miller  
 Double: **'Sebastian the Crab'** (Joiner-J. 2003)  
 Jim Netherton  
 Spider: **'Kathryn June Wood'** (Roberts-N. 2003)  
 Rita Moore  
 Unusual Form: **'His Highness'** (Stamile 2000)  
 Clare Herick  
 Youth: None  
 Popularity Poll: None  
 Seedling: "DMGA 1301"  
 Michael D. Miller



*Hemerocallis 'Kathryn June Wood'* (Roberts-N. 2003), exhibited by Rita Moore, was selected Best Spider and Best in Show at the Wiregrass Daylily Society's 5th Annual Show and Sale, held on May 18, 2013. The above photo was taken at Suburban Daylilies in Hattiesburg, MS.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Six members of WDS were able to attend the Region 14 Meeting in Fairhope, Alabama, on Memorial Day Weekend, and we certainly enjoyed the meeting and our visits to Crenshaw Farms Daylily Garden, in Stockton, Alabama; Fred and Kathleen Manning's garden, Daylily Place, in Lillian, Alabama; and John and Nancy Falck's Hem Haven Daylily Garden, located just east of Fairhope. All gardens were beautifully groomed with daylilies and companion plants. The Sally Lake Memorial Bed was located at Hem Haven, and the winning entry was #20, hybridized by Martha Brazelton of Guntersville, AL. Our thanks to all members of the Mobile Hemerocallis Society for hosting the meeting and making everyone feel so welcome.

In closing, let me add that I hope some of you read our Editor's Column in our last *Dixie Daylily* newsletter and honored his request to read through the different categories and write an article for our *Dixie Daylily* publication. Mr. Billingslea also addressed all members in attendance at Region 14 Spring Meeting, to please consider sending him an article by the deadline of June 21. If you missed this deadline, please give it some thought and send an article early this fall for the next publication.



# Club News: MISSISSIPPI

## Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Louise McClellan, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.

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

September, October, January through May

President:	Barbara Watts
Vice President:	Jon Tibbetts
Secretary:	Kay Cline
Treasurer:	Gary Campbell
Reporter:	Louise McClellan

Our February meeting began with remembrance of our friends and members whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the recent Hattiesburg tornado.

Paul Owens of Slightly Different Nursery presented our February program. Beginning his daylily career in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania in Zone 4, Paul sought to develop cultivars that could hold up in that harsh climate. Fifteen years and 30,000 plants later he loaded up his “babies” and moved to Zone 7, first to Pokeville and later to Shelby, North Carolina. A self-professed “obsessive gardener,” Paul threw garden parties and big spring benefit sales to showcase his interest in daylilies.

Our March meeting featured presentations by our own members, showing their latest seedlings and introductions.

In April, Ludlow Lambertson of Art Gallery Gardens in Lake Helen, Florida, entertained us with his creative art and cultivars by sending his program and images to our Vice President Jon Tibbetts, who conducted the program. Gathering his names from his travels, Luddy included his favorite purples, “blue eyes,” “toothies,” and intricate patterns.

Our May meeting was an important one with the showing of the video, “How to Select and Groom Daylilies” by Earl Watts, and with Wayne and Sylvia McLaurin and a discussion of the progression of events preceding the 16th Annual HADS Daylily Show to be held June 1 at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. Recognition was made of *Hemerocallis* ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’ (Watts 2004) as the winner of the AHS Region 14 Popularity Poll for 2012, and which was featured on the cover of the Winter/Spring 2013 issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. This favorite cultivar was also listed by Mississippi Nursery and Landscape Association as a 2013 Mississippi Medallion winner, which identifies “plants that grow well in Mississippi.” It is the first daylily to appear in the Mississippi Medallion List and the first plant produced by a Mississippi hybridizer to have this distinction.

Following a wonderful year of interesting programs and a very successful Spring Show, our wrap-up meeting was a covered dish luncheon on June 15 at the home of Walley and Evelyn Wesley.



## Jackson Hemerocallis Society

Warrene Holliday, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday—9:30 A.M.

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

January, March, May, July, October

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December—Christmas luncheon

President:	Chuck Heller
Vice President:	Ralph Sowell

Secretary:	Peggy Coleman
Treasurer:	J. A. Middlebrooks
Reporter:	Warrene Holliday

Members of the Jackson Hemerocallis Society and guests enjoyed a splendid tour of Shelton Holliday’s Garden on June 8th followed by a covered dish lunch in the garden. Shelton’s daylilies were spectacular intermingled with companion plants including roses; hydrangeas; plumbago; red, yellow & white yarrow; clematis and more. Everyone enjoyed his well-groomed garden as well as the fellowship.



## Meridian Daylily Club

Beverly Odom, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday—11:00 A.M.

Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, Meridian, MS

January, March, May, July, September, November

President:	Pete Connolly
Vice President:	Doyle Pierce
Secretary:	Elsie Meador
Treasurer:	Jim Smith
Reporter:	Beverly Odom

We started the year off at our January meeting with a visit from J. D. Stadler of Celestial Daylilies in Charlotte, NC. He gave an informative presentation of his work and hybridizing goals and generously donated some of his recent introductions to be auctioned for our treasury.

March brought a visit from John and Nancy Falck of Hem Haven Daylilies in Fairhope, AL. They gave a great presentation on adding personality to your garden using yard art, water features, pathways and building materials, and more.

Our annual club plant sale was held on April 20 at our local county co-op. We had plenty of divisions and were sold out by lunch.

Our May meeting was our annual bus trip. The club made a trip to Hattiesburg, MS, to visit Earl and Barbara Watts at Suburban Daylilies. There were plenty of beautiful blooms and the trip was enjoyed by all.



## MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—1:30 P.M.

Vancleave Public Library, Hwy. 57, Vancleave, MS

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

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

As we review the past club year we have much to smile about: some goals met and progress made on others. We have several new members: Virginia (Ginger) Lay, Pam H. Edwards, Carole Stuart, Condi Matthews, and four very active new members, Linda Gaskin and Anniah Olsen, and our snowbirds, Cindy and Dale Sherman, from Illinois. We appreciate their fellowship, labor and sweat.

After having received a rare gift from Mother Nature, a real spring, we went straight into full humid summer. While we appreciated

the cool nights, our daylilies did not; we had very short scapes and slow opening. Our flowers were 2-3 weeks behind last year, and we were worrying if we would have any on show day. We held a Daylily Exhibition instead of a show this year to encourage member participation without the stress of judging, and to conserve funds. It was an unqualified success. We had 178 exhibits and 15 exhibitors (many for the first time). The public voted on their favorite flower and *Hemerocallis* 'Paradise Royal Purple' (Trimmer 2008) shown by C. P. Winters was the winner of a birdbath. We do plan on having an AHS accredited show next year. Our annual Spring Picnic was held at C. P. and Bill Winters home in Hurley, MS, on April 13, 2013, with only 3 blooms open.

We had a respectable showing at the Spring Regional in Fairhope, AL, and almost all of us took one class or another. We want to congratulate Beth Rea for her 2011 introduction *H. 'Warm up the Bus'* (2011) winning Best Small Flower in the 2012, Pensacola, FL, show. Our primary fund-raiser, the Herb Festival in Ocean Springs, MS, was very successful, putting the club firmly back in the black. Our president, C. P. Winters, represented the club at the Harrison County Master Gardeners meeting, speaking on daylilies with a pictorial display of her AHS Display Garden, and she is working on her certification as an Historical Display Garden.

As we begin planning for the coming year, members have made recommendations for speakers as we all try to broaden our knowledge base of daylilies and companion plants and other topics. We look forward to a great year of sharing and promoting our favorite flower: The Daylily.



*A major satisfaction for the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society was the installation of the plaque commemorating the Daylily Garden planted at the Ocean Springs Depot, which is used weekly for markets and city events.*

*(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)*



## North MS/AL Daylily Society

Jo Anne McMahan, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday—Buffet Supper—5:30 P.M.

River Birch Country Club, Amory, MS

January, April, September, December

President:	Rick Smith
1st Vice President:	Jan Tate
2nd Vice President:	Donna Grant
Secretary:	Linda Beck
Treasurer:	Juanice Hayes
Historian:	Mary Fondren
Parliamentarian:	Bill McMahan



## North Mississippi Daylily Society

Emma Hood, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—10:00 A.M.

First Regional Library, 370 W. Commerce Street, Hernando, MS

March, April, May, September, October

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

At our October, 2012, meeting, we voted to make our annual donation to *The Dixie Daylily* at the end of our fiscal year rather than in March as had been our custom. If applicable, we make it in memory of any deceased member lost in the current year. This past year, we chose to honor Richard Norris. Bettye Huckaby gave a wonderful slide show of the 2011 National Convention gardens. Scoot and Betty Wilson have decided to downsize, so brought many daylilies from their collection to offer as auction plants. Our club is grateful for their many years of service, donations of time, flowers, and great recipes. We hope they will continue to grace us with their presence for many more years.

At our March, 2013, meeting, Frank Huckaby informed us of the possibility of a trip to visit some great Arkansas gardens. He said he would give us particulars at the next meeting. Warren Johansen, a DeSoto County Master Gardener and renowned area speaker, gave us an informative presentation on propagating plants. He explained the difference between sexual and asexual propagation. He also emphasized the importance of photosynthesis and using heating and cooling techniques to assure the plants have a well developed root system. We all went away better informed about raising plants.

At the April meeting, we decided to fund a trip to Paragould and Jonesboro, Arkansas. Wanda Howerton, of the Northeast Arkansas Daylily Society, agreed to coordinate the gardens, several of which were on the Region 10 tour last year. April also found us doing our annual member "plant swap." Our meetings are such fun and we have great cooks who bring tasty food to share.

At the Region 14 Convention, "Daylily Jubilee on Mobile Bay," held in Fairhope, AL, and hosted by the Mobile Daylily Society, our club was represented by 5 members: John and Peggy Vanderhook, Kevin Tyler and Carl and Emma Hood. The three gardens we visited were very impressive.

Larry and Diane Crenshaw, of Crenshaw Daylily Garden, have accomplished wonders in their six short years. They greeted us with over 20,000 daylilies (all in pots). Along with the daylilies, we were treated to a visit to their antique shop. They are such personable people with many talents. I did notice that some of their "antiques" held memories from my childhood. Does this mean that I am now an antique???

Hem Haven Daylily Garden, the home of John and Nancy Falck, who have both been extremely active in the region for many years, won the Landscape Award this year. Their garden reflected a love, not only of the daylily, but a large variety of both annuals and perennials. One thing which impressed me was a reference to "Confederate Rose." After I questioned John about it, he generously provided one for me to take home. What a treat!!! This was the site of the "Sally Lake Bed," and it was very well kept. It is always difficult to decide which one will be the overall winner in the poll. Some gorgeous daylilies were represented.

Fred and Kathleen Manning's garden, Daylily Place, is located in Lillian, AL. Thus many of their lilies have the prefix "Lillian" in their names. With the exception of some of their seedlings, all of their lilies are in raised beds, and most are in pots. What an undertaking!



At Daylily Place, H. 'Lillian's Thin Ice' (Manning 2009) was the recipient of the John Edward Kelly Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered spider or unusual form seen in a tour garden during the Region 14 Spring Meeting. (Photo by Fred Manning)

Needless to say, we were greatly impressed by the garden visits, a great lunch buffet and having a chance to meet such great daylily soul-mates. All of the North Mississippi members rode on Bus B. Our captains were Bill and Suzonne Trufant and we really enjoyed being so well treated. It was truly impressive.

On June 7th, the club tour to Arkansas was attended by 22 members and 5 guests. Our first stop was in the garden of Jean Crossno, in Paragould. We learned that Jean had travelled extensively and brought back mementos in the form of sculptures and art works; her garden has a Zen Theme. She has many companion plants, both oriental and native, which are glorious; but, because of the recent cool weather, the daylily blooms were not as prolific as usual. She shows her appreciation for conservation with an impressive rain barrel which she has set up to water her plants around the patio. A lovely pond and other water features add to the serene setting.

Our next stop was in Jonesboro at the home of Wanda Howerton. She has extensive plantings of daylilies and hydrangeas. There is also a seedling area for daylilies which she intends to extend in the future. Her grandson, who was a musician, passed away last year, so she is in the process of creating a "Musical Daylily Tribute" to him with a trombone fountain in the center. Members of our club learned about it and contributed daylilies with musical names in his honor. She was quite pleased.

Our third stop was at the garden of Bob and Dixie McKeel. Bob worked as an educator and was Principal of a high school in Jonesboro. The garden is very well arranged; there are many varieties of beautiful flowers to enjoy. Some of the daylilies were still not in full bloom, but would be soon. Bob treated us to a display of his hobby: collecting butterflies. All the ones in his collection come from his own yard. He has monarchs, swallowtails, and many other species, and even some beetles which are unique; all are beautifully mounted.

At this point, everyone was ready for lunch. Ron's Catfish Restaurant filled the bill. It has one of the best buffets I have ever seen. Of course, daylily people are not the least bit shy about eating.

Our garden host and hostesses next led the way to The Crowley Ridge Nature Center. It is an outstanding example of preserving natural



At the garden of Bob and Dixie McKeel, in Jonesboro, AK, the North Mississippi travellers were treated to a beautifully arranged planting of daylilies. H. 'Bermuda Peach' (Petit 2012) was one of the newest acquisitions. (Photo by Frank Huckaby)

resources. They have a nature walk built above the water and between the trees and are in the process of labeling each of the trees so that visitors can identify them. It was inspiring to see that an appreciation of nature will be passed on to the younger generation there.

Our last stop, the garden of Gail Raspberry, was so quaint and restful. She is in the process of hybridizing, and some of her work is really impressive. She had unique features such as a huge tractor tire containing raised beds encircling smaller tires with higher raised beds and trailing plants hanging over the sides. Great ideas!



One of the loveliest daylilies photographed by the North Mississippi group was in bloom in the Gail Raspberry garden. Tommy Maddox's H. 'Abilene Tom's Spitfire' (2010) is a 5" orange polychrome with gold horns on its edge. (Photo by Frank Huckaby)

Frank and Bettye Huckaby had researched the itinerary, provided gift plants for each garden host, and made sure we had a very safe bus trip. We had snacks, 4 bus prizes, and a very happy and congenial bunch with us, so we have some great memories of a shared nature experience.



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*Diamond Valley Gardens, the garden of Jim and Martha Brazelton, will be on tour during the Region 14 Spring Regional Meeting. Thanks to the kindness of the Huntsville Area Daylily Society, your editor was able to get a preview of thirteen gardens in the area.*

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

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## Editor's Column:

We are very pleased to present our sixteenth issue of *The Dixie Daylily* and have tried once again to create a classical looking publication. As always, I am particularly indebted to my wife, Nancy, for her meticulous proofreading. Except for editing, layout, and some of the photography, I am proud to note that this an issue written entirely by the membership of Region 14.

I want to cite in particular the care Dave Flanigan put into crafting the article on the history of the Huntsville Area Daylily Society, as well as the excellent articles by

Barbara Watts, Dave, and Terese Goodson covering the gardens in Fairhope, AL. I want to thank Tommy Maddox for his article on humor and Barbara Watts for writing the memorial for Carolyn Haga McLain.

I am indebted to Bill Maryott for sending me the material for his feature, and I especially want to recognize Louise McClellan and C. P. Winters for their excellent photography covering the Hattiesburg Show.

*Oliver Billingslea*

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*At the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show, artist Louise McClellan presents her painting of H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004) to Nancy Chain, Earl Watts' sister-in-law, for whom the cultivar is named. Louise is an accomplished photographer as well.*

*(Photo by Cecil McClellan)*