



*The  
Dixie Daylily*

*AHS Region 14    Alabama—Mississippi  
Volume 57, Number 1    Winter / Spring 2013*

# AHS REGION 14

## OFFICERS AND LIAISONS; CLUB PRESIDENTS

### Regional President

Jim Riddle  
207 Oak Circle  
Trussville, AL 35173  
205-655-7648  
[phylandjim@charter.net](mailto:phylandjim@charter.net)

### Regional Publicity Director

Tee Money  
4007 State Hwy 134E  
Headland, AL 36345  
334-796-4705  
[ricandtee@centurylink.net](mailto:ricandtee@centurylink.net)

### Secretary

Janet Green  
1751 S. Williamsburg Rd.  
Bassfield, MS 39421  
601-943-5416  
[janmac33@aol.com](mailto:janmac33@aol.com)

### Treasurer

Jim Chappell  
900 Smokerise Trail  
Warrior, AL 35180  
205-647-0688  
[jchappell@alabamabroadband.net](mailto:jchappell@alabamabroadband.net)

### Editor, *The Dixie Daylily*

Oliver Billingslea  
6291 Thach Road  
Montgomery, AL 36117  
334-277-0994  
[obilling@aum.edu](mailto:obilling@aum.edu)

### Exhibition Judges

Henry Little  
2468 Erie Lane, NW  
Brookhaven, MS 39601  
601-833-4064  
[h3little@tislink.com](mailto:h3little@tislink.com)

### Garden Judges

Earl and Barbara Watts  
60 Serene Meadows Drive  
Hattiesburg, MS 39402  
601-268-3884  
[bwatts54@gmail.com](mailto:bwatts54@gmail.com)

### Historian

Sarah Hegwood  
18 Ellis Lane  
Petal, MS 39465  
601-582-7594

### Membership

Becky Parr  
4353 S Shades Crest Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022  
205-602-1273  
[beckyparr@bellsouth.net](mailto:beckyparr@bellsouth.net)

### Protocol and WEMEFT

Jack Harrison  
3743 MacLamar Road  
Montgomery, AL 36111  
334-288-7176  
[jharr73808@knology.net](mailto:jharr73808@knology.net)

### Webmaster

Paul Aucoin  
2553 Dunmore Drive  
Hoover, AL 35226  
205-824-3592  
[aucoin@mindspring.com](mailto:aucoin@mindspring.com)

### Youth

Becky and Morris Parr  
4353 S Shades Crest Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022  
205-602-1273  
[beckyparr@bellsouth.net](mailto:beckyparr@bellsouth.net)



AMERICAN  
HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY

### President

Julie Covington  
4909 Labradore Drive  
Roanoke, VA 24012  
540-977-1704  
[president@daylilies.org](mailto:president@daylilies.org)

### Executive Secretary

Pat Mercer  
Post Office Box 10  
Dexter, GA 31019  
478-875-4110  
[secretary@daylilies.org](mailto:secretary@daylilies.org)

### Editor, *The Daylily Journal*

Meg McKenzie Ryan  
1936 Wensley Ave.  
El Centro, CA 92243  
760-235-8243  
[journal@daylilies.org](mailto:journal@daylilies.org)

### AHS Region 14 Director

Nancy Falck  
Post Office Box 192  
Fairhope, AL 36533  
251-928-3340  
[judgeseducation@daylilies.org](mailto:judgeseducation@daylilies.org)

### AHS Membership

Dues are payable by January 1.  
Make checks payable to AHS.  
Mail dues to the Executive Secretary.

#### Individual:

1 Year	\$25.00
3 Years	\$70.00
Youth	\$10.00
Individual Life	\$500.00

#### Family:

1 Year	\$30.00
3 Years	\$83.00
Dual Life	\$750.00

## ALABAMA

### Birmingham Daylily Society

Joe Langdon  
4832 Mills Springs Circle  
Birmingham, AL 35223  
205-956-1516

### Blount Iris and Daylily Society

Phyllis Riddle  
207 Oak Circle  
Trussville, AL 35173  
205-655-7648  
[phylandjim@charter.net](mailto:phylandjim@charter.net)

### Central Alabama Daylily Society

Edna Alderman  
2202 Magnolia Cove  
Vestavia Hills, AL 35243  
205-970-0967  
[ednawalderman@gmail.com](mailto:ednawalderman@gmail.com)

### Cullman Iris & Daylily Society

Don Reid  
225 Reid Road  
Cullman, AL 35057  
256-636-1913  
[noddier@bellsouth.net](mailto:noddier@bellsouth.net)

### East Alabama Hemerocallis Society

Joe Ponder  
3234 Youngs Ferry Road  
Jacksons Gap, AL 36861  
256-825-5861  
[ponder.ja@hotmail.com](mailto:ponder.ja@hotmail.com)

### Mobile Hemerocallis Society

Fred Manning  
10019 Route Road  
Lillian, AL 36549  
251-961-2583  
[fredcm@gulftel.com](mailto:fredcm@gulftel.com)

### Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Terese Goodson  
7407 Woodley Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116  
334-288-6024  
[etbgoodson@aol.com](mailto:etbgoodson@aol.com)

### Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

Wallace Kistler  
925 Cha-La-Kee Road  
Guntersville, AL 35976  
256-582-6020  
[wgkistler@gmail.com](mailto:wgkistler@gmail.com)

### North Alabama Daylily Society

Dave Flanigan  
14937 Capstone Lane  
Athens, AL 35613  
256-233-4354  
[daflan@charter.net](mailto:daflan@charter.net)

### West Alabama Daylily Society

Ruth Watts  
538 Moody Road  
Centreville, AL 35042  
205-926-9539  
[rwnana@bellsouth.net](mailto:rwnana@bellsouth.net)

### Wiregrass Daylily Society

Lewis Mallory  
664 Cowarts Creek Road  
Ashford, AL 36312  
334-792-2293  
[emandlewis@yahoo.com](mailto:emandlewis@yahoo.com)

## MISSISSIPPI

### Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Janet Green  
1751 Williamsburg Road  
Bassfield, MS 39421  
601-943-5416  
[janmac31@aol.com](mailto:janmac31@aol.com)

### Jackson Hemerocallis Society

Charles "Chuck" Heller  
1835 Shenandoah Drive  
Florence, MS 39073  
601-932-3161  
[whodat@hellerdaylilypatch.com](mailto:whodat@hellerdaylilypatch.com)

### Marion County Hemerocallis Society

Roger Carr  
73 Spell Drive  
Columbia, MS 39429  
601-736-2735  
[rogercarr@yahoo.com](mailto:rogercarr@yahoo.com)

### Meridian Daylily Club

Doyle Pierce  
100 Price Street  
Enterprise, MS 39330  
601-479-4323  
[crazydoyle15@aol.com](mailto:crazydoyle15@aol.com)

### Miss-Lou Daylily Society

Gay Austin  
405 Marion Avenue  
McComb, MS 39647  
601-684-3952  
[glaustin2@bellsouth.net](mailto:glaustin2@bellsouth.net)

### MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Steve Hammons  
3800 Manchester Road  
Moss Point, MS 39562  
228-475-8012  
[1hammons@bellsouth.net](mailto:1hammons@bellsouth.net)

### North Mississippi Daylily Society

John Vanderhook  
9115 Valley Grove Lane  
Southaven, MS 38671  
[psyhook@yahoo.com](mailto:psyhook@yahoo.com)

### North MS/AL Daylily Society

Rick Smith  
113 Chelsia Way  
Starkville, MS 39759  
662-320-4748  
[rsmith@msms.k12.ms.us](mailto:rsmith@msms.k12.ms.us)

**Cover Photo:** *Hemerocallis 'Suburban Nancy Gayle'* (Watts 2004), winner of the AHS Region 14 Popularity Poll for 2012, taken at Suburban Daylilies in Hattiesburg, MS.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

# The Dixie Daylily

Volume 57

Number 1

Winter / Spring 2013

## Table of Contents

### *Departments and Miscellany:*

AHS Region 14 Officers and Liaisons; Club Presidents	2
AHS Region 14 President's Report	4
AHS Region 14 Director's Report	4
AHS Region 14 RPD's Report	5
Minutes—AHS Region 14 Business Meeting (Fall 2012)	6
“The Importance of Being Right,” by Jack Harrison, Protocol	6
Future AHS National Conventions	7
Treasurer's Report	7
Candid Photos: Region 14 Fall Meeting, October 13, 2012	8
AHS Region 14 2012 Popularity Poll Results	10
2012 Regional Service Award: Shelton Holliday	11
“The Creation of ‘Lilly’s Garden,’” by Terese Goodson	11
A Preview of Gardens on Tour for the 2013 Region 14 Spring Meeting	12
Registration Form for Spring 2013 Regional Meeting	13

### *Features and Miscellany:*

<i>Josh Jaques: In His Own Words</i> by Josh Jaques	14
<i>Using a Dark Background to Enhance Daylily Photographs</i> by Marianne Joordens	16
Announcement: Youth Digital Photography Contest for 2013	21
<i>M.A.D.S. Bus Trip to Georgia</i> by Terese Goodson	22
<i>Travels with My Camera: The 2012 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio</i> by Oliver Billingslea	24
<i>Ask the Ombudsman</i> by Donna Peck	35
<i>Agricola da Ilha: The History of a Family of Entrepreneurs and their Saga of Love for Daylilies</i> edited by Oliver Billingslea	36
Club News: Alabama	40
Club News: Mississippi	43
Newsletter Award Categories	46
New Members	47
Editor's Column	47

## The Dixie Daylily GUIDELINES

The editor invites submissions on the following:

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

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

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

[obilling@aum.edu](mailto:obilling@aum.edu)

### ADVERTISING RATES

Full Page	\$125.00
Half Page	\$65.00
Quarter Page	\$35.00
Front Cover	\$250.00
Back Cover	\$100.00

Deadline for the Summer/Fall Issue of

*The Dixie Daylily*

June 21, 2013

Send items to:

Oliver Billingslea, Editor

6291 Thach Road

Montgomery, AL 36117

[obilling@aum.edu](mailto:obilling@aum.edu)

## REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT JIM RIDDLE

I hope that everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It doesn't seem possible that 2013 is already upon us.

I want to thank you for your confidence in reelecting me as President, and I thank you for your support. I especially want to thank the officers and liaisons that have been with me in the last two years. Special thanks go to Nancy Chain, Secretary, and Pete Connolly, Treasurer, who are stepping down. Our new Secretary will be Janet Green. Our new Treasurer will be Jim Chappell. Tee Money will continue as Regional Publicity Director. Our new Youth Liaisons are Morris and Becky Parr. Paul Aucoin will continue as our Webmaster. All other liaisons will remain the same. Thank you for all your work.

The Webmaster would like to put information about club news, officers, upcoming meetings and speakers on our Region 14 website. Please send information directly to him. Our Editor also needs a list of current and incoming officers for each club, as well as continually updated Region 14 information, articles, and club news. He especially needs write-ups on gardening and growing plants, and on special persons who have been important in the history of our Region. I thank Oliver for agreeing to be our Editor. He has agreed to publish two editions of *The Dixie Daylily* for the upcoming year and until we can afford more.

I am looking forward to the Spring Regional Meeting in Fairhope, Alabama, May 24-25 2013. The Mobile Club has been working on new ideas to streamline the meeting so it will not be as expensive and hard on the club members to host a Spring Regional. The Registration form is in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.

Montgomery will host the Fall Regional Meeting on the first Saturday in October. That is October 5, 2013. The information for both meetings will be published on the Web and in *The Dixie Daylily*.

As of this date, no club has agreed to host the 2014 or 2015 Spring Meetings or the 2014 or 2015 Fall Meetings. I am requesting that you talk with your club about being the host. If no club agrees to host a meeting, I will have the Executive Board make a decision on what to do. It is possible to have a one day Spring Meeting and have the auction. This would support *The Dixie Daylily* to some extent, but would by necessity eliminate garden tours, regional awards and the Sally Lake Memorial Award. I am not recommending this path because our Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges clinics will also be affected. All this is conjecture. We look forward to hearing from all of you and will help in any way that we can to resolve this.

Tee Money had a very good idea about club donations for both the live and silent auctions. She suggested that each club could buy or have a speaker donate 4-5 newer plants for these. This would help with the auctions and all those people who regularly donate to Region 14. I really thank all those who help and generously donate plants on a regular basis. You are the backbone of our fund raising. This proposal would be an excellent opportunity to obtain these newer plants at good prices and also help our Region. Your BID is important for the whole Region.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Fairhope and in your garden.

*Jim Riddle*

## REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT NANCY FALCK

2012 has been a busy year for AHS and Region 14. After our wonderful Spring Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg, we attended the AHS National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. It was one of the best national meetings because of the behind the scenes work of the club's members. Although the area was experiencing the longest and worst drought in decades, the garden owners had worked tirelessly keeping the beauty of each individual garden ready for the six hundred people touring them.

AHS is registering between 2250 and 2500 new varieties each year. Kevin Walek has done a masterful job making the process more precise and more efficient. Still, it has been necessary to raise registration costs, primarily for expedited or late service. The new costs are listed on the portal with the registration forms. Also, with the work of Tim Fehr assisted by Rich Rosen and others, the online data base has not only kept pace with registrations, but also many cultivar pictures are being added. Currently, a committee is beginning to work on updating terminology and adding measurements on many of our older cultivars which were registered before the era of terms such as "Unusual Form."

The portal, especially its home page, has been updated to meet needs and requests of users. The placement of the log in box and the use of pull down menus should help users. As I travel around, I find many who resisted learning to use the portal now touting its capabilities and aids. One can download forms, applications, programs, and much more. Also, it can be used to display photographs or record messages. For AHS and Region 14, a major feature is the ability to e-mail all AHS or all Region 14 members with information in a timely fashion.

A very important step for AHS and our own Oliver Billingslea was the publication of *Landscaping with Daylilies*. We have met our initial sales goals through individual and club sales. Special offers for clubs and even small clubs or groups have helped the book reach many people. It is now available on Amazon.com and has been gaining in popularity there. Our thanks go to Oliver for producing such a beautiful, well-written book showing the wide variety of daylilies and daylily gardens throughout the US, but also across the whole world.

Even in winter we begin to look forward to spring and bloom season. This year the Mobile Hemerocallis Society invites everyone to our Region 14 Spring Meeting in Fairhope, AL, on May 24 and 25. We will meet in the James P. Nix Senior Citizens Center on Bayou Ave. just off of Scenic Highway 98. Fairhope is a unique community featuring artists and galleries as well as flowers on every corner, street, and light post. The city has been featured in *Money*, *Fortune*, *Southern Living* and many other publications as an ideal vacation and retirement area. There are three motels in Fairhope that are listed on the registration form. Also, there are more in the Daphne/Spanish Fort area. All of those listed provide breakfast. For those seeking a longer stay, the Grand Hotel in Point Clear is a beautiful destination for those wanting resort amenities and perhaps a vacation with golf, swimming, etc.

The Garden Judges Clinic II will be in Falck's garden at 10:00 on Friday morning. This is easy to reach from the Nix Center. Other clinics will be Friday afternoon at the Nix Center. Dinner Friday night will be on your own. There will be an exten-

sive booklet of dining and shopping venues in your registration packet.

In wide-spread Baldwin County we will visit the gardens of John and Nancy Falck, Fred and Kathleen Manning, and Dianne and Larry Crenshaw. You will find information on these gardens in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.

I wish everyone a joyful 2013 filled with family, friends, joy, and, of course, daylilies.

*Nancy Falck*

SPRING MEETINGS	
2013 MOBILE	2015 TBA
2014 TBA	2016 TBA

## REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR TEE MONEY

Thanks to each of you that took the time to vote the 2012 Pop Poll! I'm sorry to say that our participation was way down compared to last year. In 2011 we had 46% participation compared to just 39% participating in 2012. We were first last year and next to the lowest percentage of votes this year. We can do better!

Region	Membership Count	Total Votes	2012 % Results	2011 % Results	Gain/Loss
Region 1	304	70	23%	19%	4%
Region 2	1,160	347	30%	14%	16%
Region 3	666	201	30%	19%	11%
Region 4	1,021	209	20%	16%	4%
Region 5	451	199	44%	35%	9%
Region 6	462	159	34%	33%	1%
Region 7	159	23	14%	17%	3%
Region 8	90	36	40%	40%	0%
Region 9	107	29	27%	16%	11%
Region 10	428	108	25%	25%	0%
Region 11	411	176	42%	28%	14%
Region 12	276	47	17%	20%	3%
Region 13	327	69-LA - 42-AR	34%	42%	8%
Region 14	488	192	39%	46%	7%
Region 15	487	140	29%	17%	12%
International	130	11	8%	5%	3%

I hope to see you in Mobile!

*Tee Money*

# MINUTES, FALL MEETING 2012

## NANCY CHAIN, SECRETARY

The AHS Region 14 Fall 2012 Business Meeting was held at Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg, MS, Saturday, October 13.

President Jim Riddle recognized the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, host club for the meeting. After a welcome by Barbara Watts, President of HADS, C. P. Winters gave the invocation. President Riddle called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

President Riddle recognized Jan Joiner, speaker for the meeting. He also recognized those who were attending a regional meeting for the first time. After these recognitions, Nancy Chain, Secretary, stood while the President called for corrections to the minutes of the Fall 2011 and Spring 2012 Regional Meetings as printed in the Summer/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved as printed.

Region 14 Treasurer, Pete Connolly, reported that as of October 8, 2012, total funds for Region 14 are \$28,414.47. There were no questions concerning the report, and it will be filed.

A brief report was given by AHS Region 14 Director, Nancy Falck. Encouraging AHS members to attend national conventions, she recognized Shelton Holliday, recipient of the 2012 Region 14 AHS Service Award. The award will be presented to Holliday at the next Jackson Daylily Society meeting by President Chuck Heller.

A report was given by RPD, Tee Money, who announced that *Hemerocallis* 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004) is the winner of the Region 14 Popularity Poll for 2012. Thanking individuals for donating auction plants, Money also encouraged clubs to donate plants for auctions.

Henry Little encouraged AHS members to become exhibition judges.

Barbara Watts reminded attendees that garden judges are the people who vote for the national awards.

Becky Parr informed the group that youth members are now considered "youth" until age 21.

Oliver Billingslea urged Region 14 members to write articles for *The Dixie Daylily* and to continue purchasing copies of the new AHS publication, *Landscaping with Daylilies*. As an incentive to smaller clubs, it is now available in increments of 5 copies @ \$180 postpaid.

There was no unfinished business.

There was one item of new business. A motion was made by Earl Watts to make Jeff and Elizabeth Salter honorary members of AHS Region 14. The second to the motion was made by Jack Harrison. The motion carried.

President Riddle called on John Falck, President of the Mobile Daylily Society, who extended an invitation to everyone to the 2013 Spring Meeting. This meeting will be held in Fairhope, AL. President Riddle announced that the 2013 Fall Meeting will be held in Montgomery, AL.

A motion to adjourn was made by Earl Watts, seconded by John Falck. The business meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

ADDENDUM to the BUSINESS MEETING:

President Riddle reconvened the business meeting briefly to announce a change of officers. Janet Green will serve as Region 14 Secretary, and Jim Chappell will serve as Region 14 Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nancy Chain*

### THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING RIGHT: THE NECESSITY OF FOLLOWING PROTOCOL JACK HARRISON, PROTOCOL

Some years before the AHS Board of Directors approved a special category for spider daylilies, heated discussions were taking place all throughout the daylily society. The Board had never approved a category based on form before. After several Board meetings, the matter was put on the agenda by President Dorothea Boldt.

We were conducting the fall meeting in Denver and everything was proceeding according to schedule. The president announced the next item on the agenda was that of the spider daylily being designated a category of its own based on form. She introduced the item which was followed by a motion for approval. The president stated the motion, received the required second, and stated, "The vote on this motion shall be by secret ballot." Betty Roberts, the director from Region 6, immediately called "division." The president was confused by this incidental motion and called a recess.

She and I were walking in the hall and she asked, "What will I do?" I was at a loss for an answer, as I had no idea how to proceed. The Board reconvened and the president stated that the vote would be by a show of hands rather than by secret ballot. The vote was taken and the motion was approved. The spider question would, I believe, have finally been approved, but I don't believe it would have been at that meeting.

What was wrong here? First, the AHS Secretary did not have at hand a *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* to research the question. Second, the president did not know (neither did any of the other Board members) that the president may call for a vote by ballot and if there is an objection the matter is settled by a majority vote. Third, the call for "division" was out of order since a call for a Division of the Assembly may be made only after the president states the result of a voice vote. If the ruling is made that the "ayes" have it and the motion is passed, any member who doubts the decision may call for a Division of the Assembly which then requires a standing vote. Fourth, while not really wrong, the president used the word "secret" which sets off an alarm with some people. The president should simply state that the vote will be by ballot. Everybody knows that a ballot is secret.

# TREASURER'S REPORT 12/01/12

PETE CONNOLLY, TREASURER

June 7, 2012—December 1, 2012

<b>Cash on Hand @ 6/7/2012</b>	\$17,291.09
CD Investment—matures 11/20/2012	\$15,000.00
<b>Total Funds: @ 6/7/2012</b>	<b>\$32,291.09</b>

**Receipts:**

Wiregrass Daylily Society—5% plant sale	\$54.80
Meridian Daylily Club—5% plant sale	\$41.20
AHS—postage allowance	\$325.25

**Total Receipts: \$421.25**

**Expenditures:**

Wells Printing— <i>The Dixie Daylily</i>	\$3,965.00
Postage— <i>The Dixie Daylily</i>	\$330.87

**Total Expenditures: \$4,295.87**

<b>Cash on Hand @ 10/8/2012</b>	\$13,414.47
CD Investment—matures 11/20/2012	\$15,000.00

**Total Funds: @ 10/8/2012 \$28,414.47**

**Receipts:**

Montgomery Daylily Society—donation	\$250.00
Fall Regional Plant Auction	\$3,125.00
Fall Regional Plant Sale	\$498.00

**Total Receipts: \$3,873.00**

**Expenditures:**

Pete Connolly—office supplies	\$69.54
Hampton Inn—speaker accommodation	\$97.01
Jan Joiner—speaker fees	\$900.00
Nancy Falck—auction refund	\$20.00
Rebecca Parr—auction refund	\$35.00
Morris Parr—auction catalog	\$30.00
Editor's allowance	\$666.66
W. E. Monroe Foundation—donation	\$500.00

**Total Expenditures: \$2,318.21**

<b>Cash on Hand @ 12/01/2012</b>	\$14,969.26
CD Account closed—11/26/2012	\$15,131.27

**Total Funds: @ 12/01/2012 \$30,100.53**

**Final Report from Pete Connolly, Treasurer**

*Pete Connolly*

A more recent example occurred when the Board of Directors changed the AHS Bylaws dealing with the vote necessary to elect a new president. The bylaws at the time stated that the election would be by majority vote. Some of the Board members stated that they would feel better about it (if they were elected) to receive a positive vote from a majority of the Board. The Bylaws were changed accordingly. Again, there was no research into our adopted rules of order to determine what *Roberts* recommends, which is that an election should be determined by a majority vote and not by a majority of those present. Otherwise, there may very well be no election. For example, there are fifteen members on the AHS Board with eight being a majority. Two members may choose not to vote. The reminding thirteen vote seven to six, which means the candidate would not be elected. Under the bylaws before the revision, if four members decided not to vote and the other eleven voted six to five, the candidate for president would be elected. The Board changed the Bylaws to the extent that an election of a new president may not be accomplished at the board meeting as required in the Bylaws.

At any rate, I decided after the Denver meeting that I would know next time the correct way to handle this type of situation. I attended classes with our local parliamentary unit for two years and passed the 100 question written examination administered by the National Association of Parliamentarians. Not many people will wish to follow this route, but I do recommend that every club purchase *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (latest revised is the 11th edition) and require that the secretary have it available for reference at each meeting in the event research is needed. Further, the AHS should employ a qualified parliamentarian to be present at all business meetings. I finished the first step, but there are two steps higher and only the Professional Registered Parliamentarian is authorized to charge for advice.

So many people say that they are bored with rules of order, but they lose their rights when things are accomplished in the wrong way. Be sure to know the right way.

*Jack Harrison*

FUTURE NATIONAL AHS COMVENTIONS

**2013**

Minneapolis, MN  
July 24-27, 2013

**2014**

Asheville, NC  
June 25-30, 2014

**2015**

Atlanta, GA  
June 10-13, 2015

# *Candid Photos*

## *Region 14 Fall Meeting, October 13, 2012*



*Chuck and Chris Heller, Janet Green, Barbara Watts, and Florence Myer meet at the registration table Saturday morning.*



*Jim Chappell (Warrior, AL), Pete Connolly (Meridian, MS), and Terese Goodson (Montgomery, AL) converse before the meeting.*



*Kurt Green and G. O. Essary exchange ideas about daylilies and how to grow them well.*



*Sarah and Bob Martin check out plants on the plant table. Previously from Meridian, MS, the Martins now reside in Orange City, FL.*



*Region 14 officers, Nancy Falck (Director), Tee Money (RPD), Pete Connolly (Treasurer), Jim Riddle (President), and Janet Green (incoming Secretary) hold a brief business meeting.*



*Jim and Kay Chappell and Phyllis Riddle enjoy talking about Regional activities. Jim will become the new Region 14 treasurer as of January 1, 2013.*





*John Falck, chair of the upcoming 2013 Spring Regional Meeting in Fairhope, AL, talks with hybridizer, Jesse George, of JTM Gardens in Jasper, AL.*



*Becky and Morris Parr examine auction plants prior to the Fall Regional auction. The generosity of donors funds our regional activities, including the publication of The Dixie Daylily.*



*Earl Watts and Jan Joiner, our featured speaker for the Region 14 Fall Meeting, discuss her upcoming PowerPoint presentation.*



*Auctioneers, John Falck, Fred Manning, Bob Goolsby, and Rusty Ingram, do an excellent job of keeping the auction running smoothly.*



*Pat and Pete Connolly record bids during the Region 14 auction. Pete has served as Region 14's treasurer during the past several years.*



*Jan Joiner at the podium, as she shares with attendees fond memories of her father-in-law and mentor, Enman Joiner. (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*

## American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 2012 Popularity Poll Results

Each year the American Hemerocallis Society 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. The top 72 vote recipients in last year's Popularity Poll for Region 14 are printed here. The complete list is available on the AHS web site at [www.daylilies.org/PopPoll](http://www.daylilies.org/PopPoll).

1 Suburban Nancy Gayle	64	37 Mary's Gold	18
2 Double Blue Blood	58	38 Bluegrass Memories	17
3 Look Here Mary	51	__ Destined to See	17
4 Linda Beck	40	__ Dorothy and Toto	17
5 Suburban Golden Eagle	36	__ Little Red Dumplings	17
6 Barbara Mitchell	33	__ Victorian Lace	17
__ Crazy Ivan	33	43 Mississippi Red Bed Beauty	16
8 Clothed in Glory	32	__ Peacock Maiden	16
__ Lillian's Woman's Touch	32	__ Princess Diana	16
10 Coffee to Go	29	__ Rose Masterpiece	16
__ Lava Flow	29	__ Spider Man	16
__ South Sea Enchantment	29	48 Bama Girl Tee	15
13 Alabama Wildfire	28	__ Boundless Beauty	15
__ Beautiful Edgings	28	__ Nancy Billingslea	15
__ Moses' Fire	28	51 Jennifer Trimmer	14
__ Red Volunteer	28	__ Loose Reins	14
17 Banana Smoothie	27	53 Bill Robinson	13
__ Big Kiss	27	__ Gary Colby	13
__ Coach's Real Deal	27	__ Mynelle's Starfish	13
__ Orange Velvet	27	56 Black Ambrosia	12
__ Signature Truffle	27	__ Ed Brown	12
22 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	26	__ Fire on the Mountain	12
23 Thin Man	25	__ Seldom Seen	12
24 Alabama Jubilee	24	__ Spacecoast Gold Bonanza	12
25 All American Chief	23	__ Strawberry Candy	12
__ Moonlit Masquerade	23	__ Wild Horses	12
27 Primal Scream	22	__ Wiregrass Greenstar	12
28 Lavender Blue Baby	21	64 Seminole Wind	11
__ Sabine Baur	21	__ Shores of Time	11
30 Belle Cook	20	__ Tar and Feather	11
__ Bill Norris	20	__ Wonder of It All	11
__ Feliz Navidad	20	68 Judy Farquhar	10
__ J.T. Davis	20	__ Lillian's Sweet Thang	10
__ Key Lime Special	20	70 Bali Watercolor	9
35 Bela Lugosi	19	__ Doyle Pierce	9
__ Santa's Little Helper	19	__ Jane Trimmer	9

## 2012 Regional Service Award Shelton Holliday



*At the October meeting of the Jackson Hemerocallis Society, Chuck Heller presents Shelton Holliday with the 2012 Regional Service Medal for outstanding service to AHS at the regional level. The award was announced at the National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July 13, 2012. (Photo by Ralph Sowell)*

Shelton Holliday, from Raymond, MS, grew up in a small town in central Mississippi, about 20 miles from the state capitol of Jackson. After receiving a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Mississippi College, he embarked upon a 30-year teaching career, retiring in 1984. He became interested in daylilies in 1985 and joined both the Jackson Hemerocallis Society and the AHS in 1987. Shelton has been very supportive of local and regional events since that time, attending every regional meeting until the past few years, when health issues got in the way.

Shelton has supported the William E. Monroe Endowment Trust Fund and became a member of the William E. Monroe "Hybridizer's Circle" when he donated his cultivar *Hemerocallis* 'Violet Evans Holliday' (2001) to the AHS. More than twenty double fans of this cultivar were sold and the proceeds donated to the Trust Fund.

He served as Region 14 Vice President (now called Regional President) from 1993-1994, and during that time was very supportive of the Region 14 Sally Lake Hybridizer's Bed, personally transplanting seedlings from regional hybridizers to the garden location of the Sally Lake Bed.

He served as Chair or Co-Chair of the 1993, 1998, and 2005 Region 14 spring meetings which were held in Jackson. The Jackson club sponsors a Shelton Holliday Award named in his honor, for the best clump of a registered double daylily as seen in a Region 14 tour garden. Shelton also served as Vice President and as President of the Jackson club from 1989-90 and from 2003-04, respectively. He has provided growing and care instructions for daylilies to almost everyone in his club. His generosity in donating daylilies to the club is the glue which has helped to hold the club together.

*Reprinted from The Daylily Journal, Vol. 67 No. 3 (Fall 2012)*

Winter / Spring 2013

## The Creation of "Lilly's Garden"

Paul Furr, a local hybridizer with the Montgomery Area Daylily Society graciously donated one of his lovely pink 2012 seedlings to be named "Lilly's Smile" in memory of Lilly Thompson, a former Forest Avenue Magnet School student who passed away while in elementary school.

After brainstorming about a perfect name for this daylily, Lilly's mom and members of the Capital City Master Gardeners Association knew that "Lilly's Smile" was simply perfect because they felt goose bumps sweep throughout their bodies after it was suggested. The paperwork trail to register this daylily seedling with the American Hemerocallis Society has already been completed, and the name is officially on record with AHS.

CCMGA members working with "Lilly's Garden," a memorial garden at Forest Avenue School, carefully planted Paul's seedlings in two locations at the garden in October. Members will keep the seedlings watered and fertilized and will anxiously await the first blooms of spring. When the seedlings bloom, data, specifications, and photos will be forwarded to AHS so the registration process for "Lilly's Smile" can be completed.

Paul, CCMGA members, and Lilly's parents can't wait until this flower begins blooming in the spring. It will be a special tribute to a sweet little girl. Paul is to be commended for being willing to part with one of his "babies" for such a wonderful cause. Schoolchildren and parents will be able to visit the garden and see some beautiful flowers for years to come. Maybe, just maybe, the Montgomery Area Daylily Society might gain some new members because of this wonderful donation! Thanks, Paul!

*Terese Goodson, President  
Montgomery Area Daylily Society*



*Capital City Master Gardeners Association members, Jane Martin and Suzanne Reaves, meet together with Master Gardener and President of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, Terese Goodson, and with hybridizer Paul Furr to initiate plans for "Lilly's Garden."*

*(Photo by Ann Oldham)*

# *A Preview of Gardens on Tour for the 2013 Region 14 Spring Meeting*

## Hem Haven Garden

Hem Haven Garden, home of John and Nancy Falck, and site of the 2013 Sally Lake Memorial Seedling Bed, is located just east of Fairhope, AL, on almost 5 acres with wooded groves, flower beds, hybridizing areas, and a commercial garden. The display gardens are designed in regular geometric shapes befitting the home's Dutch Colonial style. Three pine groves with crape myrtle, azalea, hydrangeas, camellia and other perennials complete the sloping front lawn.

Various theme beds are located in front of the house. There is a complete Stout Medal winners' bed, a Region 14 hybridizers' bed, an historic daylilies bed, a collection of doubles, another group of small and miniature varieties, and beds of large and extra-large cultivars. Mixed in all of the beds are spider and unusual form daylilies. Well over a hundred hybridizers are represented among the various groups.

The Sally Lake Memorial Seedling bed is centered in the display area of the back yard. The entries are set out in a rectangular grouping of smaller beds with paths between. All who attend will be able to vote by placing a Sally Lake ballot in the mailbox located by the entry to the bed. Also in the back yard are groupings of Falck seedlings and introductions, as well as a bed of double varieties being used in their hybridizing program. Behind the white fence are the shade house and main hybridizing and seedling evaluation beds. There are many new tetraploid and diploid cultivars in this area.

In the back corner of the property a commercial sales area has been established. It contains registered and seedling varieties. The registered daylilies are arranged in alphabetical order. This garden will also be the site of the Garden Judges Clinic II on Friday. Maps will be provided to help students get to the property.

## Larry and Dianne Crenshaw Garden

The Crenshaws started their garden in Atmore, AL, 5 years ago after their Uncle Jacob and Aunt Ruberta Hadley decided that at 80 years old they needed to close their daylily garden of 40 years. Larry and Dianne bought a lot of their plants. Traveling to Deltona, Florida, they visited with several of the hybridizers in that area and bought from them also. They joined 3 local clubs and began their journey into the world of daylilies, purchasing from the clubs auctions. They opened their garden to the public in April of 2007 and saw immediately that they were not only going to enjoy these beautiful flowers but also the visitors that came. In the 5 years they have been open they now have over 20,000 pots of seedlings and about 200 pots of registered plants. They have included an Antique Shop that is open when the garden is open. In 2013 the gardens and shop will be open from April 15 to June 30 and by appointment before and after those dates. Their goal, say the Crenshaws, "is to provide a pretty daylily at a reasonable price that will make people smile, be happy, and remember Crenshaw Farms Daylily Garden."

## Daylily Place

Daylily Place, the home of Fred and Kathleen Manning in Lillian, AL, has become very compact. It is an AHS Display Garden, as well as a commercial garden, and the most southeast garden in Region 14. All display and hybridizing plants are in raised boxes, and approximately 5,000 seedlings are planted in beds in the ground. They will have several hundred 2011s, 2012s and 2013 daylilies from major hybridizers, plus lots of older hems on display.

"With so much to do on the Gulf Coast, from the beautiful beaches, to the quaint little shops in downtown Fairhope, to the pier at Fairhope," says Kathleen, "plenty of information will be provided when you arrive for places to see and how to get there. We hope we will have a super turnout for this grand event."



*(Photo by Fred Manning)*



*(Photo by Nancy Falck)*



*(Photo by Dianne Crenshaw)*

## AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting

May 24-25, 2013

Hosted by The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

Meeting Chair: John Falck—251-928-3340 e-mail: hemhaven@bellsouth.net

James P. Nix Senior Center

One Bayou Drive, Fairhope, AL 46532 (Just off Scenic Hwy. 98)

**Guest Speaker: Josh Jaques, Bayou Bend Daylilies, Woodworth, LA**

### Registration Fees:

Adult: \$90

Youth: \$40

Fees include bus tours, lunch and dinner on Saturday.

Make checks payable to Mobile Hemerocallis Society.

### Mail checks to:

Kathleen Manning, Registrar

10019 Route Rd.

Lillian, AL 36549

Phone: 251-961-2583; e-mail: fredcm@gulftel.com

### Registration Deadline:

May 13, 2013

Each attendee will receive a 2012 or 2013 Fred Manning introduction.

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

Holiday Inn Express

19751 Greeno Rd. S.

Fairhope, AL 36532

Phone: 251-928-9191

\$79 + tax per night, until April 1

Key West Inn

231 Greeno Rd. S.

Fairhope, AL 36532

251-990-7373

\$64.99 + tax per night, until May 1

Hampton Inn Downtown

23 S. Section Street

Fairhope, AL 36532

Phone: 251-928-0956

\$127 + tax per night, until April 26

### Registration Form:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Indicate Judges Clinics or Workshops you will attend on Friday, May 24, 2013 (\$5 fee will be collected on site).

# \_\_\_ Exhibition Judges Clinic I (12:30-3:30 P.M.)

# \_\_\_ Garden Judges Workshop I (12:30-2:30 P.M.)

# \_\_\_ Exhibition Judges Clinic II (12:30-3:30 P.M.)

# \_\_\_ Garden Judges Workshop II (10:00-11:30 A.M.)

# \_\_\_ Exhibition Judges Clinic III (Refresher)

(Workshop II will be in the Falck garden.)

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.

# Josh Jaques: In His Own Words

## Our Featured Speaker: 2013 Spring Regional Meeting

My parents and I were in the wholesale nursery business for several years. I acquired my love and knowledge of plants and landscaping from working with them. In 2006, a man by the name of Ellis Powell came to our nursery to purchase azaleas for a landscape project. As luck would have it, his truck was too small to carry all he had purchased, so I volunteered to deliver the plants to his home. While unloading the plants, I noticed his back yard was landscaped with hundreds of daylilies. When I asked about them, his face lit up. Over the next few months, both of our lives were drastically changed. He lost his wife of almost 60 years, my wife and I welcomed twin boys into the world, and my father went back to his previous job and left me in charge of the family business, Joel's Nursery.

That next spring, I received a phone call from Ellis. He asked if I was still interested in daylilies. The next

morning, I found myself helping him dig a bed of at least fifty daylilies, which he generously gave to me. Over the next year, he brought me to gardens and club meetings in Hattiesburg, introduced me to the Cenla Daylily Society, and took me to Florida to meet some amazing hybridizers who quickly became good friends. He also helped me establish a display garden by sharing some of his best plants with me. This allowed me the access I needed to cutting edge daylilies, and I made my first crosses with these plants in 2008. I saw my first seedlings bloom in only nine months. It didn't take long for me to realize what a blessing daylilies would be to my life. Joel's Nursery quickly evolved into Bayou Bend Daylilies.

Ellis was in the seedling fields every day during bloom season. Because of his knowledge of daylilies and his love of beauty, I was honored when he would point out



A personal favorite, *Hemerocallis* 'Godsend' (Jaques 2012) has been one of Josh's best tetraploid parents for the last two seasons. Its 34" scapes sport 5.75" rose blooms with a watermark eye and edge, outlined with gold ruffles and teeth. It is a cross of 'God Save the Queen' x unknown.

(Photo by Josh Jaques)



H. **'Millicent Bystander'** (Jaques 2011) is a 28" tall, 6" mauve flower with a darker eye and a fine white edge above a green throat. A cross of **'Lake City Intrigue'** x **'Bella Sera'**, its glowing purple is typical of Josh's interest in hybridizing for richly colored flowers.

(Photo by Josh Jaques)



H. **'Mentor's Mark'** (Jaques 2011) is a 27" tall, 7" peach tetraploid with a rose eye and a double edge above a yellow green throat. It is a cross of **'Carol Todd'** x **'Ellis Powell'**. On his website, Josh writes that this flower is "named in memory of my mentor, Ellis Powell. He is the reason I began my daylily venture. Ellis first noticed this plant in my seedling field in 2009. With the admiration he showed for this flower, I felt as though he truly got to see the mark he made on my life." (Photo by Josh Jaques)



H. **'Big Cane'** (Jaques 2011) is a 36" tall, 6.5" deep lavender with a chalky lavender halo, double edge and a yellow green throat. A cross of **'Freedom's Triumph'** x **'Lake City Intrigue'**, it is named for the town where Nikki's grandmother lived. Josh writes that "She was the 'heart of the family'. 'Purple' was her favorite color." (Photo by Josh Jaques)



H. **'Sunset Grill'** (Jaques 2012) is a 29" tall, 6" peach polychrome tetraploid with a small halo and yellow to green throat. A cross of **'Pineapple Moon'** x **'Power of One'**, the flower has great substance and is covered with diamond dusting. It won the best seedling in the Cenla Flower Show in 2012. (Photo by Josh Jaques)

a seedling that he enjoyed. This encouraged me to continue my hybridizing ventures, and establish a more defined breeding program that focused more on creating large flowers with patterns, red tones, and teeth. Sadly, he passed away before I registered my first daylilies in 2011.

Even though Ellis is no longer here to point out a "pretty face," I still have plenty of help from my twin boys, Denton and Hudson, who are now 6 years old. They are always eager to help daddy in the garden and happily tell everyone we meet that we are "daylily people" and they are "pollen jocks like daddy." My wife, Nikki, helps keep me organized and is always happy to welcome visitors to our

garden. Our new baby girl, Josie, has even visited the garden and welcomed guests with mommy several times since arriving in August of 2012.

So many exciting things have taken place, and I've been blessed in so many ways, in such a short amount of time, that I just can't wait to see what God has planned for the future of Bayou Bend Daylilies.

*Josh Jaques*

# Using a Dark Background to Enhance Daylily Photographs

by Marianne Joordens, New Brunswick, Canada

As a photographer, I am often asked “How do you do the black background?” for many of my photographs. One thing I would like to clarify from the start is that my backgrounds are seldom completely black. Usually they are a mix of dark green to black. The reason for this is because my backdrop is actually a tree line on my property. I’m surrounded by woods and the transition area where lawn becomes trees is full of shadow pockets. These pockets create very dark green/black backgrounds, so my preferred description is “dark backgrounds.”

I discovered this by happy accident during the summer of 2008. If there was a beginning, then the photo below was it.



*Hemerocallis ‘Big Kiss’ (Joiner 1991)*  
(Photo by Marianne Joordens)

It was my best shot of 2008 and I was so impressed with myself that I made this photo the cover shot of my website during its creation in early 2009. It has the horizon line I’m less fond of today, but in 2008 I was just tickled with this picture.

By 2009 I was ready to play with this idea a little more. In the next two columns are a series of photos taken of *H. ‘Envy Me’* (Reinke 1995) all within a 3-4 minute time frame in July of 2009.

The first is your basic straight down shot. By far, this is the single most common angle of daylily photos. Then I moved a little and dropped my camera down around hip level. I have one of those tilt and swivel displays, so I don’t need to have my eye right behind the camera. I think I must have been crouching for the third shot. Here you can see the end of the lawn disappearing into the tree line. When I got even lower (see the first photo on page 17), I was able to elevate the bloom up into the surrounding trees as can be seen by the dark green leafy areas in the upper left of the photo. I moved a hair to the right and zoomed in on the bloom. In





the end I didn't like any of these pictures. I wasn't even impressed enough with the dark background at the time to take much notice, because I didn't like how it made the bloom in picture 5 look over-exposed. Back in the summer of 2009, I didn't know how to correct the problem with software.



A couple of weeks later I continued the practice of moving around, shooting at different angles. Below and in the right column on this page are photos of *H. 'Pointer Sisters'* (Church 2007) taken after a rain and with increasingly dark backgrounds.



In August of 2009, I was doing the same thing with *H. 'Mico'* (Joiner 1968), moving around the bloom and trying on different backgrounds. This time the photo I settled on had a partial dark background.



I was much happier with the exposure in this shot. The day was dreary. It had just finished raining and the cloud cover was thick. While I liked the photo of the bloom itself, the green along the bottom ate away at me. I just kept wishing I had dropped the camera angle a little more to eliminate the lawn. I was slowly beginning to appreciate the dark background providing I had the right weather, and the right bloom.

So what have I learned about using a dark background in the years since?

### 1. Distance matters: both behind and in front of the bloom.

Ideally you should have at least 20 feet between the bloom and the background. The more distance you have, the more distortion you'll create in the background. It tends to blend any imperfections. And having 8-10 feet between you and your bloom allows you more options on zooming in, and cropping later. The denser the woods the better. I have this spot in one area and when I use it you can see the light between the leaves of the trees—even on an overcast day. The following is a polytepal of *H. 'Skinwalker'* (Roberts-N. 1997), and though the woods is far enough away, there are spots of light which are slightly distracting.



### 3. Not all darks are created equal.

However, that doesn't mean they are less effective. Pale and/or white, brilliant orange, or yellow blooms look lovely on an obviously dark green background. Contrast is a factor. So don't discount those dark green areas of your own garden. Below are *H. 'Mehta'* (Clover 2002) and '*Debary Canary'* (Stamile 2006).

### 2. Shooting down versus getting down.

I can't stress this enough. Whenever possible, try multiple shots from multiple angles *and* levels. One thing most of us are not afraid to do is to get down on our knees in the dirt, right? The pictures below and at the top of the next column are of the same *H. 'Skinwalker'* bloom with photos taken within a minute of each other (you can tell by the water drop at the tip of the lowest sepal) without my touching the bloom in any way. The first is shooting down while the second is getting down.



#### 4. Dark blooms are also possible.

Lighting is key for dark blooms. A brightly overcast day is ideal. If you can't capture light on the bloom it will fade into the darkness of the background. Take many more photos than you would usually. Somewhere in the mix you might end up with one that has captured the light just right. You don't get the same *pop* with a darker bloom, but something more like an understated elegance. Below are examples of a burgundy wine flower with a lavender wire edge, *H. 'Chaco Canyon'* (Roberts-N. 2003), and a dark royal red purple flower with a lavender cream edge, '*Shuffle the Deck*' (Shooter-E. 2003), shot against dark backgrounds.



#### 5. Plant in Pots for a Glamour Shot.

Spring arrivals are always potted. This offers me complete flexibility to capture these kinds of shots. I can (and do) grab any pot in bloom and move it to the edge of the property to line it up with the background of my choice. In a perfect world, all of the new garden additions have had their "glamour" shot done before they are planted into crowded beds.

#### 6. When all else fails.

Of course, I have some plants that are already imbedded into my over-crowded gardens. There is absolutely no way I can take a photo without ending up with some undesirable thing in the background, whether another bloom, hybridizing tags, deadheads, or the problem of late season ratty foliage. I certainly can't avoid the green no matter how bad I might want the dark background. Hmmm . . . what to do?

Here's what I came up with: I cut the live bloom off the garden-crowded scape and wire it onto the *unblooming* scape of a potted plant. If the scape has closed buds, make sure they are compatible with the form of the bloom you are wiring onto it. You wouldn't want to wire a spider form onto a scape with really fat, short buds. Then I can put it where I want for the photo. I also could have cut a freshly (fresh is key as it's still green) bloomed-out scape from the garden, poked it into the ground anywhere that has my desired background, wired up my bloom, and still have got my shot.

So there you have it. What remains is to add polish to your new "dark" photos, and that can be done by the minimal use of software.

#### 7. Using software.

Remember the five pictures of *H. 'Envy Me'* on pages 16-17? What is wrong with them? Why did I say that "In the end I didn't like any of the pictures"?

Since each person makes decisions about what is best on his or her own, if the fifth photo were your picture, what would you decide to "fix" about it, if you could?

Since it is my picture, I'll tell you what "fixes" I would do.

The main problems I see are the poor composition and the slight over-exposure. As regards composition, the photo is too busy. The green on the left hand side is distracting and doesn't add anything to the picture. I don't like the bud tucked in behind the lower petal and that ghostly green streak has got to go. You could crop most of that out at this point, but I tend to wait with my crop so that I can get a better look for a balanced photo.

If you are going to use software to make changes in a photo, the first thing you want to do before you start your editing is to save the photo under a different name. Always use "save as" and work with a copy of the original.

The clone brush is probably my most used tool. I can repair blemishes, make things go away, and create things that aren't really there. With the clone brush I can select a part of the photo that I want to reproduce in another place.

Did you notice in the photo that both the upper and right petals have some discoloration, that one of the anthers has fallen off and had wedged itself under the stamens, and that the tiny brown object on the left sepal is a tiny spider probably responsible for the web-like areas of discoloration. By zooming in and using a tiny clone tool, I can easily repair these and other minor problems.

The final product is not perfect, but it is a vast improvement over the original.



*Here are the two photos of H. 'Envy Me' (the original and the edited) side by side for comparison.*



### *H. 'Suzy Cream Cheese' (Bachman 2001)*

*This final portrait demonstrates the artistry of photographing a daylily to the side and slightly below the bloom so as to create a dark background highlighting the delicate nature of the flower.*

*Marianne Joordens*

# Youth Digital Photography Contest for 2013

Region 14 is again sponsoring Youth Photography Awards for 2013.

Images will be accepted until June 21, 2013. Please e-mail as attachments or put them on a CD and mail to the Youth Photography Liaison. Do not reduce the size of images. They need to be sent large enough, preferably at 1MB to 3MB, for our editor to be able to print them in our regional newsletter.

Below are the rules and guidelines:

There are four categories, and a youth photographer (up to the age of 21) may submit up to five entries in each category:

- (1) individual bloom (*the photograph may be of any registered cultivar*)
- (2) cultivar clump
- (3) daylilies with companion plants
- (4) daylilies in the landscape

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

The same applies for the cultivar clump, which should show the foliage, the scapes, and the flowers to give a total picture.

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

In the landscape category, the photographer may, if he or she wishes, identify some of the daylilies, but must identify the garden in which the photo was taken.

The photographer must be a Region 14 youth member.

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

Region 14 will give an award of \$25 in each of the four categories, and the winning entries will be published in the 2013 Summer/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. An awards presentation will be held at the Region 14 Fall Meeting in Montgomery, Alabama.

*Becky Parr*

Youth Photography Liaison

Please send your images by June 21, 2013, to:

Becky Parr  
Youth Photography Liaison  
4353 S. Shades Crest Rd.  
Bessemer, AL 35022

E-mail: [beckyparr@bellsouth.net](mailto:beckyparr@bellsouth.net)

# *M. A. D. S. Bus Trip to Georgia*

*June, 2012*

*by Terese Goodson*

Let's hear it for a ROAD TRIP!!! Last June, club members from the Montgomery Area Daylily Society took a three day bus trip throughout southern Georgia, ending up in beautiful Savannah. What was the most fun? Was it the food (plenty of homemade cookies and trail mix) and fellowship on the bus? Or could it be the number of daylilies still blooming in the amazing gardens we visited? After such a warm winter, we were afraid we wouldn't see any color, but by the time we left the Ellers' Sunshine Garden on Sunday, the bus was jam packed with daylilies of all shapes and sizes.

It was tough getting out of bed Friday morning to meet the bus in the parking lot of Auburn University Montgomery by 5:00 a.m., but daylily enthusiasts are willing to go to any length to find that perfect bloom. After missing one exit for a side trip to Hardees (Who was talking rather than directing the bus driver??), we managed to get our morning coffee and head to Tim Bell's Daylily Garden in Sycamore,

GA. There the landscaping was beautiful and the daylily beds were neat and tidy. How nice to be able to see daylilies up close and personal! The artistic use of plants, beautiful foliage throughout the garden, and lots of diverse trees on the property gave club members a cool, comfortable setting for the tour. Tim Bell was offering free kittens to everyone on the bus as a special bonus! No takers, though.

After a great country lunch, complete with fried okra and sweet potato fries, the bus continued rolling along to Country Lane Daylilies in Sparks. Our driver meandered through a narrow pasture roadway and we found ourselves surrounded by peanuts and lots of daylilies. It must be springtime, because there were eleven white Siamese kittens roaming around. More offers? Wayne Taunton said his wife would give away her daylilies before she would give away any of those babies! Luckily, the rains missed us, or we would have had to hunker down next to the bus in the peanut pasture for the evening.



*The Tim Bell Garden in Sycamore, Georgia*

*(Photo by Donna Currington)*



*The Joiner Daylily Garden in Pembroke, Georgia  
(Photos by Donna Currington)*

We were on the road again bright and early Saturday morning for our trek to the Joiner Daylily Gardens in Pembroke. Jan and Royce Joiner made us feel special as club members toured their lovely home site and garden areas. It will be tough to have to wait for some of the new daylily doubles seedlings that are being hybridized there, but we enjoyed the overview of what is coming in the near future. The Joiners are well organized and obviously are used to working with the public, answering lots of questions patiently and willingly. We enjoyed our time in their garden.

AHS Region 5 had hosted their regional meeting earlier in June, so we were very pleased when L. B. Davis and his wife invited us to tour their lovely setting in Bloomingdale, one of the gardens on tour for Region 5 this year. L. B. and his wife demonstrated true southern hospitality. Their suggestion as to where to head for a nice lunch was also right on the money!

On to Savannah we went for an evening of sight-seeing! Club members are like the Energizer bunny—they keep going and going and going. We certainly couldn't go without Leopold's for homemade ice cream, and the roller coaster bus ride throughout the squares in downtown Savannah was not to be missed.

Sunday morning arrived much too soon, but once again, we were on the road. (Now here is a question for you. How many men does it take to ask directions from one location to another? Do you suppose that if a woman was in charge we would have arrived at our destinations much earlier? Just a thought to ponder . . .) We made it to the Ellers' Sunshine Garden in Leesburg, early enough to enjoy red velvet and carrot cake, in addition to seeing some beautiful flowers and many new seedlings. It was fun to see the "Hillbilly" Duck series blooming in the garden, from "Daisy May Duck" to "Bubba Duck." It turns out that Don Eller's nickname used to be "Duck" when he was growing up, hence the name for his series of flowers.

After a time out for a huge buffet lunch, we made it safely back to A.U.M. We were able to quickly unload the bus and head on home. Two of our guests were driving back to Athens, AL, so they were thrilled to arrive earlier than we had anticipated. This trip is in the books, but we're already looking forward to next year's adventure, and in the meantime we had lots of daylily planting to do!

*Terese Goodson*



*The L. B. Davis Garden in Bloomingdale, Georgia  
(Photos by Donna Currington)*

# Travels with my Camera: The 2012 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio

by Oliver Billingslea

In April, 2004, I purchased my first digital camera, a Canon EOS Rebel with 6.3 megapixels, primarily to work on the Summer/Fall 2004 issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, for which I had just become editor. Nine years later, with some 9,878 downloads on my computer, I'm still using that camera.

Last July, camera in hand, I set out to drive to Columbus, Ohio, to attend the National Convention. I had agreed to help our AHS Publications Services Manager maintain a booth offering for sale our latest AHS publication, *Landscaping with Daylilies*. The drive to Columbus was uneventful, although I couldn't help but notice how dry the land was, especially from Tennessee northward through Kentucky and into Ohio. Corn crops were suffering, and even the soybean fields desperately needed rain. I arrived a day early, since I would need to be present at the Publications Committee meeting at 1 P.M. on Wednesday, July 11.

Tuesday afternoon, I had the opportunity to visit the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden, located pretty much downtown, but not far from the Convention hotel. As I drove into the 88 acre park, I immediately noticed the 20 ton sculpture of three sails, "NavStar '92," created by artist Stephen Canneto for the 1992 Ameriflora International Exposition, celebrating the 500th anniversary of Columbus' voyage of discovery. This piece became the logo for the National Daylily Convention this past summer, partially because of the Ohio Hybridizers Historic Daylily Garden which is located on the Franklin Park grounds.

Initiated in 2005, the daylily garden is maintained by the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society. Fifteen Ohio hybridizers from the 1920s through the 1970s are represented in the historical bed. I was particularly interested in this portion of the daylily garden, as I had featured a number



*The Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden in Columbus, Ohio, was a lovely part of the 2012 National Convention. Above clockwise, are Stephen Canneto's "NavStar '92"; the Palm House at the Conservatory; a display of grasses and perennials near the Conservatory's entrance; and a portion of the Scotts 4 acre Miracle-Gro Community Garden Campus, which is a test center for various annuals and perennials.*

*(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*





Above are some of the cacti in the Desert House; *Hemerocallis* ‘Mrs. W. H. Wyman’ (Betscher 1929) in the Ohio Hybridizers Historic Daylily Garden; *Hosta* ‘Sum and Substance’ in a shady area of the Botanical Garden; and two of the many perennials, *Echinacea* ‘Sombbrero Sandy Yellow’ and ‘Powwow Wild Berry’, being tested in the Scotts Miracle-Gro Campus. (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)

of Ohio hybridizers of historical significance in the *Landscaping with Daylilies* book. Much to my delight, I found in bloom a daylily I had never seen before, *Hemerocallis* ‘Mrs. W. H. Wyman’ (Betscher 1929). I was familiar with Carl Betscher’s ‘Cressida’ (Betscher-Wyman 1929), a 36" diploid medium orange with a faint halo, which Robert M. Schreiner had treated with colchicine and later registered in its tetraploid form as ‘Brilliant Glow’ (Schreiner 1951), described as “a 34" rich orange with thick magnolia-like petals.”

Four other beds display cultivars from the 1980s, 1990s, 2000s, and 2010s. In the lower garden there is a Stout Medal collection, and in the upper garden area a Steve Moldovan Memorial Collection, including over 250 cultivars. Along the south side of the Conservatory is a species collection as well.

Unfortunately, because of the extra early daylily season and the continued drought, the flowers at the Conservatory were not at their best. It has been my experience that this is often the case with public plantings, even when there



*Artglass by Dale Chihuly in the Franklin Park Conservatory  
(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Butterflies in the Pacific Island Water Garden  
(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*

is a watering system in place, as there was here. Those employees immediately responsible for a public garden may or may not realize the necessity of grooming and watering specific plantings. On the other hand, the nearby 4 acre Scotts Miracle-Gro Community Garden Campus, providing a living classroom for perennial and community garden design, was flourishing with lots of water being applied. I could only imagine it must have been the result of funding, or water shortages, and some parts were receiving priority.

Despite the dry conditions, there were several very pretty daylilies. In the Moldovan beds, I was struck by the color of *H. 'Anchors Aweigh'* (1990), a 28" tall, 6" tetraploid, a bluish violet blend with a grayed lavender watermark above a cream lime throat. I also found the form of *'Monkey Hips'* (Bachman 2003) especially photogenic; it is a very tall 58", 7.5" unusual form spatulate, a deep yellow self with a green yellow throat. But among all the daylilies in bloom, the one I liked the most was *'Grammie's Little Noah'* (Singer 2010), a 28", 4.75" diploid of a light orange paprika over a large bright green throat. I had never heard of the cultivar nor the hybridizer, but during the tours I later learned more about both.

I got to spend sometime in the Conservatory itself, a respite from the 90° heat. Built in 1895 and renovated in 1992 for the Ameriflora International Exposition, it houses over 400 species of plants from 4 distinctive climate zones. I took great delight in visiting the Pacific Island Water Garden where butterflies take flight constantly, but rest only for a moment, making it particularly difficult to photograph them without a zoom lens. There were several amazing large metallic-blue butterflies flitting about, but inevitably when they would light, they would close their wings, leaving visible only the brown undersides. The Desert collection of plants in another area provided a great contrast, and I shot several interesting cacti.

Most impressive is the collection of Dale Chihuly's glass artwork, accentuating almost every section of the facility. Some of his smaller pieces were for sale, but at a range of \$6,000 to \$10,000, they were a bit beyond my pocket-book. After all, I'm saving up for a new camera with zooms, and stabilizers, and megapixels to spare.

Tuesday evening, I called Charles and Cynthia Lucius, whose Amity Abloom Daylily Gardens was one of the eight scheduled to be on tour on Friday and Saturday. When



*H. 'Monkey Hips' (Bachman 2003)*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H. 'Anchors Aweigh' (Moldovam 1990)*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

I asked if I might come out and visit early Wednesday morning prior to the Publication Committee meeting at 1 P.M., they were most gracious. I had met the Luciuses at the National Convention in Lake Mary, FL, and they had sent me a number of photographs of their garden for possible use in *Landscaping with Daylilies*. Charles gave me directions, and bright and early the next morning I set out for Hilliard, OH, just west of Columbus. Located in rural Ohio, a few miles west of Hilliard, Amity Abloom Daylily Gardens provides a spectacular setting for daylilies. But what also bowled me over was that the Luciuses had deadheaded a large portion of

the garden so I could photograph. Charles also brought out their copy of the landscaping book for me sign. I was very honored and wrote something like, "May daylilies always lift your spirit."

Charles spent the next half hour showing me around the property, then turned me loose to photograph. Located on 7 rolling acres, when the Luciuses purchased the property in 2003, it was a "blank canvas," completely devoid of flowers. The Luciuses immediately set to work, creating large display beds around their home. Flanking their curved driveway are two low stone walls that serve as a backdrop to some of



*Amity Abloom Daylily Gardens, near Hilliard, Ohio*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Hemerocallis* ‘Zabriskie Point’ (Hanson-C. 2009), ‘Tigger’ (Stamile 1989), ‘Apache War Dance’ (Thomas-D. 1994), ‘Bottom Dollar Baby’ (Carpenter-J. 1996), ‘Pineapple Moon’ (Trimmer 2007), ‘Fire King’ (Benz 1991), ‘Ruffled Nuggets’ (Bell-T. 2007), and ‘Mauna Loa’ (Roberts 1976) bloom in the Lucius front yard. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Hemerocallis* ‘Ashwood Inferno’ (Norris-R. 2010), ‘Ciel ‘D’or’ (Kirchhoff-D. 1996), ‘Coral Majesty’ (Hughes 1978), ‘Orange Clown’ (Goldner-Webster 2007), ‘Desert Charm’ (Klehm 2009), ‘Moses’ Fire’ (Joiner 1998), and ‘Highland Pinched Fingers’ (Toll 1991) lend more warm colors to the front yard at Amity Abloom. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Amity Abloom contains a variety of garden art. Behind a split-log fence, a rust-metallic horse trots, corralled next to a massive planting of *Hemerocallis* ‘Yellow Explosion’ (Oakes 1987). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Birdhouses and large boulders lend interest to an island bed in the Lucius back yard. The red daylily in the foreground is *Hemerocallis* ‘All Consuming Fire’ (Olson 1998). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

their daylily beds, with numerous complementary plantings of ornamental grasses, Shasta daisies, sedums, coneflowers, coreopsis, coral bells, hydrangeas, and specimen trees. Various sculptures adorn their yard, including a large replica of a daylily out front; a bronze angel, which once stood outside a casino in New Orleans, now placed near their patio and pool; and a large metallic rust-colored sculpture of a horse trotting out back. Winding stone paths connect several of their backyard garden rooms, which include an area with birdhouses rising amid large boulders, an Amish-built gazebo, a 60-foot-long pergola with a waterfall and twin benches, and a swing structure, serving as the focal point for yet another garden.

That horse sculpture trots toward a corral flanked by an immense planting of *Hemerocallis* ‘Yellow Explosion’ (Oakes 1987), a 27" tall, 5.5" yellow diploid. There must have been 300 plants of this cultivar, which by the way just this year won an HM from the American Hemerocallis Society. I was familiar with the story of the bronze angel—of

visitors (gamblers) to the casino in New Orleans touching or rubbing her on their way in, as Charles put it, “hoping that the angel was praying for their luck.”

Back at the hotel, I spent much of the afternoon at the Publications Committee meeting, where we talked about issues regarding *The Daylily Journal*; a possible membership roster; and the book, *Landscaping with Daylilies*, which had already broken all sales expectations. I proposed a special price for Botanical Garden bookstores, which the committee adopted, and suggested that in the fall we look into placing the book on Amazon.com to expedite sales outside of the Society.

While the Publication Services Manager was in the AHS Board meeting most of Thursday, I sat at our booth and sold and signed copies of the book. I also began to collect autographs in two books from the many photographers and hybridizers featured, so that AHS could auction them off Saturday evening. As it turned out, I ended up getting 52 signatures in each of the books.



Above are several of the daylilies that were blooming at Amity Abloom. From the top, arranged clockwise, are *Hemerocallis* ‘**Honey Crunch Cupcake**’ (Herrington-T. 1999), ‘**Cosmic Traveler**’ (Trimmer 2007), ‘**Princess of Wales**’ (Stamile 2006), and ‘**Stone Island**’ (Stamile 2007), on the top of which poses a praying mantis, barely visible. (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)

A great part of any National Convention is getting to renew previous acquaintances and meet new friends. On our bus on both Friday and Saturday, I happened to sit behind Ken Cobb, AHS archivist, from Raleigh, NC, and just across the aisle from Sharon Cusick, from Cincinnati, OH, both of whom had helped me immensely in putting together much of the historical information for the book. We had a lot of stories to swap about famous personalities in the Society.

Our first tour garden on Friday was Heavenly Gardens, which had been established in 1996 when James and Dianna Gossard purchased 5 acres near Galloway, Ohio. The site includes three greenhouses, a shade house, a gazebo, a koi pond, and two relatively new ponds featuring a waterfall and a walkway between them. It was great to arrive at this striking garden early, since early light affords some of the best photography. I had found out which bus



On the second visit to Amity Abloom, I couldn't help but admire again the interesting metallic sculpture of two purple daylilies.

In a shady spot in the front yard at Amity Abloom, *Hemerocallis* ‘**Lacy All Over**’ (Stamile 2008) was particularly lovely.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

would go there first and had carefully signed up for that bus. Northern gardens tend to favor unusual form daylilies and spiders, for one reason because they tend to open better in cooler weather. But hybridizers like Jamie Gossard are also making great strides in perfecting the beauty and distinctiveness of many of these daylilies. I had particularly wanted to see *H.* **‘White Eyes Pink Dragon’** (Gossard 2006), which I had heard so much about, and I wasn’t disappointed. This 38" tall, 8.5" dusky rose tetraploid with a whiter watermark was blooming beautifully at Heavenly Gardens, and it went on to capture the President’s Cup for the most outstanding clump seen at the National Convention. Two other impressive daylilies were **‘Purple Cheetah’** (Gossard 2006), a 32" tall, 7.5" light purple tetraploid with darker spots and a darker bicolored watermark and purple eye; and **‘Neon Flamingo’** (Gossard 2006), a 35" tall, 8.5" neon pink tetraploid with a light pink watermark. This later daylily is one of the most brilliantly colored daylilies I have seen.

As is usual, and especially for the photographer who remembers most things through the camera’s eye, the bus whistle had us moving on to the second garden of the morning, which for me was my second trip to Amity Abloom. I

knew precisely where to go to get the best shots, ahead of my compatriots. But I couldn’t resist taking folks over to see a praying mantis which I discovered perched atop a bloom of **‘Stone Island’** (Stamile 2007). It was good to see this 32" tall, 6.5" full-formed pink with gold edges doing so well in central Ohio, as were indeed a number of the Southern-bred introductions from hybridizers like Dan Trimmer, Charles Douglas, and Paul Owen. **‘Lacy All Over’** (Stamile 2008), a 35" tall, 7" near white tetraploid with a wire gold edge above a green throat, was very lovely. Karol Emmerich’s **‘Woman at the Well’** (2004), a 22" tall, 5" apricot tetraploid with a cranberry eye and edge, was blooming extravagantly, as were several notable cultivars as **‘Holly Dancer’** (Warrell 1998), a 32" tall, 7" brilliant red diploid; **‘Honey Crunch Cupcake’** (Herrington-T. 1999), a 26" tall, 4" double lavender and peach blend diploid with a darker eye, and **‘Highland Pinched Fingers’** (Toll 1991), a 30" tall, 7.5" orange polychrome tet with a slight gold edge.

Walking back down the front drive, in response to the bus whistle, we couldn’t help but admire once again the 8 foot metallic sculpture of the two purple daylilies in bloom. Located in front of a large spruce, which provided the per-



*H.* **‘Purple Cheetah’** (Gossard 2006)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*H.* **‘Neon Flamingo’** (Gossard 2006)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Early morning light blessed our arrival at Heavenly Gardens, our first official tour garden on Friday. One of three angel statues stands sentinel over a circular bed of daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



This gorgeous clump of *Hemerocallis* **‘White Eyes Pink Dragon’** (Gossard 2006) blooming at Heavenly Gardens won the President’s Cup at the 2012 National Convention. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Hemerocallis 'Orange Harmony' (Bushong 2009) and 'White Chocolate' (Reed 2007) bloom near a planting of Miscanthus variegatus at Angel's Paradise. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*Photographer, Oliver Billingslea, was caught photographing daylilies. Since, as he admits, he remembers things mostly through the camera's eye, he's not sure in which garden this shot was made. (Photo by Ken Cobb)*

fect background, this imposing piece of garden art simply glowed. I was glad I had been able to visit this garden two days earlier, because there was so much to see.

Our third garden of the day was Angel's Paradise, located near Ostrander, Ohio. Landscape designer Doug Sayer and his wife Stacy transformed what was a five-acre rustic site into a beautiful oasis of evergreens, perennials, shrubs, and ornamental grasses. Wide grassy paths led from one garden room to the next.

Particularly outstanding was the combination of grasses and small shrubs along with daylilies. In one bed, alongside a large specimen of *Miscanthus variegatus*, *Hemerocallis 'Orange Harmony'* (Bushong 2009), a 46" tall, 7.5" tangerine tetraploid with a red eye above a red orange throat, combined effectively with *'White Chocolate'* (Reed 2007), a 36" tall, 7" white diploid unusual form cascade. Numerous conifers were placed throughout the garden, many of them varieties of blue spruce. A planting of *Hemerocallis 'Crimson Ninja'* (Gossard 2008), a 50" crimson red tet, soared in front of a backdrop of a curtain-like grass. Katisue Herrington's *Hemerocallis 'Dorothy and Toto'* (2003), a 30" tall, 6" rose, peach, and cream blend tetraploid, was grown very well and went on to capture the Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award for the best double seen in a National Convention tour garden.

Our last garden of the day was the Hensley Garden, located in Pickerington, Ohio. Featuring a variety of perennials, vines, shrubs, conifers and other trees of all sizes, the garden is a testament to what a gardener can do with an average-sized suburban lot. Kim and Chris Hensley have also created a dry garden area featuring desert-thriving plants. New Dawn climbing roses and several clematises frame various areas of the backyard.

When I was working on *Landscaping with Daylilies*, Kevin Walek, past-President of the AHS, had listed *Hemerocallis 'Hummingbird'* (Benesh-Schoeneman 1955) as one of his mainstays in his garden. I had never heard of the daylily, and though several of the folks who gave me advice on the book suggested I leave it out of the chapter on historical cultivars, in the Hensley garden, there it was. Sharon Cusick had helped me track down some information about the little known Otto Benesh, who was from Myrtle Creek, Oregon, and I was glad I had included at least one of his two registrations in the book. It sorta' "made my day" to see this little 5" ruby red diploid with an intense green throat still being grown.

A number of red daylilies were standouts in the Hensley garden, including several from Dottie Warrell, whose cultivars are very popular in Ohio and elsewhere throughout the Midwest and Northeast. Particularly strik-



*H. 'Hummingbird' (Benesh-Schoeneman 1955)*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*H. 'Red Spider Mite' (Warrell 2003)*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

ing was *H. 'Red Spider Mite'* (Warrell 2003), a 28" tall, 4" bright red diploid, registered as an unusual form cascade. A daylily which I had photographed earlier at Heavenly Gardens was equally lovely in the Hensley Garden. Planted in conjunction with purple and white gayfeather, alongside white coneflowers, *H. 'Carrick Wildon'* (Goldner 1987), a 7.5" tetraploid yellow-red blend with orange tips and yellow throat, was outstanding.



*H. 'Carrick Wildon' (Goldner 1987)*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Returning to the hotel, together with our Publication Services Manager, we sold more books, and then got ready for the Friday evening banquet. Regional awards were presented, Region 14's Shelton Holliday being named recipient of the AHS Region Service Award. Nancy Falck also won a newsletter writing award for the Best Article About a Hybridizer, for "Beauty and Strength: The Hybridizing Program of Terah and Jesse George," which she wrote for *The Dixie Daylily*. I was particularly pleased that Linda Sue Barnes, the editor for Region 15's *The Hem-alina*, won both the Best Newsletter Award for 2012, as well as the Award for the Best Use Of Pictures and Graphics. Respectively, Payton Ham and Hope Brown from Region 14 were recognized as first

place winners in the Beginners and Intermediate Division of the National Youth Photography Awards.

Saturday morning began under low clouds and a light drizzle, but nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of daylily travelers. Our first stop was at Deep Ditch Gardens owned by Donna Kowalczyk. I first met Donna, who sat at our table for dinner one night at the Minneapolis National Convention in 2007. Deep Ditch is located in Sunbury, Ohio, about 30 minutes north of Columbus. It is a fenced garden surrounded by woods and a small creek to the west. Twin waterfalls spill into a pond, and a gazebo overlooks the whole. Among her many garden rooms there was one in which the daylilies all had bird names. In bloom were *H. 'Canary Feathers'* (Hansen 1986), an 18" tall, 3.875" bright yellow tetraploid; *'Bob White'* (Peck 1982), a 24" tall, 6" near white tetraploid; and *'Yellow Finch'* (Gossard 2003), a much taller 45", 8" unusual form crispate tetraploid of bright chrome yellow with a yellow toothy edge. Various grasses and purple coneflowers provided a backdrop for the daylilies, and pastel colored birdhouses, suitable for wrens and other small fowl, were set among the beds.



*At Deep Ditch Gardens, a garden room for the birds*  
*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



Although it was moderately difficult to photograph while protecting my camera from the intermittent drizzle, among the daylilies I did shoot close up was Ned Roberts' *H.* **'Kachina Dancer'** (1997), a 30" tall, 6.5" purple diploid with a spider ratio of 4.09:1, and Darrel Apps' classic **'Pardon Me'** (1982), an 18" tall, 2.75" bright red diploid. Throughout the garden, a number of red daylilies were aglow in the rain.

prika diploid with a bright green throat which I had admired on Tuesday blooming in the Ohio Hybridizers' Bed at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Garden. I had no idea at the time that it was a registration by Cindy's mother, Bonnie Singer. It truly was one of the most consistently beautiful daylilies I saw during the Convention, and I was able to shoot it again at the Osmans, this time with raindrops on its petals.



*Amid an intermittent drizzle, I was able to photograph portions of the Osman Garden. The impressive garden rooms extended over several acres, which included a pond. Top left, is the formal garden with various shrubs and perennials near the back of the house; top right, is the totem recognizing those gardens which contributed guest plants; below left, is a portion of the several beds featuring the registrations of contemporary women hybridizers; and below right is Bonnie Singer's **'Grammie's Little Noah'** (2010), glistening with raindrops. (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*

Not far away, the second garden of the day was that of Cindy and John Osman, located in a rural-suburban area of Sunbury primarily known for corn, soybeans, and horses. In addition to a quarter-acre pond, the home, and two barns, the Osman property had its daylily beds spread out in multiple garden areas. The most fascinating area consisted of beds laid out in three curved tiers, featuring the registrations of nearly 60 contemporary women hybridizers from around the nation. With wide grassy walkways in between, it was a neat idea and a great showcase for female hybridizers.

In the Judy Davisson section, pictured above, I was amused by the daylily named, **'No Boys Allowed'** (2006). Registered as an unusual form crispate tetraploid, it is a 32" tall, 8" rose with a large cream pink watermark eye. Another unusual form crispate tetraploid I particularly admired was Pat Cochenour's **'Screamcicle'** (2003), a 35" tall, 8" orange with a red orange eye above an orange throat.

There were large signs marking each hybridizer's specific plot, and although there were a limited number of cultivars that could be included, there were fine daylilies everywhere. One of the most impressive was *H.* **'Grammie's Little Noah'** (Singer 2010), the 28" tall, 4.75" orange pa-

Next to the pavilion, I admired Karol Emmerich's **'Wall of Fire'** (2008), a 36" tall, 7.5" rose coral blend tet with an ivory pink watermark and a thin white edge above a gold to olive throat.

There were sections for Bobbie Brooks, Carol Mock, Margo Reed, Kathy Lamb, Nan Ripley, Kimberly McCutcheon, Sharon Fitzpatrick, Darlyn Wilkinson, Lori-Ann Jones, Heidi Douglas, Gerda Brooker, Dottie Warrell, Nancy Eller,

Cindy Dye, Jane Trimmer, Melanie Mason, Karol Emmerich, and Grace Stamile, just to name a few.

If signs can function as garden art, then a large totem with signs pointing in the direction of all the daylily gardens which had sent guest plants was surely it. There were several clumps of daylilies in the bed at the foot of the totem, including an impressive one of the very beautiful **‘Ocean Spirit’** (Murphy-J.P. 2006), a 40" tall, 7" lavender diploid with purple eye and cream edge above a chartreuse throat.

Our seventh tour garden was a 120 acre working farm of Marvin and Lee Miller, who chose the name “Marlee Farm” for their enterprise some decades ago. Their first horticultural passion centered on hostas, and literally hundreds of registered plants lined the shaded and terraced areas of the lawn. A large pergola shaped out of wrought iron accented the Englerth Award Garden, which contained at least 55 seedlings from Region 2 hybridizers. The circular bed and pergola reminded me a bit of the Sally Lake Bed at Rita Davis’ “Lost 40 Garden” during the 2005 Region 14 Meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. Seedling #23 won the Englerth Award. It was a dark near-black 36" tall, 4" spider-like flower with an intense green throat; it was hybridized by Steve Williams of Nashport, Ohio. The clump had 25 blooms open, and each had held up well in the light rain. I was pleased to have voted for it.



*The 2012 Region 2 Englerth Award Winner  
Seedling #23 by Steve Williams  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

The front of the Miller home was particularly charming with a planting of daylilies mixed in with other perennials. Noticeable were *H.* **‘Mexican Holiday’** (Petit 1999), a 20" tall, 5" tetraploid red self above a green throat; **‘Ezekiel’** (Talbot 1991), a 28" tall, 5" black red tetraploid self with a yellow green throat; and **‘Love Those Eyes’** (Rasmussen 1987), a 24" tall, 4.5" golden yellow tet with a red eyezone above a gold throat.

On the east side of the house, I discovered two daylilies which I had heard about, but had never seen. The first was *H.* **‘Jen Melon’** (Oakes 1987), a 26" tall, 5" diploid deep melon self with a chartreuse throat. Probably because this cultivar is a strong grower, Oakes Daylilies has re-marketed



*H. ‘Ruby Throat’ (Griesbach-Klehm 1979)  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

an unregistered form of it as a 26" tall, 7" golden-yellow tetraploid, under what appears to be the more saleable name of “Star Struck” (1987). The second was **‘Ruby Throat’** (Griesbach-Klehm 1979), a 21", 5" red self diploid, one of the many “Bird Series” daylilies registered by the Klehm Nursery in 1979.

Before the bus whistle blew, I had the opportunity to walk down past the barn and check out the goats who were trailing behind one another in the pasture. One came over to check out my camera.

The last garden of the day was the Ohio Hybridizer’s Garden back at the Franklin Park Botanical Garden, but since I had spent some time there previously, I had the opportunity to visit other portions of the Garden, and to visit again the Conservatory which was now open and free to the Convention attendees.

Back at the hotel, since our Publications Services Manager had to return home Saturday morning, I spent a couple of hours manning the AHS booth and collecting last minute signatures for the books to be auctioned off. At the banquet, each brought about \$100, and I was pleased that copy No. 1 went to the AHS Archives in Raleigh.

The highlight of the evening were the announcements of the 2012 Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award, which went to Van Sellers of Kings Mountain, NC; the 2012 Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for Hybridizing, which went to Grace Stamile, now of Arroyo Grande, California; and the 2012 Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal for Service, which went to Kevin Walek, of Lake Frederick, Virginia.

Sunday morning, I loaded up my rental car and began the 10 hour drive back to Montgomery, AL. The land was still dry, the misty rain the second day of our tours not having had much effect. It would continue to be a long, hot, dry summer throughout most of the Midwest and upper South. I cried most of the way, because via phone call my wife had told me one of our two brother kitties, Kody, age 6, had not come home Friday night. We feared the worst: that a coyote had probably taken him. And it was so.

Now we have only Shivers.

*Oliver Billingslea*

# *Ask the Ombudsman*

*by Donna Peck, AHS Ombudsman*

In my Ombudsman columns I usually answer one question very thoroughly. This time I have a few shorter answers to some very basic daylily questions. This column is directed for the newer daylily members who I hope can learn from some basic information.

## HOW DO I LOOK UP THE PARENTAGE OF A REGISTERED DAYLILY?

Gary Rieben, a member of the Ombudsman committee and Registration committee, answers this question. The parentage recorded by the hybridizer may be found in the online Daylily Database. You can access the database from the Daylily Society home page, [www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org), by scrolling down the left hand Welcome Menu to Daylily Database and clicking enter. Or you can go directly to the Database by entering [www.daylilies.org/DaylilyDB](http://www.daylilies.org/DaylilyDB). Enter the name of the cultivar you would like to learn the parentage of and click search. If the hybridizer knows the parentage and has submitted the information when registering, it will appear in brackets as the last item in the registration data. In some cases there may not be any specific parents listed if they are not known or if the plant results from unregistered seedlings. You can find an explanation of the Parentage data by going to Daylily Registration from the Welcome Menu on the home page and scrolling down to the Parentage paragraph. If you wanted to trace it further, you could look up the parentage of the parents the same way. Or if you want to know what plants have a specific parent, you can click on advanced search on the initial search page and fill in the name of a parent in the parent field. The result will be all plants with the requested parent.

## WHY WON'T A DAYLILY I HAVE IN A CONTAINER GROW AND SEND UP FLOWER SCAPES?

Bill Maryott, member of the Ombudsman committee, suggests that the best solution is simply new soil. You need to pick up some good potting soil and replace the soil in your containers and replant in the new soil. Be sure to add some slow release fertilizer. Bill says he uses about 3 Tablespoons with 3 gallon pots. Replant the daylilies just up to the foliage level, water them in. Make sure they are getting a full 6 hours of direct sun year around and moisture every three of four days. Never let the pots dry out. When one transplants daylilies the foliage should be cut back to about 8 inches, so you don't get transpiration (which is drawing too much moisture out of the plants with too much foliage). The plants should start growing immediately.

## THE DAYLILIES IN MY POTS HAVE "THESE LITTLE WHITE RICE-LIKE THINGS" DEVELOPING DEEP IN THE LEAVES. WHAT ARE THEY?

Bill Maryott continues to answer this same person about these "white things." He says these are certainly aphids. They are grey/white and suddenly appear down inside the foliage in great quantities. There is an easy solution here. You can buy a small quantity of Ortho Insect Spray and spray it on the foliage and it will kill them immediately. If you would rather use an organic solution, the best would be a warm (not hot) solution of dishwasher detergent mixed with enough Clorox to make the solution "slippery." Just drench the foliage and they will be gone.

## HOW MANY DAYLILIES HAVE BEEN REGISTERED? IS THERE A BLUE DAYLILY YET?

Michael Bouman, another member of the Ombudsman committee, checked the online database at <http://daylilies.org/DaylilyDB> and found that there are 72,079 registered daylily cultivars as of the end of 2011. Several thousand are added each year. You may wonder how and why thousands of daylilies are registered each year. It's because hybridizing them is so easy and so much fun. Michael states that hybridizing daylilies has been a popular backyard hobby in the U. S. for over a century. There are hundreds of small-scale enthusiasts like Michael that might just "get to point of having something good enough to register".

Most hybridizers are attempting to hybridize a blue daylily. Michael says the quest is interesting because the anthocyanin pigments that make blue possible in other plants are absent in daylilies. The quest for blue color is therefore indirect. Michael has seen some daylilies with central bands of color that look pretty blue to him (denim blue or even sky blue on occasion) but never the whole face of the flower. The tactic breeders are using is to enlarge the central band so much that it crowds out any remaining color on the face of the flower. Michael does keep checking the new registrations and some hybridizers are getting closer.

*Donna Peck*

# *Agrícola da Ilha:* *The History of a Family of Entrepreneurs* *and their Saga of Love for Daylilies*

*Edited by Oliver Billingslea from a Brazilian News Release*

In Brazil in 1987 the daylily was considered a plant that had no value in landscape architecture. The “Helen” cultivar, which was the most common in the southern region, was planted close to the walls of houses, just to fill in undervalued spaces, without arousing the interest of flower and gardening lovers.

At that time, Dario Bergemann had a career as an accountant of a traditional textile mill in Joinville, Santa Catarina, where the firm made textiles for beds, bath, and tables, and he was worried about facing a future that offered no professional advancement. He discussed his doubts with his family and friends—he wanted to find new challenges, a new undertaking—but he did not know which way to go.

Despite the fear of leaving a stable job, the idea remained in his mind until an opportunity arose. A friend

and neighbor, who was a gardener, was about to retire and wanted to share his knowledge and portfolio of clients with another professional.

Without any money, but with the support of his wife Neusa and his son Tiago, Dario volunteered to learn the techniques of gardening with his friend, assuming proprietorship of the small business. The time had come for a change and the concept of the Agricultural Island Company was born.

## The Start of the Undertaking

The Bergemann family armed themselves with courage and determination to face the first adversities. Amongst other situations, the day to day activities of the gardener included cold meals and the outdoors, a shock for those accus-



*The entrance to the gardens at the Agrícola da Ilha features daylilies in a peninsula display. In the foreground, Ophiopogon jaburan ‘Silver Shower’ (White lilyturf) borders a portion of the drive, while Strongylodon macrobotrys (Jade vine) climbs the nearby tree. Zoysia japonica (Korean lawn grass) borders the perennial bed.*

*(Photo by Dario Bergemann)*



Along the pathways in the gardens of the Agrícola da Ilha one will discover large plantings of daylilies. Above, to the left, is a planting of *Hemerocallis* ‘Red Spider’ (Johnson-R. 1950), and to the right, ‘Caribbean Snowcap’ (Talbot 1997). In the distance is a tall specimen of *Bismarckia nobilis* (Bismarck palm) which originated in Madagascar. (Photo by Dario Bergemann)

tomed to the office environment. Dario, however, kept the dream alive, and when his forces were put to the test, turned a disappointment into a great idea.

Agrícola da Ilha was contracted to plant an all yellow daylily garden. Dario bought seedlings from the usual supplier and awaited the results. When they bloomed, he found that in addition to the yellow daylilies there were other colors, and so they had to be replanted.

Receiving different colors of seedlings was a continuous problem for the company. Daylilies were not produced on a large commercial scale in Brazil and the supply of uniformly colored seedlings was uncertain.

While he redid the customer’s garden and calculated the losses, Dario realized that the solution was to ensure the quality of the products and services by producing seedlings himself. He would focus his efforts on daylilies, both the need and the market opportunity. There was not much competition between the producers of a plant that had a huge landscape potential and also offered low maintenance requirements.

By then (1990) there were only five cultivars of daylilies in Brazil: *Hemerocallis* ‘Helen’ (Sass-H.P. 1950), ‘Flore Pleno’ (Stout 1917), ‘Harriet’ (Maxwell-T. 1969), ‘Sophia’ (Millikan-B. 1983) and the yellow cultivar called “Amalia,” which had been the source of his original problem.

There was no reference literature available or a glimpse of the diversity of hybrids.

Then a marathon began for the Bergemann family: to understand the production process, obtain scientific knowledge, and establish contact with other professionals. Critical to the success of this venture was a partnership with the Instituto Agrônomo de Campinas, located in São Paulo, in the person of Dr. Antonio Fernando C. Tombolato, a researcher dedicated to daylilies and other ornamental plants.

Meanwhile, Neusa, Dario’s wife, received an inheritance of land where the Agrícola da Ilha was to become established. In an area of ten hectares, fields were created for growing daylilies and other company products, such as grasses and agapanthus. Later the business diversified, and in 2006 the company became the official distributor of Eco-sys ornamental ponds.

#### A Landmark Decision for Genetic Improvements

On a trip to the United States, Dario further expanded the business possibilities for Agrícola da Ilha due to the encouragement he received from North American hybridizers and the American *Hemerocallis* Society. Due to a true passion for daylilies he noted that this country inspired him to produce new hybrids and create a garden to show their use



*During the opening of their annual Brazilian Daylily Festival in October of 2012, Dario, Morgana, Tiago, and Neusa Bergemann honor a lady named Dorinha, second from right, by naming a daylily for her. The local television station filmed the event. (Photo, courtesy of Agrícola da Ilha)*

in landscape gardening, while still forming a circle of Latin American collectors.

He brought 120 hybrids to be used as matrices in cross breeding, and the first to be grown in the Agrícola da Ilha fields was the cultivar *Hemerocallis* ‘**Barbara**’ (Sheets 1965), a 38" tall, 5" buff cream diploid with a green throat. Since then the company has continued to invest in genetic improvement and expand the catalog of Brazilian species.

The result can be seen in more than 60 varieties, ranging from diploid to tetraploid, with or without borders, ideal for landscaping small gardens, growing in isolated clumps, or in large areas. Currently the company sells about 300,000 seedlings per year, making it the largest producer in Latin America. Dario Bergemann’s first cultivar to be registered with the American *Hemerocallis* Society was *H.* ‘**Atelene Normann Kampf**’ (2008), a 20" tall, 4.33" creamy pink tetraploid with darker rose borders and a thick gold fringing edge above a yellow green throat.

#### Spreading the Beauty of Daylilies

To spread the awareness of the daylily and ensure the consumer market, the company participates in trade fairs, exhibitions and conferences, coordinating its activities in collaboration with the development of the floriculture sector.



*Hemerocallis* ‘**Atelene Normann Kampf**’  
(Bergemann 2008)

*(Photo by Dario Bergemann)*



During the 11th Brazilian Daylily Festival held at the Agrícola da Ilha, in December 2012, Tiago Bergemann proudly displays a copy of the American Hemerocallis Society's publication, *Landscaping with Daylilies*, which features their garden on the cover. The Bergemanns also presented to the public the 69th cultivar that was developed in their fields, to be named "Boa Vista." (Photo, courtesy of Agrícola da Ilha)



Tiago, his wife Morgana, Neusa and Dario Bergemann pause in front of the entrance to the Jardim dos Hemerocallis, the formal daylily gardens, at the Agrícola da Ilha. (Photo, courtesy of Agrícola da Ilha)

In 2002, Agrícola da Ilha inaugurated the Brazilian Daylily Festival, held annually on the property. The event is open to the public, as well as landscaping professionals. One can visit the gardens and production fields.

Each festival presents innovative concepts for landscaping with daylilies, showcasing individual cultivars or large plantings of them to the delight of all types of observers. Many hybrids are displayed in relation to other tropical flora. And there is a specific area for collectors of rare hybrids, especially those from the U.S.

In the 11th Brazilian Daylily Festival, held during the flowering season between October 2012 and February 2013, Agrícola da Ilha presented the 69th cultivar that was developed in their fields. "Boa Vista" is the result of cross breeding between *H. 'Green Spill'* (Millikan-B. 1992) and *'Sonic Bloom'* (Kinnebrew-J. 1996).

New hybrids are often named after personalities that stand out for their scientific contributions, or in respect to the development of Brazilian landscape gardening. Other people linked to literature and botany are also honored, as well as family, friends, and the cities that promote a quality of life through flowers.

Currently the Daylily Festival draws about 20,000 visitors from all over Brazil and several countries in the Americas and Europe. This is an important asset to tourism in Joinville, known as the "City of Flowers," due to the culture of its residential gardens established by German immigration in the nineteenth century and the Flower Festival that has been held in Joinville for 74 years.

The company remains open all year round for families seeking a place of recreation close to nature. Lovers of landscaped gardens can enjoy the gardens in different seasons. The company acts as a partner to municipalities,



Fields of daylily seedlings are grown at the Agrícola da Ilha, located near Joinville, Brazil. In the distance rise the mountains of Santa Catarina. (Photo, courtesy of Agrícola da Ilha)

government agencies, educational institutions and other associations, in the revitalization of parks and other attractions. Dario Bergemann, his family, and staff contribute to the environmental education that children receive in public schools, and to researchers and students involved in scientific and educational activities in universities.

Recently, the Agrícola da Ilha was featured on the cover of a major publication by the American Hemerocallis Society, entitled *Landscaping with Daylilies*. Its text is being translated into Portuguese to be available online.

All this has the main objective of making more people aware and enhancing the possibility of their falling in love with the daylily.

*AGRÍCOLA DA ILHA, Release*

# 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

January's speaker will be hybridizer Nicole DeVito of Nicole's Daylilies from Eustis, FL. February's speaker will be hybridizer Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies from Kennesaw, GA. March's speakers will be hybridizers Jesse and Terah George of JTM Gardens from Jasper, AL. In April we are having our annual plant sale at the Botanical Gardens.

On May 24-25, 2013, several of our members will be traveling to Fairhope, Alabama, to the AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting hosted by the Mobile Hemerocallis Society. We are looking forward again to seeing our daylily friends and meeting new friends at the meeting.

On July 24-27, 2013, the AHS National Convention will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In September on the 4th Sunday we will have a picnic-auction. Each member brings a covered dish and a plant or two to auction to the members.

In October many members will be attending the Fall Region 14 meeting in Montgomery, Alabama.

Our last meeting will be a social at a location to be announced.



## Blount Iris and Daylily Society

DeLois Dunn, 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

Nichole DeVito was our guest speaker for the September meeting. Her PowerPoint presentation included step by step development of her new daylily garden in Eustis, Florida. From muted lavender blues to crimson reds with lavish edges, all of her "futures" were beautiful.

Tim Bell was our speaker for the October meeting. Bell Garden is located in Sycamore, Georgia, and features thousands of gorgeous daylilies, companion plants, and lush hydrangeas. Winding pathways lead to a mirror lake. Among the many daylilies he showed in his PowerPoint presentation, his *Hemerocallis* 'Linda Bell' (2011), named for his

wife Linda, was much admired. An auction followed, and two of our new members, Sandra Little and Letha Hazlerig, bought several daylilies.

In November we held both our Thanksgiving and Christmas meeting combined. We enjoyed a wonderful meal.



## 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

Looking back as 2012 ends, we are thankful for all of our wonderful LCADS members that have been so faithful and hardworking in making this a great club. We had our annual picnic auction in September auctioning off new introductions from Frank Smith, Karol Emmerich, and Floyd Cove Nursery. I think everyone went home happy that day. November brought Tim Bell to our club, and Tim didn't disappoint with his spectacular plants that he brought in for auction and his hilarious stories that he had to tell. Our Christmas party was held at the beautiful home of Edna and Ken Alderman, which was decorated in festive attire all through the house. There was a house full of folks bringing delicious delicacies to share. No one left hungry that day for sure.

We'll meet again on Sunday, January 7th, and begin the New Year with a business meeting covering events for the coming year. Our speaker for February 11th will be Joe Ponder from Opelika, AL, who will enlighten us with his vast knowledge as a nurseryman for most of his life. Jim and Martha Brazelton will be our speakers on March 11th, sharing their hybridizing program. Martha won the Sally Lake Seedling Award for 2012.

We have so much to look forward to in 2013 and would love to have you come and visit with us at our club meetings if you can.



## 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

At our July meeting, members of the American Iris Society voted on the 2012 AIS symposium ballots presented by Essie Hollingsworth. Only 25 or less of our favorite irises could be picked!

A proposal was made by Pete Douthit to donate daylilies and irises for landscaping the remodeled Courthouse. Our members would not do any of the work, just supply plants to the landscape contractor.



Pat and Don Nelson presented the July program. They shared insights of their trip to the National Daylily Convention in Columbus, Ohio, showing pictures of several lovely gardens. Plans were finalized for our annual picnic and auction scheduled for August 18, 2012, at the Commission on Aging building at Sportsman Lake in Cullman. Each member was asked to bring a covered dish and irises to auction. Jim Chappell reported that the Hattiesburg Daylily Society had to change the date they were hosting the Region 14 AHS meeting to the same date in October that we had our fall plant sale scheduled. A decision was made to go ahead with our fall sale since the fees had already been paid. Pete Douthit said he would set up the plant stand for the sale, asked everyone to bring plants to sale, and asked volunteers to be there by 8:00 a.m. to man the booth.

In August, Curtis Mize, President of the Cullman Auburn Club, gave our program on the growing of orchids. Mr. Mize is well known for his knowledge on the subject. Mr. Mize brought handouts and went into detail on what was a good orchid and how they are propagated. Members of the AHS were asked to remain after the program to vote on the pop poll.

At the September meeting final plans were made for the fall sale. We were informed by Essie Hollingsworth, the Regional Vice President of the American Iris Society, that \$1,023.00 was made from the AIS Region 24 picnic and auction in August. A program was presented by a daylily hybridizer from Kentucky, Herbie Phelps. He showed us his beautiful new introductions and seedlings, and then Jim Chappell auctioned the plants Mr. Phelps brought.

In our October meeting, Kay Chappell gave an informative report on the AHS Region 14 meeting held in Hattiesburg in June. She took pictures that were passed around which helped those of us who were not able to attend see how gorgeous all the gardens were that were visited. The plans for our annual Christmas party were initiated. We decided to use the Trimble Fire Station again, and Pete Douthit was in charge of reserving it. We agreed to have the party on December 20th at 5:00 p.m.

Our speaker for October was Fred Manning who gave a PowerPoint presentation of his beautiful daylily introductions including his seedlings. Afterward, an auction was held where we were able to obtain some of the Manning daylilies. It was a thrilling surprise and tremendous fun to find that he also brought plants for door prizes. It was a really fun night! Mr. Manning invited our Society to the Spring AHS Region 14 Meeting, which will be held on May 24-25, 2013, in Fairhope, Alabama. His is one of three gardens which will be on tour.

In November Pete Douthit informed us that the Trimble Fire Station would be available for our annual Christmas party. A list was passed around so everyone could list the dish they would be bringing. We decided to play "dirty" Santa again as we all enjoy it so much. President Don Reid announced that all the current officers are to remain in their current positions for one more year. After the business meeting, Don Nelson spoke, challenging our Society to find new ways to recruit members. After a lively discussion, a committee was appointed who were to report back at the December meeting.

In December we had a short meeting before our annual Christmas party, but all business was tabled until our January meeting. The blessing was said by Don Reid before we attacked the tremendous buffet. Once everyone had sated their hunger pangs and devoured all the desserts, we played "dirty" Santa. It was a joyous party



## 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

In January our speaker will be C. P. Winters from the Gulf Coast Club. In February our speaker will be Tommy Maddox from the Gulf Coast Club. In March our speaker will be Fred Manning from the Mobile Club.

In April we will switch into full business mode to continue planning the 2013 Spring Regional Meeting which will be held at the Nix Center in the beautiful town of Fairhope, Alabama. Up to this point we know the following: the banquet will be a pulled pork dinner, and we have raffle collections consisting of 5-6 plants each from Jeff and Elizabeth Salter; Ted Petit; Dan and Jane Trimmer; Larry Grace; John, Fay, and Elizabeth Shooter, and Nicole DeVito. Gift plants for each attendee will be donated by Fred Manning.

Daylily Place, the home of Fred and Kathleen Manning in Lillian, Alabama, will be on tour, as will Hem Haven, the garden of John and Nancy Falck, in Fairhope, Alabama, and the garden of Dianne and Larry Crenshaw near Atmore, Alabama.

There is so much to do on the Gulf Coast, from the beautiful beaches to the quaint little shops in downtown Fairhope to the pier at Fairhope. Plenty of information will be provided when you arrive for places to see and how to get there. We hope we will have a super turnout for this grand event.



## 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 a busy and fulfilling year. We had an early bloom season and our daylilies were beautiful. Such joy!

In August we were privileged to have Bill and Diana Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens as our special guests for our covered dish luncheon. Bill presented a power point of his hybridizing program featuring his lovely daylilies and tales of Diana's beefsteak tomatoes and the box turtles that make a home in their garden each year. He also entertained us with stories of civil war battles and the "correct" version of what really happened.

In October we moved our meetings to Memorial Presbyterian Church on Bell Road. We now have roomy facilities, plus the use of a large kitchen and the ice machine. We had our annual auction of daylilies contributed by our own membership. We all had a good time and went home with our treasures wondering where we were going to find an empty hole to plant.

On the first Saturday in December we enjoyed our annual Christmas Dinner at our new location. Oh the joys of a large kitchen and a big sink and hot running water, and don't forget that wonderful ice

machine. Everyone looked festive and the dinner was delicious. No one went away hungry. After dinner we played Dirty Santa. We all wished each other Christmas Blessings and a Happy New Year before adjourning for the year 2012.

We wish you a happy 2013. May all your daylilies bloom and give you much joy.



*In the photos above, MADS members prepare to enjoy a Christmas feast at their new facility at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Montgomery. In the center photo are Evelyn Miller and her mother, Ruby Mims.*

*(Center photo by Marie Updike; others by Oliver Billingslea)*



## 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

Our stated goals are to promote the culture and improvement of all types of hosta, iris, and daylilies, encourage the feeling of friendship among members of this club, and to advance the causes of the American Iris Society, the American Hemerocallis Society, and the American Hosta Society.

Our club has been growing, gaining several new members recently and we welcome anyone interested. At every meeting we have drawn for, auctioned off, or given away some interesting plants and seeds. We feel this enthruses both existing and new members, and we are always looking for ways to attract new friends with an interest in growing plants and flowers.



## 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

After an exciting first half of 2012 featuring five excellent programs, a record plant sale and a most enjoyable picnic, our club was treated to three more memorable programs as we completed our sixth year of existence.

Our September meeting featured a program from Janice Woods from Memphis TN. Dr. Woods is a native of North Alabama having gained an appreciation for daylilies from her mother, a long time member of the Cullman, AL, club. Janice is very active in the Memphis club, presently serving as vice-president; her daylily garden is one of the finest in the Memphis area. Her program featured several hundred beautiful photographs of garden art obtained in her many travels to regional and national daylily meetings—a fascinating and enjoyable presentation.

In October we were honored to welcome Karol Emmerich as our speaker. Her highly regarded presentation did not disappoint as it was filled with artistic images, beautiful daylilies pictured with contrasting images of perfect and not so perfect blooms and stories of the trials and tribulations of hybridizing daylilies. More than 60 daylily enthusiasts attended this meeting, setting an attendance record for our club. The meeting was preceded with a great pot luck lunch. One of our club members, Willie Markus, generously brought about a dozen of Karol's introductions from his garden for auction and as you might expect the bidding was vigorous—all in all a marvelous program, a great pot luck lunch, and a successful auction.

We concluded our year with a most interesting program by Dr. Jerry Patton from J & J Daylilies in Bridgeport, AL. Jerry is a new and valuable member of our club and has quite a large daylily and iris "opera-

tion” in Bridgeport, featuring several thousand named cultivars and an active hybridizing program with heavy emphasis on diploids. His presentation was filled with pictures of his introductions and his gardens. As the former president of the Greater St. Louis Iris Society, Jerry also devoted a part of his presentation to that activity. Of particular interest to those of us who have a “deer problem” with our daylilies were his comments regarding how chunks of Irish Spring soap seem to temper the appetite of deer for daylily buds and foliage in his garden.

It was a great year for NADS—eight great programs—a record plant sale—a wonderful picnic in July—increased interest and membership—the emergence of Jim and Martha Brazelton as highly regarded hybridizers—Martha winning the Sally Lake Bed Memorial Award in her first attempt—the development of a professional web site for our club by Roger Hooper—and as we look forward to 2013, Roger Hooper having already arranged a full schedule of eight programs for our education and enjoyment (see our web site at [nadaylilysociety.org](http://nadaylilysociety.org)).



### The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Sue Ballard, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—12:00 Noon

Pathway Baptist Church, 3551 Flowers Chapel Road, Dothan, AL

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

President:	Lewis Mallory
Vice President:	Mary Netherton
Secretary:	Janet LeGrone
Treasurer:	Anne McCuistian
Chaplain:	B. J. Yance
Parliamentarian:	John Cooper

The Wiregrass Daylily Society began our new year with our September meeting, and we were thrilled to have nine new members join our club. We all enjoyed our covered dish lunch and then had our usual business meeting and reports. Members were then informed of programs that have been planned by our officers for each month this club year. We then had a nice surprise as we discovered we were going to enjoy a small auction of daylily plants at our first monthly meeting. The new members seemed to enjoy this.

Our October meeting was our annual in-house auction of daylily plants. In November our guests were James and Louise Fennell with a PowerPoint presentation and auction. In December we held our annual Christmas party and Christmas gift drawing.

Our January guests were Bill and Diana Waldrop, who gave a PowerPoint presentation and auctioned some of their plants. Bill is an accomplished hybridizer, whose Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens are located in Marietta, Georgia. Among his most famous registrations are *Hemerocallis* ‘**Pastor Laurie Ann Moeller**’ (2004), ‘**Kennesaw Mountain Hayride**’ (2007), ‘**Kennesaw Mountain Lemon Sorbet**’ (2007), ‘**Diana’s Evening Gown**’ (2008), and ‘**Irish Halo**’ (2009).

In February, Max McKinney, one of our new members, will give our program on landscaping with daylilies. In March, our members, Larry and Cindy Grace, will give us a PowerPoint presentation and will bring several plants for auction.

Our April meeting will be our annual picnic, which will be held at the home of our club president, Lewis Mallory, and wife Emma Jean. Our program will be given by members Jim and Mary Netherton, and will be on scape preparation, which will help each member as we prepare for our May Daylily Exhibit Show and Sale, to be held at the Wiregrass Commons Mall in Dothan, Alabama.



## 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

Clear, blue September skies and crisp morning temperatures, replacing the hot and humid days of August, are giving us a taste of what is to come. What a welcome relief!

Our September meeting of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) was full to smiles and chatter as we greeted friends old and new and discussed the joys and difficulties we had in our gardens over the summer, with one month of drought and one with record rainfall. We had well over seventy in attendance.

What a delight to begin our new club year with young and enthusiastic Josh Jaques of Bayou Bend Daylilies in Woodworth, LA! Growing up in the family wholesale nursery, Josh developed a love for growing things. Under the guiding mentorship of the late Ellis Powell, his interests turned to our favorite flower which he began hybridizing in 2007. Today, his gardens have grown to 2000 - 3000 tetraploids and he has two young sons “helping” him, sometimes by rearranging tags.

HADS, with Earl Watts as chairman, was pleased to host the AHS Region 14 Fall meeting at the Lake Terrace Convention Center on October 13, from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Barbara Watts welcomed the group, which included members from out of Region 14, to Hattiesburg, the “Hub City,” a “Daylily Destination” where the City Council in 2008 named the daylily its official flower. The featured speaker was Jan Joiner, 2009 Bertrand Farr Silver Medal Recipient. Jan told of the extensive and laborious task of moving the Joiner Daylily Garden, which was established in 1962 by her father-in-law, the late Enman Joiner, from Savannah, Georgia, to undeveloped land in Pembroke, GA. In the afternoon Jan showed pictures of her seedlings and new introductions, as well as those of her son, Aaron, and her husband, Royce. A fast paced, successful auction concluded the day.

Our January meeting was a busy one, with Tommy Maddox of Biloxi, MS, as our featured speaker. Tommy, who enjoys working with double edges, told of his unique method of growing many of his daylilies in water. Among his many well-known cultivars is his first, *Hemerocallis* ‘**Abilene Nan**’ (2003), a 24" tall, 5" cream with a red and gold edge above a red throat, along with a number of subsequent registrations, including ‘**Abilene Golden Boy**’ (2004), ‘**Abilene Crab Claws**’ (2005), ‘**Abilene Goat Track**’ (2006), ‘**Abilene Joyce’s Pick**’ (2007), ‘**Abilene Pearl**’ (2008), ‘**Abilene Blue Heart**’ (2009), ‘**Abilene Green Jeans**’ (2010), and most recently, ‘**Abilene Angel Wings**’ (2012) and ‘**Abilene Sunrise**’ (2012).

Janet Green, HADS president 2010-2012, was presented with AHS Life Membership at the January meeting. Any person serving two consecutive years as president receives this honor.

At this meeting, we also elected a nominating committee for the selection of officers for next year.



## 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
Historian:	Chuck Heller

Members of the Jackson Hemerocallis Society have enjoyed several outstanding programs this year. In January, Donna Beliech, an area horticulturist, presented a program on companion plants. For our March meeting we were pleased to have Dr. Wayne Porter, a horticulture agent with the MSU Extension Service, give us some much needed information on how to wage war on “unwanted weeds.”

In June, we traveled to Oak Grove, LA, where we had a delightful tour of Richard Millikan’s gardens. His seedlings were outstanding. We saw water gardens adorned with beautiful water lilies. An added attraction was Richard’s collection of exotic birds. After a most interesting tour, we then enjoyed lunch and fellowship.

Our July meeting featured Sharon Price of Vernon, AL, who presented an interesting slideshow and gave members tips on hybridizing.

In October, we had a special treat when Anne Brumfield shared memories of her late grandfather, Ben Arthur Davis, who organized the Mississippi Hemerocallis Society in 1955. Mr. Davis’ wife was also in attendance and celebrated her birthday with us.

Members of our club who were honored at the Region 14 Fall Meeting in Hattiesburg were Shelton Holliday: 2012 AHS Region 14 Service Award; Payton Ham, youth member: 2012 National Youth Photography Award (1st Place Beginner Division, multiple blooms category) and Region 14 Photography Award (1st Place, single bloom & daylilies with companion plants categories); and Lauren Ham, youth member: Region 14 Photography Award (1st Place, daylily clump category).

We look forward to our annual Christmas luncheon to be held the 1st Saturday in December.



## 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 Bob Faulkner of Natural Selection Daylilies in Dayton, OH. He is best known for his patterned diploid daylilies. March brought a visit from Fred and Kathleen Manning of Daylily Place in Lillian, AL. The Manning garden will be one of the featured gardens on tour during the 2013 Spring Regional Meeting.

Our annual club plant sale was held on April 21 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. After making the 4 ½ hour drive to Graceland Gardens in Newton, AL, we were greeted by Larry and Cindy Grace. We were given a tour of the greenhouse and saw many beautiful daylilies blooming. The trip was enjoyed by all.

In July we hosted an up and coming hybridizer, Josh Jaques of Bayou Bend Daylilies in Woodworth, LA. Josh will be the featured speaker at the 2013 Spring Regional Meeting. Don and Nancy Eller of Eller’s Sunshine Garden in Leesburg, GA, were our guests for our September meeting.

Seven members were able to attend the Fall Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS. We enjoyed Jan Joiner’s presentation on the moving of their daylily garden, the plant sale & auction, and lunch.

We wrapped up the year in November with a visit from James Townsend of Swan Lake Daylily Garden in Laurel, MS.

We would like to thank all of our speakers for sharing their time and knowledge with us and for their generous contributions of auction plants which provide a nice addition to our treasury. We are looking forward to a great year next year and the many blooms we will be blessed with.



## MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

2nd Saturday—1:30 P.M.

Vancleave Public Library, Hwy. 57, Vancleave, MS

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

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

We are beginning our new year with specific goals: increasing member participation and enthusiasm; recruiting new members; and encouraging daylily knowledge, appreciation, and uses by the general public. In conjunction with the Master Gardeners of Jackson County, we planted a daylily bed at the Ocean Springs Depot, which is used weekly for markets and city events. One section includes plants by Region 14 hybridizers and those named for members of Region 14. The bed has received many favorable comments.

Our president, C. P. Winters, presented a signed copy of *Landscaping with Daylilies* to the Vancleave library in appreciation for all the cheerful help and the use of their facilities. As with all other clubs, we are striving to increase revenue and decrease expenditures. But we still wanted to present daylilies to the general public, so we voted to have an “exhibition” instead of a judged show this coming year and will revisit the issue again next year.

Bill Robinson has worked hard to provide interesting speakers. In September we had the ever entertaining and knowledgeable Tommy Maddox. October brought us Charles Fuqua of Four Seasons Nursery speaking on companion planting and garden supplies. The new year will bring us Larry and Cindy Grace in January and Josh Jaques in March to tantalize us with the latest and greatest daylily registrations. Their presentations will encourage us that we really do NEED that new daylily and that of course we DO have room for just one more daylily! Oh, what a wonderful addiction!





*In gratitude for the use of their facilities and as a means of increasing an awareness of daylilies among the general public, C. P. Winters, President of the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society, recently presented a copy of the new AHS publication, Landscaping with Daylilies, to Yvonne Partin, Director of Acquisitions, at the Vanclave Public Library in Vanclave, MS.*

*(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)*



*To encourage daylily knowledge, appreciation, and usage of the daylily in respect to landscaping by the general public, MSGCDS recently joined with the Master Gardeners of Jackson County to plant a daylily bed at the Ocean Springs Depot.*

*(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

**T**his summer was really a rough one. The heat was sweltering and there was very little rain; however, the daylilies survived in spite of that. That is one reason why we love them!

In June, our club toured the gardens of Dr. Janice Wood and Tom and Margaret Dixon in Memphis, TN. Both are very lovely and reflect the personalities of their respective owners. There were many vintage and recent introductions of daylilies in each. Both also demonstrated a variety of yard art. Since several of us are members of the Memphis Area Daylily Society as well, we were happy to see the handiwork of our friends and enjoy the great food and hospitality they provided.

After our tours, we visited the Memphis Botanic Garden and had boxed lunches at “Fratelli’s in the Garden.” Everything was excellent, especially their pasta salad! The Memphis Botanic Garden has some world class features including “My Big Backyard,” a children’s venue with flowers and shrubbery incorporated into a whimsical setting with life sized bird houses and ponds where people can explore. There are old appliances, cars and tools set in place and surrounded by flowers. There is also a gorgeous Japanese Garden with a beautiful red bridge over koi ponds. It is a wonderful place to visit and reflect on nature. The gardens provide banquet facilities for weddings and business meetings. There are separate areas maintained by many different garden clubs: The Rose Garden, Iris Garden, Wildflower Garden, Hydrangea Garden, and a Nationally certified Hosta Garden.

For us the Daylily Garden or “Daylily Circle” was special. Formally named The Thomas Trotter Daylily Garden, this collection of approximately 500 different daylilies is recognized as an official Display Garden by the American Hemerocallis Society. The origination of this garden occurred in 1982 when Thomas Trotter, a charter member of the Memphis Daylily Society, donated a collection of daylilies to the Memphis Botanic Garden. Since then, the Memphis Daylily Society has expanded the collection and contributes to the care and maintenance of this garden with an active group of volunteers on a routine basis.

The Garden’s daylily collection includes a number of winners of the Stout Silver Medal, which is the highest award that a daylily cultivar can receive. National and regional hybridizers’ daylilies are included, and every shape or form of daylily is represented in this collection. A trip to this destination is worth the every minute. We had a great time!

Our September meeting featured a presentation on eliminating moles and voles by one of our new members, Mr. Darrell Black. Almost all of us face that problem, so we were happy to get some expert advice.

After each of our meetings, there is usually an auction of plants brought by our club members. That is how we finance our trips. We always have a variety of refreshments provided by some great cooks.

In December, we had our annual Christmas Party. This year, our members voted to skip the traditional exchange of gifts in favor of having everyone donate canned goods to a local food pantry. It is heartwarming to know that we will be able to share some cheer with those who are less fortunate.



# Newsletter Award Categories

One of the things we have been hoping for in *The Dixie Daylily* is to include more articles by Region 14 members. Below is a wonderful list of topics that can hopefully give you some inspiration. AHS Newsletter Awards are given annually in each category.

## **Article About Cultivars**

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

## **Article About Gardens**

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

## **Article About a Hybridizer**

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

## **Article About Daylily Culture**

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

## **Scientific Article**

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

## **Article Using Humor**

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

## **Article About Hybridizing**

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

## **Article Demonstrating a Specific Aspect of Garden Design**

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

## **Article About Photographing Daylilies**

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

## **Article About Garden Technology**

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

## **Article Featuring Historical Aspects**

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

## **Article About Daylily Personalities**

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

## **Youth Article**

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

## **Editorial Special Award**

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

# New Members

Cole, Ann  
1570 Cole Road  
Maben, MS 49750

Dubose, Eric  
31329 County Road 107  
Red Level, AL 36474

Kervin, Marie  
8290 Bluff Ridge Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022

Mullikin, Nellie  
200 Beth Street  
Fulton, MS 38843

Plake, Barbara F.  
14227 Wolfridge Road  
Moss Point, MS

Powell, Keith  
85 Norris Road  
Sumrall, MS 39482



*Hemerocallis 'White Eyes Pink Dragon' (Gossard 2006)*  
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Rock, Vannie  
107 Cerise Court  
Madison, MS 39110

Shikle, Pat  
1294 Monte Sano Drive  
Scottsboro, AL 35769

Walters, Greg & Karen  
125 Manning Drive  
Laurel, MS 39443

Washington, Kyle  
560 6th Court  
Pleasant Grove, AL 35127

Whetstone, Marbrey & Charlotte  
405 Holiday Drive  
Titus, AL 36080

Wright, Peggy  
2273 Radcliff Road  
Saraland, AL 36571

## Editor's Column:

We are very pleased to present this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. It is our fifteenth, and as always I am particularly indebted to my wife, Nancy, for her meticulous proofreading. I have tried once again to create a classical looking publication, which we hope you will enjoy.

In addition to our general business and features, there are two important announcements in this issue:

(1) Thanks to the coordination of Becky Parr, our Youth Photography Liaison, Region 14 has extended the Youth Digital Photography Contest for this year (guidelines are on page 21).

(2) On page 46 I have listed the Newsletter Award Categories, fourteen in all, as defined by the AHS.

I highlight these two opportunities, as they are absolutely essential to the health of our Region and the continuation of our newsletter. I am asking each of you, youth included, to read through the different categories carefully, select one, and write me an article (with photographs, if possible) by June 21. As your editor, I do not want to be the only one to write articles for *The Dixie Daylily*.

Despite my requests at the Spring and Fall Regional Meetings, I received only one feature article for this issue: that of the "M. A. D. S. Bus Trip to Georgia," written by

Terese Goodson, the MADS' president. I had to go to Louisiana for the second feature, to Canada for the third, and to Brazil for the fourth. The fifth I wrote.

I would be remiss without extending thanks to the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society for hosting our Fall 2012 Regional Meeting, and I look forward to our upcoming Spring Regional Meeting in Fairhope, AL, hosted by the Mobile Hemerocallis Society. Which brings me to a chief concern we all share: **we have no hosts for our 2014 and 2015 Spring Meetings**. As your editor, along with our RPD, I shall do everything I can to publicize your club's hosting one of these meetings. We need you to step out in faith.

Finally, I want to thank all of you who generously donate plants at our Regional Meetings, and to those clubs which annually give donations to our treasury. This fall, M.A.D.S. gave a check for \$250 in support of *The Dixie Daylily*. Recently, Bettye Huckaby, on behalf of the North Mississippi Daylily Society, sent a check for \$100 for our newsletter in memory of Richard Norris of Southaven, MS. Thanks so much.

*Oliver Billingslea*

**American Hemerocallis Society–Region 14**

Oliver Billingslea, Editor  
6291 Thach Road  
Montgomery, AL 36117

NONPROFIT ORG  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Montgomery, AL  
PERMIT # 496

*The Dixie Daylily* is printed by Wells Printing Company, Montgomery, Alabama



*Hemerocallis* 'Heavenly White Lightning' (Gossard 2010) as photographed by Marianne Joordens, Lincoln, NB, Canada