

# The Dixie Daylily

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Youth	\$8.00

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1 Year	\$22.00
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## FROM THE EDITOR

As your editor of *The Dixie Daylily*, this is my second issue. Nancy and I appreciate the kind comments you made about our first effort, especially about the layout and color. We've tried to make this issue even better. My thanks go out to those who give regularly to the plant sales and to the Region 14 Auction, spring and fall, as well as those who bid generously. I especially appreciate those clubs who regularly donate 5% of their plant sales in support of our newsletter. For this issue, we have three nice submissions from Tom Adams, Mark Moffett, and Linda Touchstone, and I thank them as well as the club reporters for getting their news to me in a timely manner. The great news is that we're going to have three full-color issues of *The Dixie Daylily* in 2005. I am particularly honored that Allen McLain has accepted an article on Grace Stamile's blue-eyed daylilies for publication in the Spring issue of *The Daylily Journal*. In this issue of *The Dixie Daylily* there is a brief preview of what is coming in the *Journal*, and I have reserved here some nice photographs for you to enjoy.

Oliver Billingslea

## REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT JOHN FALCK

After a couple of weeks of cutting down trees, hauling debris to the curb, and doing other cleanup and repair after Hurricane Ivan, I was really given a welcome change of pace in Meridian. Once again that group put together a great day of pumping new enthusiasm into those fortunate enough to attend the Fall Regional Meeting. It's always great to see old daylily friends and to meet new members.

The highlight of the day was Curt Hanson's program. When southern gardeners listen to our friends from the northern tier of states, they often are taken aback by many of the gardening needs and techniques. Curt put a somewhat unique spin on hybridizing and growing daylilies in the more hostile environment of Ohio. His perspective on semi-evergreen cultivars was most interesting.

The second half of his presentation, the slide show, gave all of us an appreciation for his program past PRIMAL SCREAM. He was both informative and entertaining. His "futures" certainly show some unique directions for form and patterns, especially in reds, purples, and even heading toward blue tones.

Now we are looking forward to the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Jackson, MS. Our auction in Meridian was a success, but we really need to plan for a larger effort in June. I thank everyone who donated plants. Also, I encourage all of you to set aside a few divisions this fall to donate to the auction as well as plants for the general sale. These monies help support *The Dixie Daylily* and other programs.

One really exciting development in Meridian was the initiation of a digital photo contest for the youth of our region. This is an excellent way to encourage the youth to participate in our region activities, but even more it is a good way to foster their interest in the daylily. From experience, I know that trying to photograph flowers and gardens gives one a new perspective. One often sees more through the lens than with the naked eye. I hope that parents and local clubs help encourage the youth in this new activity. Thanks also to Bob and Sheila Watson for their enthusiasm in working with our most valuable asset, our children.

I want to congratulate Earl Watts and Doyle Pierce who won photography awards at the National Convention in St. Louis. Also, I want to congratulate Barbara Watts on her reelection to the AHS Board. Her representation, especially on the publications committee, is most important to us in our region. Also, I want to thank Allen and Carolyn McLain for their years of hard work and excellence during his years of editing *The Dixie Daylily*. I also wish them well in their new venture editing *The Daylily Journal*.

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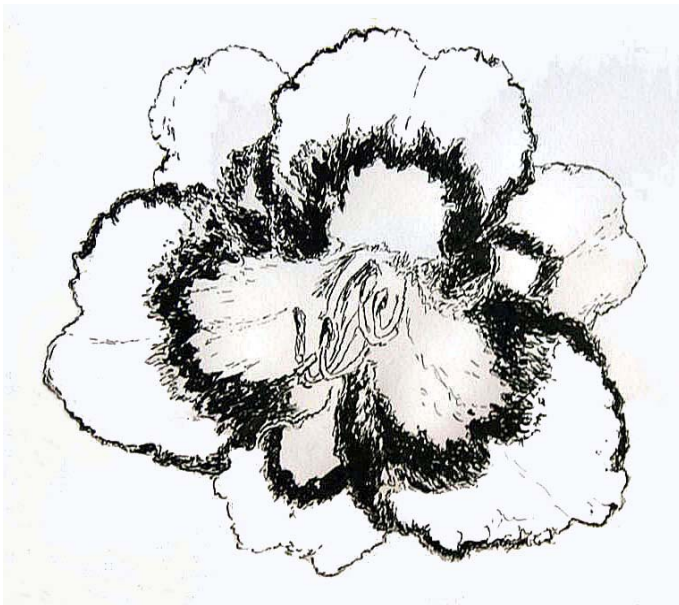
## REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT JOHN FALCK

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Beyond seeing Region 14 members at the Fall and Spring Regional Meetings, I hope to visit as many clubs and display gardens as possible. If any club is planning a special event it would like me to attend, please let me know. Also, if anyone plans to apply for display garden status, please contact me well ahead of bloom season so that we can get the application process completed and I can schedule a visit. I hope many of you decide to have display gardens. You exert so much effort and have such wonderful gardens that they should be seen by more daylily (and garden) lovers.

Finally, I want to thank Oliver Billingslea for his two successful and enthusiastic years as our RVP. The best thing about his tenure as RVP coming to a close is that he has agreed to stay on as editor of *The Dixie Daylily*. I am looking forward to many interesting and colorful issues in the years to come.

John Falck



*Sketch by Oliver Billingslea*

### Spring Meetings:

- 2005 Jackson
- 2006 Huntsville
- 2007 Hattiesburg
- 2008 Dothan

## REGIONAL PUBLICITY DIRECTOR LINDA BECK

What a wonderful spring and summer for the daylily as well as the daylily enthusiast! We received rain when the plants needed it most. Subsequently, the daylily foliage was a healthy dark green with blooms bright and vibrant.

Maybe the unusual growing season was the reason so many members cast their ballots in the Popularity Poll. CLOTHED IN GLORY won the contest with fourteen more votes than the next highest cultivar, ED BROWN. This year we had a higher percentage of participants than we've had in the past few years: 24%. Thank you to all who voted. If you were one who abstained, we encourage you to vote next year. As President of the North MS-AL Daylily Society, I reminded our members to vote. At the meeting prior to the Popularity Poll deadline, we had a Popularity Poll party. We placed the ballots in a big box and drew for door prizes. We gave away free memberships for 2005, garden art, and of course, daylilies. I encourage all Club Presidents to try this next year, and let's see if we can increase the percentage of voters.

Our regional meetings have been excellent. There are so many activities in the daylily circle that no one is left out. We host speakers, garden and bus tours, provide educational materials, and daylily information. The Spring Regional Meeting in Foley, Alabama, attracted over 200 members. Jan Joiner was the featured guest speaker. At the Fall Regional Meeting in Meridian, Curt Hanson, the hybridizer of the 2003 Stout Medal winner, PRIMAL SCREAM, was the featured guest speaker. Emphasis at both meetings centered on involving more youth in the clubs.

We want to thank those who donated plants and door prizes, made plans and worked hard to put on such fun and entertaining Regional meetings. We appreciate all of you.

At the Fall Meeting, Rita Davis invited everyone to attend the 2005 Regional Meeting in Jackson, MS, the first weekend in June. Let's support the efforts of the Jackson Hemerocallis Society, register early and be counted. John Kinnebrew, Jr., of Scottsmoor, Florida, will be the featured speaker.

I would like to thank RVP Oliver Billingslea for giving me the opportunity to serve the past two years as your RPD, a job I love. If I can be of help to you in any way, please let me know, for once again I will serve as your Regional Publicity Director. Thanks this time goes to John Falck.

Remember to attend a Regional Meeting. You will love it.

Happy Gardening!

Linda Beck

# MINUTES—AHS REGION 14 BUSINESS MEETING

## JO ANNE BURRAGE, SECRETARY

AHS Region 14 Vice President, Oliver Billingslea, called the Region 14 Business Meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, October 2, 2004, at the Howard Johnson Convention Center, Meridian, Mississippi.

RVP Billingslea introduced the President of the Meridian Hemerocallis Society, Beth Harbour, and thanked the club for hosting the fall meeting.

RVP Billingslea introduced Barbara Watts, Region 14's representative on the AHS Board of Directors. Barbara announced that members of Region 14 won three photography awards, which were announced at the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Earl Watts received two photography awards, and Doyle Pierce won the Sarah Sikes Slide Sequence Award. Barbara presented Doyle with a pewter bowl.

Barbara stated that the Publication Committee, which she chairs, has several new publications to be presented to the Board. Among these are a new membership brochure and a revised promotional brochure. The Committee is in the process of updating *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*.

RVP Billingslea introduced Allen McLain, editor of *The Daylily Journal*. Allen encouraged those who are not members of the AHS to join.

RVP Billingslea introduced all Regional Officers.

RVP Billingslea stated that since the minutes for the Region 14 Spring Meeting were published in *The Dixie Daylily* Summer/Fall issue on page 5, we would dispense with their reading. There being no corrections, they stood approved as written.

RVP Billingslea called for the financial report from Treasurer John Falck. John stated as of October 1, the checking account balance was \$19,256.44. The CD balance is \$22,737.00, and interest will be added to this at the end of December. John presented a registration check of \$80 from Lily Haughton to be donated to the Region 14 Youth Program. John noted a balance from the fund of the Spring Regional Meeting. The Riviera Daylily Club presented a check for \$2,499.75 to Region 14. There being no questions, RVP Billingslea stated that the report would be filed.

RVP Billingslea announced the list of award winners from Region 14. Winner of the Mildred Schlumpf Award for a photo of an individual bloom was Earl Watts for his cultivar SUBURBAN CHRISTIAN COLE. Winner of the A.D. Roquemore Memorial Award for the best slide of a cultivar clump was also Earl Watts for his cultivar SUBURBAN TASSY. Winner of the Sarah Sikes Slide Sequence Award was Doyle Pierce for his slide sequence "From Pollen to Plant." The winner for the best garden write-up appearing in a Regional newsletter was Olive Langdon for her article, "The Homsey Garden," which was published in the Region 14 newsletter, *The Dixie Daylily*. RVP Billingslea also an-

nounced the winners of AHS Achievement Medals for 2004: at the Mobile show this award went to Clyde Manning for his cultivar LILLIAN'S LITTLE JOE; at the Hattiesburg show awards went to Peter Homsey for his cultivar J.J. HOMSEY, and to Earl Watts for his cultivars SUBURBAN CLAINY and SUBURBAN DADDY JOHN. RVP Billingslea called on Rita Davis, liaison for the W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund, to make a presentation. Rita presented a plaque to Shelton Holliday for his support of the Endowment Fund with the cultivar VIOLET EVANS HOLLIDAY.

RVP Billingslea announced that MYNELLE'S STARFISH (Hayward, M. 1982) topped the list of Honorable Mention winners for 2004 with 140 votes. Rita Davis, on behalf of the Jackson Hemerocallis Society, invited everybody to the Spring Regional Meeting on June 3-4, 2005. John Kinnebrew, Jr. will be the guest speaker. Rita asked that anyone interested send plants for the Sally Lake Memorial Bed to her.

After the roll call of clubs, RVP Billingslea requested that all club news reports be sent to him by the end of October. He will take *The Dixie Daylily* to the publisher November 1.

RVP Billingslea introduced Randy and Karen Stephens from Hazel Green, Alabama. They stated that the newly formed North Alabama Daylily Society will host the 2006 Spring Regional Meeting in Huntsville, Alabama, on June 9-10, 2006. Randy and Karen asked that plants for the Sally Lake Bed be sent to them. Ted Petit will be the featured speaker.

In the absence of its chair, RVP Billingslea called on Jim Chappell, member of the Board of Directors Nominating Committee, who stated that Barbara Watts had been nominated and elected to serve a second term on the AHS Board.

RVP Billingslea stated that he was applying to become full-time editor of *The Dixie Daylily*. He also stated that *The Dixie Daylily* will be full-color for the next three issues. Oliver asked for everyone to send articles.

RVP Billingslea called upon Sheila Watson, Region 14 Youth Liaison, to present the details for a newly proposed Region 14 Youth Digital Photography Award. Sheila made the motion to accept the Region 14 Youth Digital Photography Award for 2005. The motion was seconded by Bill Robinson. It was unanimously approved.

RVP Billingslea called upon RPD Linda Beck. RPD Beck announced that CLOTHED IN GLORY topped the Region 14 Popularity Poll for 2004. Linda stated that 24% of the members of Region 14 voted.

RVP Billingslea closed the business meeting at 10:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Anne Burrage,  
Region 14 Secretary



**MYNELLE'S STARFISH**  
(Hayward, M. 1982) topped the list of  
Honorable Mention winners for 2004.  
(Photo by Lynn Purse)

## DIRECTOR'S CHAIR BARBARA WATTS, AHS REGION 14

The American Hemerocallis Society has an extensive awards program. The complete program is presented in *Judging Daylilies*, available from the AHS Publications Sales Manager, Jimmy Jordan, 276 Caldwell Drive, Jackson, Tennessee, 38301. The price is \$18.00. An order form is in the back of each issue of *The Daylily Journal*. Every daylily household should have a copy of this publication. I can remember the first national convention that I attended in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and how I sat during the Awards Banquet and was so impressed as they called the awards and the names of the recipients of the awards. It was such a thrill when I heard a name that was familiar to me. I have learned that these awards are not just "passed out," they are "earned" by those who receive them. The awards represent a lot of thought and hard work. That is why it has been such a thrill to see AHS Region 14 members receive national awards.

It was my pleasure at the Region 14 Fall Meeting in Meridian to present the Sarah Sikes Slide Sequence Award for 2004 to Doyle Pierce of the Meridian Club. The award, an engraved pewter bowl, is sponsored by Region 14. Many of you remember three years ago when the membership voted to ask AHS to change the name of this award from the Region 14 Slide Sequence Award to The Sarah Sikes Slide Sequence Award to honor one of our outstanding hybridizers who has been a devoted supporter of AHS and Region 14 for many years. Sarah Sikes operates Windmill Gardens in Luverne, Alabama. AHS honored our request, and in 2003 Earl Watts of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, won this award. Having another Region 14 member win the award this year was wonderful! There is no doubt that this pleased Sarah, too.

I believe firmly that you have to get involved in an organization to really appreciate it. Studying the AHS awards program, participating in the program, and submitting entries in the program will strengthen your interest in our national organization. I would like to challenge you to invest in a copy of *Judging Daylilies*, choose something that interests you, begin your study to become an Exhibition Judge or a Garden Judge, or submit an entry for one of the awards. Get busy—you never know what you can do until you try!

Barbara Watts

*Editor's Note:* The booklet, *Cumulative Awards and Honors: Of People and Daylilies, 1950-2004*, also available from Jimmy Jordan, lists all of the recipients of AHS awards since the inception of the program in 1950. The price for the 52 page booklet is \$6.00.

# The **Dixie Daylily**

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## **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 me at 334-277-0994, or e-mail me at:  
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# AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting - June 3-4, 2005

**Host Club: The Jackson Hemerocallis Society**  
**Meeting Chairmen: Peggy Coleman, Shelton Holliday**

at the  
**Clarion Hotel and Convention Center**  
400 Greymont Avenue, Jackson, MS 39202  
Phone: 601-969-2141; Fax: 601-355-1704

## Registration Fees:

Adult: \$75  
Youth: \$15 (Garden seminar with Bob and Sheila Watson)  
Fees include three meals on Saturday.  
Make checks payable to **The Jackson Hemerocallis Society**.

**Cut-off date for reservations will be May 3, 2005.**

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## Room Rate:

\$69.00 (plus tax) - Single  
\$79.00 (plus tax) - Double

The first 50 registrants will be eligible for a drawing of a 2005 introduction.  
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**Indicate below the Judges Clinics you will attend on Friday afternoon June 3, 2005:**

### Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic (1:00-3:00)

1<sup>st</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### Garden Judges Workshop I (1:00-3:00)

1<sup>st</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### Exhibition Judges Clinic I (1:00-4:00)

1<sup>st</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### Garden Judges Workshop II (3:30-4:30)

1<sup>st</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

### Exhibition Judges Clinic II (1:00-4:00)

1<sup>st</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
2<sup>nd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
3<sup>rd</sup> Person Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**All clinics will be held on Friday afternoon.**  
**Bring your latest copy of *Judging Daylilies*.**  
**The \$5 fee will be collected on site.**

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

## GARDEN TOUR PREVIEWS: REGION 14 SPRING MEETING, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

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### Cornerstone Garden

**C**ornerstone Garden, the garden of Shelton Holliday, is located on the corner of Airplane Road and Raymond Bolton Road. This garden was on the Region 14 tours in 1988, 1993, and 1998. Since that time the garden has expanded to include 800 cultivars, including many of the older varieties and a number of the newer introductions of Kinnebrew, Salter, Kaskel, Stamile, Rice, Trimmer, Carr, and Kirchhoff. In the digging garden are approximately 200 more named varieties and 1500 seedlings. Added to this garden for the 2005 Convention are Japanese iris, rose arbors, two small patio areas, and pea gravel walkways. Shelton is well known for his cultivars TIP AND NITA (1994), a 5" light gold with a light purple band, and the more recent VIOLET EVANS HOLLIDAY (2001), a 5½" lavender pink blend with a lighter ruffled edge, the proceeds from which Shelton has donated to the W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust. Numbers of his beautiful seedlings have also attracted the attention of Region-goers year

after year in the Sally Lake Bed. This spring he will be honored by a wonderful red double, SHELTON HOLLIDAY, to be introduced by John Kinnebrew, Jr., our featured speaker at the Region 14 Spring Meeting.

### Heller's Daylily Patch

**H**eller's Daylily Patch is located at 183 Shenandoah Drive, Florence, MS. The garden is north of Florence, outside the city limits, approximately 1½ miles off of US Highway 49 S. The garden is owned by Chuck and Chris Heller. When Chuck and Chris moved to this three acre location nineteen years ago, it had several pine trees, a few daffodils, and the grass was knee deep. The Hellers began mowing grass, planting their nameless daylilies and other plants that they brought from their previous home. With a lot of patience and continuous hard work, they have added numerous trees, old antique roses, Japanese iris, Louisiana iris, hostas, angel trumpets, morning glory bushes, various other plants, and since 1995 approximately 1200 registered daylilies.



**This rose-red cultivar was a favorite of many of those attending the 2004 Region 14 Meeting in Foley. Hybridized by Shelton Holliday, it was first runner-up for the 2004 Sally Lake Award. We can expect to see more beauties like this at the Regional Meeting in Jackson, demonstrating the skill of Region 14 hybridizers.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



They grow approximately 220 of Elizabeth (Hudson) Salter's introductions. The garden includes two biblical beds and a spider bed.

### Oren Segrest Garden

Oren and Shirley Segrest's garden is located at 1125 Lee Lane in Raymond. Last summer Oren added a beautiful fountain, a great waterfall, and lots of native rock. Oren grows approximately 350 named cultivars and 1600 or more seedlings. Among the unique features of his garden are the fourteen above-ground boxes (5'x10'x10") in which he grows most of his seedlings. Oren also grows a number of complimentary plants, including hostas, Japanese iris, hydrangeas, and grasses. This is a garden you can look forward to seeing.

### Pat's Place

Pat's Place has been in operation for five years and is located at 1180 Raymond-Bolton Rd. in Raymond, MS. The owner is Gordon Bain and he grows over 5000 seedlings along with about 200 named cultivars in his garden. His main interest is hybridizing and he has registered two cultivars of his own: SAVED BY GRACE and BEAULAH BAIN. Both are 2002 registrations, and both are tets. BEAULAH BAIN is a 5½" salmon pink with a ruffled wire rim gold edge; SAVED BY GRACE is a 5½" pink blend with a ruffled gold edge. Gordon's favorite type of daylily is a flat faced one with gold, ruffled edges. Daylily folks will enjoy seeing his garden and getting a first hand look at his hybridizing program.

### The Lost 40 Daylily Garden

The Lost 40 Daylily Garden is owned by Rita Davis and is located 11 miles southwest of Florence at 849 Poplar Springs Road. There is a small main garden with six short sidewalks between daylily beds that end with a vine covered trellis and a gazebo. Then, there are two extension beds on a slope which feature other day-lilies and a few perennials. In this area, there are around 600 cultivars and seedlings from her own hybridizing program. This garden sits away from the main house and is about two-thirds of the way down a winding, one lane driveway. Woods border two sides of the garden and there are many creatures that visit, some wanted, some not wanted. The Sally Lake Bed will be hosted here and our Region 14 hybridizers' seedlings shall be showcased in a circular bed with two access areas to the inside and a gazebo in the middle.

## REGION 14 HYBRIDIZERS WIN AHS ACHIEVEMENT MEDALS IN FLOWER SHOWS

The AHS Achievement Medal is offered at all shows accredited by the AHS. It is awarded to the originator, amateur or professional, of a seedling or a pre-registered cultivar, whether shown by the originator or another exhibitor, with permission of the originator. Three scapes of the cultivar must be shown, severed as close to the base as possible, and entered specifically in a separate, clearly designated section provided in the show schedule. The award shall be made only to a new cultivar of adequate merit and distinction as compared with existing cultivars, in the opinion of the show judges. The winning cultivars must be registered within six weeks after the show date.

Four Achievement Medals were awarded to Region 14 hybridizers in 2004. At the Hattiesburg Show (Nancy Chain, chairman), medals were awarded to Peter Homsey for the cultivar J.J. HOMSEY, and to Earl Watts for SUBURBAN CLAINNEY and SUBURBAN DADDY JOHN. At the Mobile Show (John Falck, chairman), a medal was awarded to Clyde Manning for the cultivar LILLIAN'S LITTLE JOE.



## AHS AWARDS & HONORS 2004 REGION 14 HYBRIDIZERS

### Award of Merit

**CLOTHED IN GLORY (GRACE '96)**

### Honorable Mentions

**MYNELLE'S STARFISH  
(HAYWARD, M. '82)**

**J. T. DAVIS (GRACE '99)**

**SEE HIS GLORY (GRACE '99)**



## REGION 14 YOUTH DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS: 2005

**T**he *Dixie Daylily* needs the help of the youth of Region 14. As an encouragement to the youth of our Region to develop an eye for the beauty of daylilies, Region 14 announces digital photography awards for 2005 in each of four categories: individual bloom, cultivar clump, daylilies with companion plants, and landscape. At present, the AHS does not recognize digital photography as a category for its national photography awards. Region 14 is thereby taking the initiative to not only recognize this type of photography, but to open its first digital awards exclusively to the youth who are the future of our society. Region 14 will give an award of \$25 in each of the four categories, and the winning entries will be published in the 2005 Summer/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. All other entries will remain the property of the photographer and will not be used in *The Dixie Daylily* or elsewhere without the photographer's permission.

Rules are as follows:

The photographer must be a Region 14 youth member (18 or under as of June 15, 2005). Each youth member may submit up to five entries in each category. Entries should be submitted digitally by e-mail to Oliver Billingslea, editor of *The Dixie Daylily*, between May 1, 2005 and June 15, 2005. His e-mail address is: [obilling@mail.aum.edu](mailto:obilling@mail.aum.edu)

- 1** In the individual bloom category, the photograph may be of any registered cultivar. The photographer must identify the cultivar, its hybridizer, its year of registration, and the garden in which the photo was taken.
- 2** The same rule applies for the cultivar clump. The clump should show the foliage, the scapes, and the flowers to give a total picture.
- 3** In the daylilies with companion plants category, the photographer must identify the most prominent daylilies *and* companion plants in the picture. The photographer must also identify the garden in which the photo was taken.
- 4** 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.

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

## CHRISTINE ERIN STAMILE YOUTH AWARD: 2005

**T**he Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award was initiated by Patrick and Grace Stamile to honor the memory of their daughter Christine. She was a Life Member of the AHS who once expressed the thought that a Life Membership gives, to its holder, daylilies for that person's "whole life." In keeping with this thought, the award presently funds one Life Membership in the AHS each year to a qualified AHS youth member. The rules of eligibility and application are as follows:

The applicant must be a current youth member and must have held AHS membership for at least two consecutive calendar years prior to receiving the award.

The applicant must grow and maintain a personal collection of daylilies; no minimum number of cultivars is required.

The applicant must submit the following material:

- (1) An essay of any length, in the youth member's own words, explaining how the collection began;
- (2) A statement in the youth member's own words, telling of the personal enjoyment of growing daylilies;

*"She was a Life Member of the AHS who once expressed the thought that a Life Membership gives, to its holder, daylilies for that person's 'whole life.'"*

(3) Ten photographs from the youth member's own collection, including one example of an individual bloom, one example of a clump, and one example of a garden view which includes a part of the youth member's collection (The remaining photographs may be of the youth member's own choosing.).

All material (essay, statement, and photographs) should be mailed to the current AHS Youth Committee Chairman, Betty Roberts, 9055 Melbourne Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80920, postmarked no later than March 31, 2005. The AHS Youth Committee members will evaluate the entries and select the winning applicant by vote. The award will be presented at the AHS National Convention.

## REGION 14 OFFICERS GET TOGETHER AT FALL REGIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2004



At the Fall Meeting, incoming RVP John Falck discusses the newly proposed Youth Digital Photography Awards with RPD Linda Beck (left) and with Region 14 Secretary Jo Anne Burrage (right). *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

### AHS AWARDS PRESENTED TO REGION 14 MEMBERS AT THE 2004 NATIONAL CONVENTION

#### PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS:

##### **MILDRED SCHLUMPF AWARD**

(Best Slide of an Individual Daylily Bloom)

Winner: Earl Watts (Mississippi)

Cultivar: SUBURBAN CHRISTIAN COLE  
(Watts '02)

##### **A. D. ROQUEMORE MEMORIAL AWARD**

(Best Slide of Cultivar Clump)

Winner: Earl Watts (Mississippi)

Cultivar: SUBURBAN TASSY (Watts '99)

##### **SARAH SIKES SLIDE SEQUENCE AWARD**

(Best Sequence of Slides Relating to Daylilies)

Winner: Doyle Pierce (Mississippi)

Subject: "From Pollen to Plant"

#### NEWSLETTER AWARD:

##### **BEST GARDEN WRITE-UP**

Winner: Olive Langdon (Alabama)

Subject: "The Homsey Garden,"  
from the Region 14 Newsletter,  
*The Dixie Daylily* (Summer 2003)

# PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS AT FALL REGIONAL MEETING OCTOBER 2, 2004



A lot of joy sparked a series of lively presentations at the Fall Meeting. From top left clockwise, Barbara Watts announces Doyle Pierce the winner of the 2004 Sarah Sikes Slide Sequence Award; Nancy Chain congratulates Earl Watts and Peter Homsey respectively for their Achievement Medals in the Hattiesburg Show; Rita Davis presents Shelton Holliday with a plaque honoring his generous gift to the W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund; Randy and Karen Stephens invite everyone to Huntsville for the 2006 Spring Regional Meeting; and John Falck announces Clyde Manning's Achievement Medal in the Mobile Show.

*(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*

# AHS REGION 14 POPULARITY POLL: 2004

## LINDA BECK, RPD, REGION 14 TABULATOR



**CLOTHED IN GLORY (Grace 1996) is the winner of the 2004 Region 14 Popularity Poll.** *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**ED BROWN (Salter 1994), last year's winner, is the first runner-up.** *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

## The Top 100 for 2004

1. Clothed In Glory (Grace '96)	52	True Grit (Stamile '92)	8	Jolyene Nichole	
2. Ed Brown (Salter '94)	38	40. Alabama Jubilee (Webster '88)	7	(Spalding-Guillory '84)	5
3. Saints And Sinners		Always Afternoon (Morss '87)	7	Little Red Dimples	
(Swanson, D. '99)	31	Billy Stennett (Townsend, J. '99)	7	(Anderson, H. '00)	5
4. Moonlit Masquerade (Salter '92)	27	Ida's Magic (Munson, I. '88)	7	Look Here Mary (Cranshaw '86)	5
Sabine Baur (Salter '97)	27	King Kahuna (Crochet '94)	7	Lori Goldston (Kinnebrew, J. '99)	5
6. Big Kiss (Joiner '91)	25	Lavender Blue Baby		Margaret Tucker (Kirchhoff, D. '00)	5
7. Bill Norris (Kirchhoff, D. '93)	23	(Carpenter, J. '96)	7	Mort Morss (Salter '02)	5
8. Barbara Mitchell (Pierce '84)	21	Mildred Mitchell (Mitchell, K. '98)	7	Pearl Harbor (Carr '97)	5
9. Strawberry Candy (Stamile '89)	20	Seminole Wind (Stamile '93)	7	Peggy Jeffcoat (Joiner, J. '95)	5
10. Paper Butterfly (Morss '83)	19	Strawberry Fields Forever		Prickled Petals (Joiner '98)	5
Ruby Spider (Stamile '91)	19	(Stamile '97)	7	Spacecoast Cool Deal	
Suburban Golden Eagle (Watts '98)	19	49. Aaron's Dinner Plate		(Kinnebrew, J. '99)	5
13. J. T. Davis (Grace '99)	18	(Joiner, A. '01)	6	Spacecoast Gold Bonanza	
14. Chance Encounter (Stamile '94)	15	Admiral's Braid (Stamile '90)	6	(Kinnebrew, J. '02)	5
15. Awesome Blossom (Salter '96)	14	Artemio (Bomar '02)	6	Stars And Angels (Billingslea '96)	5
Linda Agin (Wilson, T. '98)	14	Denali (Stamile '97)	6	Stella De Oro (Jablonski '75)	5
Madge Cayse (Joiner '91)	14	Flamboyant Eyes (Carpenter, J. '93)	6	Two To Tango (Stamile, G. '96)	5
18. Beautiful Edgings		Lois Burns (Temple '86)	6	Wisest Of Wizards (Salter '94)	5
(Copenhaver '89)	13	Mary Ethel Anderson			
Dena Marie (Carpenter, J. '92)	13	(Salter, E. H. '95)	6	90. 42 cultivars, receiving 4 votes each, tied	
20. Belle Cook (Brooker '01)	12	Mask Of Time (Salter '93)	6	for the 90th position on the 2004 Poll:	
Larry Grace (Salter '94)	12	Peach Magnolia (Joiner '86)	6	All American Chief (Sellers '94), Autumn Wood	
Sherry Lane Carr (Carr '93)	12	Pure And Simple (Salter '93)	6	(Dougherty, H. '91), Avis Jean (Wall '87), Awakening	
23. Isle Of Zanzibar (Kaskel '96)	11	Ruffled Perfection		Dream (Stamile '95), Baby Lamb (Bell, T. '99), Bela	
24. All Fired Up (Stamile '96)	10	(Carpenter, J. '89)	6	Lugosi (Hanson, C. '95), Blueberry Sundae (Stamile	
Orange Velvet (Joiner '88)	10	Scarlet Orbit (Gates, L. '84)	6	'97), Border Lord (Salter '96), Bright Eyed (Crowell	
26. Darla Anita (Kinnebrew, J. '99)	9	Spacecoast Tiny Perfection		'85), Butter Pecan (Gould '92), Cherry Valentine	
Destined To See (Grace '98)	9	(Kinnebrew, J. '98)	6	(Trimmer '99), Coach's Fast Break (George, J. '00),	
Regal Braid (Stamile '94)	9	Tangerine Horses (Kaskel '96)	6	Coach's Pale Rider (George, J. '02), Coffee To Go	
South Sea Enchantment		Thais (Munson, R. W. '78)	6	(Anderson, H. '03), Create Your Dream (Grace '97),	
(Billingslea '96)	9	Totally Southern (Shooter '00)	6	Creative Edge (Stamile '93), Dragon King (Kirchhoff,	
Spacecoast Starburst		Victoria's Secret (Salter '91)	6	D. '92), Dream Legacy (Stamile '95), Elegant Candy	
(Kinnebrew, J. '98)	9	Wispy Rays (Joiner '98)	6	(Stamile '95), Elegant Country (Swanson, D. '01),	
31. America's Most Wanted (Carr '97)	8	67. Beulah Mae Windham		Etched Eyes (Kaskel '94), Highland Lord (Munson,	
Connie Burton (Wilson, T. '99)	8	(Windham, S. '96)	5	R.W. '83), Jerry Nettles (Kinnebrew, J. '02), Joan	
Indian Giver (Ferguson '91)	8	El Desperado (Stamile '91)	5	Senior (Durio '77), Lake Effect (Stamile '96), Lillian's	
Key Lime Ice (Stamile '98)	8	Elizabeth Salter (Salter '90)	5	Woman's Touch (Manning '02), Marked By Lydia	
Key Lime Special (George, T. '00)	8	Fooled Me (Reilly-Hein '90)	5	(Temple '94), Oliver Billingslea (Grace, L. '96), Palace	
Moses' Fire (Joiner '98)	8	Francois Verhaert Stamile ('01)	5	Garden Beauty (Carpenter, J. '00), Peacock Maiden	
Siloam Double Classuc		Grateful Heart (Grace '01)	5	(Carpenter, K. '82), Pink Ruffled Love (Bomar '96),	
(Henry, P. '85)	8	Indian Sky (Farris '63)	5	Primal Scream (Hanson, C. '94), Primetime Red	
Suburban Barbara Huff (Watts '97)	8	Jan's Twister (Joiner, J. '91)	5	(George, T. '00), Pure Country (Swanson, D. '00), Pure	
				Indulgence (Carr '00), Purple Suspenders (Webster-	
				Cobb '99), Red Volunteer (Oakes '84), Royal Pink	
				Twist (Carpenter, J. '96), Rushing Delight (Grace '98),	
				Tar And Feather (Kaskel '99), Tuscawilla Snowdrift	
				(Hansen '00), Xia Xiang (Billingslea '88)	

# SOIL PREPARATION: HOW TO MAKE DAYLILES THRIVE

BY MARK MOFFETT

When I began daylily gardening several years ago, I, like most gardeners, would dig a hole in my native soil, plant my new daylily, water it in well and wait until the following spring for the show. I was always very pleased with the results until I began to visit some of my fellow daylily friends' gardens. I could not believe the difference in their flowers and mine, so I started experimenting with various soil mixtures and fertilizers before settling on my "secret sauce" for growing our favorite flower.

My initial experiments were conducted by simply adding a few soil amendments, crushed pine bark, and mushroom compost to my native soil. This showed some improvement in both plant and bloom quality, but I still failed to achieve what I was looking for. I became very interested in starting a hybridizing program and, after talking with a few top hybridizers, set the goals of getting 9 month old plants to bloom and multiply into large clumps very quickly to ensure several blooms to work with in my program. I built a greenhouse, really a cold frame, for hybridizing and that is when I finally put together a soil mixture that really paid off. The cold frame had raised beds that were framed using 2x6's which were then filled with 50% crushed pine bark, 30% peat moss, 15% mushroom compost and 5% builders' sand. The fertilizer that I settled on was a combina-

tion of Milorganite, Nutricote 13-13-13, Epsom Salt and Miracle Grow every couple of weeks. Beware of too much nitrogen as it seems to cause the scapes to blast if they get an overdose. I also watered the flowers for about 20 minutes each day.

The results the following bloom season would have been unbelievable had I not seen them for myself. I had nearly 70% bloom from my 9 month old flowers with no heat except on freezing nights. More unbelievable was the propagation of my parent plants. One example of a new cultivar that really took off was BELLE COOK (Brooker 2001). I received a single fan of the plant in July and one year later the plant had 17 divisions. That bloom season there were 9 scapes during first bloom and I had as many as 10 flowers open in a single day.

After my success in the greenhouse, I started using the same raised bed technique in my garden beds. I built the soil up about 1 foot deep using the mixture detailed above and the results in the garden were very impressive. With my soil mixture, fertilizer used as directed on the bag, plenty of water and some tender loving care, you too can have awesome results with daylilies in your garden.

Mark Moffett



**Mal Brooker's BELLE COOK shows its splendid form and color, when grown in a good mixture of soils as recommended by Mark Moffett.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

## Tribute to a Friend: Billy Stennett

Every time we see the beautiful daylily BILLY STENNETT (Townsend, J. 1999), we are reminded of its honorable namesake Billy Stennett (1928-2003). When we see REEDY CREEK MAGIC blooming in gardens, we are reminded of that big wonderful smile that Billy had. He arrived at one daylily meeting smiling with a big friendly glow, and he brought with him two wonderful creations of God: his delightful wife Erma, and a bloom of REEDY CREEK MAGIC.

Billy and Erma registered the following daylilies: BRADIS STENNETT (2001); CHINESE PAPER DRAGON (2001); CHOCTAW BRAVE (1998); DEBBIE TROTTER (2000); ERMA'S DREAM (2001); ERMA'S DELIGHT (Stennett, E. 2001); ERMA'S JOY (Stennett, E. 2001); INGALISI (1999); LAVENDER DIVINE (2001); LAVENDER INSPIRATION (2001); LITTLE KATY MARIE (2001); MARCHING ON (2001); MILT'S MOM (2001); MY FRIEND MARV (2001); NERON JEAN (2001); REEDY CREEK GOLD (2001); REEDY CREEK MAGIC (1999); REEDY CREEK WEIRD OH (2001); RUBY DAVIS (Stennett, E. 2001); STRAWBERRIES IN GOLD (2001); WAX CAMEO (1998).

They grew their introductions, seedlings, and registered cultivars in their beautifully landscaped AHS Display Garden. Many of their prized plants were grown on a big four-tier-pyramid structure; atop the pyramid grew a fine specimen of an Angel's Trumpet. Water features, such as fountains and a sculptured creek, attracted songbirds and butterflies. From their porch, Billy and Erma, sitting in big rockers under ceiling fans, often welcomed guests to their home and garden.

In addition to being an avid daylily grower and hybridizer, Billy was very active in the AHS and Region 14, where his friends remember him fondly:

"He was a true Southern gentleman. He was a dedicated member always willing to help in anyway he could. He enjoyed promoting the daylily as was evident in his AHS Display Garden."—Bill and Teresia Robinson (Biloxi, MS)

"He was one fine Christian fellow. He was the president of the South Central Mississippi Daylily Society for many years as well as the Region 14 treasurer and did an excellent job at both."—Charlie Baker (Waynesboro, MS)

"He was always an open and friendly gentleman, who was ready to discuss daylilies. When I was chosen to replace him as Region 14 treasurer, he presented me with accurate and detailed financial records and excellent advice

and little tips to make the job easier for me. Over the years, Region 14 benefited from his responsible caring for our funds. He was a good steward of our money, putting excess funds into a CD to help preserve the Region's future."—John Falck (Fairhope, AL)

"Billy was a good man. He and I were friends for 50 years. It was Billy who introduced me to daylilies in 1993. We all miss him."—James Townsend (Laurel, MS)

"When Billy left us, we lost a great source of information. Anytime I ever had a question, he was always ready and able to help me. When I first started hybridizing and knew nothing about daylilies, I could go to Billy who would always take time for my elementary questions. He will be greatly missed."—Tom Maddox (Biloxi, MS)



**A bit more than a year ago, friends from the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society gathered to help Billy spruce up his garden.**

*(Photo by Marie Creel)*

"Our daughter-in-law grew daylilies, and Murrel suggested it would nice if we could put in a small daylily bed ourselves. At that time we did not know about the Daylily Society or open gardens, but one Memorial Day we asked the Stennetts if we could come and see their lilies. We bought some \$2 and \$3 seedlings. We really enjoyed visiting with both Erma and Billy, and from that time on we came to love and admire them."—Martha Slaid (Hattiesburg, MS)

"Billy often said, 'Give somebody a daylily.' He lived by his word because he often gave away plants. Once, after SCMDS' first show, he and Erma brought MEADOW SPRITE (Hudson 1979) to my door. He told me how much he had appreciated my help at the show and asked me if I would be interested in serving SCMDS as publicity director. He said my main job would be to send a club report to *The Dixie Daylily*. After I accepted the position and began to write articles, Billy was very generous in praising me for what I wrote. Billy loved *The Dixie Daylily*."—Linda Touchstone (Laurel, MS)

"On a club trip to Foley, Alabama, Billy and Erma were sitting behind Ted and me on the bus. They both talked continually and at the same time, but each was able to keep up with one another's conversations. I suppose this is how it is when you have been married a long time and know one another so well. I mentioned this to Erma after Billy's passing, and she smiled her sweet smile in remembrance. Billy was such a happy person and always had a smile on his face. This was the lasting picture he gave us."—Sandra Preuss (Monticello, MS)

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## To Spray or Not To Spray: It's No Longer a Question

The advent of *Puccinia hemerocallidis* (daylily rust) has made many of us resort to chemical spraying. Even if we previously resisted pesticide application to our daylilies (in favor of “natural” means of control), our new enemy now demands that we use fungicides. Like pesticides (insecticides and miticides), fungicides are toxic with toxicity ratings comparable to pesticides. Hence, it is important that we approach a fungicide spraying program with regard for ourselves and the environment. Whether a commercial grower or backyard gardener, we must find the appropriate delivery system (sprayer) for chemicals and be ever mindful of its appropriate use.

As a sidebar, always follow the recommended dilutions of the chemical that are found on the bottle label. Remember “more is not better” when applying chemicals. Some of the new fungicides may not have a recommended dilution for daylilies on their container label. For such an “off-label” use, follow the recommendations of others who have used the product and recorded their recommendations in publications or on the *Daylily Robin*.

When spraying, our goals should be 1) to appropriately cover our plants with the sprayed solution and 2) to limit the time it takes to spray. The less time it takes to spray our flowers, the less our exposure time and the greater our safety. Donning a respirator mask, long pants, long sleeve shirt, a hat, and neoprene or nitrile gloves is appropriate when spraying.



(Fig. 1) When most of us think of a sprayer, the “pump-style” sprayer often comes to mind. (Photo by Pat Adams)



(Fig. 2) This “roll-about” sprayer is an alternative to the pressurized sprayer. (Photo by Pat Adams)

This article is devoted to the backyard daylily enthusiast who must balance how much to spend for a sprayer with how much sprayer is needed. When most of us think of a sprayer, the picture of a “pump-style” sprayer comes to mind (Fig. 1). These sprayers are available in sizes ranging from ½ gallon up. Larger capacity sprayers of this type can be heavy when filled to capacity and therefore difficult to carry. Because most of us have used this type of sprayer, we are aware of its inherent limitations: 1) the requirement for repeated pumping to maintain pressure; 2) inconsistency of pressure related to pumping; 3) escape of sprayer residual content when opening the sprayer to mix more chemical or clean the sprayer for storage; and 4) a relatively slow delivery rate, increasing spraying time and contact time



with the chemical agent(s).

The sprayer in figure 2 is one alternative to the pump sprayer. A two gallon tank is usually standard on this sprayer, but larger tanks are available. A clear advantage of this sprayer is that the tank is not pressurized. Hence, the tank may be opened without regard to residual release due to pressure build-up, whether mixing more chemical to continue spraying, or for cleaning the sprayer for storage when spraying is complete. A disadvantage is that the pump must be “rolled around” to maintain pressure. The pressure is directly related to how much the pump is rolled.

The backpack sprayer in figure 3 comes in various tank sizes, making it a choice for commercial and backyard use. A disadvantage is that this sprayer requires a strong back (remember that a gallon of water weighs about 8 pounds). The pump handle is easy to use while spraying, and spray pressure depends on the frequency of pumping. Another limitation is the pressurized tank, for the reasons listed for the pump-sprayer in figure 1.

Battery-operated sprayers like the one in figure 4 command our attention. There are variations of these sprayers from those that are drawn on a cart behind a lawn tractor to those that are on wheels or carried on the

pressure achieved by a rechargeable battery turning a pump on and off. It does not have a pressurized tank, and it comes with a lengthy hose in stark contrast to the short hoses on the above sprayers.

The sprayer in figure 4 is available on an internet site for about \$150.00. Its rechargeable battery will spray up to 18 tankfuls (5 gallons each) with a single charge. With adjustable pressure from 20 to 100 psi, this sprayer can spray 30 to 35 feet. Remarkably, the sprayer can be worn as a back pack or can be pushed or pulled on its wheels like a two-wheeled dolly. In my garden of 400 cultivars, this sprayer has reduced spraying time from over 4 hours to less than one hour. This type of sprayer comes the closest to fulfilling the objectives of safely and effectively delivering chemicals to cultivars.

We long for the day that Curt Hanson talked about in his address at the Regional 14 Fall Meeting in Meridian – a day when our cultivars will resist *Puccinia hemerocallidis*, eliminating the need for spraying with its negative impacts on us and the environment. Until then, make an informed decision when choosing the sprayer appropriate for your needs, and be cautious and thoughtful when spraying.

Tom Adams



(Fig. 3) The “back-pack” sprayer is a choice for both commercial and backyard use.

(Photo by Pat Adams)



(Fig. 4) Battery operated sprayers offer constant pressure.

(Photo by Pat Adams)

## The Georges: Region 14 Hybridizers

Terah and Jesse George first became interested in daylilies in 1990, when on a vacation to Florida they stopped by the Thomasville Rose Company, an experiment station in Georgia, to buy some roses and ended up with a carload of daylilies instead. They knew Jimmie Howton in Berry, Alabama, and within a year had purchased some more daylilies from her. It was Jimmie who got them to join the Birmingham Daylily Society. Later they visited the gardens of Polly Mayo and Bennie McRae and that of Dick Webster in Arab, Alabama, and added to their collection from them. At one point, Terah said, they grew almost the entire collection of Webster daylilies.

At first Jesse mainly prepared the beds, but wasn't all that interested in the flowers. In fact, the original name of the George's garden in Jasper was T&M Gardens, the initials representing Terah and her mother, Mae Snow. It wasn't long, however, before Jesse, who had a keen eye for breeding animals, especially registered Walker hounds, thought it might be interesting to see what he could do with the genetics of daylilies. He said to Terah, "Pick the things you want to work with, and I'll take anything else." While Terah had begun to hybridize for pinks, doubles, and spiders, Jesse decided to go for eyes and edgings. His first cross was of two eyed diploids, from which he got two seedpods and 25 seeds. He waited to see those 25 seedlings bloom, and when all 25 turned out to have eyes, he thought, "This is kinda' fun."

One of Terah's first registrations was a diploid, named PEEK-A-BOO BLUE (2001), involving Elizabeth Salter's TRUE BLUE

HEART and MORRIE OTTE. It is a small-flowered pink with a patterned eye of lavender and burgundy, but so far it has turned out to be her only diploid registra-

tion. For several years she had worked on developing a pink line in tets, and this has remained one of her main interests. After a trip to Florida in the mid-Nineties, Terah selected several Stamile cultivars that she thought would give more substance to her pink line. She chose ELEGANT CANDY, TRUE GRIT, MY GIRL, and SPLENDID TOUCH, and it wasn't long before she bloomed some very special seedlings, one of which she was later to register as KEY LIME SPECIAL (2000). This summer at the National Convention in St. Louis, I saw KEY LIME SPECIAL growing in a huge clump in the John Eiseman garden. It is a 5½" creamy pink with a very pale chartreuse edge. It is beginning to be widely grown in several parts of the nation, and is clearly Terah's hallmark cultivar. Another pastel beauty is PINK AND PROUD (2000), a 5" baby pink with a darker halo and darker veining and a wire gold edge. Because the Georges live near Smith Lake, Terah has added the preface Smith Lake to her more recent introductions in the pink line. Three of these include SMITH LAKE CHARMER (2001), SMITH LAKE BEAUTY (2002), and SMITH LAKE PRINCESS (2004). SMITH

LAKE PRINCESS shows what can happen when a hybridizer incorporates converted tet material into a line. This 5½" ruffled deep pink with some ribbing is a cross of PINK AND PROUD x (TET ULTIMATE PERFECTION x TET SILOAM RALPH HENRY).

Her use of several of Dick Webster's spiders or unusual forms served as a base for her spider program, but over the years Terah has incorporated several of Pat Stamile's spiders

into the program: among these, WEB BROWSER, SKINNY DIPPING, and STRING BIKINI. 2004 has turned out to be her best year for spiders yet. Using



**Jesse will introduce this provocative cultivar in 2006 as COACH'S HOT LIPS. It is one of the best of the progeny from COACH'S FAST BREAK, which has been wonderful for creating red eyes and edges.**

*(Photo by Terah George)*

WEB BROWSER pollen onto her lines, she bloomed several lovely kids in reds and purples, cantaloupes and pinks. Two of Terah's notable unusual forms are RASPBERRY TWIZZLER (2001) and GRAPE TWIZZLER (2004). The first is a cross of a Webster seedling x MORTICIA; the second is a cross of CAMEROON NIGHT x a Webster seedling.

Terah's FIRST HORIZON (2000) is one of her proudest achievements in her doubles program, in that it has never bloomed single. A 6½" burnt amber blend with a burnt sienna eye and edge, it is a cross of two older cultivars: Webster's SOLID MAHOGONY x Betty Hudson's WAYNE JOHNSON. Terah's doubles line, however, owes a great deal to the work of David Kirchoff, whom she cites as the premier hybridizer of tet doubles. She has incorporated both TRIED AND TRUE and MANHATTEN SERENADE into her program. She has also incorporated Munson's HIGHLAND LORD, as well as newer cultivars from Trimmer and Stamile. This year she registered CLASSIC TRUFFLE (2004), a 5½" creamy pink with a burgundy eye and edge. It is a cross of HAMP-TON CLASSIC x VIENNESE TRUFFLE. Next year she plans to introduce LUCILLE BOSTICK (2004), named for a dear friend. It is from a cross of (TRIED AND TRUE x MANHATTEN SERENADE) x DENALI.

Jesse has three major lines going: eyes and edges, purples, and heavily ruffled beauties in various pastel shades. He is a believer in selecting seedlings first for branching, bud count, and foliage; then he looks for a pretty face. As Terah has pointed out, "He says he

wants a Miss America that can cook as well as have a beautiful face." Before Jesse started hybridizing, he researched every daylily he started using, back to its earliest ancestors. His favorite quotation when trying to help others beginning to hybridize is "What you see is not what you get." But by crossing David Kirchoff's BUNNY EYES with Pat Stamile's STRAWBERRY CANDY, Jesse hit the jackpot. From this cross came his registration, COACH'S FAST BREAK (2000), a 5½" cream pink

*"He says he wants a Miss America that can cook as well as have a beautiful face."*

with a red eye and picotee edge, which has been wonderful for getting red eyes and edges. He has also used Dick Webster's TODD ABBOTT, a dormant tet that is yellow with a purple eye and edge. Jesse says Jeff Salter's EYE ON AMERICA has also been good for edges, but that it often gives smaller flowers than he likes. He likes day-

lilies larger than 5". He has also found Salter's BORDER MUSIC good for edges and very dark eyes. This past year he used Dan Trimmer's JANE TRIMMER, though it is not as round as he would like. Jesse has continued his "COACH" series by the registration not only of COACH'S EDGE (2000), a cream with a dark purple eye and a wide picotee edge, and COACH'S PRIDE (2000), a pale cream with a black raisin plum eye and smaller edge with a gold filigree, but by more recent registrations, such as COACH'S HOME RUN, COACH'S WINNING EDGE, and COACH'S YO YO, all in 2003. In 2006, Jesse plans to release the provocative COACH'S HOT LIPS (2004), a cross of [(COACH'S FAST BREAK x TODD ABBOTT) x RASPBERRY BERET] x TET DRAGONS EYE, but this year the more "classy," if you will, COACH'S



**One of Terah's future registrations, this colorful spider is a cross of (ROB COBB x GALAXY ROSE) x WEB BROWSER.**

*(Photo by Terah George)*



**This rose-pink double of Terah's has been registered as LUCILLE BOSTICK. It is named for a dear friend and will be introduced in 2005.**

*(Photo by Terah George)*



In the past couple of years, Jesse has been working with a line of heavily ruffled pastels. This beauty is a future registration, involving TET ULTIMATE PERFECTION. *(Photo by Terah George)*



This future introduction has been preregistered as OUT OF THIS WORLD. There is a special story behind how it got its name. *(Photo by Terah George)*



Yet another of Jesse's seedlings under evaluation, this one has an apple-green throat with good clarity of color in its purple eye and edging. *(Photo by Terah George)*

CLASS ACT (2004), a cross of (COACH'S FAST BREAK x FESTIVE ART) x BORDER MUSIC. COACH'S HOT LIPS is striking with its flesh colored petals, large red eye, and wide picotee red edging; COACH'S CLASS ACT is a creamy flesh toned flower, enhanced by its heavy royal purple edging and distinctive eye. Its clarity of color is a benchmark in Jesse's eyed and edged program.

In 2003, Jesse began working with heavy ruffles on pastels. Thanks to the generosity of Larry Grace who allowed Jesse to purchase some inexpensive seedlings, Jesse jumped way ahead in what otherwise would have been a program similar to the slow one he had to work through with his eyes and edges. Jesse also cites Sam Augustine of Raymond, Mississippi, as having been a big help. Together with these seedlings and the incorporation of such cultivars as ED BROWN, J. T. DAVIS, TET ULTIMATE PERFECTION, TET LINDA AGIN, AMERICA'S MOST WANTED, and VICTORIAN LACE, Jesse is beginning to get a line of beautifully ruffled tets in many colors.

He is also developing a line of purples, thanks to the incorporation of Larry Grace's MRS. JOHN

COOPER. Some of these have bluish, slate, or whitish-lavender eyes. One of his most ruffled purples carries with it an interesting story, and is indicative of Jesse's philosophy that what you see is not always what you get. OUT OF THIS WORLD is a reddish purple cultivar with lavish ruffles having a light creamy yellow edge. Preregistered, it is from a cross of (SECRET SPLENDOR x ADMIRAL'S BRAID) x SPACE-COAST STARBURST. But given the complexity of the genetics involved in the modern daylily, its vivid purple coloring is not altogether unexpected. It got its name in perhaps a more surprising way. Carolyn, their garden worker, came upon it in the seedling patch and called to Jesse to come and look. "It's out of this world," she yelled.

Exemplary of some of Terah's and Jesse's fantastic work in the past couple of years are the pictures accompanying this article. Region 14 can be proud of the work being advanced at JTM Gardens. The garden is an AHS Display Garden, and the Georges would love to have you come visit.

Oliver Billingslea

**Ruffles galore mark this creamy gold seedling from Jesse George.**

*(Photo by Terah George)*



**A smooth pink color and a green throat mark this seedling from Terah George.**

*(Photo by Terah George)*



**COACH'S CLASS ACT, a creamy flesh toned flower, is enhanced by its heavy edging of royal purple and its distinctive eye. It is a benchmark in Jesse's program of eyed and edged cultivars.**

*(Photo by Terah George)*



**This striking seedling from Terah George shows off its chartreuse green throat; its rosy beige petals are tipped with highlights of amber. It comes from ARMOUR OF GOD x sibling.**

*(Photo by Terah George)*

## The Tim Bell Garden

Last year in early June, Nancy and I took the opportunity late one afternoon to drive from Montgomery along Highway 82 to Eufaula, where we crossed the state line into Georgia, then traveled on to Tifton on I-75, where we spent the night. Because the Bell Garden, located eight miles south of Sycamore, is about four hours from Montgomery, it's a little far to leave at daylight and get there before the heat—plus you lose an hour traveling east.

The drive was wonderful. The sky that afternoon was brushed by only the faintest wisps of clouds, a cold front having passed through Alabama, and so with the five o'clock sun at our backs, we set out through the oak-wooded hills of the east central part of the state. The highway was largely untraveled. Pastures swept by, some of them inhabited by goats. Along the roadside grew Japanese mimosa, or sweet gum, or an occasional clump of pampas grass. In Union Springs, we passed an antebellum home desperately in need of resto-

ration, though located next to a McDonald's, the Piggly Wiggly, and the Movie Gallery. On its front porch rockers looked forlornly onto an Auto Service. One town a bit further on seemed completely overtaken by kudzu, a few houses having moved east to escape it. We passed a blue house with a blue picket fence—Mrs. Crockett's, we joked, who had we stopped to inquire would have surely filled us in with tales of her famous ancestor.

How does the kudzu cross a road? By crawling along a telephone wire overhead—that we also saw.

In Eufaula we traveled the main street lined with beautiful antebellum homes, then crossed a causeway over a widened section of the Chattahoochee. More restored antebellum homes, red clay hills, flat plains—this was Georgia. Some fields had long watering arms, and the corn was tall. We passed a huge magnolia in bloom. As we neared Albany, huge banks of cotton-ball clouds began to billow, the remnants of the



**A gracefully curving walk carries the eye down to the lake, from which a fishing pier extends into the water. The lawns were magnificently manicured. Brick walks, such as this one, add to the overall beauty of Bell's Garden.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**A pathway through the garden bordered on the left by a low stone wall provides an enchanting walk alongside specimens of agapanthus (“Lily of the Nile”), hosta, a Bear’s Breech and red-leafed canna.** *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

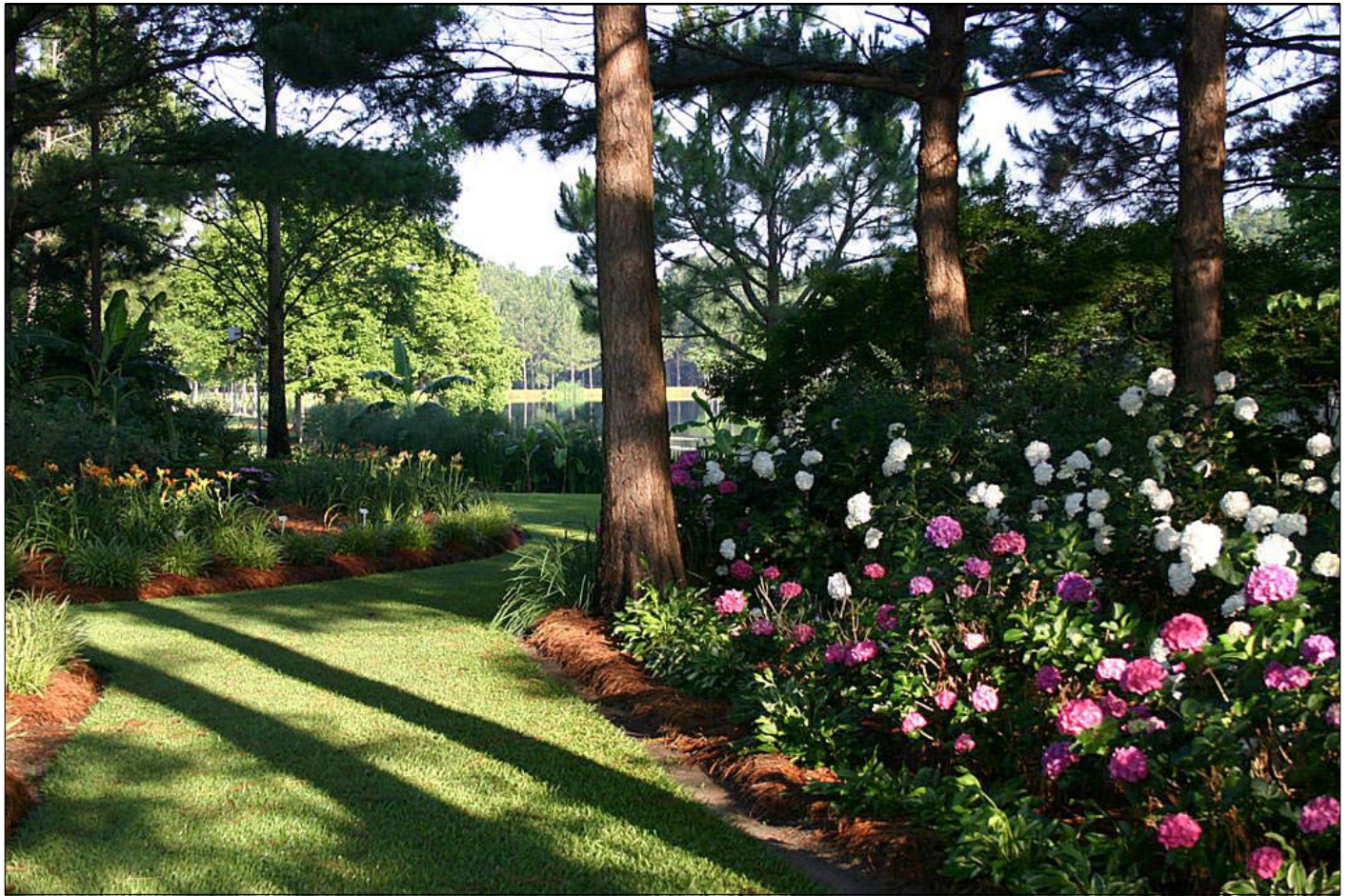
cold front that had passed through the day before. A soft pink light bathed the trees, and we could see traces of lightning in the distance. That night a shower blew up after we checked into the motel.

The next morning we were up early, had our obligatory continental breakfast, and were at the garden by 8 a.m. The exit off of I-75 south of Sycamore is #75. You turn east and take the first paved road (Bethel Church Road) to the left, then the first dirt road (Bell Road) to the right. The garden is at the top of the hill on the left. I wanted to be at the garden as early as possible, before an internet group made up of people from all over the Southeast converged. I had called Tim a couple of days earlier, and he had said there would be a hundred or so in the garden by 9 a.m. That of course is not the best situation for shooting landscapes, unless you want to shoo people out of the way, and be an annoyance. As it turned out, the garden didn’t open until 8:30; so though there was no gate, Nancy and I politely sat in the gazebo at the front entrance and talked with a fellow who was a member of the internet group, but

who didn’t know one daylily from another. I could see Tim in the distance carrying a tray of blooms, which he was using in hybridizing. At 8:30 Nancy and I walked over and introduced ourselves. I could tell it was going to be a busy day, with all the people coming, so we tried not to take up much of his time.

I did find out that in 1986, Tim had purchased what was basically an old hog farm and had structured the garden out of that. Little of the original site remains, except for the grove of pecan trees near the front of the property and a large pecan tree under which we initially sat to chat. A second gazebo is located there, and that’s sort of the center of the garden. Excavating part of the property in order to form a large lake, Tim pretty much built the hillside on which much of the formal garden is located. Almost all of the trees he himself planted, including the pines. Interspersed among them are numerous Japanese maples, river birches, and hollies, as well as fig trees.

Tim went off to hybridize, and I went off to shoot some landscapes before the brunt of the large group arrived. I think Nancy spent more time initially



**A wide grassy path leads past a planting of hydrangeas in the lower garden. Here rose, lilac, and white varieties flourish beneath a stand of pines. Daylilies lie just ahead.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

looking at the daylilies than I did.

The garden slopes, and there are winding walkways, bridges, and water areas. One area slopes down to a large circular lawn, bordered by daylily beds. I soon discovered that the floor of the garden, particularly in the more shady areas, was primarily a carpet of ferns and hostas. Holly leaf fern, tassel fern, maiden hair fern, and Japanese painted fern lent varying texture, and dwarf mondo provided ground cover. Wherever there was light, there were daylily beds. The garden was absolutely huge, and there were plenty of benches so one could sit and enjoy the landscaping. Several of the gracefully curving walks carried the eye down to a lake, from which a pier extended into the water. In the shallows I could see bass, and standing very still, I watched one large fellow slip along the shorelines. When I moved, he whisked out of sight. Looking back up the hill, I caught sight of a nice planting of a yellow-ochre daylily with a brownish eye and edge, which I recognized as SAMUEL BELL (1999), one of Tim's earliest registrations. Beyond it, a large planting of pink cleomes bordered a brick walkway, and further up blue

agapanthus, "Lily of the Nile," lifted their cool and graceful blooms. There were plantings of variegated "Lace cap" hydrangeas and lots of Japanese maples, apparently one of Tim's favorite trees. One whole area of the garden was devoted to large-flowering hydrangeas in varying shades of rose, blue, and purple, as well as white. In another part of the garden there were several varieties of *Spiraea japonica* with their pink and rose-colored blossoms, and nearby, a youpon holly, trimmed into a fanciful shape. In one sequestered area, I saw a nice specimen of Bear's Breech with its spire of cowl-like lavender blooms.

Of course, daylilies are the main feature of the garden. Near the house, where Tim grows some of his newer cultivars, I saw KINGDOM BORDER (2003), one of Tim's newest introductions. It is an attention getting 5" bloom with orange-beige petals and an eye and picotee edge of wine purple. Nearby was Jack Carpenter's PALACE GARDEN BEAUTY (2000), a 5½" lavender blend with a light lavender watermark and a slightly darker edge on the petals: distinctive. Pat Stamile's SHORES OF TIME (2004) was among the





**A beautiful circular lawn enhances a planting of daylilies bordered by liriope. The lake lies in the distance bordered on one side by a thick planting of pine.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

best of the new. It is a 5½" warm rose pink with big heavy ruffles, owl-ears, and a braided gold edge: wonderful.

To the east of the formal gardens where a tree line provides shade well past 10 a.m., Tim has his shade-cloth area where he does most of his hybridizing. There he had daylilies under number along with some of the newest cultivars from hybridizers such as Grace, Carpenter, Kinnebrew, Kirchhoff, Morss, Trimmer, Salter, Stamile, and Smith. His own SYMPHONY OF PRAISE (2004) showed off its huge 7" lavender pink blossoms, with a wee bit of a gold edge. Just beyond the shade-cloth area, I saw George Doorakian's much talked about MALACHITE PRISM (1999), which at 4 ¼" was much smaller than I had anticipated. Distinctive for its large green throat, its mauve purple-eyed bloom has, nevertheless, a rather plain triangular form.

Knowing that I was planning an article on Grace Stamile's "blue-eyed" daylilies, Nancy led me back over to the formal gardens where she had discovered a planting of Grace's BLUE FLIRT (2001), with its vivid blue eyezone. This is a cultivar I had not seen previously in

Florida. Nearby were Elizabeth Salter's OUT OF THE BLUE (2002) and GREEN TREAT (2002). Tim had a large grouping of small and miniature flowers in this area. Among the small flowers, Pat Stamile's AWESOME CANDY, a 3½" yellow with a cherry red eye and picotee edge, was a standout.

I had shot a few nice digitals in the garden, but by 9:30 a.m. the internet group had descended in full force, and I gave up trying to shoot them. I talked with several visitors from states like Louisiana, Missouri, and Florida. They were an interesting lot, but most seemed never to have heard of The American Hemerocallis Society, nor did they seem to recognize the names of major hybridizers. I gathered they were mostly there to enjoy a beautiful garden and each others' company.

This past June we had a great time traveling to Tim Bell's. It's the perfect excursion along County Road 14 from wherever you live in our Region, though you do have to take a short trek along County Road 5. It's well worth a trip.

Oliver Billingslea

## The Gemstones of Floyd Cove

A pleasure it is to pick up a cup of steaming coffee from the lobby of the Deltona Inn, share a few moments with fellow daylily enthusiasts from all parts of the country, then set out along the quiet lakeside drive that leads to Floyd Cove Nursery. Others I hear are heading over to Dan Hansen's and the Kinnebrews', still others up to the Salters' and Frank Smith's. A bus is scheduled to arrive at David's and Mort's, so that's not the place to be--not on this day. A morning fog hangs heavy on the lake, and a blue heron lifts from among the shallows. The drive takes all of about five minutes. Already I can hear my tires crunch the gravel that leads to the parking area, and I hope my arrival is not too early an intrusion. As a photographer I need first light, before the fog lifts and the sun creeps above palm and palmetto. But Pat and Grace are already out in the garden, planning their day's crosses. Grace waves and comes over to speak. Her voice is genuine, welcoming.

This past spring, I had the opportunity to visit with Pat and Grace several days in succession and talk with them about their hybridizing. They are both doing remarkable work: he in small-flowered "blue-eyed" tets; she in both miniature and small-flowered dips and tets. The first few rows near the gravel parking area, together with several large beds extending back toward the greenhouse, feature Grace's work with miniature and small-flowered cultivars. In those beds, just outside the shade-cloth area, she has collected her "blue-eyes": tiny gems of sapphire and lapis lazuli, which are the result of a "cutting edge" program.

What follows is a pictorial preview of a more detailed article on Grace's "blue-eyed" program to be published in the Spring 2005 issue of *The Daylily Journal*. In addition to the cover photo of the distinctive #384A, I have included photos of two named varieties and several impressive seedlings for you to enjoy here.



**In late May, I shot this photo of Grace Stamile's BLUE FLIRT in Tim Bell's garden near Sycamore, Georgia. I was struck by its vivid eyezone.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**This rich orchid magenta, seedling #398P, features a patterned eye with startling rings of deep purple, violet and lapis lazuli above a celery-colored throat.** *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**BLINK OF AN EYE is a petite cream. In this dew-saturated photograph, it shows highlights of lavender and a blue-gray eyezone edged in violet; it is wonderful in a clump.** *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**Seedling #202-43D is a petite light orchid, featuring a lovely lavender-blue eye penciled in rose; this cultivar has superb branching.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



**Seedling #396 is a cream with a richly patterned eye of blue-violet penciled with purple; its pattern also suggests a mascara effect in rich red-violet.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

# THE HATTIESBURG AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY PROGRAM

## SUBMITTED BY NANCY CHAIN

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In the last issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, I quoted Rich Rosen, AHS Board Member and Chairman of Awards & Honors, who notes, “There is an expression—“Think globally and act locally.”” Rich goes on to say, “Don’t expect AHS to make miracles happen at the national or international level. Instead, if we build interest in daylilies one person at a time in our own cities, we will not only grow our local clubs, we will grow AHS as well.”

It seems to me that the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society well testifies to Rich Rosen’s philosophy. In early September, Nancy Chain, Vice-President of HADS, sent me a copy of their 2004-2005 yearbook. I was so impressed with their programs for the coming year, I thought I would highlight them here in case our Region 14 membership would like to attend some of them. —*Editor’s Note.*

### HADS Programs for the Year 2004-2005

September 19, 2004

March 16, 2005

Ted Preuss  
“Preparing Beds For Fall and Winter Planting”

Local Hybridizers  
“Slide Show”



**Frank Smith’s seedling 7-04, photographed in his garden this past May, reminds one of the brilliance of a cattleya orchid.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

October 17, 2004

April 17, 2005

Frank Smith  
“Daylilies and Orchids in the Greenhouse”

John Falck, Region 14 RVP  
Barbara Watts, Region 14 AHS Director  
“What’s Happening in the Regional & National Organizations?”

January 16, 2005

Ludlow Lambertson  
“Daylilies & Yard Art”

May 15, 2005

“Daylily Show Guidelines”

February 20, 2005

Mort Morss  
“What’s New at Daylily World?”

June 11, 2005

10th Annual Daylily Show

# Club News : ALABAMA

## Birmingham Daylily Society

Kay Chappell, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M. January, February, March  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday—11:00 A.M. September  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday—11:00 A.M. December  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

President:	Jim Chappell
Vice President:	Debbie Daniels
Treasurer:	Bill Daniels
Recording Secretary:	Edna Alderman
Corresponding Secretary:	Nancy Milton

It's that time of year when we are finishing new beds and redoing old ones so that the daylilies can get some well deserved rest. Amen for the caretakers also!

In September we held our annual picnic-auction.

Several members attended the Fall Region 14 Meeting in Meridian on October 2. It is a good time to fellowship with other daylily folks and to acquire more of those plants we can't seem to get enough of.

Our last meeting this year will be a Christmas social.

We are looking forward to having a program given in January 2005 by John Falck, our incoming RVP. In February, Dan Trimmer of Water Mill Gardens in Enterprise, FL, will be our featured speaker. In March, we will have members Jesse and Terah George give us a presentation on their hybridizing program at JTM Gardens in Jasper, AL.

We welcome everyone to come visit us to hear these great programs. Hope to see you!



## Blount Iris and Daylily Society

Sandra Hatchcock, Reporter

4<sup>th</sup> Monday—7 P.M.  
Frank Green Building in Oneonta, AL

President:	Sandra Hatchcock
Vice President:	Jim Chappell
Secretary:	Ellen Hallman
Treasurer:	Hazel Jones

At our September meeting we discussed our annual plant sale held in July at the Agri Business Center Farmers' Market. Although the sale was a success, the members agreed we need to add more doubles next year because our customers are requesting them.

At our next meeting we will order "Eurekas." Jim Chappell is coordinating our 2005 trip to Florida and Georgia, which will include Blount, Cullman, and Birmingham clubs.

On a personal note, Ruth Pate, a charter member of our club passed away in August at the age of 93. She was a hybridizer and shared a wealth of knowledge with everyone. She was a true "Southern lady."

Our last business meeting for the year will be November 29. It will be our holiday meeting, a celebration of a year gone by with wonderful gardeners and friends.



## Central Alabama Daylily Society

Faith Qualls, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.  
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

January, February, March, April, May, June—Plant Sale, July, August, September—Picnic, November, December—Christmas Party

President:	Lea Anne Parker
Vice President:	John Besse
Corresponding Secretary:	Jerry Jenkins
Recording Secretary:	Faith Qualls
Treasurer:	Jim Riddle

June was the busiest month of the year for most Central Alabama Daylily Society members. We were not only working on our own gardens, but we had our annual daylily sale and show. Sales were brisk and we were very pleased with the outcome.

In July, we welcomed a new member, Mary Brewer. We are very glad to have you with us, Mary.

Our speaker in August was an enthusiastic and dedicated composer.

One of our favorite meetings of the year is the October covered dish "picnic" and daylily auction at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens. This year we augmented our members' donated daylilies with robust cultivars from the JTM Garden of Terah and Jesse George. These daylilies were some of their latest gorgeous introductions. This auction was not only fun and a great way to get some of the latest cultivars, but a nice way to raise money for our club's activities.



**This future of Terah's is yet another gorgeous cultivar from JTM Gardens.**

*(Photo by Terah George)*

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## Cross Trails Daylily Society

Guy Meadows, Reporter

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.  
Opp Church of Christ, Opp, AL

September, October, February, March, April

President:	Bill Moody
Vice President:	Guy Meadows
Recording Secretary:	Brenda Goodson
Treasurer:	Arthur Dees

In May, the Cross Trails Daylily Society had as its guest speaker Ned Roberts of Colorado Springs, Colorado. Ned is one of the primary breeders of the “spider form” daylily and a very passionate advocate. He showed slides of many of these outstanding varieties. At Ned’s presentation we were pleased to see old friends, Jerry Nettles of Lake City, Florida, and Ted Collins of Whigham, Georgia. Ted had been a speaker at one of the Cross Trails meetings a few years back. After Ned’s program, we discussed the success of our April daylily sales in Brantley and Andalusia.

Because of Hurricane Ivan, and because of death of several relatives of members of our society, our attendance at our September meeting was low. We elected a nominating committee. During the October meeting, we will elect officers for the next year. Our incoming RVP, John Falck of Hem Haven Nursery, will be our speaker.

Our President, Bill Moody, had surgery October 14, and we are wishing him a successful and speedy recovery.



## Cullman Iris and Daylily Society

Evelyn Davenport, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month—5:30 P.M.  
Call 205-647-0688 for meeting location.

President:	Essie Hollingsworth
Vice President:	Jim Chappell
Recording Secretary:	Sue Rodgers
Corresponding Secretary:	Evelyn Davenport
Treasurer:	Deannie Geiger
Historian:	Dorothy Holmes

Our programs for early 2005 are as follows: Jesse and Terah George from JTM Gardens in January; RVP John Falck from Hem Haven Garden in February; and Tim Bell from Bell Daylily Garden in March.



## East Alabama Hemerocallis Club

Neda Hill & Charles Milliron, Reporters

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month—6:00 P.M.  
Camellia Place, Auburn, AL

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

President:	Johnie Crance
Treasurer:	Carl Hill
Reporter:	Neda Hill

As autumn gallops toward winter, members of the East Alabama Hemerocallis Club are beginning to feel like Janus, the Greek god with two faces, one looking backward and one looking forward. In August, as if he could sense this, our featured speaker Bob White had club members turn toward the future. As owner and operator of Mary Lou’s Garden outside Auburn, he specializes in daylilies. So comfortable is he with hemerocallis that he recommended, “If you can’t grow plants and you’re about ready for plastic, try daylilies.” Then he gave us some practical information. For one thing, he reported Ultra Dawn liquid dishwashing detergent to be the best product he has found for fighting rust. White also recommended a 0/15/15 slow-release fertilizer for daylilies in autumn, although he warned, “Don’t put out too much too late.” In fighting invasive grass, he recommended Ornamec or Fusalate. To wipe out weeds, Bob recommended Trimec Plus, which kills broad-leaf weeds, crabgrass, nutgrass, and clovers, though he suggested that it not be sprayed on the daylily foliage itself. He noted that one may buy larger quantities of chemicals at lower prices through B&T Grower Supply (1-800-748-6487).

In September Bill Rogers showed a new video featuring Frank Smith’s hybridizing program.

In October Charles Milliron gave a computer slide presentation on named daylilies, as well as seedlings from Tim Bell, David Kirchhoff, and Toopie Perkerson. He also showed slides of daylilies in an “off-scape” show at Callaway Gardens.



## The Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Jack Harrison, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.  
Dexter Avenue United Methodist Church, Montgomery, AL

February, April, August, October, December

President:	Georgia Rehnberg
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Linda Agin
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Jack Harrison
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Barnes
Corresponding Secretary:	Amalia Harrison
Treasurer:	Cecil Barnes
Parliamentarian:	Jack Harrison
Devotional Chairman:	Darlene Peters

The MADS club members enjoyed another successful Popularity Poll party in August. We always look forward to this event and our discussion of our favorite flowers. Linda Beck, RPD, reported that our region had a higher percentage of voters this year than last.

The Nominating Committee reported at the October meeting, and the club elected officers for 2005. Our incoming President already has most of her committees in place.

Karol Emmerich of Edina, Minnesota, was our

speaker for the October meeting. She presented an outstanding program. Her slides included her 12 previous introductions along with 13 new ones for 2005. She also showed the flowers she is working with which will lead to her goals. She works to develop daylilies which will perform well in Minnesota, as well as elsewhere. She is so smart, physically and mentally, that one feels a little weary just trying to keep up with her daily activities as shown in her program.

Larry and Cindy Grace came up from Wicksburg to visit with Karol. Bill Waldrop, AHS General Counsel, came over from Marietta, GA, just to hear Karol's program.

Get your garden put away for this year, and we look forward to seeing all of you and your flowers in 2005.



**A stunning rich pink lavender with an ivory halo, HEART-BEAT OF HEAVEN is one of Emmerich's newest registrations. Its edge is a dark to light lavender trimmed in ivory and gold.**  
*(Photo by Karol Emmerich)*



### North Alabama Daylily Society

Dave Flanigan, Corresponding Secretary

Co-Presidents:	Randy Stephens and Tony Thompson
Recording Secretary:	Suzi Thompson
Corresponding Secretary:	Dave Flanigan
Treasurer:	Karen Stephens

The newly formed North Alabama Daylily Society conducted a kick off meeting on September 30. Initial officers were selected and the topic for the meeting was discussing plans for hosting the 2006 Region 14 Spring Meeting. Four gardens will be on tour, including those of the Stephens, the Thompsons, Dave Flanigan's, and the Huntsville Botanical Gardens. For those who come early, we are planning a possible side trip to a nearby garden in Tennessee. The Sally Lake Bed is being prepared at Karen and Randy Stephens' garden, and they are ready to receive plants.



### Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

Mary Kearney, Reporter

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday—7:00 P.M.  
Guntersville Recreation Center  
1500 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, AL

February through October

President:	Mary Kearney
Historian/Publicity:	Kathy Lang
Parliamentarian:	Dyanne Thigpen

Our monthly meetings have been varied and interesting. At our May meeting, we car pooled to Grant to the garden of a rose hybridizer and were most impressed. Believe me, it takes longer to get a seedling from a rose than it does from a daylily.

In June we went to the Huntsville Botanical Garden to see the daylily and hosta exhibits. The Grady Kennedy plants were all at peak. It was my pleasure to see the daylily GRADY'S GIFT at its best there too. It was one of the seedlings Grady sent for us to grow in the Sally Lake Bed in 1987. After the tour, he did not take the seedling, and we let it increase to enjoy its beauty in the garden. A friend suggested that I register it under the name "Grady's Gift," which I did in 2000. I would love to share a plant with members who knew Grady.

On Saturday, June 15, we had our fund raiser. It was a success. All daylilies were sold out early, and the display of daylilies was beautiful. We are not ready for an accredited daylily show yet, but our public interest is great.

We will have our last meeting of the year at the end of October and will not meet again until February.

For those of you who grow iris, we want to let you know that we are to host the Region 24 Iris Meeting on April 30, 2005. Hope you can be with us.



### The Riviera Daylily Society

Kathleen Manning, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.  
The Boy Scout Building, 2101 Cypress St., Foley, AL

January, March, May, July, September, November

President:	John Falck
Vice President:	Fred Manning
Secretary:	Kay Davis
Treasurer:	Bobbye McClinton

Following our Spring Regional Meeting, President John Falck praised everyone for the hard work and invited us to their home for a picnic. The club members spent that day in July patting each other on the back and enjoying the great food that he and Nancy prepared, adding the covered dishes and desserts the rest of the club brought.

At the September meeting, Fred Manning presented a slide program. I must say that most of our conversations



were focused on Hurricane Ivan which was headed our way.

Let me say this as briefly as I can about "Ivan." The most important thing after the passing of this treacherous storm was finding out about friends and family. We all returned home to a different landscape. It actually looked as if bombs had been dropped everywhere. Everyone in the club had a great deal of damage. As far as homes are concerned, I believe Bobbye and Mac McClinton had the worst damage, as a tree fell into one bedroom. But they are holding up well. At all of our places, the landscapes are changed forever, but the moral of this little paragraph is to always remember what a joy it is to see that everyone is okay. Lives are by far the most important. We are so grateful that everyone is okay.



### The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Susan Wallace, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—1:30 P.M.

First Christian Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

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

President:	Cynthia Hays
Vice President:	Terri Money
Secretary:	Cathy Brown
Reporter:	Susan Wallace
Treasurer:	Anne McCuistian
Chaplain:	Thaxton Whiddon
Parliamentarian:	John Cooper

The Wiregrass Daylily Society met September 11, 2004. Tim Bell presented a wonderful program on companion plants for daylilies. He brought slides of his beautiful gardens and explained how to incorporate textures and foliage into flower beds. Tim closed our meeting with an auction of numerous daylilies. His two beautiful daughters, Jessica and Rachel, assisted their father with the auction. Other business of the meeting included discussion of the upcoming Spring Region 14 Meeting in 2008. New members Mike and Kate Bush were introduced. Terri Money presented the AHS *Judging Daylilies* handbook and encouraged members to purchase this book prior to the club's meeting in March. Allen McLain, our guest for March, will be presenting a Judges Workshop.

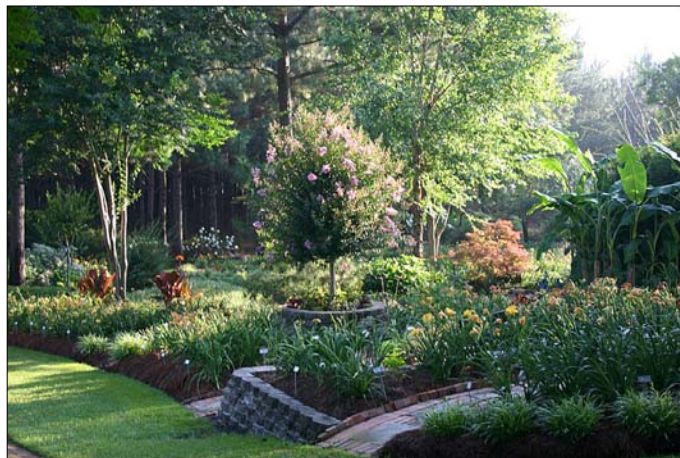
The October meeting was loaded with fun. Sam Windham and Terri Money acted as auctioneers, and the club members bid on many daylilies. The total sale for the day was over \$1400.00. The club members voted to extend an invitation to Pat and Grace Stamile as speakers for the Regional Meeting in 2008. They have graciously accepted our invitation.

Our early 2005 program is as follows:

January: Dan Hansen  
February: Henry Little  
March: Allen McLain—Garden Judges Workshop

April: Companion Plant Swap

May: Headland, AL, Daylily Festival



**Red cannas, a crepe myrtle, a Japanese maple, and banana plants add texture to Tim Bell's garden.**

*(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



### West Alabama Daylily Society

Joyce Ochoa, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—10:00 A.M.

Canterbury Chapel, The University of Alabama  
Tuscaloosa, AL

February, April, September, November

President:	Joyce Ochoa
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Stanley Hayes
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Juanice Hayes
Secretary:	Sue Lancaster
Treasurer:	June Windham
Parliamentarian:	Sarah Lunsford

It has been awhile since WADS members have been together. Our Fall meeting which usually occurs in September had to be postponed until October 23 because the site of our meeting place was filled with tailgating football fans from the University of Alabama.

Some of our members did get to go to Meridian in October to the Regional Meeting. Lorene Smith and Sue Lancaster were delighted to see so many old friends. Curt Hanson, the guest speaker, inspired everyone with his explanation of his growing and hybridizing program and his philosophy. He is interested in daylilies that are of unusual form and that may seem quirky to some people. But he hopes to come up with a really different and sensational daylily.

William Marchant, our previous vice president, is now working in Georgia as the assistant principal of a school there. We hope he will join us from time to time.

At our rescheduled meeting on October 23, we had both an auction and the election of officers for the new year.



# Club News : MISSISSIPPI

## Brookhaven Daylily Club

Sandra Preuss, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.  
State Bank Room, Brookhaven, MS

January, March, April, May, July, September, November,  
December—Christmas Party

President:	Randy Preuss
Vice President:	Ted Preuss
Secretary:	Laverne Brown
Treasurer:	Schanta Preuss
Publicity / Reporter:	Sandra Preuss

Kathy and Peter Homsey from Gulfport, MS, presented the program at our September meeting. Peter showed slides of their lovely Gulphaven Gardens—landscapes, seedling beds, and latest introductions. The Homseys donated their SHOEBOX MEMORIES (2003), a 6" lilac pink blend with a gold edge, to the Brookhaven Club for auction.



## Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Linda Touchstone, Publicity Director

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.  
Multi-purpose Center, Extension Service Conference Room  
952 Sullivan Drive, Highway 49 South, Hattiesburg, MS

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

President:	Rita Davis
Vice President:	Nancy Chain
Secretary:	Karen Sainsbury
Treasurer:	Martha Slaid
Publicity Director:	Linda Touchstone

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society held its June meeting at the home of Murrel and Martha Slaid. The picturesque garden bordering Lake Serene was the perfect place for our brunch. Many late blooming and reblooming daylilies filled the fragrant garden. Songbirds serenaded members as we shared a delicious feast. Louise Cubley presented gifts to retiring officers as appreciation for jobs well done. Members were asked to turn in their Popularity Poll ballots and to submit written suggestions for a better show and a better club. The youth members and the young at heart enjoyed feeding the ducks at the shoreline. We appreciate the Slaid's for hosting our final meeting of the season.

To begin our new club year, in September, Ted Preuss spoke to the club about "Preparing Beds for Fall and Winter Planting." Earl Watts and Peter Homsey demonstrated how to divide daylilies. Members planned a workday on October 8 for the plant sale October 9 at Hub Fest. Members will gather for a holiday luncheon on December 11. The club voted to take bus trips to gardens on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Jack Carpenter in Texas, and the National Convention in 2005.



## Jackson Hemerocallis Society

Rita Davis, 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 at  
Old Capital Inn—12:00 noon

President:	Peggy Coleman
Vice Presidents:	Oren Segrest and Shelton Holliday
Secretary:	Tammy Wilkerson
Treasurer:	Peggy Watkins
Reporter:	Rita Davis

In July, Shelton Holliday presented a slide program. It is always nice to see slides from one of our own local hybridizers. Shelton had the 1st runner up in the Sally Lake Bed at our Spring Regional Meeting in Foley, AL.

On October 16 Tim Bell from Sycamore, Georgia, presented our program.

This year's Christmas luncheon on December 4 will be held in a new location. The Old Capital Inn is a bed and breakfast with lovely meeting rooms and great food.

We are actively working on the Spring Regional Meeting on June 3-4 of 2005. Look for the registration form and garden previews in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.



## Meridian Hemerocallis Society

Mary Alice Stokes, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—11:30 A.M.  
Barnhill's Restaurant  
North Frontage Road, Meridian, MS

January, March, May, July, September, November

President:	Jim Smith
Vice President:	Pete Connolly
Secretary:	Martha Williams
Treasurer:	Gloria Jolly

The annual Charter Bus Tour for our local club took place May 22. We visited the gardens of Jim and Kay Chappell in Warrior, AL; Jesse and Terah George in Jasper, AL; and Damond and Ida Mae Flynn in Sulligent, AL. A luncheon, held in the George's garden, was a treat. Folks purchased lilies from all three gardens and came home with lots of wonderful new "goodies" for their daylily collections.

A caravan tour for members took place on June 5. We visited Calvin and Willodean Becton at Catwalk Gardens in Philadelphia, Wendell and Johnna Williamson in Louisville, Milo Burnham in Starkville, and Stanley and Jaunice Hayes in Columbus. It is always such a pleasure to visit members' gardens.

A pot-luck supper on July 9 at Beth Harbour's home welcomed our guest speaker for the July 10 meeting: Emily

Olsen of Beaufort, South Carolina. She and her husband, Bob, are delightful folks. At the meeting on July 10, Emily shared a slide presentation of the beautiful lilies that she has been hybridizing. The Olsons brought several of their day-lilies for the club auction.

In August, it was with regret that we accepted the resignations of President Bob Martin and his wife Sara, our Secretary. Bob has retired from his long-time position with Rolls Royce and he and Sara are moving to Florida—right in the middle of Mecca. They will be sorely missed. Vice President Beth Harbour took on the duties of President until our election of officers at the November meeting. Beth handled everything with her usual efficiency and good spirits. We truly appreciate her.

On Saturday, September 11, after a brief business meeting and a welcome to our new members, we were delighted to have Doyle Pierce, a member of our local club, make a slide presentation of his beautiful daylily seedlings and future introductions. He has two gardens in the area, one at his home and a sales garden in Enterprise. Both he and his sister, Marie, hybridize daylilies, each specializing in different forms.

The Fall Regional Meeting was a big success. Curt Hanson presented an excellent program.

On November 13, we will be welcoming Charles Douglas of Browns Ferry Gardens.



### MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Larry Pickel, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—2:00 P.M.

St. Martin Public Library, LeMoyné Boulevard, Ocean Springs, MS

September, October, December, January, February, March, April, May, June

Please call 228-475-1880 for the location of the December, April, May, and June activities.

President:	Larry Pickel
Vice President:	Michael Owens
Secretary:	Teresa Owens
Treasurer:	Jeri McBroom
Publicity Directors:	Larry Pickel Jane Pickel

We have had two excellent programs this fall, including speakers Tom Maddox (MGCDs member and hybridizer) and Fred Manning (hybridizer) from Lillian, Alabama.

A Christmas social is planned for December 4, 2004, at the Van Cleave Library in Van Cleave, MS. John Falck, Region 14 Vice President, will address our members on January 8, 2005. Dan Hansen, a well-known Florida hybridizer, will be our guest speaker on February 12, 2005. Shelton Holliday will provide our March 12, 2005, program. We have a daylily sale planned for the Ocean Springs Annual Herb Festival. Thousands from the surrounding area attend this event. Earl and Barbara Watts will provide useful informa-

tion about conducting daylily shows at our annual year end picnic on April 9, 2005. On May 21, 2005, the MGCDs will have a Daylily Show at the Edgewater Mall. Tom Adams, past president, will chair our daylily show. We will also have a plant sale at that time. Contact us if you are interested in some or all of these activities.



### North MS-AL Daylily Society

Linda Beck, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday—Buffet Supper—6:00 P.M.  
Riverbirch Country Club, Amory, MS

January, February, April, May, June, July, September, October, December

President:	Juanice Hayes
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President:	Jo Anne Burrage
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President:	Donna Grant
Secretary:	Nancy Gerhart
Treasurer:	Reggie Rose
Parliamentarian:	JoAnne Dunham
Historian:	Mary Fondren

The North MS-AL Daylily Society held its annual picnic and walking tour of club members' gardens on June 6. The first two members combined their efforts and treated the club to view two beautiful gardens on the banks of the Tenn-Tom Waterway. Manicured to perfection with raised beds heavily mulched in pine straw, these unique gardens contained plentiful and outstanding blooms. Donna Grant had numerous pieces of garden art, including a man riding a bicycle and leaning against a tree. Brenda Lucas had various pieces of driftwood complementing her garden, complete with a hollow log with a huge spider inside. (Of course, it wasn't real.) This garden was also alive with roses and hostas.

After a delicious catered luncheon, the members moved on to the lovely garden of Gary and JoAnne Dunham in Sulligent, AL. This garden was nestled down a long winding road in a heavily wooded area. There was an oriental garden with a beautiful red oriental archway, and another western motif garden with appropriately named daylilies. Daylilies and companion plants were lined in neatly raised beds overlooking a large lake. The men talked and walked through Gary's large workshop where he builds boxes with inlaid wood. The women toured JoAnne's large library building complete with card catalog, bookshelves, and numerous books. The library has a small town feel to it.

Later in June, there was an exciting bus trip to the Bells, Tennessee, area. The evening was completed when we followed Jimmy and Glenda Jordan to Henderson, TN, for a steak supper at one of their local eating establishments. A second bus trip was to the National Convention in St. Louis. Several of our members joined the Tuscaloosa Club and enjoyed a delightful time in Missouri touring gardens.

In July, James Townsend of Swan Lake Gardens in Laurel presented his daylily slides. He received great reviews for his outstanding hybridizing program. Then Doyle Pierce

of San Souci Jardin in Meridian presented a slide show of his latest seedlings. Doyle plans to register some plants this year.

We held our annual plant sale in September, and President Linda Beck informed the club that we had held our last meeting at Riverbirch. Our October meeting was moved to THE DAILY GRIND on main street in Amory, MS, across from Frisco Park. Susan Harkness, a research assistant at the Verona Experiment Station, presented a program on perennials.

Plans are currently being made for the Christmas Party.



### North Mississippi Daylily Society

Emma Hood, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—9:00 A.M.

First Regional Library, Hernando, MS

March, April, May, September, October

President:	Scot Wilson
Vice President:	Marcia Laundré
Secretary:	Emma Hood
Treasurer:	Betty Huckaby
Parliamentarian:	Sam Jobe
Historian:	Jay Laundré

As you will note, our meeting place has changed from Batesville to Hernando. We did this in hopes of obtaining new members from the DeSoto County area. We also changed our meeting time back to 9:00 A.M. and hope that it will be convenient for all of our members.

After one meeting at our new location, we already have nine new members. We will not meet again officially until March, 2005; however, we are planning a special occasion for December 4, 2004. It is our annual Christmas Party which will be held at Wesley Meadows DeSoto County Retirement Community, 1325 McIngvale Rd., Hernando, MS, from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M. We will have a potluck luncheon and entertainment by “The Messengers,” a music ministry fellowship. Marcia and Jay Laundré, two of our club members, are participants in the group.

Our club was well represented at the Region 14 Meeting in Foley, AL, and at the National Convention in St. Louis, MO. We partnered with the Memphis Area Hemerocallis Society, for the trip to St. Louis, MO, in July. It was really awesome. Our bus was well stocked with goodies brought by the attendees and we played several games along the way to keep us occupied.

The garden tours were enjoyable and we saw many acres of daylilies. In addition, the landscapes were exquisite. The climate there is conducive to so many companion plants and shrubs that each garden brought new delights. Anyone who comes to a National Convention definitely will want to return the next year.

We are now making plans for a plant sale in Spring, 2005, and our annual tour.

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## Tribute to a Friend

“It was shortly after Billy and Erma visited our garden, that Kathleen and I returned the visit. Having seen my daylilies, Billy suggested we use REEDY CREEK WEIRD OH and several others of his in our hybridizing program. We were always happy when we ran into them at a Regional Meeting or elsewhere. Erma is a great gal, and Billy was special too. His passing is a great loss to Region 14.”—Fred Manning (Lillian, AL)

“When we first started attending daylily club meetings, Billy and his wife, Erma, made us feel very welcome. Each meeting we would talk ‘daylilies.’ One time, Peter was telling Billy how well everyone liked the daylily DEBBIE TROTTER. Little did Peter know this was one that Billy had registered. Billy had a good laugh about that. He was a good ‘daylily’ friend.”—Kathy Homsey (Gulfport, MS)

“Billy was a man of honesty and integrity. When I became RVP, I knew I would like to have Billy as treasurer and was delighted when he accepted the position. Billy was always able to give an up-to-the-minute account of our finances. He was faithful and was always present at the Region auctions and plant sales to oversee the funds. Billy was a stabilizing force; that helped me the most. Billy was a strong promoter of daylilies and of AHS Region 14. I miss him.”—Earl Watts (Hattiesburg, MS)

“During our first year as editor of *The Dixie Daylily*, I was always worried that we would spend too much money on the publication, but Billy always said, ‘Don’t worry about it; we need to have a good newsletter.’ He always offered encouragement and support to *The Dixie Daylily*. When Hattiesburg hosted the Spring Meeting, we went over to see Billy’s and Erma’s garden. What a joy it was to walk through it with Billy and have him comment on all the cultivars and their performance. Billy had that ‘infectious’ smile. Kay Day has often made the statement that we all join for the daylilies, but we stay for the people. Billy and Erma Stennett are those people that we stay for.”—Allen McLain (Belzoni, MS)

*“Billy was a good steward of our money, putting excess funds into a CD to help preserve the Region’s future.”*  
—John Falck (Fairhope, AL)

Linda Touchstone

# MID-WINTER SYMPOSIUM AHS REGION 10, FEBRUARY 3–FEBRUARY 6, 2005

## Thursday, February 3, 2005

- 1:00 pm **Register and Hospitality**  
The Gallery Rooms – Russ & Sandi Johnson
- 6:00 **Dinner as a Group** – Not Included  
Buffet at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo

## Friday, February 4, 2005

- 9:00 am **Registration**  
Russ & Sandi Johnson – Kentucky
- 12:30 pm **Garden Judges Workshop 1** – Director's Rm.
- 12:30 **Exhibition Judges Clinic 1** – Imp. Ball Room
- 12:30 **Exhibition Judges Refresh Clinic** – Crystal Rm.
- 1:00 pm **Wineception and Internet Robin Social**  
**The Gallery Meeting Rooms**  
Doug & Becky Holder – Tennessee
- 5:30 **Build Your Own Sandwich Buffet** (Included)  
**The Hybridizing Programs of:**  
Judith Weston – North Carolina
- 6:15 Margo Reed – Virginia
- 6:30 Richard Norris – Ohio
- 6:45 John Kinnebrew – Florida
- 7:00 **The Pattern to Success**  
Steve Moldovan – Ohio
- 8:00 **The Seven Secrets to Super Selling**  
(The key to marketing success)  
Dr. Charles Hall – University of TN

## Saturday, February 5, 2005

- 8:00 am *Bagels, Doughnuts, and Coffee (Included)*
- 8:30 **Welcome and Introductions**
- 8:40 **Compost, that pile out back?**  
William Cureton – Alabama
- 9:30 **Questions and Answers**
- 9:40 **Stretch Break**
- 9:50 **The Digital Frontier**  
(Basic Digital Photography)  
Lynn Freeny – Tennessee\*
- 10:45 **My First Forays Into the Digital World**  
Jeff Salter – Florida
- 11:30 **Lunch on Your Own**
- 1:20 pm **You will select two (2) of the three (3) topics below to attend during the split session**  
**Hybridizing 101** – Gallery Rooms  
Sylvia Innes – Tennessee
- Using Adobe Photoshop** – Ball Room  
Lynn Freeny – Tennessee\*
- Hybridizing 201** – Finley Lecture Hall  
Judith Weston – North Carolina
- 2:05 - 2:15 **\*\*Change Sessions\*\***  
**Hybridizing 101** – Gallery Rooms  
Sylvia Innes – Tennessee
- Using Adobe Photoshop** – Ball Room  
Lynn Freeny – Tennessee\*
- Hybridizing 201** – Finley Lecture Hall  
Judith Weston – North Carolina
- 3:00 **Stretch Break**
- 3:15 **What the Future Holds – Slide Show**  
Jay Turman – Tennessee
- 4:00 **Digital Daylilies** (Photographing Flowers)  
Lynn Freeny – Tennessee\*
- 4:45 **Questions and Answers**
- 5:00 **Region 10 Business Meeting** – Finley Hall

\* Lynn Freeny – A professional photographer for over 20 years with an art degree from the University of Tennessee

## Saturday Evening

- 6:15 pm **Fellowship – Cash Bar**
- 7:00 **Dinner** (Included)
- 8:00 **Daylily Auction**  
Russ & Sandi Johnson – Kentucky  
Dave & Vicki Rhyne – Tennessee  
**\*\*\* Drawing for a \$500 Daylily Gift Certificate from a Hybridizer of Your Choice**

## Sunday, February 6, 2004

- 8:00 am *Bagels, Doughnuts, and Coffee (Included)*
- 8:30 **Invitation to Attend the 2005 National Convention** (Cincinnati, Ohio)  
Jerry Williams – Ohio
- 8:45 **UFOs – Their Secrets Revealed**  
Ned (Spiderman) Roberts – Colorado
- 9:30 **The Eyes Have It!**  
Elizabeth Salter – Florida
- 10:15 **Stretch Break**
- 11:00 **2005 Introductions – Slide Program**  
Jay Turman – Tennessee  
**\*\*\* Drawing for a \$500 Daylily Gift Certificate from a Hybridizer of Your Choice**
- 12:00 pm **Adjourn**  
**\*\*\*Must be Present for Drawings\*\*\***

## Meeting and Lodging

**Chattanooga Choo-Choo Holiday Inn**  
1400 Market Street; Chattanooga, TN 37402  
**For Reservations: 423-266-5000 or 800-872-2529**  
(Call hotel direct, weekdays only)  
\$62.00 single/double (plus tax) regular before January 12<sup>th</sup>  
Be sure to mention AHS Region 10 for hotel discount.

## Registration Form Fifteenth Annual Mid-Winter Symposium February 3 – February 6, 2005

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please list name as you would like it on your name tag.

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Names of others included in fee)

**FEE – \$105 per person – Youth Members \$80**  
(\$115 after January 10<sup>th</sup>) – Make checks payable to AHS Region 10.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed

**RETURN TO: Sandi Johnson**, Registrar; 105 Dorsey Way  
Louisville, KY 40223-2827 Phone: 502-425-8615

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Phone: 865-435-4989. E-mail: [Jeff@daylilybiz.com](mailto:Jeff@daylilybiz.com)

Jay Turman  
3505 Ruland Place  
Nashville, TN 37215-1811

Accepting slides of 2005 Introductions (all) and Futures/Seedlings (7 maximum per person)

**Slides must arrive no later than January 15, 2005.**

## WHAT'S FORTHCOMING

Spacecoasts and Arabesques: The Hybridizing Program of the Kinnebrews

Linda Agin: Meet Region 14's Newest Hybridizer

The Jewels of Hazel Green: The Thompson and Stephens Gardens

The 2005 Region 14 Spring Meeting: Garden Write-Ups

The 2005 Sally Lake Memorial Bed

AHS Region 14 Flower Shows: 2005

The Hattiesburg Exhibition Show

Suburban Daylilies: The Garden of Earl and Barbara Watts

Going Digital: The Art of Photography

Landscaping With Daylilies: The St. Louis and Cincinnati National Conventions

### 2005 AHS NATIONAL CONVENTION

**The Greater Cincinnati Daylily & Hosta Society  
invites you to attend!**

**June 29—July 2, 2005**

Registration information available:  
*The Daylily Journal*, Spring 2005

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513-752-4400 Phone; 513-753-3178 Fax

### AHS CONVENTIONS AHEAD

- 2005 Greater Cincinnati Daylily & Hosta Society  
June 29—July 2  
Jerry Pate Williams (OH)
- 2006 Long Island Daylily Society  
July 13—16  
Melanie Vassallo (NY) and Joan Rasmussen (NY)
- 2007 Hemerocallis Society of Minnesota  
July 18—21  
Rita Schaben (MN), Mary Baker (NE), and  
Kathleen Lamb (MN)
- 2008 Combined Texas Daylily Clubs  
May 2008  
Maureen Valenza (TX)
- 2009 Sunbelt Daylily Society  
May 2009  
Jay Charba (FL)
- 2010 Valdosta Hemerocallis Society  
May 2010  
Floyd McNeal (GA) and Tim Bell (GA)

# Welcome New Members to AHS and Region 14

Ruth Beckner  
11785 Miller Drive  
Saraland, AL 36571

Libby Bell  
41 Forest Drive  
Henagar, AL 35978

Jeanette Booth  
704 Raines Drive  
Mobile, AL 36609

Harry and Teresa Bowman  
247 County Road 181  
Iuka, MS 38852

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**Region 14 is rightfully proud of its many hybridizers. Above is a landscape in the Tempel garden in St. Louis, featuring Sarah Sikes' HUSH LITTLE BABY; below is a close-up of this stunning cultivar.** *(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*



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