



Dear Conventioners,

The Valdosta Daylily Society and Region 5 are happy to welcome you to the 64<sup>th</sup> annual American Hemerocallis Society (AHS) National Convention in Valdosta Georgia, May 27-29, 2010.

Convention Headquarters will be at the Rainwater Conference Center, 1 Meeting Place Drive, Valdosta GA, 31601. The Center, located between Hampton Inn and Wingate, is quite visible from I-75, exit 16. All activities will occur at various locations within this Conference Center as indicated on the enclosed Schedule of Events. A Conference Center map is also included.

Convention registration will be in the Chef's Suite (to your immediate right as you enter the building from the parking lot). Bus registration tables will be set up across the hallway from registration. Registration will be open at the following times: Wed, 26 May, 3:00 – 6:00PM. Thurs 27 May, 8:00AM – 5:00PM, Fri 28 May, 5:45AM – 6:30AM.

When you register, you will receive a convention handbook. Please read the handbook as this will be the guide to maximizing your convention experience. It should also accompany you on the bus.

You will also receive your name badge and ID number. This should be worn at all times and will be your ticket to all convention activities including meals, buses, live auction, silent auctions, and raffles.

Attendees will pre-register for buses. Sign up sheets will be on tables across from registration. If you plan on taking Garden Judges Workshop 2, you must sign up on the Garden Judges bus. The workshop will be held in the Seago's garden during the last stop on Friday.

The Grand Hall, Garden Suites and hallways will be where the main action is. The Gazebo suites will house the boutique, sale plant tables, silent auction, and raffle displays. A table for catalogues and price lists will be available in the hallway.

Be sure to check out our boutique. Not only will you have a variety of vendors to visit, but you'll also have a chance to place a raffle ticket in the bag for your favorite basket. These baskets were prepared by various Region 5 clubs and are representative of their area of Georgia. You could be the winner of the basket and also help the club whose basket gets the most raffle tickets to win a special prize of \$500 in daylilies. Don't miss the plant sale table where you will find daylily values from \$15 to \$100 for prices ranging from \$5 to \$15. These sale tables have been a "hot item" at our Regional meetings, and the best buys won't last long.

**All buses will board in the west side parking lot of the convention center.**

Buses for the garden tours will board between 6:15am and 7:15am. East route bus will depart at 7:45am and West route bus departs at 6:45am - be sure to check departure time for your bus each day. Buses will be near capacity so please stay on the same bus for both days of garden tours. Buses will have on board restrooms. For your convenience, the tour gardens will have portable restrooms and sinks.

To help you plan your visit, we are enclosing a list of open gardens/points of interest in/around/to/from Valdosta. Valdosta is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the enclosed touring information brochure has a Valdosta area map and lists historic sights, shopping outlets and recreational areas. For those with campers/RV, we're including a list of area campsites. Airport/transportation information is also included.

Other than the tourism brochure, the information in this mailing will be on the AHS website, [www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org) and the Region 5 website: [www.ahsregion5.org](http://www.ahsregion5.org). While you're at our regional website, please check out the bright red, terrifically toothy seedling (donated by the Kinnebrews), which will be auctioned off and **NAMED** by the winner.

We are looking forward to seeing you and showing you daylilies, daylilies, and more daylilies.

Barbara Kirby  
Registrar/Region 5 RP

Enclosures:  
Convention Schedule of Events w/map  
Open Gardens List  
Valdosta Tourism brochure/map  
Airport/Taxi Info  
Area RV Campsites  
Boutique/Vendor Info