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Submissions invited on the following topics:

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Submission Deadlines: Spring Fall Winter
February 15 July 1 November 1

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Regional President's Report

James Fennell

Hi Fellow Daylilians,

First of all, I want to thank the Winter Region Meeting 2021 attendees for making the meeting a success!

As I write this, winter is almost over; and what a strange winter it has been – cold and wet, wet, wet. What a winter it has been. It will not be long now before we will see blooms.

This is going to be an exciting year for Region 5. We have six daylily shows scheduled and possibly more to come! We received word from the Northwest Georgia Daylily Club that our Spring Regional meeting is still on schedule. At least four “Judging Daylilies in the Garden Workshop 2” and several other daylily judging workshops are scheduled, some online and some in person. It is going to be a great year!

We started out this year with our Winter Meeting in February. It was well attended in spite of the pandemic as we endeavored to adhere to CDC guidelines to ensure the health of our membership. We were excited to have Jamie Gossard and John Kinnebrew as our special guests. It is always a treat to spend time with giants in the daylily hybridizing world. Jamie Gossard amazed us with a great presentation that encouraged us to dare to imagine and



dream of possibilities in hybridizing.

After Jamie's presentation, we were entertained by the wit and humor of Tim Bell as he conducted a vigorous auction. A special thanks goes to the donors of plants and other items donated to the auction, the “*The Georgia Daylily*” table, and the bargain table. It cannot be said enough that the success of Region 5 is due to the tremendous support and generosity of the many donors, bidders, and buyers.

If you have not registered for the Spring Regional Meeting in Cartersville, I encourage you to do so as soon as possible and join us for an opportunity to enjoy a great time viewing four beautiful gardens and the fellowship of fellow daylily enthusiasts.

As a gentle reminder, we are searching for a host, for the Spring Regional Meeting in 2022. If your club would like to be the host, please let me know as soon as possible.

Let us spread the fun, share the load, enjoy the flowers and most importantly enjoy the people!

See you on the Daylily Trail,

James

Editor's Note

I am so looking forward to the 2021 daylily season. We have gone too long not being able to interact with our daylily friends. I want to apologize for the huge delay in getting the Winter edition of *The Georgia Daylily* delivered to our members. The copies were delivered to the post office the first week in December and I guess with the Christmas package deliveries, the nonprofit organization's mail was put at the back of the line. Some people did not get their copies until the first part of February.

I want to thank Barbara Kirby and four of our clubs for making contributions in support of *The Georgia Daylily*.

We are saddened by the loss of a number of our members over the last few months. Jim Netherton and Ken Tyus from the Albany Club passed away recently. A tribute to Jim Netherton by Tim Herrington is in this edition.

Ken, Marion Tyus' husband traveled with her to all the daylily events she went to like judging, club meetings, and conventions.

It looks of though some of our clubs will be able to start having face to face meetings and maybe conduct shows this year.

I want to thank those who contributed content for this edition. Your contributions are what makes *The Georgia Daylily* an award-winning newsletter.

Hope to see you in a garden this summer.

Claude



Ken and Marion Tyus

Regional Director's Report

Scott Elliott

It looks like as though finally an end in sight for the COVID-19 crisis. The vaccine is being distributed and looks to be quite effective. Soon, our most vulnerable population will be safe from the disease, and later everyone else. It will not erase the heartache and loss of the past year, but at least it looks as though we will finally be able to move on and get back to a semblance of normality.

Meetings and happenings across AHS have, of course, slowed dramatically due to the crisis. Most clubs and regions are on hold as they wait for the inevitable reopening of the country. Zoom meetings continue to flourish and create opportunities for interaction with friends and other gardeners. For many across the country, this time of year necessitates the move to indoor projects and looking at plant catalogs. Fortunately, gardening has been a safe haven for us. We are blessed to live in the South where we can still get out and work in our gardens, even during the winter months (well, in between cold fronts, at least).

New publications:

The Publications Committee has been hard at work and is proud to announce two new books this year. *Hybridizing 101*, by Rhonda Veroeven is available now, exclusively on Amazon. This introduction to hybridizing for the beginner is available for only \$10.

The new *Small and Miniature Daylilies*, by Scott Elliott, should be available sometime in late spring or early summer. This book will feature profiles on more than 100 of the top current, historical, and international hybridizers of small and miniature daylilies. There is also a special chapter on the future of small and miniature daylilies in which the top 72 seedlings, as judged by a panel of more than 40 hybridizers, are highlighted. (Without giving too much away, hybridizers in our region are featured in nine of the 72 covered positions.)



Claude Carpenter, our resident newsletter editor, is responsible for the layout and design of both books.

AHS Online Auction:

The annual online auction to benefit the AHS General Fund generated over \$13,000. These funds will help the Society avoid having to dip into savings to take care of day-to-day expenses. Thank you to all those participating. Please consider donating an item or two next year to the auction.

2021 AHS Region 5 Spring Meeting:

Remember to register for the spring meeting in Cartersville, Georgia, June 11-12. The Northwest Georgia Daylily Society has been hard at work preparing for our arrival. Hopefully, by this time the vaccinations will have been widely distributed, and we can have a mostly normal meeting. In any case, I know I will be there. Look for more information in this issue of *The Georgia Daylily*.

2021 National Convention:

Fortunately, our 2021 national convention is still on the books. The clubs are going forward with plans to hold the convention May 20-22. The convention will be at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The convention website is: www.ahs2021national.com for information on hotels, registration, schedule, etc.

Getting Involved:

Interested in getting involved on the national level with the American Daylily Society? Please contact me. I have a number of open positions needing qualified, enthusiastic members. president@daylilies.org

Scott Elliott
Director, Region 5
President, American Hemerocallis Society

Region 5 Contributions in support of *The Georgia Daylily*

- Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta - \$200 in support of *The Georgia Daylily*
- Middle Georgia Daylily Society - \$50 Memorial to Jim Salter
- Barbara Kirby - \$50 Memorial to Jim Salter and \$50 Memorial to Jim Netherton
- Valdosta Daylily Society - \$100 Memorial to Jeff Salter
- Chattahoochee Valley - \$120 In lieu of a Christmas Party

Secretary's Report

Doris Bishop

AHS Region 5 Winter Meeting Minutes (A compilation of notes from Barbara Kirby and Lori Murphy in the unexpected absence of Region Secretary Doris Bishop)

AHS Region 5 Winter Meeting was held February 20, 2021 at Haynesville Baptist Church in Hawkinsville, Georgia, beginning at 10:00 A.M. Region President James Fennell opened the meeting with a prayer led by Winfred Huff. All meeting attendees were welcomed, and a special welcome was extended to first time attendees and special guests.

Director's Report:

Region 5 Director Scott Elliott announced that Mississippi has less strict guidance for meetings. Just recently Mississippi approved the National Convention for 500 people.

A search committee is on for an AHS Membership and Executive Secretary position.

AHS has two new books coming out: *Hybridizing 101* is \$10 on Amazon, and *Small and Miniature Daylilies* will be both historical and international and include profiles of plants and hybridizers and a section of seedlings of 72 upcoming intros that won a contest from over 300 seedlings submitted.

Online judging clinics have been scheduled: Exhibition Judges 1, March 23 and 28; Garden Judges 1, March 24 and 27; and Exhibition 3, March 25. Problems are not anticipated with people getting recertified this year. Anyone having a problem with meeting the recertification requirements should contact the Judges chair. Problems will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Over \$13,000 was raised from the online AHS auction, which greatly helps to offset AHS expenses and lack of revenue from the pandemic. Membership has dropped due to the pandemic.

There are volunteer positions to fill. Contact Scott if you want to help...can mean anything for an hour of your time to as much time as you want to spend.

- The Treasurer's Report was given by Region Treasurer Jack Rigsby.
- Lori Murphy spoke about the Spring Region Meet-



ing hosted by the Northwest Georgia Daylily Society scheduled for June 11-12 in Cartersville, Georgia. There will be 4 gardens on tour and 2 banquets with a Friday evening auction and Elizabeth and Alex Salter as the guest hybridizers speaking Saturday evening. Lori had registration forms at the meeting and was wearing the t-shirt promoting the meeting. There are 33 people currently registered.

- Region 5 President Nominating Committee chaired by Scott Elliott announced that they have selected Patty Franklin as their nominee for the position of region president beginning January 1. Voting will be conducted at the spring region meeting in Cartersville in June.

- David Arthur made a plea for more exhibition judges. There are normally 15 shows for Region 5, and we have 30 exhibition judges. A refresher class is to be conducted after today's meeting.
- Barbara Kirby announced the date for the Fall Regional is October 2, 2021, and will try for the same location as today.
- The following clubs reported show dates:
 - June 19: Greater Atlanta
 - June 5: Cobb County
 - May 28: Middle Georgia
 - June 5: Chattahoochee Valley
 - May 29: Ogeechee
 - May 12: Ogeechee Mobile (Date is flexible.)

There was no count of club members by club.

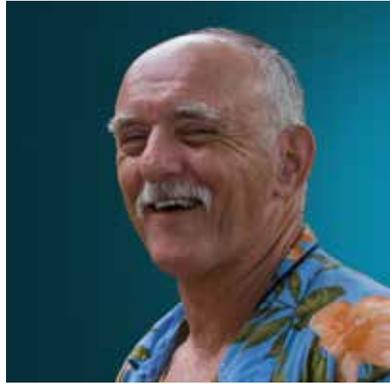
- Jim Netherton and Ken Tyus have died since our last meeting and will be sorely missed. Marion Tyus is still recovering from COVID in a rehab facility, and blessings are extended to others who have battled COVID. Bruce Fowler had emergency stent surgery Friday and hopes to come home Sunday.
- Barbara Kirby welcomed special guests John Kinnebrew Jr. and Jamie Gossard, who came up from the Florida garden where they grow the Spacecoast daylilies. The Kinnebrew family has been especially

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RPD's Report

David Bishop

The virus has wreaked havoc with daylily clubs and daylily people for many months. Meetings and shows have been cancelled. In some cases, the meeting place had rules that prevented or limited what could be done there. State and local restrictions have caused clubs to be creative. Zoom meetings have been used sometimes. While most people find them better than not meeting at all, not much can replace the good old face-to-face meetings. There is a big social aspect to seeing friends with the same interests. We have a connection to most people in our club and enjoy being around them. When clubs have hybridizers as speakers, for many their registrations are more desirable. We have a personal link, even if we do not have a conversation with them. Region 5 is lucky to hold Fall and Winter Regionals at Haynesville Baptist Church. It's Family Life Center allows us to socially distance, has ample space, and has good AV equipment. Thanks to all of the people that make Regionals happen.



Speaking of Regionals, the NW Georgia Daylily Society is hosting the 2021 Spring Regional on June 11-12. There are four great tour gardens. Two are small, city lot daylily gardens, whereas the other two are larger gardens. Even if you have been to some of the gardens before, there is something new there. Sometimes it is different daylilies, sometimes there are other features. Sometimes both! Liz Salter is to be the speaker, and she has a storied history

of hybridizing daylilies. The Fowlers are selling many bargain daylilies for us; we are fortunate to have them on board. Katielou Greene is going to donate around 100 daylilies to be sold; also many others are donating items for the Silent Auction. Some people are giving us daylilies for the Live Auction as well. You can, too. Just contact me concerning them! Thanks in advance. The biggest draw is being able to see your daylily friends!

In January, Bruce Kovach attempted to have a "Shirley Farmer" type of meeting, with Georgia hybridizers. The Zoom meeting had them showing some of their seedlings and adding some information about growing daylilies. He hopes next year that it is a "live" meeting with more hybridizers participating. Zoom attendees were watching in Georgia and in several other states. It was a grand idea, as we have many exceptional hybridizers in our Region. In many parts of Georgia, dormants as well as evergreens and semi-evergreens can be grown effectively. That is a great bonus for all daylily lovers. We have many things to be thankful for in our Region.

Here is hoping that 2021 will see us all get back to "normal," with only a few changes. We have been affected by people in our families having the virus as well as other people that we know. Perhaps, growing and seeing daylilies will help us return somewhat to the way it used to be.

Secretary's Report (continues)

good to Region 5 and were very supportive during the Valdosta 2010 National Convention. Jamie presented all the new 2021 intros from Spacecoast and Heavenly Gardens. Auction plants were all big healthy plants from the Spacecoast Gardens. We also got to see all the Heavenly poodles and Heavenly doodles...Thanks, Jamie!

Scott Elliott of Maneki Neko Gardens provided the bargain table daylilies prior to the start of the meeting. Thank you, Scott!

A special 'Thank you' is extended to everyone who donated daylilies for the auction. We had a very successful auc-

tion, and lots of beautiful new daylilies will be blooming in attendees' gardens this summer.

Special kudos to Terry and Cathy Beasley, first time attendees, who brought and donated over fifty 6" pot size plants of Foxglove, Delphinium, and Blue Salvia to 'The Georgia Daylily' Sale Table. Thank you, Terry and Cathy!

Minutes submitted by,
Doris Bishop
Region 5 Secretary
February 22, 2021

Region 5 Treasurer's Report

Jack Rigsby



AHS REGION 5 TREASURER'S REPORT 11-1-20 Thru 2-23-21

Balance Forward 11-1-20		\$ 30,553.65
Income		
Winter 2021 Regional Meeting - Registrations	124.00	
Winter 2021 Regional Meeting - GA Daylily Table Plant Sales	357.00	
Winter 2021 Regional Meeting - Auction Plant Sales	3,933.20	
Memorial Donations - GA Daylily	570.00	
AHS Reimbursement - GA Daylily, etc.	628.90	
Square Test	3.11	
Total Income		5,616.21
Expenses		
Newsletter Expenses		
Albany Word Processing Company - Winter 2021 Edition GA Daylily	277.57	
Sundance Press Printing - Winter 2021 Edition GA Daylily	2,613.99	
AHS Region #5 Editor GA Daylily Winter 2021	500.00	
Subtotal		3,391.56
Other Regional Expenses		
Winter 2021 Regional Meeting - Haynesville Baptist Church - Space	200.00	
Winter 2021 Regional Meeting -Tech Support	100.00	
Winter 2021 Regional Meeting - Janitorial Support	50.00	
Winter 2021 Regional Meeting - Guest Speaker Plant Sales Travel Expense	1,512.66	
Winter 2021 Regional Meeting - Auction Plant Splits	486.50	
Winter 2021 Regional Meeting - Luncheon	721.19	
Winter 2021 Regional Beverages - Luncheon	51.09	
Administrative Expense - Harland Checks	130.34	
Subtotal		3,251.78
Total Expenses		6,643.34
Balance as of 2-23-20		\$ 29,526.52

Scenes from the Region 5 Winter Meeting





Region 5 Garden Judges

James Fennell, Region 5 Liaison

Garden Judges are the backbone of the awards and honors system in the ADS. There are approximately 490 certified ADS garden judges, 52 of them from Region 5. Most of the cultivar awards each year are determined by the vote of Garden Judges. As the membership in the ADS has gone down in recent years, so has the number of Garden Judges. If you have an interest in being a part of the Awards and Honors System and actively grow a variety of daylilies, I encourage you to become a Garden Judge.

To become a Garden Judge requires the completion of two workshops (Garden Judges I and Garden Judges II). Garden Judges Workshop I will be offered during the Region 5 Spring Meeting in Cartersville and virtually on March 24 and March 27. There will be more virtual Workshop I courses later in the year. Garden Judges II is taught in the garden and will be available in Region 5 this year in the

following locations and dates:

- Scott Elliott’s Garden (May)
- James Fennell’s Garden (May)
- Nation Convention in Hattiesburg, MS (May 20)
- Region 5 Spring Meeting (June 11)
- Claude Carpenter’s Garden (June 25)

Garden Judges are appointed to five-year terms. Contact James Fennell (email: jaf@fennell.org, phone: 478-988-5582) for more information about becoming a Garden Judge and how to enroll in one of the Garden Judges Workshops during 2021.

As always, many thanks to all of our Garden Judges for their service throughout the year!

2021 Region 5 Garden Judges

Camilla Arthur	2022	Louise Fennell	2023	Lori Murphy	2025
David Arthur	2022	Mark Franklin	2022	Mary Netherton	2021
Tim Bell	2021	Patty Franklin	2022	Cynthia Rigsby	2021
David Bishop	2021	Heather Herrington	2022	Jack Rigsby	2021
Doris Bishop	2021	Tim Herrington	2022 I	June Scoggins	2021
Pat Bonner	2021	Janie Huff	2022	Charles Self	2024
Brenda Briley	2022	Winfred Huff	2022	Maxine Self	2023
Renee Carleton	2024	Jan Joiner	2025	Susan Vaughan	2025
Claude Carpenter	2025 I	Barbara Kirby	2023 I	Bill Waldrop	2022
Buddy Childs	2023	Gail Knight	2023	Diana Waldrop	2022
Sue Cliett	2024	Bruce Kovach	2022	Glenn Ward	2022
Karen Cotton	2024	Earl Lawson	2024	Yolanda Ward	2022
Rose Mary Dixon	2022 I	Harold McDonell	2025 I	Janet Watson	2022
Donald Eller	2021	Kevin McClinton	2024	Joe Scott Watson	2022 I
Nancy Eller	2021	Christy McGough	2021		
Dominique Elliott	2021	Anna Mixon	2023		
Scott Elliott	2021 I	Karen Mowry	2021		
James Fennell	2022 I	James Mullins	2021		

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Region 5 Exhibition Judges

David Arthur, Region 5 Liaison

ADS Exhibition Judges are essential to the Daylily Shows that are sponsored by most of our clubs in Region 5. Each show requires from 6 to 9 judges; and with thirteen shows, you can see that our judges are spread extremely thin during the bloom season in Georgia. All of our shows occur over a 5 week period, so many of our judges are required to judge in three or more shows. As our membership ages, we are losing many of our Exhibition Judges; and we currently only have 30 senior judges and 5 junior judges.

We really need 10-15 more ADS members in Region 5 to step up and become Exhibition Judges. To become an Exhibition Judge requires that you complete two clinics (Exhibition Judges I and Exhibition Judges II). You can download a PDF copy of the ADS Exhibition Judges Manual from the ADS Portal, or you can buy a hard copy on Amazon for \$10. This book is a reference manual for

becoming an ADS Exhibition Judge. If you are interested in becoming an Exhibition Judge, please contact David Arthur (email: dhathur@yahoo.com or phone: 404-643-9701).

Exhibition Judges clinics I and II will be taught during the Region 5 Spring Meeting in Cartersville and during the National Convention in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Exhibition I will also be taught virtually on March 23 and 28. Other virtual Exhibition I clinics will be scheduled later in the year.

Exhibition III clinic (refresher) is required every four years to maintain your accreditation. A virtual Exhibition Clinic will be taught on March 25 and during the Region 5 Spring Meeting and at the National Convention.

As always, many thanks to all of our Exhibition Judges for their service throughout the year!

2021 Region 5 Exhibition Judges

Camilla Arthur	Senior	2023 I	Barbara Kirby	Senior	2021I	Selina Swaim	Junior	2022
David Arthur	Senior	2023 I	Gail Knight	Senior	2023	Lori B. Murphy	Junior	2022
Pat Bonner	Senior	2022	Pat Mercer	Senior	2022	Bill Surls	Student	2022
Jack Brock	Senior	2022 I	Camille Mitchell	Senior	2020	Earl Lawson	Student	2023
Diane Bush	Senior	2020	James Mullins	Senior	2023 I	William McLeod	Student	2022
Claude Carpenter	Senior	2022 I	Cynthia Rigsby	Senior	2022 I	Karen McLeod	Student	2022
Mike Curlin	Senior	2022 I	Jack Rigsby	Senior	2022 I	Bruce Alsup	Student	2023
Rose Mary Dixon	Senior	2021	June Scoggins	Senior	2022			
Scott Elliott	Senior	2024 I	Joann Stewart	Senior	2023			
James Fennell	Senior	2022 I	Ryan Tolbert	Senior	2021			
Louise Fennell	Senior	2022	Sidney Ward	Senior	2022 I			
Mark Franklin	Senior	2022 I	Yolanda Ward	Senior	2022 I			
Patty Franklin	Senior	2022 I	Joe Scott Watson	Senior	2022 I			
Tim Herrington	Senior	2022 I	David R. Williams	Senior	2020			
Janie Huff	Senior	2021	Renee Carleton	Junior	2022			
Winfred Huff	Senior	2021	Anna Mixon	Junior	2022			
Jack Joiner	Senior	2020 I	Janie Seglund	Junior	2022			

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You Are Invited

to the

2021 Region 5 Spring Meeting

By David Bishop, Meeting Co-Chair

The 2021 Spring Regional will be held on June 11-12 and hosted by the Northwest Georgia Daylily Society. The convention center is the Hilton Garden Inn on Main Street in Cartersville, a couple of miles west of I-75. Check-in will begin on Friday morning.



The registration plant, **'Magical Morning,'** is being grown and donated by Bill and Diana Waldrop. Plant sales by Bruce & Kathy Fowler and Katielou Greene will begin then as well. Judges training will be held Friday also.

A meal will be served in the Grand Ballroom on Friday evening followed by a live auction. A Silent Auction will be ongoing from Friday until Saturday afternoon.

A garden tour on Saturday morning will go to Curlette Hennard's Lily Hill Garden followed by David and Doris Bishop's Shady Rest Gardens. Then the bus will travel to Kennesaw to view the Bill and Diana Waldrop's Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies followed by Prissy's Garden, owned by David and Camilla Arthur.

The Enman Joiner seedling bed is at Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Garden.

The bus will travel back to Cartersville's Dellinger Park for lunch. After lunch attendees will return to the Hilton Garden Inn to rest. Another banquet will be held that evening followed by Elizabeth Salter and daughter Alex's presentation of their daylily garden and hybridizing programs.

A registration form is located in this edition of The Georgia Daylily. Register now, as the first 50 registrants will be entered into a drawing for "A Memory of Earnest Yearwood," a Liz Salter 2018 introduction.

Spring Meeting Tour Gardens



Shady Rest Garden



Lily Hill Garden



Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Garden



Prissy's Garden



AHS Region 5 Spring Convention
June 11-12, 2021 Cartersville, GA
Hosted by Northwest Georgia Daylily Society

Registration fee: \$100 adult per person and \$80 youth per person (After April 15, 2021, add \$15 per registration) **No registrations accepted after May 1, 2021. Registration includes 2 banquets, picnic lunch, transportation to tour gardens, bargain plant sale and Friday night plant auction.**

Make checks payable to: **Northwest Georgia Daylily Society (NWGDS)**
and mail to Conference Registrar: Lori Murphy 4200 Ruby Forest Blvd, Suwanee GA 30024
Phone: 678-643-3284 e-mail: soccersurfy@gmail.com

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE -- Print name as it will appear on name tag(s)

Attendee 1: _____

Attendee 2: _____

Additional Attendees: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone(s): _____ E-mail: _____

Region and Club Affiliation(s): _____

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (Registration does NOT include lodging—make reservations directly with the hotel. For a discount rate of \$149 per night (per room) at the Hilton Garden Inn, Cartersville, GA, mention the code “daylily convention”. For reservations at Hilton Garden Inn, call 770-382-9787. Other hotels are available nearby. Discount rate is available until May 12th and reservations may be cancelled before May 12 without penalty.)

Judging Clinics: Please indicate the number of attendees. Fees of \$5 per person or \$3 audit fee will be collected at each clinic. Clinics will be offered based on advanced registrations.

Garden 1 _____ Garden 2 _____

Exhibition 1 _____ Exhibition 2 _____ Exhibition Refresher _____

Registration Reminder:

Registration fees will be refunded if a public health emergency causing cancellation of the event is in place. The first 50 registrations will be entered into a drawing for the daylily..”A Memory of Earnest Yearwood” by E H Salter 2018. Registration deadline is April 15, 2021. A late registration fee of \$15 will apply to registrations after April 15th. No registrations will be accepted after May 1, 2021.

MP Flowers Daylily Garden

Highlighting the garden of Mark and Patty Franklin

An ADS Display Garden

Words Nanci Griggs Photography Claude Carpenter

Welcome to the Gardens! When you visit Mark and Patty Franklin's garden, you are invited to a wonderland of beautiful daylilies and companion plants. This garden is a pleasant assault on your senses! There is the lovely smell of lavender as you first wander up the driveway accompanied by the smell of forsythia, a myriad of peonies, as well as the vast array of fragrant daylilies. The sounds of the birds singing and chattering as they fly in and out of their birdhouses located throughout the property is music to your ears! This is nothing compared to the visual sensations you experience as you look 360 degrees around you. You are surrounded with all the colors of the rainbow as your eyes quickly peruse the grounds full of a plethora of daylilies large and small, cacti, and accompanying plants such as roses, aza-



leas, hostas, begonias, camellias, crinum lilies, and trumpet plants. While wandering any garden we are not encouraged to touch the flowers, but at the Gardens there are usually cut flowers hanging on either side of the Gazebo for you to drool over and touch! Not to leave out the sense of taste, you will be invited to have a peppermint or water to assuage your dry throat due to excessive drooling!

Yes, all this is provided for anyone to come and enjoy!

Mark and Patty began this endeavor even before they moved to the property called MP Flowers (Mark and Patty's Flowers). They lived in a subdivision where they simply outgrew their space so they began the hunt for a piece of property that would give them the opportunity to embrace what is now known as their "Hobby Gone



Hundreds of daylilies grown to perfection fill the western side of this massive four acre garden.

Wild!” There is even a sign up that gives you all the background of this hobby to read at your leisure as you decide which way to journey out into the 4-acre garden. They are a registered AHS Display garden, and many have visited when it was on Regional Garden Tours in 2011 and 2018; and then again in 2015 for The National Convention!

Both Mark and Patty have a penchant for growing things. Mark grew up on a farm in Wisconsin where he experienced the land firsthand! Patty grew up with a Grandmother who had a green thumb that was passed on to her! As a matter of fact, Patty got a lot of cuttings from her Grandmother that dwell on the property today! When they began their garden, they had an even mixture of iris and daylily plants. As time went on, even after winning many ribbons and trophies for their iris, they realized that the daylily was quickly becoming a favorite, so the iris was slowly phased out to make room for more daylilies.

Such is their passion that after joining a daylily club, Mark became interested in hybridizing. He has registered many daylilies and in 2014 began using the moniker “**South-**



This gigantic daylily stands watch over the eastern side of the garden

ern” in front of his names -examples include ‘**Southern By Chance**’ (2014), ‘**Southern Heat**’ (2014), ‘**Southern French Toast**’ (2014), ‘**Southern Wizard**’ (2017), ‘**Southern Afternoon**’ (2018), and ‘**Southern Summer Day**’ (2018) to name a few. As a matter of fact, Mark and Patty have both won the Ophelia Taylor Award in 2014 and 2018 respectively, which can only be won once in a lifetime! They continue to enjoy the competition of entering shows, buying new cultivars, making new seedlings, and attending and teaching classes to learn all they can about their “Hobby Gone Wild”.

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A display of miniature daylilies. In the foreground is *H.* ‘Tim’s Poetry’ and *H.* ‘Wayne and Coral’s Love’ both hybridized by Mary Netherton



***H.* ‘Southern French Toast’ (Franklin-M., 2014)**

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This large display bed greets you just after entering the gate to the garden

Aside from working in their garden to keep it looking pristine, they have been involved with the AHS since 1996. They have belonged to a few clubs over the years, but now concentrate on helping to build the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta. Both have served as club presidents and have been guest speakers for many Region 5 clubs. Mark and Patty have also won the 2017 AHS Region 5 Service Award. Both have served in many capacities to further grow the AHS and Region 5. They will continue to do all they can to further people's interest in growing daylilies and helping to add beauty to the world.

If you have never been to the Gardens, Mark and Patty invite you with open arms to come visit. They want to share the over 800 varieties they have amassed over the years and chat with you about the ins and outs, frustrations, and rewards that growing daylilies brings! They are open to the public on Friday and Saturday, and by appointment other days when they are available. Plan on a visit soon and be sure to visit their website at www.mpflowergarden.com.



A clump of H. 'Itsy Bitsy Spider' (Bishop-H., 1990) in the center of the garden.



A Scene from the eastern side of the garden

2021 Region 5 Popularity Poll Ballot

Select your favorite daylilies (up to 10) from the list below. Vote for daylilies that you have observed in your garden or immediate area. If your favorites are not on the list, you may write in up to 5 daylilies in the space provided under write-in votes. Please check the box to the left of the daylily. You **MUST** be an AHS member to vote. **(Remember to vote for only 10)**

The Popularity Poll is intended to be an individual's own personal vote for the member's favorite daylilies. Independent voting ensures each member's vote will carry equal weight in choosing the Region's most popular daylilies. Group voting and other activities which influence the poll's outcome are not allowed and may result in those ballots not being counted.

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<input type="checkbox"/>	All Fired Up	<input type="checkbox"/>	J. T. Davis	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sebastian the Crab
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Amazing Morris Kirby	<input type="checkbox"/>	Katusie	<input type="checkbox"/>	Simply Karen
<input type="checkbox"/>	Atomic Fireball	<input type="checkbox"/>	Katusie Herrington	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skinwalker
<input type="checkbox"/>	Babes in Paradise	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kennesaw Mountain Hayride	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spacecoast Francis Busby
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<input type="checkbox"/>	David Arthur	<input type="checkbox"/>	Magical Morning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Symphony of Praise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deep Dark Duck	<input type="checkbox"/>	Magic of Oz	<input type="checkbox"/>	Thanks for Last Night
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Jared Timothy Bell	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ruby Spider	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Name _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____ AHS Member: Yes No	Home Club: _____ Must be filled in to be eligible for club and region incentives
Ballot must be postmarked no later than 9/1/21 Please mail to: David Bishop, 35 Northwoods Dr., Cartersville, GA 30121	You can also vote online at: www.daylilies.org Or, you can download a ballot from: www.ahsregion5.org-or-Region5 Facebook page

A Tribute to *Jim Netherton*

Words and Photography by Tim Herrington

The American Daylily Society (ADS) is stimulated by the tiny pushes of members exhibiting enormous love and affection to make our society even greater than it is each year. Our society got a big boost when Jim and Mary Netherton of Blakely, Georgia, became members in 1992. Since then, they have made our world a better place through daylilies while being active club members and participants in all the various Region 5 activities over the years. Together, they operated Peace on Earth Gardens with an inventory of over 2,600 daylilies. Their garden has been a large place for sentiment because their daylilies were also their garden of thoughts and dreams. Jim Netherton passed away on December 3, 2020, and was loved by many daylily folks in the south, especially from Georgia, Alabama, and Florida. Both Jim and Mary were accomplished hybridizers with Mary most recently winning the Georgia Hybridizers Award for her **'Wayne**



And Coral's Love' (2013).

Jim Netherton was brought up with a deep love of family, which he maintained throughout his life. He loved the outdoors and could build, fix, and grow just about anything. His daughter Heidi Gonzales remarked during her eulogy that her daddy had what she called "passion projects" and that he did them with a 100% effort. For example, she went on to say he once decided to become a Chianina cattle farmer and built the coral, the electric fence, and everything needed to raise one of the largest and oldest cattle breeds in the world. Heidi

further added that Jim was a gentle, hardworking man of faith, a person of great integrity, and an absolutely beautiful human being and role model for his family. Jim was a member of the Albany Daylily Society, the Southwest Georgia Daylily Club, and former member of the Dothan Daylily Club. He had held many officer positions in each club and always helped out with club activities at that same 100% tempo. He also served as an Exhibitions



H. **'Mary My Love'** (Netherton-J., 2013)



H. 'Candy Corn'
(Netherton-J., 2007)

Show Judge for many years.

Jim registered 63 daylilies with the ADS, including various forms and sizes. His daylilies were great show and garden flowers, with super bud counts, branching, and amazing colors on many varieties. The first daylily I ever grew of his was 'Tristan's Treat' (2004). It was a beautiful tet double, which was peach with a wine-red eye above a green throat. One that was utterly amazing in a huge clump was his 'Candy Corn' (2015). This 6.5" flower presented a magnificent display with its yellow orange and gold polychrome colors that reminds me of the sweet delight candy corn that I ate as a child. His 'Mary My Love' (2015) is a garden and showstopper for everyone to enjoy. This very powerful 10" tangerine yellow flower with an orange and green throat is totally awesome in the garden and at a daylily show. One of his new ones is



H. 'Memories Of Earnest'
(Netherton-J., 2017)

incredibly special to us here in Region 5, which is 'Memories Of Earnest' (2017). This miniature is light salmon with a triangular maroon eye and deep green throat. This little delight easily gives one a cause to pause, for we all know that the late Earnest Yearwood loved miniature daylilies. Jim has another miniature he released named 'We Promise Love' (2018), which is a yellow and orange bitone with a red eye and large green throat and violet rose eye.

Folks admired Jim wherever he went at various events, especially during daylily season. One reason was that he took people at face value, assumed good intentions, and focused energy on building constructive relationships. When through one man a little more love and goodness, a little more light and truth comes into the daylily world,

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H. 'On The Third Day' (Netherton-J., 2019)



H. 'Ron and Pat' (Netherton-J., 2017)

A Tribute to Jim Netherton (cont)



H. 'Faithful Majesty'
(Netherton-J., 2018)



H. 'Awesome Firefly'
(Netherton-J., 2016)

then that man's life has had meaning. That was the Jim Netherton I knew. Please allow me to end with a little story which reflects a memorable and special visit of mine to Peace On Earth Gardens.

The following narrative mentions the cultivar names of some of his daylilies: I went to visit my daylily friend Jim Netherton one weekend because he said he needed another 'Humble Companion' (2005) at his garden. I would do anything for him, for he always used 'Peaceful Persuasion' (2014). I was excited for, I had heard 'Ron and Pat' (2017) would be there also. When I arrived, I could not help but notice he had a 'Silent Canary' (2004) with 'Hints Of Orange' (2017). Another visitor was 'Helen

Elsie' (2010) who thought that yellow bird had 'Three Shades Of Orange' (2016) instead. The reason for all the guests was for us to 'Grasp The Beauty' (2018) of Peace On Earth Gardens and to sing a 'Festive Song' (2015) for his wife, whom he proudly called 'Mary My Love' (2013). Jim told us that Mary had an 'Adorable Face' (2016) and a 'Bright Presence' (2009) everywhere. 'On The Third Day' (2019) as I was leaving to go back home, Jim told me to 'Look At This' (2008). It was a plant of his 'Tribute To The Mayor' (2016). This visit indeed helped me recapture a very 'Confident Attitude' (2019) about our world of daylilies and the people that grow them.



H. 'Adorable Face'
(Netherton-J., 2016)



H. 'Grasp The Beauty'
(Netherton-J., 2018)



H. 'We Love Promise'
(Netherton-J., 2018)

Region 5 Inaugural Hybridizers Zoom Meeting

By Bruce Kovach

The inaugural Region 5 hybridizers meeting took place on January 23. This first meeting took place virtually by using the Zoom software. It is a great tool for getting together even during these trying times. The meeting started in the early afternoon with introductions, followed by the participants displaying their newer introductions and best seedlings (hopefully future introductions).

Hybridizers from Region 5 and one from Region 2 presented their flowers. Additional AHS members also viewed the presentations and participated in the topic discussions of rust, fertilization, and weed control along with other topics that followed those flower presentations. The meeting lasted about 4 ½ hours.

The first interesting topic was the discussion and suggestions for getting daylily introductions in front of the public eye to increase market penetration and ensure that daylily enthusiasts become familiar with you and your hybridizing program. Some of the suggestions were:

- Attend region and national meeting.
- Donate introductions to region and national meetings where they will be displayed, and members will become more familiar with them.
- Review annual awards document to see if introductions have received any votes in a particular region. If not, maybe focus on getting plants to that region.
- Use catchy names for your special flowers so they are easy to remember.

Another topic of discussion was to potentially have an AHS sponsored virtual meeting approximately every quarter that could be attended by many “in listen mode,” unless they are presenting to discuss different topics such as planting, spacing, weed control, etc.

There was a suggestion to hold future Region 5 hybridizer meetings the Friday before the spring regional meeting. Bruce Kovach will take the responsibility to look into this possibility.

Other topics discussed were

- Rust:

Start spraying as soon as plant growth starts in the spring. February 15 – March 15 for South Georgia. Staying ahead of the Rust is important. Spray before you see it.

Perfect growing conditions for rust is 70-85 degrees.

Rust needs adequate moisture on leaves for a minimum of 4 hours. Schedule spraying accordingly.

Rust has a 7-10 day life cycle. Spray on same timeline.

Remove and destroy “rust bucket” daylilies from your garden!

Use Physan when shipping plants and also receiving plants from the south. It kills all rust on plants. One tablespoon per gallon of water mix rate. Soaking in Cabrio also recommended at the same time. One tablespoon per gallon. Soak 10 minutes.

Rotate chemicals when you spray for rust to prevent resistance to the chemical in plants.

Some of the rust control chemical suggestions were

Contact: Daconil,

Systemic: Banner Max, Cleary's 3336, Heritage, Cabrio, Propiconazole

- Weed Control:

Hand pulling of weeds in the spring and removing them from the garden (black plastic bags) works best; each year you should see fewer weeds.

Some weeds have thousands of seeds that seem to have a 105% germination rate.

Be super careful when using products like Roundup; drift will kill daylilies.

Lontrel is a good for controlling thistle.

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Over the Hill ??

By Tim Herrington

As another daylily season is now upon us, I began worrying if I were over the hill since it seems to now take me two tries to get over a parking lot speed bump and three times longer to plant a daylily in the ground the right way. I must admit that one of my favorite movies on cable this past winter was the 'Apple Dumpling Gang Rides Again' with Tim Conway and Don Knotts. This film gave me a happy feeling in that I could see folks my age conquer again physical challenges but much smarter yet a little awkward this time. It was just last daylily season that I was in the garden looking at blooms around 6 AM. Now I sometimes find myself up at 4 AM with indigestion. Currently my first morning garden trip to see my daylilies depends on whether I had prunes for breakfast or not. I once heard someone say that the secret to staying young was to live honestly, grow daylilies, and lie about your age. I disagree with the age fib. In fact, I am here to question the phrase being over the hill in its entirety. How dare someone else tell you when you are old or past your prime? Everyone knows that is the job of your own brain not the lower parts of your body. If you do not feel over the hill, then you are not. For example, I have a daylily friend that won a Best In Show in 2019 at the age of 84. This meant she tended to her daylilies very well in order to grow show quality scapes. She once told me above all, never let age extinguish the fire of your inner child. So, the imagery of the phrase to be over the hill just makes no sense. Therefore, do not let your age, whatever it may be, define you. We're all children at heart anyway, so let us continue laughing until our sides ache, digging and dancing like nobody's watching, and singing

our hearts out when we're in our daylily patch.

Can a daylily also be over the hill in your garden? I know one gardener that grows chickens and daylilies and evaluates both of them the same way. If the chicken does not lay eggs, then she goes into the frying pan. If the daylily does not perform to his standards after two growing years, it is over the hill and goes with other yard waste for curbside collection for the city to pick up. Remember it is not whether a daylily is old or new or a person is old or younger. If it is a daylily, then performance is most important, not the registration date. If it is the person, their age is not the determining factor if one is over the hill. It would be how well their brain is functioning, not their knees and back. At 87, Warren Buffett remains one of the world's savviest investors. Ray Kroc was 52 when he switched careers to turn McDonald's into the world's largest restaurant chain. Anna Moses, better known as Grandma Moses, started painting seriously at 78. Recently a lady here in Georgia who is also 78 and has a big daylily garden told me she is just grateful that she is doing as well as she is. She continued that life is affording her the chance to continue doing garden work and really feels like it is fabric softener for her nerve endings. I even remember a hybridizer that started dabbling pollen at age 65 and registered some great daylilies for the world to enjoy.

Eight daylilies from Region 5 hybridizers that would provide any daylily enthusiast with a great performing plant for their garden could be **'When I Dream'** (Yancey, 1979), **'Trahyta'** (Childs, 1982), **'Mary's Gold'** (Mc-



H. 'Highland Lord'
(Munson-R.W., 1983)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Orange Velvet'
(Joiner, 1988)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Moonlit Masquerade'
(Salter, 1992)
Photo by Claude Carpenter

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H. 'Dixieland Five'
(Herrington-H., 1991)
photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Double River Wye'
(Kropf, 1982)
photo by Chris Petersen



H. 'Spider Miracle'
(Hendricks-W., 1986)
photo by Claude Carpenter

Donell, 1984), **'Spider Miracle'** (Hendricks-W., 1986), **'Orange Velvet'** (Joiner, 1988), **'Totally Awesome'** (Ward-S.G., 1993), **'Rainbow Over Georgia'** (Perker-son, 1994), and **'Just For Breakfast'** (Threewitts, 1994). All of these were registered before 1995 and are definitely not over the hill. There are many other outstanding older daylilies you can find from Georgia hybridizers if you look or ask someone about. Eight daylilies from other ADS region hybridizers that could also be incredibly good plants to grow here in Georgia are **'Midnight Magic'** (Kinnebrew, 1979), **'Texas Sunlight'** (Lewis-J., 1981), **'Highland Lord'** (Munson-R.W., 1983), **'Rachael My Love'** (Talbot, 1983), **'Little Rosy Cloud'** (Winniford, 1985), **'Yellow Explosion'** (Oakes, 1991), **'Moonlit Masquerade'** (Salter, 1992), and **'All American Chief'** (Sellers, 1994). All of these were also registered before 1995 and are surely not over the hill in terms of performance. We need to remember there is a treasure trove of older daylilies in terms of registration dates that still could be good performers for you.

If you look back over a quarter of a century, the odds are you can still find some good daylilies that are not over the hill. For example, I have even found a few that I inserted in my miniature, green, and double breeding program that have produced exciting results in terms of plant vigor, bud count, and resistance to rust. Some of them are **'Tinker Bell'** (Stevens-J.C., 1954), **'Balls Of Red'** (Miles-J., 1964), **'Christmas Is'** (Yancey, 1979), **'Double River Wye'** (Kropf, 1982), **'Iowa Greenery'** (Spalding-W., 1988), **'Katisue'** (Lewis-J., 1989), **'Dixieland Five'** (Herrington-H., 1991), and **'Two Thumbs Up'** (Apps, 1995). Also, if you look back to 1995 you might find yourself with more giddy up and go than now but still have the same amount of gung-ho spirit for the love of our favorite flower and gardening. Indeed, our mind, brain, and nerves are a truer index of age than the calendar. So, the performance and presentation of daylilies in our garden prove to be a much better evaluation gage than its registration date.

But it is certainly okay to splurge when you see a new
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H. 'Mary's Gold'
(McDonell-H., 1984)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Just For Breakfast'
(Threewitts, 1994)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Trahlyta'
(Childs-F., 1982)
Photo by Claude Carpenter

Over the Hill ?? (cont)



H. 'All American Chief'
(Sellers, 1994)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Katisue'
(Lewis-J., 1989)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Texas Sunlight'
(Lewis-J., 1981)
Photo by Claude Carpenter

high-priced daylily you cannot live without. Many of us daylily lovers here in Georgia live with a condition called DBS (Daylily Buying Syndrome). Do not be surprised but folks without DBS know us by name, especially after daylily meetings with auctions. These DBS folks have a unique type of fever called the 'Auction Fever.' Once they decide they want a daylily bad enough to bid on it, they

cannot stand it if someone else bids higher than they do. It is a type of mental medical condition in which one's body takes control of their common sense and forces them to bid. So, in conclusion, being cast as over the hill in terms of age for daylilies or people is really a question of mind over matter. If you do not mind, it does not matter.

Hybridizers Zoom Meeting (cont)

Confront herbicide can be sprayed over daylilies with no harmful effects to control broad leaf weeds.

3 Way Max herbicide is good at controlling chickweed; limit spray on daylilies.

- Fertilization

Start fertilization when growth starts (approximately March 15 for South Georgia.)

16-4-8 is a good fertilizer to use.

Fertilizer minors can be obtained by spraying "Miracle Grow" while spraying for Rust on the leaves of the plants, instead of using a product like Milorganite.

Some hybridizers use Scotts Turf Builder, while it is expensive you only need 1lb per 1000 sq ft. It does not burn the foliage. It goes a long way.

- A good place to buy chemicals is DoMyOwn.

com. They may have a store near you. Also, find agricultural supply stores near you.

- Get Leaf Analysis done at your local Extension Office for usually a small cost. It will truly tell which chemicals your plants are deficient in. Soil samples are not that accurate.
- Best soil pH for daylilies is about 6.5 to 7; also heard 6.3 to 6.7 was the best.

The first meeting showed lots of promise and room to grow in the future. We hope more of the Region 5 hybridizers will participate in the future.

Thanks to all that participated.

Bruce Kovach

Twenty-Twenty Hindsight

Words and Photos by Joann Stewart

If you could bottle and sell ‘gardening mistake’ information, I’d make a fortune (I have a little memorial in my garden to all the plants I’ve killed). Let me share some hard-won insights – free of charge. If these ideas help you, you’re welcome!

1. Water (plus tools, anything with wheels and sometimes small children) runs downhill. Before making a garden, correct any existing drainage issues: If excess run-off can be channeled; do so, then plan the beds so they won’t be in the path of rushing water during a downpour. Sometimes that means constructing raised beds, forcing water into a channel – or simply ‘enabling’ water to go where it wants to. Just don’t let water wash away the flowerbeds.



Level beds on a steep sloop

glad initially, then again on every birthday (problems like that don’t get easier as you get older).

4. A little weed prevention goes a long way. If you don’t intend to dig in a bed (perhaps a display area?), the best preventive method I’ve found is newspapers: weed the spot when the ground is moist, lay down at least 6 and up to 8 layers of wetted newspaper (the wetting keeps them from blowing away). YES, you can crisscross them. Then pile mulch on top. You won’t need to weed for about 3 years. No, the newspaper won’t block rainfall. What mulch? I prefer pine straw. I read somewhere recently that you can use up to 30 sheets of newspaper. I wouldn’t.

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Water not channeled properly



2. The OTHER water issue is adequate supply. Whether that involves irrigation, drip hoses, or other methods, thinking it out beforehand saves a lot of headaches later.

3. Unless you are part goat, when on a slope, provide yourself with flat surfaces. Use raised beds or terraces to level individual sections of the garden. You’ll be



Mulching with newspapers

Twenty-Twenty Hindsight (cont)

5. In areas where you can't use newspaper, use pine straw alone as mulch or apply a pre-emergent every 3-4 months. Pre-emergent won't prevent weed seed germination, but it will prevent them forming permanent leaves and re-seeding. For pre-emergent to work, you **MUST** begin with a weed-free bed; and you must water it in shortly after application. Don't disturb the soil after application. If you have to dig or otherwise disturb the soil after applying, sprinkle a little more pre-emergent where you dug and water in.
6. Anytime you have a vacant spot in your garden, cover it within 2-3 days so that weed seedlings don't emerge. Tarps, newspaper, cardboard, boards – anything will do.
7. When planting, give your plants enough space. Thinking along the lines of 'the width of a newspaper' between new plants will allow them room for growth and expansion. No one looks back 5 years later and thinks "I sure wish I'd planted those clumps closer together".
8. Prepare your soil before planting. If roots can't spread out or even penetrate the soil, plants won't grow well. If you have clay soil, break it up with gypsum, which re-ionizes clay flakes so they can't stick so tightly together. Dig it in well, then then add organic material. If you have sandy soil in a bed, consider replacing the soil entirely. If that's not feasible, use heavy amendments, such as compost, or other organic material, to encourage water to stay rather than to drain straight through.
9. If trees surround your beds, about once a year, go around each clump with a sharpened spade. Dig straight down as deeply as you can, going all around each clump. Why? It will cut off encroaching tree roots before they have a chance to strangle your flowers.
10. If a cultivar begins to flower less freely or if the leaves begin to turn brown at the tips despite adequate water, it probably needs either to be divided or to be moved entirely. Don't ignore this - but working in the fall, early winter, or late spring is ideal for the gardener. Don't make life harder for yourself than it has to be.
11. If you plan to reduce the size of a large clump – or to move it entirely, use a straight-edged shovel and divide the clump in half while it's still in the ground. You can either remove that half immediately, or if it's still unmanageable, divide those halves in half again. Each segment will be much easier to lift and move than trying to lift the entire clump at once.
12. Mark your plants so you know what they are. Double marking is even better. For a cheap but permanent option, use two 8" sections of venetian blinds. On both, write the plant name and the hybridizer heavily with a #2 pencil. Bury one label in the ground in front of each clump; then use a knife to make a slit to insert the second in the ground in front of the plant for easy identification. If the visible marker disappears, you'll have a back-up.
13. If your budget can take it, buy a Brother P-Touch labeling machine. (I should have purchased mine 20



Plant label using the Brother P-Touch labeling machine

years sooner.) It costs around \$100, making it a great birthday present, Christmas present, or 'get out of the dog house' present. And the labels are non-fading

14. Make and 'keep up' bed maps. Even if your bed is irregular, a rough version, preferably with some 'feature marker' found in that bed (perhaps a bird bath, garden ornament or even a large rock), to use as a reference will help locate even a non-blooming plant. My best advice is to use a bound notebook when you're doing this, so you won't lose or misplace your map. (How do I know this?) Better yet, when your map is complete, use the computer and make a second 'map'.

Bed H-1		
a		b
Wayne and Coral's Love		Yellow Lollipop
Seedling	Witches Thimble	Patti Neyland
Know the Code	Lilting Lady	Edgy Etchings
	Rosabelle Von V.	Little Asia
Little Clown	Tixie	Jason Salter
Bite Size	Copperhead	Dixie Diva
Memories of Earl	Little Dolly	Little Heavenly Angel
Boo Boo Giggles	Cosmo and Me	"Miss Tinkerbell"
Hints of Orange	Jammin's Lit. Bit.	Raspberry Pixie
Little Ricky	It. Bit. Kit	Baby Blue Eyes
Little Giggles (die)	Baby Bear	Lizetta
Little Red Flirt	Cog Swell Cog	From Darknes
Gail Reese	Everybody Lvs Hans	Albuquerque Mangoes and
Terry's Cha Cha		Helicopter
Dainty Little Angel		Chill
		Bertie Ferris Blue Buzz
		Matt's Mystical Magic
		Holly Dancer
		Rococo

Computer Bed Map

ALWAYS identify the bed by name/number.

- When you make a change in bed plantings (plant location), mark that change ON your bed map, and date it. If you have made a computer-generated map, SAVE THE OLD MAP by renaming it by the 'next' one (i.e., bed 'L-11-2020' becomes bed 'L-11-2021'). That way if a plant root got overlooked in the change and years later you have a 'mystery plant' pop up, you'll know what it is. Maybe.
- Use alfalfa pellets as a supplemental fertilizer sprinkled around the clump or dug in while re-making a bed, you'll get the fertilizing aspect and organic matter in one go.



Alfalfa Pellets prior to watering



Alfalfa Pellets after watering

Water these in. They will swell up, and look weird for a day or so, then disintegrate into flakes. If you don't mind the way it looks (it truly does look weird), sprinkle enough pellets to act as mulch. Your plants will love it.

- Use a 5-gallon bucket 'buddy'. These can carry tools and/or debris. When you kneel in the garden, using the bucket makes it easier to get up. (Remember those birthdays.)
- Knee pads. Some of them are basically useless. The best ones I've found are at Dollar Tree (you'll need two, so your outlay will be \$2). They're light, dense, and 'float' on the elastic strap. It's hard to explain – just go get some. Get more than you need because if the supply become unreliable, nothing else on the market beats these.
- DO NOT PULL WEEDS. (Huh?) Right, let me explain. Weed when the ground is soft (like after a rain). Instead of pulling weeds right out of the ground, do one of two things (or both). Insert a knife or sharp blade beside and then under the weed, and wiggle it out of the ground. When you get it out, don't drop it, but use the bucket to carry it away. Weeds like Henbit or Chickweed can live on top of the ground (unplanted) long enough to flower and make seed.
- Trust me, it IS possible to rid your garden of nut grass and/or wild onions. Take a small patch of infested area and dig them out. See what you can do in 10 minutes. Those minutes add up; and after a while, you won't have them anymore. Nothing is more determined than a gardener!

Women in the ADS

Words and Photos by Nikki Schmith

About ten years ago, I visited a garden on a National Convention tour that brought me to tears. Many of you might have been there at Faded Flamingo Gardens owned and created by Ralph and Becky Adams. I mention this here because there are those places in time that grab your soul and change the way you want to garden. My visit to the Osman Garden during the 2012 National Convention was such a time. It transported me to a place of giving, a deep giving of the gardener's soul.

1400 cultivars spread out over five acres awaited me as I got off the bus with my fellow daylily tourists. It was misting heavy, so I got a chance to use the large, white umbrella I sought for just this occasion. (No one complained about the rain...not even I, who unwisely chose a white cotton dress for the day's tours.) The custom white sails on the Osman pier made for a nice snapshot. I'm saying - "Come on y'all; let's go see some more daylilies!"



I could not have felt more proud, seeing the triumphs of women who have overcome so much personally and professionally. **Women who are still fighting battles and winning on all fronts.** Each woman had a handmade sign bearing her name near her introductions, and I saw many women featured in these beds standing by their signs getting photos taken.



The rain did not spoil the blooms at all. This collection of daylilies reminded me of my own: no one form dominates, colors are saturated, and lots of textures are present. Aside from the pier shown above, the best part of a garden, and **quite possibly the best feature seen in any of these tour gardens,** is the large beds at the back of the property filled completely and exclusively with WOMEN hybridizers. All around this pavilion are daylilies hybridized by women.

As I walked the paths, I saw living history. These are mostly modern women, and the most moving part is that I have met or know most of them very well. I'm not sure



Above and to the right:

Introductions from women hybridizers featured in beds around the pavillion

It was like a red carpet, and this was the Grauman's Chinese Theatre of daylilies!

Nan Ripley and Karol Emmerich were featured and were also on my bus! There were a ton of Karol's plants thriving here and one from Nan that really caught my eye - H. 'Love of Ruth.'





H. 'Love of Ruth'
(Nan Ripley, 2009)



H. 'Wall of Fire'
(Karol Emmerich, 2008)



H. 'Moses in the Bulrushes'
(Karol Emmerich, 2006)

I saw collections of daylilies from Margo Reed and Kathy Lamb and Pat Salk and Heidi Douglas and Gerda Brooker and Seajay and Nancy Eller and Kimberly McCutcheon and Cindy Dye and Jane Trimmer and Grace Stamile and Bobbie Brooks and so, so many other women I admire and cherish as friends.

The paths were packed with people, some in tears, reflecting on collections of women who have passed on, and some who were just deeply moved by the sentiment contained in the creation of this display. You rarely get the chance to answer the question: Are all of the plants from a particular hybridizer worthy of adding to a collection? This creative idea for a theme bed gave us the opportunity to consider that very thought. I have several cultivars from one hybridizer in my garden, but they are not all planted together. The Women Hybridizer's Gardens is a living catalog!

It is a thoughtful tribute, a time capsule, and a total treat. What a wonderful effort and a lasting legacy for daylilies! This garden inspired me to go home and do something meaningful in my own gardens. What might you do?



Visitors touring the garden devoted to women hybridizers



H. 'Starry Eyed Piranha'
(Kimberly McCutcheon, 2009)



H. 'Twilight Princess'
(Sharon Fitzpatrick, 2008)

Hemeroholism

and its

Toll on the Family

Words and Photos by Dominique Elliott

This is a work of fiction. Names, characters, places, and incidents either are products of the author's imagination or are used fictitiously. Any resemblance to actual events or locales or persons, living or dead, is entirely coincidental.

It's no secret that the number of things that hemeroholics consider normal is astounding. It all started innocently enough: one day when on a weekend outing, a couple of newlyweds drove down bucolic roads in the Savannah area and decided to pull into a lovely place called Joiner Daylilies. They visited the place, talked extensively with the owners, and purchased a couple of cultivars for their own garden.

Soon thereafter, large sections of lawn were removed and six trees were taken down to create new flower beds around the property. So far, one would think, nothing out of the ordinary to see here. Who would not do that, after all?



Removing blocked view of daylilies



Making room for twenty more daylilies



Making way for more daylilies

“Too much grass!” he said. Come to find out, the wife had not been told that this man had hybridized orchids for years and owned a wholesale nursery in a past life. Those are not the type of details one discloses on a marriage license.

In any event, things started getting weird pretty quickly. A new line item popped up on the monthly budget between mortgage payments and telephone bills: “hemerocallis.” The husband, aka: the hemeroholic, thought nothing of paying upwards of \$150 on a single plant.

A shallow well was built in the backyard to alleviate the pain of the city's water bill.

One day, the wife, comes home from work and hears loud construction noises. Alarmed, she goes to the backyard to find that there no longer is a wood deck attached to the

back of the house. The husband looks at her sheepishly and says: "I hope you don't mind if I take out the deck." In a couple weeks, the deck is replaced by a slate patio, surrounded by a planter, making room for an additional 20 plants. Total construction cost: \$6,000.

"The deck was blocking the view" he claimed.

One night, the poor wife is startled by a light in the garden. She decides to wake her husband only to find the bed empty. With trepidation, she takes her cell phone, ready to call 911, only to realize that the shadowy figure is aiming a flashlight at a daylily bloom. It's now 4:00 am, two years after their wedding day.

The now not-so-new husband/hemeroholic then decides to start going to daylily shows. "It's only one day a year for a few hours" she thinks, "how bad can this be?" Let him take a few flowers to the show. She quickly becomes aware that the husband is recruiting the neighbors to help him take those "few flowers" to the show because there is not enough room in their truck and car to transport the entries.

It isn't long before the wife gets wind of the fact that there are a lot of shows in Georgia each year, not just one.

A trailer is purchased.

One day the wife comes home to find the weatherman from the local news station and five other people wandering through the garden; pointing and gazing fixedly, one could almost say in a trance-like state. The other people turn out to be Census workers, canvassing the neighborhood. The wife comments that we already had filled out our census form. "We know. We just want to look at your garden." Four hours later, they were still transfixed – hypnotized by God knows what.

The husband mentions the garden should be on the tour during the regional meeting. Exactly, how many people

will be coming to their garden? After busloads of people descend on their tiny property, the wife resolves to find a place big enough to hold all these plants and visitors. This could actually turn out to be something. What, she is not sure. It ultimately turns into 11 acres.



Looks like work

The wife comes home to find a gigantic pile of pine bark mulch at the new house. The wife finally comes to terms with the fact that this man is crazy. He's loading all of that mulch by hand, one shovel at a time, into a wheelbarrow, then moving it 150-250 yards to the daylily beds. What kind of insanity drives a person to do this? That is literally more than 1,500 wheelbarrow loads of compost. The exasperated wife decides the Georgia summer heat and humidity have decisively taken their toll. She must stop this madness!

This is a turning point in the relationship. She becomes Enabler-in-Chief. She buys a tractor, a front-end loader and a tiller.

But the escalation never really ends, does it? The husband starts travelling all over the country talking about
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A portion of the new 11 acres



Wife takes charge

Hemeroholism (cont)

daylilies; flying over 100,000 miles a year. A website is launched to sell daylilies; hundreds of boxes often go out at a time. The husband becomes the Regional President. The husband becomes a Regional Director. The wife is irrevocably a “weekend widow” – not that she minds those relaxing hours.

Around this time, the wife says to herself, “He has finally

reached the limit of what he can do because there is nothing else left. He’s already doing it all. We will be able to finally sit back and enjoy our 6,000 daylilies. Maybe I will even get my husband back...”

But we all know how the story ends.



Remember Your ABC's

By Dangerous Dave

Hello! my name is Dangerous Dave from Dahlonaga. ABC means Always Be Careful! You probably remember the T.V. catchphrase commercial, “I’ve fallen, and I can’t get up!” Research indicates that falls are the most common accident in the garden and a lot of them happen when spring arrives, and everyone wants to get out in their gardens with their daylilies. The reason a lot of accidents happen is largely due to the misunderstanding folks have with Mother Nature. We think we have a daylily garden, and she thinks it is a meadow lacking grass, and tries to correct the error. It was about 20 years ago when I made my first daylily bed when I learned that momentum always wins when I was carrying a large load of garden trash downhill in both arms and I toppled into a ditch headfirst. My wife told me, “Dave, you are definitely not the role model for the next generation gardener.” She was correct because a month later I broke my wrist after I was attempting to remove a log from my water pump in the creek which watered my daylilies because I was too cheap to pay the county water fee. It is true my love affair with daylilies can be directly paralleled with most of my physical maladies.

Later it was by accident that I became a member of the National Society for the Prevention of Stupidity (NSPS) when I installed an electric fence with a twelve-volt charger to keep the deer away. You see I had concluded that deer were going over the fence, so I adjusted the voltage to 110 house current. Unintentionally I touched it while weeding. I had to get several dental fillings replaced and was treated for electrical burns on my palms. I now practice proper safety every day. Most daylily folks, regardless of age, fall because they lose their balance. As I got older, I learned stretching and endurance exercises can improve your balancing skills of which I quickly became familiar with after losing my equilibrium in the seedling patch. Avoiding accidents and injuries should be our #1 priority as we work with our daylilies. If any of you fine folks in Region 5 tend to think that the mind has exactly the same power as the body, then you also will become a member of the NSPS by accident like I did. So, whenever you are in your daylily garden and you experience that perfect bubble of satisfaction, remember personal safety is as simple as ABC...Always Be Careful!

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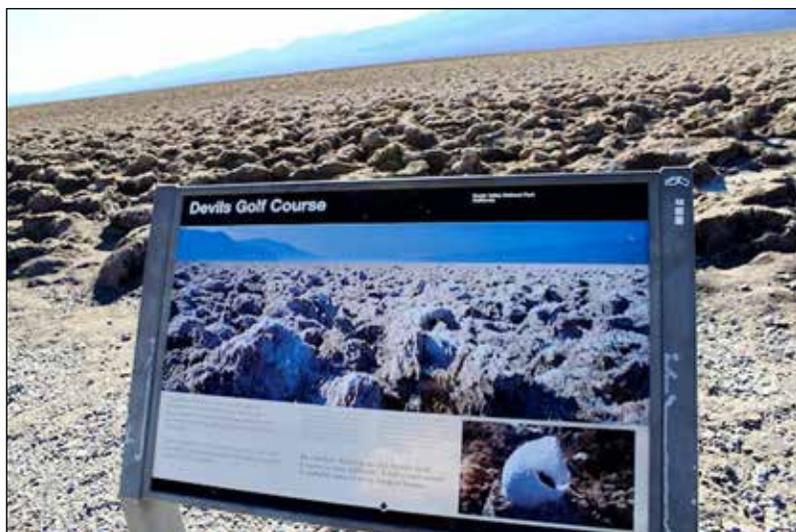
By A.W. Shucks, Cornatzer, NC

I share a birth date with Milton Berle (the day, not the year). That might explain my ability to steal stories. Likely Milton stole part of this story from Bob Hope, so I stole it from him and embellished it a bit. A.W.

Traditionally, Memorial Day was considered the start of the Summer season and Labor Day the season's end although neither are weather-related holidays. That may have been generally true in the days before Global Warming, but not today under Global Heating. In fact, the Fourth of July is the real end of Summer now. It reflects when the mild and balmy days of June turn into a season euphemistically known in the South as Hell's Front Porch. That is when the temperature plus heat index exceeds 200 with no rain for weeks on end. But just what is "down under," (No, not Australia), that is sending up all that heat? The truth may surprise you!

I didn't like Dante's Inferno! It uses too much inflammatory language! Dante Alighieri's nine circles into the afterlife are best arrived at today by elevator. The down elevator is always crowded, less so the return trip. At the first seven levels, gusts of hot air enter and rise up the elevator shaft when the doors open, thus, explaining perhaps the heat on the front porch. New "guests" depart to their respective circles based upon their earthly professions from bad to worse:

1. TV weather forecasters
2. Bankers
3. Real estate and insurance agents
4. Lawyers
5. Telemarketers
6. Used car salesmen
7. Politicians and Lobbyists
8. Golfers
9. Daylily gardeners and hybridizers



There is only time and space to deal with the two lowest circles here. It seems a golfer was "assigned" and went "down under" (No, not Australia)! He had expected something like the National Park course in Death Valley. Much to his surprise, when he arrived at circle eight he was greeted by cool breezes and beautifully landscaped golf courses as far as the eye could see. The weather was great, and tee times were readily available. His host, a Mr. Xalrin, even provided him a brand new set of personally monogrammed high-end golf clubs. He could not believe his good fortune. He thought, "I guess this is what comes to those who only cheat a little at the game by fudging their scores, kicking their ball out of the rough, or kicking their opponents' balls into the sand trap."

The golfer excitedly headed to the first course and pulled a tee from the golf bag. Then he turned and said, "Wait a minute! There are no balls in this bag!" Mr. X. smirked, "Well, that's the Hell of it!"

That said, just what would a daylily garden "down under" (No, not Australia)! be like and why would the average daylily gardener end up there. Disobeying the Eleventh Commandment gets you in - Thy shall not lose the label of thy daylily! For hybridizers, taking pollen without permission is the ticket for admission! Turns out there are two gardens down under - one for the average daylily collector, and one for daylily hybridizers. And they just might surprise you as that golfer was surprised!



Let's start with that garden for daylily lovers. As the first daylily gardener stepped out of the elevator, no fire or brimstone was evident. In fact, the weather was terrific, and the humidity was low! Water was plentiful! There were no weeds, insects, diseases, or deer. The foliage was a spectacular, lush blue-green, and the scapes were tall, sturdy and with at least 8-way branching and 150 buds. It was eternally peak season! But, as the gardener arrived "down under" (No, not Australia)!, he noticed one big flaw and turned to his host, Solgron, and said, "But where are all the blooms if it is peak season?" To that Solgron replied in his sneaky way, "Oh! There are NEVER any blooms here, that's the Hell of it!"

Okay, you are seeing the pattern here, but don't get ahead of me! What about the hybridizers' garden? It was much like the one described previously, but this one had blooms in every possible color from

electric blue to pure white and pure green, with stripes and patterns and forms never seen on Earth. There were not only dips and tets but hexes and octoploids that offered so many breeding opportunities. Some had 2" diameter scapes that were 9' tall, with 20" blooms while others had ½" blooms with blue petals and white sepals by the hundreds. Most stayed open for a week or more. Dead-heading was unnecessary as all were instantly self-shedding! Further, they were bud-builders, continuous bloomers and re-bloomers so they bloomed year-round in the temperate climate. A true hybridizer's paradise! But, as the first hybridizer arrived "down under" (No, not Australia), she had to pick between two garden gates. Selecting gate #1, she immediately knew she had made a mistake. She turned to her host, Gurzan, and exclaimed, "But, I don't see any pollen?" To which Gurzan laughingly responded, "Well, that's the Hell of it!" So, she pleaded to be given a second chance behind gate #2.

Turns out there is an alternate ending to this hybridizer's story – perhaps in a parallel universe! Behind gate #2 the plants were like those behind gate #1, but pollen was overflowing! Plants were all super fertile both ways. There were no bees to interfere with the process either. Pods set readily and each had dozens of seeds that germinated 100% of the time. Plants bloomed in 3 months from the time the seeds were planted. What could go wrong? It turned out that no matter the cross made, all the resulting blooms looked just like 'Stella de Oro'! Now, that's really Hell!

Do people in Australia call the rest of the world "up-over"?

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Author's Note: The weird names of the garden hosts used in this fictitious "down under" world were created by a Fantasy Name Generator from the internet – I kid you not – and, thus, have no relationship to any "being" real or imagined of your personal acquaintance.

Region 5's

Club

Albany Daylily Society

Toni Pickel, Reporter

We are still in “lockdown” for meetings and have had to maintain closure of our monthly get-togethers, unfortunately. We were able to hold our Annual Points Auction in October 2020; and all who attended had a wonderful time being able to see and talk with each, something we have not been able to do in months! Over the last several months, we have had to say “Until we meet again”

to several of our beloved members: Jim Netherton, Ken Tyus, and James Johns. We miss them dearly and hold their loved ones close! We pray we can all come together in March for a Spring picnic and hold our Annual Mall Show and sale in May (Mother’s Day weekend). Stay safe and be well!”

Central Georgia Daylily Club

Jean Stevens and Jan Adair , Reporters

The club has not had any activity this edition but are making plans for the spring. The members wish every-

one a great 2021 daylily season.

Ogeechee Daylily Club

Faye Hulst, Reporter

It is 2021, and most of us were more than ready to say goodbye to 2020! We “daylily gardeners” are getting anxious to get back to gardening and meeting as usual. There is nothing quite like meeting and fellowshiping with our daylily friends. We have certainly had some time to make new garden plans and new daylily needs to include lots of new daylilies! A quote by Minnie Aumonier sums it up rather well, “When the world wearies and society fails to satisfy, there is always the garden.” The club had its last meeting on November 10, 2020, as our Dec/Jan and Feb. meetings were canceled due to increase in COVID-19 cases in our county. Our President, Sue Cliett called the meeting to

order. Royce Joiner opened our meeting with a word of prayer. Jan Joiner introduced Richard Evans, Bryan County UGA Extension Agent; Mr. Evans explained the many resources available from the extension agency; then the club had a highly informative question and answer session concerning our favorite topic of “weeds”. NOT! The Treasurer and Secretary reports were read and approved. The club discussed upcoming preparations for the Ogeechee Daylily Show to be held on May 29 at the Old Fellowship Baptist Church Social Hall; more information will be available as plans are made and finalized. The meeting was adjourned by President Sue Cliett.

Activities

Dublin Area Daylily Society

Tim Herrington, Reporter

For the past eleven months Covid-19 has definitely played havoc with daylily shows, meetings, daily life, and our health. However, all members emphatically stated that they really appreciated their daylilies and gardens even more in 2020. We are planning to meet in late February with a meal function and discuss our plans and point auction plants. William and Angela Blue are growing all the plants this year in their garden that we purchased from Elizabeth Salter.

The DADS hopefully plans to have a spring meeting and also send out plans for the annual member garden visits. Each year members try to visit each other's gardens during bloom season. All in

all, 2020 has been a challenging year; but we are looking forward to a brighter and better 2021.

Present active members include Angie Blue, Becky Brock, Bill Sheppard, Brenda Briley, Cecilia Land, Chip Wood, Chris Wood, Deborah Curlin, Diane Joiner, Glenda Quinn, Hans Herrington, Heather Herrington, Jack Brock, Jack Joiner, James Fennell, Janet Watson, Janie Seglund, Joe Watson, Kay Sheppard, Lana Lott, Louise

Fennell, Mike Curlin, Melissa Williams, Mike Land, Monique Mixon, Pat Mercer, Steve Mercer, Tim Herrington, Tommy Fuller, Wayne Quinn, and William Blue.



Pictured is a daylily bed at Bluebird Daylily Garden, the garden of Angela and William Blue of Wrightsville. They are growing all the club's plants for the annual 'Point's Auction' activity this year. Their daylily garden is also one of the DADS gardens that will be open for members and other visitors for the 2021 bloom season.

Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society

Glenn Ward, Reporter

We would like to invite everybody to attend our club meetings, which are held on the 1st Saturday of every other month (Jan, March, May, July, Sept. & Nov.) except when the meeting date falls on a holiday weekend, AHS Region 5 meeting, or AHS National Convention date, when we meet the following weekend. Our meetings are being held at the Edgewood Presbyterian Church, 3617 Macon Rd., Columbus, GA. At our fall meeting, Larry Miller introduced the two newest members of our club, Mike and Annette Kocian. They told the club about a packaged "Earth Box" that was exceptional at growing just about anything and was easy to use. A number of questions were asked, and Mike responded to each one of them. At our January meeting, we had two different speakers. First was Shirley Williams, who gave a presentation on daylily proliferations. Shirley answered questions from members, as well as showing some proliferations that she had potted from last year that were already growing. Our second speaker was Larry Miller, who gave an AHS Power Point presentation on hybridizing. Next, Larry Miller gave an update on the 2021 Daylily Festival.

He told everyone that the admission into the festival had dropped from \$8 per person to \$5 per person, to insure good attendance.

This year at our daylily festival, there will be three different speakers, which will be a change from previous years. Our speakers will be Jungle Paradise Daylilies on General Daylily Care, Ashley Brantley with the UGA Extension Service on Companion Plants for Daylilies, and Dawn Grantham, Interim Executive Director of The Columbus Botanical Garden on Major Garden Changes Over the Last Year and Plans For Additional Gardens. In addition, there will be tours of the Botanical Garden every hour by CBG staff members. We will offer a free no-name daylily to all who pay admission to the festival. There will also be two food vendors located in front of the Farmhouse. We will be prepared to do temperature checks and ask questions prior to entry into the gardens. Masks will be required where appropriate. Further requirements will be made closer to the event when we see the impact of all the vaccinations.

Cobb County Daylily Society

Diana Waldrop, Reporters

I am sure we are not alone in wishing and hoping that this virus goes away soon so that we can get together and be a Daylily Club again. We are hoping that our Daylily Show in June will take place, but we will have to wait and see. We look forward to seeing friends who can attend the June Regional Meeting sponsored by the Northwest Georgia Daylily Club (our neighbors up I-75). The members of this Daylily Club have been working so hard to make this meeting successful. I am sure you know that David

and Camilla Arthur's Garden, and Bill and Diana Waldrop's Garden, will both be on tour. We are doing our best to make sure our gardens are in good shape. Really, what else is there to do? I know that everyone will be glad to see friends and get together again. I have also cleaned up the



Pictured are members of the Cobb County Daylily Society

CCDS Garden beds. Since the daylilies have had an extra year to grow, they should be looking exceptionally good, large, and healthy. We look forward to seeing our friends in the Garden.

Daylily Society of Greater Augusta

Arleigh Mansfield, Reporter

Here in Augusta our daylily society has been stymied as have so many other organizations by the COVID-19 virus. We have not met since March of 2020. Our president, Larry Kirkland, deemed Zoom meetings to be impractical. Indeed, my Daughters of the American Revolution Zoom meeting had its challenges. No new officers have yet been elected. Those now in office are going on their 4th year of service. Our club does hope to hold a meeting at Lake Park Baptist Church on May 9 when we hope to elect new officers and plan a new year. By then most of our members, the majority of whom are 65+, should

have received the COVID-19 vaccine. The president has suggested having a non-judged show that will emphasize educating and interesting the public in our favorite flower. Until May we look at our catalogs, perhaps placing a few orders and dream of a yard filled with colorful flowers making a new tapestry each day. We do our winter tasks -picking up debris, covering plants susceptible to freezes, raking, and pruning. We trust that by next year our club will be back on its regular schedule of meetings and we will be able to fellowship with each other.

Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

Cynthia Rigsby, Reporter

The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta has not met in person since last year due to COVID-19. The board had a Zoom meeting February 13 to discuss having our show since we have not heard from the venue where we have had it in the past few years. Even if we cannot get that venue, the board decided that we would have a show somewhere. We also do not know about our annual plant sales. For so many things we feel as though we are in limbo; however, we will find a way to do all of these things. The board decided to do tours of members' gardens again

this year since they were so successful last year and add plant sales at each garden. A bus tour had been planned for this summer; but Bruce Kovach, who is heading this venture, said that it will not happen until 2022. Other items proposed would be Garden Judges I & II Classes for members of our club and a workday for our club to do spring clean-up around the Bellmere Garden house. We look forward to warmer weather and getting outside to work with our daylilies.

Northwest Georgia Daylily Society

David Bishop, Reporter

The NWGDS met for January on the 23rd at the beautiful Stiles Auditorium. Since there is a limit of 20 people per group there, there were also 7 members who attended by Zoom. That will be the standard operating procedure for the near future. At the January meeting the main topic was the hosting of the Spring Regional on June 11-12. President Renee' Carleton led the discussion of the committee chairs and working opportunities. Members were offered a chance for one-half priced registration fee with people who help work the convention. Convention t-shirts are also available for members who help. Plans for the February meeting will include a video. Due to current rules, we will not hold our Annual Chili Cook Off. March will be our annual Panel Discussion in which three

of our club members answer questions posed by attendees concerning growing daylilies. Meeting plans for April will largely depend on what the rules of the meeting place are at that time. May will be more preparations for the convention. New officers for the two-year terms include our President- Renee' Carleton; Secretary- Lori Murphy; and Treasurer- Morgan Akin. We meet on the fourth Saturday of each month, except November and December, at the beautiful Stiles Auditorium on 320 West Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville, GA. Our club website is: <https://www.nwgds.org/>

Valdosta Hemerocallis Society

Kathy Fowler, Reporter

The Valdosta Club has been busy to say the least. Late October we held 2 flower sales. One was held at the Dasher's Nursery in Valdosta Georgia. This was a great time of our club getting together raising money and awareness of the daylily. We provided information to many people on the daylily and passed out information on the club. This was a great success. We also did an online Facebook sale. These plants will be shipped out in Spring. This was a great success also. In December, the meeting was held in the Fowler's garden, Kathy's Daylilies. Everyone was trying to huddle around the only heat. I think this was the coldest meeting we have ever had, but it did not slow the get together of daylily friends for our Christmas celebration. The club paid for this event due to the success of the 2 prior sales and hard work of members. The January meeting was held at the First Baptist Church in Quitman. Tim Bell went over the Points sheet as a refresher. We decided to update the sheet, so a committee was formed for that. Our Feb-



Pictured are some of the daylilies the club had on sale at Dasher's Nursery in Valdosta. This activity was a great time for the club to get together and also facilitate the public awareness of the daylily.

ruary meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Quitman also until another location can be found or the weather warms up.

North Georgia Daylily Society

Janann Mcinnis, Reporter

The COVID 19 Virus has prevented our club from having monthly meetings. At this time, we keep in touch with each other via email and phone. We hope to start meeting again in June. John Solomon, our Tech Expert, is in the process of redesigning our Face book Page. He also posts beautiful photos of daylilies from members'

gardens. We also have two members who are joining our club. We are always happy to see new members and welcome them to our club. The Executive Board Members are tentatively planning possible activities for the summer. Because of the COVID, there is no change in officers for 2021.

Savannah Hemerocallis Society

Nele Ewaldsen , Reporter

The club has not had any goings-on this edition but are making plans for the spring. The members hope everyone

has an enjoyable daylily season.

South Georgia Daylily Society

Marilyn C. Waters, President and Reporter

Just like the dormant daylilies, the members have been dormant with their meetings to report on from this winter. Plans are in the making for a future meeting, and the

members wish everyone a successful 2021 daylily season.

Middle Georgia Daylily Society

Winfred Huff, Reporter

The Middle Georgia Daylily Club is meeting at the Lion's Club building in Centerville. We are abiding by the CDC guidelines by wearing masks, socially distancing, and using a lot of hand-sanitizer. On February 13, Winfred Huff, who is responsible for the Dennis Calbreath Photo contest, presented a power point presentation of the entries and entrants for the contest. He also gave a brief talk about how to enter the contest with some pointers on how to help in picking out the best entries to enter.

We will be meeting on the second Saturday in March for our next meeting; then followed by the second Saturday in April. We are planning now for our Daylily Exhibition show for the 28th of May. We hope those who live in the area will come and support our show. Looking forward to some warmer weather so that we can enjoy the flower we love so dearly.

Heart of Georgia Daylily Club

Wanda Willis, Reporter

The Heart of Georgia daylily club lost a faithful member on January 3, 2021, because of the COVID-19 complications. Joe Tripp was always ready to help wherever he saw that he was needed. He was always there with a smiling face to help unload whatever would be needed for use in our meeting and then to help us load anything to go. Our club is grateful to have had Joe Tripp as one of our members, and he will be greatly missed. Thank you, Joe, for helping to make the Heart of Georgia daylily club so special. Elizabeth Salter is naming a daylily Joe Tripp Memorial to honor him. Several members

plan to donate daylilies to create this bed in his honor. This will be created at his home for Marie and his family to enjoy. Charlotte Curry has been remarkably busy making masks for the club and is donating all of them to our club as our fundraising project. She has made Georgia Bulldogs, Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Falcons masks that are reversible with adjustable elastic. All are three ply and cotton so are washable. She has made other designs as well. It is an honor to have such a talented and generous member.

2021 Region 5 Daylily Shows

Last year was a year without daylily shows in Region 5 due to COVID-19. Many of our clubs are struggling this year to find a facility that will allow them to conduct a show. Some clubs have canceled their show again this year. Below is what we know at the time of publishing this newsletter. Contact local clubs for more definite information. Club contact information is on page 43.

- Albany Daylily Society - No definite plans
- Central Georgia Daylily Club
Date: June 2
Location: Baldwin County Recreation Center
- Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society
Date: June 5
Location: Columbus Botanical Garden
- Cobb County Daylily Society
Date/Location: June 5/TBD
- Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta
Date: June 19
Location: Old Atlanta Recreation Park
- Dublin Area Daylily Society
Date/Location: June 29/Dublin Mall
- Heart of Georgia Daylily Club - No Show
- Middle Georgia Daylily Society
Date/Location: May 28/FBC Haynesville
- North Georgia Daylily Society - No Show
- Northwest Georgia Daylily Society - No Show
- Ogeechee Daylily Club -
Date: May 29
Location: Old Fellowship Baptist Church
- Ogeechee Mobile Show
Date/Location: May 12/TBD
- Savannah Hemerocallis Society - No Show
- South Georgia Daylily Society - No Show
- Valdosta Hemerocallis Society
Date/Location: May 8/TBD

2021 Region 5 Hybridizer's Award Ballot

History: The Georgia Hybridizer's Award was created in 1969 to recognize outstanding efforts of hybridizers in Region 5. Members of Region 5 vote on the award each year. On September 13, 2003, the membership voted to change the process from Region 5 members selecting a winner of their choice at random to a system where the membership can choose a cultivar on a ballot from choices made by Region 5 members. The ballot will also have a choice of a write-in candidate if one chooses not to vote for the hybridizer's choices on the ballot. This process mirrors the awards systems of the ADS. The Regional President will maintain overall responsibility for the award procedures.

Past Winners: Previous winners can be found on the Region 5 website at: [http:// www. ahsregion5.org/region-5-hybridizers-award.html](http://www.ahsregion5.org/region-5-hybridizers-award.html)

Rules: The rules for eligibility are 1) Only one nomination by a hybridizer 2) The cultivar must be registered by a Georgia Hybridizer and 3) The cultivar must not have won the award in previous years.

Procedure: A nomination form will appear in the fall/winter newsletter where hybridizers are invited to nominate one their daylilies for the Georgia Hybridizers Award. Hybridizers have a choice of what they can nominate or not even to nominate a cultivar at all. The ballot will appear in the spring/summer newsletter. The award will be presented at the fall meeting as it has been done in the past.

Mail Your Ballot: Please mail your ballot by July 1, 2021 to - James Fennell, Region 5 President, 320 Pitts Road, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036-8608

BALLOT: The list below are the cultivars submitted by the hybridizers. Circle your choice OR write your choice on the line provided.

H. 'Big Fuss'

H. 'Claire's Eyelashes'

H. 'Hotlanta'

H. 'Jared Timothy Bell'

H. 'Katisue Herrington'

H. 'Lily's Golden Curls'

H. 'Sebastian on Steroids'

H. 'Shady Rest Mophead'

H. 'The Stefner'

Write-in _____ Signature _____

BALLOT FOR SECOND MEMBER OF FAMILY: The list below is the cultivars submitted by the hybridizers. Circle your choice OR write your choice on the line provided.

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H. 'Claire's Eyelashes'

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H. 'Shady Rest Mophead'

H. 'The Stefner'

Write-in _____ Signature _____

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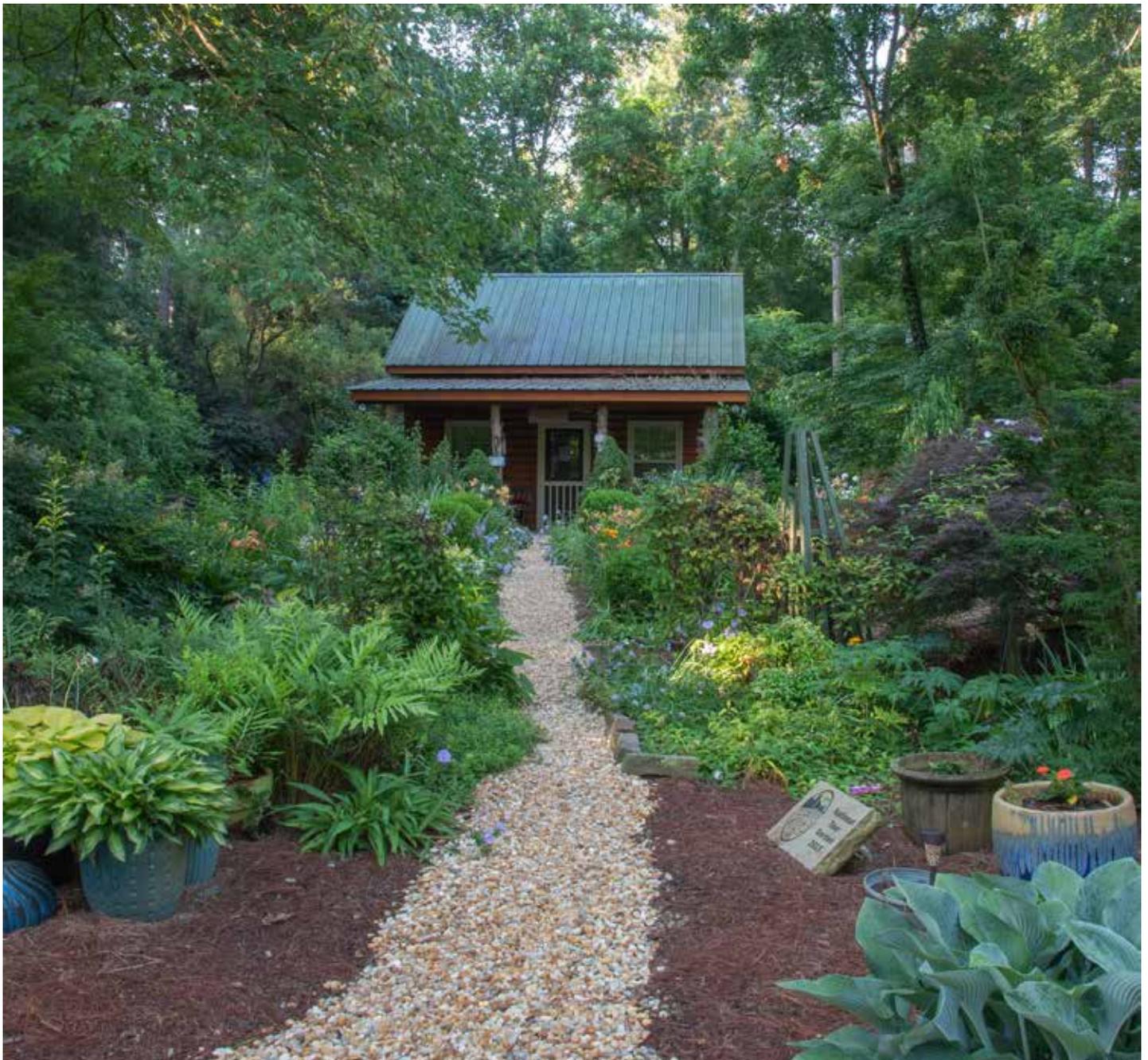
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