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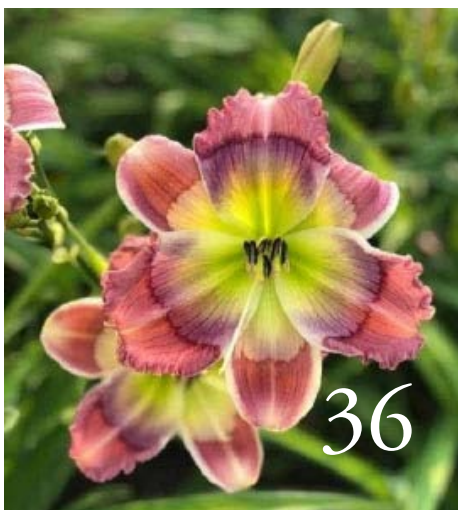
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Regional Director's Report

Scott Elliott

Generally, this is a time for reflection on the past year as we look at it in the rearview mirror. Overall, it has been a great daylily season here in Region

5. We've had our first hard freeze in most areas and our daylilies are tucked into their beds and planning on a nice long nap over the winter. Now we can finally take a break from the daily/daylily grind and start thinking of all those exciting new introductions coming out next year and upcoming meetings and conventions.

After many years, I am looking forward to stepping down from the roles of leadership and letting the "next generation" take over. For the first time in 11 years, I will be able to go to a regional or national meeting and simply enjoy the daylilies and people. Thank you for allowing me to represent Region 5 for these many years. We will be in very good hands with Patty Franklin taking over as Director of Region 5 and Rhonda Veroeven taking over as President of the Society.

In October, the Fall Board of Directors meeting was held in Oklahoma City at the site of next year's convention, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Oklahoma City Northwest. The hotel is offering great rates on their all-suites hotel that includes a great cooked-to-order breakfast and a happy hour each night in the cost. I have been to many of the tour gardens, and you are in for a treat (Bobby Scott's garden, our recent fall meeting speaker, is on the tour!). The gardens, hotel and people of the Oklahoma City area will provide all the attendees with a trip to remember. Make sure to register for the convention quickly; it is almost sold out! Use this link to get to the convention website and register: www.ads2024convention.org.

Awards & Honors:

The individual cultivar award-winners were announced on Saturday of the board meeting. Congratulations are in order for Region 5 hybridizers who took home a multitude of the awards including the Stout Silver medal, three of the 12 Awards of Merit, 11 of the 38 of the Honorable Mention awards, and six of the ten Specialty awards:

Stout Silver Medal:

'Tim Herrington' (Elliott-S., 2014)

Awards of Merit:

'Mayor of Cornatzer' (Elliott-S., 2016)

'Off to See the Wizard' (Herrington-K., 2009)

'A Little Twisted' (Elliott-S., 2015)

Honorable Mention:

'Ghost Ranger' (Elliott-S., 2015)

'Raspberry Ripple Cupcake' (Herrington-T., 2007)

'Adventures in Oz' (Herrington-H., 2014)

'Ruth Gets it Done' (Elliott-S., 2016)

'Wise Blood' (Elliott-D., 2015)

'Artillery Fire' (Waldrop, 2015)

'Mayelle' (Elliott-S., 2016)

'Magical Morning' (Waldrop, 2017)

'Pimiento Pepper' (Joiner, 1993)

'Kennesaw Orange Plush' (Waldrop, 2018)

'Master Sergeant Kenneth Lane' (Waldrop, 2018)

Donn Fischer Memorial Cup (Mini):

'Chickens on the Porch' (Herrington-T., 2014)

Annie T. Giles Award:

'Darth Ciduuous' (Small) (Elliott-S., 2017)

Harris Olson Spider Award:

'Ruth Gets it Done' (Elliott-S., 2016)

Ida Munson Award (Double):

'Mayor of Cornatzer' (Elliott-S., 2016)

Early Season Bloom Award:

'A Little Twisted' (Elliott-S., 2015)

Don C. Stevens Award (Bold-Eyed):

'Hat's Off to Sue' (Herrington-T., 2008)

Future National Convention Hosts:

We are pleased to announce that the 2026 National convention will be held in Valdosta, Georgia. The Conventions chair is currently accepting applications to host the ADS National Conventions in 2027 and beyond. The convention team is available to help with all aspects of hosting a convention, including an experienced team of hotel and food contract negotiators. Contact Mathew Stafford at conventions@daylilies.org for more information.

Message from the Membership Chair:

The Board of Directors approved a small increase in the cost of membership to cover the ever-increasing costs of publishing and mailing the Daylily Journal. This is the first increase in dues since 2011.

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Regional President's Report

Patty Franklin

Hello Daylily Friends,

2023 was a beautiful daylily year, especially since we'd had such a severe, bone chilling cold winter! I wasn't sure what the gardens would look like but was pleasantly surprised to be reminded of what an incredible plant the daylily is. The extreme temps did take a toll on some of the weaker plants and those who hadn't been in the ground very long, but so many cultivars bounced back and "showed off" why they're the "perfect perennial."

Our Fall 2023 Region 5 Meeting was a fun time with 70+ daylily friends enjoying beautiful weather, daylily camaraderie and a time to learn more about Bobby Scott and Topguns Daylilies. Bobby and his wife drove from Oklahoma to share more about his hybridizing program, their garden and brought some beautiful plants to share with us. Thank you to Kathy Fowler for leading the meeting and programs for me while I was in England. It's such a blessing to be surrounded by helpful, supportive friends who work tirelessly for Region 5.

Winfred Huff shared the results of the 2023 Dennis Calbreath Photography Contest and the winners of all the sections were BEAUTIFUL!! So many "perfect scores" on the photos that it was difficult for the Judges to make their final decisions. You'll see more photos of the winners later in this edition of the Journal. Thank you to Winfred for his leadership and to so many of you for participating in this Regional activity!!

Thank you to our members who donated plants for the Fall auction, for the Georgia Daylily table and to Elaine Kelley (Potting Shed Nursery) for the bargain table plants. Our Region has a very generous heart and kind spirit as we share time together.

I'd like to thank Scott Elliott for his service the past several years as our Region 5 Director and as President of AHS. Scott has served the Region and AHS wearing many different "hats" these past few years, so it's only fitting that he now takes a moment to catch his breath and enjoy his many beautiful plants. He'll be busy with new programs, crosses and introductions, and new plants

to share in shows and with the Society. We look forward to more exciting cultivars from Elliott's!!

Thank you to **Kathy Fowler**, our Regional Publicity Director, **Jack Rigsby**, our Treasurer and **Lori Murphy**, our Secretary, for supporting me and being part of "my team" these past few years. Surrounding yourself with **"THE BEST"** only helps make your job that much easier and more enjoyable. I look forward to working with all of you again in the future!

I appreciate your support these past two years as I've served as your Region 5 President - - you know I appreciate each of you!! We're all a team and we're in this together. Keep up the good work you're doing in your local clubs and groups and let's continue to move forward in positive daylily activities, events and programs. I will begin 2024 as your new Region 5 Director and look forward to representing Region 5 and all of you in AHS meetings and programs.

Please join me in welcoming **Dave Richardson** as your new **Region 5 President!!** I know Dave has great plans for the Region and has an incredible team lined up to collaborate with him and with all of you. I hope you'll show Dave the support and generosity like you've shown me.

Looking ahead, please save the following 2024 dates for Regional Meetings:

February 3rd, June 7-8 and October 5th

Those of us in the Greater Atlanta club look forward to hosting our 2024 Spring Regional in Alpharetta, GA in June. We have 2 days of classes, garden tours, speakers and fun activities planned. Mark your calendar and save the dates - - more information to come.

Remember this special reminder that James Fennell always shared with us -

"Remember to spread the fun, share the load, enjoy the flowers, and cherish the people!"

Garden hugs,

Patty



Treasurer's Report

Jack Rigsby



Daylily Friends,

It's with a heavy heart that I accepted a **Letter of Resignation as the Region 5**

Treasurer from Jack Rigsby due to health issues. Jack has been our Region 5 Treasurer for the past 10+ years and has taken great care to protect and defend every dollar that has come into and out of our Region. Jack leaves his position with us in an excellent financial position with over \$46,000 currently in the Region 5 accounts. It won't seem the same without Jack sitting at the side of our Region meetings with his laptop open and adding up each auction item totals and bills paid. Please join me in thanking Jack for his service to Region 5 and to the AHS as he also served as the AHS Conventions Chair the past several years and traveled across this country supporting local clubs and groups as they prepared to host AHS National Conventions. Jack always has his trusty "partner," Cynthia, with him and the two of them were, and continue to be, a team.

THANK YOU, Jack and Cynthia, for your years of service and support to Region 5! We appreciate you both! Jack and Cynthia Rigsby, 3180 West Somerset Ct., SE, Marietta, GA 30067

I'd like to introduce you to our new **Region 5 Treasurer, Vicki Alsop**. Vicki lives in Cumming, GA and is a member of the Greater Atlanta Daylily Society. Vicki will share more about herself in this issue, but for now, she's been busy working with Jack to transition all the books, accounts and information for Region 5. Please be patient as we work through the past few months of accounting information, and we'll post an updated Treasurer's Report in the next issue of *The Georgia Daylily*.

"Thank You" again to Jack and Cynthia for your support and service to Region 5 and "Welcome" to our new Treasurer, Vicki Alsop!!

Patty Franklin

Region 5 appreciates the contributions made by the following in support of *The Georgia Daylily*:

- \$200 Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta in memory of Mike Warren.
- \$300 Middle Georgia Hemerocallis Society in memory of Elmo Wyatt, Morris Kirby, Banks Brazell, and Billy Dick.



Jack, Cynthia and Patty collecting payments during meeting in 2016



Jack giving Treasurer's Report in 2018



RPD's Report

Kathy Fowler

Another daylily season has come and gone. This season has seen a little bit of it all, cold, wet, extreme heat, drought and least we forget, Hurricanes. But

through it all the daylilies and we have survived.

We had a great Fall meeting and enjoyed our speaker, Bobby Scott Jr. and viewing his flowers. Thank you, Bobby, again for an awesome presentation.

I was proud to see how many folks wanted to see the popularity poll continued. It was sad to see those that did not, but we all have our feelings and thoughts. Maybe those who did not want it to continue could share their thoughts with Selena Bonner the new 2024-2025 RPD. The best any of us can do is go with the majority vote. We did add 3 write ins to be added to next year's ballot. To be on and stay on the ballot a flower must receive 6 votes. Less than 6 votes a flower will be removed or not place on the ballot.

Well, may I say, it has been my pleasure to serve as your RPD for the last 2 years. I know without a doubt, Selena

Bonner will be an awesome replacement and will serve us all well. I do not want to bore everyone with my many thank yous, since I covered all this in our Fall meeting. I will however extend my thank you to Patty Franklin since she was not there to hear. I remember well the day Patty called me and asked if I'd assist her as the RPD. I asked her if she was sure and she replies, "If I didn't think you could do this and all your other jobs, I'd never have asked. I believe in you and us together. We will learn this together." How do you turn someone like this down? I will miss this. As she and I have discussed, maybe we can serve in some form again together down the road. I will always be here to help in any way I can, and I am here to help Selena. I hope I will never leave you hanging because it is difficult enough coming into a job you know nothing about. I know it is a complete turnover in 2024-2025 and in so many positions that folks have served forever. It will be hard to replace them, but I know each of them is there to help those coming on in any way possible.

Thank you again for this opportunity to be your RPD.

Kathy

Director's Report (continued)

We thought we would be able to avoid increasing the dues for 1-2 more years, but costs have increased too rapidly since 2021 for the Society to remain in the black.

Beginning **January 1, 2024**, the dues will increase according to the schedule below. However, if you renew or upgrade your membership before January 1, 2024, you will still pay the current rates.

The fees for each membership category are listed below.

Individual one year from \$25 up to \$30.

Dual one year from \$30 up to \$36

Individual 3-year from \$70 up to \$84.

Dual from 3-year from \$83 up to \$99

Youth membership from \$10 to \$12

Individual Life membership and Dual Life Membership will most likely be adjusted but details were not determined at the meeting.

Display Gardens:

There are 16 AHS Display Gardens in Region 5 and over 250 official AHS Display Gardens throughout the United

States, Canada and Europe where you can view a variety of daylilies in a garden setting. The Display Gardens page (daylilies.org/daylilies/display-gardens) makes it easy to search through all the gardens and find gardens in your local area or discover new gardens while you travel. There is even an interactive search map that allows you to search based upon a variety of criteria.

Would you like to have your garden certified as an official AHS Display Garden? Visit daylilies.org/daylilies/display-gardens to find out the details, or contact Sue Hill, our Display Gardens Chair, at displaygardens@daylilies.org to find out more about the requirements and benefits.

Upcoming National Conventions:

June 12-15, 2024: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

July 9-12, 2025: Seattle, Washington

2026: Valdosta, Georgia

Scott Elliott

Director, Region 5

President, American Daylily Society



Secretary's Report

Lori Murphy

ADS Region 5 Fall 2023 Meeting Minutes

Kathy Fowler opened the meeting with greetings and explained that she was filling in for traveling President Patty Franklin. She asked Tim Bell to open with prayer.

Camilla Arthur gave the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Jack Rigsby was unable to attend due to illness. The balance in the Region 5 account is currently \$37,430.33. There was a discussion about forms of payment to be accepted for the auction of plants.

Kathy then asked all to remember in prayer the following: Jack Rigsby and Cynthia as they deal with his illness, James and Louise Fennell as James is due to have shoulder surgery real soon, the families of Mort Morrison and Adam De-Shawn for his tragic death.

Kathy and Lori took Roll Call.

Albany Daylily Society 11
Central Georgia Daylily Club 5
Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Club 4
Cobb County Daylily Society 11
Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta 8
Dublin Area Daylily Society 7
Heart of Georgia Daylily Club 0
Middle Georgia Daylily Society 12

Northwest Georgia Daylily Club 13
Ogeechee Daylily Society 7
North Georgia Daylily Society 3
Savannah Daylily Society 5
South Georgia Daylily Society 0
South Atlanta Daylily Society 8
Valdosta Daylily Society 10

Scott gave his last Director's report. He has held the position of Region 5 Director for 6 years. Scott gave a recap of the 2023 National Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee. The convention was a complete sell out. Region 5 won several major awards. Claude Carpenter won the Helen Field Fisher Gold Medal, the highest award given by the American Daylily Society. Tim Bell won the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for his outstanding results in hybridizing.

Newly registered daylily information will now be made available immediately on the ADS database and we will no longer have to wait a year for publication of the Checklist. However, for show purposes the new registrations will still be considered seedlings until the checklist is published. Classification placement is now available by using the advanced search tab on the AHS database.

Belinda Cunningham was hired as the new ADS Data Asset Manager. She has been making great strides in catching up on the backlog of issues. Scott instructed everyone to contact Rich Crider ADS Technology Chair, for problems or issues on the website first as he is prioritizing projects for Belinda. National Membership continues to grow to about 5100 members currently. Due to this growth, no increase in dues is expected. Dues have remained the same since 2011.

Scott also gave info on two different fundraising opportunities for the ADS. The '100 giving 100' fund has about six pins remaining for 2023. The pins are given each year to the first 100 people who donate \$100 to ADS. Another fund is called the 'I'm in Fund' and is given to anyone donating any amount over \$10. A badge is given to those donors. Anyone wanting to make donations needs to contact the ADS Endowment Chair - Greg Crane.

Upcoming National Conventions- 2024 Oklahoma City; 2025 Seattle; and 2026 Valdosta.

Kathy recognized six people who were first time attendees.

Kathy recognized Tim Bell for winning the 2023 Region 5 Hybridizer's Award with his entry of **'Italian Summer'** (Bell-T., 2018) . Congratulations to Tim.

The Tom Wise Award for Regional Service was presented to Jim Mullins for his work in Exhibition Judging.

A motion was made in absentia from Patty Franklin to rename the Tom Wise Award. Tom Wise, from Savannah, was a regional president who served for two years in the '1970s. The motion was made to rename the service award to the 'Tim Herrington Award.' It was seconded by Matthew Stafford and voted on by all in attendance. The motion carried.

Kathy announced the Region 5 Popularity Poll Winners. Only 76 people voted this year. Kathy questioned whether the region wanted to continue the poll or not due to the drop in voting. Those in attendance voted to continue the award. The 2023 winners were: 5th place **'Breathing in Snowflakes'**, 4th place **'Off to See the Wizard'**, 3rd place **'Italian Summer'**, 2nd place **'Lil' Black Bud's** and 1st place **'Blowing Pinwheels'**. **'Blowing Pinwheels'** will now go on the retired list.

Kathy then recognized other ADS awards given at the National Convention.

Tim Herrington was the recipient of three ADS newsletter awards:

- An article on cultivars- 'Region 5: A Double Daylily Mecca'
- A humor article - 'Saturdays, Competition, and Daylily Rivalry'
- An article on photographing daylilies- 'Photography in the Garden: Presentation at the National Convention in Asheville.'

Doris and David Bishop received a newsletter award for their garden article:

- 'There Ain't No Rest at the Shady Rest'

Claude Carpenter won a newsletter award for:

- 'The Best Use of Pictures and Graphics for *The Georgia Daylily*

The Region 5 Service Award was presented to Bill and Diana Waldrop.

Kathy also congratulated Tim Bell for winning the Region 5 Hybridizers Award for the seventh time. She also stated that Claude Carpenter's winning the Helen Field Fisher Gold Medal was a direct result of his past work done on the National level - including managing the ADS Portal Store, the Awards and Honors Chair, maintaining a display garden since 2010, editing the ADS Checklist for 8 years, Garden Judges Records Chair, 4 years as Region 5 President, many of his photos used in National publications, 2 years as RPD, Region 5 newsletter editor for *The Georgia Daylily* for 8 years and Region 2 newsletter for one year, editor of 'Small and Miniature Daylilies' and 'Double Daylilies: Twice the Possibilities' published by ADS. He is the 4th winner of the Helen Field Fisher Gold Medal from Region 5.

The Achievement Medal Awards were presented for 2023 Region 5 daylily shows. The Ogeechee club presented six Achievement Medals to Scott and Dominique Elliott that were won at their two shows. The Albany Hemerocallis Society presented nine Achievement Medals - four to Scott Elliott, two to Dominique Elliott and three to Justin McLeod. Middle Georgia Daylily Society presented four Achievement Medals - one to Dominique and three to Scott.

A recognition of two Honorable Mention Winners from 2022 was given to Mary Netherton for 'Harper Lee' and 'Tim's Poetry'.

Club News- Matthew Stafford asked for donations of plants with a Native American theme to go into a display bed that will be part of the Region 5 Spring Meeting being hosted by the South Atlanta Daylily Society in 2027. Looking for any cultivar with a Native American theme in the daylily name.

The date for the 2024 National Convention in Oklahoma City is June 12-15, 2024. Dates and locations for upcoming Region 5 Spring Meetings are: Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta will host on June 7-8. Ogeechee Daylily Club will host in 2025 and the South Atlanta Daylily Club will host in 2027. The Valdosta Hemerocallis Society will host the 2026 ADS National Convention.

Save the Date- Next Regional Gathering will be Saturday February 3rd, 2024.

Winfred Huff then presented the Dennis Calbreath Photography Awards. This year there were 197 entries by twelve people. It was very competitive. In the single bloom category, there were forty-six entries and 19 of those scored a perfect score of 25. In the multiple bloom category eighteen of the 24 entries scored perfect.

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Secretary's Report (continued)

The 2023 photography winners were:

Single Bloom - 1st place '**Cliff Jumper**' by Claude Carpenter
Multiple bloom - 1st place '**Wacky Wednesday**' by Diana Waldrop
Clump - 1st place '**Breathing in Snowflakes**' by Claude Carpenter
Landscape - 1st place 'Carpenter Garden' by Claude Carpenter
Nature - 1st place '**Ta Dah**' with wasp by Selena Bonner
Seedling - 1st place Seedling by Elaine Kelley
Small & Mini - 1st place '**Calypso Green**' by Selena Bonner

The overall winner was 'Breathing in Snowflakes' by Claude Carpenter. All entries scrolled on the screens during lunch. Winfred offered to be a speaker at clubs to present contest expectations and what makes a good entry.

Dawn and Richard Arnette from Twin City, Georgia near Swainsboro are creating a memorial garden for Darrell Lane.

Region 5 Garden Judges Chair, James Fennell gave his Garden Judges Report. An important part of the Awards and Honors ballot is the responsibility of garden judges. They are responsible for judging the whole plant and not just a bloom or scape. Currently there are 439 people in ADS who are garden judges but should be around 1020. In Region 5 there are currently 62 Garden Judges, however, there are openings for up to 80. Judges can compose 20 % of the membership. Online classes will take place in October with dates given. In addition to looking for more judges, the region also needs more willingness to become instructors. Garden Judges that are interested in becoming an instructor should contact James.

Exhibition Judges info was given with online classes in October. Those interested in attending one of these online classes should contact Debbie Smith, ADS Exhibition Judges Chair, for available class dates and registration.

A motion was made to increase the size of the Pop Poll to 25 cultivars to allow additional plants instead of having a freeze on new names again for the coming year. The motion was voted on and was approved.

We then were honored with a presentation by Bobby Scott of Topguns Daylily Garden in Yukon Oklahoma. He stated that his signature flower was '**Topguns Apocalypso**' and that his father's was '**Topguns My Friend Ellen.**' He was super excited to be hosting convention attendees in his garden next year. He said he had a one seed mentality meaning it only takes one seed to make a successful cross.

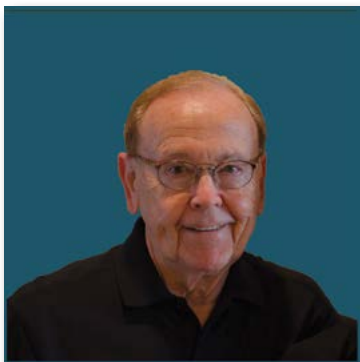
After his presentation we had a wonderful lunch provided by the women of the church followed by Tim Bell auctioning off plants from Topguns Daylily Garden and from regional donations.

Kathy then recognized those who made the meeting successful and recognized those officers who were leaving their positions and announced those taking over. Dave Richardson made a request for someone to take over the treasurer's position for next year as he is taking the reins as Region 5 President. Selena Bonner will be the RPD, Jean Wnek will be the Secretary and Matt and Sarah Kent will take the responsibilities for *The Georgia Daylily* Bargain table sales. Also, we need a volunteer to replace Claude Carpenter as editor of *The Georgia Daylily*. Claude would like the person to assist him on the three 2024 issues and be ready to replace him when he retires at the end of 2024.

Kathy adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted.

Lori Murphy



From The Desk of The Editor

This is a jam-packed issue with lots of information about Region 5 activities and has four feature articles. I want to thank all of those that contributed their time to keep us updated on our activities and for our feature article writers that add so much to keeping us updated on daylily life in Region 5.

First, I want to congratulate Scott Elliott for his **Stout Silver Medal** winning daylily '**Tim Herrington**.' Scott has won many AHS cultivar awards over the past few years and has a lot of winning daylilies in the pipeline. This year in addition to the **Stout Silver Medal**, Scott won two **Awards of Merit**, four **Honorable Mention Awards**, four **Specialty Awards** and one **Junior Citation Award**. (See the Awards section in this issue). I am not sure anyone will ever top that again in a single year and he did this while serving as President of the ADS. I want to congratulate Scott for his very successful six years as President.

I also want to congratulate Jim Mullins for winning the '**Tom Wise Award**.' Jim has contributed so much over the last ten years to improving our Exhibition Judging system and has contributed so much to staging shows in Region 5. Jim has participated in every area of responsibility in producing quality shows. Not only that, but he also judges in quite a number of shows each year while entering flowers in many others. By the way, Jim probably has won more Best in Show awards than anyone in Region 5.

The '**Tom Wise Award**' has now been renamed the '**Tim Herrington Award**.' This was confirmed by a unanimous vote at the Fall Region 5 meeting. This annual award is to honor Region 5 members for their unselfish and behind-the-scenes work for their club and/or region. The person or couple receiving this award can always be depended upon, yet never seeks the limelight. When I looked at all the previous winners, I did not see the name Tim Herrington. I could not believe that Tim had not won the award. To me Tim has been the most unselfish and behind-the-scenes contributor to Region 5 I have seen in my twenty-five years in the region. I then realized that Tim has been the Awards and Honors Chair for most of my time in Region 5 and would never nominate himself.

The name Tim Herrington on this award is so fitting. The award could not be named for a more deserving person.

I also want to congratulate Tim Bell for winning the 2023 **Region 5 Hybridizers Award** with his introduction '**Italian Summer**' (Bell, 2019).

The feature article in this issue '**Blessing Garden**' by Selena Bonner is a wonderful article that will bring tears to your eyes when she describes what happened to their garden and the response by Region 5 members.

We are praying for Jack Rigsby's quick recovery. Jack has been such an integral part of Region 5 and the ADS and we thank him for his service and wish a speedy recovery.

I am still looking for my replacement as editor of *The Georgia Daylily*. Many have said that the bar is too high for them to take over. Let me put you at ease. No one will start out creating the newsletter totally up to speed. Take a look at my first editions after taking over for Dominique Elliott. It took me two years to feel comfortable with the InDesign software. I am a slow learner and many of you would learn a lot faster than me. I would like to work for a year with someone that will allow you to come completely up to speed before taking over. I also have thousands of photos that I would share with the new editor. A few years ago, Region 2 lost their newsletter editor and I agreed to do two issues of their newsletter for them. Their new editor, Sandra Dunn, worked with me on those issues and then assumed responsibility. Last year she won the best Newsletter Award in the ADS. Don't be afraid to step out and volunteer to take this job. You will have me to help you through your first few issues. Don't think you have to have a top-of-the-line newsletter as soon as you take over. Please call me or email me if you are interested and we can discuss the process.

Regards,

Claude Carpenter
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Claude Carpenter



Meet Our New President

Dave Richardson

Where do you live?

Nashville, Georgia

Briefly tell us about your family (spouse, any children, pets, etc.).

Wife is Regina Richardson, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 7 grandkids, one pet cat (Indy)

At what jobs have you worked? USAF Retired, Retired Chief of Police, and now growing daylilies.

Where did you grow up?

Born in Athens, Georgia but lived in Braselton Georgia for most of my school days.

How long have you grown daylilies? 11 Years

What got you started with daylilies?

My local friends were growers of daylilies. After listening to them talk to customers about breeding for hybrid plants, I was just amazed...

How many DLs do you currently grow? 926

What are your favorite types of DLs- form, color, size, other traits?

Patterns are my favorites, and currently working on minis, and doubles.

With what clubs are you associated, and for how many years?

We joined Valdosta Daylily Club in 2013 and we are also members of the Albany Daylily Club and Middle Ga Daylily Club for about 3 years.

What do you like about DL clubs and their activities?

Listening and sharing knowledge with other growers, hybridizers, and daylily lovers...

What do you like about AHS Region 5?

A very well-organized group that shares knowledge willingly. Seeing how plants grow differently from North Georgia to South Georgia

What would you like to see improved in Region 5?

Growing in members attending all functions

What offices/positions do you currently hold in Region 5? Held in the past?

President 2018-2019 Valdosta Daylily Club

What offices/positions do you currently hold in the AHS?

Held in the past? President Elect 2024-2025

Briefly discuss any other items you'd like to mention.

We were so happy to be chosen as ADS Display Garden and to be on the Region 5 Spring Convention Garden Tour. We have attended the last 2 Nationals; Asheville NC, and Nashville TN. We will be going to the 2024 Nationals in Oklahoma.



'Ansley Jewell'
(Richardson-D., 2022)



'Lenorah Hope'
(Richardson-D., 2023)



'Lenorah Hope'
(Richardson-D., 2023)



Meet Our New Treasurer

Vicki Alsup

Where do you live? I live at 6375 Elmo Road Cumming, Georgia in Forsyth County on property that belonged to my great, great grandparents. I actually live in the house that my great aunt and uncle built.

Briefly tell us about your family (spouse, any children, pets, etc.). I have been married to Bruce Alsup for 36 years and we have two children – Kelsey Clack and Levi Alsup. Kelsey is married to Stephen Clack and they have two children – Kinzley and Aubrey. Levi is married to Bailey Alsup. The only pet we have is a garden cat named Lily Gray.

At what jobs have you worked? I worked at the Bank of Forsyth County (now it's Regions Bank) for five years in the accounting department. In 1991, I went to work for State Farm Insurance Company in the Finance Department when they opened a Regional Office in Johns Creek. I did various duties during my 13 years in Finance ranging from Accounts Payable/Receivable, Budget, Audits, etc. as I got my Marketing degree. I then got a position in the Marketing Department which is now Agency. I have done event set up, sponsorships, Direct Marketing, and currently review, edit and update the process Agents use in their offices for all lines of business.

I also own Vicki Alsup Photography and take photos in the evenings and weekends. I received my Masters Photography Certificate in 2016 from University of North Georgia. I have shot photos for High School Football, Volleyball, Middle School Basketball, had several photos published in magazines and in the local newspaper.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in Forsyth County on the same property I currently live on. My family has owned the property for over 90 years.

How long have you grown daylilies? We started growing daylilies in 2011 after Bruce and Levi attended a Master Gardener sale at Cumming Fairgrounds and met several members of the DSGA club. They fell in love with them then and got the rest of the family hooked after that.

How many DLs do you currently grow? We grow close to 700 different varieties.

What are your favorite types of DLs- form, color, size, other traits? My favorite daylilies are the Spiders and Unusual forms. My all time favorite one is 'I Lava You'. (Holmes-S., 2009) I can't wait for it to bloom each year.

With what clubs are you associated, and for how many years? I am a member of DSGA and have been with them since 2011. I am also a member of the North Georgia Photography club and have been for the last five years.

What do you like about Region 5 and Daylily clubs and their activities? My favorite part of Daylily clubs are the people. I enjoy going to meetings, hearing and learning from other daylily lovers and just general interaction with like minded people.

What would you like to see improved in Region 5? The only thing I can think of right off hand is that I think the meeting locations should rotate, one in the southern part of the state and one in the Northern part or at least Central part of the state to make travel time fair for everyone. I think we don't get as many attendees from the upper part of the state due to all meetings being held in South Georgia. I also think we should find things that our youth could do while at Region meetings, we really need to concentrate on how to get young people involved and active.

What offices/positions do you currently hold in Region 5? Held in the past? The only positions I have held have been volunteer positions – I am the DSGA newsletter editor and the *The Georgia Daylily* club reporter. I also served on the DSGA nominating committee.

What offices/positions do you currently hold in the AHS? Held in the past? I am a ADS Garden Judge and recently ADS Exhibition Judge.

Briefly discuss any other items you'd like to mention. I served as Secretary of Midway Saddle Club for three years and as President for Midway Saddle Club for two years during the years that my daughter, Kelsey showed walking horses. I am a member of Harmony Grove Baptist Church and currently teach 3rd through 5th grade on Wednesday nights. My favorite sport is basketball – I played from Kindergarten through 10th grade, coached girls for two or three years at the county level and will be the photographer for a local Middle School girls team this year.

Meet Our New RPD

Selena Bonner

Where do you live? I live in southwest Georgia in Albany.

Briefly tell us about your family (spouse, any children, pets, etc.). I have been married to Allen Bonner for 31 years. We have 2 children. Our daughter and son-in-law, Brittany and Jim Kibbe, live in Seattle, Washington. Our son, Bo Bonner, and his fiancée, Landon Buchanan, live in Auburn, Alabama. We love animals but currently don't have pets of our own. However, we have lovingly adopted into our hearts Allen's mom's dogs, Bee and Freya (aka Doodles).



At what jobs have you worked? My first job was as a floral designer in the floral department at a grocery store. Then, I was a stay-at-home mom for several years. I homeschooled the kids and coached gymnastics. Later, when the kids were older, I began working in the banking industry. I worked there for 10 years, and my last banking position was Teller Operations Manager. In 2021, Allen and I began rebuilding and operating his parent's business, Patron Gardens.

Where did you grow up? I grew up in South Georgia. I was born and raised in Tifton, Georgia. I lived in Valdosta, GA, during my high school years. Then, after graduation, I moved with my family to Albany, Georgia, where I met Allen in college. We lived in Albany after we were married. Then, we moved to Alabama in 2006. We lived there for 14 years and moved back to Georgia in 2020 to be closer to our parents and family.

How long have you grown daylilies? Allen and I have been growing daylilies for about 15 years. When we moved to Auburn, Alabama, his parents gave us several daylilies to put in our yard at our new house. Allen and I also started hybridizing as a hobby around 2015. We finally planted our first seeds this spring and have seedlings growing in the greenhouse. What got you started with daylilies? After Allen and I were married, we lived across the street from his parents. My father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ron and Pat Bonner, grew daylilies. Their hobby turned into a business, Patron Gardens. I worked for them part-time. Most days, I assisted with garden maintenance, greenhouse operations, washing plants, and packing and shipping. I helped them with their hybridiz-

ing program by collecting pollen. Allen and I often helped them when they had sales events. We also assisted them in the garden during the 2010 ADS National Convention in Valdosta, Georgia.

How many Daylilies do you currently grow? Up until this summer, we grew over 1700 cultivars. In July, we had a spraying accident that resulted in a significant loss of daylilies. I don't know how many cultivars we have now. Our best guess at this time is about half, maybe less. We grow our daylilies in the ground, in raised beds, and in pots.

What are your favorite types of Daylilies form, color, size, and other traits? I love ALL daylilies! But if I have to choose, I love UFs and doubles. I love pinks and corals, but I also love dark, deep reds and "black." I love smalls and miniatures. I love polychrome, polychrome, and bicolored/colors. I am intrigued by sculpting, patterns, and bold midribs.

With what clubs are you associated, and for how many years? I am a member of the Albany Daylily Society, Valdosta Daylily Society, and the Middle GA Hemerocallis Society. I have been a member of each of them for 2 years. What do you like about DL clubs and their activities? The best things about daylily clubs are the wonderful people. Daylily people are kind, compassionate, and caring. I cherish the friendships I have made since being involved in daylily clubs. I love to learn, so I like opportunities for education and learning something new. I enjoy participating in the daylily shows and exhibiting flowers.

What do you like about AHS Region 5? Again, daylily people are the best! I love having the opportunity to meet other daylily enthusiasts from around the state and share ideas. There are always friendly, smiling faces at regional events. I enjoy meeting the guest speakers and hybridizers, hearing their stories, and gleaning new information from them. I like how we provide the opportunity to get daylilies into more gardens with the bargain plant sale. Region 5 has some of the most beautiful daylily gardens in the south.

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Meet Our New Secretary

Jean Wneek

Where do you live?

Tifton Georgia

Briefly tell us about your family (spouse, any children, pets, etc.).

Henry and I have been married for 13 years. I have 3 children, 9 grandkids, 3 great grandkids. Henry inherited my family.

At what jobs have you worked?

In upper-level management in hospital and business. Currently, I work for a staffing agency as a Regional Manager, that has 20 plus offices that covers Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

Where did you grow up?

Born and raised in Fitzgerald, Georgia.

How long have you grown daylilies? Started collecting from Tim Bell back in the '80s.

What got you started with daylilies?

Starting when I was 5-6 years old, I would help my grandmother in her yard. She saved her egg money to buy flowers and seeds from catalogs. She taught me how to plant and care for flowers. I was hooked early on to the beauty of nature through flowers.

How many DLs do you currently grow?

Approximately 1000.



What are your favorite types of DLs-form, color, size, other traits?

The more ruffles and teeth. I love pastels and near whites.

With what clubs are you associated, and for how many years?

Member of the Valdosta Daylily Club for 3 years. Joined the Albany Club in 2022.

What do you like about DL clubs and their activities?

Meet so many others that enjoy daylilies. Learn from the pros of how to grow daylilies. Learn from the many speakers how they grow daylilies.

We get to see an overview of their gardens

The ability to buy at each club meeting is always a plus.

Attended my first National last year.

What do you like about AHS Region 5?

Region 5 Brings the daylily lovers to one central meeting which in turn broadens our knowledge of daylilies and how to grow them.

What would you like to see improved in Region 5?

Nothing at the moment.

What offices/positions do you currently hold in Region 5? Held in the past?

This is my first time holding a position in Region 5. I served as the facebook/news reporter for the Valdosta Club.

Meet Our New RPD (continued)

What would you like to see improved in Region 5? I would like to see increased membership of the local clubs and increased engagement within the clubs. I want our regional members to be informed about what events and opportunities are happening around the state. I want to help our members learn about the things or topics they may not know about daylilies.

What offices/positions do you currently hold in Region 5? Held in the past? This year, I was the Albany Daylily Club secretary, reporter, and social media administrator. I was also co-chair for the Albany daylily show. I have been elected President of the Albany Daylily Club for the 2024-2025 terms. I am a Jr. Exhibition Judge and

will complete the requirements next year to become a Sr. Exhibition Judge. RPD is my first position at the regional level.

Briefly discuss any other items you'd like to mention.

My other interests include nature photography, Monarch butterfly conservation, and writing. I love being part of a team working toward a common goal. I am excited about the future of daylilies and the potential within the daylily community.

I look forward to serving as RPD for Region 5.



Region 5 Spring Meeting

June 7-8, 2024

Hosted by the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

Website: www.atlantadaylily.org



Convention Location: **Hilton Garden Inn, Alpharetta**

4025 Windward Plaza, Alpharetta Georgia 30005

Phone 1-770-360-7766 Use Group Code: DAYLILY SOCIETY ATL

***Alpharetta –
Come Explore in 2024***

Convention Chair: Mark Franklin
(Cell 770-403-4685)

Registration Information: Registration includes one day of motor coach tours (three tour gardens), lunch on Saturday and two dinners. Companion dinners will be available for \$50.00 each. **Please print** names as you wish them to appear on your nametags. Indicate youth reservations with a “Y” following the name.

Deadline for Registration is May 15, 2024.

Attendee #1 _____ **Attendee #2** _____

Additional Attendees _____

Address _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

ADS Region _____ **Email** _____

Phone _____

If you are a Regional or National Officer, Please list your title: _____

If you have a special medical or **dietary** or **mobility** needs, please provide names and specific details on the bottom of the registration form.

Convention Registration Fees:

Adult Registration (\$129.00 postmarked by 4/30/24) Number _____ Cost _____ Total _____

Adult Registration (\$149.00 postmarked after 4/30/24) Number _____ Cost _____ Total _____

Youth Registration (\$100.00 postmarked by 4/30/24) Number _____ Cost _____ Total _____

Youth Registration (\$129.00 postmarked after 4/30/24) Number _____ Cost _____ Total _____

Companion Dinners Name _____ Number _____ Cost \$50 each Total _____
for June 7 and/or June 8

Registration Total: _____

(Maximum Registration are 120! A waiting list will begin as soon as the 120 cap is reached)

Pre-registration/payment is required and may be made by check or credit card. Registration forms received without payment or credit card information will be returned.

Make checks payable to: **DSGA - 2024 Spring Meeting** Paid by check # _____

To charge your convention registration to a credit card, please complete the following information –

Credit Card – Visa, MasterCard, or American Express #: _____

Billing zip code: _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3- or 4-Digit Security Code: _____

*Once credit card charges have been processed, this part of the registration form will be “blacked out” for security purposes.

Convention Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received before 4-30-24 will receive a full refund; those received after 4-30-24 will be reviewed on an individual basis. Registrations may be transferred to someone else after the 4-30-24 cutoff date. Please notify the registrar of changes.

Hotel Reservations: Make hotel reservations by phone directly with Hilton Garden Inn, Atlanta North/Alpharetta (1-770-360-7766) before the cutoff date of **5-30-24** and mention

Group Code: DAYLILY SOCIETY ATL to receive discounted rates.

(\$159 per night for King and Standard room, **includes full, hot breakfast**; excludes taxes).

Judges Clinic and Workshop Registration: Please print name(s) of person(s) who plan to attend. A \$5.00 clinic/workshop fee will be collected at each session. Attendees must bring the newest revision of the Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges Handbooks (available on the AHS website).

Exhibition Judges Clinic I _____

Exhibition Judges Clinic II _____

Exhibition Judges Clinic III _____

Garden Judges I _____

Garden Judges II _____

Any special medical dietary or mobility needs? (Please specify how we may best support you.)

Name _____

List Medical, **Dietary** or **Mobility** Needs:

Mail Registration to: Vicki Alsup

Region 5, 2024 Registrar

6375 Elmo Road, Cumming, GA 30028

Phone: 770-789-8913 e-mail: vicki.alsup@yahoo.com

2024 Spring Meeting Tour Gardens

Breeland Garden

Viki and Larry Breeland

Today, I am a daylily gardener. The journey to becoming a daylily gardener was a long one.

I purchased my house in December 1988. I started gardening in 1991 – I tried roses and quickly gave that up. Looking at different landscapes, I really became a fan of the curved planting beds – I felt it would make the job of mowing the lawn much easier – I was right!

Larry built the garden shed and he often says he should have built it twice as large – but then it might not have the personality that we enjoy.

Larry is the builder of all the hardscapes, not the least of which are the paver pathways throughout the back yard.

In 2014 I completed the UGA Master Gardener Extension Volunteer Program. By serving as the vendor chair

for the North Fulton Master Gardeners, I met Jack Rigsby with the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta (DSGA). I began purchasing a few daylilies from the club at Garden Faire every year. I visited Bell's Daylily Gardens a couple times with my South Georgia relatives and of course I bought a few plants each time.

I joined DSGA in September 2020. Once things opened up for in-person meetings, I attended my first meeting – I was delighted to meet new friends and fell in love with the place where we meet. Since becoming a member of DSGA, our garden has really changed. Grass has been taken out, more planting beds have been established, and the soil amended. Currently, we have approximately 350 cultivars. It remains to be seen if more grass will be taken out.

DAYLILIES: THE ADDICTION IS REAL



'Watermelon Summer' (Bell-T., 2017)



'Double My Sunshine' (Gossard-D., 2012)



Wilson Garden on Campground

Anita and Robert Wilson

The Wilson Garden is located in South Forsyth on a property of 2.5 acres. The garden consists of seven beds accented by maples, bushes, flowers, Hosta's, and other hardscapes. And flanked by large oaks in the rear of the back yard. The property design is country style with about 500 daylilies from a variety of hybridizers. My oldest daylily is '**Painted Lady**' (Russell, 1942) registered in 1942 and winner of the Stout Medal in 1951. But the garden also consists of many newer introductions, and about ten Stout Medal winners. There is no main focus, just a little bit of everything with a lean towards unusual form and medium to large size flowers.

This garden is a newer garden, and it has been an amazing journey getting it ready to show. Many thanks to my friends, club members, and hybridizers who helped make this process a success. A special thanks to Buddy Childs for making me feel welcome, inviting me to my first Daylily Show and club meeting, and offering his advice. I joined the DSGA club in 2019 when my garden consisted

of only 40 daylilies. That is what joining a club will do.

In addition, this garden will host the Region 5 Enman Joiner seedling beds on the 2024 Region 5 Spring Tour. Currently, there are 30 plants in the seedling bed to vote on. These plants are doing well, and some have flowered nicely. I treat them like my little babies and give them special attention.

I look forward to seeing everyone in my garden at our regional in 2024. And I wish all the hybridizers Good Luck next year when the visitors vote.



2024 Enman Joiner Seedling Bed

Alsup Garden

Vicki, Levi and Bruce Alsup



In the year 2011 is when daylilies entered the Alsup family's lives. Bruce and Levi run their own landscaping company and they stopped by the Master Gardeners sale at the Cumming Fairgrounds to look for some Daylilies and other perennials they could use for a new design for a customer's homes. While walking around they came upon the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta's booth and struck up a conversation with a few members about daylilies. They were invited to their next club meeting in Johns Creek, Cynthia Rigsby was pretty persistent, and they decided to check it out.

While at the meeting, Heather Herrington was the guest speaker and after seeing how beautiful some of her flowers were and what some of the flowers were auctioned off for, they decided to try daylilies. And that was the beginning of the obsession. They came home with a few more daylilies and put them in a

small area of the yard. One daylily led to another daylily then another and another and you get the picture. The area that was started was soon out of space and more space was needed.

Well, we have almost four acres of property that we purchased from Vicki's great aunt along with the house we live in now that they built in the 1970's. The property has been in Vicki's family for over 100 years and most of our neighbors are family. It was covered in lots of trees, wild privets, saw briars and they had to be removed to create space for a daylily garden area. One daylily bed, led to a daylily garden to another garden area and after Bruce and Levi started hybridizing, they needed seedling beds. After they got started hybridizing the rest of the family jumped in too, including the two grandchildren that started hybridizing at the age of four. You can say we are a little competitive, so we all try to outdo each other. We celebrate each other's victories, but we do talk smack to each other about who is the best. This is where Alsup Gardens started and today we have over 700 varieties of daylilies in three large garden areas and three designated seedling beds.



The family consists of Bruce and Vicki Alsup, Levi and Bailey Alsup, Kelsey and Stephen Clack – Kinzley and Aubrey. Kelsey and Stephen built and moved into their home on part of the family property in October of 2022 and moved several of their daylilies to their house to start their own garden. Then Levi and Bailey built and moved next door to them in July 2023 taking several daylilies with them. He has a designated mini bed that he is concentrating on

using for hybridizing min-
is.

This past show season all
the Alsups had an entry
in the DSGA June show,
even the grandkids.

Bruce, Vicki, and Levi have
all passed and are now
Garden and Exhibition
judges. Bruce judged his
first show this year, Levi
and Vicki will be judging
in the 2024 show season.
We look forward to see-
ing everyone at the shows
and are especially excited to
share our garden with every-
one at the Region Garden Tours in June 2024.



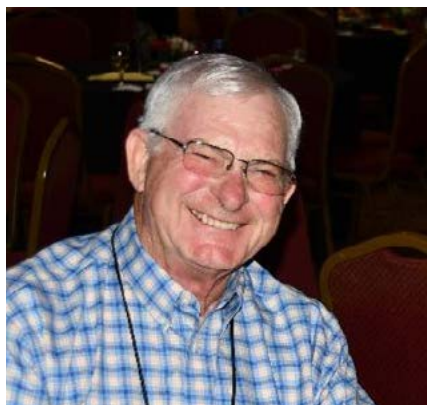
'I Lava You' (Holmes-S., 2009)
Vicki's favorite daylily



Meet Our Winter Meeting Speaker

Bill Waldrop

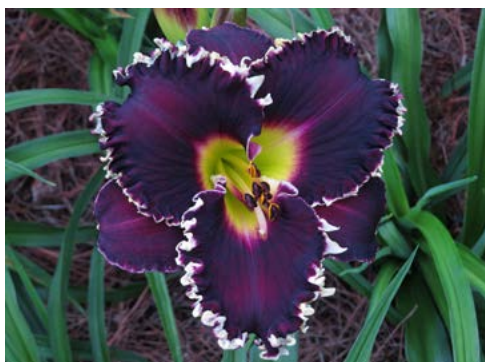
Bill is a retired lawyer, and since 2008
he has been hybridizing daylilies with
“total commitment.” He has 104 in-
troductions: he has won 24 Honorable
Mention Awards, 4 Awards of Merit, the
ADS President's Cup, the Ophelia Tay-
lor Award, and multiple Junior Citation
and Achievement Awards. Bill has also
won the Eugene S. Foster Award, the
Extra-Large Diameter Award, the Don
C. Stevens Award, and the Ida Munson



Doubles Award. Bill has also authored
numerous articles for both the *The Day-
lily Journal* and *The Georgia Daylily*.
Two of his articles have won awards for
“Best Scientific Article.” Bill is also able
to convert daylilies from diploids to tet-
raploids: he has 28 conversions, and two
of his most recent conversions are **‘The
One Ring’** and **‘Emerald Splendor’**. In
2023 Bill and Diana were awarded the
Region 5 Service Award.



'Sunberry Splatter' (Waldrop, 2023)



'Nearly Midnight' (Waldrop, 2021)



'Kennesaw Splendor' (Waldrop, 2023)

Recent Waldrop Introductions

Winter Meeting Registration Form on page 49

Jim Mullins wins Tom Wise Award

Kathy Fowler, Regional Publicity Director, presented the Tom Wise Award to James Mullins at our fall meeting on October 7, 2023. This award is provided by Region 5, to recognize those individuals who give of themselves unselfishly; perform service in support of both local and regional activities; and though never wavering in their dependability, they do whatever needs to be accomplished outside the limelight. James Mullins joined Region 5 AHS in 2002 and has supported his local clubs along with regional and national activities with outstanding service since then. He is a true ambassador for daylilies by supporting the activity of growing daylilies and the institution of our daylily society. He serves as an Exhibition Judge and Garden Judge. He has also donated many daylily plants over the years to help support the finances of Region 5 and local daylily clubs. He has been known to take several plants of 'Mayor of Munchkinland' to a club auction, which usually draws very high prices, and turn around and donate



Kathy Fowler presents Jim Mullins with the 2023 Tom Wise Award during the Region 5 Fall Meeting

the high auction price back to the club. There is one activity that he is really an expert on, which is being an Exhibition Judges Instructor. He began by participating in an Exhibition Judging Clinic as a student in 2004. Educating folks about judging has become a special mission of his. He has trained many judges here in Georgia and at ADS National Conventions. He had a keen interest in judging for distinction in seedlings. James Mullins was very innovative in developing his own "cheat sheet" to help him and others judge distinction in seedlings by point scoring the entire scape with bloom. This led to the development of a distinction worksheet involving a few other instructors. He spent many hours and months perfecting the skill of point scoring seedlings. When a person gives you their time to an undertaking, they can give you no more valuable gift. That statement exemplifies the efforts this person has given to Region 5 AHS and echoes those biblical sentiments of selflessness and commitment to a greater cause.

Tim Bell Wins Region 5 Hybridizer's Award

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 maintains overall responsibility for the award procedures.

Congratulations to Tim Bell for winning the **2023 Region 5 Hybridizer's Award** with his introduction 'Italian Summer' (Bell, 2019)



Kathy Fowler present the Region 5 Hybridizers Award at the Fall Meeting

Tom Wise Award

changed to the

Tim Herrington Award

By Tim Herrington



I would like to genuinely thank Region 5 for naming the former Tom Wise Award for little old me. I could not make the fall meeting when it was voted on. So, when Claude Carpenter called me and told me it was going to be changed from the Tom Wise Award to the Tim Herrington Award, I was totally shocked and surprised. I'm truly humbled and honored. The daylilies and people in Region 5 have been my love and joy since 1982.

From the beginning, this annual award was to honor Region 5 members for their unselfish and behind-the-scenes work for their club and/or region. The person or couple receiving this award can always be depended upon, yet never seeks the limelight. Please allow me to share the history with you.

The award began in 1988 under the leadership of Harold McDonell, Regional President (called RVP back then). The award was always presented by the Regional President at the Fall Region 5 meeting. The first recipient was Martha Thombly in 1988 and award was called the Region 5 Honorarium Award.

The next year the award changed its name to the Martha Thombly Award. Martha was a member of the Middle Georgia Daylily society and did so many things behind the scenes to promote daylilies and their activities. Here are the winners of the this award; 1989 - Enman Joiner, 1990 - Tom and Jean Wise, 1991 - Harold McDonell, 1992 - Maggie McDowell, 1993 - Hyta Mederer, 1994 - Bo Brown and Lillian Grovenstein, 1995 - Sambo Wilder, 1996 - Mary Howard, and 1997 - Tracy Hicks.

In 1998 the name was changed to the Tom Wise Award. Tom was a member of the Savannah Daylily Society and did so much to help his club and Region 5, yet he never did seek the limelight. Here are the winners with this name; 1998

- Barbara and Morris Kirby, 1999 - Carolyn Heath, 2000 - Francis Gray, 2001 - Edward McDowell, Jr., 2002 - Jim Saddler, 2003 - Ruth Killingsworth, 2004 - Diane Joiner, 2005 - Joe Watson, 2006 - Martha Fawcett, 2007 - Dixie Ayers, 2008 - B.J. and Ed Achord, 2009 - Ann McWilliams, 2010 - Vernon Johnson, 2011 - Claude Carpenter, 2012 - J.K., Lynda, Michael Hines, 2013 - Billye and Sandy Campbell, 2014 - Rose Mary Dixon, 2015 - Jackie Nicholson, 2016 - Mike and Deborah Curling, 2017 - Marion Tyus, 2018 - James and Louise Fennell, 2019 - Janie and Winfred Huff, 2020 - Jack and Rebecca Brock, 2021 - Sue Cliett, 2022 - Kaye Fearneyhough, and 2023 - James Mullins.

I have had the pleasure to know all of the past recipients since 1988. Now the name has changed again but will always mean the same which is "It's not what the world of daylilies can do for you, it's what you can do for the world of daylilies."

This list is not inclusive because there are many other folks in our region that also serve under the radar and have never been recognized.

Pat Bonner will replace me now as manager of this award and it will be in great hands. I would like to close with this thought; There is no limit to the amount of good you can do if you don't care who gets the credit.

Region 5 Hybridizers

2023 ADS Cultivar Awards

Stout Silver Medal

The highest award a cultivar can receive is the Stout Silver Medal, given in memory of Dr. Arlow Burdette Stout, who is considered to be the father of modern daylily breeding in North America. This annual award—as voted by ADS Garden judges—can be given only to a cultivar that has first received the Award of Merit not less than two years previously. **‘Tim Herrington’** (Elliott-S., 2014) is only the fourth double daylily to win this award.



‘Tim Herrington’ (Elliott-S., 2014)

Photo by Claude Carpenter

Award of Merit, 2023

This bronze medal is given to signify that a cultivar is not only distinctive and beautiful, but also performs well over a wide geographic area. This award is voted by ADS Garden Judges. The Award of Merit is the second step in the “Pyramid of Awards” and is on the path to competing for the Stout Silver Medal. The award is made each year to the twelve registered daylilies receiving the most votes by the garden judges. A cultivar must receive votes from at least half of the regions, and not more than one-third of the total votes credited to a cultivar shall come from any one region. The following daylilies will be eligible for the ADS Stout Silver in 2025.



‘A Little Twisted’ (Elliott-S., 2015)

Photo by Claude Carpenter



‘Off to See the Wizard’ (Herrington-K., 2009)

Photo by Claude Carpenter



‘Mayor of Cornatzer’ (Elliott-S., 2016)

Photo by Claude Carpenter

Honorable Mention, 2023

This award is the first official “stamp of approval” by the AHS, where good performance goes beyond the regional level. To win, a cultivar must receive a minimum of fifteen votes to achieve the HM. These votes must come from no fewer than four different AHS regions. These daylilies will be candidates for the Award of Merit in 2025



‘Ghost Ranger’ (Elliott-S., 2015)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



‘Adventures in Oz’ (Herrington-H., 2014)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



‘Pimiento Pepper’ (Joiner, 1993)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



‘Kennesaw Orange Plush’ (Waldrop, 2018)
Photo by Bill Waldro

Honorable Mention, 2023 (continued)



'Raspberry Ripple Cupcake' (Herrington-T., 2007)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



'Ruth Gets it Done' (Elliott-S., 2016)
Photo by Scott Elliott



'Artillery Fire' (Waldrop, 2017)
Photo by Bill Waldrop



'Magical Morning' (Waldrop, 2017)
Photo by Bill Waldrop

Honorable Mention, 2023 (continued)



'Master Sergeant Kenneth Lane' (Waldrop, 2018)
Photo by Bill Waldrop



'Mayelle' (Elliott-S., 2016)
Photo by Scott Elliott



'Wise Blood' (Elliott-D., 2015)
Photo by Dominique Elliott

ADS Specialty Awards - 2022

Best Early Season Bloom

This award recognizes the most outstanding early season blooming daylilies.



'A Little Twisted' (Elliott-S. 2015)
Photo by Claude Carpenter

Harris Olson Spider Award

Annual award voted for the most outstanding spider.



'Ruth Gets it Done' (Elliott-S. 2016)
Photo by Scott Elliott

Don C. Stevens Award

Annual award voted for the best eyed daylily.



'Hat's Off to Sue' (Herrington-T., 2008)
Photo by Claude Carpenter

Donn Fischer Memorial Cup

Annual award voted for the best miniature daylily.



'Chickens on the Porch' (Herrington-T., 2014)
Photo by Claude Carpenter

ADS Specialty Awards - 2023 (continued)

Annie T. Giles Award

For Best Small Flower (3 - 4.5 inches)



'Darth Ciduous' (Elliott-S., 2017)
Photo by Claude Carpenter

Ida Munson Award

For Best Double Daylily



'Mayor of Cornatzer' (Elliott-S., 2016)
Photo by Claude Carpenter

Junior Citation - 2023

This award was established to focus attention on new cultivars that appear to have outstanding qualities and distinction. It should be understood that this award does not necessarily imply good performance in various climates and soil types. Garden Judges must cast their votes only for cultivars personally observed growing in a garden. Votes are cast using a seedling number. It must receive a minimum of 10 votes.



'Carpool Mannequin' (Elliott-S., 2023)
Photo by Scott Elliott



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Dennis Calbreath Photography Contest

Best Photo of a Clump



First Place and **Best Overall Photo**
'Breathing in Snowflakes' (Douglas-H., 2016)
entered by Claude Carpenter



Second Place
'Sun Kissed Passion' (Fowler-K., 2022)
entered by Kathy Fowler

Best Photo of Multiple Blooms



First Place
'Wacky Wednesday' (Seifert, 2015)
entered by Diana Waldrop

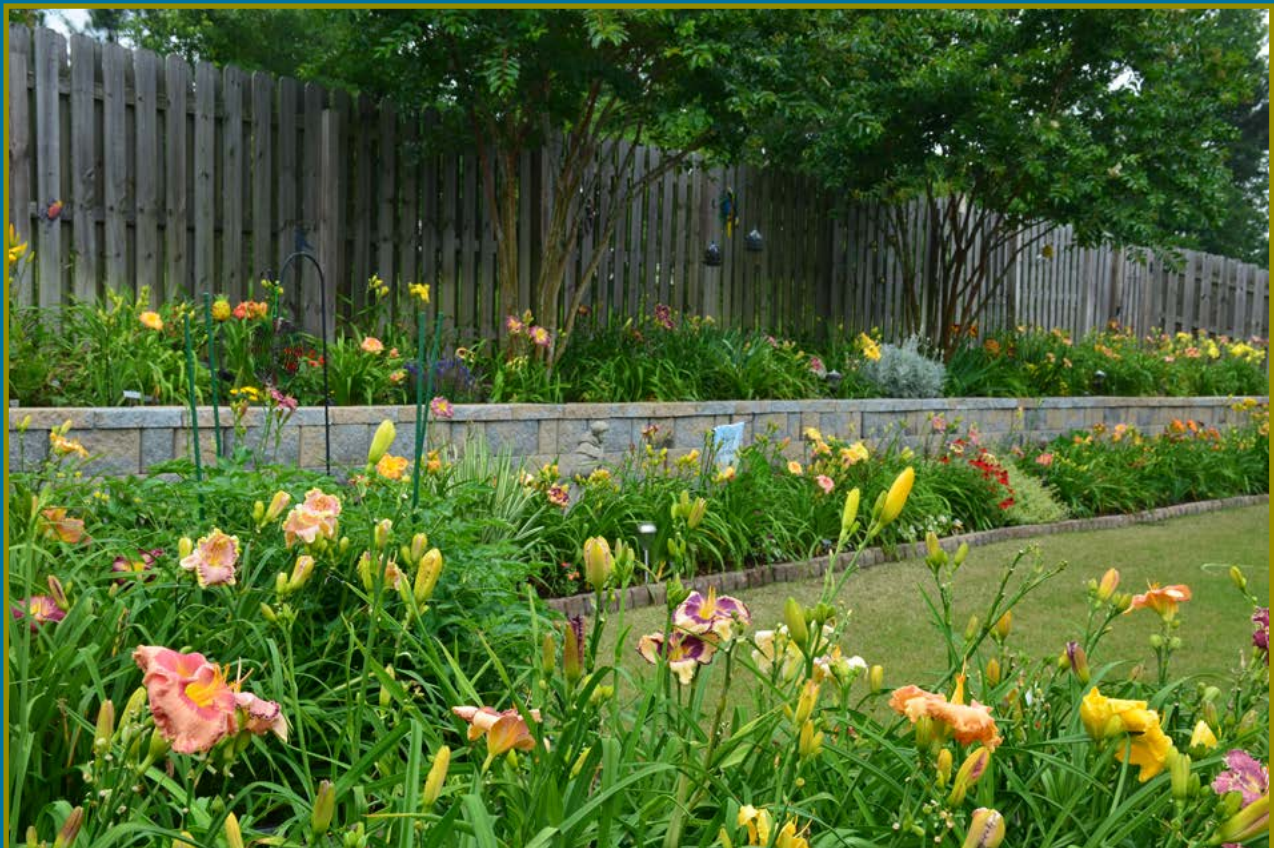


Second Place
'Spacecoast Scarlet Desire' (Kinnebrew-Gossard, 2018)
Entered by Elaine Kelley

Best Photo of a Daylily Garden Landscape



First Place
entered by Claude Carpenter



Second Place
entered by Kelly Riggs

Dennis Calbreath Photography Contest (cont)

Best Photo of a Single Bloom



First Place
'Cliffjumper' (Gossard, 2017)
entered by Claude Carpenter



Second Place
'Little Donny Darko' (Cochenour, 2010)
Entered by Michelle Thomas

Best Photo of a Small/Miniature Bloom



First Place
'Bumble Bee Merrily' (Pierce-G., 2016)
entered by Kathy Fowler



Second Place
'Bob on My Mind' (Elliott-D., 2019)
entered by Claude Carpenter

Best Photo of a Seedling



First Place
Seedling entered by Elaine Kelley



Second Place
Seedling entered by Diana Waldrop

Best Photo of Nature in the Garden



First Place
Wasp on 'Ta-Dah' (Brooks-BB, 2007)
entered by Selena Bonner



Second Place
Praying Mantis on 'Hello Screamer' (Hansen-D., 2003)
entered by Michelle Thomas

2023 Popularity Poll Results

Most Popular in Region 5



'Blowing Pinwheels' (Fowler-K., 2020)
Kathy Fowler Photo

2nd Place



'Lil' Black Buds' (Begnaud, 2009)
Claude Carpenter Photo

3rd Place



'Italian Summer' (Bell-T., 2018)
Tim Bell Photo

4th Place



'Off to See the Wizard' (Herrington-K., 2009)
Claude Carpenter Photo

5th Place



'Breathing in Snowflakes' (Douglas-H., 2016)
Claude Carpenter Photo

6th Place



'One Eyed Dragon' (Fowler-B., 2020)
Claude Carpenter Photo

7th Place



'Tim Herrington' (Elliott-S., 2014)
Claude Carpenter Photo

8th Place



'Bubbling Crude' (Clinard, 2017)
Dave Richardson Photo

Complete 2023 Region 5 Popularity Poll Results

Note: To refresh everyone's memory, in 2020 the AHS Board of Directors voted to do away with the AHS Popularity poll that had been held for over 50 years and sponsored by the society. As a result, we don't have a Popularity Poll section in our AHS daylily shows anymore that can compete for an AHS Rosette. Region 5 voted to sponsor our own popularity poll. This is Region 5's second popularity poll.

Blowing Pinwheels 29 votes

Lil Black Buds 26 votes

Italian Summer 24 votes

Off to see the Wizard 20 votes

Breathing In Snowflake 16 votes

One Eyed Dragon 15 votes

Tim Herrington 14 votes

Bubbling Crude 13 votes

Opa Klaus 12 votes

Talquin's Broken Arrow 12 votes

Elva White Grow 12 votes.

Clyde Reese Jr 11 votes

Thomas Tew 11 votes

Spacecoast Francis Busby 11 votes

Simply Katen 10 votes

Here's to You Bill Robinson 10 votes

Southern French Toast 8 votes

Peacock's Pride 7 votes

Viva Glam Girl 7 votes

Spacecoast Scarlet Desire 6 votes

Dixieland Five 6 votes

Hazel Wilson 6 votes

Native American 6 votes

Talquin's Sangria 5 votes

Cherokee Mary 5 votes

Spiral Distraction 2 votes

The Blessing Garden

A Testimony to the Goodness of God and the Kindness of Our Daylily Community

By Selena Bonner

Daylilies have been a part of the Bonner family for over thirty years. My father-in-law, Ron Bonner, and my mother-in-law, Pat Bonner, owned and operated Patron Gardens, in Albany, Georgia. Their garden was recognized as an American Daylily Society Display Garden, and they were one of the tour gardens during the 2010 ADS National Convention. They loved daylilies, but they loved people more. Ron and Pat served the daylily community at the local and regional level, and they were known for their service, kindness, and generosity. They maintained a successful and thriving daylily business for many years. Unfortunately, Ron was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in late 2013. However, Ron and Pat continued to live life to the fullest and remained active in their business and in the daylily community for several more years. Sadly, Ron's disease progressed and resulted in the downsizing of their garden and business. Later, Pat stopped running their business and took a break from their daylily activities to focus solely on his care. In May 2021, Ron departed for his heavenly home.

My husband, Allen, and I have been associated with daylilies since we got married. At first, we appreciated their beauty in his parent's garden. As their business grew, we began to help them in the garden and with the business. We worked with them until we moved to Alabama in 2006. A few years later, Allen fell in love with daylilies as he helped his parents get the garden ready for the national convention. We considered starting a daylily business of our own, but the timing was not right. In the meantime, we decided to grow daylilies as a hobby. In 2020, we moved back to Georgia to be close to family. In the summer of 2021 after his dad passed away, we decided to restart his parent's daylily business, Patron Gardens, to continue the love and legacy of daylilies. With his mom's blessing and help, we at once began buying daylilies to rebuild inventory, making repairs, and reestablishing the garden. The focus for 2022 was allowing the plants to grow and increase while continuing to make progress in other areas of the garden. In June of this year, Patron Gardens was officially reborn as we had our first daylily sale. The future was bright and full of promise and hope.

It was an ordinary summer day in July. Allen had the day off from his regular auto parts job

which meant he was available to work in our garden. On his "To Do" list this day was the maintenance task of spraying. Along with our fertilizer program, we regularly spray the daylily garden with fungicide for rust prevention and insecticide for pest prevention. In the months prior, we had seen an increase in nutsedge and other weeds in our in-ground beds. To save time and to complete all his spraying at one time, he chose to add an herbicide to his spray tank to kill the nutsedge. Allen is an experienced and licensed pesticide applicator. It was not an uncommon practice to add an herbicide as needed for weed prevention. Early in the morning, he filled his tank and mixed his chemicals. After several hours of spraying, Allen was cleaning up and putting the chemicals away, and he became alarmed when he read the name on the herbicide bottle – Halomax. At that moment, he realized he made a grave error. He had mistakenly pulled the wrong bottle of herbicide from the shelf and sprayed it all over every daylily in our garden, all 1700+ cultivars, all 3500+ pots, all $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of the in-ground field of daylilies. He was devastated! Allen reached out to a few people in the daylily community to ask if there was anything he could do to reverse the effects of the herbicide. The consensus among them was no. We would have to wait to see how much damage would be done to the plants.



Upper left: Garden prior to spraying with Halomax herbicide.
Below left: After spraying. Right: Current garden photo

This spraying error had catastrophic results on the daylilies. Halomax has the same active ingredient as SedgeHammer, halosulfuron-methyl 75%. This chemical is very toxic to daylilies and results in death of the plant. For the rest of July and the entire month of August, Allen and I helplessly watched most of our plants wither, rot, and die. To watch the progression of death and loss is both gut-wrenching and heartbreaking. To know it was a result of your mistake is emotionally painful. We spent many days grieving and walking in the garden in tears and in utter disbelief something so horrible had happened. Our worst garden nightmare had come true as all our time, energy, and investment were gone. We stood in the garden wondering when the dying would stop, questioning if we will lose more plants over winter, and searching how we take the remnant of what is left and move forward. We stood asking our hearts if we could even rebuild as our future felt dark and hopeless.

During the days of death, Allen and I began to earnestly seek God in prayer for the answers to our questions, to discern our next steps, and to begin our healing. Through this process God began teaching us valuable lessons about surrender, trust, provision, and humility. He challenged us to look within ourselves, to examine our hearts, and to ask ourselves if our daylilies and our business had become an idol in our life. The unfortunate answer to that question was yes. We had put everything we had to give – time, energy, and money – into our garden and business. We had made it our sole hope of provision and a source of pride. We humbled ourselves under this lesson and asked God for forgiveness for putting our hope, trust, and faith in our garden and ourselves for provision and not in Him. We began praying for God to “revive the remnant” remaining in the garden.

In early September I was out cutting grass. As I rode around the property I was praying and talking to God in my heart. I felt prompted by God to share our story. He impressed upon my heart that He cannot get the glory if I do not share the story. I kept praying and listening. Then, He nudged my heart again and said, “This season will be marked by kindness.” Unsure of how that would happen, I tucked those words away in my heart and continued mowing. When I turned back toward the garden, I spotted a big red bloom at the end of the large area we call the Mega Bed. The bloom was surrounded by pots with green foliage. My heart leapt. I quickly began riding toward that area, and suddenly, I heard within my spirit God say, “What you once despised is now your remnant of hope!” Oh, how I was convicted! See, this area with-



‘Precious Seed’ (Shooter, 2007) growing in the the large pots Allen’s parents had saved from the original garden. Allen had not sprayed these pots.

in the Mega Bed contained the last pots Allen’s parents had from the original garden. We had sequestered the pots at the end of Mega Bed because they were plagued with weeds. These pots became a source of frustration for Allen, and he threatened on multiple occasions to “throw them in the burn pile.” We had become accustomed to ignoring the old pots, thus Allen did not spray this area of daylilies. When I arrived at the Mega Bed, I walked into the green foliage. I stood in the middle of this life, and I praised God for it. I repented for taking these pots, our legacy, for granted. Since the spraying accident, we had been so focused on the death across the garden that we did not notice the life that was right in front of us. I took a photograph of the red bloom, and as I leaned in, I saw its name, ‘Precious Seed’ (Shooter, 2007). Immediately, I was reminded about faith. I recalled the verse about having a small amount of faith, as little as a mustard seed, can do remarkable things. With an amazed heart, I returned to mowing. A few minutes later, I stopped again to take notes as God was filling my heart with instructions on rebuilding from the remnant, moving forward, and trusting Him. He shared specific instructions for replenishing the daylilies in the garden to support evidence that He is the only one responsible for restoration. Again, I stored His words in my heart to share later with Allen and Pat. I resumed cutting grass.

The lawn mower broke down before I could finish cutting the yard. This forced stop gave me time to walk through the garden before dark. As I walked through the in-ground daylily beds, I noticed some green sprouts of foliage around the base of the previously dead foliage. While I continued walking, I saw sprouts of green leaves in places where there

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The Blessing Garden (continued)



Some signs of life in the garden

were once no signs of life, only bare dirt. I continued my walk across the garden, and I saw more small signs of life. When Allen came home, I excitedly showed him all I had discovered in the garden and told him everything God shared with me. Even though we began to see signs of life in the garden, it was not the end of death. Through September, we continued to watch as some of the plants we thought were going to live, die.

Several days later we received a shipment of daylilies to grow for the Albany Daylily Society, our local club. When Allen got home from work, it was raining which delayed planting until evening. These daylilies would be the first ones planted since ours had died. While Allen was planting the club's daylilies, a complete rainbow appeared over-arching the garden. To us, it was affirmation that God has His hand upon our situation, and He is working for our good and His glory. I was reminded He cannot get the glory if people do not know the story.



A complete rainbow appeared over the garden while Allen was planting the club's daylilies, reaffirming that God has His hand in the situation.

Late one night, while writing our story to share it on our Patron Gardens page on Facebook, I received a text message from a daylily friend of ours in north Georgia. He said he heard that we had a problem with our daylilies, and he would send us some plants. I was surprised by his message and offer, and I wept as I recalled the statement God shared with me, "This season will be marked by kindness." Now, I understood what He meant. I finished writing our story and posted it to our page. After I posted, I received a notification from a different daylily page that the same friend shared about the spraying accident in our garden to another Facebook page. I heard in my spirit, "Build beds." See, over the summer Allen and I had been slowly building raised beds in the garden. These beds were supposed to hold our divisions from lining out daylilies in the fall. However, since we had the spraying accident, we stopped building the raised beds because we no longer had any plants to divide. With this prompting of "Build beds," we resumed building them in obedience as we were led.

The following day I began receiving messages from people who read about our story that was shared on Facebook by our north Georgia daylily friend. People messaged with words of encouragement and with their prayers. Many people messaged us wanting our address to send us daylilies. They wanted to help replenish the plants we had lost. With each message I wept. I wept at God's sign of kindness. I wept at the thoughtfulness and generosity of friends and strangers. I wept because in my heart I knew there was more happening than just offers of daylilies. God was doing something more meaningful. He was using compassion and kindness to minister to us and to strengthen the hearts of the people. God was showing us He cares. He cares about every detail of our lives from trivial things like daylilies to important things like hearts.

Over the next several weeks as people heard about our story, we continued to receive more offers to give us gift plants. Allen and I were overwhelmed by the willingness of others to help us and by their extraordinary generosity. It was extremely challenging for us to wrap our mind and heart around such kindness and to accept the blessings as receiving plants was never our expectation. I only shared our story out of obedience to what I was led to do by God. Our only expectations were prayer and encouragement. We had to learn to let others be obedient to God's prompting and to let them be a blessing. We had to learn to receive. Receiving is a humbling place to be. We could understand people wanting to help if the daylilies were lost due to a natural disaster. But when you are responsible for the disaster, there is



Care packages from friends all over the USA

embarrassment and shame attached. Those emotions lead to the feeling that you are not worthy of help. A friend of mine explained to me we all make mistakes, but mistakes do not equal unworthiness. She expressed even though we may be responsible for the error, God still showed up, and He is redeeming your situation through the kindness and blessings of others.

Allen and I are often asked how much of our daylily inventory was lost. In the beginning, we would give an estimate of the loss percentage. However, the estimate constantly changed as we discovered more plants had died. So, we decided to stop trying to measure and estimate the loss. To us, it became unimportant as we believed the greater the loss, the greater the opportunity for God to receive glory. We believe the severely damaged plants that survived and the new growth we see to be an act of God and an answer to our prayers to “revive the remnant.” When we began cleaning up the dead foliage, many pots appeared lifeless. However, we discovered a firmness beneath the soil. We believe this firmness is a sign of new growth to come. Initially, our desire is to do as we always do and clean up the garden, remove empty pots, and consolidate. However, we resist the urge to purge, and we embrace patience. We feel strongly that we are not to disturb any plants, living or “sleeping,” and to let the daylilies rest until spring. We believe God is still working in our garden. We trust Him to continue to bring forth life from death. In the meantime, we wait with expectation and excitement for God’s provision. We are no longer concerned with loss as we are focused on life.

Through the years, Ron and Pat always talked about how wonderful the daylily community is and how they are like family. Allen and I have been around long enough to know they are genuinely good people. During this challenging time in our garden, we are getting to expe-



Care Package of pots

rience how wonderful daylily people are firsthand. We have quickly learned that when they offer to replace your plants, they truly mean it. They are sincerely willing and wanting to help you. To this date, we have received 20 “care packages” of daylilies containing around 295 cultivars totaling about 944 double fans. These love offerings from our daylily family are now growing in 6 raised beds and in over 200 pots affectionately called the “Blessing Beds and Blessing Pots.” Each one is labeled with a special blue sticker to remind us of the kindness of friends. We have also received gifts of companion plants and various seeds. We have been overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness, compassion, and generosity of the daylily community. We appreciate and cherish every hug, call, message, card, text, email, monetary donation, seed, and plant we have received. This season of hardship and how our daylily family rallied around us to help us will never be forgotten. With all our heart, we thank you, and may you be blessed abundantly for your kindness.



The Blessing Beds

COBB COUNTY DAYLILY SOCIETY

Remembering 20 Wonderful Years

By Bill Waldrop

Has it really been 20 incredible years that we have been a daylily club?

I look back over two decades, and I can hardly believe the distance we have travelled. Diana reminds me that we had our “Organizational Meeting” on August 16, 2004. We met at the Marietta Garden Center and talked about forming our club. Jack and Cynthia Rigsby were there, as well as David and Camilla Arthur, Marlee Price, and Glenn and Yvonne McKinney. We all thought that Cobb County had a sufficiently large population such that it could support a club that would give more attention to God’s greatest creation in flowers: the daylily! And so, it all began.

The names of our initial members is a long list. Everyone paid dues of \$20.00, and we had over 40 initial members. We still have copies of the checks these members used to pay their dues when they joined, and we consider everyone who joined the club in 2004-2005 as initial members.

Although our organizational meeting was at the Garden Center, we all thought that we could not pay the amount that they charged to rent their space because our finances included only our dues payments. The discussion then became, “Where will we meet?” Our difficulty was solved

by our Pastor, Rev. Sam Storey, at Marietta First United Methodist Church. Pastor Sam suggested that we use our Sunday School room at no cost, and a few years later it was agreed that the cost for each meeting would be only \$25.00. Today, we still meet in our Sunday School room where we are privileged to have visual equipment, plenty of room, and easy access. We still meet the same time: At 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. Over the past 20 years our Church has been our home, both in faith and in day-lilies!

Of course, our club became a member of both the American Daylily Society (ADS) and Region 5. At our first meeting Harold McDonell gave our program. Over the years Harold has served as the President of Region 5 and Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta, and Harold is known for his introduction, **‘Mary’s Gold’** (McDonell-H., 1984), which he introduced in 1984, and which has earned both the Honorable Mention and the Award of Merit. Harold’s program was outstanding and got our club off to a good start.

Our club is very glad that the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta helped us get organized. For example, our Constitution and our By-Laws are much like those of the Atlanta Club, and since 2004 we have had only one amendment.

An early issue for us was whether we should have an “ADS sanctioned daylily show.” Gerald Johnson wanted our club to have a real daylily show, so Gerald was chosen to be our show chair, and our work began. Our first show took place at the North Metro Technical College in Acworth, Georgia. I remember that we had a meal where everyone brought casseroles, and desserts and drinks and it was just the most delicious lunch. Having a daylily show really focuses a club on its purpose. I do recall that my **‘Mimosa Umbrella’** (Hendricks-W., 1984) won Best in Show. I was so pleased. I was particularly pleased that we all worked so well together to make the show a success.

Our daylily shows continue to be important and we have held a show every year since our club began. Indeed, for the years 2012 - 2014 we joined the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta and had a joint show held at the Galleria



Jamie Gossard giving presentation during our meeting in April 2022.

The same room has been used for the past 20 years



Scene from our joint show between Cobb County and Greater Atlanta clubs in 2014



Jim Mullins with his stash of blue ribbons in the 2022 Show



Luke Van de Vate with his best youth rosette in 2014 Show

Mall in Atlanta. We were all so glad to work with the Atlanta club because our joint efforts produced the largest and best daylily show in our country. We also planned the shows to combine with events at the Galleria where both clubs could sell daylilies. This allowed the shows to pay for themselves. Plus, we had delicious lunches in the Gal-

leria where we thanked our Judges and announced the daylilies that won Awards. I would note that one of my seedlings, **'Irish Halo'** (Waldrop, 2009) won Best in Show in 2013. Our shows always displayed more than 400 daylilies, and were always reported by our local newspaper, The Marietta Daily Journal.



2015 National Convention Logo

Another event that really helped our club grow in membership was to have tours of our members' daylily gardens. I remember that one garden we visited was Camilla's Garden, across the street from our house, and Diana took a cut daylily scape from one of our daylilies, and then showed it to Camilla, telling her that she really liked it and was taking it home. Camilla was *aghast!* Thinking Diana had cut one of her daylilies. But then we always had fun like this whenever we would have daylily events.

Another thing we did was to have a "Region 5 Spring Regional" in Marietta in the year 2011. We all stayed at the Marietta Conference Center, and we advertised that it was the very best, brand new hotel here in Cobb County. That the Conference Center even served a breakfast

offering over 112 choices, and that it had an extraordinary chef who would fix an omelet of your choice. Our gardens were spectacular and many of our Region 5 members suggested that our gardens were so good that we could sponsor a National Convention, which we did jointly with the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta in 2015. It was such an outstanding Convention that Oliver Billingslea from the Montgomery, Alabama club wrote in the Daylily Journal that it was the best Convention he had ever attended.



Granddaughter Lily with her first purple ribbon

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Our Bus Trip to Florida Mecca in 2016

COBB COUNTY DAYLILY SOCIETY (continued)

I would add that in 2023 our club had 18 members who attended the ADS National Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. I had to take two pictures to show everyone from our club who was there.

We also found that taking a bus tour over 3 or 4 days was a great way for our members to form bonding and lasting relationships. Indeed, we took trips to Orlando and through the State of Alabama. We were able to get to know each other and so we have had an enduring and caring relationships.

We also continue to have “club picnics” in September, and we have always had a Christmas party in December. At our club picnics we have a great dinner with so many choices and so well prepared. We always buy the chicken, usually at Publix, because their chicken is always so good. And of course, we sell some daylilies to each other, at bargain prices, and we have a “point-system” where our daylilies are purchased using the points we have earned while working for our club over the past year. David Bishop is always our very entertaining auctioneer, and over the last 20 years we have never had any rain or inclement weather to interfere with our picnics.

At our picnics we always take a club picture. This year’s picture of our club shows we have 35 members present, and our President, Matt Kent, presented Gail Knight with the “President’s Cup” for outstanding service to our Club. Gail is our club secretary. Club membership for 2023 is 54 members.

When we had our first Christmas Party in 2005, we had accumulated so much money in our treasury that we told Glenn and Yvonne McKinney, who hosted our party at



Cobb County Daylily Society club picnic in 2016

their beautiful home, that they should buy whatever they wanted, without any budget, and the only requirement was that our Christmas Party would be the very best. They served beef tenderloins, many side items, and desserts that were amazing. Being in our daylily club brings benefits!

This year our club Christmas party will be at 4:00 p.m. on December 3 at the Hardage Trace Clubhouse. We are having beef brisket and ham and many vegetable casseroles, and several tasty desserts. Can't wait! Always a great way to start the Christmas season.

I just could not let the time pass without writing about the real joy we have had in our Cobb County Daylily Club. We have made lifetime friends and we made Cobb County into a “Daylily County”!



David Arthur and Glenn McKinney preparing dinner during the club's first Christmas Party in 2005



What Time Is It? It's Time for Answer Man

by Tim Herrington



It is time once again for Answer Man, my most requested column. Let's get right to the mailbox.

Dear Answer Man: What is the difference between a diploid and a tetraploid? *Howard I. No*

Answer Man: \$100.00.

Dear Answer Man: I live in a suburban subdivision and recently planted some daylilies in my front yard because I was out of space in my back yard. I have been sent two notices that I was being fined because plants with metal signs were not in compliance with the homeowner's association. Now I have second thoughts about living here. What should I do? *Ayma Dommy*

Answer Man: It is shameful one must trade their liberty and self-respect for groups like this. Here are two answers; (1) Take the signs down and get some pretty rocks and paint the name of the daylily on the rock and place it by the daylily or (2) I don't know when exactly that UFO landed and unloaded all those stupid people in that association, but you might also consider packing up and moving before you become one of them.

Dear Answer Man: My neighbor thought I was weird because one night late I was in the garden looking at blooms for the next day with a flashlight. Is there any way I can do that without drawing attention? *Manny Outlandish*

Answer Man: That is easy Manny. Get you a pair of night vision military goggles with super magnification for those nighttime jaunts of yours. Your neighbor will never know you are outside.



Dear Answer Man: Why do some folks call daylilies lilies? I just don't understand why. *Gene E. Yuss*

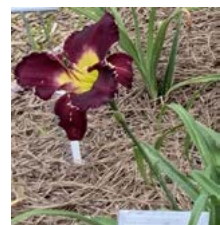
Answer Man: Remember those people that call a daylily a lily love the same flower you do, so they are not stupid. However, calling our favorite flower lilies is like calling Einstein Al. Don't worry about it for life's too short because a few minutes wasted regularly can amount to over a year within a decade.

Dear Answer Man: A friend at work always asks me how my daylily bulbs are doing. I get tired of telling him they are not bulbs but have fibrous or cord-like roots. What should I do? *Fed Upson*

Answer Man: Dear Fed, just wave the white flag and go along with your work friend and let him call them bulbs. Remember you cannot reason people out of a position that they did not reason themselves into.

Dear Answer Man: I am constantly fighting and pulling weeds. Why are weeds so hard to get rid of? *Ben Dover*

Answer Man: Because they have mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.



Dear Answer Man: I love hybridizing. I have a seedling that I think is just gorgeous. How can I determine if it has distinction? *Paul N. Ater*

Answer Man: If you don't have to go past the number four to determine the official bud

count, then it's not distinctive. Unless the color is a solid REAL blue self.

Dear Answer Man: I have just been elected President of our daylily club. Any Advice? *Justin Sane*

Answer Man: I was a club president once and enjoyed it, but folks did say I was indecisive, but I don't know about that. Don't worry you'll do good and remember to use as your motto, the song, "Enjoy Yourself, It's Later Than You Think."

Dear Answer Man: How did a pea-headed birdbrain like you ever get to write a daylily advice column? What gives you the right to comment about daylily growers' concerns? *Cy Kosis*

Answer Man: I assumed all daylily folks were pleasant, but I guess I was wrong. Calling you stupid would be an insult to stupid people. You need some love, so I am mailing you a special hourglass. You see love is like this hourglass; once you turn it over your heart will start filling up with love as your brain empties.

Dear Answer Man: I am confused on how to tell if you are growing daylilies okay. Everything seems so scientific I read or hear. Is there an easier way to know? *Chuck L. Head*

Answer Man: The answer is the 2 W's. If you have weeds and worms growing in your beds than that is a good indicator you are growing them well.

Dear Answer Man: I am an unsuccessful kite flyer and now interested in doing aerial photography with my daylilies. Might I ask what is a 'dronie'? *Sum Ting Wong*

Answer Man: Dear Mr. Wong, instead of 'selfies,' daylily drone owners are now trying to take 'dronies'- a selfie with their drones which is an innovative form of aerial photography. I would strongly suggest learning how to use a drone first and practice a lot. It's not easy. During my first attempt, my drone went off course and landed in my neighbor's yard. He was not friendly at all nor a plant buff. He threatened to get the Sheriff to arrest me for violation of local trespass laws, anti-stalking laws, peeping Tom laws and unlawful surveillance.

Dear Answer Man: Do you think it should be mandatory to wear hats on garden tours on sunny days? *Gary Baldy*

Answer Man: Yes, especially if they have neat messages on them for others to enjoy such as Plant Manager, I Dig Daylilies, or You're Never Too Old to Play in the Dirt.



Dear Answer Man: What type of 'To Do' list would make a daylily grower enjoy a little relaxation? *Woody U. No*

Answer Man: (1) Start the morning off with a cup of coffee (2) Call a daylily friend and talk dayllies (3) Look at blooms most of the morning (4) Take pictures with your new Iphone. But seriously and eventually you will have to put a lot of sweat equity in your garden or it will look like the jungle where Tarzan lives.

Until next time, this is **Answer Man**, saying thank you and keep those cards and letters coming. Remember a daylily garden is a friend you can visit anytime.

Using Bridge Plants? Yes or No!

By Bruce Kovach

Bridge plants, are they important? Some hybridizers won't use them, while others do.

I should first explain what a bridge plant is. A bridge plant is a hybridized plant that doesn't have all the characteristics that a hybridizer must have to introduce that flower. It might not open properly or have enough bud count or other characteristics. But it might have some trait that the hybridizer wants to put into his/her line and use those genetics to add a special characteristic.

For example, when hybridizers were trying to convert diploids to tetraploids, they produced some HORRIBLE-looking things. Way in the past, I talked to Steve Moldovan, a very successful hybridizer from northern Ohio. At a young age, Steve became friends with the great master Bill Munson and they committed to advancing the tetraploids to get them past the SUPER ugly ones that Bill and Ida Munson, Virginia Peck, James Marsh, and Steve Moldovan had produced so far in the 1960's and 1970's. (Note: the first tetraploid daylily was created in 1947.)

They crossed thousands and thousands of "bridge" plants to improve the color, texture, form, or other characteristics of the tetraploids that are out there today. The old saying goes that the "hybridizers of today stand on the shoulders of the past great hybridizers." I surely agree with that quote! Well, the daylilies of today stand on the shoulders of the millions of the ones in the past.

I for one think bridge plants are very important to bringing new traits or colors to daylily forms. The first part of this article is to look at how some bridge plants have been used to make advances in my program. I am SURE that my program would no way be as advanced as it is now without them.

I will use some examples of how and why I used them to improve my existing lines at that time to what I have introduced as of today and plenty of new ones that will be introduced very shortly.

When I started my hybridizing program in central Michigan I went around the country and also used the "Daylily Digest Robin" and bought, traded, and begged for almost every double people recommended that I obtain "to get doubles to bloom double 100% of the time in the North". Well, that first summer I crossed almost everything to everything to try and find out the hardiest doubles and the ones that would double at least 50 percent of the time in the north. I produced over 3000 seeds that first summer. That Fall, David Kirchoff offered to let me grow my newly produced seeds in his garden to give me a great start with my goal. In the spring I moved the seedlings to Michigan and those new seedlings were 3 to 4 fans by fall in Michigan, I was thrilled. I was thinking that I was taking big steps in getting



'Computer Virus' (Kovach, 2012)



'I Miss You' (Kovach, 2007)

a fast start on my goal. Over their first winter in Michigan, I lost over 70% of those seedlings. Those surviving that cold winter were not attractive, but a few had good doubling. I continued to use those bridge plants to make some inroads towards my goal over the next 5 years. Here are a few of my introductions from my Michigan hybridizing program that doubled almost 100% of the time.

In order they are **‘Computer Virus’** (Kovach, 2012), **‘Walking Hand in Hand’** (Kovach, 2005) and **‘I Miss You’** (Kovach, 2007).

When I moved to Georgia 15 years ago, I had to drop that goal and find new goals since I could not see how my seedlings would do in Michigan anymore. Over the next five-plus years my program floundered, not having a true goal or direction. During that time, I became good friends with Lee Pickles. He was well known for producing the best red single flowers. He had a large greenhouse and he had helped me copy his waterbed methods to grow my seedlings from seed to bloom in 10 months. Lee was a great mentor. We talked for hours about how to find a direction and find something different that was missing from daylilies during that time.

Taking his direction to find something missing from the marketplace, I had previously heard and purchased a double from Florida called **‘Twice the Bite’** (Henry, 2008) that I found not as hardy as I would like here in northern Georgia. At the 2014 ADS National Convention I saw a guest plant from Wisconsin called **‘Prickly All Over’** (Kleckner, 2014) that also had a lot of teeth and since it was from Wisconsin it would be hardy.

I was able to get a piece of it a couple of years after it was introduced. I decided to pursue getting teeth on doubles in all colors that would be hardy in most of the USA and hopefully Canada.

I was determined to create beautiful toothy doubles that would be hardy in most of the USA and Canada. Well, I kept my toothy double program secret from most of the hybridizers so that I could try and make progress and maybe get ahead of them in my development.

The first year I produced a few saw/bubbly edge doubles such as bridge plant (seedling) 7050. Not worthy of introduction because it had a very poor bud count; but it carried potential. Also, bridge plant (seedling) 7062 which had a few decent teeth but didn’t have enough doubling for me to introduce. I used both of them to create better toothy doubles. (Hundreds were discarded by the way)

The following year using **‘Twice the Bite’** crossed to **‘Prickly All Over’** they produced seedling 8063 (Later introduced as **‘One Thorny Devil’** (Kovach, 2022)). It had many teeth and



‘One Thorny Devil’ (Kovach, 2022)



Bridge Plant 7050



Bridge Plant 7062

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Using Bridge Plants? (continued)

a pleasant Orange/Red color. It was a great parent, but it didn't bloom double all the time: it is gorgeous when it does. I introduced it so that other hybridizers could use its genetics to improve their toothy doubles program. It was tested in Ohio, and it was definitely hardy. It had the flaw of not blooming double a high percentage of the time.

At the same time (2015) I had asked Lee Pickles if he ever had any great red singles that may have shown an extra petal, even some of the time. He couldn't remember any, but the following bloom season he found the following seedling (bridge plant) with ONE extra petal that I felt had everything except it didn't properly double but I knew by the extra petal that it had the recessive doubling gene, and I wanted to see if it would pass on its fantastic deep red color with the deep green eye to my dull red doubles that I had produced so far. Shown to the right is a photo of that seedling.

That gorgeous red from Lee Pickles drastically improved the clear bold colors in my doubles. Using that as a bridge plant I crossed it with some dull red doubles and their progeny produced my recent introduction **'The Perfect Rose'** (Kovach, 2022) (picture to the right).

Now taking **'The Perfect Rose'** and crossing it to my **'One Thorny Devil'** created one of my favorite doubles **'My Friend Red'** (Which was named for my wife "Pat" who has red hair.) It has it all, the great red color from Lee Pickles lines and the great teeth from a Florida introduced flower crossed to a Wisconsin introduced flower. By the way, **'My Friend Red'** reblooms for me 3 times here in northern Georgia and I don't know which line of parents brought forward that trait.

Now looking back at the parentage of **'The Perfect Rose'** and **'One Thorny Devil'** you can see the influence of using bridge plants that will NEVER be introduced to add significant traits to future generations of daylilies.

Hopefully, those of you who do not hybridize can see how hybridizers make progress using bridge plants.

For the hybridizers out there, don't be afraid to use a bridge plant that has a wonderful trait that you would like to add to your lines.

Hopefully, you weren't bored reading this article. Before I hybridized, I was always curious about how a hybridizer created a certain daylily. Hopefully, you can review this article to give you an insight into the progress you can make using bridge plants in just a few generations.

Have fun, hug your friends and family.

Happy Hanukkah and Merry Christmas.



Lee Pickles' Seedling



'The Perfect Rose' (Kovach, 2022)



'My Friend Red' (Kovach, 2022)



Region 5 Winter Meeting 2024



Meeting Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Meeting location: Haynesville First Baptist Church, 2953 US-341, Hawkinsville, GA 31036.

A Registration/Lunch Fee of \$30 or 'No Lunch Registration' of \$15 per person will be charged for this meeting. A registration form is provided at the bottom of this page.

Proposed Agenda/Times as follows:

8:45 AM: Registration Opens

9:00 AM: Line up for Daylily Sales Table (to be determined)

9:15 AM: Daylily Sales Tables Open, 'The Georgia Daylily' sales table open

10:00 AM: Call to order, Officer/Chair reports, Club news, New Business

10:45 AM: **Guest Speaker: Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Garden**

11:45 PM: Lunch - prepared by the Ladies of Haynesville First Baptist Church

12:30 PM: Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Auction and Auction of your donations – Daylilies, Crafts, Yard Art, etc.

1:20 PM: Clean up

NOTE: "The Georgia Daylily" fund raising table needs your donations. Daylilies, companion plants, garden art, etc. are always welcome and appreciated!!

Registration Form – please print!

Name: _____ **Email:** _____

attending for lunch x \$30 _____

attending, not having lunch x \$15 _____

(We need to know how many handouts to prepare.)

NOTE: Register by January 15th and you'll be eligible for a drawing of a \$100 daylily - -

**** Send this registration form and check (payable to AHS Region 5) before January 21st to:**

Joann Stewart, 2300 Simonton Bridge Rd., Watkinsville, GA, 30677

You may contact Joann at (706) 424-1079 or Simontonbr@aol.com



Region 5's Club



Albany Daylily Society

Selena Bonner Reporter

The Albany Daylily Society flourished this summer with daylily growth, new members, and blossoming friendships. We welcomed several guests to our meetings and had two new members join our club. We look

forward to serving our community with them and building lifelong friendships.

In July, our club hosted our friend and guest speaker Winfred Huff from Backyard Daylilies in Haynesville, Georgia. We learned his garden is “the unofficial daylily bed of Georgia Football” as many of Winfred’s daylily introductions are named in honor of Georgia football players and to commemorate the team’s wins. His presentation was informative and contained many photos of his beautiful daylilies and new intros. Winfred and his wife, Janie, shared stories with us and gave away several daylilies during their presentation. We enjoyed having them visit our club.

At our August meeting, we set the date for our 40th Annual Daylily Show and Plant Sale in 2024. The show and sale will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the American Legion Post #30 on Gillionville Road in Albany, Georgia. In August, we enjoyed a presentation from club members, David and Regina Richardson from Indian Camp Daylilies in Nashville, Georgia. It was great to hear their story and to get to know David better as he will be the new Region 5 President beginning in 2024. David shared many tips on hybridizing, growing, and caring for

daylilies. His presentation included many wonderful photos of his beautiful garden, daylilies, and future introductions. A plant auction was held with daylilies provided by Indian Camp Daylilies. We are excited about the future of daylilies with David’s leadership.

At the September meeting, our club elected the new officers for the 2024-2025 terms. They are President Selena Bonner, 1st Vice President Kaye Fearneyhough, 2nd Vice President Ronnie Fowler, Treasurer Allen Bonner, and Secretary Linda Stokes. Our guest speakers in September were club members, Allen and Selena Bonner of Patron Gardens in Albany, GA. They shared their story about how their family daylily business began with Allen’s parents, Ron and Pat Bonner, and how they are honoring his parent’s legacy and continuing their business. Their presentation contained photos of the garden from years past as well as photos showing the stages of rebuilding and photos from this year’s bloom season. They also gave away fall themed gifts to the members.

The October meeting will be the annual member point auction held to reward the members for their service during the year. This year’s auction features daylilies from hybridizers Charles and Heidi Douglas, Dan Hansen, Bruce and Kathy Fowler, and Winfred Huff.

The Albany Daylily Society meets on the third Saturday of the month at 11 AM at the American Legion Post #30 on Gillionville Rd. in Albany, GA. For more club news and information, follow us on Facebook at Albany Hemerocallis Society.



Activities



Central Georgia Daylily Club

Jan Adair and Jean Stevens Reporters

On September 12, our club was treated to a spaghetti supper including salad, bread, and desserts. Club

members Suzi Troxell, Sharon Carr, Jean Stevens, and Jan Adair prepared the meal at the Calvary Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in McIntyre, Georgia. Joe Watson played hymns on the piano. After a brief meeting, Jack Brock presented an "Encouragement" program - needed tools for successful grooming of blooms for shows and other tips. A daylily auction was held afterwards. All enjoyed a splendid evening. Our club decided to have daytime meetings in the future.

On October 7, our club had 5 representatives to the Region 5 meeting in Haynesville which were Joe and Janet Watson, Jack Brock, Jean Stevens, and Jan Adair. On October 10, our club met at the First Baptist Church in Gordon, Georgia for a potluck meal and daylily auction. We had 2 guests. Joe Watson was the auctioneer, and a fun time was enjoyed. Membership dues and sales receipts were collected. Bill Sheppard was recognized for his work as Treasurer of our club.

Our last meeting of 2023 will be at AJs Wings in Milledgeville in November. We wish all clubs Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.



Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

Vicki Alsup Reporter

Show season has ended but the work in the gardens hasn't but we did take a little time out for an afternoon. We had our Summer Bash at the home of Mark and Patty Franklin and enjoyed

some delicious food and some socializing amongst great friends who just happen to share a love of daylilies. Our September meeting was our MAPs meeting where we

had some beautiful daylilies that were auctioned off and members could use the points they had earned all year to help purchase them. We announced the winners of the public voting sections from our June show and elected the following officers for the 2024-25 year: President – Bruce Alsup, Vice President – Viki Breeland, Secretary – Nanci Griggs, Treasurer – Anita Wilson and Parliamentarian – Virgil Herndon.



Cobb County Daylily Society

Diana Waldrop Reporter

It was Picnic time and ARMS Auction time for our Daylily Club. We enjoyed the late afternoon and evening event at Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens. The weather was perfect, we had a wonderful meal and lots of daylilies to purchase using our points that were awarded because of the work that our members did for our Club. This year we purchased plants from Will Marchant, who is leaving the daylily business and plans a retirement move to another country. We also thank Katie Lou Green who donated plants for auction and for sale. We also had Three Raffles which included two of Bill Waldrop's 2023 Introductions and a special hummingbird house wood carving done by our President, Matt Kent. Before the auction began, we gave the most prestigious award, the President's Cup, to our wonderful and efficient Secretary, Gail Knight. She has worked hard for us and is a most deserving candidate. Congratulations to our friend, Gail! Once again, we talked David Bishop (it wasn't hard to do) into being our Auctioneer. As usual, David did an outstanding job and was quite entertaining. Our next meeting will be on November 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Our guest speakers will be David and Doris Bishop. We look forward to hearing about their garden experiences. This is a program you don't want to miss.



Gail Knight being presented the Presidents Cup by President Matt Kent.



2023 group photo of club members



Annual picnic cake



Heart of Georgia Daylily Society

Wanda Willis, Reporter

Greetings everyone from the Heart of Georgia Daylily Society. Last April we kept hearing and saying, "When will spring and daylily season get here". Well, it got here, and everyone enjoyed the daylily blooms.

We toured some of the members' gardens and a few others. Well, they are gone now, and we have been busy with the usual fall garden chores. We wish everyone in Region 5 a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Until next time!



Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society

Pam Snellgrove Reporter

CVDS met on July 8 in our new location on Hilton Avenue in Columbus at the International Friendship Ministries (IFM). Our speaker was Terese Goodson, a Master Gardner and president of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society (Alabama). She talked about how to have color in your garden all year, using a plant chart designed by Anne Waldo as a guide. Afterwards in the business meeting several new members were introduced. Photos were made of each one for the club directories and directories were given to everyone. The treasury report was given. For the benefit of the new members explanations of festival expenses and income, scholarship awards, activities, club schedules, and the importance of joining ADS were explained.

At our September meeting the speaker was Ron Collins, the head of IFM whose facilities we now meet in. He explained the origin, goals, and activities of IFM. They connect with and minister to newcomers to the United States. Our second speaker was Carolyn Reynolds of Co-

lumbus Botanical Gardens. She gave a presentation on



Clubs new meeting facility

vegetable gardening (CBG) and how they do it at CBG. She also reported on the quantity of food they raise and donated to a local food ministry. Afterwards there were discussions about the availability of club tee shirts and an upcoming trip to the garden of Terese Goodson.

The next meeting will be in November. We meet in the odd numbered months and always welcome new members and guests.



Ogeechee Daylily Club

Lynn Shaw Reporter

The Ogeechee Daylily Club has had an exciting quarter. Over the past few years, our club has paired with the local Stilson Elementary School STEM Program. With the help of STEM teacher, Jenny Hendrix, our club assisted the school with new flower boxes and daylilies as part of their pollinator garden. The students also sold daylilies this year from previous years' plants. This project has proved to be a rewarding and educational experience for the young kids and our club. Mrs. Hendrix also spoke at our club meeting to show how the pollinator garden has been used by the students as a teaching aid. The club is looking forward to future projects with the SES STEM Program. We also enjoyed a wonderful program hosted by Royce and Jan Joiner. The duo presented a slideshow of their wonderful garden and shared with the club their tips and techniques for growing beautiful award-winning daylilies. The club will wrap up the year with a Thanksgiving party in November.



Royce and Jan Joiner, hosts, and program presenters at club meeting.



Club President Kevin Mc Clinton and our youngest member Phoenix working in the garden beds at Stilson Elementary School.



Dublin Area Daylily Society

Tim Herrington Reporter

The Dublin Area Daylily Society (DADS) meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Oconee Fall Line Technical College in Dublin. We start our meetings and meal with a prayer by Bill Sheppard. After our always sumptuous meal, our minutes by Secretary, Lana Lott, were approved and e-mailed to everyone before the meeting. Then our Treasurer, Angela Blue, gives us a financial report. After that Chip Wood gives an informative Presidents report.

In July Heather Herrington presented a program on her daylilies and some interesting topics about growing them.

In August we had a program on Hybridizing 101. In it we were shown how to make crosses with great results using fewer seeds.

In September we had our pocket auction to raise money for the upcoming year. President Chip reminded everyone to update the points book since the annual member points auction will be at the next meeting which rewards members for their service during the year.

In October we had our much-anticipated Points Auction conducted by Chip Wood. This year we got daylilies



Smiling DADS members with daylilies purchased using their earned points.

from Wynn's Daylily Garden in Jasper, Florida. Angela and William Blue drove down to Florida to get them and grew them for a year. We had a lot of fun spending our points and getting daylilies. Jack Brock spent the most for a daylily using over 400 points (over \$400) for a daylily.

Our Christmas party will be on the first Monday in December. We have a core group of daylily lovers that are committed to promoting daylilies and welcome everyone, especially new growers and those that love growing plants and just want to see if daylilies are for them.



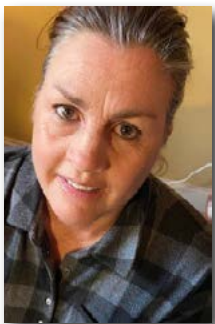
Middle Georgia Daylily Society

Winfred Huff Reporter

As the blooms and beauty of our gardens dwindle, the spirit of a love for the daylily in our club still rises. Though winter will take away our morning garden visits for a taste of beauty, and replace our search with decaying foliage, our anticipation for spring and summer still holds a place in our heart. Old man winter will have to give way to the promise of a new spring. And with that spring, we will be rewarded for our patience. The blooms will return, and once again we will revel in the mass of beauty our be-

loved daylily brings. Our club meeting for September was a picnic at James and Louise Fennell's home. All enjoyed a tasty meal of hamburgers, chips, sweets, and drinks. Bruce and Kathy Fowler shared with us some of their beauties they recently introduced and teased us with their newer introductions.

Our next meeting will be December 2 at the Lion's Club facility in Centerville. We will have our annual Christmas luncheon. Alex and Elizabeth Salter will be with us to share their latest introductions. You are invited to come and share in our club's excitement.



North Georgia Daylily Society

Meloney Higginbotham, Reporter

Fall has arrived but let's not forget to sing praises for all of our daylilies that are continuing to bloom beautifully. Who would have thought after our questionable winter and early spring that this year's bounty of blooms would still be giving us a show this late in the season? The Summer months were filled with three fun gatherings in July, August and September.

For July, we took a field trip to Suzanne Franklin's daylily garden in Dawsonville, GA appropriately named Jungle Paradise Daylilies. After driving down a secluded winding road, you arrive at a very peaceful and calming garden and fields of daylilies that was complete with a beautiful pavilion. The pavilion was perfect for our summer potluck picnic. July picnics always bring the best of fresh garden salads and vegetables, fried chicken and desserts carefully prepared with fresh fruits and all of our members brought their best. Suzanne and her husband have truly done a spectacular job of creating a quiet and beautiful place to escape to and enjoy beautiful flowers. The tour and conversation about daylilies were fabulous. Thank you for your wonderful hospitality.

August brought a visit to our group from Kathy and Bruce Fowler. They never fail to share great advice and tips for making our daylilies and gardens better and bring awesome selections for a mini auction which we all love. Thank you for driving from Moultrie to share your

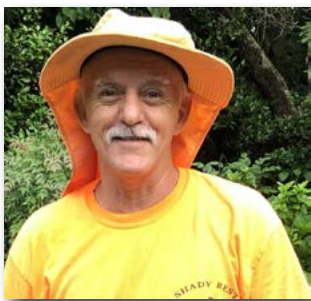
thoughts and your Sunday afternoon with us.

Plant swap.... What does that mean? Well Roger West and Alan Lunsford figured it out and organized a swap of some very interesting plants and flowers from our members' gardens. Hosta, Ferns, Daylilies, Shrubs, and more were all great choices for our members to exchange. And guess what, the only cost was the time to dig your swap plant. A new addition to our gardens is always welcomed. Thanks Alan and Roger! An annual plant swap sounds like it's on the calendar for next year!! Christy McGough thoughtfully put together a welcome basket for our new member Lisa Shepley. Thank you, Christy. Lisa was thrilled.

Our October meeting is a chance for all our hybridizers to show off all their original beauties in our Hybridizer slide show. John Solomon is graciously putting it together because the rest of us suffer from a fear of technology. Thanks John!!!!

November and December will close out 2023 with our favorites, great food, daylily bingo and thieving Santa. Also, it is obvious that everyone is already in prep mode and very excited about spring 2024 and what it will bring to our gardens.

One last note, I have two corrections from the previous reporter's entry. Roger West's Garden is called West Cove Gardens not south. Guess I was directionally challenged. Suzanne Franklin was mentioned as Susan. My apologies.



Northwest Georgia Daylily Society

David Bishop Reporter

The NW Georgia Daylily Society meets each fourth Saturday (except November and December) at the Stiles Auditorium in Cartersville. Guests and new members receive a free daylily! In July we had Charles and Heidi Douglas

as our speakers. They were entertaining and have created some wonderful flowers. Each one of the names of their flowers has a story behind it.

Our August meeting was our annual members' points auction. It rewards club members for all of the work they have done for the club in the last year. This year we had daylilies from the Browns Ferry Gardens, David's Daylilies, Peter Shea, and ones donated by people in our club. Tim and Linda Bell came in September and Tim was his usual funny self. He auctioned off lots of his daylilies. We traveled to our Vice President's farm for our October meeting. VP Brian and Jennifer Crisp grilled hamburgers and Doris brought some fixings. We played Daylily Bingo and gave away gift cards as prizes.



South Georgia Daylily Society

Nancy Perry Reporter

Greetings to our fellow Daylily friends! We are the South Georgia Daylily Society located in Blackshear. Our group meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at First Baptist Church in Blackshear. We

open our evening with a blessing for our meal and then enjoy a delicious, covered dish supper. Next, we move into our business meeting which is conducted by our President Vickie Vincent. Secretary Frances Simmons presents the minutes of our last meeting and Treasurer Bill Cselles presents the financial report. We enjoy a speaker at each of our meetings.

In September we had 14 in attendance and our speaker was Mrs. Susan Stephenson, Garden Center Manager at Lowes in Waycross. Susan has worked at Lowes for 21 years and is always so helpful



Bob Kimbrell presenting Susan Stephenson of Lowes with gift from club.



Bob Kimbrell presenting John Ratliff, local Ag Teacher with gift.

in answering our gardening questions and assisting us in our purchase of plants. Susan shared with us

about the new Southern Living plants they have received at Lowes, and she advised about plants and shrubs that are best for our area. Vice President Bob Kimbrell presented Susan with a gift from our membership for her time with us.

In October with 16 in attendance the group enjoyed a very informative program by John Ratliff, Ag Teacher at Pierce County High School. John is an FFA Advisor at the school. John gave us an overview of what students are being taught in their Ag classes, some of which are Floriculture and Floral Design. He also shared with us about their upcoming Plant Sale on October 20 and many members plan to attend in support of our students. It was very impressive to hear about their upcoming hydroponics program where they will grow lettuce. Mr. Ratliff invited our

members to visit the Ag classes anytime as the students would enjoy our visits. Mr. Ratliff brought plants the students have grown as door prizes for the evening. Vice President Bob Kimbrell presented Mr. Ratliff with a gift from the club members for his wonderful program. We have all had a very busy summer caring for our gardens and now it's time to prepare them for the winter months. The South Georgia Daylily Society will meet again on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.





South Atlanta Daylily Society

Matthew Stafford, Reporter

After a very successful first ADS Accredited Daylily Show, the club welcomed Charlie Shaw with Shaw's Sunshine Gardens in July. Charlie's presentation was power packed with behind-the-scenes information from the filming of the movie 'The Mule.' Club members took home some lovely daylilies to add to their gardens.

Bill and Diana Waldrop with Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens visited the club in August. Bill's presentation was very valuable to members as it was full of education that we will be able to implement. Club members were excited to add some of Bill's outstanding introductions to their collections.

In August, the club kicked off a "Meet Me" campaign. The optional Facebook campaign aimed at: 1. Raising awareness of ADS. 2. Highlighting local clubs. 3. Increasing membership. 4. Highlighting the diversity of what members gain out of membership of a local club. 5. Meet fellow members. 6. Daylily FUN! The club will feature 2 different members per month. (Optional participation) The template includes the following fields: Photo, First Name, What you "love", Membership tenure, Favorite daylily color, what you enjoy and/or what have you gained from membership in the club. The "Meet Me" campaign has been extremely successful. The club has received numerous compliments from hybridizers, club Presidents, and fellow daylily lovers from all across the country. Even Karol Emmerich reached out with positive feedback!

September was a busy month full of fun. The club held a summer cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs provided and each member brought a dish to pass. Two days later the club embarked on a "2027 Region 5 Host Scouting field trip" to The Village at Indian Springs. September 30th the club held a daylily sale at a local Fall Market in Newnan, Georgia. October the club hosted Bruce Kovach from Centerpiece Gardens. Club members really enjoyed Bruce's presentation and were in awe of his double seedlings. Bruce graciously donated his daylilies to the club. A fun filled auction was held.



Members kicking off "Meet Me" campaign.



Savannah Daylily Society

Nele Ewaldsen Reporter

Our club has had a great year and daylily season. We got to see a lot of blooms, visit some gardens, and see some new daylilies. This fall we all have

been busy in our gardens. Our club is dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of daylilies at all levels, from

the beginner to the most advanced hybridizers. May your daylily good times and treasures of the present become the golden memories of tomorrow. Whatever is beautiful. Whatever is meaningful. Whatever brings you happiness. May it be yours throughout the coming 2024 daylily year. Merry Christmas to everyone in Region 5.



Valdosta Hemerocallis Society

Terry Wilson Reporter

The new officers for the Valdosta Hemerocallis Society have been named for the upcoming years. They are as follows: President: Kathy Fowler, Vice President: Marsha Crisler, Secretary: Jean Wnek,

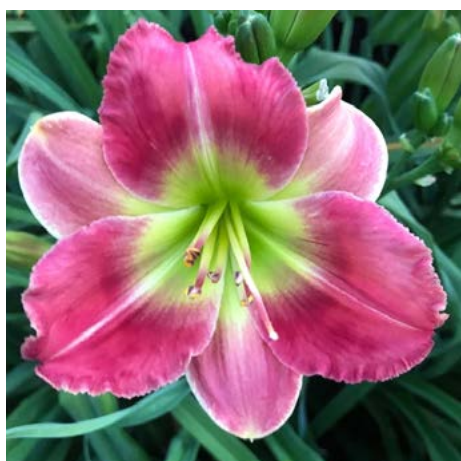
Treasure: Clay Smith, Newsletter Reporter: yours truly Terry A. Wilson. After the show in May the club decided to take a breather in June, so no meeting was held in June. Things have really been enthusiastic in the club the last couple of meetings because we decided to host the 2026 National Convention and have just received confirmation of that appointment. So now our club has a mission with many members already looking into all the different facets that it will take to host the National Convention such as location, garden tours, hotels, meals, buses, etcetera.

After an already planned membership drive in July hosted by Tim Bell at Bells Daylily Garden where we added 4 new members that we would like to recognize, please welcome: David and Gwen Driggers, Jay Funderburke and Jamie Cook to this fun filled world for Daylilies. The club then decided to cancel the remainder of the outdoor

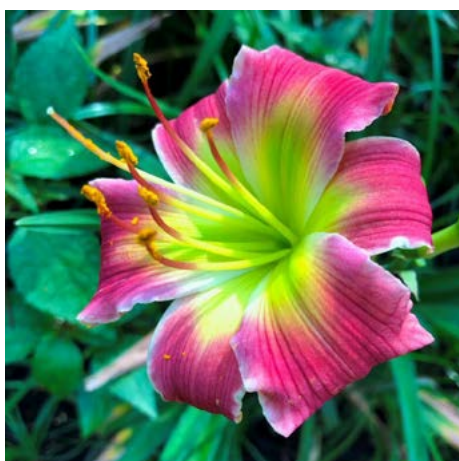
meetings due to the extreme hot summer weather. August and September were held indoors at Western Sizzlin where we started our discussions of a 2026 National Convention bid.

In October we will be holding our Annual Points Auction, also being held at Bells Daylily Garden. Then after the points auction our next gathering will be our Christmas Party set for November 30th, 2023, at 6:00pm it will be held at the Western Sizzlin. We have made plans to hold our Annual Daylily Show and Sale on Saturday May 11th, 2024, at The Crescent Garden Center in Valdosta, Georgia.

Valdosta Hemerocallis Society meets every third Thursday at 6:30 pm usually at the Western Sizzlin in Adel, Georgia located just off I-75 Exit 39 at 1500 4th St, Adel, GA 31620. Check for updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Valdostadaylilyclub> for any changes in location or time. Everyone is welcome to come and join in and please keep each of your members and their families in your thoughts and prayers daily as we never know what they may be going through in their lives. So, until next time "Grow where you're planted."



'A Grin Without a Cat' (Elliott-D., 2021)
Photo by Scott Elliott



'Forever My Girl' (Herrington-T., 2021)
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'Lots of Loose Ends' (Bell-T., 2022)
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