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2023 Lenington All-American Award

'Itsy Bitsy Spider'

(Bishop-H., 1990)

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You will see Region 5 follow their lead, using the names interchangeably going forward.

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Photo by Claude Carpenter
Photo taken in garden of Mark and Patty Franklin



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Regional Director's Report

Patty Franklin



Hello Daylily Friends!

I hope you're as excited about the upcoming "daylily season" as I am. I'm tired of the cold, wet weather, but also very thankful that our winter hasn't been full of "weather events."

I'd like to thank Scott Elliott for his 6 years of service to Region 5

as our AHS Region 5 Director and for the 4 past years he also served as our AHS National President. Scott has represented our Region well and spent untold hours working, talking, and writing about our favorite flower – DAYLILIES! "Thank You," Scott, for your dedication and support of AHS, and especially to Region 5. We're fortunate to count you as "one of us"!

One of Scott's final responsibilities of 2023 was to attend the Fall AHS Board Meeting that was held in Oklahoma City in October. At that meeting, reports from all AHS Officers and Committee Chairs were reviewed and discussed. Some highlights to note:

- AHS National Convention locations have been secured for the following years:
 - 2024 – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
 - 2025 – Seattle, Washington
 - 2026 – Valdosta, Georgia
- As of October 2023, the AHS membership was 5191.
- AHS has recently hired a new "Digital Asset Manager" to maintain the website, portal, and other technological components of the organization. Welcome, Belinda Cunningham!
- There will be an AHS Dues increase beginning January 2024. (Still a bargain compared to similar organizations!!)

As you plan your club calendars and events for 2024, please consider two things –

- Are you planning to host an AHS Accredited Daylily Show this year? I certainly hope so! If you need help or have questions about hosting an accredited show, please feel free to contact me. I'm the AHS Exhibitions Chair and would love to help you put together an amazing event.
- Is your club taking advantage of visiting some of the Region 5 AHS Display Gardens? There are currently 13 different Display Gardens in Georgia, and the garden owners love to share their gardens with other daylily lovers. These gardens are available for individual, small groups, and even whole club visits. Think about making a "road trip" during bloom season to see even more daylilies than in your own garden. Just reach out to the garden owners ahead of time to let them know you're coming.

I'm looking forward to serving as your AHS Region 5 Director for the next three years and will gladly work with you to help AHS continue to grow and thrive.

Best wishes for a beautiful bloom season!

Patty Franklin

Region 5 Director



Girl on Fire (Schmith, 2013)



Regional President's Report

Dave Richardson

Hello, Region 5 Daylily Family,

During the past 2 years, Patty Franklin has been tireless in her leadership of Region 5. Watch her as she continues her leadership as Region 5 Director. Job well done my friend! Thank you also to Scott Elliott, Janie Seglund, Lori Murphy, Jack Rigsby, Kathy Fowler, David and Doris Bishop for your roles in making Region 5 the best!!

This winter has been a rollercoaster ride, with temperatures in the teens south and lower in the north. As the days slowly become longer, and winter releases its grip, we are anticipating our favorite flower coming to life again.

2024 is here! Our Region 5 Winter meeting on February 3rd in Haynesville had 73 people present with 11 first time attendees to a regional meeting. It was amazing to visit with our new daylily friends and spend some special time with friends we haven't seen since our Fall Meeting. We had 39 early registrations entered in the drawing for \$100 daylily donated by Tim Bell.

Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, joined by his wife Diana, was our guest speaker and he shared his program and hybridizing journey with us. His hybridizing program has produced many award-winning introductions, and his efforts in daylily conversions are show-

ing some stunning results for all to enjoy. In 2023, Bill and Diana were awarded the Region 5 Service Award. Bill and Diana very generously donated everything from his program and auction to Region 5. Thank you for sharing your work and garden with us.

The Bargain Table was supplied by Kathy's Daylilies and Indian Camp Daylily Gardens. Before the meeting began, over 200 double fan plants were sold with proceeds to Region 5 and the 2026 National Convention in Valdosta. Thank you for all the hard work in digging, washing, labeling. Thank you, Clay Smith, Caryn and Tommy Jordan, and Bruce Fowler for volunteering to manage sales....

Some attendees brought companion plants, bird houses, wooden engraved signs. These items were sold and all proceeds earmarked for printing of the Georgia Daylily journal. Thank you, Matt and Sarah Kent, for your dedication to this program.

I am looking forward to our upcoming 2024 Region 5 Spring Meeting in Alpharetta Georgia, hosted by The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta. The convention chair is Mark Franklin. Make your plans now and get your reservations in today! Club Gift baskets, silent auction items, and plant donations are welcomed. Exhibition Judges Clinics I, II, and III will be offered, also Garden Judges I and II. Looking forward to our next time together...

Dave



Angel in Oz (Herrington-K., 2008)



Bob on My Mind (Elliott-D., 2019)



Treasurer's Report

Vicky Alsup

American Hemerocallis Society
Treasury Report - General Meeting 02/03/2024
For the Period of 10-1-23 thru 01-31-2024

Opening Balance-Bank		\$ 37,706.15
Additions:		
11/3/2023 Bargain Table - Ga Daylily	\$	840.00
11/3/2023 Auction (Cash, Check and Credit Cards)	\$	3,660.00
11/6/2023 Registration	\$	2,070.00
11/10/23 Memorials	\$	200.00
11/20/23 Middle Ga Memorials	\$	300.00
01/4/24 Postage and Ins Check from AHS	\$	507.50
01/19/24 Nancy Stainsby subscription to Ga Daylily	\$	35.00
01/30/24 DSGA - Memorial for J Hart/M McLaughlin	\$	400.00
01/30/24 DSGA - Dennis Calbreath \$300 and Daylily Journal - \$200	\$	500.00
Total Additions	\$	8,512.50
Disbursements:		
Check # 1268 - Haynesville Baptist Church Meals, Oct 2023 Meeting	\$	1,110.00
Check # 1270 - Voided	\$	-
Check # 1271 - Bobby Scott, Speaker Fee	\$	500.00
Check # 1272 - Bobby Scott, 50/50 raffle	\$	775.00
Check # 1273 - Andrew Robinson, Communication Support	\$	100.00
Check # 1274 - Winfred Huff, Support Services	\$	100.00
Check # 1275 - Scott Elliott, Travel to ADS Fall Board Meeting	\$	1,000.00
Check # 1276 - Winfred Huff, Meeting drinks for Oct meeting	\$	41.96
Check # 1277 - Haynesville Baptist Church - Rental of facility	\$	200.00
Check # 1278 - Kathy Fowler - Rmbt from Asheville, Nashville and 50/50 raffle for Oct. 7 meeting	\$	621.83
Check # 1279 - Tim Bell, 50/50 raffle for Oct. 7 meeting	\$	592.50
Check # 1280-1285 Voided	\$	-
Check # 1286 - Claude Carpenter, Summer 2023 Ga Daylily	\$	500.00
Check # 1287 - Bobby Scott, mileage minus auction plants he purchased	\$	855.92
Check # 1288 - Claude Carpenter, website renewal	\$	140.38
Check # 1289 - Claude Carpenter, Fall 2023 Ga Daylily	\$	500.00
Check # 1290 - Patty Franklin, Rmbt for Bobby Scott hotel exp	\$	189.78
Check # 1291 - AHS - Lifetime Membership Scott Elliott (Dominique Elliott)	\$	500.00
Check # 1292 - Claude Carpenter, 2023 Photo Contest winner	\$	125.00
Check # 1293 - Diana Waldrop, 2023 Photo Contest winner	\$	25.00
Check # 1294 - Elaine Kelley, 2023 Photo Contest winner	\$	25.00
Check # 1295 - Kathy Fowler, 2023 Photo Contest winner	\$	25.00
Check # 1296 & 1297 - Voided	\$	-
Check # 1298 - Vicki Alsup, Square Terminal Rmbt	\$	319.92
Check # 1299 - Sundance Press, Inv 52294 Ga Daylily Winter print	\$	3,636.55
Check # 1300 - Albany Word Processing/One Plus Mailing, Inv 518023 Mailing Winter Ga Daylily	\$	420.88
Total Disbursements	\$	12,304.72
Total Cash		\$ 33,913.93

Bank Statement Balance 1/30/2024	\$	37,740.26
Outstanding deposit/checks pending	\$	(3,826.33)
Adjusted Cash on Hand in Bank Account 2/6/24	\$	33,913.93



RPD's Report

Selena Bonner

Hi, Daylily Friends! The days have been flying by this year, and spring will be here before we know it. I hope fall and winter weather allowed you time to prepare your garden for a spectacular bloom season.

I am excited to step into the role of Regional Publicity Director. I must admit the responsibility is intimidating. I am thankful to have a supportive leadership team to work with and friends like you to cheer me on. As I stated at the winter regional meeting in February, my goals are engagement and education. It is my opinion that both begin with encouragement at the local level.

To increase membership in your local club, it starts with going beyond the doors of your meeting place. Promoting "Bring a Friend" days, partnering with other garden clubs in your area on community projects, or hosting a plant sale are ways of planting seeds for future memberships. To increase member participation, it starts with building relationships. Hosting a fellowship event such as a picnic or cookout, visiting gardens together, or offering to share a ride to a regional event are all ways to foster an environment for friendships to bloom.

Dedication to education is one of the founding principles of the American Daylily Society. Education is not only about teaching the basics of daylilies to your novice members but also about discovering what your experienced members are interested in learning. Holding informative workshops, question and answer forums, and topic specific presentations are great ways to educate your members. But learning can be fun, too! Play daylily trivia games (with prizes!), hold "Demo Days" in a member's garden to get firsthand experience, and develop "Bud Buddy" mentorships by partnering a seasoned member with a new member are wonderful ways to have fun with learning.

Your local club's annual daylily exhibition and show is another wonderful opportunity for engagement and education both for your membership and community outreach. It takes teamwork to hold this type of event, and teamwork increases member engagement. The exhibition presents an opportunity for education as club members learn as they serve in the various roles of a daylily exhibition, i.e. serving as classi-

fication chair or as a clerk during judging. A daylily exhibition is also an opportunity to educate the community about daylilies through displays, Q&A forums, or demonstrations. If your club does not host a daylily exhibition, then plan to visit or participate in one hosted by a nearby club. More people who attend and more daylilies entered in exhibitions generate more excitement and enthusiasm for the local club and our favorite flower, the daylily.

Continuing education is available to local club membership by attending regional meetings and national conventions. These larger gatherings present additional educational opportunities such as Exhibition Judges clinics and Garden Judges workshops that may not be offered at some local daylily clubs. Make plans today to register and attend the Region 5 "Come and Explore in 2024" Spring Regional Meeting and Garden Tour in Alpharetta, GA held June 7th-8th" and/or experience "Daylilies Galore in 2024" at the ADS National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK held June 12th-15th. You can find more information about these events in this issue of The Georgia Daylily.

These suggestions are only some of the ways in which you can increase engagement and education starting at the local club level. I am eager to hear about the exciting and innovative ideas you use in your club to promote membership growth and development.

Looking forward to a FAN-tastic year!

Selena



Little Castaway (Huff, 2013)



Secretary's Report

Jean Wnek

ADS Region 5 Winter 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Bargain Table and Georgia Daylily table were open at 9am for the attendees to shop. The bargain plants were furnished by Dave and Regina Richardson and Bruce and Kathy Fowler. Matt and Sarah Kent over-

saw the Georgia Daylily sales table.

Dave Richardson called the meeting to order at 10:00am and welcomed everyone. Dave asked Tim Bell to open with a prayer.

Dave recognized the 11 first time attendees.

Dave introduced the 2024 ADS Region 5 officers:

- President - Dave Richardson
- Secretary - Jean Wnek
- Treasurer - Vicki Alsup
- Regional Publicity Director - Selena Bonner
- Exhibition Judges Chair – Gail Knight
- Garden Judge Chair – James Fennell
- Display Garden Coordinator – Joann Stewart
- Awards and Honors Chair – Pat Bonner
- Youth Liaison – Janney Wilson
- Photography Awards – Winfred Huff
- Scientific Coordinator – Scott Elliott
- Editor, *The Georgia Daylily* – Claude Carpenter

Dave asked for the secretary's report. Jean Wnek noted that Lori Murphy had submitted the secretary's report. The report was published in *The Georgia Daylily* Publication Region 5, Winter 2023, Volume 72 and Number 3. Dave asked for a motion to accept the minutes as published. Mark Franklin made a motion to accept as published. Allen Bonner seconded the motion. The attendees unanimously accepted the minutes as published with no revisions.

Dave called for the RPD report. Selena Bonner reported that of the one main focuses for 2024 will be different ways to increase membership and engage the members, outreach, education and volunteering. She added another focus would be ways to increase awareness of the shows and improve the attendance at the club shows. Selena stated that she would be sending out the popularity poll for everyone to vote. The poll will consist of the top 22 daylilies. Each person can vote for 3 daylilies. This year will include 3 write ins for each ballot. The poll deadline will end in September. The results will be announced at the October meeting.

Dave called for the treasurer's report. Vicki Alsup reported that as of October 1, 2024, the account balance is \$33,913.93 with 2 checks outstanding. Allen Bonner made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read. Bruce Fowler seconded the motion to accept. All attendees unanimously approved the treasurer's report as read with no revisions. Dave called for the Region 5 Director's report. Patti Franklin noted that Scott Elliott was unable to attend this meeting. He was attending an orchid show in Wisconsin. Patti alerted everyone to the possible email scams that members were receiving. She encouraged everyone not to open them but rather just delete them. As of January 1, 2024, the AHS membership is 5198. She noted the membership has increased from last year. Patti reported that AHS has a newly titled position of Digital Assets Manager, previously known as the webmaster. She noted that the AHS dues had increased effective January 1, 2024. Also, that it had been 8 years since the dues had increased. Patti reminded everyone to get their registration in for the 2024 National that is being held in Oklahoma City. She noted that the 2025 National will be held in Seattle Washington. In addition, she noted that the 2026 National Convention will be held in Valdosta Ga. Also noted was that there is an early bird sign up. Those signing up early are eligible to receive a \$100.00 plant donated by Tim Bell.

Dave announced that Claude Carpenter is the 2024 Editor of *The Georgia Daylily*. Claude was not able to be present for this meeting. Dave stated that Region 5 is looking for someone to train under Claude and possibly take over as Editor.

Dave opened the Business portion of the meeting with a role call by Club and asked that each club announce the date for their 2024 show.

Albany 10	May 18
Chattahoochee Valley 4	June 1
Cobb County 8	June 1
Greater Atlanta 12	June 7-8
Hosting Region 5 Spring Meeting	
Dublin 4	May 25
Heart of Georgia 1	TBD
Valdosta Daylily Society 11	May 11
Middle Georgia 11	May 31
Northwest Georgia 6	June 22
Ogeechee Daylily Club 1	May 25
North Georgia 4	June 22
Savannah 3	May 18
South Georgia 4	TBD
South Atlanta 10	June 6

Dave asked Mark Franklin to give information about the next Region 5 Meeting. Mark reported that the Region 5 Spring Meeting will be held on June 7-8, 2024. The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta will host the meeting. The meeting is named Come Explore in 2024. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Alpharetta. The Hilton Garden Inn address is 4025 Windward Plaza, Alpharetta, Ga., 30005. Registration will include one day of motor coach tours to 3 gardens. Claude Carpenter will oversee plants for the auction. The auction will take place on Friday night. Nanci Griggs will oversee the Boutique. Mark encouraged the different clubs to submit baskets to the boutique. Peter Thomas will oversee the super plant sale planned for the event.

Mathew Stafford announced that the 2nd Annual South Atlanta Daylily Festival will be held on June 6, 2024, the day before the Region 5 Meeting. The festival will be held at Mystic Acres located at 1631 Williamson Rd, Griffin, Ga 20224. He noted that there will be music, food trucks, arts and crafts, educational workshops and a daylily plant sale. Mathew also reminded everyone to post and advertise the Oklahoma National on Facebook.

Dave asked Kathy Fowler to give an update on the 2026 National Convention hosted by the Valdosta Daylily Club. Kathy noted that Tim Bell is the chair, Bruce and Kathy are Co-Chairs. Clay is the treasurer, and that Jay is the backup treasure for the committee. Kathy stated that the Convention will be held at the Rainwater Conference Center in Valdosta, Ga. The overflow rooms will be in walking distance of the Rainwater Conference center. The dates of the 2026 convention will be May 20-23. Six garden tours are planned. (Kathy's Daylilies, Bell's Daylily Garden, The Wynns, Indian Camp Daylilies, Patron Garden and Henry and Jean's backyard garden). Three meals a day are planned for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Valdosta Club has a contest going for the members to submit logo names for the convention logo. The selected logo winner will receive \$500.00 in daylilies. The convention will be limited to 600 registrations. Kathy noted that the pricing is planned to be no more than Oklahoma. The club will start advertising after the Seattle National.

Dave announced that there are 9 nominations for the Georgia Hybridizer's Award. The deadline for nomination's is February 15th.

Dave called for the Garden Judge update. James Fennell reported that Region 5 has an estimated 462 members, 56 garden judges, and 7 instructors. James reminded everyone that Debbie Smith is coordinating the AHS classes for the Garden Judge Certification. James noted that the AHS has 5000 plus members with only 549 judges. He also noted that the curriculum is online class, classroom setting, and with actual in the garden classes. James noted that Gail Knight is one of

the instructors. He noted that more instructors and judges were needed. James noted that he is conducting a garden judge clinic at Dave and Regina Richardson's Garden on May 4, 2024. Noted also was that classes were being held at the Region 5 Spring meeting in Alpharetta. Exhibition judge clinic I, II, and III as well as Garden judges I and II are planned for the Region 5 meeting.

Dave noted the date for future summer regionals:

2024 Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta
2025 Ogeechee Club
2026 Valdosta (Hosting National Convention)
2027 South Atlanta
2028 Open

Dave thanked Matt and Sarah Kent for managing *The Georgia Daylily* sales table.

Dave asked if there was any new business. None was noted.

Dave announced a brief break.

Dave introduced the guest speaker for the meeting. Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens. His wife Diana was also present with Bill. Dave noted that Bill has introduced 114 daylilies. Bill grows an estimated 3000 seedlings each year. He has won 24 Honorable Mention Awards, 4 Awards of Merit, the President's Cup, the Ophelia Taylor 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 published articles for *The Daylily Journal* and the *The Georgia Daylily*. Noted was that one of Bill's passions is his conversions. He has 28 conversions. Two of the most recent are The One Ring and Emerald Splendor. In 2023 Bill and Diana were awarded the Region 5 Service Award. Bill explained his passion and presented his daylilies to the crowd.

Dave thanked Bill and Diana for coming to the meeting.

Dave asked Winfred Huff to bless the food.

Lunch was served by the Haynesville First Baptist Church.

Dave announced it is time for the plant auction.

Bill Waldrop auctioned off his plants.

Tim Bell continued the auction until all plants had a new home.

Dave also thanked Indian Camp, Kathy's Daylilies and Tim Bell for bringing plants. Dave closed the meeting with the reminder that donations of baskets, plants, and silent auction items are greatly appreciated. Dave thanked everyone that donated door prizes for the meeting.

Safe travels home and we will plan to see you at the next Region 5 meeting in Alpharetta.

Jean Wnek Reporting

Having Fun at the Winter Meeting

Photos by Levi Alsup



RPD Selena Bonner



President Dave Richardson
conducts business meeting



Patty Franklin
Region 5 Director



Eula bidding on Bill Waldrop Plants



Guest Speaker Bill Waldrop



Treasurer Vicki Alsup gives financial report



Tim Bell auctioning plants



Buddy Childs wants this plant



Matt and Sarah Kent
manning *The Georgia Daylily* Sales Table

You Are Invited

to the

2024 Region 5 Spring Meeting

Mark Franklin, Meeting Chair



The 2024 Spring Regional will be hosted on June 7th and 8th by the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta. The conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn on Windward Parkway in Alpharetta, Georgia. This year's theme is "Alpharetta: Come Explore in 2024". We believe that we have a great weekend of daylily viewing with 3 new gardens that have never been on a regional tour. We will have a chance for everyone to purchase daylilies at our plant sale or you can outbid your daylily buddies for plants at our Friday night auction.

Registration will be open beginning Thursday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. for anyone arriving early to take a Judges training class. At the Registration Table, you will be able to pick up your registration packet, sign up for your bus, and pick up your registration plants. This year, Bruce Kovach has kindly donated the new introductions that you will be receiving as registration gift plants.

Friday, the Registration table will open at 8:00 and close at 5:00. We will be offering Exhibition Judges Clinic 1 in the morning and Clinics 2 & 3 in the afternoon. If you want to become a garden judge, Garden Judges Clinic 2 will be offered Friday morning and Garden Judges Clinic 1 in the afternoon.

If you're all caught up with your Judges certifications, you can spend your time Friday at our plant sale or visit the

silent auction and raffle baskets room. Friday evening we will have a dinner, a short Region 5 business meeting, and a plant auction with plants donated by Hybridizers from across the U.S.

If you arrive Thursday afternoon or early Friday morning you do have the option of visiting a couple of open gardens that are not on the garden tour. These gardens will be open Friday and Sunday.

Saturday is garden tour day. Buses will leave Saturday morning at 8:00 am. We will visit the Alsup garden, the Breeland garden and the Wilson garden. The Wilson garden is hosting the Enman Joiner seedling bed and you will get a chance to vote for your favorite large and small seedling. We will stop to eat a boxed lunch around 12:30 and then return to the Hotel for an afternoon of rest relaxation, social time and activities.

Saturday evening we will enjoy a nice dinner and then hear from our guest speaker, Janice Kennedy. Janice will speak about her hybridizing program with a program entitled "From Wine with Everything to Lemonade with Friends". Janice is bringing a limited number of her introductions to auction after her presentation. Our weekend will wrap-up with a big thank you to all that worked so hard to get everything ready and to all who attend.

A registration form is in this edition of the Georgia Daylily. Register early and reserve your room. It is going to be a fun weekend of great gardens, shared with your best daylily friends. See you all soon.

Mark Franklin
Conference Chairman



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

Meet our Spring Meeting Speaker

Janice Kennedy

Janice Kennedy is a Virginia native and comes from a long line of farmers and gardeners. Daffodils, lilacs, and peonies passed down from family gardens are special treasures in Janice's garden. Her interest in daylilies began in the early 1990's when she discovered the wonderful colors and shapes of modern daylilies at a local exhibition. As they say, the rest is history, and Janice began collecting daylilies in earnest. She now grows over 700 registered daylilies and several hundred seedlings on a small city lot in Falls Church, VA.



Janice became interested in creating her own daylilies with encouragement and mentoring from fellow club member and hybridizer Pat Cochenour. After Pat began battling cancer in 2008, Janice spent many hours helping Pat with her hybridizing program. Traveling to Valdosta, Georgia in 2010 for the national convention and seeing Pat receive her first Honorable Mention award for 'Screamcicle' was a very special highlight from this time.

At Pat's request, Janice took over the management and distribution of her introductions after Pat's death in 2013 and began the task of moving and evaluating over 100 of her remaining seedlings. With help from friends, Janice expanded her inventory of Cochenour daylilies to ensure that they remain in distribution. Through Janice's efforts, Cochenour daylilies continue to be recognized for awards.

After selecting and registering six of the Cochenour seedlings, Janice has now shifted back towards her own hybridizing, using Pat's small unusual forms and spiders as the core of her program. Miniatures and polymeric forms are also being pursued. Since 2019, Janice has registered 11 daylilies and received an Achievement Medal in 2023 for one of her seedlings.

Janice wears a lot of other hats in the daylily world in addition to trying her hand at hybridizing. She has held many offices in her local club and will be a tour garden for the 2024 Region 3 Summer Meeting. She has been a Garden Judge since 2009 and in 2016, her garden was approved as an ADS Display Garden. She serves on several ADS committees and was a proofreader and contributor for two recent publications; *Small and Miniature Daylilies* and *Double Daylilies: Twice the Possibilities*. Janice also serves as the daylily liaison for Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna, Virginia and helps curate their display beds of over 550 new and historic daylily cultivars.

Life after Janice's retirement from the federal government has taken some unexpected directions. Although she did not set out to be hybridizing daylilies and maintaining a legacy garden, Janice loves all the experiences and friendships she has gained. In between all her garden chores, Janice still makes time for tennis and travel.



Scenes from the Kennedy Garden in Falls Church, Virginia

2024 Spring Meeting Tour Gardens

Breeland Garden
Viki and Larry Breeland



Wilson Garden on Campground
Anita and Robert Wilson



Alsup Garden
Vicki, Bruce, and Levi Alsup





Region 5 AHS Exhibition Judges

Gail Knight, Region 5 Exhibition Judges Liaison

Become an AHS Exhibition Judge

Have you ever thought about becoming a judge at a daylily show? If you have, we have the perfect opportunity to begin the process of becoming one at our Region 5 Spring Meeting on June 7 and 8 in Alpharetta. You may ask, "how do I know I can qualify?" To get started go to the AHS/ADS portal and download "AHS Exhibition Judges Handbook 2019" or if you prefer a full-color, glossy, hard copy please visit AMAZON . Read the section entitled "Exhibition Judging Accreditation" on page 15. Look at the Student-in-Training requirements and decide if you want to

take the classes required to eventually become a Junior, then Senior judge, and be able to judge Daylily Shows.

Judging a show is a great experience because you not only enhance your knowledge of daylilies each time you judge, but you meet many wonderful people who become part of your daylily "family." So, if you think you are interested in becoming an Exhibition Judge, get started at the Region 5 Spring Meeting in Alpharetta on June 7 to start the process. If you would like more information, you may call or text Gail Knight (770)883-4110, Region 5 Exhibition Judges Liaison, or email gailknight2410@comcast.net.

2024 Region 5 Exhibition Judges

Bruce Alsup	Junior 2024	Patty Franklin	Senior I 2026	Jack Rigsby	Senior 2025
Levi Alsup	Junior 2026	Nanci Griggs	Senior 2027	June L Scoggins	Senior 2026
Vicki Alsup	Junior 2026	Tim Herrington	Senior I 2025	Matthew Stafford	Student 2027
Reid Arnold	Student 2026	Janie Huff	Senior 2025	Joann Stewart	Senior I 2027
Camilla Arthur	Senior 2027	Winfred Huff	Senior 2025	Ryan Tolbert	Senior 2025
Pat Bonner	Senior 2026	Matt Kent	Senior 2027	Lonnie Ward	Senior I 2025
Allen Bonner	Junior 2026	Sarah Kent	Senior 2027	Sidney Ward	Senior I 2025
Selena Bonner	Junior 2026	Barbara Kirby	Senior I 2026	Joe Scott Watson	Senior 2025
Viki Breeland	Junior 2026	Gail Knight	Senior* 2025	David R Williams	Senior 2025
Jack Brock	Senior 2025	Joy Lett	Student 2025	Melissa Williams	Student 2025
Claude Carpenter	Senior I 2027	Ellen Lail	Junior 2024	Jack Joiner	Honorary
Rose Mary Dixon	Senior 2026	Dixie Lee	Student 2026	Pat Mercer	Honorary
Scott Elliott	Senior I 2026	Nancy Lovingood	Junior 2027		
James Fennell	Senior I 2026	James Mullins	Senior I 2027	20XX - Year Term Expires	
Louise Fennell	Senior 2025	Lori B. Murphy	Senior 2027	I - Instructor	
Ronnie Fowler	Student 2026	David Richardson	Senior 2027	* - Region 5 Exhibition Judges Liaison	
Vicki Fowler	Student 2026	Regina Richardson	Senior 2027		
Mark Franklin	Senior I 2027	Cynthia Rigsby	Senior I 2027		



2024 Region 5 Daylily Show Schedule

Albany Daylily Club

May 18, 2024
American Legion Post #30
2916 Gillionville Road
Albany, GA 31721
Show Chair: Selena Bonner
selebonner@gmail.com
334-301-3295

Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society

June 1, 2024
Columbus Botanical Garden
Columbus, GA
Show Chair: James Tyrol
SJ3Tyrol@gmail.com
860-961-2600

Middle Georgia Daylily Society

May 31, 2024
Centerville Galleria Mall
Warner Robins, GA 31088
Show Chair: Winfred Huff
huffwinfred1947@gmail.com
478-987-3763

Cobb County Daylily Society

June 1, 2024
Marietta First United Methodist
Church
Show Chair: Steven Verner
swverner@yahoo.com,
770-262-8911

Dublin Area Daylily Society

May 25, 2024
Dublin Mall
Dublin, GA
Show Chair: Chip Wood
royjr80@hotmail.com
478-290-8886

North Georgia Daylily Society

June 22, 2024
The First Presbyterian Church
239 West Candler Street
Winder, GA 30680
Show Chair: Meloney Higginbotam
higg87@yahoo.com
404-578-2367

Northwest Georgia Daylily Society

June 22, 2024
Cartersville Civic Center
325 West Main Street
Cartersville, GA, 30120
Show Chair: Morgan Akin
williamakin687@comcast.net.
770-655-0907

South Atlanta Daylily Society

Thursday, June 6, 2024
Mystic Acres
1631 Williamson Rd, Griffin, GA
30224
Show Chair Matthew Stafford
mattriver7@yahoo.com
(706) 333-3563

Valdosta Daylily Society

May 11, 2024
Crescent Valdosta Garden Center
904 N Patterson St
Valdosta, GA 31601
Show Chair: Jessica Clinard
jesca28@gmail.com
(386) 867-1239

Ogeechee Daylily Club

May 25, 2024
Old Fellowship Baptist Church
5526 US Highway 80 E
Brooklet, GA 30415
Show Chair: Kevin McClinton
kevinmcc73@gmail.com
(912) 665-3681

Ogeechee Mobile Show

May 15, 2024
Maneki Neko Garden
658 Edward Smith Rd.
Ellabell, Ga 31308
Show Chair: Scott Elliott
scottelliottdaylilies@yahoo.com
(912)596-7252

Savannah Hemerocallis Society

May 18, 2024
First Presbyterian Church
520 Washington Avenue
Savannah, Ga
Show Chair: Sue Cliett
stevensblackcree@aol.com
(912) 660-4295



Region 5 AHS Garden Judges

James Fennell, Region 5 Garden Judges Liaison

The mission of AHS is to educate people about daylilies, promote the cultivation and enjoyment of daylilies, and foster the ongoing improvement of the daylily. Garden Judges carry out this mission by visiting many gardens and evaluating not the garden but rather the daylilies growing in it. They do this by focusing on the entire daylily plant with attention given to foliage, plant vigor, scape height, bud placement, overall beauty and distinction of the bloom and plant, resistance to disease, form, and bloom substance. The Garden Judge uses the knowledge accumulated from these activities to complete the official AHS Awards and Honors ballot, which draws attention to daylily cultivars that are considered outstanding garden performers.

Consider becoming a Garden Judge if you love daylilies and want to learn more about them. The process is far from complicated. Before you begin the training, you must have been an AHS member for a minimum of twelve calendar months. The training consists of completing Garden Judges Workshops 1 and 2 and submitting the required application. Both workshops will be offered at the Spring Regional meeting in Alpharetta on June 7 and 8. If you would like more information, you may call or text James Fennell (478) 954-5582, Region 5 Garden Judges Liaison, or email jaf@fennell.org.

2024 Region 5 Garden Judges

Bruce Alsup	2025	Patty Franklin	2027	David Richardson	2028
Levi Alsup	2025	Mark Hendry	2027	Regina Richardson	2028
Vicki Alsup	2025	Heather Herrington	2027	Cynthia Rigsby	2026
Camilla Arthur	2026	Tim Herrington	2027 I	Jack Rigsby	2026
Gregg Barner	2025	Janie Huff	2027	June L Scoggins	2027
Idabeth Barner	2025	Winfred Huff	2027	Charles Self	2028
Tim Bell	2028	Faye Hulst	2025	Maxine Self	2028
Jo Anna Perks Belmont	2027	Joe Hulst	2025	Matthew Stafford	2028
David Bishop	2026	Jan Joiner	2025	Susan Vaughan	2025
Doris Bishop	2026	Barbara Kirby	2028 I	Bill Waldrop	2027
Jack Brock	2025	Gail Knight	2028	Diana Waldrop	2027
Renee Carleton	2024	Bruce Kovach	2026	Sidney Ward	2027
Claude Carpenter	2025 I	Earl Lawson	2024	Yolanda Wages Ward	2027
Buddy Childs	2023	Dixie Lee	2025	Janet Watson	2027
Jane Cooper	2028	James Lisk	2028	Joe Scott Watson	2027 I
John Cooper	2028	Kevin McClinton	2024	Anita Wilson	2025
Karen Cotton	2024	Harold Mcdonell	2025 I		
Dominique Elliott	2026	William Mcleod	2025		
Scott Elliott	2026 I	Beverly Mcwilliams	2025		
James Fennell	2027 I*	Anna Mixon	2023		
Louise Fennell	2028	James Mullins	2027		
Mark Franklin	2027	Lori B Murphy	2025		

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I* - Region 5 Liaison

Region 5 AHS Display Gardens

Joann Stewart, Display Garden Coordinator

In an approved display garden, a visitor can view a large number and wide variety of labeled daylilies in a well-maintained garden setting. To obtain official display garden status, certain criteria must be met. If you are interested in having your garden registered as an AHS display garden and would like more information, you may call or

text Joann Stewart ((706)769-7652 or email simontonbr@aol.com. Region 5 has 13 AHS Display Gardens with garden contact information listed below.

Note that most Display Gardens are at private homes. Please call ahead to arrange a convenient time for visiting.

Alsup Gardens

6375 Elmo Road, Cumming, GA, 30028
Contact: Bruce, Vicki and Levi Alsup
Phone: (770)-337-5668 or (770) 789-8913
Email: mrb.alsup@yahoo.com

Bell's Daylily Garden

1305 Griffin Rd, Sycamore, GA 31790
Contact: Tim Bell
Phone: (229) 256-1234

Indian Camp Daylilies

2211 Indian Camp Road, Nashville, GA 31639
Contact: David and Regina Richardson
Phone: (229) 238-1616
Email: drich2211@yahoo.com

Kathy's Daylilies

848 Hempstead Church Rd, Moultrie, GA 31788
Contact: Kathy or Bruce Fowler
Phone: (229) 251-6548
Email: kathysdaylilies.com

Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens

310 McDaniel Road Northwest, Marietta, GA 30064
Contact: Bill Waldrop
Phone: (770) 429-0204
Email: wwlawyer@aol.com

M P Flowers

15230 Birmingham Hwy, Alpharetta, GA 30004
Contact: Mark & Patty Franklin
Phone: (770) 410-0548 (Home) or (770)-815-1902 (Patty's cell)
Email: mpflowers@comcast.net

Nonni's Daylily Garden

549 Kendricks Road, Brooklet, GA 30415
Contact: Karen and Fred Cotton
Phone: 912-660-7629
Email: nonnisdaylilies@gmail.com

Piney Creek Gardens

168 Head Lane, Broxton, GA 31519
Contact: Sharon Brown
Phone: (912) 592-9119
Email: sdbrown9119@gmail.com

Shaw's Sunshine Gardens

2541 Lumpkin Rd, Augusta, GA 30906
Contact: Charles & Debra Shaw
Phone: (706) 790-9428
Email: jfshaw@comcast.net

Simonton Bridge Daylily Farm

2300 Simonton Bridge Road, Watkinsville, GA 30677
Contact: Joann Stewart
Phone: (706) 424-1079
Email: Simontonbr@aol.com or oconeewoman@gmail.com

The Country Estate-Williamson

447 Rivers Rd, Williamson, GA 30292
Contact: Matthew Stafford & Jonathan McDaniel
Phone: 706-333-3563
Email: matriver7@yahoo.com

Verner's Daylily Garden

1296 Johnson Brady Rd, Canton, GA 30115
Contact: Steven and Serena Verner
Phone: (770)-262-8734
Email: swverner@yahoo.com or stillvern@gmail.com

Vickery Lake Garden

6075 Vickery Point, Cumming, GA 30040
Contact: Claude Carpenter or Martha Carpenter
Phone: (678) 469-4731 or (678)469-1919
Email: claudecarpenter@comcast.net

Diploids 64 Tetraploids 20

Results of the 2023 Ploidy Super Bowl

Words: Tim Herrington Photography: Claude Carpenter

Play-By-Play Analysis: The toothpaste is out of the tube! Diploids were crowned winners of the 2023 Ploidy Super Bowl by a score of Diploids 64 and Tetraploids 20. There were 12 teams (daylily clubs) involved in competition at their daylily shows in 2023. The objective of the 2023 Ploidy Super Bowl was to see which type of daylily (diploids or tetraploids) would prevail overall for Region 5.

As you know the type of daylilies people grow are determined by their ploidy which is the number of sets of chromosomes within a cell or organism. This competition was the annual battle of 22 chromosomes (diploid) versus 44 chromosomes (tetraploid). So, we researched the winners by section for all 12 shows and put them in a chart for the readers of The Georgia Daylily. The goal was to see how the diploids performed with the tetraploid section winners by show and by the total. Old fashion hand counting from show reports was the method used, while the ADS registration database was very helpful in finding the ploidy of all the daylilies in our numerical counts. Even our South Georgia friend

from Ludowici, Artie Fishel of Artie Fishel Intelligence, wasn't helpful this time in our research.

The Ploidy Super Bowl consisted of the ploidy results by daylily club of the following 8 show sections: extra-large, large, small, miniature, double/polymerous, spider, unusual form, and youth. As you know each section has one winner called 'Best in Section' which goes to the head table and will be eligible for the AHS Rosette for accredited shows. So, we selected this quantitative measure to see how the clash of diploid and tetraploid daylilies did in our 2023 daylily shows. This is because we daylily folks are biologically predisposed to conversing without any facts sometimes. So, the facts in our chart will override any opinions previously held about any comparisons of diploids and tetraploids in our shows.



Best in Section Winners from Region 5 Daylily Shows in 2023

Daylily Club	Dip Winners	Tet Winners	Total Winners
Albany Daylily Society	6	0	6
Central Georgia	7	1	8
Chattahoochee Valley	4	1	5
Cobb County	6	2	8
Greater Atlanta	6	2	8
Dublin Daylily Society	7	1	8
Middle Georgia	6	1	7
North Georgia	4	2	6
Ogeechee Mobile	6	1	7
Ogeechee Show	7	1	8
South Atlanta	3	5	8
Valdosta Society	2	3	5
Total	64	20	84

Cobb County - Best Small Flower
Exhibited by Claude Carpenter



'Forever My Girl' (Diploid)
(Herrington-T., 2021)

Albany - Best Double
Exhibited by Scott Elliott



'Ginger Spice' (Diploid)
(Elliott-S., 2021)

Central Georgia - Best UF
Exhibited by Jack Brock



'Tahoe Snow Blizzard' (Diploid)
(Gossard, 2006)

Chattahoochee Valley - Best Spider
Exhibited by Judy Ezell



'Green Inferno' (Diploid)
(Gossard, 2006)

In this article we will show an image of one section winner at random from each club. All the section winners were point scored by certified ADS Exhibition Judges using a minimum scoring standard of 95. The flowers are not judged by ploidy, but by standards established in the show schedule. The winners do not reflect garden performance but by specific exhibition skills used by the exhibitor in preparing their entry for showing. In a previous edition of The Georgia Daylily, we highlighted with pictures the 12 Best in Show winners for our 12 shows held in 2023. These winners by ploidy were 10 diploids and 2 tetraploids.

Wrap-Up Remarks: An award for 100 percent diploid winners went to the Albany Daylily Society. The award for the most tetraploid entries went to the South Atlanta Daylily Society with 5. The award for the most diploid entries was a tie with the Central Georgia Daylily Club, Dublin Area Daylily Society, and the Ogeechee Daylily Club with 7 each.

For over the last 15 years there have always been more tetraploid daylilies registered than diploid daylilies each year. Here's an interesting statistic for example, in 2023
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Greater Atlanta - Best Large
Exhibited by Mark Franklin



'Mary's Gold' (Tetraploid)
(McDonnell-H., 1984)

Ogeechee Club - Best Spider
Exhibited by Kevin McClinton



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

South Atlanta - Best Large
Exhibited by James Mullins



'Tidwater Elf' (Tetraploid)
(Holmes-S., 2012)

Diploids 64 Tetraploids 20 (Continued)

Dublin - Best Large
Exhibited by Jack Brock



'Fried Green Tomatoes' (Diploid)
(Herrington-T, 2012)

Ogeechee Mobile - Extra Large
Exhibited by Justin McLeod



'Rose F. Kennedy' (Diploid)
(Doorakian, 2007)

Middle Georgia - Best Miniature
Exhibited by Jack Brock



'Lil' Black Buds' (Diploid)
(Begnaud, 2008)

there were 1,543 tetraploid (70%) and 654 (30%) diploid daylilies registered with the American Daylily Society (ADS). These facts surely reflect the popularity of tetraploids with hybridizers. However, in Region 5 diploids have always dominated our shows like in 2023 when there were 20 (24%) tetraploid and 64 (76%) diploid 'Best in Section' winners in our 12 shows.

Jack Brock, a seasoned show exhibitor from Milledgeville, told us that he was not surprised to find out that diploids outperformed tetraploids in our daylily shows. Diploids also

dominated the annual ADS Awards which will be analyzed in a future report.

It was reported that a group of daylily experts in our region favored tetraploids due to their emergence of newer color patterns and sculptured forms. These connoisseurs even said diploids are no longer popular in our region. Boy were they wrong for daylily shows, which is reminiscent to those who predicted the Bulldogs would win their 3rd consecutive national championship.

Maybe now you will have seen some evidence that will punctuate the importance of the 22-chromosome diploids. The data presented in this article indicates they are not playing second string to their 44-chromosome cousin the tetraploids. Regardless, all daylilies and their exhibitors were winners in their respective show for each daylily on display surely made the world a better place to be in. What a year 2023 has been! These events are one of the most valuable activities a local club can do each year in promoting daylilies for the public. Now it's the start of yet another season in 2024 when diploids and tetraploids will collide again at our shows.

North Georgia- Best Double
Exhibited by Elaine Kelley



'Twisted Whiskers' (Tetraploid)
(Joiner-R., 2014)

Valdosta - Best Small
Exhibited by Jessica Clinard



'Purple Pixie Gumdrops' (Diploid)
(Salter-E.H., 2019)

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The Teacher and A Seedling

By Vicki Alsup

A teacher may be a schoolteacher or formally an educator who helps students to acquire knowledge, competence, or virtue, via the practice of teaching. There are many synonyms used for a teacher depending on where you live in the world – tutor, instructor, master, mistress, governess, professor, lecturer, coach, trainer, counselor, guru and the list goes on.

A teacher loves to share their knowledge with each student that they have in their classroom. Some students will listen and learn quickly while others struggle. But the teacher will still get up every day to try to help make a difference in the lives of the students that they have, not for fame or fortune but because that is who they are.

As you think of a teacher what or who comes to your mind? Is it a teacher you had while in elementary school, middle school, high school, or college? Some people automatically think of the one teacher who made the biggest impression on them, while some go the opposite direction and think of the one teacher that they got in trouble with the most. Or perhaps you think of both scenarios when you think of a teacher. Either way, when you think about it you walked out of both experiences with a lesson learned. Think back for a few minutes on who your favorite teacher was and what they did to gain that title.

Bruce's favorite teachers were his 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Mcgahee who was there for him when his father passed away. In High School, there were several Mrs. Sipes, Coach Moore, and Coach Smith. Then Mr. Rodgers who gave him a bible and talked to him about Jesus. These teachers helped this "seedling" to grow into the man he is today, they made a difference, and he is so thankful that they took the time to plant a seed of love in his life.

Doris' most memorable teacher was her 6th grade Science teacher, Ms. Garrison, and she used Doris as an example of good character. Her 7th grade teacher Ms. Cotter taught her self-confidence and taught her ceramics in which she still has one of the pieces she created. Doris found her artistic side through ceramics. These two teachers helped plant the



seed and mold her path to becoming a teacher and school counselor.

My favorite teacher was a volunteer coach who coached me in basketball for several years. He devoted hours of free time to teaching me more about the game I loved to play. He saw something in this "seedling" that a middle school coach didn't. The middle school coach cut me from making the team in 7th grade; I was heartbroken, but Coach H. took several of us girls and made the first travel teams that year. He told me that just because one coach doesn't see our potential doesn't mean we aren't good enough, keep trying and never give up. I went on to play for the

school's 8th and 9th grade teams at a new school. In 10th grade the same coach who cut me in 7th grade placed me on the team as his first choice and starting point guard.



Coach H. taught me how to overcome obstacles, believe in myself and to strive to be the best "seedling" I could be.

All of these thoughts of favorite teachers remind me of how the daylily world is. We have people who share their knowledge of daylilies, their love of daylilies, teach us how to judge a daylily, how to become garden judges, how to hybridize daylilies, and the list goes on. If we hybridize, we keep trying to create more beautiful flowers, but we have some that bloom and don't make the cut for various reasons. They may not be the right color, the right shape, or have enough buds or enough branches. But overall, they are still beautiful creations that we have learned to love.

While visiting Shady Rest Gardens last year, Bruce Alsup and Doris Bishop got to discussing how many teachers they had met who were daylily club members and thought it



might make a good article for the magazine. So, they decided to ask each club to poll their members and respond with numbers, names, or any detail that members wanted to share. It's not very shocking to find out that there are a lot of AHS members who are/were teachers at some point in their lives. I say it's not shocking because when you go around and talk to members the majority of them are willing to help you in any way they can when it comes to daylilies.

When a person decides to become a teacher, they usually go to college to learn about the profession. They usually specialize in a grade level or subject and sometimes a sport is added into that equation. Below is a list of teachers that we have in our Region, next time you see them give them a pat on the back or a thank you for sharing their knowledge and love with all the "seedlings" in our lives.

Roger West – 42 years
June West - 32 years
Pam Haffner – 22 years
Joann Stewart
Hank Harmon
Nancy Lovingood
Virgil Herndon – 33 years
Gayle Lamb – 30 years
Nanci Griggs – 30 years
Mark Franklin - 30 years
Tim Herrington - 33 years
Patty Franklin- 32 years

Mike Kocian – 25 years
Annette Kocian – 47 years
Brenda Dillman
Judy Ezell – 4 years
Ellen Averill – 30 years
Sharon Hyatt – 28 years
Ann Stahl – 27 years
Genie Manio – 39 years
Katherine Wellman – 14 years
Carole Godbee – 31 years
Lynn Groover – 30 years
Faye Hulst – 35 years

Susan Boddiford – 31 years
Kathryn Newman – 12 years
Katherine Wellman
Deborah Curlin – 1 year
Bailey Alsup – 3 years
Doris Bishop – 25 years
David Bishop – 42 years
Emil Biles Gaskins - 25 Years
David Richardson - 10 Years
Reginia Richardson - 22 years
William (Clay Smith) - 39 years

15 members of Northwest Georgia are teachers that we didn't get names and years of service on.

*When God created teachers, he gave us special friends
To help us understand his world and truly comprehend
The beauty and the wonder of everything we see
And become a better person with each discovery
When God created teachers, He gave us special guides
To show us ways in which to grow so we can all decide
How to live and how to do what is right instead of wrong
To lead us so that we can lead and learn how to be strong
Why God created teachers in his wisdom and his grace
Was to help us learn to make our world a better and wiser place.*

Confessions of a Sloppy (Aging) Daylily Gardener

By Joann Stewart

If you're 'not there yet,' you will be. At the appropriate time, you'll consider downsizing your garden, moving somewhere 'easier to maintain,' or simply giving up gardening altogether. Even if it's coming, you don't have to do it right away, and there are things you can do RIGHT NOW to reduce gardening demands and extend your gardening years.

Why would anyone consider giving up gardening? Chores involving deadheading, weed control, watering, and fertilizing. Glug. Tasks considered 'essential' to a well-maintained garden don't slow down as we age and become less capable. We pride ourselves on being good 'plant parents,' but are all these self-imposed tasks really **essential?** I say not!

Deadheading: It's true, daylily gardens look their best when spent blooms are removed daily (a neat and well-groomed garden) but this practice is absolutely NOT essen-



Well-groomed Garden

tial for plant growth and wellbeing. When my 'deadheading hours' reached 6+ hours a day I was advised: 'don't dead-head, just watch for bee pods and remove those'. (What wisdom, and how grateful I was to be relieved of that daily chore.) I was already growing about 600+ varieties and removing that one item from my daily chore roster allowed me to continue adding plants and enjoying them more.

Removing spent scapes and foliage: For esthetics, we've all been advised to remove dead scapes once they've dried enough to pull out easily. I'm 80 years old and will contin-

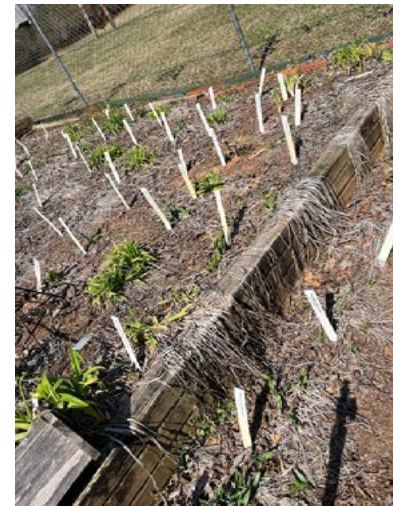
ue doing this as long as I can because I don't like the look of dead scapes through the winter, and if they're left, garden clean-up in the spring is more difficult. In addition, I use bundles of dead scapes for erosion control.

Removing spent foliage is only essential in vole territory to prevent their nests. I choose to leave my foliage and only remove it if it spills over the edge of a raised bed and becomes unsightly.

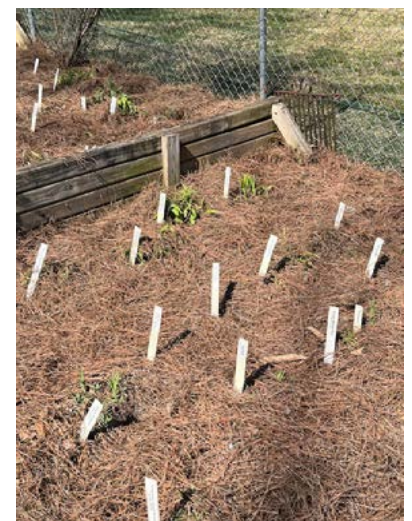
Weed control: Prevention is the best strategy for weed control. Germinated weeds won't go away by themselves, but you can greatly diminish germination rates by timely applications of pre-emergent. Just remember – a pre-emergent is exactly that – a 'PRE' -treatment, not a 'POST' -treatment. Once it's applied, DO NOT WALK IN THE BEDS, because the protected area the chemical creates is destroyed once foot pressure is applied. It also doesn't last forever, so count on re-applying every 4 months as needed.

What kind to use? Each pre-emergent formula (and brand) targets different weed spectrums. Expensive brands target a wider range of weeds, but inexpensive types (think formulations for lawns) may benefit the average gardener almost as much. How much should you use? A 'rule of thumb' is 1 grain of pre-emergent per 2" square area, so not a lot. If your budget doesn't run to using many garden amendments, sprinkle plain corn meal, which contains gluten – itself a pre-emergent.

Mulch of any kind will also help with weed control. My personal



Foliage spilling over edge of raised bed



Pinestraw over newspaper



Hand-held 'scythe'

favorite is laying damp newspapers (up to 8 layers) between plants, then covering the paper with pine straw). You may prefer using cardboard, or any other cover, which prevents weed germination and seals in moisture (don't apply when the ground is very dry), and then itself is concealed by your mulch choice. Your mulch choice may not be the same as mine, either.

If it's a case of 'Ooops, too late for treatment' (i.e., you have weeds galore)? Equip yourself with the best weed-ing tools for the job. My two favorites are an old-fashioned garden hoe, and a hand-held 'scythe' (and they do make a long-handled version). Neither tool seems to affect my arthritis or joints.

Selecting an appropriate time of day (do NOT attempt this in full sun or when the temperature is consistently above 80 degrees), setting a limited time goal (say 15 minutes) and doing as much as you can during that time makes it more like a game, less like work, and doesn't deplete 'the weeder person' so badly. Sticking to it is the goal, and consistently working only limited times helps a lot. If you have the energy, doing those short stints several times a day brings a lot of satisfaction when you see you're making good progress.

Watering: 'Optimal watering' is an inch of water per week. (Easy if you have an irrigation system: if not, raise your hand if you've ever pulled a garden hose around.) Hand watering is worse, and definitely work. Plants appreciate your taking such good care of them, but what happens if you don't water? Daylilies are tough: you may see potentially fewer buds, smaller blooms, shorter scapes and less rebloom – but daylilies are going to carry on whether or not you water them. So, unless you see the plants showing signs of distress, there's another task you can cross off your list.

Fertilizing: Fertilizing helps plants clump up and multiply, and rewards you with larger blooms, taller scapes and better bud counts. However, fertilizer sacks are heavy. What happens if you don't fertilize at all? Same as with a no-watering technique: potentially fewer buds, smaller blooms, shorter scapes – but truly, they don't really care all that much. And they'll still multiply, just at a slower rate.

Downsizing: If you feel you must downsize, try swapping plants for help in the garden (club members are a good labor resource), giving them away for birthdays or 'just because' gifts, to neighbors, your local postal worker, or putting them out by the curb with a 'FREE' sign on them. Taking them to club meetings for door prizes, selling them on daylily plant auction sites – all these suggestions are routes to reduction.

Do away with guilt. You judge yourself far more harshly than anyone else will, so just don't. Do what you can, as you can and as long as you can.

That's my advice, and worth what you paid for it.



Love to Joe Marohl (Elliott-D., 2017)

Photo by Claude Carpenter



Clyde Reese Jr (Reese-R., 2019)

Photo by Claude Carpenter



Femininity (Reinke-J., 2007)

Photo by Claude Carpenter

Redneck Daylily Doin's

By A.W. Shucks, Cornatzer, NC

Last June, my flatlander cousin N.A. Shucks invited me down to Georgia for a "surprise" weekend. He told me to drive my 1947 pickup, not the one I use to evade the revenuers. I figured it was an antique car meet! The police stopped me twice near Atlanta for under-speeding, doing 35 in a 70-mph zone. Continuing south, I turned east on I-16 at Macon but quickly switched to a less-traveled two-lane road rolling southeast past fields of cotton, soybeans, knee-high corn, and a few dozen Dollar General Stores. The GPS had long since stopped when I came to a fork in the road. So, I took it! The unpaved road wound through straggly pine forests for a fur piece more!

I knew I had arrived at my destination when it widened into a muddy quagmire and I saw the bullet-riddled sign that read, "Welcome to Possum Blossom, Georgia – Redneck Capital of the South". With a population of 172, it has twice as many hunting dogs as people, three times as many pickups (counting the one-third not running), and four times as many guns (all of which work)! Possum Blossom is in Long County, just north of Ludowici, notoriously known for being on the National Historic Registry of speed traps.



This muddy cornfield was the parking lot for the Lock & Load Lodge where I met up with cousin N.A. and learned that this was the host site for the first annual Redneck Daylily Doin's. I never saw so many rusty pickups and trailers loaded with daylilies for the big auction.



Friday afternoon, some relaxed and watched a tractor-pulling contest, or a demolition derby in the quagmire. N.A. said he was going to participate in the Redneck Games. I decided on a more serious pursuit. I was going to attend the Garden Art Landscape Design class until I learned the prerequisites were a blow torch, some old farm implements, and a tractor tire (and white spray paint). I also passed on Stir-Frying with Daylilies. If it ain't fried, it ain't edible! The lecture Dealing with Daylily Pests sounded promising until I found out that it mainly dealt with the type of ammo to use on deer and rabbits. That session was full with a waitlist anyhow!

Eventually, I decided to attend the "lecture" on Soil pH Preparation. All started well. We learned the redneck pH test: 1) Add baking soda to a Mason jar of soil slurry – if it fizzes, it is acidic. 2) Add lemon juice to another jar – if it fizzes the soil is alkaline. I was shocked to discover, however, that the "soil slurry," a.k.a. mud, then turned into a discussion of how to prepare fizzy pools of it for mud-wrassling, followed by a demonstration. Somehow, I got roped into being the referee. So many rules: no kicking,



punching, choking, biting, mullet pulling, eye gouging, head butting, or use of a tire iron. Likewise, the opponent loses the match instantly if he yells, "Help me Mama," or stops breathing! This was not at all like my favorite TV wrassling. The winner had either to pin the opponent or pull off his tee shirt in the best three of five rounds. I did not know that the ref would get as muddy as the contestants nor that I would have my own tee shirt ripped off in the process! (My shirt is seen here in pristine condition before the mud bath!)

As I cleaned up, my cousin N.A. returned. Seems he finished first overall in the Redneck Games by winning the chewing tobacco spit-off, the toilet seat toss (i.e., think horseshoes, but bigger), bobbin' for pigs' feet, which don't float like apples, and corn hole. Unlike me, he wisely skipped the mud pit belly flop! He received the Foxworthy Gold Medal and was acting right biggety about it. Says he plans to have it bronzed and hang it next to his talking fish!



Vittles soon arrived in food trucks. We all ate pulled pork and ribs slathered in BBQ sauce, mac-and-cheese, coleslaw, hushpuppies, and moon pies.

Before the daylily auction, entertainment consisted of a few down-home love ballads from the Canoochee River Boys. My favorites were: "I Tattooed Your Name Above All My Exes (but I'm running out of room)," "I Shot My Dawg While Aiming For You," and "Duct Tape Mended My Broken Heart."

The auction consisted of all country and redneck-themed cultivars. I was high bidder for 'Dixie Redneck' (Connell-G., 2019), 'Redneck Juice' (Stewart-J., 2019), and 'Chickens On The Porch' (Herrington-T., 2014).

Saturday morning began with us early risers taking some target practice shooting cans off fence posts. I smack-dab flattened four truck tires, finishing last. After a quick breakfast of biscuits smothered in sausage gravy, those with dawgs truck-pooled to the gardens while the rest of us piled into a stretch limo.



The first garden, Hillbilly's Delight, was the garden of Jim Bob and Elsie Sue Clampett. They owned the biggest house in the county – a triple-wide with a connecting truck port. Their shiny chrome hubcaps were the envy of all. Having an inquiring mind, I asked Jim

Bob the difference between a redneck and a hillbilly. He answered indirectly saying, "Well, we mostly grow daylilies with the word 'hillbilly' in the name, but none have teeth!" Hillbilly Heaven' (Marchant, 2023) got my vote for its huge eye and



applied throat pattern. The seedling bed was in this garden, but sadly there were only "dogs" in it and two of those were Jim Bob's hounds.



readily viewable above the grass and weeds. Eller's purple 'Bubba Duck' at 40" tall was like a lighthouse beacon leading us safely out. The garden had lots of buds to look out for, just not all the blooming kind. We left for the final garden after a lunch of fried catfish, fried chicken, and a Bud or two that left a few attendees "fried".

The Trailer Trash Gardens of Bo and Cephus Jones and their wives, Caldonia and Calpurnia, was hard to find – not due to poor directions, just finding it in the tall grass. They were delighted when N.A. found their F150 under the kudzu in the back garden. They had previously reported it stolen. It was easier to find a needle in a haystack – of which they had several – than to find 24" tall daylily clumps. Luckily, a few grew in double-stacked white-painted tractor tires, old bathtubs, or commodes and, thus, were



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Harley and Zinnia Rose Calhoun's Tattoo Gardens had an immaculate lawn thanks to Harley's turbo-charged riding mower that could do zero to 60 in five seconds. It was hand-built from scraps found in the local junk yards.

There were two unfortunate incidents in this garden. Having had one Bud too many at lunch, Jeb Butler turned the wrong way and his old Dodge truck ended up in the Calhoun's fishpond. Then his drunker brother Rhett rode a bike into a tree, literally! Remarkably, the baskets of daylilies were unscathed!



Harley's introduction 'Tattoos For Two' was immediately pegged to win the Earnest T. Bass Best Clump on tour. The pattern mimicked the designs on the couple's arms. In Japanese, it reads, "I like to grow daylilies". Well, maybe! Harley did wink when he told me that!

Saturday afternoon, after the garden tour, the town was mostly empty of locals. That's when they get gussied up, circumvent the speed trap, and go Walmarting over east in Hinesville. Nothing beats tailgating at a Walmart Super Center! N.A. and I walked around town to see just what made this the Redneck Capital of the South. Every block on Main St. had a tattoo parlor, a hair salon, a gun/ammo supply store, and a dancehall/bar on the corner. Like most Southern towns, Main St. was split by railroad tracks. Frankly, it was hard to tell which was the "wrong" side of the tracks! Just off Main to the west were a dozen salvage yards posing as used truck dealerships. To the east, were trailer parks posing as subdivisions.

The largest building in town housed both the jail and the elementary school. I noticed the sign on the school said grades K-3, so I stopped an elderly couple and asked, "Is there no higher education being taught here?" The fellow, Lamar, responded, "Naw! We don't need more book learning! I learnt to hunt soon as I could walk. In third grade, my 'senior' year, I learnt truck fixin'. Bessie Mae here learnt cosmetology in second grade. Most just graduate cross the hall to the jail!"



We returned in time for the social hour. The hors d'oeuvres included fried Spam, Vienna sausages, Velveeta cheese dip, potted meat on saltines, and boiled peanuts all washed down with a bottle of Coors Light. (Remember! Coors is what the "Bandit" smuggled across state lines in the movie "Smokey and the Bandit".) Then we moseyed over to the barn.

The banquet in the barn was formal so we all wore black bib overalls with string ties. Understandably, it was hard to "formalize" totally while wearing plaid flannel shirts and trucker caps! Table centerpieces were beer koozies that also made nice hats for the ladies who won them!





Speaking of hats, it is now a mandatory part of any daylily event to have a hat contest. There was a four-way tie for trucker caps worn by the four Butler brothers: Jeb, Gator, and the twins Harlon and Rhett. (Rumor has it that one of the twins may also be their first cousin!) Here are their winning trucker caps:

In addition, of course, they had to have raffle baskets. The most popular was a bushel basket full of shotgun shells, motor oil, and duct tape.

The banquet was a trucker's delight. The entrée was fresh-caught filets from the chef's morning drive out in the country. (So nice to get to eat these without one of us having to watch out for cars.) However, it was hard to tell if it was squirrel, raccoon, or possum since a tangy sauce masked the rubbery taste of the tread marks. Swamp Cabbage cooked in bacon fat, cornbread, potato salad, and sweet tea complimented the meal to perfection; topped off with a dozen Krispy Kreme glazed donuts.

Georgian Jeff Foxworthy was supposed to be the guest speaker, but cousin N.A. filled in with some "You might be a redneck if..." one-liners. A few are related below.

Before leaving for home on Sunday morning, I got shed of my old truck for one that came complete with a dawg and a full tank of gas. No lollygagger, I also registered for next year's doin's. Hope to see you there!

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You might be a redneck hemeroholic if:

- Your wrecked demolition-derby VW van serves as a daylily greenhouse in the off season.
- You've ever financed daylily tattoos for your family.
- Your favorite books are comics, coloring books, and the Daylily Journal – in that order.
- You have a daylily theme bed named after Dukes of Hazard characters.
- In tough situations, you ask yourself, "What would A.W. Shucks do?"
- Your daylily garden has been mistaken for a recycling center.
- You love your dawg, your truck, your daylilies, and your wife – in that order!
- Your dawg ever ate all the vittles in a daylily tour garden.
- Your hot tub is a wood-fired 300-gallon livestock trough in which you also wash and divide daylilies.
- You have named a daylily for a comic book hero.
- You paid more for your huntin' dawg than for a dozen brand-smacking new daylilies.
- You grow daylilies in a row and call it landscaping.
- You think four-in-the-floor defines how many 2-gallon pots of daylilies you can fit under your legs while driving to daylily doin's.
- You use cardboard boxes as raised daylily beds.
- You put your outhouse on the front porch to have more room for daylilies in the back forty!

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'Hillbilly Heaven' photo by Claude Carpenter.

Lodge photo by Ken Cobb (really the Big Lynn Lodge in Little Switzerland, NC), and edited by Hans.

Tee shirt adapted from an internet sales site and edited by Hans.

Remainder of images were all AI-generated using Dall-E, or Adobe Firefly:

- Hats, beer koozie featuring 'Blueberry Cream Cupcake', and 'Tattoos For Two' AI-generated then edited by Hans.
- Other images AI-generated by Ken Cobb with additional editing of the food truck by Hans.

Editor's Note: This article's text is neither artificial, nor is it intelligent!

Region 5's Club



Albany Daylily Society

Linda Stokes and Jean Wnek Reporters

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. We always start our meetings off with a wonderful meal and then have our programs.

New club officers for 2024-2025 are President, Selena Bonner; 1st Vice President, Kaye Fearneyhough; 2nd Vice President, Ronnie Fowler; Treasurer, Allen Bonner; Secretary, Linda Stokes; and Assistant Secretary, Jean Wnek.

Our club had a great year in 2023 and all our members are excited about 2024. Our gardens are about to wake up for their annual spring chores.

Our Daylily Show is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2024, at the American Legion Post #30 for our second time at this location. We were very successful there in 2023, especially with our plant sales which were due to some successful and innovative advertising. The Show Chair this year will be Selena Bonner and Co-Chair, Kaye Fearneyhough. Assignment sheets were discussed at our last meeting. We will have another plant sale the day of the



Members of the Albany Region 5 Old Timers Daylily Club (L-R) Pat Bonner, Marion Tyus, Jack Joiner, Tim Herrington, and Rose Mary Dixon

show. We are proud of the new members that joined our club after visiting our show last year.

We had a large attendance at our February meeting and enjoyed a program about hybridizing. Members that have never hybridized were challenged to make at least one cross this year. Members of the Albany Region 5 Old Timers Daylily Club met after the meeting and reminisced about past daylily activities.

Our club is dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of daylilies at all levels, from the beginner to the most advanced hybridizer. For more club news and information, follow us on Facebook at Albany Hemerocallis Society.



Albany Members at their February meeting



Activities

Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society

Pam Snellgrove Reporter



CVDS met November 4th, 2023, with three new members joining us. New officer nominations were announced and voted on. The importance of joining ADS was discussed along with the community service awards that we give and the charitable monetary gift we give at Christmas. We were reminded of the upcoming Christmas party and the speaker of the day, Tim Bell, was introduced. Tim presented a slide show of his beautiful gardens and some of his current daylilies and possible new introductions. After a break for refreshments Tim held an auction of the daylilies he brought. Bidding was exciting and lots of members went home with new plants to add to their garden. Club members also left with new bright yellow club tee shirts. The club Christmas party was held in early December and attended by 32 people. There was plenty of food and fun. Dirty Santa and the tackiest outfit contest kept everyone entertained along with live music.

Our first meeting of 2024 featured Terry Johnson as our speaker. Terry is a wildlife biologist, a writer, researcher, and expert hummingbird bander. He presented a great program on hummingbirds. We all learned a lot about one of our favorite birds. After a short break and refreshments, we had the business meeting. New officers and current vacancies were announced. Discussions were held about our community service award, fund raising ideas, the possibility of increasing club dues, and changes in the timing of our Christmas party this year. The meeting was well attended, including 2 new members. Larry Miller is still serving as president, Ellen Averill is 1st Vice President, Susan Breazeale is 2nd Vice President, Brenda Dillman is secretary, and the office of treasurer is currently open. Jim Tyrol will be chair of the daylily show which will be held June 1st at the Columbus Botanical Garden.



Terry Johnson, the club's first speaker of 2024.



Chattahoochee Valley Members at their Christmas Dinner Party



Cobb County Daylily Society

Diana Waldrop Reporter

We had a wonderful meeting in November with Doris and David Bishop as our speakers. Their program was interesting, entertaining, informative and came with several changes of orange clothes from David to highlight his presentation. We all enjoyed it very much.

In December, we celebrated our Christmas Party, hosted by Glenn and Yvonne McKenney at their neighborhood clubhouse. Special thanks to Ida and Ken Dixon for their help with decorations and providing beautiful Christmas gifts for all attendees. The turnout was great, and the spread of delicious food was abundant. Everyone who came can be seen in our Annual Christmas Picture.

We have an exciting year ahead for our club! Our first meeting on February 18th will feature Scott Elliott. Scott always delivers an excellent program, and perhaps we'll learn about his new focus on growing Orchids. We also plan on celebrating St. Patrick's Day – don't forget to wear green!

Then in March, Bill Waldrop will be our speaker focusing on our "Twenty Years" since the club's inception. It's sure to be a captivating program, given our many shared adventures. April brings Jeff Glauser to talk about growing Coleus. We always look forward to hearing



Doris & David Bishop presented the Program at November Meeting

from Jeff. Many of us grow Jeff's Coleus in our Gardens, nurtured in Bill's Greenhouse and Garden.

Our Daylily Show is scheduled for June 1, 2024, at the Marietta First United Methodist Church. Friday will be set-up day and Saturday we start early bringing in our daylilies to be judged. We also have a large plant sale where many excellent plants will be sold.

This year, our newest member, Marla, will oversee our plant sales. Come and explore our Show which will be open to the Public at 1:00 p.m. and take home some fantastic plants at bargain prices.

It has been a cold winter, but we always look forward to a warm spring when our Daylilies really start growing. You're invited to join us at any of our upcoming gatherings – our members would love to welcome you!



Members at Christmas Party



Heart of Georgia Daylily Society

Wanda Willis, Reporter

Greetings everyone from the Heart of Georgia Daylily Society. We wish everyone a great spring and we will hold a meeting later this year.



Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

Vicki Alsup Reporter

Winfred Huff was our featured speaker at our first meeting of 2024 in February.. We enjoyed viewing his new introductions and his futures. An auction of some of his plants followed his presentation.

DSGA will be hosting the Region 5 meeting this year so we will not be having a show. The dates of the meeting are June 7-8, 2024, and we have three new gardens on the tour. We are working hard to make this a great and memorable experience for all members of Region 5, so 'Come Explore in 2024'!



Winfred Huff,

The club's first speaker of 2024

Registration is through May 15,2024 and is \$129 per person. We are staying at the Hilton Garden Inn in Alpharetta – Group Code is DAYLILY SOCIETY ATL. The Chairperson is Mark Franklin – 770-403-4685. This is the perfect time for anyone wanting to get their judges classes in as we will be offering them all. (\$5 clinic fee will be collected in each session).

Our Officers for 2024 are President – Bruce Alsup, VP – Viki Breeland, Secretary – Nanci Griggs, Treasurer – Anita Wilson.



Members at our annual Christmas Party



Northwest Georgia Daylily Society

David Bishop Reporter

The NWGDS show is scheduled for Saturday, June 22. The deadline for entering daylilies in the show is 9:00 a.m. Details will be listed on our website: <https://www.nwgeorgiadaylily.org/>

Morgan Akin will be our Show Chair. We had Winfred Huff in January as our speaker. He used slides to teach us how to enter the Region 5 Dennis Calbreath Daylily Photography Contest and told us what the judges were looking for in a picture. His interactive approach allowed club members to point score pictures and to tell why they chose the photo scores. It will help us take better photographs for the Region 5 contest and for club contests.

In February, we will have Rose Guerra come again to our club to speak. Her topic is "Birds- Love is in the Air" which is appropriate for Valentine's Day month. Our club generally has a panel of three members in March. They answer questions posed by our club concerning growing daylilies. It's early enough in the season to try different techniques. Our panel members don't always agree on their methods!

In April, Matthew Stafford of the South Atlanta Club will do the presentation. We will have a clinic on how to groom daylilies for our May program. We meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 10:00 AM at the Stiles Auditorium at 327 Cherokee Avenue. New officers will be elected this fall for 2025-2026.



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 our Secretary, Lana Lott, were approved and e-mailed to everyone before the meeting. The treasurer, Angela Blue, gives us a financial report. After that Chip Wood gives an informative Presidents report. Our meetings always include the three F's: Food, Fun, and Fellowship.

In December we had our annual catered meal Christmas Party meeting. Our president entertained us on how we got our Christmas presents.

In January we concluded part II of our program on Hybridizing 101 which began in October of 2023. In it we were shown how to make crosses with great results using fewer seeds and methods of starting seeds to grow. We welcomed 2 new members and had a



President Chip Wood leading a discussion at our January meeting



Tommy Fuller, door prize winner at the January meeting.

a crowd of 35 attend the meeting. We were honored to have as guests Jan and Royce Joiner from Pembroke and Sue Cliett from Black Creek. The meeting concluded with passing out the door prizes.

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. Our show will be held on May 25th at the Dublin Mall.



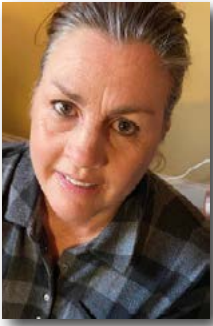
Ogeechee Daylily Club

Lynn Shaw Reporter

The Ogeechee Daylily Club kicked off 2024 with a fantastic presentation by Terry Beasley on companion plants to grow alongside daylilies. Complete with a slide show, Mr. Beasley gave us a plethora of ideas we can all incorporate into our personal gardens. Our club also planned our 2 shows in the Spring. Our first, a mobile show, will be hosted by Scott Elliot at his home and garden, Maneki Neko Gardens in Ellabell, Georgia, on May 15, 2024. Our main show will once again be held at Old Fellowship Baptist Church in Stilson, Georgia, on May 25, 2024, with our President Kevin McClinton as chair.



Terry Beasley speaking on companion plants at Ogeechee meeting.



North Georgia Daylily Society

Meloney Higginbotham, Reporter

Officers for 2024 are President- Elaine Kelley, Vice President - Alan Lunsford, Treasurer - Roger West, Co Secretaries- Janann McInnis and Meloney Higginbotham, Past President - Perry McAllum, and Club Reporter -

Meloney Higginbotham.

Winter is here but the groundhog has officially said it will be a short one. We are all hoping and praying his prediction is correct, but it should be noted that statistically he is only right 39% of the time. A .390 average is great in baseball but not so good in weather predictions. So, during winter, we are all preparing for a brilliant bloom season but that entails less than glorious work. A famous quote by Robert H. Schuller says "Spectacular achievement is always preceded by less than spectacular preparation." This thought is exactly what the conversation centered on as I was helping a friend prepare her daylily field for the 2024 growing season. As we labored on our hands and knees, cleaning the old foliage from the daylilies and relishing in finding new growth, we equated the process to painting it's all in the preparation. Keep drudging along in your gardens because the rewards will be spectacular.

We wrapped up the last quarter of 2023 with three fun gatherings. October was an opportunity for our members to share pictures of their favorite daylily blooms in a beautiful slide show. Thanks to Jon Solomon for putting the slide show together. November brought the club favorite back... Daylily Bingo was the highlight of the meeting. The room is full of a bit of tension as we are all hoping for a little bit of luck to say "bingo" and win some awesome prizes. Thanks

to Alan Lunsford for gathering all the great prizes. Lastly, we love December because it's a Christmas party with delicious food and fellowship. We blessed and expressed gratitude for our bountiful food and prayed for our members who were sick before filling our plates with the delicious home-made sides and desserts along with honey baked and ham and turkey. After a lot of eating and wonderful fellowship, we had to take care of some business.

We elected Roger West to be our new treasurer and all other board members remained in their positions. Many thanks to Joann Gardener for her 8 years of keeping a great eye on our checkbook. Your service to our club is much appreciated. With full bellies, we enjoyed our tradition of the Thieving Santa Game, there was a lot thieving and few apologies for stealing the highly sought after gifts but most importantly, we all laughed.

To conclude the year, our president Elaine Kelley called an executive board meeting for Sunday December 31st. Sunday afternoons are good to meet because there are few conflicts but it's New Year's Eve, won't everyone be getting ready for parties to ring in the new year. Well, when she sent out the text and soon received responses that everyone could make it, she realized our board members are not "party animals" on New Year's Eve. So, the no party folks met and worked diligently on a revised MAP program, strategies for retaining and showing appreciation for our members and finally, planning the meeting schedule and events for 2024. Thanks to all the board members for putting in the extra time to make 2024 a great year. "Winter is a season of recovery and preparation," Paul Theroux.



Middle Georgia Daylily Society

Winfred Huff Reporter

The spirit of a love for the daylily in our club still rises at our meetings. Our anticipation for spring and summer holds a place in our heart. We are proud that old man winter is giving 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 beloved daylily brings. We had our annual Christmas luncheon with Alex and Elizabeth Salter sharing their latest introductions. Daylily folks in our area invited to come and share in our club's excitement.



Savannah Daylily Society

Nele Ewaldsen Reporter

We have really been enjoying our new spacious meeting room at the First Presbyterian Church on Washington Avenue in Savannah. We will be having our Daylily Show on May 18th

at the new location. We hope to attract a new interest to this location as it is in the Ardsley Park area which is very centrally located in Savannah.

We have enjoyed several educational speakers this year. Mike Smith, of Longwood Plantation spoke to us about the

different types of soil. Terry Beasley gave a slide presentation about the many choices of companion plants to complement our daylily gardens. Of course, we had a wonderful time at our Christmas party hosted by Cathy Schmidt. We will host Justin McLeod at our February meeting and Dave Richardson will speak in March.

We are busy planning for our show in May. Sue Cliett is chair and is busy filling all the various jobs needed to put on the show.

We continue to maintain our daylily garden at the Savannah Botanical Gardens. It is located at the entrance to the garden, so it is in a high-profile place. We hope it will continue to show off our beautiful daylilies and bring new interest to our organization. We all anticipate spring and daylily season and can't wait to start sharing our gardens. Information about our show on June 6 is in the list of shows in this edition of *The Georgia Daylily*.



Members at the February meeting



South Atlanta Daylily Society

Matthew Stafford, Reporter

In November, the club held a seed swap. Members were encouraged to bring flower/vegetable seeds to swap with each other. As a fun surprise, each member who participated received a packet of daylily cross seeds!

December brought the Annual Holiday Party where members dressed in their best holiday attire to compete for the "Best Festive Dressed" contest. Youth member, Mary Katherine Foster, won the honor and received a beautiful daylily calendar created by Rainelle Meridith from Nolichucky Daylilies. Thirty-four outstanding daylilies were raffled off with club members redeeming their RMS points.

A groundbreaking membership drive was discussed titled "100 in 100." The goal is to reach 100 members within the first 100 days of 2024. It was encouraging that two new members joined that evening! In January, the club reviewed their Rewards Management System (RMS) and made a few revisions based on the previous year's feedback. Work continued on the 2nd Annual South Atlanta Daylily Society Daylily Festival.

Club Officers are President -Janet Gamble, Vice President- Matthew Stafford, Treasurer- Leisa Stewart, and Secretary- Kathy Buffington. Information about our show on June 6 is in the list of shows in this edition of *The Georgia Daylily*.



Mary Katherine Foster, youth member, winner of the 'Best Festive Dressed Contest'.



Valdosta Hemerocallis Society

Terry Wilson Reporter

"I once more seat myself to write a few lines which leaves me well and I hope these few lines may reach you and find you enjoying the same blessing of God."

The Valdosta Hemerocallis Society will hold its Annual Daylily Show and Sale, Saturday May 11th, 2024, at The Crescent Garden Center in Valdosta, GA. For information, please contact our Show Chairperson Jessica Wynn Clinard. Her contact information is on the list of shows in this edition of *The Georgia Daylily*.

Since last we spoke our club had its annual points auction in October hosted by the always beautiful Bells Daylily Garden. Then we combined November/December for our Annual Thanksgiving/Christmas party where we had a short meeting to continue our discussion on the upcoming 2026 National Convention and to nail down a date for our upcoming show and sale for this year. The meeting was adjourned, and we proceeded with a plant auction and then we let the fun and fellowship begin.

In January we gathered again with very special friends/guests, James & Louise Fennell of Hope Hill Gardens located in Hawkinsville, GA. Brother James presented a seedling slide-show of some very beautiful blooms. I must say the oohh's and

aahh's particularly came during the showing of Lambertson's 'Green Imperial Pigeon' crosses. The meeting ended with the drawing of a raffle plant "Bessie Neele Favorite Color" a new introduction by Kathy Fowler. Then an auction of daylilies and drawings for many nice door prizes were held.

The new officers for the Valdosta Hemerocallis Society have been placed into service for this term. They are as follows: President: Kathy Fowler, Vice President/Program Chair: Marsha Crisler, Secretary: Jean Wnek, Treasure: Clay Smith, Newsletter Reporter: yours truly Terry A. Wilson.

The club's new program chair is already lining up some interesting guests for the upcoming months. February will be Nicole Devito of Nicole's Daylilies, March we will 'Bee' having an education on Bee's and their role in our ecosystem. April will be a grooming class by Opal Howell getting ready for a show.

Our club meets every third Thursday at 6:00 pm typically at the Western Sizzlin in Adel, Georgia located just off I-75 Exit 39 at 1500 4th St, Adel, Georgia 31620. Check for updates on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Valdostadaylilyclub> for any changes in location or time. The opening line of my club news is from "The Civil War Letters of Bryant Folsom" letter dated June 20th, 1862, Charlottesville, Virginia. (My wife's Great, Great, Great... Grandfather). So, until next time "Grow where your planted".



South Georgia Daylily Society

Nancy Perry Reporter

The South Georgia Daylily Society has started strong for the new year with County Extension Agent James Jacobs as the January speaker and the February meeting featured members speaking about the recent Region 5 meeting in Hawkinsville.

Society members are excited to hear speakers who help them learn more about daylilies and gardens.

Jacobs brought a very informative program to the club on weed control in their gardens at the January meeting. He shared handouts listing weed control agents and he also shared a list of fertilizers that would be most helpful for daylilies.

Four of the members, Vickie Vincent, Glenda and Wayne Quinn, and Marilyn Waters, shared about their recent trip to the Region 5 Winter Meeting in Hawkinsville. Lots of interesting

information was shared and many members are ready to attend the next Region meeting.

The February meeting featured Valentine themed decorations as members shared with one another about their love for plants and working in their gardens. Members shared very good information during the question and answer time on ways to prepare their gardens for spring. Each member was presented a heart shaped succulent in recognition of the special celebration of Valentines.

Both meetings featured covered dish suppers and good fellowship with fellow society members.

The next meeting of the South Georgia Daylily Society will be Tuesday, March 19. Guest speaker will be Scott Elliott of Ellabell. The April meeting will be held Tuesday, April 16 and our guest speaker will be Dave Richardson of Nashville.

The South Georgia Daylily Society meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at First Baptist Church in Blackshear.

2024 Region 5 Hybridizer's Award Ballot

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

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

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

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

Please mail your ballot to – David Richardson, 2211 Indian Camp Rd, Nashville, GA 31639
or email your choice to: drich2211@yahoo.com by July 1, 2024.

Note - If you e-mail your choice, put your name by your selection to verify the vote indeed was yours.

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS: The list below are the cultivars submitted by the hybridizers. Circle your choice, sign the ballot, OR write in another choice on the line provided.

Ghost Ranger
Lenorah Hope
Martha Lynn Carpenter
Williamson Sunrise

Dot Ward
Blowing Pinwheels
One Eyed Dragon
Hazel Wilson

Opa Klaus
Sharon Brown
Katisue Herrington

Signature _____ Write in _____

BALLOT INSTRUCTIONS FOR SECOND MEMBER OF FAMILY: Circle your choice, sign the ballot, OR write in another choice on the line provided.

Ghost Ranger
Lenorah Hope
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Blowing Pinwheels
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Signature _____ Write in _____

2024 Region 5 Popularity Poll Ballot

Here is the TOP 22 of your favorite daylilies for the NEW Region 5 Popularity Poll Ballot. Please vote for your top 5 daylilies from the list below. You may choose to vote for less than 5 daylilies, but you may NOT vote for more than 5 daylilies (including write-in votes).

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

Deadline for voting is September 28, 2024. This will allow for the winners list to be prepared and for the winning announcement to be made at the Fall Regional Meeting, October 5, 2024.

Email: selebonner@gmail.com

Text: (334) 301-3295 (include your full name first and then list your selections)

Mail: Selena Bonner
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Your Name: _____

To record your vote, circle the number next to the daylily name.

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| 1. BREATHING IN SNOWFLAKES | 12. ONE EYED DRAGON |
| 2. BUBBLING CRUDE | 13. OPA KLAUS |
| 3. CLYDE REESE JR | 14. PEACOCK'S PRIDE |
| 4. DIXIELAND FIVE | 15. SIMPLY KAREN |
| 5. ELVA WHITE GROW | 16. SOUTHERN FRENCH TOAST |
| 6. HAZEL WILSON | 17. SPACE COAST FRANCIS BUSBY |
| 7. HERE'S TO YOU BILL ROBINSON | 18. SPACE COAST SCARLET DESIRE |
| 8. ITALIAN SUMMER | 19. TALQUIN'S BROKEN ARROW |
| 9. LIL BLACK BUDS | 20. TIM HERRINGTON |
| 10. NATIVE AMERICAN | 21. THOMAS TEW |
| 11. OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD | 22. VIVA GLAM GIRL |

Up to 3 write-in nominations are allowed:



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