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- Articles about Hybridizers or Hybridizing
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- Articles about Humor
- Articles on Photography
- Scientific Studies about Daylilies
- Articles about Daylily Personalities
- Youth Articles
- Club News and Events

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Scenes from our 2019 Winter Meeting
(Photos by Claude Carpenter)

Regional President's Report

Joann Stewart



Hi Everyone,
from Joann Stewart in Watkinsville:

It's winter's last gasp – isn't it? For sure, it's the annual 'flip-flop' season (that's not a footgear description). There are signs of spring in NE Georgia, and the occasional 'really nice day', but I suspect there are a few weeks ahead for up and down temperatures. It's okay – I know where my coat is. Next summer - when it's hot and dry – I'll try to remember being sick of rain, but for now, I'd gladly take a breather from overcast skies and all that wet stuff.

I'm late in writing to welcome our new Region 5 members, but that's been done and I hope we'll see some new faces at our upcoming summer regional. We had some new attendees at our spring meeting, and it's so good to see people becoming interested from an area outside

the range of our own local clubs. We're so lucky to have a 'whole state region', where we have a good chance to know most of our regional members, and to be within drive time of so many gardens. I had hoped to learn more Region 5 members' names while I was Regional President, and I've learned some, but I'm still very grateful for name tags! I was given a gift by a generous daylily lover at the spring meeting, and it was so nice to bring that plant home to plant, and I know that every time I see it, I'll think of this generous person. It's nice to share!

Before long, we'll have shows to attend, and I hope we'll all remember to greet and speak to non-club visitors, and to explain 'all about daylilies' to anyone who gives the show tables a second glance. One of the membership stories I remember best was given by a friend who described happening upon a show with his family, being greeted and welcomed by an older woman, who gave him a flower, provided membership papers for the local daylily club, and signed him up on the spot - letting him know the date, place and time for the next meeting. I'm not sure if it was getting steamrolled or getting the free flower, but that person is still an AHS member today, and that was over 25 years ago. He always mentions how friendly people were that day, and how willing they were to share information.

What a nice story. And it's a variation of the same one I've heard time and again.

It costs nothing to smile. It costs nothing to be welcoming and friendly. It costs a LOT to have someone be dour, unhappy and grim or to make disparaging comments. Be the first person, not the second!

If you attended the last regional meeting, you'll know that the Regional President's nominating committee have put James Fennell forward as their candidate. James's candidacy will be voted at the summer regional meeting, and from that point on, he'll take the helm.

We'll shortly start serious preparation for the AHS National in Savannah, during which there will be need for many more 'hands on' workers for this meeting than there are members in that area. If you can step up to the plate and volunteer for a job – whether it's taking charge of specific foods in a garden, helping deadhead before the garden tours, or being a bus captain – you'll be welcomed with open arms.

Food for thought!

Regards to all,

Joann

RPD's Report

David Bishop



The Middle Georgia club will host the Region 5 Spring Regional in Warner Robins on May 31 and June 1. On Saturday after the garden tour, the Region 5 "Backyard Hybridizers" have an opportunity to show what they grow. They will give a slideshow of their seedlings and recent introductions. It will be a chance to let others know what great daylilies are being produced by some of the lesser known hybridizers. I'll gladly be one of those who do a presentation. I believe that we buy more daylilies from people we have seen do a presentation and have a much greater interest in their work. Send pictures of your beauties to me to

put in a slideshow. For more information on the presentations, please contact me at casshigh.db@gmail.com.

Another way for our budding hybridizers to get recognition is through Achievement Medals. Region 5 members traditionally have the most Medals won, more than the other Regions put together. Many of our better known breeders have figured out how to win the awards. It took me a long time to do so, but even a blind hog finds an acorn occasionally. If you have promising seedlings, let them grow for more years until there are many fans
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Regional Director's Report

Scott Elliott



Greetings Region 5 Members,

Beginning in October, 2018, Nikki Schmith and I were able to offer **eight online classes for exhibition and garden judging**. (With one more still to come in April). All of the classes are offered free of charge to the students. This effort represented countless hours for Nikki and myself, not to mention the dozens of hours logged by the many individuals who worked on each class in their own way. I'd like to give a special thank you to our Region 5 members James Mullins and James Fennell, for helping to make the classes a success by providing their skills as instructors. Another thank you goes to Jacob Braun for transcribing all

our exams to online format and building a grading/report distribution flow that automatically scores and reports the results to the students and the chairs of the committees involved.

Because this was our first effort at providing the classes online, we did have a few bugs to work out. At times we struggled with technical challenges, sound issues and preparedness, but in the end, the classes were a success. This effort also made a complete review of clinic materials possible, and many updates were suggested and made by the instructors providing the online training.

38 students passed the online **Garden Judges Workshop I** (9 from Region 5) – These people can take Garden Judges Workshop II this summer and will be eligible vote on the Awards and Honors ballot this year!

33 students passed the online **Exhibition Judges Clinic 1** (5 from Region 5) – These people are now certified as students-in-training. To put this in perspective, in all of ADS in 2018 only 25 students-in-training were certified!

33 judges attended the online **Exhibition**

III Refresher in October (3 from Region 5), renewing their status for one more term as senior exhibition judges. We will be offering one more class on April 24 at 7:00 pm. Contact judgeseducation@daylilies.org to register for the class. (There is no charge to take this class!!)

The **Facebook auction** for ADS was another success, bringing in around \$20,000 to the general fund. Thank you to those making donations.

The **Region 5 Spring Meeting** in Warner Robins is coming up May 31-June 1. Garden Judges Workshop I and Exhibition Judges Clinic 1 students, don't forget to finish your training at the regional meeting. Look for the registration form in this issue of The Georgia Daylily.

The **National Convention** is also coming up quickly. A number of our Region 5 members will be attending this exciting event in Madison, Wisconsin, July 10-13. There are still rooms at the hotel, but don't wait until the last minute. Go to: ahs2019national.com for information and to register.

Scott

RPD's Report (cont)

and scapes. If you have three scapes of the same seedling blooming on your local show's date, enter them. To get an Achievement Medal, they have to average a score of 90. Please check the score sheet that the judges will use. "Distinction" is a very important factor. I see many pictures of seedlings on Facebook that look very similar to hundreds of others that we've all seen. They lack distinction in my view. However, some look greatly different. Other factors contribute to distinction. Anyway, what if you don't have three scapes blooming on show day? Wait until the next show in Georgia; there's probably one relatively close by your garden. Drive a little and try for a medal! If you only have one scape blooming, enter it in the Seedling Section. Region 5 had 13 or 14 shows last year, so you can make at

least two of them. One other thing to look at are those show dates. Some seedlings bloom well before our local show, so we could also take early bloomers to some other show. It would boost their numbers and might result in awards for you! It would be grand if lots of our backyard hybridizers got national recognition. I know that it can be done!

We were notified on January 7 that William Justin McLeod also won the Ophelia Taylor Award. His five daylilies were shown at the May 26 Ogeechee show and included two blooms that are registered as doubles. That is difficult to do, it has been commented. Could you be the next Georgian to win the award? Why not give it a shot this season?

Enjoy your bloom season more than ever this year!

David



AHS Region 5 Secretary's Report

Doris Bishop



The Winter Meeting of the Region 5 of the American Hemerocallis Society was held February 16, 2019 at the Flint EMC Community Service Center in Warner Robins, Georgia beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was opened by Region 5 President Joann Stewart who called upon James Fennell for the invocation. Everyone was welcomed, and two first time attendees were recognized.

Roll Call by Club/# Present/Daylily Show Date (Led by Doris Bishop)

Albany Daylily Society 10/ May 11
The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta 8/June 15
The Daylily Society of Greater Augusta 0/Not available
Central Georgia Daylily Society 5/June 4
Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society 5/June 8
Cobb County Daylily Society 12/June 8
Dublin Hemerocallis Society 10/May 25
Heart of Georgia Daylily Society 2/No Show
Middle Georgia Hemerocallis Society 22/No Show
North Georgia Daylily Society 0/Not available
Northwest Georgia Daylily Society 8/June 22
Ogeechee Daylily Society 7/May 15 & 25
Savannah Daylily Society 1/No Show
South Georgia Daylily Society 2/No Show
Southwest Georgia Daylily Society 2/No Show
Valdosta Hemerocallis Society 13/May 11

Secretary's Report

Minutes of the Region 5 Fall Meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the last issue of The Georgia Daylily. Linda Miller and Bob Rinehart, respectively, made motions to approve the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Region 5 Treasurer Jack Rigsby reported that the region has \$32,731.61 in the bank with no outstanding bills.

Nominating Committee Report

Committee Chair Jack Rigsby announced their nominee, James Fennell, for the next Region 5 President. A vote will be taken at the Region 5 Spring Meeting. Other nominations may be made from the floor before the vote. Other members of the nominating committee are Camilla Arthur and Mark Franklin.

Director's Report

Region 5 Director Scott Elliott reported that online training for Exhibition Judges III will be held in April. Both Exhibition Judges I and Garden Judges I online classes will be held in February. Those interested in taking an online class should see Scott. The third

annual Facebook auction has recently concluded and earned over \$20,000 for the AHS/ADS general fund. There is a special American Daylily Society membership offer available for new members only---get all ADS benefits plus The Open Form Daylily book and a \$25 voucher for a free daylily. There is still time to register for the National Convention in Wisconsin July 10-15.

Region Publicity Director Report

Region 5 RPD David Bishop reported that he was notified January 7 that Region 5 has another 2018 Ophelia Taylor Award winner, Justin McLeod, from the Ogeechee Daylily Society show. Justin joins Jack Brock and Claude Carpenter as 2018 Region 5 Ophelia Taylor Award winners.

Region 5 Spring Meeting Report

Spring Meeting Chair Barbara Kirby reported that the meeting is May31-June 1 at the Courtyard Marriott in Warner Robins. The theme is "Straight from the heart of Middle Georgia". The four tour gardens are the gardens of James and Louise Fennell, Winfred and Janie Huff, Buddy and Jan Melvin, and Eula Fluellen. Registration is \$119, and registration forms can be found on the Region 5 website as well as in the last issue of The Georgia Daylily. Hotel cost is \$119 per night. Garden Judges Workshop II will be held in Cecilia and Mike Land's garden. The Enman Joiner Seedling Bed will be in the Fennell garden. There will be an auction Friday night. Open gardens for Sunday will be those of Jack Brock, James Fennell (8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.), Eula Fluellen, Winfred Huff, Buddy Melvin, and Bob Rinehart. Bruce and Kathy Fowler of Kathy's Daylilies will be the speakers for Saturday evening. Saturday's lunch will be at the Huffs' church after the tours. Several non-daylily items have been donated by the Atlanta club and Pat and Ron Bonner. David Bishop reported that there will be an opportunity on Saturday afternoon for Region 5 "Backyard Hybridizers" to share their hybridizing program. Each hybridizer wishing to participate should provide a flash drive with seedling and registered daylily pictures to David by May 15. Barbara hinted that there may be a surprise viewing of a recent movie with connections to Region 5.

Joann Stewart announced the nominating committee members who will be selecting the nominee for the next Region 5 Director. Members are Patty Franklin, Winfred Huff, and Pat Mercer.

Joann announced that Region 12 Spring Regional will be held April 26-27, and she has a handout with the information.

The deadline for submitting items to Claude Carpenter for the next issue of The Georgia Daylily is March 1.

Barbara Kirby introduced today's guest speakers, Charles and Heidi Douglas from Browns Ferry Garden in South Carolina. Browns Ferry Garden was one of the tour gardens at the 2018 National Convention in Myrtle Beach. Charles and Heidi wowed us with their new introductions and select seedlings in their program titled "Days Of Our Lilies". Not only was the presentation filled with beautiful daylilies but also provided information about how they hybridize, label crosses, plant seeds, and select seedlings for review. Browns Ferry Garden is only open by appointment. Two daylilies donated and hybridized by Tim Bell were given away during the meeting. The winners were Joann Stewart (When Donkeys Fly) and Ronnie Fowler (Making Diamonds).

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AHS Region 5 Treasurer's Report

Jack Rigsby



Treasurer's Report - Jack Rigsby

AHS REGION 5 TREASURER'S REPORT 11-16-18 Thru 2-28-19

Balance Forward 11-16-18		\$ 36,615.04
Income		
Region #5 2019 Winter Meeting Registrations	1,146.00	
Region #5 2019 Winter Meeting - Plant Sales	2,374.00	
Region #5 2019 Winter Meeting - Bargain Plant Sales 50/50 - Kathy's Daylilies	1,177.67	
Region #5 2019 Winter Meeting - Credit Card Plant Sales	1,176.61	
Memorial Donation - Joiner	75.00	
Individual Subscription GA Daylily	20.00	
Subtotal	5,969.28	
Total Income		5,969.28
Expenses		
Newsletter Expenses		
Albany Word Processing Company -Winter 2019 Edition GA Daylily	218.07	
Sundance Press Printing -Winter 2019 Edition GA Daylily	2,615.61	
AHS Region #5 Editor GA Daylily Winter 2019 Edition	500.00	
Subtotal	3,333.68	
Other Regional Expenses		
Region #5 2019 Winter Meeting - Guest Speaker Plant Sales 50/50	613.00	
Region #5 2019 Winter Meeting - Guest Speaker Hotel & Travel	456.00	
Region #5 2019 Winter Meeting - Luncheon Expense	540.78	
Region # 5 2019 Fall Meeting - Plant Sales 50/50	847.50	
Region #5 2019 Winter Meeting - Refreshments	116.67	
AHS Annual Insurance & Federal/Sate Tax Filing Fees	144.75	
Subtotal	2,718.70	
Total Expenses		6,052.38
Balance as of 2-28-19		\$ 36,531.94

Secretary's Report (cont)

A lunch of BBQ, chicken salad, side items, and dessert was enjoyed following the Douglas' presentation.

An auction immediately followed lunch beginning with the Douglas introductions and then the donations from Region 5 hybridizers and members. The meeting was then adjourned.

A heartfelt 'Thank You' goes to all who donated daylilies and non-daylily items to the auction and to those who bought these items.

Respectively submitted,

Doris Bishop
Region 5 Secretary
February 22, 2019

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H. 'Overwhelming Beauty'

(Bell 2018)

Photo by Claude Carpenter

You are Invited

AHS Region 5 2019 Spring Meeting

The Middle Georgia Daylily Society will be hosting the 2019 Spring Meeting in Warner Robins, Georgia on Friday and Saturday May 31 - June 1, 2019. This will be a great time to get together with all our old friends from around the state and beyond and to become acquainted with new enthusiasts just getting started on their daylily journey.

On Friday morning you can attend Garden Judges I Clinic and Exhibition Judges I Clinic both starting at 10:00 am. The Exhibitions Judges Master Panel will start at 9:30 am. The Garden Judges II Workshop will be held at the home of Cecilia and Michael Lands in Warner Robins and will start at 12 Noon. There will be a Silent Auction and Plant Sale going all day 10:30 am until 4:00 pm. All the above events will be conducted in the host hotel.

After lunch on Friday starting at 12:30 pm you will be able to attend either Exhibition

Judges Clinics II or III in the host hotel. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm followed by an auction of current introductions from a number of well known hybridizers.

The buses leave the hotel at 7:30am on Saturday morning. You are in for a treat as you visit the gardens of James and Louise Fennell's HopeHill Daylilies, Winfred and Janie Huff's Backyard Daylilies, Buddy and Jan Melvin's Garden, and Eula Fluellen's Roadside Daylilies. The tour gardens will be open on Sunday in addition to a few gardens in Warner Robins and Milledgeville and they are: Cecilia and Michael Land, Bob and Nicole Rinehart, and Jack and Rebecca Brock. A handout of names, locations, and operating times of the gardens will be in your gift bag.

After arriving back at the hotel the Silent Auction and plant sale will be open 2:45p - 4:30p. During that same time you will be able to at-

tend Region 5 Backyard Hybridizer's Presentations.

Dinner will follow at 6:00 pm. After a brief Region 5 business meeting we will be entertained by our guest speakers Bruce and Kathy Fowler.

If you have other interests, the famous Lane's Peach Shed and Masee Lane Camellia Gardens are located within a few miles of the hotel. The hotel is actually located in the middle of the Restaurant/Fast Food Blvd (AKA Watson Blvd (Hwy 247), the Centerville Galleria Shopping Mall and several 'box-store') garden centers. As a final reminder, we are straight in the Heart of Middle Georgia and eagerly await your presence. For a very few days you will have the key to our hearts and all our attention.

Barbara Kirby

Meet The Region 5 Spring Meeting Speakers

Bruce and Kathy Fowler

Meet Bruce and Kathy Fowler: Region 5's newest power couple and speakers at the Spring Regional in Warner Robins Georgia, on 1 June 2019.

How did two people get so enthused over & involved in growing daylilies. We think, it was in our blood. Kathy's mother always loved growing flowers & having a beautiful yard. Both of their parents shared growing daylilies and traveled the "daylily trail", so to speak. They, like many of us, bought daylilies over a period of time. At one time Kathy's parents belonged to the Dublin Daylily Club in Dublin Ga. Over time they acquired many daylilies from the Joiners of Savannah Ga, Canoochee Daylily Garden in Canoochee Ga, a lovely lady known as "Miss Peacock" of Twin City, GA and many other places they would travel to. On the other hand, Bruce's mother & grandmother also had the love for daylilies. Their daylilies came from many places, including Charles & Francis Busby.

Soon two worlds, miles apart, became acquainted, fell in love & later became one. When their lives joined, so did many beautiful flowers from all over. Kathy was retired before Bruce, so she began bringing her flowers to their new home and extended their lovely garden. She would travel to buy more daylilies. Some came from the late Mr. Lane, Tim Bell's Daylily Garden, Floyd



Cove, The Trimmer's, Pete Harry Daylilies & numerous other hybridizers. She was hooked, both line & sinker! She couldn't get enough; the beds began to grow. When Bruce started to cut back at the greenhouses, his interest began to grow as well. Yes, even Bruce couldn't get enough of the dazzling Daylily. Hybridizing wasn't enough for him. With his background in farming, growing transplants in the greenhouses, and his UGA degree in Agriculture, his interest of what 'could be', was set on fire. Their gardens grew even more. He was not satisfied with just growing & hybridizing. He began to learn all he could & even began doing

conversions on the Diploid Daylily. One day we looked around, we had over 600 cultivars & numerous seedlings that folks were talking about.

The daylilies had grown to the point that dictated we start selling and in 2016, "Kathy's Daylilies" (the business) was born. H. Talquin's First Lady is the first of 22 introductions to date with more in the pipeline. Our dreams are to develop daylilies we consider worthy of introduction, high quality and one that's never been done. I truly hope that our friends, and friends of friends, will be amazed at our gift that we want to share with you. Wise words left to us from the late, well-respected Mr. Lane were, "Baby, I put pretty on pretty. It might turn out to be the ugliest thing you ever saw, or the most beautiful flower you could dream of." Another hybridizer said, "Everyone should try hybridizing at least once. If I could explain it best, it's like a child's Christmas, but for adults. You just can't wait to see what a new flower looks like for the very first time!"

Over the last couple of years we have enjoyed traveling and giving talks about growing the daylily. We feel that with Bruce's background in growing plants and farming, we can bring something different in our talks and look forward to seeing you in the heart of Middle Georgia.

AHS Region 5 2019 Spring Meeting



**Straight from the heart of
Middle Georgia ...**

May 31-1 June 2019

Hosted by the Middle Georgia Daylily Society

<https://www.facebook.com/Middle-Georgia-Hemerocallis-Society>

Barbara Kirby, Registrar

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Warner Robins GA 31093

Phone: 1-478-922-8416; bkirby2@earthlink.net

Convention Location: Courtyard Marriott Warner Robins

589 Carl Vinson Parkway, Warner Robins GA, Phone 1-478-602-6200

Guest Speakers: Bruce and Kathy Fowler, Kathy's Daylilies

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 31, 2019

9:00a Registration Opens
10:30a – 4:00p Plant Sale
10:30a – 4:00p Silent Auction
10:00a Garden Judges Clinic I
10:00a Exhibition Judges Clinic I
12:00p Garden Judges II
12:30p - 2:00p Lunch on you own
1:30p Exhibition Judges Clinic II
1:30p Exhibition Judges Clinic III
4:00p Silent Auction Closes
5:00-6:00p Social Hour
6:00p Dinner/Auction at the Hotel

Hotel Reservations: Make hotel reservations by phone to (1-888-236-2427) before the cutoff date of 5-09-19 and mention Group Code **Daylily Association** to receive discounted rates. (\$119 per night for King room or Queen (2) room, excluding taxes).

Direct Link: <http://bit.ly/2FtoLCG>

Convention Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received before 4-09-19 will receive a full refund; those received after 4-10-19 will be reviewed on an individual basis. Registrations may be transferred to someone else after the 4-09-19 cutoff date. Please notify registrar of changes.

Saturday June 1, 2019

7:00a Registration
7:30a Buses Depart for Gardens
2:30p Buses Return
2:45p - 4:30p Plant Sale
2:45p - 4:30p Silent Auction
3:00p - 4:30p Region 5 Backyard Hybridizers' Presentations
5:00 Social Hour
6:00 Dinner
Business Meeting
Guest Speakers – Bruce and Kathy Fowler

Make checks payable to: MGHS - 2019 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.

Mail Registration to Barbara Kirby at the above address
NOTE: First 50 to register with both hotel and registrar will be eligible for a drawing of our beautiful "**Bloomin' Bucket**"...

Registration Form:

1st Person _____ 2nd Person _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address _____

Indicate Judges Clinics or Workshops you will attend on Friday May 31, 2019 (\$5 fee collected on site)

_____ Exhibition Judges Clinic I # _____ Garden Judges Clinic I

_____ Exhibition Judges Clinic II # _____ Garden Judges Clinic II

_____ Exhibition Judges Clinic III

Bring a copy of the Exhibition or Garden Judges Handbook with you. Available as download on the AHS Portal as a PDF or you can order hardcopy from Amazon.

Do you need handicapped facilities? Yes ___ No ___. Do you have special dietary requirements? Yes ___ No ___

Please give details if your answer is yes to either question.

Adults @ \$119 _____ # Youth @ \$99 _____ (Adult Fee is \$135 after April 20, 2019)

Frances Windham Joiner, A Region 5 Icon

By Tim Herrington

Frances Windham Joiner departed this life December 13, 2018, after a brief illness. She was 89 years old and a native of New Brockton, Alabama. After the end of WWII when her sweetheart, Enman R. Joiner, came home, they married and moved to his home state of Georgia, making Savannah their home just as they had planned through many letters written during his deployment overseas while serving our country. They pursued their dreams of making a loving home and having a family. Together, they created Joiner Daylily Gardens in 1962 and enjoyed many happy years of growing daylilies and making many lifelong friends along the way. Frances Joiner became a member of AHS in 1960 and witnessed the birth of Region 5 and the Savannah Hemerocallis Society. As an instrumental person along with her husband, they helped define and shape what our daylily society has become today. She equally shared the vision her husband had to establish the modern era of daylilies all of us now are a part of. Frances Joiner could easily be compared to Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of America's legendary President Franklin Roosevelt. They both were cultural icons and standouts in carrying out the endeavors they assumed to make our world a better place to live in.

Jan and Royce Joiner stated that perhaps one of her most important skills was being the "Public Relations Manager" for Joiner Daylily Gardens. She had an appealing ability to educate and share with others their vision about daylilies while establishing their garden as a 'Southeastern Mecca' for experienced and



Frances Joiner

non-experienced daylily lovers. She was a tireless garden worker while deadheading all their flowers, greeting garden guests, digging daylilies for customers, speaking at club meetings, helping pollinate or managing the garden while Mr. Joiner was at work before he retired. She had the unique ability to take care of all the things from morning to night so that her family could remain healthier, happier, while doing their work well and live their life in harmony. Frances Joiner photographed thousands of pictures of their daylilies and was very creative while maintaining several scrapbooks to record many daylily events over the years. This lady has earned a firm place in the collective consciousness of the daylily world we all are familiar with in Region 5.

A high point for Joiner Daylily Gardens was the 1989 AHS National Convention held in Savannah. It was one of the largest conventions in the history of the society and folks from all over America and Canada fell in love with their garden and daylilies. Allow me to quote Roy Herold, from Massachusetts, in his garden write-up in the Fall Edition of the 1989 Daylily Journal, "Fear not, for E.R. and Frances Joiner are producing outstanding daylilies that stand out and don't need any kind of label. You see them once, and the image is instantly imprinted and unforgettable, impossible to confuse with any other. Isn't that a refreshing feeling?" The highlight of the convention was when Frances and Enman received the President's

Cup for the convention winning cultivar 'Frances Joiner' (Joiner 1988). This double daylily had it all: good rebloom, a lovely fragrance, and a luscious rose blend somewhere between a tropical sunset and orange sherbet. It went on to win many additional awards and in 1999 it was the Stout Medal Runner-up.

Frances was a faithful member of Radiant Life Christian Fellowship Church (Assembly of God). She was a longtime member of the Wymberly Garden Club, Garden Club Council of Chatham County, East Georgia Judges Council, a Life Member of The Garden Club of Georgia, and a Master Flower Show Judge of the National Garden Club, Inc. She was a life member of The American Hemerocallis Society and the Savannah Hemerocallis Society, serving as an Exhibition and Garden Judge. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Enman R. Joiner, Sr. in 2008. She is survived by: a daughter, Cassandra (Santee) Winter and son-in-law, Ned Winter, of Savannah; a son, E. Royce Joiner, Jr and daughter-in-law Jan D. Joiner, of Pembroke; a brother, Daniel O. Windham and sister-in-law, Claire H. Windham of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; a sister, Madge W. Cayse and brother-in-law, Dr. Robert Cayse, of Festus, Mo.; 3 grandchildren, Wesley J. Winter(Kim), Rebecca J. Hart(Justin) and Aaron R. Joiner(Rachel); and 4 great-grandchildren, Kyndall & Keeley Winter and Caleb and Easton Hart.



H. 'Frances Joiner' (Joiner, 1988)



**Frances and Enman Joiner
Receiving 1989 President Cup for
H. 'Frances Joiner'**

Dennis Calbreath Memorial Photography Contest

At the Fall 2018 Region 5 meeting our members voted to change the Region 5 photo contest name to Dennis Calbreath Memorial Photography Contest in memory of Dennis Calbreath. The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta is sponsoring the contest and will fund the awards each year. The contest rules were changed as follows:



- Photos must be submitted electronically and in .jpg format.
- Pictures that have won previously cannot be submitted.
- A contestant may submit up to five photos for each individual category.

• The categories are:

- Category 1: Single Bloom
- Category 2: Multiple Bloom
- Category 3: Clump
- Category 4: Landscape
- Category 5 Daylily Blooms (Incorporating Nature)

- Each photo must contain at least one daylily in it.
- A cash prize of \$25 will be awarded to the winners of each of the five categories with a Grand Prize cash award of \$75 to be awarded to the Best Overall Entry.

Send your photos to wdhuff@consouth.net, or you can call Winfred Huff at 478-987-3763 or 478-319-2755 if you have any questions.

The deadline for this year's entries is September 2, 2019.

Remember you can submit up to 5 entries for each category.

Tom Wise Award Guidelines

Nomination deadline August 1, 2019

Purpose: This award is named for the late Tom Wise from Savannah in honor of his unselfish and behind the scenes work he did for his club and region and to honor a member of Region 5 AHS who has served the Region significantly, but in a quiet manner. The nominee must be a person who can always be depended upon, yet never seeks the limelight.

Rules:

1. The award may be given each year, but does not have to be given at all.
2. When given, the presentation will be made at the Fall meeting.
3. A person may receive the award only one time.
4. Any active Region 5 member may submit a recommendation of any person within the region for consideration. A dual award for two members of the same family counts as one award.
5. The nominee must be an active Region 5 AHS member.
6. The Region 5 Awards Liaison selects an awards committee and uses a standard format to evaluate all nominations. This committee makes the final selection.
7. The award is to be in the form of a medallion.
8. Recommendations must be sent to the Tom Wise Award Chairperson by August 1. The person submitting the nomination should list the reasons why he or she feels the nominee should receive this award. The recommendation needs to include information of how the nominee has performed unselfish service to club and regional activities. There is no limit on the number of words.

Please mail or e-mail your nomination to:

Tim Herrington, Region 5 Awards Liaison
1617 Bellevue Road
Dublin, GA 31021 or
herringtontim@bellsouth.net

Tom Wise Award Past Recipients:

- 1998 Barbara and Morris Kirby
- 1999 Carolyn Heath
- 2000 Frances Gray
- 2001 Edward McDowell, Jr.
- 2002 Jim Saddler
- 2003 Ruth Killingsworth
- 2004 Diane Joiner
- 2005 Joe Watson
- 2006 Martha Fawcett
- 2007 Dixie Ayers
- 2008 B.J. and Ed Achord
- 2009 Ann McWilliams
- 2010 Vernon Johnson
- 2011 Claude Carpenter
- 2012 J.K. ,Lynda, Michael Hines
- 2013 Billye and Sandy Campbell
- 2014 Rose Mary Dixon
- 2015 Jackie Nicholson
- 2016 Mike and Deborah Curlin
- 2017 Marion Tyus
- 2018 James and Louise Fennell

Scenes From the Winter Meeting

Photos by Claude Carpenter



AHS Region 5 2019 Scheduled Shows



Albany Daylily Society

May 11
Albany Mall
2601 Dawson Road, Albany, GA
Show Chair: Kaye Fearnelyhough
kaye@kkdaylilies.com
(229)-894-4629 or (229)-888-2815

Central Georgia Daylily Society

June 4
Baldwin County Recreation Center
Milledgeville, GA
Show Chair: Jack Brock
Jackbeccy154@charter.net
478 456 0524

Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society

June 8
Columbus Botanical Garden
3603 Weems Rd., Columbus, GA
Show Chair: Ellen Averill
eaverill@mchsi.com
(706)323-9746

Cobb County Daylily Society

June 15
Marietta United Methodist Church
Marietta, GA
Show Chair: Don Bodnar
770-423-1148
bodnardon1@gmail.com

Daylily Society of Greater Augusta

June 1
Lake Park Baptist Church
211 Milledge Road, Augusta, GA
Show Chair: Not Available

Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

June 15
2115 Chloe Road
Cumming, GA 30041
Show Chair: Patty Franklin
mpflowers@comcast.net
(770)-403-4685

Dublin Hemerocallis Society

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

North Georgia Daylily Society

June 15
State Botanical Garden
Athens, GA
Show Chair: Michele Templeton
470-514-5670
jacktandshell@yahoo.com

Northwest Georgia Daylily Society

June 22
Cartersville Civic Center
Cartersville, GA
Show Chair: Jessie Worsham
jessie.worsham@gmail.com
(770)-548-3707

Ogeechee Daylily Society

May 15
58 Edward Smith Road (Elliott Garden)
Ellabell, GA 31308
Show Chair: Scott Elliott
scottelliottdaylilies@yahoo.com
(912)596-7252

Ogeechee Daylily Society

May 25
Old Fellowship Baptist Church
5526 US Highway 80E, Brooklet, GA
Show Chair: Scott Elliott
scottelliottdaylilies@yahoo.com
(912)596-7252

Valdosta Daylily Society

May 11
Valdosta Mall
Valdosta, GA
Show Chair: Jessica Clinard
386-867-1239
jesca_wynn@hotmail.com



A Family Affair

The Herringtons - Region 5's Awarding Winning Family

By Claude Carpenter



Tim



Hans



Heather



Katisue

In the year 2000 shortly after joining the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta we had as our guest speakers a couple from Dublin Georgia. Katisue and Tim Herrington presented their hybridizing program and it was obvious that they were in love with what they were doing. They came across as so genuine and excited about their hybridizing program. At that time the family had registered 46 daylilies and 26 of those were by their daughter Heather. In the past 19 years the family has registered an additional 250 daylilies. It is my pleasure to highlight some of the achievements of a family that has contributed so much to Georgia Daylily Clubs, Region 5 and the American Daylily Society.

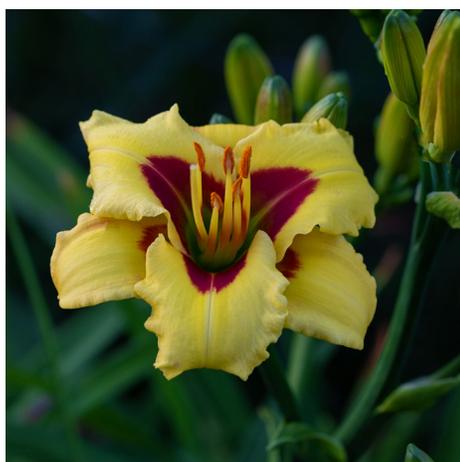
How It Started

One of the greatest things that a family can do together is to spend quality time enjoying a common interest. Few families have made their daylily interests as much of a family affair

as the Herrington family, consisting of parents Tim and Katisue, and daughter Heather. Their passion for daylilies is almost legendary. It began in 1982 when Katisue and Heather came home one day with a daylily and it had a name. They had purchased it for \$2.00 from a couple who belonged to an organization called a daylily club. It was planted in an area they commandeered that Tim had worked up with good humus intended for a special tomato plant of his. For the next 12 years, conversations at their home every day was one way or another going to get to daylilies until Heather left home for college, medical school, residency and establishing her medical practice in Eastman, Georgia. Heather's most exciting activity was learning how to hybridize daylilies which led to the foundation of Herrington Daylily Garden in 1984 as a way to help her with her educational expenses. A year earlier she had passed the Exhibition Judge test and became the youngest show judge in the society at that time. The family promptly

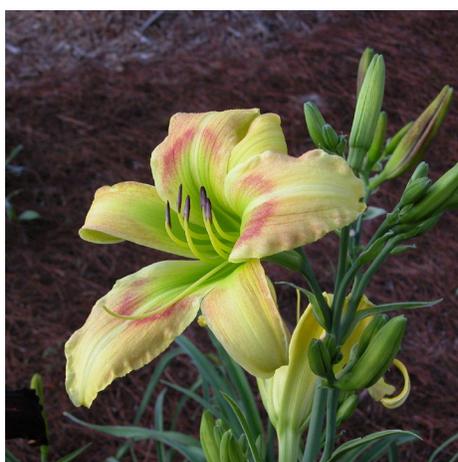
discovered that a house becomes a home, when a yard becomes a daylily garden.

Katisue and Tim found themselves caught up in Heather's passion for daylilies, resulting in the rare instance where parents took up the hobby of the child. Heather's first registration was 'Selma Longlegs' in 1988 and was named for the late Selma Timmons who lived in Warner Robins and was the AHS President at that time. Selma was a mentor who judged with her and always proudly said that Heather was an exceptional judge whose insight into daylilies was superior. After she left home, Tim and Katisue Herrington took up her hobby and further developed the daylily nursery. After Katisue passed away, Heather and her son Hans moved back home to live with Tim. Hans, who is now an active AHS youth member, now represents the third generation of this family affair with daylilies. Hans enters daylilies in the youth division of local daylily shows and has recently given a presentation during a Region



H. 'Mayor of Munchkinland'
(Herrington, T 2010)

Awards: HM 2016; JC 2010; DFM 2015; DCS 2017; Florida Sunshine Cup 2015, Georgia Hybridizer's Award
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Morning All Day'
(Herrington, K 2001)

Awards: HM 2006; JC 2001
Georgia Hybridizer's Award
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Papa's Pride'
(Herrington, H 1991)

Awards: HM 1995; JC 1991
Georgia Hybridizer's Award
Photo by Heather Herrington

A Family Affair (cont)



H. 'Christmas In Oz'
(Herrington, K 2004)

Awards: AM 2017; HM 2014; L/W 2013
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Everybody Loves Earnest'
(Herrington, T 2005)

Awards: AM 2013; HM 2010; JC 2005; DFM 2012; ESB 2016; Georgia Hybridizer's Award
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Adventures In Oz'
(Herrington, H 2014)

Georgia Hybridizer's Award
Photo by Claude Carpenter

5 meeting.

H. 'Magic of Oz' was the daylily that started the Oz series of daylilies for the family. It was the first breakaway flower for Heather that really garnered national attention because it was adaptable to gardens throughout the U.S. and Canada. It grew from Nova Scotia to Texas. It became one of the most famous and popular daylilies in America - the result of its incredible beauty with its super green throat and tremendous strength as a grower. People admired it for its colors, strong scapes, good substance, and pleasing texture. Hybridizers were drawn to it for its breeding potential and it became a parent for many daylilies that were introduced later by other hybridizers. That daylily really brought the first prominence for the Herrington name as good hybridizers. It is a previous runner-up for the Stout Medal. A unique point for Heather and Katsue is that

they are the only mother/daughter combo to ever win the Harris Olsen Spider Award. Heather with H. 'Magic Of Oz' and H. 'Banana Pepper Spider' and Katsue with H. 'Memories Of Oz'.

Diversity of AHS Registrations

Tim, Katsue, and Heather have registered a total of 292 daylilies so far. Diversity of form and size has always been one of the Herrington hybridizing objectives. With that in mind they wanted to create daylilies that could be entered in the various AHS flower show sections. Presently the large flower single daylily (4 1/2" to 7") dominates **64%** of all daylilies registered with the society. In contrast the Herrington daylilies consists of only **23%** of the large flower single daylily.

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H. 'Magic of Oz' (Herrington, H 1995)

Awards: AM 2003; HM 1999; JC 1995; HOS 2005; RWM 2014, Georgia Hybridizer's Award
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Little Gold Nugget'
(Herrington, T 2005)

Awards: AM 2016; HM 2011; DFM 2011; Florida Sunshine Cup 2017
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Baby Boomer'
(Herrington, T 2005)

Awards: HM 2000; FS 2003
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Memories of Oz'
(Herrington, K 2001)

Awards: HM 2005; HOS 2008
Photo by Claude Carpenter

A Family Affair (cont)



H. 'Green Rainbow'
(Herrington, T 2005)

Awards: AM 2017; HM 2012; ATG 2014
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Hat's Off To Sue'
(Herrington, T 2008)

Awards: JC 2008; Georgia Hybridizer's Award
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Green Derby'
(Herrington, T 2007)

Photo by Tim Herrington

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It is this diversity of interests, this refusal to be pigeonholed only to large flowers, that has added dimension and distinction to the Herrington hybridizing program. This diversity is one of many reasons their flowers have won many show awards throughout all AHS Regions. The chart below reveals their diversity compared to all AHS registrations.

Flower Show Section	All AHS Registrations	Herrington Registrations
Extra Large Flower	14% (11,861)	4% (12)
Large Flower	64% (54,457)	23% (67)
Miniature Flower	2% (1,500)	9% (25)
Small Flower	8% (6,608)	20% (60)
Double Flower	5% (4,137)	20% (58)
Spider Flower	1% (980)	8% (23)
UF	6% (5,242)	16% (47)
TOTAL	100% (84,785)	100% (292)

Awards

Since 1969, Region 5 has awarded the Georgia Hybridizer's Award to identify outstanding efforts of Georgia hybridizers. Members of Region 5 vote on the award each year. The family has won this award 9 times with Heather winning it with **H. 'Papa's Pride'**, **H. 'Magic Of Oz'**, **H. 'Adventures In Oz'**, Katusie with **H. 'Morning All Day'**, **H. 'Dorothy And Toto'**, and Tim with **H. 'Honey Crunch Cupcake'**, **H. 'Everybody Loves Earnest'**, **H. 'Hat's Off To Sue'**, and **H. 'Mayor Of Munchkinland'**.

The AHS has specialty awards voted on by garden judges each year. The family has been honored to win 18 of this kind of acknowledgment for their flowers. Tim has won the following; *Early Season Bloom Award* for **H. 'Everybody Loves Earnest'**; *Donn Fischer*

Memorial Cup (Best Miniature) for **H. 'Mayor of Munchkinland'**, **H. 'Plum Cupcake'**, **H. 'Everybody Loves Earnest'**, and **H. 'Little Gold Nugget'**; *Annie T Giles Award* (Best Small) **H. 'Green Rainbow'** and **H. 'Honey Crunch Cupcake'**; *Don C. Stevens Award* (Best Eyed Cultivar) **H. 'Mayor of Munchkinland'**; *Eugene S. Foster Award* (Best Late-Blooming Cultivar) **H. 'Honey Crunch Cupcake'**, **H. 'Cotton Candy Cupcake'**, and **H. 'Twice As Nice'**. Katusie has won the *Ida Munson Award* (Best Double) for **H. 'Dorothy And Toto'**; the *Harris Olsen Spider Award* (Best Spider) for **H. 'Memories Of Oz'**; and the *Lambert/Webster Award* (Best Unusual Form) for **H. 'Star Over Oz'**, and **H. 'Christmas in Oz'**.

Heather has won the *Harris Olsen Spider Award* (Best Spider) for **H. 'Banana Pepper Spider'** and **H. 'Magic Of Oz'** and the *R.W. Munson, Jr. Award* (Best Patterned Cultivar) for **H. 'Magic Of Oz'**.

Winning any of the four yearly premier AHS Convention awards is always unexpected but just thrilling for a hybridizer. These awards are voted on by the attendees of the conventions for the best flowers they observed in tour gardens. Katusie and Tim have each won the Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award for the best double at a convention. She with her **H. 'Dorothy And Toto'** and Tim with his **H. 'Strawberry Cream Cupcake'**. The Florida Sunshine Cup is awarded to the hybridizer of the cultivar considered to be the best small or miniature flower. The odds of winning this award more than once is astonishing. Yet Tim's



H. 'Halloween Green'
(Herrington, T 2011)

Awards: Florida Sunshine Cup 2018
Photo by Claude Carpenter

daylilies have won this award 4 times with the following daylilies; **H. 'Baby Boomer'**, **H. 'Mayor of Munchkinland'**, **H. 'Little Gold Nugget'** and **H. 'Halloween Green'**. Heather has been runner-up twice for the Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form Award for the most outstanding Spider or Unusual Form. Her 2 flowers were her **H. 'Magic Of Oz'** and **H. 'Katusie Herrington'**.

The American Hemerocallis Society has four categories for the individual cultivar awards that hybridizers can win for their flowers yearly as voted on by the AHS Garden Judges. Beginning in order of importance are Junior Citations (JC), Honorable Mentions (HM), Awards of Merit (AM), and the Stout Silver Medal (SM). The Herrington family has won 17 JC's, 40 HM's, 8 AM's, and 1 SM which is the highest award a daylily can win and only one is selected each year throughout the society.

A Family Affair (cont)



H. 'Katusie Herrington'
(Herrington, H 2013)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Star Over Oz'
(Herrington, K 2005)
Awards: AM 2014; HM 2011; L/W 2015
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Angel In Oz'
(Herrington, K 2008)
Photo by Claude Carpenter

H. 'Dorothy And Toto'

The Herrington family's crowning achievement has to be Katusie winning the Stout Silver Medal in 2015 posthumously for her H. 'Dorothy And Toto'. Only sixty-seven daylilies out of over 84,785 registered cultivars have claimed this recognition up to now. A daylily with the Stout Silver Medal by its name is a remarkable statistic for a hybridizer



H. 'Dorothy and Toto'
(Herrington, K 2003)
Awards: AM 2012; HM 2009; IM 2009; GD 2012
Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award,
Georgia Hybridizer's Award
Stout Silver Medal 2015
Photo by Claude Carpenter

since this is the highest award a cultivar can receive. She became only the seventh female hybridizer to win this prestigious award and the 3rd person to ever win it from Region 5. Also H. 'Dorothy And Toto' is only the 3rd double daylily to ever win the Stout Silver Medal. This flower is a wonderful example of the contemporary tetraploid double with excellent form, bud count and branching. Katusie had been hybridizing tet doubles for years and had assembled some of the best to

breed with in her garden at that time. Her goal was to get a beautiful distinctive tet double that was a good garden flower and a good show flower. She didn't live long enough to see the universal popularity of this flower in Georgia and other regions. Ironically, Katusie won a Best-In-Show with this dazzling double in the last AHS daylily show in which she participated.

Daylily Shows

Going to and participating in daylily shows has proved to be rewarding and enjoyable for the Herrington family from the start when Heather went to her first show at age 9 and entered the youth division. As the years passed, all three became more experienced in showing their flowers. Yet early on as hybridizers they believed in not only introducing daylilies that were good garden plants but would also have the qualities to become outstanding exhibition show plants. That theory was the foundation of their hybridizing goal of creating daylilies that had a good bud count and branching which were distinctive, resistant to rust, and had that special knack to give a happy feeling when someone observed them.

All three have won several AHS Achievement Medals and the Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award along with many winning show entries. But the real enjoyment for them has been sharing the love of daylilies with other daylily folks at the shows as they all were trying to educate the public about daylilies. A great fulfillment for them was knowing that many of their creations have brought happiness to show exhibitors and garden growers

throughout the society.

Recently I asked Tim to summarize his 40 year love affair with our wonderful flower. Here are some of his comments. We have met and visited with some of the great hybridizers of all time and with some developed lifelong friendships. By that I just don't mean the hybridizers with large well publicized gardens. I also mean the small less well known hybridizers. For example just last year I visited Monique Mixon in Lyons and saw one of her seedlings that was the first gold tet I have ever seen with a pink edge. What a thrill that was! But the greatest thing is that we have met some of the best daylily folks of all time and also with some developed lifelong friendships. That is what being members of AHS has been to us.

I know we all look forward to more beautiful daylily introductions from the Herrington family. Maybe one from Hans in a few years.



H. 'Banana Pepper Spider'
(Herrington, H 1994)
Awards: HM 2001; HOS 2017
Photo by Heather Herrington

How I Hybridize

The Goals and Principles Guiding My Hybridization Program

By Scott Elliott

I began playing around with hybridizing daylilies in 1983. For the next 26 years I hybridized intermittently while spending too much time trying to make a living in the real world. Finally, in 2009, I retired from “real work” and dedicated myself to hybridizing full-time. Over the past 36 years my hybridizing practices have evolved extensively. However, my commitment to high standards and outcomes has remained relatively unchanged. To be sure, I have consistently raised the bar on some of my goals/standards, but have never lowered any of them. Simply put, cultivars not meeting these standards are not used in my hybridizing program. All seedlings not meeting these standards, no matter how beautiful, are eliminated from the program as well. I believe this to be one of the major factors enabling me to achieve some of my major hybridizing goals.

My goals in hybridizing can be summarized as follows:

Develop distinction.

Attaining a high level of distinction is the single most important goal of my hybridizing program. While a unique daylily would certainly be distinctive, in a broader sense it refers to cultivars that are different from, or better than, cultivars currently in commerce. In my hybridizing program, I take the goal of developing distinctive daylilies a step further, defining it as trying to produce

cultivars that are so distinctive that they do not need nametags to be identified. Some of the greatest satisfaction I have received has been when people are often able to identify one of my cultivars from 50-100 feet away. Among my most easily recognizable cultivars are *Hemerocallis* ‘Tim Herrington’, *H.* ‘Wysiwyg’, *H.* ‘Wildman George’, *H.* ‘Ghost Ranger’ and *H.* ‘Darth Ciduous’.

Develop cultivars that grow well across a wide geographical area (USDA Zones 4-9)

In order to achieve award-winning success on a national level, it is vital that cultivars perform well in climate zones and regions all across the country. For example, to win the Honorable Mention award, the cultivar must receive votes from no fewer than 4 regions; to win the Award of Merit, the cultivar must receive votes from no fewer than 8 regions. Likewise, sales will be affected adversely if cultivars fail to thrive in zones removed from the one in which they were hybridized.

I have approached this challenge from a number of different directions. First, I find proven cold-hardy cultivars, which may or may not perform well in our area, and cross them with cultivars proven to handle our long, hot, humid summers, which may or may not do well in colder areas. Ultimately, some of these crosses yield offspring which can thrive climatic conditions across the range; retaining the

rot and rust resistance necessary for them to be worthy in the southern states, while maintaining the ability to thrive in colder climates.

Next, the seeds are planted outside, directly in the ground, in July, August and September. Other than cold stratification (where seeds are chilled for a period of time to mimic overwintering and increase germination rates), the seeds are not given any special pretreatments. They are also given no protection from the



Ice on daylilies

cold. In our area, we experience around 60 nights a year where the temperature goes below freezing, with the lowest temperatures usually in the mid to high teens. We rarely have a day where the daytime temperatures do not recover to well above freezing and rarely have snow cover. Due to this harsh treatment, approximately 30% of the new seedlings will die before spring. However, after this



H. ‘Tim Herrington’



H. ‘Darth Ciduous’



H. ‘WYSIWYG’

Photo by Janice Kennedy

How I Hybridize (cont)

out for testing in gardens in Illinois (zone 5/6), Wisconsin (zone 4) and Michigan (zone 4), while heat-hardiness is being tested in our garden.

Develop cultivars that are capable of winning at accredited ADS shows.

In my opinion, for a cultivar to win consistently at an accredited ADS show



H. 'Jumpin Jan' in Ryan's Garden
Zone 4 (Wisconsin)



H. 'Yellow Banshee'



H. 'Saketumi'



H. 'Sebastian On Steroids'
In Nikki Schmidt's Garden - Zone 5/6



H. 'Gone With The Wine' in Nikki Schmith's Garden - Zone 5/6

requires four things, a great scape, a great scape, a nice face, and a great scape. As a result, I focus heavily on three of the four requirements and leave the easiest part, the pretty face, to almost take care of itself.

orientation with plenty of space between each branch allowing multiple flowers to be open at the same time without crowding. (See H. 'Saketumi').

Before a seedling/cultivar is introduced into my hybridizing program and/or selected for further evaluation its scapes must possess most, if not all, of the following characteristics:

1. It must consistently have four or more branches.
2. It must be well-branched (lateral branching begins near the top of the foliage and extends upward). Top branched scapes (branching only occurring at the top of the scape) are all discarded.
3. It must be straight and/or well-balanced. The scape does not necessarily need to be straight if the overall balance is consistently preserved.
4. It must support the flowers without falling over.
5. It must possess elegantly and evenly spaced, not bunched or random, branching. In my opinion, the best scapes are those that look like they have been arranged by an OCD mathematician in a classic Christmas tree or candelabra

6. The first few flowers must bloom in "exhibition presentation mode." This is where the first few flowers consistently bloom near the top of the scape and where each flower faces towards the observer. (See H. 'A Little Twisted'). (continued on page 20)



H. 'A Little Twisted'

How I Hybridize (cont)

7. Flowers which face upwards too much, although not a fault, are placed little lower in consideration. Flowers which face downwards lead directly to the compost pile.

Eliminate disease prone plants

Some goals, such as resistance to disease, should be a part of every hybridizing program. Daylilies prone to rust, rot, leaf streak, etc., are always eliminated immediately.

Eliminate subpar plants

The most difficult task in any hybridizing program is learning when to discard a seedling which is not quite good enough. It is very easy to pick out an outstanding winner. It is much more difficult to decide when to discard a plant that is good but not quite good enough. Having clearly established goals and requirements for plants in a hybridizing program and rigidly sticking to those goals, especially regarding the parents of future generations, will help avoid the 'falling in love with a pretty face' syndrome that will quickly fill up a garden and derail a hybridizing program. Almost anyone can come up with a pretty face, but consistent success in a hybridizing program will only be realized when both parents possess the entire package of pretty face, bud count, branching, growth habit, etc. (2)

Summary.

Once a specific hybridizing goal has been defined, whenever possible, I avoid using parents not meeting ALL the various standards set above. With 89,000+ cultivars already registered, if I do not already possess the ideal cultivar for a desired hybridizing direction, it is usually possible to find one that already possesses most, if not all, the desired characteristics. In the long run, it is much cheaper and more effective to spend a few hundred dollars acquiring the perfect cultivars for the situation, rather than using a subpar cultivar and increasing the chances of obtaining subpar results. Likewise, it is inefficient to spend years trying to develop one on your own. Of course, the exception is when hybridizing for a characteristic that does not yet exist.

My personal goals for specific colors, forms, shapes and sizes.

In keeping with the goal of producing distinctive cultivars that are different from or better than others in commerce, I take great care in the selection of the criteria for the blooms, themselves. Distinction can be realized due to size, coloration, shape, pattern, etc.

1. Develop distinctive combinations of color and/or form. Much of my work is with multiforms-daylilies exhibiting two or more of the forms: spider, UF, polymerous, or double. My goal is to create new distinctive shapes using combinations of forms that set a particular cultivar apart from the rest and, in the perfect case, be able to combine that with a distinctive color; one where a cultivar is



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instantly recognizable. (Picture 17-14, 17-16-Cristate double). H. 'Ghost Ranger' is an example of combining a multiform, in this case spider and unusual form, with a distinctive white coloration. Fewer than 10 white spiders have ever been registered.



H. 'Ghost Ranger'

2. Develop cultivars in distinctive sizes. One of my overall goals is to focus on areas where the size alone can make a new cultivar distinct. Larger is not always better when it comes to distinction. For example, the average sizes for spiders and unusual form (UF) forms are 7.4" and 8.0", respectively. While these may look impressive, they are merely the norm for these types and do not merit distinction for size. In fact, to merit distinction the diameter of a UF or a spider flower, must exceed 11", 9" or more with single flowers and 8" or more with double flowers ⁽¹⁾. However, there are no miniature spiders or double UFs only two small double UFs and only four miniature UF cultivars ever registered. While some may argue that smaller cultivars are not necessarily an improvement-who is to say

How I Hybridize (cont)

whether “bigger is better?” -there is no doubt about some smaller-flowered cultivars qualifying for distinction based upon the fact that they are different and set apart from the average registered cultivar. H. ‘Pixie Daydream’, for example, was the first small double UF ever registered. The seedling, sedse18-17, will likely be the first miniature double unusual form registered



H. ‘Pixie Daydream Scape’



sedse18-20



sedse17-12



H. ‘Bobarella’



sedse18-17



sedse18-41

The following summarizes the characteristics meriting empirical distinction due to their scarcity in commerce:

- a. Miniatures of any form (Less than 3”)
- b. Small spiders, Single and Double Unusual Forms (3.0” to less than 4.5”)
- c. Doubles 8” or larger in diameter

setting the cultivar apart. (Darth, 18-20, 18-41, 18-19a)

- 4. Incorporate oversized bold eyes. Large, oversized bold eyes make a cultivar stand out. (Bobarella, 17-12,)

Never compromise

Most hybridizing programs are derailed, or never get off the ground in the first place, because the hybridizer either compromises on their standards, or does

not have any to begin with. Specific goals should be designed to ultimately end up with a cultivar that is distinct, or more precisely, better than or different from other cultivars already in commerce. By defining my goals, and sticking to them, I believe I have been able to increase the effectiveness of my hybridizing program.

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Scott grows around 1,000 seedlings a year, most of them diploid, at Scott Elliott Daylilies at Maneki Neko Gardens in Ellabell, GA. He has earned 63 achievement Medals, 13 Junior Citations, 1 Award of Merit, 4 Honorable Mention awards, 3 Ida Munson awards, the Georgia Doubles Appreciation award, 20 best-in-show and 67 best-in-section rosettes in the past six years. (All photos are by Scott Elliott unless otherwise noted)

HYBRIDIZE? ME? I WOULDN'T KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN!

Does this description fit you? Here's some food for thought.

By Joann Stewart

SETTING GOALS

Crossing is easy: it's only using the pollen from one daylily and applying it to the pistil of the same daylily bloom or another bloom. Pollen stimulates the bloom's ovary to produce seed in a 3-chambered pod (see image 1).



Image 1 - Daylily Seed Pods

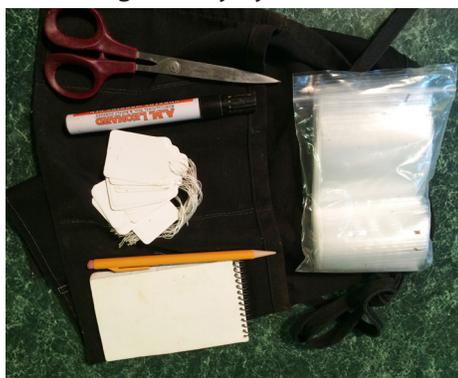


Image 2 - Tools for Hybridizing

Diploids produce more seed than tetraploids, so when seedling growing space is limited, that fact alone may help determine the parent ploidy. Setting goals saves time, garden space and energy. Decide what advancements could be made (adding an eye, improving bud count or branching, adding a feature like sculpting), then use the best plants with those characteristics you can find to achieve your goal(s). Your 'improvements' may not turn up in first generation (F1) seedlings, but likely will turn up in the second (F2). Stick to your goals and make a second round of crosses with the best siblings or other plants for an even better chance of achieving good results.

TOOLS

Use pocketed aprons (see image 2) loaded with a dedicated pair of scissors, string tags to record crosses, a small notebook, waterproof pen and small 3 x 3" zip lock bags for seed storage. There is no 'correct' way to mark crosses. String tags are very visible, but strings get tangled, and/or slugs eat the writing – so the notebook to record crosses is helpful. Colored wires (with the 'color code(s)' recorded safely in the notebook) can also be used to mark crosses. Bend the wires into a 'u' shape and drape over the bloom stub, or twist (gently) onto the base of the bloom. Combine wires together for more color options.

CROSSING PROBLEMS

Setting seed is more difficult in very hot weather. Pistils dry out, making it necessary to moisten pistil ends for pollen adherence. Self-pollinating a couple of blooms encourages plant fertility. (After pods set, it's often easier to set more pods.) If bloom tepals tightly overlap, dose the bloom base with water to cool the ovary and encourage seed set. Shade cloth (or potted plants moved to shade) are other options.

POLLEN

In early morning, pollen sacs are closed (see image 3) and pollen is 'green' (immature). When pollen sacs open, and pollen fluffs, it's ready to use (see image 4). If you can't wait until this happens naturally, collect pollen in the morning and allow it to mature inside, then use or store the fluffed (mature) pollen. An entire bloom may be stored in the refrigerator for one or two days (see image 5). Dried pollen may be stored for weeks at room temperature, or indefinitely in the freezer. Why store pollen? Firstly, it's immediately accessible when you need it, and you only need dip the bloom pistil into the container. You can use 'early' pollen with late bloomers, 'late' bloomers with early season blooms (the next season), or cross two cultivars which aren't blooming the same day. You may also easily swap pollen with other gardeners.

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Image 3 - Green Pollen

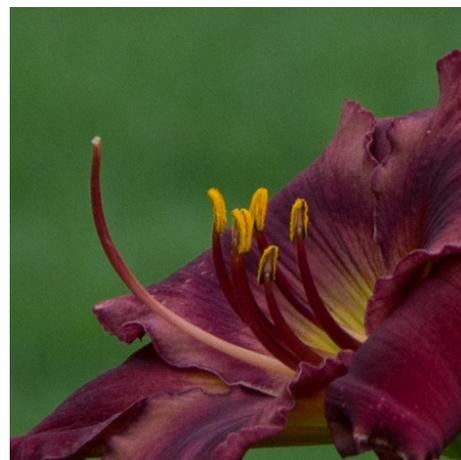


Image 4 - Ripe Pollen



Image 5
Blooms Stored in Refrigerator

Hybridize? Me? (cont)

POLLEN HARVEST

Gather blooms early, remove the pollen from the anthers and dry on paper for a few hours, then store in watertight containers. After experimenting with several options (gel capsules, film canisters, small pill bottles, match boxes), my preference is centrifuge capsules with screw caps (see image 6).



Image 6 - Centrifuge Capsules

Label with the plant name and ploidy, and cover labels with a small piece of cellophane tape to prevent ink deterioration.

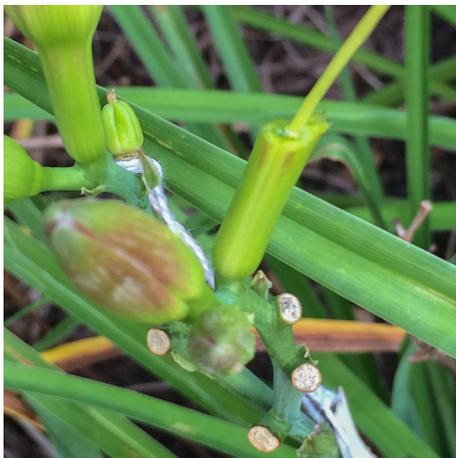


Image 7 - Bloom Removed from Pistil

If using a bloom for both pollen and crossing, score around the perimeter of the bloom with a fingernail, then gently pop off the bloom. This leaves the pistil still attached to the ovary (see image 7) which after pollination can develop a seed pod. The removed bloom is now 'portable', and

can be carried to other plants for crosses. Mark crosses immediately. Attach the tag or wire around the bloom base, adhering it to the scape stub. The next day, come back to an intact bloom and snip off the upper portion about 2" from the base (see image 8). Why? Sometimes the weight of the senescing bloom literally pulls it off the plant. Snipping reduces the spent bloom's weight, and allows the ovary (i.e.



Image 8 - Bloom snipped from ovary

baby seed pod) to continue developing.

SEED PODS AND STORAGE

Mature pods turn a light color, crack open slightly, or 'give' when lightly squeezed - about 6 weeks after the cross is made. Gather pods into the zip lock or envelope you intend for storage, use a waterproof pen to mark the cross on the bag, then bring indoors and spread out the pods on paper and dry them slightly. Several hours



Image 9 - Mature Seed Pods

later, shell the pods (see image 9), keeping firm and glossy seed and discarding flabby or flat ones. Return the seed to the zip lock for storage. Plant immediately if you can, but seeds overwinter well in the refrigerator and can be planted in spring. (Drying seed isn't necessary for immediate planting, but if you intend to store seed, drying prevents mold.)

PLANTING

Plant seed shallowly and close together (daylily seed seem to prefer being crowded). When the second set of leaves form, transplant into permanent locations. Daylily seedlings resemble corn, and if you have problems with crows, fishing line crisscrossed over the seedling tops prevent crows pulling up seedlings. Squirrels can be deterred by applying wire mesh over the planting spot but don't leave the mesh in place after seedlings get 6"-7" tall.

SEEDLING EVALUATION

Seedlings will perform best by their third year. Many seedlings are 'immediate keepers', but if space allows, keep them for three years before culling. Assess them by your original goals, decide which seedlings should be kept for making other crosses, and if any should be registered.

Warning: seeing maiden bloom on a new seedling is **addictive**. I hope I've given you reason to make your own crosses and join the fun!



Joann Stewart Seedling

Photo by Joann Stewart

History of the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

By Harold McDonell



Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

The year was 1962. A raging daylily fever had spread to Georgia in the 1950's and was really in full force by this time. While there was much interest in the daylily plant, only a few local daylily clubs had been formed and they were all located in middle and south Georgia. Nevertheless, there were many daylily connoisseurs in the Atlanta area.

One of those Atlanta daylily connoisseurs, Mrs. W. A. Johns, had moved to Atlanta from Valdosta. Valdosta had been the daylily mecca of Georgia from the beginning of AHS in the late 1940's. In fact, the Valdosta Hemerocallis Society had hosted its first AHS National Convention in 1954, eight years before a daylily club was to be formed in Atlanta. Mrs. Johns had been a member of that club and when she discovered that there was no equivalent organization in Atlanta, she started pushing for one. She lobbied AHS members around Atlanta, including a young man named Jim McGinnis, to get one started.



James T. (Jim) McGinnis
Founder, GAHS and 1st President

Jim, who was to become the founder of the Greater Atlanta Hemerocallis Society, went to work forming a club. He enlisted the help of Maggie McDowell who lived in Macon and who was the Regional Vice President for Region V at the time. Maggie, a tirelessly energetic person and a major figure in Region V well into the 1990's, provided immense help to Jim and others involved to make it happen. Invitations were sent out to Atlanta area AHS members and others known to be interested in daylilies in the fall of 1962 and on October 13, the inaugural meeting



Mrs. Edward (Maggie) McDowell
(Macon, Georgia)

of the Greater Atlanta Hemerocallis Society was held at a popular restaurant called Pritchett's Dining Room in Decatur, Georgia.



Fred Ham
Sole Surviving Charter Member of GAHS

A total of 40 people attended the inaugural meeting and 39 of them went on to join the new club, becoming charter members. One of those was Jim McGinnis' partner, Fred Ham, who is our only remaining living charter member. Although Jim was the founder of GAHS and did much to attend to its business affairs for many years, Fred was its heart and soul. With a bigger-than-life personality, Fred brought fun and life to the club and was active for several decades. He remains a member today. That 40th person at the inaugural meeting who did not join initially due to family responsibilities was Dr. Erling Grovenstein. Erling did become a member a few years later and he and his wife, Lillian, went on to become important contributors to GAHS and Region V. Erling, like Fred, is still a member of the club.

The first officers of GAHS were elected at its second meeting in November of 1962 with Jim McGinnis being elected the first president. Dues were set at \$1 per year. The club, the only one in north Georgia at the time, grew rapidly and had 86 members by the end of the year. In 1963, total membership reached the 200 mark. Yes, there definitely was an epidemic of daylily fever in Atlanta by this time.

GAHS went right to work doing 'daylily club' things and had its first daylily show,



Annual Dues for First year of GAHS



First Home of GAHS (1963-1974)
Decatur Federal Building

The Georgia Daylily - Spring 2019

History of the DSGA (cont)

sponsored by Rich's Department store in downtown Atlanta, the next year.

It also hosted its first regional meeting in 1963. Gardens on tour included that of Mary Lester who was a noted hybridizer and a winner of a Stout Medal in 1953 with her beautiful yellow daylily, H. 'Fairy Wings': (see photo) Other gardens on tour were the gardens of Margaret Tolleson of Atlanta, John Burch of Fayetteville, Kent Creusers of Stone Mountain, and two other noted hybridizers – Frank and Peggy Childs- of Jenkinsburg.



John Burch Garden, Fayetteville, GA
Regional Tour Garden 1963



Fairy Wings (Lester 1953)
1960 Stout Silver Medal
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Many more regional meetings have been held in Atlanta since, including the Region V spring meeting last year. At the Region V spring meeting in Atlanta in 1982, GAHS proudly hosted the very first Georgia Hybridizers' Seedling Bed at Bob Belcher's Damascus Gardens in Lilburn, Georgia.

In 1964, GAHS hosted its first daylily show sanctioned by the American Hemerocallis The Georgia Daylily - Spring 2019

Society at the Sky Room atop the Decatur Federal Savings and Loan building in Decatur, Georgia. There were a whopping 724 entries in the show. Best of Show honors went to John Burch for his entry of H. 'Starburst' (Fay, 1962), a large seven-inch pinkish white flower. This show marked the beginning of many AHS accredited shows to be held by the club. In fact, it has conducted a show every year since except for a few times when it was hosting a regional or national meeting.

In 1970, GAHS hosted its first of the three national conventions to be held in Atlanta. The host hotel was the Atlanta Sheraton Biltmore Hotel in what is now known as mid-town Atlanta. Riley Barron was the convention chair and the total attendance was 387. There were seven gardens on tour including that of Clyde and Frances Davidson in Decatur. The Davidson garden became ground zero at the convention for the increasing interest in tetraploid daylilies. A hybridizer, Clyde



Atlanta Sheraton Biltmore Hotel
Home of 1970 AHS National Convention

had thrown his lot in with those early tetraploid daylily enthusiasts. He was well connected with all the early important tetraploid hybridizers of the day and his garden brimmed with the latest and greatest tetraploid cultivars.

In a summary write-up of the 1970 convention, John Allgood, long-time editor of *The Daylily Journal*, hinted that what the convention attendees saw in the Davidson garden – tempting displays of tets with well-formed and fully-open blooms in beautiful clear colors along with plants that were void of many of the tet faults such as extremely coarse foliage and scapes – might just mark the beginning of the end to the diploid

reign. John's prediction proved right and for several decades until just recently, tetraploids were firmly at the helm in the daylily world. Still, the most popular daylilies at the convention were diploids including H. 'Shady Lady', 'Green Glitter' (see picture below), 'Jakarta', 'Buddha', 'Dorothy Lambert', 'Clarence Simon' and 'Savannah Moon' which won the President's Cup award.



Green Glitter (Harrison 1964)
1977 Stout Silver Medal
Very popular at the 1970 Convention
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Atlanta again hosted a national convention in 1986 at the fabulous Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Atlanta which was best known for its soaring interior atrium and glass-wrapped elevators that provided thrilling rides to everyone except those with fear-of-height phobias. Harold McDonell was the convention chair and the attendance was 586. This convention was dedicated to Clyde and Frances Davidson who had just recently closed their wonderful commercial garden in Decatur.

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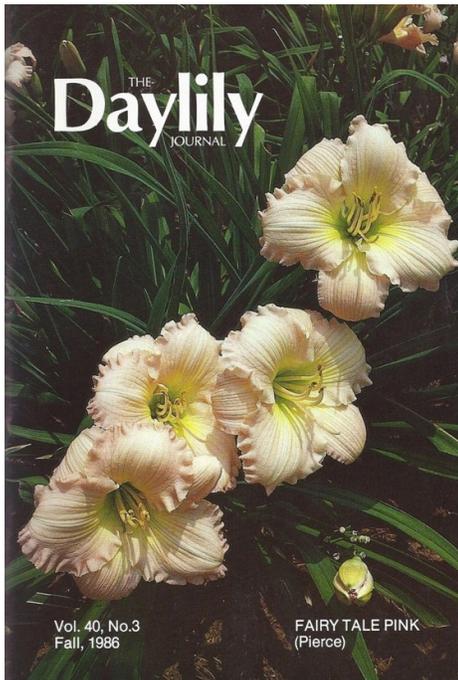


Atlanta Hyatt Regency
Home of the 1986 AHS National Convention

History of the DSGA (cont)

For numerous years, the garden had been a popular place for gathering and socializing by GAHS members.

The big hits of this convention were the daylilies of a little-known hybridizer by the name of Charlie Pierce from Mobile, Alabama. Charlie was a close friend of GAHS members Barbara and Mitch Mitchell. Barbara convinced him to show some of his wonderful new creations at the convention. Dozens of his plants were placed in several of the tour gardens and by the end of the convention, Charlie Pierce was a star. In the President's Cup voting, his daylilies took five of the top six spots, including the ever-popular H. 'Barbara Mitchell' which (believe it or not) came in second to the winner, 'Fairy Tale Pink'. Both 'Fairy Tale Pink' and 'Barbara Mitchell' would go on to win Stout Silver Medals in 1990 and 1992 respectively. Sadly, Charlie was not to know of his new-found fame. He passed away on the eve of the convention.



1986 Fall Issue of The Daylily Journal
Cover shows H. 'Fairy Tale Pink'
Winner of the President's Cup

In 2015, DSGA, The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta (more on the name change later) joined with the Cobb County Daylily Society to host another national convention. This time, the



Atlanta Renaissance Waverly Hotel
Home of the 2015 AHS National Convention

host hotel was the Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel located just inside Cobb County at I-285 and I-75. Convention co-chairs were David and Camilla Arthur and they did a splendid job. Attendance approached the 600 mark. The attendees were not to be disappointed with this convention. The weather was just great, the gardens were at peak bloom and perfect, and the attendees enjoyed a wide array of activities and meetings. This convention introduced two more promising area hybridizers, Bill Waldrop and Bruce Kovach, to the wide audience of the American Daylily Society. Bill's beautiful cultivar, H. 'Blazing Cannons', won the President's Cup award.



H. 'Blazing Cannons' (Waldrop 2013)
Winner of the President's Cup
2015 AHS National Convention

Previously I mentioned that the name of the Atlanta group has changed. Originally, we were the Greater Atlanta Hemerocallis Society but the name was changed by the membership to the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta in 2003. The reasons given for the name change were much the same as those quoted by the American Hemerocallis Society which recently adopted American Daylily

Society as its public name. Hemerocallis is not a well-known word outside the daylily world, nor is it closely associated to daylilies by the public. It is also difficult to pronounce for those encountering it for the first time and to some, it sounded like some kind of disease rather than a flower. Like the American Daylily Society, we kept our original name, Greater Atlanta Hemerocallis Society, as our legal name for several more years before finally making Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta our legal name as well as our public name. Why, you might ask, did we not go with the easier-to-pronounce Greater Atlanta Daylily Society as our new name rather than Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta? Well, the former was chosen because some members thought the acronym GADS just didn't sound right!

I have now rambled on for a long time, I know, but that is because the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta has a long and distinguished history. We are proud of our history and our accomplishments and we hope you enjoy this trip back into DSGA time.



Harold McDonell
Member of DSGA since 1976
Hybridizer of H. 'Mary's Gold' (McDonell 1984)
One of Region 5's All Time Favorites



H. 'Mary's Gold'
(McDonell 1984)

Jack and Becky Brock's Daylily Garden

By Tim Herrington

Just like a poet's autobiography is his poetry, a daylily gardener's autobiography is their garden. While they were writing their story with daylilies, Jack and Becky Brock of Milledgeville have mastered just about every skill needed to grow daylilies exceptionally well. They began this gardening adventure 10 years ago. While embracing the exquisiteness of the garden setting, this charming couple established standards that are indeed a true showcase for daylilies. Their garden's functional layout makes all their tasks more efficient compared to an eclectic design seen in many gardens.

They also have conquered the 'art of watering'. Jack has systematically designed a very effective watering arrangement utilizing several types of mechanical timers. The raised beds are customized with a



Jack and Becky Brock

main water line in the center attached with elevated sprinklers connected every 4 feet. This layout maximizes total water saturation to make their daylilies really

of our society by contributing to the public education of daylilies. They are getting pretty good with this endeavor and to their credit, they have won many blue ribbons, 17 sweepstakes, AHS Rosettes and so far 7 Best In Shows. Last year Jack won the prestigious Ophelia Taylor Horticultural Award with 5 scapes scoring 95 points or above.

Each new daylily they put in their garden gets a robust welcome with an array of soil nutrients, fertilizers and just old fashion tender loving care. Jack and Becky surely demonstrate that the bed needs to be made up first before you plant the daylilies. They both keep the garden in pristine condition and dead head the blooms every day. Becky believes that taking care of the little details in garden maintenance is vital for total beauty. Keep them in mind for gardens to visit in 2019 for



View of the Brock Garden Watering System



Brock Garden in Full Bloom



Soil Condition and Watering System results in beautiful Clumps

happy. Visitors have commented that their first impression of the Brock's daylily beds was that 'Heaven is definitely under their feet as well as over their heads'.

Presently the Brocks grow approximately 286 different cultivars with a goal of getting them in clumps for overall beauty. Each year they enjoy exhibiting their flowers in area daylily shows for they feel this undertaking helps fulfill the mission

you will just marvel at their love affair with our favorite flower. Their daylily garden is a large place for sentiment which serves them as their private refuge for inspiration, creativity and a connection with nature. Their autobiography is indeed a love song, a duet between two human beings and Mother Nature.

What Mother Never Told You About Daylily Garden Tours

Or

Could Things Get Any Worse!

By A.W. Shucks, Cornatzer, NC

The truth hurts! We always want to believe. Didn't it hurt when your mother told you that "no trump" means something other than a Bridge term! It hurt even more when I learned that all news is fake unless found on the Face Book. But, until I naively joined AHS, I was never prepared for the full story. I am here now to tell you what your mother never told you about daylily garden tours. Trust me! It was only 8:30 p.m., but sleep called. I had to be up at 4:30 a.m. You see, it was the night before the regional daylily garden tour and I wanted a good seat on the tour bus, which would start loading at 7.a.m. I did not want to sit next to the dreaded "mobile outhouse." Got one of those in my tiny house back home!

I slept in my garden touring clothes. As the alarm rang, like a fireman sliding down the pole, I jumped into my shoes, grabbed hat and camera, and slid down the banister to the hotel entrance, skipping breakfast. I figured that could wait for the first garden to which we should arrive quickly. I got to the bus only to find a dozen others already there. Not a problem! I would still sit on about the fifth row for quick access to the gardens.

[My tour garden strategy is a variation on the guide my mentor, Birnbaum, devised for trips to Disney World, i.e., be a contrarian. Immediately go to the backyard while others hover around the mailbox and front beds. Take great landscape photos with no people in them and also view and photograph individual clumps/blooms without the legs, feet, and shadows of others in them – except one's own toes now and then. Next, head to the snack table and eat and drink one's fill and stuff some in your pockets for later. By then the hordes have descended upon the back yard. That is the time to hit the Porta-Pot. Then return and leisurely view the wonders of the front beds, shake the host's hands and be ready to go as a second bus arrives. All without breaking a sweat. Well, that always works when things go as planned. What could go wrong?]

Remember, no human condition is ever permanent.

Then you will not be overjoyed in good fortune nor too scornful in misfortune.

– Socrates



Promptly at 7a.m. the bus captain arrived and allowed us to board. I was mystified to see the first twelve moving towards seats near the far back of the bus. Soon the truth became clear. The first row belonged to the bus captain and navigator, naturally. But, I forgot those with "motion-sickness" for whom the next three rows were reserved. Then, to my total surprise, another six rows were reserved by the bus captain for friends who got to sleep late. (Note to self: add friendship to strategic plan for next tour.) Finally there were the twelve who were actually in line. Then there was me, settling into my seat, sigh, next to the dreaded "mobile outhouse". Well, at least my tiny bladder would not have far to walk. (Note to self: always bring a nose clip in the event of back-of-bus seating.)

As the bus rolled out promptly at 7:15 a.m., my stomach grumbled when the bus captain announced (over the static of an intermittent, low volume microphone) that there would be a 1.5 hour drive to the first garden. Now I was regretting not grabbing a half-cooked sausage biscuit and semi-frozen orange juice from the hotel. Then, the bus driver announced that the "mobile outhouse" was out of order, that we would have to use the Porta-Pots in the gardens. My bladder sloshed! Seemed like an eternity getting there! Could things get any worse!

Eternity: Like the NBA playoffs, only shorter.

– the Rev. Will B. Dunn

Nearing the first garden, the bus captain said we would have 45 minutes – in a five-acre garden. A warning whistle would be blown 10 minutes before the bus left. As you are aware, airlines count on-time arrival by when the plane touches down, not when you actually reach the gate and deplane. So it also is with garden tour buses. Time starts when the bus first arrives. If it must back up or turn around, we must patiently sit and wait with the clock running. In our case, it arrived across from the host's mailbox at T-45, but on the wrong side of a busy highway. So, the bus had to go a mile to turn around, stopping on the way for a long freight train and a school bus. Finally it got back so that we could unload safely on the proper shoulder. At T-35 the host came onto the bus to greet us and tell us where all the beds and prized plants were – something already detailed in our program booklet. At T-30 the passengers began to gather cameras, tripods, large purses, floppy hats, umbrellas, canes, and crutches, and shuffle to the door like prisoners on



a chain gang. Unloading was in slow motion, giving me “motion-sickness”! Everyone stopped at the door of the bus to observe and photograph the first large clump of some nondescript seedling growing beside the mailbox, and of course to shake the hand of the host and hostess. NO TIME to be polite, time is money! I paid to see daylilies, not chit-chat. At T-20 I finally got off the bus and ran weakly to the carport for nourishment. After five minutes in line, I discovered there was no bagel nor hot coffee, just a warm bottle of water. It was T-15 by the time I left and headed to the Porta-Pot line – so much for the Birnbaum plan.

As I sat in the Porta-Pot working my morning cross-word puzzle, I was suddenly hit by a shooting pain in the left cheek. No, not that one, the lower one! I instinctively kicked open the door. Does everyone have their camera phone at the ready all of the time? I hope the bus captain’s shot will not appear on the Dark Web. It was now T-10 as I pulled up my drawers, having failed to accomplish my pot purpose, and went to the garden. My left leg was now getting numb – obviously from a poisonous spider or snake bite. (Note to self: next time bring insect repellent, Snake-A-Way, Febreze, and TP.)

The shrill blast of the whistle rang out across the garden. In the next five minutes I dragged my leg hither and yon, taking award-winning photos of only five daylilies – one per acre! Later I would discover all five were out of focus! (Note to self: buy a camera with auto-focus and image stabilization.) As I numbly sprinted back to the bus, I twisted my right ankle in a groundhog hole. I limped/dragged the final 100 feet using my camera’s monopod like a cane. It was my luck now to be physically challenged, but with no special bus seating. Could things get any worse! (Note to self: a walker and cane might be a good investment for the future.)

The garden host came back on the bus to profusely thank us over and over for coming. This put us five minutes behind schedule, which would have to come off the front at the next garden stop. As the day warmed up, so did the bus. Yes, I was on the bus with the bad A/C. There’s always one on each tour! During this phase, the bus captain randomly gave out “bus plants.” My seatmate got a triple fan of a new \$100 introduction. I got a double proliferation, smaller than the tag, of an old daylily that I had tossed ten years ago. Could things get any worse!



Why did the horse go behind the tree?

To change his jockeys.



We only had 30 minutes, minus 5, for the next garden. Same story – no food, failed to see a daylily, and the Porta-Pot was too transparent for my shy bladder. Luckily, I was able to swap one fan of my prolif for an adult diaper. I did not appreciate all the host’s humorous garden signs, especially the one that said, “Gardening: The most fun you can have with your pants on.” Fun! Guess that *Depends!* Weak from hunger, I went behind a tree to change, but I could not get my pants off to put it on. By then my right ankle had swollen to the size of an orange and I could neither feel nor bend my left leg. I preferred the more accurate sign on the host’s fence. Being agitated, if not excited, I did go – well, maybe not on his “plants”! (Note to self: carry extra pants, not plants, in my registration goody bag for future tours!)

It was T-1 as I crawled towards the bus. Much to my dismay I saw its tail lights disappearing over the hill. Yes, not only had I been left behind, I was also the evening’s banquet speaker. Seems the “buddy system” had not been fully explained, so nobody missed me! But, as luck would have it, I had a guardian angel. Well, she was more like hell-on-wheels! The host’s neighbor, an ex-road racer, happened to know a shortcut down a winding, back mountain road, which would cut off the bus. Sure enough, in ten minutes I hailed it down and crawled to my seat, exhausted. But things were not looking up for long!

“You got to be careful if you don’t know where you’re going, because you might not get there.”

– Yogi Berra

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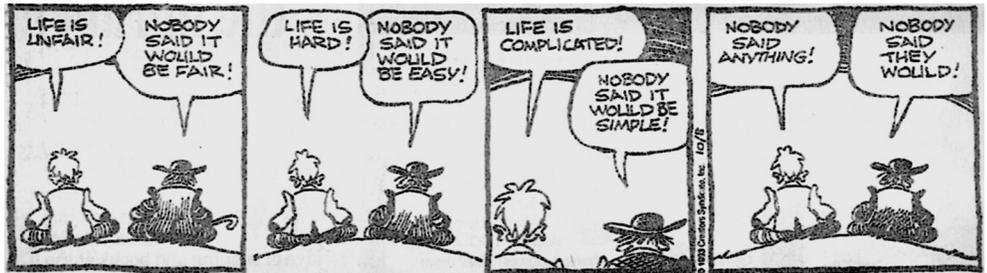
On the way to our third garden of the morning, our navigator read his GPS upside down and we ended up on a winding dirt road instead of the freeway. Naturally we got stuck on the soft shoulder of a construction zone. We youngest members (those in our late 70s) were called into service to push the bus. I got the side by the diesel exhaust. I was choking, soot-faced, and covered in mud splatter to my knees upon getting back on. At least I had the “mobile outhouse” where I could clean up. Oh, right! Could things get any worse!

Yes, we totally missed this last garden before lunch due to an accident on the freeway that delayed us a full hour. Lunch consisted of a hot Cajun seafood gumbo with odd things floating in it! Near starvation, I gulped it down and requested a second helping while my esophagus screamed at me. Shortly thereafter, my face started turning red and puffy and I itched all over. I looked like I had the onset of measles, but it was only the shrimp in the gumbo to which I am deathly allergic. I traded my other prolif fan for an Epi-Pen that saved my life. I will never again say old daylilies are not valuable.

Contrary to what people may say, there’s no upper limit on stupidity.

– Stephen Colbert

As I limped back to the bus, dragging my other leg and scratching away, I exclaimed, “Life is unfair!” That brought to mind a Kudzu comic strip by the late Doug Marlette. Kudzu Dubose of Bypass, NC, (a fictitious town not far from Cornatzer, a real town) spoke with his preacher, the Rev. Will B. Dunn. The dialog went like this:



Well, Nobody cared, either, that my ankle was now the size of a grapefruit. Plus, no quiet time for the weary as the bus captain “entertained” us with lame riddles and garden knock-knock jokes for the entire hour to the final garden.

What kind of socks does a gardener wear?

Answer: Garden hose.

Some of us did take naps. Others took pictures of us taking our naps and displayed them on the Face Book. My photo got no Likes, but a plastic surgeon did offer to provide me free facial Botox treatments for life. Could things get any worse!

The last garden was a bit *seedy*, a.k.a., a hybridizer’s garden. Only ¼ acre, yet ironically we were given two hours to see its 2000 yellow seedlings. Amazingly, the bus unloaded super-fast as it was now 102 degrees on the *air-conditioned* bus and a cool 95 in the garden. Sadly, by then my entire right foot was the size of a watermelon and a similar color. The other leg looked like a bloated sausage and failed to move on command. It was a half-hour later when I finally made it to the door of the bus. Could things get any worse!

Suffering is part of the human condition, and it comes to us all.

– Billy Graham

Disembarking in my weak, dizzy, shaky condition, I flipped out, hitting the top of my head on the pavement. With a possible concussion, I incoherently slithered about the garden like a snake, viewing daylilies from beneath the foliage -- a new perspective. The daylily ‘Creepy Crawler’ came to mind. I felt like one of those robotic lawn mowers that randomly go to and fro, but eventually cover everything. Every ten minutes or so I would lift my head to get my bearings. The last time I did so my head plopped back down face-first onto a yellow jacket nest. My earlier epinephrine injection was starting to wear off. The last I recall, I was sweating profusely, my heart beat was irregular, and my personal temperature was close to 104. I looked like a neon red cousin of the Pillsbury Doughboy, Poppin’ Hot. For the first time ever, I prayed for that shrill whistle before all went black!

I woke up in the hospital having no recollection of why my foot was in a bucket of ice nor where I had been that day. (Note to self: this was not on my bucket list.) Murphy’s Law says, “If anything can go wrong, it will.” Shucks’ Corollary adds that with proper planning things can always get worse! With slurred speech, I asked the doctor if I would be released in time for next week’s national convention tour. My building excitement was palpable!

It’s a basic truth of the human condition that everybody lies. The only variable is about what.

– Hugh Laurie

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Author’s Note to Self: The implausible story about the banquet speaker missing the bus actually happened. The rest may have – or not!

ADS Display Gardens

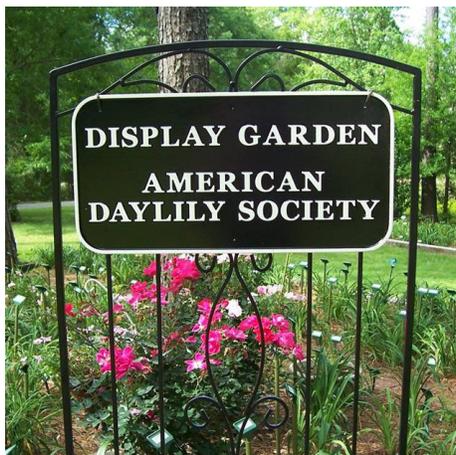
By Melodye Campbell, ADS Display Garden Chair

There are nearly 275 AHS Display Gardens throughout the United States, Canada and Europe and 12 of those 275 are right here in Region 5! Visiting AHS display gardens is a great way to see many of the very best daylilies and how they are used effectively in a landscape setting. Learn about the daylily species and classic cultivars in the historic display gardens.

Going on a road trip during daylily season? Take a look at the wonderful interactive map on the AHS website, <https://daylilies.org/daylilies/display-gardens/>. Zoom in to the area of your trip to map out the display gardens along your route. Remember to call ahead before you visit!

If you would like to share your passion for daylilies, consider becoming an official AHS Display Garden. Eligibility criteria include:

- You must be a member of the AHS for at least two years.
- You don't have to grow many hundreds of daylilies to be a display garden. You just have to grow a wide variety of daylilies: diploids and tetraploids, full



formed, spiders, unusual forms, doubles, sculpted, polymerous, small, miniature, and large.

- For AHS Historic Daylily Display Gardens, it is recommended that the garden contain a minimum of 50-100 historic daylily cultivars and species.
- Plant labels are very important and must clearly show the name of both the cultivar and the

hybridizer. Date of registration is often included on the label as well and must be included for historic daylilies. Historic daylilies are defined as all daylily species plus daylily cultivars registered with the AHS on or before 1980.

- A display garden should be open to the public during bloom season.

There is an online application for becoming a display garden. If you prefer, you can print out a pdf version and mail it to the Display Garden Chair. Find the links on <https://daylilies.org/daylilies/display-gardens/>.

After your application has been submitted, your garden will be evaluated by your Regional President or his/her designee. Once your garden is recommended for Display Garden status, congratulations are in order!!!

For additional information, contact Display Garden Chair, Melodye Campbell, displaygardens@daylilies.org

Region 5 Display Gardens

Prissy's Garden

Camilla & David Arthur
2596 Riley Dr. NW
Marietta, Georgia 30064-1813

Bell's Daylily Garden

Tim Bell
1305 Griffin Rd.
Sycamore, Georgia 31790-3212

Shady Rest Gardens

David & Doris Bishop
35 Northwoods Dr. NW
Cartersville, Georgia 30121-4737

Doll's Daylilies

Marguerita & Banks Brazell
116 Woodlawn Ave.
Warner Robins, Georgia 31093-3072

Piney Creek Gardens

Sharon Brown
168 Head Lane
Broxton, Georgia 31519-3254

Vickery Lake Garden

Claude & Martha Carpenter
6075 Vickery Point
Cumming, Georgia 30040-8756

Eula's Roadside Garden

Eula Fluellen
2216 Highway 341 South
Perry, Georgia 31069-9687

M P Flowers

Mark & Patty Franklin
15230 Birmingham Hwy
Alpharetta, Georgia 30004-2696

Peace on Earth Gardens

James D. & Mary Netherton
113 Dothan Road
Blakely, Georgia 39823-2751

Shaw's Sunshine Gardens

Charles & Debra Shaw
2541 Lumpkin Road
Augusta, Georgia 30906-5338

Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Garden

Bill & Diana Waldrop
310 McDaniel Road
Marietta, Georgia 30064-1828

Wynn's Daylily Garden

Gene & Mary Wynn
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Jasper, Florida 32052-4688

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Editor's Note



As I near the time to go to press with my seventh edition of The Georgia Daylily I really appreciate all the people that help put each edition together. Many of you have written articles that are of interest to daylily enthusiasts from new members to experienced hybridizers. The club reporters are faithful in keeping us up to date on what is going on in each Region 5 daylily club. I have a great group of proof readers that catch all my mistakes.

I'm looking forward to the 2019 daylily season, the garden visits, exhibition shows, Region 5 Spring Meeting and the National Convention in Wisconsin. We are less than one year away from another Nation Convention in our Region. I'm sure that many of you will be assisting the Ogechee Daylily Club as they prepare for the 2020 Convention.

Have you viewed the AHS Region 5 Website lately. I have completely redesigned

the site and there is a lot of info about Region 5. Please review and let me know if any of the information needs to be changed. I will try my best to keep the contents up to date with what is going on in Region 5. The website address is: <http://www.ahsregion5.org/>

Claude



H. 'Tears of A Clown'
(Selman 2016)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Miss Piggy's Hot Pink'
(Herrington K 2007)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Stephen Smith'
(Reed 2014)
Photo by Claude Carpenter



H. 'Stop The Car'
(Gossard 2015)
Photo by Claude Carpenter
The Georgia Daylily - Spring 2019

Club Reports

Albany Daylily Society

Toni Pickel, Reporter

October 2018

The Albany Club hosted our Annual Points Auction, which is always an anticipated meeting for the Albany Club! The Points Plants are always an excellent addition to our collections and everyone is eager to see who can outlast the others on the bids! Can't wait to see what we have for next year!

November 2018

The Albany Club hosted our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 17th. The Club voted on electing new Board members for the 2019/20 seasons and enjoyed the company of each other and the time to give Thanks for the year we have been blessed with and what the coming year has in store.

December 2018

The Albany Club hosted our Annual Christmas Dinner and Dirty Santa gift exchange on December 15th. As always, everyone had a great time during this event!

Any time we get to feel like kids again, is always worth it!

January 2019

The Albany Club hosted our January Club meeting on January 19th, with guest speaker Bruce Kovach from Centerpiece Gardens. Bruce is an excellent speaker who entertained everyone and has excellent daylilies for auction! We also welcome in our new slate of Board Members who will be serving for the 2019/20 term. They are:

President..... Penny Certain
Vice PresidentKaye Fearneyhough
2nd Vice President Marlon Brown
Secretary/Reporter.....Toni Pickel
Treasurer.....June Drawdy
Points Chairman..... Reid Arnold
Speaker/Activity Chairman
Reid Arnold/Jim Netherton

We are looking forward to the New Year and the exciting things coming this year!

February 2019

The Albany Club will be hosting our monthly meeting on February 23rd this month. Our guest speaker will be our very own Kaye Fearneyhough. Kaye is an excellent hybridizer and has many excellent daylilies in her collection. We look forward to her presentation.

March 2019

Our March meeting will be held on March 16th, with guest speakers Mark and Patti Franklin from M & P Flowers. We can't wait for their presentation and look forward to their visit! Welcome back!

Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society

Glenn Ward, Reporter

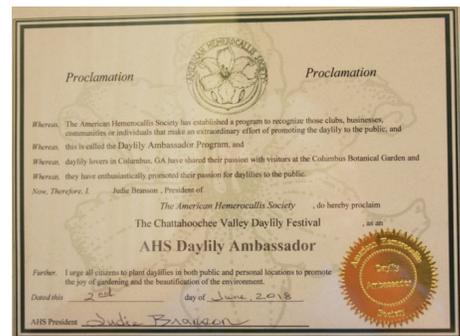
We would like to invite everybody to attend our club meetings, which are held on the 1st Saturday of every other month (Jan, March, May, July, Sept., & Nov.) except when the meeting date falls on a holiday weekend, AHS Region 5 meeting or AHS National Convention date, at which then we meet the following weekend. Our meetings are now being held at the Edgewood Presbyterian Church, 3617 Macon Rd., Columbus, GA.

At our January Meeting we had Samantha Grey, Adult Education Coordinator for the Columbus Botanical Garden and owner of Southern Seasons Landscape Nursery.

Her topic was the "Principles of Landscape Design" and she focused on unity and simplicity. A slide presentation showed examples of her ideas. At the end she answered questions from our group.

The club voted to increase advertising of club meetings, Daylily Festival and Special events on Facebook and the Ledger-Enquirer newspaper, in order to increase public interest and to reach out for new members.

We discussed our upcoming Show and Daylily Festival and ended our meeting with a silent auction.



Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Festival
AHS Daylily Ambassador Certificate

Central Georgia Daylily Society

Anne Weathers, Reporter

The Central Georgia Daylily Society met in November for its Pocket Change Auction. There were lots of lovely plants and cash for our treasury, thanks to the generosity of members.

We took a break during next few months and now we are ready to start preparing our gardens for a successful daylily year. We look forward to this year's speakers

and programs (Tim Herrington is our March speaker). We also will enjoy visiting members' gardens, and , of course, the fellowship of fellow daylily enthusiasts.

Our flower show will be on Tuesday, June 4th at the Baldwin County Recreation Banquet facilities. Everyone is welcome to come and enter their flowers.



Cobb County Daylily Society

Diana Waldrop, Reporter

We meet on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. in Room 256 at the Marietta First United Methodist Church at 56 Whitlock Avenue, Marietta, Georgia 30064. We welcome all members and visitors and hope you will join us for fun, fellowship and learning more about Daylilies.

Our first Cobb County Daylily Society Meeting of the year was on February 3, 2019, and our first Speaker was Will Marchant from Douglasville, Georgia. We are very glad that he is also a

member of our club. Will is the Principal at Lithia Springs Elementary School in Douglasville, and he looks after all his children at school much like he looks after his daylilies. Will grows and hybridizes Daylilies during the summer and during those school holidays. He gave a very interesting power point presentation, not only on his new Daylily Introductions and new Seedlings, but also on growing Hostas. Will has been hybridizing Hostas for a few years and has had great success. Will presented an outstanding program

for our club.

Our next meeting will be on March 10th and we will have a panel of experts to discuss "Getting Daylilies Ready for the Season."

Our club is a 501 (C) 3 and one of the requirements is to promote education to our members on growing our daylilies and all plants. If you are in the Cobb County area, please stop in and visit us at our meeting. We always look forward to having visitors!

North Georgia Daylily Society

Perry McAllum, Reporter

Winter hasn't been any longer than normal this year, however when we start getting towards the end, it always seems like it has taken forever. We have had an exceptionally rainy February. All the extra water and temporary warmer weather has been making the weeds grow! The daylilies are beginning to green up nicely, which of course, is their way of saying, "Hang in there, we will be putting on a show before you know it."

Our first meeting of the year brought Mr. Jim Mullins down to visit us and share some hints and tips on how he has been very successful at exhibiting flowers in shows. He has invested a lot of time and effort into his garden, and it has rewarded

him with lots of blues, purples and 'Best In Sections'. I was very excited when Jim agreed to speak at our meeting, and for me personally, he did not disappoint.

Last year we tried something new and fun at one of our meetings by having a 'chili cookoff'. We had lots of entries submitted, with the eventual winner being Michelle Templeton. That meeting was such a success we decided to try it again this year. The 2nd annual cook-off will be 'soup' and/or 'sandwich', so we will actually have two winners, one for both categories. By the time you have read this, the meeting will already have taken place so look for the winners to be announced in the next club report. Speaking of Michelle Templeton,

she has volunteered to be the 2019 Show Chairman. Our show will be held June 15th at the State Botanical Garden in Athens in the Conservatory. This has been the home of our show for several years now, and we are very thankful to be able to have it there as it is a beautiful facility. Should you be interested in our club and the things we do you can visit our web site at northgeorgiadaylilysociety.com. We always enjoy having guests at our meetings and would love for you to come and visit. If you are interested but not sure which meeting to attend The Daylily Bingo game is a blast, and yes, visitors do win prizes as well. Come see us

Northwest Georgia Daylily Society

David Bishop, Reporter

Our club meets each month from January until October, almost always on the fourth Saturday of the month. We convene at 10:00 at the beautiful Stiles Auditorium located at 320 W. Cherokee Avenue, Cartersville. Visitors are welcome and receive a free daylily. We have lots of fun. Our show will be held on June 22 at the Cartersville Civic Center across the parking lot from our meeting place. Our show is the last one in Region 5, so please enter blooms.

At our January Meeting the main program was a Discussion Panel made

up of Patty Acree, Diana Waldrop, and Morgan Akin. They fielded questions from the audience with knowledgeable answers. We all left the meeting knowing better ways of growing daylilies. February will see Winfred Huff address our club, with James Fennell coming in March. Our meeting in April will feature Will Marchant. All of these speakers will surely wow us! Our Grooming Clinic will be done in a different fashion than normal. There shall also be a Design Division clinic to help us prepare better for that part of the show. July is time for an ice cream social. Our club points auction

will again be held in August, along with our Photography Contest. September shall see the presentation by Mark and Patty Franklin. October will be members showing pictures of their outstanding daylilies and gardens. At each meeting slides of members' gardens are shown.

Refreshments and a Bargain Table are regular features at our meetings. So is laughing.

Club website: www.nwgds.org

Facebook page:

Northwest Georgia Daylily Society

Greater Augusta Daylily Society

Arleigh Mansfield, Reporter

On January 13th, president Larry Kirkland got the attention of the 17 attendees and called the meeting to order at approximately 2:30. Larry introduced his wife, Judy, who is talented in several fields including gardening, flower arranging and artwork, as our speaker for the day.

Judy began with an overview of daylilies showing a variety of daylilies in a rainbow of colors. She then explained daylily terminology such as eyed, hose in hose, peony, crispate, unusual forms, spatulate, etc. as well as the designations for blooming season and tetraploid vs. diploid. New on the scene is "sculpted". Most of us are familiar with the terms but need to be reminded and new members acquainted with daylily jargon.

Larry asked Nona Ligon, who heads the "Get the Word Out" committee to present ideas and a budget to increase interest and membership in the club. Where are



Judy Kirkland giving her presentation

the younger folk now? We need some youthful ideas and energy. Larry Welch

gave insights into informing the public of the variety and versatility of daylilies by possibly creating several non-judged shows around town. Expenditures for the "Get the Word Out" program were approved with the exception of placing 1/4 page ads in local neighborhood publications.

Treasurer Charles White presented the need to change the signature cards at the bank so everything is up-to-date. The club voted for Larry Kirkland and Charles White to be on the signature cards.

We look forward to our March 10th meeting when Charlie Shaw will speak on Shaw's Sunshine Gardens being used in the movie "The Mule". It should be most interesting.

Larry Kirkland then dismissed us to feast on the bountiful refreshments.

Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta

Cynthia Rigsby, Reporter

The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta started off the year with its first meeting February 23 at Bellemere Garden House in Johns Creek. The sun was shining and it was good to see our daylily friends. For the Daylily Education time, our president, Mark Franklin, talked about now is the time to get our tools ready for the spring. He suggested cleaning and sharpening tools, replacing those that are broken, and getting new knee pads. Being prepared saves time when you start to work in the garden because you already have everything you need. Check fertilizer, fungicide, insecticide and snail bait. Also check your labels and make a calendar for your yard/garden.

For our program, Mark presented a slide show about hybridizing – You Can Hybridize Too. This AHS program was both interesting and informative. It explained the process one goes through to hybridize. Mark encouraged those who have never done this to try it. There were many questions and lots of interest. Following the program, the members participated in a garden book swap. There was a chili and baked potatoes with sides luncheon that followed. The club is gearing up for our annual



Some of our members enjoy homemade chili during February Meeting

plant sales at Bulloch Hall in Roswell and the Forsyth County Master Gardeners in Cumming. Bulloch Hall brings friends from the Roswell area who enjoy coming to see what glorious flowers we have to sell as well as other vendors' treasures from unique wooden tables to yard art made from broken garden tools.

Our daylily show is going to be on Saturday, June 15. There will be several categories for members to participate in. Of course, we are having on-scape competition judged by AHS Exhibition judges, but we are adding some categories that will be judged by the public who attends. The photo contest, judged by the public, began last year



when we decided to have a show even though we had hosted the 2018 Region 5 Spring Meeting. There was also an off-scape category which was judged by the public. These two categories were so popular that the club decided to do it again. The design category will also be judged by those who attend the show.

Everyone seems waterlogged from all the rain we have had this year and very eager to get out and play in the dirt whenever we can catch a glimpse of sunshine.

Our next meeting is April 13, and Doris and David Bishop will be our guest speakers.

Dublin Area Hemerocallis Society

Tim Herrington, Reporter

The club 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 with a prayer and then the meal. Members are always delighted with the variety of food everyone brings to each meeting. Next our Secretary Lana Lott always reads the minutes from the previous meeting. Then our Treasurer, Cecilia Land, gives us a financial report. After that Chip Wood always gives his Presidents report. At the end of each program we all get a chance to draw for many wonderful door prizes. Since the last edition of The Georgia Daylily, we have had 2 meetings. In December we had our annual Christmas party. After the gift exchange was held, Rev. James Fennell read from the Bible, the story of the birth of Jesus. One of our 2018 club projects was to make and decorate a Christmas Tree for the 'Annual Festival of Trees' which was a festive, community wide holiday event from November 14th through December 18th. The 48 trees displayed were viewed and enjoyed at public events such as meetings by various organizations held at the local tech school where the trees were located and also they were toured by local schools, assisted living facilities and the general public. Our effort was to educate the public about our club and daylilies since custom made pictures of



Christmas Tree Entry by Club

them were spread throughout our tree. Chip and Chris Wood made our entry and we were honored to win 3rd place for best tree in the judging contest. Our next meeting was January 28th. Our program was a discussion on distinction in daylilies led by Chip Wood. Many examples were shown while explaining that distinction can mean something that stands out in



Christmas Tree Ornament
made by Chip and Chris Wood

a daylily compared to other daylilies and also something that stands out within the daylily compared to other parts of the daylily. A proclamation was read honoring Jack and Diane Joiner for their service to the club over the years and that the annual daylily show to be held on May 25th would be named The Jack and Diane Joiner Appreciation Show. In section 14 of the show schedule, a special award in their honor will be made for entries from the club members. Then daylilies were auctioned donated by Jack Brock to raise money to pay the rent for use of our meeting facility.

Valdosta Hemerocallis Society

Kathy Fowler, Reporter

Hopefully this finds everyone with the winter months well on the way to being behind us and Spring on the way.

Our November/December meetings were combined due to this busy holiday season. We wanted to give members time to be with family and get their holiday shopping done with little pressure as possible. We celebrated this by having a meal at Carter's Catfish House on Reed Bingham State Park in Adel, Ga. We enjoyed a game of dirty Santa with lots of laughter. A flower auction and just a good time enjoying each other.

January meeting was back at Western Sizzlin with Jeff, Elizabeth and Alex Salter of Rollingwood Garden in Archer Fl. They presented a great program and we all enjoyed seeing what their future

introduction could possibly be.

Next was our February meeting. We were delighted to have David and Doris Bishop of Shady Rest Garden in Cartersville Ga. David never ceases to entertain us with his many hats. Doris of course was her sweet lovable self. After every meeting there is a auction of daylilies. We also have a member from the club donate a Daylily for a Raffle plant. This way the member earn points and the club benefits from the proceeds. This meeting, Terry Wilson provided 3 plants for the raffle.

There is always a short business meeting at our meetings. We meet every month at the Adel Western Sizzlin on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm. We welcome anyone to our meetings. We strive to educate everyone, be that they are new

to the daylily plant or have grown them for years. We want the club to have fun. Our new mission is to try and encourage young people to become a part of this program so it will continue to grow for years to come. Get behind us Winter, our beloved Spring is on the way. The excitement of new blooms is calling each one of us.

Till next time, come see us want you....
Valdosta Daylily Club.

Ogeechee Daylily Society

Beverly Cook, Reporter

Our winter here in zone 8b has been amazingly mild, even for us in southeast Georgia. Ice has been minimal, so even our most reluctant dormants are getting anxious to greet spring.

We look forward this spring to hosting a show at Fellowship Baptist Church. As many of you know, it is a great location for us, always welcoming and spacious enough for us to sprawl without feeling unduly spread out. Our entrants have room for last minute grooming, and the blooms can be easily seen by all comers.

Scott and Dominique Elliott will be hosting several mobile shows in Ellabell, although the dates have yet to be finalized.

As is our custom, we had our Christmas celebration early in January. It was a wonderful gathering at home of Jan and Royce Joiner in Pembroke. Lots of food, loads of fellowship, and exchanging gardening gifts, what a great party.

Our next meeting, March 12, will have Pat Prokov as our speaker. Pat was a local weather forecaster well known his Weather Garden in Savannah. This lovely garden was of course, predominately, daylilies. We are really looking forward to this presentation. Our club, like many others, has some

unusual characters. We have discovered a monster in our midst: The Meister Water Monster. He has taken to luring in his garden and ambushing innocent or not so innocent, folks with his garden hose and a hearty laughter. Mike Curlin, the water monster, would only laugh: "Water is a good thing, everybody needs some water", he said as he watered his daylilies and admired the luscious foliage. Passersby, are however, warned that Mike and his Meister Monster Hose may be lurking in the nearby shade.

Sue Cliett and Jan Joiner are deep into the crafting that will enrich our shows. Taking old plates, bowls, and bottles, they are creating garden art for our entertainment for our shows. If any of you have visited Sue's garden, you are aware of her creativity in upcycling just about anything to be made into the cute and the beautiful. It will be interesting to see what the two of them devise.

Jan Joiner, meanwhile, is embroiled in the search for Joiner Daylilies. This is a project that she began last year after deciding to close the garden. Attempting to gather all 800 plus daylilies that the Joiner Family has introduced, she plans a visual display of changes made in daylily hybrids from their first introduction in 1962 until the present. She is asking that folks review

the list of daylilies that is still needed, and when possible, share back a couple of fans. This project is strictly nonprofit and will be open and displaying as many as possible for the AHS National next year, here in Statesboro. The listing will be available in several Facebook groups, or email janjoiner@yahoo.com.

We look forward to seeing you all, here in Statesboro next year. And if you are in the area, our meetings are usually the first Tuesday of each month at Elmer Baptist Church, please drop by.



H. 'Ghost Ranger'
(Elliott S 2015)

Photo by Claude Carpenter

Middle Georgia Daylily Society

Winfred Huff, Reporter

The Middle Georgia Club is gearing up for a great spring and summer. We will be hosting the Region 5 Garden Tour May 31, and June 1. We are already excited about the prospects of having our tour gardens full of enthusiastic daylily lovers. Work has already begun to dress up our gardens so that each cultivar will shine as brightly as the summer sun. If you haven't signed up, please take a few moments to register. I promise you, you will not be disappointed.

On Saturday, March 9, Pete Harry paid our club a visit and showed off some of his new introductions. And he auctioned off some of his former introductions for some great prices.

We invite you who live in the middle Georgia area to come and be a part of a fun-filled club. We enjoy eating as much as we do our buying, trading, and giving away daylilies. We certainly do look forward to seeing all of our daylily friends, whether it be at our club, other clubs, or just meeting on the street.

Since we are hosting the regional tour this year, we will not have our annual show. We will be back next year, looking forward to showing off our daylilies. Hope to see you this coming May.



H. 'Fluttering Beauty'
(Joiner-J 1999)

Photo by Claude Carpenter

Savannah Hemerocallis Society

Gail Fowler, Reporter

The Savannah club meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at The Savannah Botanical Gardens, 1388 Eisenhower Dr, Savannah, GA 31406. We warmly welcome both members and guests.

2019 Events:

March 9th Members will plant potted daylilies in our newly prepared garden

May 4th Savannah Rose Festival and Plant Sale at the Botanical Garden

Club News:

Our Christmas Social was held at the beautiful Reinhard House at the Savannah Botanical Gardens.

Members, Cathy Beasley, Cathy Willis and her daughter Kirsten, went the "extra mile" to decorate and create a festive atmosphere at our new location. This was the first meeting here and members came together and had a great time exchanging gifts, playing games and socializing. Our members provided a potluck dinner and everyone had a great time!



Preparing the new Daylily Display Garden Located at the Savannah Botanical Gardens

The January meeting featured our Annual Cook-Off with prizes awarded for the most popular entries. Members made their favorite dishes to share and Auction points were awarded to members who brought tasty dishes. We planned exciting upcoming programs and events, and discussed designs for the new garden for the upcoming year.

In late January, members met to finalize the design of the new AHS Daylily Garden. The layout was carefully planned for ease of irrigation and maintenance for the new garden. A special thanks to Terry Beasley and John Carr who worked weekends to dig up and haul pavers from the old garden so they can be used again. Thanks also to John Carr and Johnny Davis for their hard work digging, tilling, and hauling in the soil for the new garden.

The February meeting was held at Oelschigs Nursery. Our president, Terry Beasley, presented new annual and perennial plants in the nursery highlighting new arrivals of dianthus and coleus. A date was set to begin the planting of the new garden and we discussed possible day trips to nearby nurseries and gardens.

Due to our re-location and planting of the new garden we will not be having a show this year. Members who wish to enter their daylilies can do so at the Ogeechee Daylily Show or the Dublin Daylily Show.



Region 5 Does It Again

We've added enough to our treasury to color print The Georgia Daylily Newsletter for another season. We opened our arms and you filled them with such a variety of treasures. In addition to our beautiful daylilies, we received donations of baked goods, gift cards, books, jewelry, and 'old' Savannah prints of yesteryear. Our thanks go out to Tim and Linda Bell, David and Doris Bishop, Scott and Dominique Elliott, Charles and Heidi Douglas, Bruce and Kathy Fowler, Jan and Royce Joiner, Barbara and Morris Kirby, Gail Knight, Jim and Mary Netherton, Bruce Kovach, Bill and Diana Waldrop, and all those wonderful folks who won an item and took it home.... Thank you and blessings to your generous hearts.

Barbara Kirby

Contributions made to the AHS by Region 5 Members

Contributions at the Supporting Level to the AHS General Fund:

- Barbara and Morris Kirby in memory of Frances Joiner
- Harold McDonell in memory of Frances Joiner
- Savannah Hemerocallis Society in memory of Frances Joiner

A contribution at the Silver level has been made to the 100 Giving \$100 campaign for the AHS General Fund by:

- Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lawson

2019 Region 5 Popularity Poll Ballot

Select your favorite daylilies (up to 10) from the list below. Vote for daylilies that you have observed in your garden or immediate area. If your favorites are not on the list, you may write in up to 5 daylilies in the space provided under write-in votes. Please check the box to the left of the daylily. You **MUST** be an AHS member to vote. **(Remember to vote for only 10) The deadline is September 1.**

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.

	Aaron's Little Whopper		Just for Breakfast		Simply Karen
	All Fired Up		Just For Joann		Skinwalker
	Amanda's Little Red Shoes		Katisue		Southern French Toast
	Amazing Morris Kirby		Kennesaw Mountain Hayride		Spacecoast Francis Busby
	Atomic Fireball		Lava Flow		Speacoast Sea Shells
	Big Kiss		Lavender Blue Baby		Spider Miracle
	Blazing Cannons		Linda Bell		Sunglasses Needed
	Canoochee Wonder		Lydia's Regal Robe		Sycamore Frills
	David Arthur		Magic of Oz		Symphony of Praise
	Deep Dark Duck		Magical Morning		Thanks for Last Night
	Depends On The Whether		Marion Tyus		The Stefner
	Diana's Evening Gown		Mary's Gold		Tim Herrington
	Diana's Irish Dream		Mayor Of Munchkinland		Twisted Whiskers
	Dixie Land Five		Montez Fausett		Two To Tango
	Dorothy and Toto		Moonlit Masquerade		Velvet Ribbons
	Ducks Dark Side		My Buddy Landon		Victorian Lace
	Everybody Loves Earnest		Native American		Viva Glam Girl
	Firefly Frenzy		Opa Klaus		Wayne and Corals Love
	Hat's off to Sue		Orange Velvet		Wildman George
	Heavenly United We Stand		Pastor Laurie Ann Moeller		Wysiwyg
	Honey Crunch Cupcake		Primal Scream		
	Hotlanta		Rainbow Over Georgia		Write-in votes (Up to 5)
	How Beautiful Heaven Must Be		Rosy Outlook		
	Jan's Twister		Ruby Spider		
	Jelly Filled Donut		Scatterbrain		
	Jessica Lynn Bell		Sebastian the Crab		
	JT Davis		Sebastian on Steroids		

Name _____ Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____ AHS Member: Yes No	Home Club: _____ Must be filled in to be eligible for club and region incentives
Ballot must be postmarked no later than 9/1/19 Please mail to: David Bishop 35 Northwoods Dr. Cartersville, GA 30121	You can also vote online at: www.daylilies.org Or, you can download a ballot from: www.ahsregion5.org-or-Region 5 Facebook page

2018 Hybridizer's Award Nominees



H. 'Amazing Morris Kirby'



H. 'Jammin's Oh My Goodness'



H. 'Jammin's Pinky Toes'



H. 'Jared Timothy Bell'



H. 'Leprechaun's Curls'



H. 'Magical Morning'



H. 'Shining Mission'



H. 'Sunglasses Needed'



H. 'Tim Herrington'

2018 Hybridizer's Award Nominees



H. 'Wayne and Coral's Love'



H. 'Apron Strings'



H. 'Dot Ward'



H. 'Double Dealing'



H. 'Double Knit'



H. 'Dragonfly Passion'



H. 'Earl Ward'



H. 'Harp Strings'

2019 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 hybridizers. The ballot will also have a choice of a write-in candidate if one chooses not to vote for the hybridizers choices on the ballot. This process mirrors the awards systems of the AHS. The Regional President will maintain overall responsibility for the award procedures.

Rules: The rules for eligibility are 1) The cultivar must be registered with the American Hemerocallis Society. 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 or more of 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 by July 1, 2019 to -

Joann Stewart, Regional President, 2300 Simonton Bridge Road, Watkinsville, GA , 30677-2167

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

H. 'Amazing Morris Kirby'

H. 'Apron Strings'

H. 'Dot Ward'

H. 'Double Dealing'

H. 'Double Knit'

H. 'Dragonfly Passion'

H. 'Earl Ward'

H. 'Harp Strings'

H. 'Jammin's Oh My Goodness'

H. 'Jammin's Pink Toes'

H. 'Jared Timothy Bell'

H. 'Leprechaun's Curls'

H. 'Magical Morning'

H. 'None Like Me'

H. 'Sunglasses Needed'

H. 'Tim Herrington'

H. 'Winning Praise'

H. 'Wayne and Coral's Love'

Write-in _____ Signature _____

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

H. 'Amazing Morris Kirby'

H. 'Apron Strings'

H. 'Dot Ward'

H. 'Double Dealing'

H. 'Double Knit'

H. 'Dragonfly Passion'

H. 'Earl Ward'

H. 'Harp Strings'

H. 'Jammin's Oh My Goodness'

H. 'Jammin's Pink Toes'

H. 'Jared Timothy Bell'

H. 'Leprechaun's Curls'

H. 'Magical Morning'

H. 'None Like Me'

H. 'Sunglasses Needed'

H. 'Tim Herrington'

H. 'Winning Praise'

H. 'Wayne and Coral's Love'

Write-in _____ Signature _____

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