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Cover Photo: *A Mississippi Medallion Winner for 2015, H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004) displays a photogenic bloom in the Billingslea Garden.*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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The editor invites submissions on the following:

Articles on Daylilies
Articles on Daylily Culture
Profiles of Region 14
Hybridizers
Garden Write-ups
Features of Historical Interest
Articles on Photography
Scientific Studies Involving
Daylilies
Club News and Events

If possible, please send material by e-mail. Digital images are preferred over photographs and slides.

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REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

C. P. WINTERS

Debbie Smith (RPD) and I (RP) are beginning a very new adventure as your new leadership for 2015. Debbie has been very busy updating the records of all our clubs. The two areas of emphasis for my tenure will be communication and membership. I intend to send out information from time to time that presidents can share at their meetings. I will be happy to pass along any info that you think would be useful to our members. If you let me know about speakers for meetings, I can send that out so that others may be able to join you for those programs. I am also available to attend meetings when my schedule permits. I have recently visited the Meridian Club and presented my PowerPoint program on display gardens. The life blood of our organization is membership. Our region is experiencing a drop in membership just as our national organization is. We need to be sure that we are addressing the needs of our present members as well as searching out new members. For so long we have spent a great deal of time addressing our flower, but now we may need to look at our members. Are we providing what they need in the way of speakers, programs, trips? Due to the loss of members and therefore the lack of people to provide leadership, we have lost the North Mississippi Daylily Club of Hernando, MS. This club voted to disband and sent \$600 to HADS to help finance the Spring Regional Meeting. We have some other clubs that are struggling. We do not want to lose any more. Let's look for ways to get the word out about our clubs so that new members will want to join us. With the use of the computer and social media, we need to make use of web sites, PowerPoint presentations, and Facebook. The more visual that we are, the more members we will acquire. Many organizations such as Master Gardeners and garden clubs are looking for interesting programs. Follow these presentations up with invitations to your gardens when our flowers can speak for us.

It is critical that we have a way of connecting to each club for the purpose of sharing information and for offering encouragement and support. The names and addresses of all presidents are listed in *The Dixie Daylily*, on the Region 14 web site managed by Paul Aucoin, and on the AHS Portal. Both Oliver Billingslea, editor of *The Dixie Daylily*, and Paul Aucoin, Webmaster, have stated that getting information from individuals and clubs has often been difficult. These two men are volunteering their time, talent, and energies to help us, but they need information to do their jobs. Do your part to communicate with them any changes in officers and addresses. Oliver needs to get club information from each of you. Your information may give another club some fresh ideas. Be sure when I request information from you to respond back as quickly as possible.

This past summer Debbie, Bonnie Lingel, and I attended the National Convention in Asheville, North Carolina, where we were able to visit beautiful gardens and attend informational seminars. One very helpful program to us was the one concerning the production of a show. In 2013 there were only 53 accredited shows in the AHS organiza-

tion. Two of these were in our region: Wiregrass (Dothan) and HADS (Hattiesburg), with an informal show held in Biloxi, sponsored by MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society. In 2014, Wiregrass and HADS again produced shows and MGCDS upped theirs to an accredited show. Cullman Iris and Daylily Society took the challenge this past spring and hosted an informal exhibition. Congratulations to HADS for hosting the largest show in the entire AHS. Earl Watts and his HADS group are organizing informational seminars for the Spring Regional Meeting this year. I encourage groups to start small, but start. This is a great way to get your club and our flower in front of the people of our region.

Prior to going to North Carolina, many of you joined us in Huntsville for our 2014 Spring Regional Meeting. A great salute to the Huntsville Club for a job well done. Several of our members attended classes for garden and exhibition judges. Pat Soileau, AHS Garden Judges Liaison, is putting out a call for more garden judges, so that we will have more of a voice in the voting for our national awards. This training helps you to be a better judge of our flower and to have better information as you develop your garden. Sign up for these classes when you register for the Spring Regional Meeting in 2015.

Earl Watts of HADS has kept his club members very busy planning the 2015 Spring Regional Meeting. There will be four great gardens on the tour. Our speakers will be Jeff and Elizabeth Salter as well as David Kirchoff. Debbie has been very busy getting the donations for the Friday night auction—a great place to get flowers for your garden. There will also be a sales table and a silent auction table. Each member is asked to consider donating flowers for these two activities. The sales flowers need to be bare rooted, identified and priced at \$5, \$10, and \$15. The silent auction flowers need to be identified and priced in the range of \$20 to \$40. Help to support *The Dixie Daylily* by contributing to these two sales with your donations and by buying flowers for your gardens. Contact Debbie at 251-957-0066 or e-mail her at debbiedsmith@centurylink.net as to how many plants she may expect from you or your club. This convention will be dedicated to Mrs. Burkett, the 101 year old member of the HADS Club whose garden will be on tour for the convention. You don't want to miss this.

Our plans include our 2015 Fall Regional Meeting in Montgomery on October 3 with our speakers being Heidi and Charles Douglas. The Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Club will host the Fall Regional Meeting in 2016 in the Pascagoula/Moss Point area. There is NO HOST for the Spring Regional Meeting in 2016. We need a club to step up so that plans can begin for this event. It is also possible for clubs to join together to offer a Regional Meeting. Please consider this opportunity. Important things for you to do right away are to register for the Spring Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg (the form is in this edition) and register for the National Convention in Atlanta, which has limited enrollment.

Communicate with me your needs and desires for our region. I am looking forward to seeing you this summer in Hattiesburg and in Atlanta.

C. P. Winters

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RPD'S REPORT

DEBBIE SMITH

Hi, my name is Debbie Smith, and I am the new Regional Publicity Director for AHS Region 14. I don't know what I'm doing yet (despite Phyllis Riddle's patient instructions), so I ask you to please help me. So far, I am doing whatever someone tells me that I should already have accomplished. Please feel free to tell me if I overlook something.

As we start a new year, our resolutions are still fresh in our minds: ideas of losing weight, exercising or going to gym regularly, getting organized, clearing out the clutter, clearing out that flower bed, or making a chart of our beds, etc. Improving communication is also very important. As we add new people to our clubs and they are assimilated in, hopefully they will have mentors to explain all the "understood" rules that are never written down. They don't know what happened years ago that caused us to do something a certain way or why we do something a specific way at a daylily show. As our membership continues to decline, we need to retain all the visitors and new members that come our way. Please take the time to greet a visitor or a new member and offer to answer questions. Be approachable!

Our editor is going to find the space to list each club's website or Facebook page in *The Dixie Daylily*, along with other club information. Please turn in any changes regarding your club's contact information. I want each club to receive information as it becomes available. Feel free to contact me by e-mail debbiedsmith@centurylink.net or to call me 251-957-0066.

The Spring Regional Meeting will be in Hattiesburg, MS, on May 29 & 30, 2015. Everyone is encouraged to participate. The plant auction at the regional meetings helps to fund the publication of *The Dixie Daylily*, and we need everyone to contribute. We also need donations for the plant sale table: cleaned bare-root plants, labeled with name, description, and price (\$5-\$15). If you are unable to attend the Spring Regional Meeting, please ask someone in your club to bring your plants. If no one in your club will be attending and you need help in getting the plants to Hattiesburg, call me, and I will make arrangements to see that the plants get there.

In the meantime, I wish you this blessing:

May your battles be few, your pleasures many,
your wishes and dreams fulfilled.

May your confidence stand in the face of loss
and give you the strength to rebuild.

May peace of heart fill all your days,
may serenity grace your soul.

May tranquil moments bless your life
and keep your spirit whole.

—unknown

Debbie Smith

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MINUTES, FALL MEETING 2014

JANET GREEN, SECRETARY

The AHS Region 14 Fall 2014 Business Meeting was held at the Hattiesburg Multipurpose Building, on October 4, 2014. One hundred members were registered for the meeting.

President Jim Riddle recognized and thanked Tricia Folks, president of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, for her club which hosted the fall meeting. He also thanked Earl Watts, chairman of the steering committee, and Janet Green, registrar, together with all the members of HADS, for helping with the meeting's success.

Attendees at the Regional Meeting were welcomed by Earl Watts, member and Chairman of the Region 14 steering committee. Bob Goolsby gave the invocation.

The business meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Riddle. He asked all those attending a regional meeting for the first time to stand. There were several new attendees. President Riddle recognized any youth. There were two attending with three registered. There were also a few from other regions attending.

Regional Secretary, Janet Green, was asked to stand. The Region 14 minutes for the Spring 2014 meeting were published in the Summer/Fall 2014 edition of *The Dixie Daylily* on pages 5-6. President Riddle asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were made and the minutes were approved as published.

Regional Treasurer, Jim Chappell, reported \$20,151.32 on hand on June 12, 2014. After expenses and earnings, Region 14 now has \$23,746.80 on hand as of October 4, 2014. There were no questions and that report will be filed.

Brief reports were given as follows:

The Dixie Daylily Editor, Oliver Billingslea, encouraged members to submit photos for the Region 14 Photography Contest, the winning entries to be published in the upcoming summer 2015 issue. He also announced that the new edition of *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies* is now at the printers. Two more books, about spiders/unusual forms and doubles, are expected to be in the works soon. The spring issue of *The Dixie Daylily* will be coming out in April.

Exhibition Judges Liaisons, Henry and Lisa Little, encouraged more members to become exhibition judges and to enroll in classes at the spring meeting in Hattiesburg, MS.

Garden Judges Liaisons, Barbara and Earl Watts, encouraged more members to become garden judges and to enroll in classes at the spring meeting in Hattiesburg, MS.

Phyllis Riddle, Regional Publicity Director, encouraged AHS members to vote in next year's Popularity Poll and gave out a list of winners for the year 2014. She thanked members for their support during her two year term.

President Riddle recognized National Awards for 2014. Oliver Billingslea won two newsletter awards: for Best Use of Pictures and Graphics—*The Dixie Daylily*; and for Best Article about Gardens—"Travels With My Camera:

The 2012 National Convention in Columbus, Ohio,” printed in *The Dixie Daylily*, Winter/Spring 2013. Marianne Joordens, of New Brunswick, Canada, also won an award for her article in *The Dixie Daylily*, Winter/Spring 2013, about Photographing Daylilies. Its title was “Using a Dark Background to Enhance Daylily Photographs.” The David Hall Memorial Award is presented annually to the winner of the Popularity Poll in each region: Earl Watts won for Region 14 with *Hemerocallis* ‘**Suburban Nancy Gayle**’; Richard Webster and Robert Cobb won for Regions 2 and 3 for *H. Webster’s Pink Wonder*. Earl Watts also won two Junior Citations for the cultivars: ‘**Suburban Mary Lois Burkett**’ and for ‘**Suburban Cecil McCellan**’. Jesse George won an Honorable Mention for the cultivar ‘**Coach’s Hot Lips**’. The 2014 Regional Service Award went to Clyde F. Manning. The nomination letter and a picture of the medal were printed in the Summer/Fall 2014 issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. President Riddle read a few excerpts for the letter as Fred made his way to the front. Fred then gave a brief speech and thanked all members.

President Riddle thanked all members and others who donated plants for the auction, plant sale table, and silent auction. The monies from these sales go to the region for the cost of *The Dixie Daylily*.

At the start of new business, Jim Riddle reminded everyone that the Tidewater Daylily Society would be hosting the 2017 AHS National Convention from June 21-24 in Norfolk, Virginia. One of the gardens would be hosting fifteen Regional Display Beds. He asked members to donate plants for the Region 14 bed. He announced that Jim Chappell would be the committee chair to coordinate the flowers being sent. The motion to participate had been made and carried at the Spring Meeting in Huntsville. As part of that unfinished business, Jim Chappell, Treasurer, agreed to coordinate daylilies to be sent to Norfolk, Virginia, for the AHS 2017 National Convention, hosted by the Tidewater Daylily Society. Jim stated that he had already received sixteen of the twenty-five plants needed, and he also announced that the deadline to send them to him was extended to June 2015.

Jim Riddle stated that the region has an old slide projector that has been with him for two terms and never used and wanted to know what to do with it as it was outdated. The members agreed to give it away.

C. P. Winters, the new Region 14 President, came forward to recognize her officers: Debbie Smith, Regional Publicity Director; Janet Green, Secretary; Jim Chappell, Treasurer; Oliver Billingslea, Editor. Paul Aucoin will continue as Webmaster.

Earl Watts encouraged all regions to attend the 2015 Spring Meeting to be held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, May 29-30, 2015.

President Jim Riddle and his wife Phyllis thanked members who donated plants for both the auction and the plant sale table. Jim asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Falck moved to adjourn. Henry Little seconded the motion, and the Spring Region 14 business meeting adjourned.

Earl Watts introduced the guest speaker, Mark Carpenter, owner of The Lily Farm in Center, Texas. The pro-

gram was enjoyed by all. Door prizes were given throughout the meeting, followed by lunch and a successful auction. The auctioneers were Jim Chappell, John Falck, Jesse George, and Fred Manning.

The Region 14 Fall Meeting was a successful one, and the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society expressed its hope to see all of you at the 2015 Spring Region 14 Meeting.

Janet Green

TREASURER’S REPORT 01/01/15 JIM CHAPPELL, TREASURER

October 3, 2014—January 1, 2015

Cash on Hand @ 10/03/2014	\$23,746.80
Total Funds	\$23,746.80

Receipts:

Fall Auction and Plant Sale—10/08/2014	\$3,858.00
AHS Reimbursal for DD Postage—10/20/2014	\$395.20
Subscription to <i>Dixie Daylily</i> —10/20/2014	\$20.00
MGCDS, Purchase of 8 DD—10/20/2014	\$40.00
Donation, NMDS—10/28/2014	\$400.00

Total Receipts:	\$4,713.20
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Expenditures:

Insurance & Entity Filing—12/09/2014	-\$105.89
Speaker Allowance for Fall Regional Meeting, HADS—10/04/2014	-\$400.00
Printing for Fall Regional Meeting (RPD)—10/04/2014	-\$52.03

Total Expenditures:	-\$557.92
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Cash on Hand @ 01/01/2015	\$27,902.08
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Total Funds: @ 01/01/2015	\$27,902.08
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Jim Chappell

SPRING MEETINGS	
2015 HATTIESBURG	2016 TBA
2017 TBA	2018 TBA

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OLIVER BILLINGSLEA

It is Sunday, March 1, as I write this report on the AHS and the role in which I participate as your Director for Region 14. As I think most of you know, I serve on the Publications Committee, and as a member of the Board of Directors as chair of Special Projects, a position which involves issues the American Hemerocallis Society might wish to undertake.

For a long time I have thought that AHS ought to be preserving a selection of its historical cultivars, before they are lost. Once gone, like *Hemerocallis* 'Florham' (Herrington 1889), which was the first cultivar known to have been hybridized in America, they cannot be replaced. With that in mind, as a beginning initiative, I wrote a proposal that the AHS offer a grant to North Dakota State University's Botanical Garden, located in Fargo, North Dakota, to help them establish a Lenington All-American Bed. NDSU is home to the first Historic AHS Display Garden and has the largest public collection of daylilies in the nation, approximately 2000 cultivars, registered between 1893-2014. As of last year they had 27 of the 44 Lenington winners. The Board of Directors approved the project, and a grant of \$1650 was awarded to NDSU this spring. In the near future, NDSU hopes to join the North American Plant Collections Consortium (NAPCC) sponsored by the American Public Gardens Association. The purpose of the NAPCC is to preserve plant germ plasm, to promote plant collections management, and to facilitate taxonomic studies and research.

As a related issue, I am pleased to hear that our Regional President, C. P. Winters, has undertaken the establishment of a Lenington All-American Bed at her home in Moss Point, MS. While there are several Stout Medal collections, both public and private nationwide, this is the first private Lenington collection in the United States of which I am aware.

This coming year, I would like to see the Huntsville Botanical Garden establish a Lenington All-American Bed, but it would require coordination through the Huntsville Area Daylily Society—a challenge I hereby present.

When I was at work on the *Landscaping with Daylilies* book and writing the chapter on historical cultivars, I was saddened to think how many cultivars have probably been lost to posterity. I think of the MacMillan and Spalding (both Edna and Elsie) cultivars I grew up with and wonder just how many of them still exist. When the fashion changed from full and round in the 1990s to the now popular narrow petaled daylilies (particularly the unusual forms), I wonder if a daylily like *H.* 'Zaidee Williams' or 'Chosen Love' can still be found. I have often thought we should each choose about a dozen classics and grow them for the next several years.

My other job as chair of Special Projects is to help AHS update several of its publications. In February 2014, I began work on newly edited version of *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies* and completed the project in time for the Fall Board Meeting. By late October the book had gone to press and was available for release on November 15. The Board Spring 2015

decided to print 2000 copies of the *Guide* and market it at \$15 per copy + \$5 shipping. A special price was set for club orders at \$130 per 10 copies. We felt that \$13 per copy was a remarkable price for a 128 page full color book. The book contains essential information for any grower of daylilies.

At the end of November, I began work on the next AHS project which is a complete revision of the book "Caught in the Web" *Spiders & UFs* (2006), initially edited by Allen McLain. My approach so far has been to solicit high quality digital images of spiders and unusual forms, both historical and modern, from the AHS Robin membership. Between November 28 and February 12, I received 5,164 images for possible use. On February 13, I turned my attention to editing this spring issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, but as soon as it is complete, I shall return to the spiders/unusual forms project and begin working on text. I have been collaborating with Lois Hart, Chair of Publications, in contacting hybridizers for information about their programs. The project will continue throughout this summer, so that we can obtain additional photographs, as needed, and hopefully by then most all of the hybridizers will have responded to the questionnaire we have sent them. The book will be similar in format to the newly released *Guide*.

Meanwhile, Scott Elliott from Ellabell, Georgia, has begun work on a book on *Doubles*. Also of a similar format to the *Guide*, it is scheduled to be next in line for publication, probably this fall.

As much as I enjoyed being the AHS Ombudsman, answering all sorts of questions, I asked to be relieved of that responsibility for this year so that I can devote myself to Special Projects. However, I am serving for a third consecutive year as a judge for the AHS Photography Competition. Just this past week I received from the chair of the Photography Committee a CD with hundreds of entries submitted in several categories, which I must evaluate as one of four judges. To that I must turn my attention in March.

I enjoy serving as your Director. If you have issues or concerns that you feel are important, please contact the board member whose job description fits your concern. The Board Members and their responsibilities are listed in every issue of *The Daylily Journal*.

Oliver Billingslea



2014 Lenington All-American Award
H. 'Victorian Lace' (Stamile 1999)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Hemerocallis **'Beyond Red'** (Brazelton 2015)

This is the red daylily that so many liked at the Regional Tour last year. Registered as *H.* **'Beyond Red'**, it is a cross of BAMA'S RED ZONE x BIG RED WAGON. The bloom size is 7.25", the height is 32". It has 5-way branching, with 25 buds. It is semi-evergreen; blooms mid-season, and reblooms.

Spring Delivery: \$100 + \$10 shipping

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AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting

May 28-30, 2015

Hosted by The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Lake Terrace Convention Center

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Guest Speakers: Jeff Salter and David Kirchoff

Registration Fees:

Adult: \$95

Youth: \$40

Fees include bus tours, lunch & dinner on Saturday.

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Please register prior to May 15, 2015

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Region 14 Fall Meeting



Earl Watts welcomes 100 registrants to the 2014 Region 14 Fall Meeting held in Hattiesburg, MS.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Regional President Jim Riddle presents Fred Manning with the 2014 AHS Regional Service Medal.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Incoming Regional President C. P. Winters addresses the attendees and introduces her incoming officers.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Featured speaker Mark Carpenter entertains and tells his personal story of hybridizing daylilies.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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The 2014 Region 14 Popularity Poll

Receiving 3 or More Votes

Cultivar	Votes		
Suburban Nancy Gayle	62	Double Screamer	8
Double Blue Blood	34	King Kahuna	8
Look Here Mary	34	Mississippi Red Bed Beauty	8
Suburban Golden Eagle	26	Moses's Fire	8
Coffee to Go	24	Mynelle's Starfish	8
Little Red Dumplings	19	Peacock Maiden	8
Alabama Jubilee	17	Bama Girl Tee	7
Crazy Ivan	17	Princess Diana	7
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	17	Rose F. Kennedy	7
Alabama Wildfire	16	Tar and Feather	7
Bill Norris	16	Belle Cook	6
Orange Velvet	16	Big Red Wagon	6
Lavender Blue Baby	15	Coach's Hot Lips	6
Persian Ruby	15	Coach's Laughing Eye	6
South Sea Enchantment	15	Evelyn Gates	6
Thin Man	15	Feliz Navidad	6
Banana Smoothie	14	Point Clear Jubilee	6
Big Kiss	14	Spacecoast Gold Bonanza	6
Lillian's Woman's Touch	14	Savannah Debutante	6
Linda Beck	14	Trahlyta	6
Pink Lemonade Party	14	Victorian Lace	6
Sabine Baur	14	Almost a Rainbow	5
Webster's Pink Wonder	14	Bill Robinson	5
Memphis	13	Freewheelin'	5
Santa's Little Helper	13	Lillian's Sweet Thang	5
Suburban Barbara Huff	13	Loose Reins	5
Tuscawilla Snowdrift	13	Palace Garden Beauty	5
All American Chief	12	Spider Man	5
Barbara Mitchell	12	Strawberry Candy	5
Lava Flow	12	Wonder of It All	5
Primal Scream	12	Annie Armstrong	4
Rose Masterpiece	12	Coach's Real Deal	4
Beautiful Edgings	11	Destined to See	4
Bela Lugosi	11	Elva White Grow	4
Boundless Beauty	11	Key Lime Special	4
Just for Breakfast	11	Linda Agin	4
Red Volunteer	11	Lynnstar	4
Wild Horses	11	Seldom Seen	4
Clothed in Glory	10	Skinwalker	4
Dorothy and Toto	10	Song Writer	4
Emma's Curls	10	Stars and Angels	4
J.T. Davis	10	Symphony of Praise	4
Mary's Gold	10	Abilene Lillian	3
Planet Max	10	Born to Run	3
Shores of Time	10	Coach's Class Act	3
Signature Truffle	10	Humdinger	3
Lillian's Lying Eyes	9	Judy Farquhar	3
Moonlit Masquerade	9	Lillian's Jinger Bred	3
Nancy Billingslea	9	Moment in the Sun	3
Sebastian the Crab	9	Nancy's Quilt	3
Wiregrass Greenstar	9	Seminole Wind	3
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		Xia Xiang	3

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Youth Related Information

Kathy D'Alessandro, AHS Youth Chair

I am passing this youth related information to the editor of *The Dixie Daylily* for inclusion in your newsletter. I appreciate any publicity for these contests.

Kathy D'Alessandro
AHS Youth Chair

Spring Surprise Contest - January 1 to June 1

Send your name to the *Youth Chair for a chance to win a surprise gift.

A drawing will be held June 2, 2015.

Entries can be sent by regular mail, email or the Portal's message center.

Multiple entries will be accepted, but not more than one per month.

*Youth Chair, 2076 Silo Lane, East Greenville, PA 18041, youth@daylilies.org

BINGO on the AHS Portal – March 1 to September 1

Perform the required tasks in the Youth Group to obtain the letters B I N G O.

Repeat the process to obtain more BINGO's.

The one with the most BINGO's is the winner.

There will also be a second and third place winner.

Prize daylilies donated by Mike & Sandy Holmes of River Bend Daylily Gardens.

Official rules are posted on the Youth Group homepage, www.daylilynetwork.org

Win a copy of *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*.

Send the ticket, printed in the spring/summer issue of the AHS Youth News, to the Youth Chair to be eligible for the drawing on August 1, 2015.

Meet Your New President

I am C. P. Winters, a member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society, the Hattiesburg Daylily Club, and the Mobile Club. My husband and I along with our dog Ninja live in Hurley, Mississippi, 18 miles north of Moss Point/Pascagoula. We moved from here from Pascagoula where we had lived for 30 years. We moved here twelve years ago, one year before Katrina struck the Gulf Coast. We built our home on an acre of a cow pasture with 1 oak tree, 2 popcorn trees and nothing else. At the time I had already become interested in daylilies, having seen my first daylily flower in the early 1970s. I had soon begun to collect this pretty flower and was able to move 375 pots with us when we moved to this site. At that time, not understanding the value of names, I had allowed most to lose their names! Since we moved in late July, the flowers remained in pots until beds could be made during the winter. By Spring we began to establish the beds around the house and to plant those 375 pots.

After joining the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society, I began to learn about daylily shows and display gardens and the importance of names! In talking with Nancy Falck at one of our meetings, I asked her what should I do to correct this problem of no names. She suggested that I find someone to donate those pretty unknowns to and to start getting organized with a plan. So the journey began. My daughter had moved to the area with her new husband who loved flowers almost as much as I did. They bought a home with no landscaping. We began to transfer many of the unknown pretties to them. As soon as I had completed those beds around the house, I heard about raised beds. My husband with the help of other family members began to build me a raised bed, but to his dismay that would not be the only one. We now have nine raised beds throughout the back yard, approximately four feet by 50 to 70 feet long. He keeps telling me that there is no more room for another bed! I am not sure about that! Just this past fall, I found room for another one in the front yard!

We named our AHS display garden, God's Glory Garden, and it now contains over 1000 named cultivars, some of the original unknown pretties, companion plants, a Stout Medal Bed, a beginning Lenington Bed, and water sale beds, thanks to the influence of Tommy Maddox.

This love of flowers all began in my early days of growing up on a farm in Houston, Mississippi, where my mother was very intent on growing vegetables, not flowers. There were five children to feed, so we did a lot of truck farming, especially raising purple hull peas. There was never room for flowers! Later, after the death of my mother, my father remarried. My step-mother was a real flower nut. She began to teach me about flowers and bulbs. After she had several knee replacements, I would come home and literally sit at her feet and work her flower beds for her. She is responsible for a lot of my interest in flowers—but not daylilies. In 1970 we moved to Pascagoula to work in the school

system. I began in earnest to grow flowers of all kinds—just not daylilies!

One day I came home from work and found that my neighbor had thrown out on the street several piles of clumps of green. I inquired about what those were. Guess what? Ditch bank daylilies entered my life! I took them all home and planted them. I had the yellowest yard the next spring. I had no idea that these were *Hemerocallis flava*, one of several species brought to America centuries before. Even then, I thought that was all there was to daylilies, until I ran into a college friend who said that she was teaching and growing daylilies. I said "Oh, those yellow flowers." She invited me to her home to see the real story about daylilies. The daylily journey then began in earnest. That friend, Edna Shaw, is really responsible for this addiction of daylilies and for getting me involved with our daylily club.

At this time, my whole family gets involved at times with getting the garden ready for the Spring. During daylily season, I offer tours to clubs and individuals as well as offer daylilies for sale. I use this time to offer educational information and handouts as well. I have developed two PowerPoint presentations that I use with garden clubs, church groups, and master gardeners. One visitor stated that you talk about your flowers as if they are your children. Guess what, they are!!

I am looking forward to getting out into the dirt and beds again soon. I had back surgery on August 20 of this past year and am having some problem getting my strength and stamina back. I am hoping that I will be able to get everything up and ready by April.

If you are ever in this area, call to be sure that I am home and come to visit me (228-217-3156). Bill, Ninja, and I will be happy to show you around.

C. P. Winters



C. P. Winters, our Region 14 President, attended the Montgomery Area Daylily Society's meeting on February 15. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

A History: 1992-2015

by Nancy Chain

“On Sunday, May 24th (1992) you are invited to join with other daylily lovers for an afternoon of fun and fellowship in the garden of Don and Nell George . . . during this time we will explore the possibility of organizing an area-wide daylily society.” This was the birth announcement of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society. Sixteen people gathered in the George’s back yard.

Marty Debolt, a charter member of HADS said, “We were all sitting in Nell's back yard, enjoying the lovely lilies, when a horrendous storm came up. We all grabbed our chairs and headed for the back porch. With thunder crashing and lightning flashing, we watched Gordon's Creek quickly rise and saw outdoor furniture and styrofoam coolers float down the creek. Needless to say, the daylilies were in shreds afterwards!”



In its first decade, the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society met at the Hattiesburg Garden Club Center until the Society outgrew the space provided.

(Photo by Nancy Chain)

the constant increase in postage, printing, paper goods, and other expenses, HADS members voted to increase dues to \$10.00 per member or \$15.00 per couple. Youth members pay no dues.

Charter member status was extended to anyone who joined the club through December 1992. Membership of the new club came from all over the “area”—Hattiesburg, Petal, Laurel, Columbia, Collins, Ellisville, Picayune, and Slidell (LA). The first yearbook in 1993 listed 54 members. Membership continued to grow through the years until HADS became, and continues to be, the largest club in AHS Region 14. The current club includes members from the Gulf Coast, Alexandria, LA, and Alaska!

HADS continued to hold meetings at the Garden Club Center until increased membership made the space very cramped. Advanced technology demanded screens and hookups that were not available at the Center. In September 2003, the club met at the Forrest County Extension Service Center and continues to hold regular meetings there. HADS continues to hold membership in the Garden Club Council which allows the club to have a storage building on the grounds. The storage building houses staging props for daylily shows.

An early newsletter from Nell George stated, “We hope to keep the club a happy blend of educational and social activities with lots of garden visiting during the bloom season.” Because the majority of charter members were newcomers to the world of daylilies, the first program (September 20, 1992) was “How to talk Daylily-ese.” Education of members and the public has always been a focus of HADS. Programs nearly always include information on

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The George’s backyard was host to several daylily meetings over the years, including the initial meeting in 1992. (Photo by Nancy Chain)

The storm did not dampen enthusiasm, and on June 14, 1992, the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society was organized at the Hattiesburg Garden Club Center with 22 proud members in attendance. Officers were elected:

- President—Nell George
- Vice President—Sarah Hegwood
- Secretary—Winnice Nace
- Treasurer—Penny Stringer
- Publicity—Don George

Dues were set at \$5.00 per member or \$8.00 for a family. Dues remained the same until March 2014. Due to

growing daylilies. Hybridizers who speak to the club are encouraged to discuss how they grow their daylilies, as well as show their newest cultivars. Members are encouraged to participate in garden judge and exhibition judge workshops, attend regional and national meetings, clerk at shows, help with plant sales and visit local gardens—all of which increase knowledge of growing daylilies.

Trips to gardens are both educational and social. With this in mind, visits to members' gardens began early—on May 30, 1993, the group toured gardens of local members Jimmy & Penny Stringer, Burton Ray & Judy Broome, Margarite McDonald, Don & Nell George, Sarah Hegwood, and Jim Terry. On June 12, 1993, club members traveled to the Laurel area to visit the gardens of Marie Warren, Henry & Joyce Boykin, and William Mitchell. Mary Lois Burkett's garden joined the circuit in June 1994. This garden, as well as some of the others, has been on tour at several AHS Region 14 meetings and will be a tour garden for the 2015 Spring Regional Meeting. What is unique about the Burkett Garden? It is still tended by its 101 year old owner!



Thanks to the donation of plants by Rusty Ingram, Jon Tibbetts and Earl Watts plant a new Stout Medal bed at the OLLI Institute.

(Photo by Janette Tibbetts)



Mary Lois Burkett continues to be active in her garden, which will be on tour once again during the 2015 Spring Regional Meeting.

(Photo by Bud Kirkpatrick)

Open Gardens continue to be an important event hosted by HADS. Memorial Day weekend is one that many Pine Belt residents look forward to because “the Gardens are Open!” Of course this is not the only time that people are encouraged to visit gardens. Because of the large number of AHS Display Gardens, residents have open invitations throughout bloom season to enjoy our favorite flower. AHS Display Gardens include: Suburban Daylilies—Earl & Barbara Watts; FigLily Acres—Edd & Nancy Chain; the Oscher LifeLong Learning Institute (OLLI)—maintained by HADS member Jon Tibbetts (the OLLI Garden now has a Stout Medal bed, thanks to a donation of plants from Rusty Ingram); Lake Terrace Convention Center—maintained by HADS; and a “soon to be Display Garden,” the garden of Don & Connie Montgomery. In addition to the AHS Display Gardens, the public has access to many plantings that HADS has done at public institutions—the Hattiesburg Zoo, William Carey University, the University of Southern Mississippi, the Mississippi Armed Forces Museum at Camp Shelby, Spring 2015

Petal Middle School, and Main Street Baptist Church. As a participant of “Pinebelt in Bloom,” a program of the Hattiesburg Area Development Program, HADS encourages all residents to beautify the Pine Belt by planting daylilies!

How are people to obtain good daylily plants—and how is a new club (or an established club) to finance activities? PLANT SALES!!!! HADS first plant sale was held in March 1993 and garnered the club \$739.00. HADS has sold plants at various venues: Hub Fest, Old Time Fest, and MNLA Garden Day. Plant sales still are the major source of revenue for HADS. One of the favorite club activities is WORK DAY when members gather at Suburban Daylilies to divide/wash/tag plants for the show sale—with a lot of talking and eating included!



Nell George, the first President of HADS (right), and Ginny Dufrene (left) prepare plants for sale at Work Day, 2007.

(Photo by Nancy Chain)

A plant sale at the annual daylily show begins with a long line waiting for the doors to open. Once in the sales room it's like a feeding frenzy—plants are usually gone by noon. It is common for show sales to be \$3000.00+. For many years, plant sales were managed by Louise Cubley, a

lady whose energy left the rest of us exhausted. No matter what activity was planned by HADS, Louise could be counted on to help.

Plant auctions at meetings help HADS members add newer cultivars to their collections and help finance speakers. Speakers usually bring some of their new introductions, and these cultivars go quickly.



Nell George and Louise Cubley ready plants for sale in 2007, while John Falck examines the labeling on a particular cultivar.

(Photo by Nancy Chain)

Over the years, HADS members have enjoyed presentations of varied speakers—all adding to members' knowledge of newer daylilies, companion plants, and good gardening habits. Early presenters included Kelly Wall, hybridizer from Osyka, MS; Beverly Klamer, *The Dixie Daylily* editor in the mid-1990s; and Nell Keown, who encouraged HADS to have a daylily show. Region 14 hybridizers have always been popular speakers—Jesse & Terah George, Fred Manning, Larry Grace, Tom Maddox, John & Nancy Falck, Oliver Billingslea—to name a few. Nationally known hybridizers have made their way to HADS meetings, often surprised by the number of people in attendance and the amount of food served. (Refreshments at meetings are so bountiful and good, that the club published a cookbook, *Daylily Delights*, in 2011; sold out, the book is now a collectors item!) Some of these nationally known hybridizers include Tim Bell, the Kinnebrews, David Kirchhoff, Mort Morss, Tim Herrington, Jan Joiner, Paul Owens, Mark Carpenter, and the Stamiles. Two that we think of as “ours” are Jeff & Elizabeth Salter. Frequent visitors to HADS and the Pine Belt area, Jeff & Elizabeth are honorary members of AHS Region 14.

Speaking of hybridizing, HADS began early encouraging members to hybridize. James W. (Jim) Terry, charter member of HADS and active in AHS Region 14 before HADS organized, regularly wrote “Dis and Data” for *The Dixie Daylily*. His *Hemerocallis* ‘**Heavenly Promise**’ won an Award of Merit from the AHS in 1968, and, among his other winners, his famous double ‘**Charming Ethel Smith**’ garnered an Honorable Mention in 1997. Hilton Anderson, also a charter member of HADS, has two HM award winners, ‘**Little Red Dumplings**’ and ‘**Coffee To Go**’. Other

HADS hybridizers include Sarah Hegwood, Kemberly Roberts, Ted & Randy Preuss, Henry & Lisa Little, Tom & Jean Breshears, Don & Dimple Campbell, Truman Roberts, and Earl Watts. Kemberly Roberts’ cultivar ‘**Touched by God**’ won an HM in 2009. Earl Watts has had five cultivars to win the HM, and his ‘**Suburban Golden Eagle**’ and ‘**Suburban Barbara Huff**’ have been on the Region 14 Popularity Poll list for several years. ‘**Suburban Nancy Gayle**’ was number 1 on the Region 14 Popularity Poll in 2012, 2013, and 2014. This cultivar has been named a 2015 Mississippi Medallion plant by the Mississippi Association of Landscapers and Nurserymen. It is the first daylily to be placed on the Medallion list and the first Medallion winner to be hybridized by a Mississippian. HADS is proud of this award because it will make the general public more aware of daylilies as landscape plants.

In the Summer 1992 issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, Jim Terry, in his “Dis and Data—Part V” article, announced the formation of HADS and made this statement—“Hopefully future plans will include garden tours and daylily shows.” Garden tours began early, but for whatever reasons a daylily show was put on the back burner. Then in September 1994, Earl & Barbara Watts joined HADS. Having participated in daylily shows in Florida, they encouraged HADS to have a show. On March 19, 1995, a motion was passed to hold the first HADS daylily show. A flurry of preparation began. Earl Watts was appointed show chair, committees were formed, work days were held to make containers, and the first show came to fruition, Saturday, June 1, 1996. “A Daylily Celebration,” held at Turtle Creek Mall, was such a success that Don George, at the Wrap-Up Meeting held June 15 at the garden of Burton Ray & Judy Broome, made a motion to make the daylily show an annual event. The motion passed and the rest is history. HADS members love to show off their “best bloomers,” and the show has frequently been the largest in the nation. The 20th annual daylily show will be held June 6, 2015.

The daylily shows have been a showcase for HADS hybridizers, particularly. Seven hybridizers have won AHS



Lisa Little, serving as placement clerk, readies entries for the 2005 HADS show at the Turtle Creek Mall. Year after year, the Hattiesburg show has remained one of the largest in the nation. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Achievement Medals for their seedlings—Jim Terry, 1992 (at the Jackson Show); Kemberly Roberts, 2004; Earl Watts, 2004 (2); Peter Homsey, 2004; Greg Preuss (Youth), 2005; Earl Watts, 2005 (2); Randy Preuss, 2007; and Earl Watts, 2014. Three members, Randy Preuss (2007), Cecil Daniels (2008), and Earl Watts (2010) have also been awarded the coveted Ophelia Taylor Award.



Although no photo is available of Jim Terry's winning entry for his Achievement Medal in Jackson, MS, the cultivar, an unusual form crispate, was later registered as H. **'World Class Oddity'** (1993). It is still popular today. (Photo by Rich Rosen)



Best in Show: **'Desert Icicle'** (Roberts-N. 1995) was exhibited by Huey Arnold at the 2005 HADS show. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Because so many of the charter members of HADS were also members of various garden clubs, a design division was a must for the shows. Jane Wicht was the winner of the Tricolor Award at the first show. The design division is a very popular element of the annual show because visitors are able to watch the designs being put together, watch the judging of the designs, then see the ribbons being awarded.

After years of staging shows around such obstacles as campers, cars, bubble gum machines—anything that paid rent for mall space—the show moved to the beautiful Lake Terrace Convention Center. The invitation to have the show at the Convention Center came as a result of HADS maintaining a large daylily bed there. There are benefits to hard work! Fears of “no traffic” were calmed when the plant sale was as successful as ever, and over 750 people viewed the show.

Charter member, Jim Terry, would have loved the daylily shows—the beauty and the competition. Unfortunately, Jim passed away December 9, 1994, about 18 months before HADS staged its first show. Although his garden was open for many “Open Gardens,” it was never on tour for a Region 14 Spring Meeting.



Today the Lake Terrace Convention Center provides a spacious venue for the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society show. (Photo by Jon Tibbetts)

People come from everywhere to enjoy the HADS Open Gardens and Daylily Shows, thanks to the outstanding publicity given to the event. In 2006-2007, Virginia Kirkpatrick was elected HADS Publicity Director, but shortly volunteered her husband, Bud, to be the primary guru. From that point, publicity for anything HADS does has just sky-rocketed. Bud, retired Publicity Director for the University of Southern Mississippi, has ideas that no one else even dreams about!

Bud's contacts include the Mississippi Tourism Board which gives us publicity all over the state—and beyond. Did you know that two or three years ago the HADS Daylily Show was advertised on a billboard along I-55 north of Jackson, and people came to the show from north Mississippi because of it? There are rack cards each year, advertising meetings and events, that are placed at Welcome Centers/Visitor Centers, parks, and various other venues all

over the state. HADS has its own website—www.hattiesburgdaylily.com.

Saturday, June 2, 2007, was proclaimed “Daylily Day” by Hattiesburg Mayor, Johnny DuPree. The proclamation reads, “. . . and designate the First Saturday of each June as Daylily Day hereafter.” On September 16, 2008, the Hattiesburg City Council adopted the Daylily as the official flower of Hattiesburg!

In September 2014, HADS received a certificate, signed by Governor Phil Bryant, naming HADS as an “Official Creative Economy Partner of Mississippi,” because of our annual garden tours and show. What else can be said? Every Daylily Society needs a “BUD”!

Members of HADS began early participating in Regional and National activities. The first experience with a Spring Regional Meeting was the Jackson Regional Meeting, June 4-5, 1993. That experience must have set them on fire because when Sheldon Holiday, Region 14 RVP, visited Hattiesburg for Open Gardens and suggested that HADS host the 1995 Spring Meeting, the vote was “YES”!

Members participated in the 1994 Regional Meeting in Birmingham and the 1994 AHS National Convention in Orlando. After touring several commercial gardens in Florida, Nell George said, “I can assure you that more creativity of design and beauty will be seen on our own tour next June.” There is no doubt about it, HADS members put forth great effort preparing their gardens for visitors. Publicity Director, Bud Kirkpatrick, advertises Hattiesburg as a “Daylily Destination,” and the people come, by the bus loads!

Visitors came in June 1995 and again in 2001 for the second Regional hosted by HADS. In 2007, HADS held the 50th Anniversary celebration of Region 14. Over 350 daylily enthusiasts, including AHS President, Mary Collier Fisher, attended this meeting. Honored at the celebration was HADS charter member, Sarah Ellen Gillespie—also the only living charter member of AHS. Sarah had been presented a resolution in March 1996, giving her an honorary lifetime membership in HADS.

In 2012, the visitors, including AHS President, Julie Covington, came again to “ooh” and “aah” over “Daylilies in the Pine Belt.” Of course everyone is invited to visit the Pine Belt May 29-30, 2015, when HADS will again host a Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg.

Spring Regionals are not the only meetings HADS has hosted. In 1995, Region 14 began having Fall Meetings. For many years this meeting was hosted by the Meridian Daylily Society. Circumstances became such that the Meridian group could no longer accommodate the meeting. HADS stepped in and offered to have Fall Meetings in Hattiesburg (If no other club volunteers to host a Spring or Fall Meeting, Earl Watts volunteers HADS!). It is not easy to host a Fall Meeting (2014) and be in a planning mode for the 2015 Spring Meeting! The 2015 spring/summer will be busy: busy with Open Gardens Memorial Day weekend; the Spring Regional Meeting, May 29-30; Work Day, June 4; the Daylily Show, June 6; and the National Convention in Atlanta, June 11-13. Throughout its history, HADS has been a fun-loving, beautiful flower-loving, hard-working and determined group of folks!

Let’s not leave “Regional activities” without mentioning that several members of HADS have been very involved in the work of AHS Region 14. Jim Terry was involved long before HADS was even an idea. In fact, he was honored with the Region 14 Service Award in 1977—15 years before he became a charter member of HADS. Earl Watts served 2 terms as Region 14 RVP (several new clubs were formed during his tenure), and Barbara Watts served as RPD (she later served as AHS Region 14 Director). Others serving include: Bill Robinson, RVP; C.P. Winters, current RP; Sarah Hegwood, Historian; Nancy Chain, Secretary; Janet Green, current Secretary; Billy Stennett, Treasurer; and Pete Connolly, Treasurer. Allen McLain served Region 14 as Editor of *The Dixie Daylily* before “going national” and serving as Editor of *The Daylily Journal*. In addition to Jim Terry, the Region 14 Service Award has also been awarded to Earl Watts, 2002; Allen & Carolyn McLain, 2005; Sarah Hegwood, 2009; and Barbara Watts, 2010.



Jim Terry, a charter member of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, was one of the earliest recipients of the AHS Regional Service Award, fifteen years before HADS was formed. (Photo courtesy of AHS Archives)

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society has had its ups and downs over the 22 years of the Society’s existence; members have come and gone for various reasons, but the club remains a vital and enthusiastic body. Young members are stepping up to provide leadership, and this is very encouraging. HADS will continue to educate the public about God’s unique creation—the daylily; to bring beauty to the Pine Belt area with our gardens, public plantings and shows; and to make “daylily history”! If you are ever in the Hattiesburg area, the welcome mat is always out—WE ARE, AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE, A “DAYLILY DESTINATION”!

Nancy Chain

The Dixie Daylily

Top Daylily: All in the Family

by Bud Kirkpatrick

HATTIESBURG AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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HATTIESBURG, MS - *Hemerocallis* 'Suburban Nancy Gayle', a daylily hybridized by Earl Watts, has been selected as a Mississippi Medallion Plant for 2015 by the Mississippi Nursery and Landscape Association. This is the first daylily to be selected for the program. The daylily was named by Barbara and Earl Watts in honor of Barbara's sister, Nancy Gayle Chain. The Watts are well-known daylily hybridizers and growers and operate Suburban Daylilies in west Hattiesburg.

Barbara Watts and Nancy Gayle Chain are the daughters of the late Grace and Walter Huff, long-time res-

idents of the Salem Community in Covington County, Mississippi. Edd Chain is a native of Covington County and a graduate of Collins High School. Barbara is a graduate of Salem High School, and Nancy is a graduate of Pascagoula High School, following a family move from Collins. Both families have friends and relatives in Covington County now.

The Mississippi Medallion Program, established by the Mississippi Nursery and Landscape Association, is a tool for promoting Mississippi grown plants. The purpose of the program is to identify plants that perform exceptionally well throughout the state and to promote the proper use of these plants in landscapes within Mississippi. Between three and five plants are selected as a medallion plant annually.

Selections are evaluated at a research site by a committee before being chosen and then introduced to wholesale growers and Nursery Certified Professionals throughout the state through the association's (MSLA's) educational programming effort. The promotional program benefits every-



A field of H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2003) at Suburban Gardens in Hattiesburg, MS, is readied for distribution by the Mississippi Nursery and Landscape Association later this year. It is the first daylily to be selected as a Mississippi Medallion Plant.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)

one involved by offering “proven winners” for public use and enjoyment. The program started in 1996 and has gained support, strength, and momentum each year of its existence.

H. ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’ (Watts 2004), a hearty daylily plant, is registered with the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS). The AHS is the national daylily organization of over 7,000 members. This outstanding, hearty daylily plant is an evergreen standing at a height of 29" with a 6" bloom that is a bright red self above a yellow throat. A tetraploid, it blooms mid to late season; it reblooms and has 6 way branching and a 20 bud count.

H. ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’ has been an award winner throughout her life, capturing these awards along the way: voted best red daylily in tour gardens—AHS Region 14 Meeting, 2004, Foley, AL; voted best red daylily in tour gardens—AHS Region 14 Meeting, 2010, Gulfport, MS; voted President’s Cup (best clump of a daylily in tour garden) AHS Region 14 Meeting, 2010, Gulfport, MS; Best of Show—Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show, 2007; Jim Terry Award (best red daylily) Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show, 2009; American Hemerocallis Society, Honorable Mention Award, 2009; selected the top daylily in AHS Region 14 Popularity Poll for 2012, 2013 & 2014. (AHS Region 14 is composed of Alabama and Mississippi.)

When Nancy and her husband Edd moved in 2000 from Georgia where she was in the educational system and he was in business, they bought 40 acres in the Oloh community in Lamar County. They built their home and began to cultivate their daylily gardens with the daylilies given to them by Earl Watts.

In the ensuing years, with a great variety of daylily plants and lots of spraying, watering and weeding, Nancy and Edd have made FigLily Acres into a thing of beauty. The name, FigLily, was a natural since so many fig trees covered the acres and they grew daylilies.

FigLily Acres has become a favorite on the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) annual Daylily Garden Tour each spring. A special area to see is Edd’s Red Bed, consisting of flowers in his preferred colors of red and purple. This bed is a fun area filled with Edd’s yard art, including an old red fishing boat.

On having an award daylily named for her, Nancy said, “It is just fun.” As Nancy tells the story: “A new friend in my dulcimer group was so impressed that I know Barbara and Earl Watts. She has bought daylilies from them several times. She said, ‘Did you know that one of Mr. Earl’s flowers has been named a medallion plant?’ I said, ‘Did you know that flower is named for me?’ ‘Really?’ she responded. Then she told me, ‘you are famous!’” “It is just lots of fun!” Nancy said.

In a recent column, Gary Bachman, Associate Extension and Research Professor of Horticulture at the Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi, MS, referred to *H. ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’* as “one of the most outstanding new selections.” Bachman continued, “One of the attributes of this daylily is its resistance to daylily rust. This selection has big, red flowers with yellow throats. I’ve grown it in my landscape for the past three years, and the performance has been outstanding.”

Nancy and Edd Chain, along with Barbara and Earl Watts, are members of the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS), and the local daylily organization, the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, where they are well-known and respected for their knowledge and love of the daylily.

Bud Kirkpatrick



Mississippi Medallion Winners 1996-2015

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| 1996 | Evolvulus (<i>Evolvulus nuttallianus</i> ‘ Blue Daze ’)
Lantana (<i>Lantana x camara</i> ‘ New Gold ’) |
| 1997 | Magnolia (<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i> ‘ Little Gem ’)
Melampodium (<i>Melampodium paludosum</i>)
Scaevola (<i>Scaevola</i> ‘ New Wonder ’) |
| 1998 | Crape Myrtle (<i>Lagerstroemia</i> ‘ Natchez ’)
Victoria Blue Salvia (<i>Salvia farinacea</i> ‘ Victoria ’)
Zinnia (<i>Zinnia angustifolia</i>) |
| 1999 | Black-eyed Susan (<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i> ‘ Indian Summer ’)
Crape Myrtle (<i>Lagerstroemia indica x L. fauriei</i> ‘ Tonto ’)
Crape Myrtle (<i>Lagerstroemia indica x L. fauriei</i> ‘ Sioux ’)
Verbena (<i>Verbena x hybrida</i> ‘ Biloxi Blue ’) |
| 2000 | Japanese Red Maple (<i>Acer palmatum</i> ‘ Bloodgood ’)
Oakleaf Hydrangea (<i>Hydrangea quercifolia</i> ‘ Snowflake ’)
Pansy Viola Hybrid (<i>Viola x wittrockiana x V. cornuta</i>)
Petunia (<i>Petunia</i> ‘ Wave Raves ’)
Yellow Shrimp Plant (<i>Pachystachys lutea</i>) |
| 2001 | Chinese Fringe Flower (<i>Loropetalum chinense</i> ‘ Burgundy ’)
Dianthus (<i>Dianthus</i> ‘ Bouquet Purple ’)
Pentas Butterfly Series (<i>Pentas lanceolata</i>)
Yaupon Holly (<i>Ilex vomitoria</i> ‘ Kathy Ann ’) |
| 2002 | Begonia (<i>Begonia</i> ‘ Dragon Wing Red ’)
Camellia (<i>Camellia sasanqua</i> ‘ Shishi Gashira ’)
Coleus (<i>Solenostemon scutellarioides</i> ‘ Summer Sun ’)
Lilac Chaste Tree, Vitex (<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i>) |
| 2003 | Abelia (<i>A. x grandiflora x A. schumannii</i> ‘ Edward Goucher ’)
Lantana hybrid (<i>Lantana</i> ‘ Sonset ’)
Red Maple (<i>Acer x freemanii</i> ‘ Jeffersred ’)
Salvia (<i>Salvia guaranitica</i> ‘ Costa Rica Blue ’) |
| 2004 | Basil (<i>Ocimum basilicum</i> ‘ Purple Ruffles ’)
Purple Leaf Plum (<i>Prunus cerasifera</i> ‘ Krauter Vesuvius ’)
Tomato (<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> ‘ Mini Charm ’)
Verbena (<i>Verbena x hybrida</i> ‘ Port Gibson Pink ’) |
| 2005 | Alternanthera (<i>Alternanthera dentata</i> ‘ Purple Knight ’)
Lavender (<i>Plectranthus</i> ‘ Mona Lavender ’)
Viburnum (<i>Viburnum macrocephalum</i> ‘ Chinese Snowball ’) |
| 2006 | Coleus (<i>Solenostemon scutellarioides</i> ‘ Kong ’)
Rose (<i>Rosa hybrid</i> ‘ Knock Out ’)
Zinnia (<i>Zinnia x hybrida</i> ‘ Profusion Apricot ’ and ‘ Fire ’) |
| 2007 | Angelonia (<i>Angelonia angustifolia</i> ‘ Serena ’)
Bell Pepper (<i>Capsicum annum</i> ‘ Tequila ’)
Gardenia (<i>Gardenia jasminoides</i> ‘ Frostproof ’)
Vinca (<i>Catharanthus roseus</i> ‘ Titan ’) |
| 2008 | Cardoon (<i>Cynara cardunculus</i>)
Euphorbia (<i>Euphorbia</i> ‘ Diamond Frost ’)
Gomphrena (<i>Gomphrena globosa</i> ‘ All Around Purple ’)
Rushes (<i>Juncus effusus</i> ; <i>J. inflexus</i> ; <i>J. pellidus</i>) |

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A Morning at JTM Gardens

by Oliver Billingslea

June a year ago I had the pleasure of stopping by Terah and Jesse George's JTM Gardens on the way to our Region 14 Spring Meeting in Huntsville. At the time I had agreed to collect a bit of history about Terah's hybridizing program for the editor of a forthcoming AHS publication on the double daylily.

A lot has changed since then. A new editor has been appointed and has made significant progress in bringing the book to fruition, with a possible publication date set for this coming fall.

But having spent a morning with Terah and Jesse, I think it proper to share with our membership some of the beautiful daylilies I had the opportunity to photograph. Of course, there were many lovely creations by other hybridizers in bloom, which I took pictures of—for instance, Ted Petit's *Hemerocallis* 'Champagne and Diamonds' (2008), Tim Bell's 'Prince of Persia' (2012), and Mort Morss' 'Vino Di Travis' (2010)—but my main object was to photograph a few of Terah's doubles.

I had previously asked Terah to put together a few notes on her doubles program, and, with her permission, I would like to share a few of her thoughts:

After retiring from teaching school, Jesse and I really needed a hobby. We decided we liked daylilies and wanted to grow and learn

to hybridize them. Jesse gave me the choice to choose what I wanted to hybridize first. I liked pinks, doubles, and unusual forms. He took what was left. We made charts to show our goals for each variety.

I wanted my pinks to show good substance, bud count, and branching. I wanted my unusual forms to be large, with a variety of vibrant colors. They must have strong scapes and never fall over.

My favorite of all is double daylilies. My number one goal was that they must double 99% of the time. I researched double daylilies in all the catalogues we could obtain. I found that there were two hybridizers that seemed to produce the type of daylilies that I was looking for. One was Richard Webster from Arab, Alabama. He helped me with my double program and my unusual forms program. One of my favorite daylilies was *H.* 'Red Suspenders' (Webster 1990). The hybridizer who had the most effect on my double program was David Kirchhoff from Sanford, Florida. Most of my early doubles trace back to these two hybridizers. The reason for this is that I discovered that their doubles were bred to be doubles.

One of my most noted doubles is *H.* 'Double Blue Blood' (2005). It has won many awards. My very first double introduction was 'First Horizon' (2000). Another favorite double of mine is 'Double Screamer' (2010). To me it screams for you to look at it as you see it.

I have introduced at least one double daylily every year and some years two doubles for the past 13 years. If you really want to have fun hybridizing just try doubles!

Terah does not mention it in her modest appraisal, but her *H.* 'Alabama Wildfire' (2001), a 26" tall, 5.5" dou-



JTM Gardens features clumps of named daylilies near the workshed and gazebo. In this area I saw newer daylilies such as *H.* 'Bali Watercolor' (Stamile 2002) and classics such as 'Spindazzle' (Wilson 1983). There is a huge field of seedlings to the left and a display garden with registered cultivars at the front of the property as well. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

ble red with a gold tan edge above a green throat, remains one of the most popular daylilies in Region 14. One of my personal favorites of her doubles is, of course, **'Double Blue Blood'** (2005), a 26", 5.5" blue blood red self with a pale yellow throat. On several occasions, it has topped the Popularity Poll in Region 14.



H. 'Double Blue Blood' (George-T. 2005)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Of course, Terah has registered remarkable doubles since then, including *H. 'Double Screamer'* (2010), a 25" tall, 7" light peach with a burgundy eye and edge above a green throat.



H. 'Double Screamer' (George-T. 2010)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Other popular doubles include *H. 'Amalia Harrison'* (2007), a 25" tall, 5.5" rose pink with darker rose pink eye and shark's tooth edge above a chartreuse throat, and one of the most beautiful yet, **'Scream and Shout'** (2013), a 28" tall, 5.5" cream double with a green throat and a burgundy red center.

Terah's future doubles are amazing. Two I had the opportunity to photograph involved crosses of **'Ama-**

lia Harrison' x **'Venetian Fringe'**. A third was a more complex cross of (**'Dark Wonder'** x **'Solid Mahogany'**) x (**'Signature Truffle'** x **'Classic Truffle'**).



H. 'Amalia Harrison' (George-T. 2007)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Scream and Shout' (George-T. 2013)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Terah has registered some beautiful unusual forms, one of which, *H. 'Loose Reins'* (2005), is notably famous, a 29" tall, 9" unusual form crispate-cascade in shades of pink with a chevron darker pink eye above a green throat. Another is **'Banana Smoothie'** (2006), a 64" very tall cultivar with 10" blooms of yellow with a green throat. More recently, Terah has introduced **'A Special Rainbow'** (2012), a 30" tall, 9" unusual form crispate with red purple petals, lighter sepals, and a lime and dark pink stitched chevron above a green throat; **'Black Cloud'** (2013), a 39" tall, 10" crispate of dark burgundy black with a large pale lime throat running out onto the petals; and **'Swing and Sway'** (2014), a 45" tall, 12" bright red crispate with a large green throat. Unfortunately, if they were in bloom, I did not get to see these last three.

Of course, Terah is well-known for her rounded, large-flowered daylilies as well, including *H. 'Key Lime*



H. 'Loose Reins' (George-T. 2005)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Special' (2000), a 28" tall, 5.5" bloom of soft cream pink with a chartreuse to gold edge above a key lime throat, and **'Smith Lake Beauty'** (2002), a 24" tall, 5.25" baby pink with a rose eye and shirred picotee above a green throat.



H. 'Key Lime Special' (George-T. 2000)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Jesse was kind enough to drive me around in his golf cart. That way I could get an overview of the garden and then go back and photograph several of the daylilies we had spotted. Terah then took me on a walking tour, and we spent a delightful morning discussing both hers and Jesse's hybridizing goals.

So what was left for Jesse?

He has registered some beautiful daylilies as well, particularly his "Coach's" series, which includes *H. 'Coach's Class Act'* (2004), a 22" tall, 5" cream with a grape purple eye; *'Coach's Real Deal'* (2004), a 24" tall, 5.2" yellow with a soft red eye; *'Coach's Laughing Eye'* (2005), a 29" tall, 6.25" cream flesh with a raisin plum eye

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and edge; *'Coach's Hot Lips'* (2006), a 23" tall, 5" creamy white with a large cherry red eye and wide picotee edge; *'Coach's Braided Angel'* (2008), a 26" tall, 6" pink with a gold braided edge; and more recently, *'Coach's Magic Man'* (2011), a 28" tall, 5" dark purple with white teeth and a green throat.



H. 'Coach's Magic Man' (George-J. 2011)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Several of Jesse's other large flowered registrations are particularly beautiful, including *H. 'Debbie Daniels'* (2009), a 26" tall, 5" pink with a hot pink eye and edge; *'Kathleen Manning'* (2009), a 27" tall, 6" yellow with pink blush above a green throat; and *'Mary Terrell'* (2013), a 24", 5.5" near white with a bright red eye. Another of Jesse's large flowered registrations I found particularly photogenic was *H. 'Jimmie Louise Miller'* (2011), a 25" tall, 5.5" ruffled yellow with a pink overlay.



H. 'Jimmie Louise Miller' (George-J. 2011)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

I am so glad I got to spend a morning at JTM Gardens last year.

Oliver Billingslea

Travels with My Camera:

The 2014 National Convention in Asheville, North Carolina

by Oliver Billingslea

Camera in hand, last June 24, I set out to drive to Asheville, North Carolina, to attend the 2014 National Convention. I had to arrive a day early, on Wednesday, to attend the Publication Committee meeting at 2 p.m. One of my duties was to present a report of the work I had been doing on the forthcoming AHS publication, *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*. The previous fall, I had taken on the task of editing a newly revised edition of the old classic, then out of print, with permission to make the work essentially a brand new publication.

The drive to North Carolina was pleasant, a few showers here and there, and Tuesday evening I stayed just south of the city in Hendersonville, with the intention of spending the following morning at Biltmore Estate. Due to my required presence at the AHS Board Meeting all day Thursday, I would be unable to attend an arranged tour of the Biltmore house and gardens for convention attendees, but I figured Wednesday morning would be ample time to see at least a portion of the historic gardens. I had heard that the Western North Carolina Daylily Club had planted a bed of daylilies in a portion of the large garden designed by the landscape architect, Frederick Law Olmstead, and I was eager to see the planting.

The foothills of the Blue Ridge portion of the Smokies just south of Asheville are lovely, even when there are drifts of fog in the valleys rising up to obscure the heights of the mountains on what was a largely overcast day, and the entrance to the Estate is easily accessible off of I-40 on the south side of Asheville. Of course, one of the beautiful aspects of the Interstate system in North Carolina is the numerous plantings of daylilies in and about rest areas, and the highways around Asheville are no exception. All about the city in June and July great sweeps of yellow, orange, gold, or bronze dazzle the eye.

The grounds of Biltmore are well worth visiting, especially the gardens, although the drive around the 8,000 acre estate over to the Antler Hill village and winery and back is well worth the time. The Estate completed in 1895 was a collaborative effort between George Vanderbilt, architect Richard Morris Hunt, and landscape architect Frederick Law Olmstead. I did not have the time to go inside of the house itself, although I had been inside many years before. I still recall the 75 foot ceiling in the banquet hall; the organ loft, which houses a 1916 Skinner pipe organ; the exemplary tapestries, and the glass roof illuminating the center fountain sculpture of *Boy Stealing Geese* by Karl Bitter.



A panorama of yellow daylilies graces the interstate near Asheville, North Carolina. Plantings like this are frequent throughout the state. The yellow daylily is most likely Hemerocallis ‘Buttered Popcorn’ (Benzinger 1971).

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



It took six years of construction, but George W. Vanderbilt officially opened Biltmore House on Christmas Eve 1895. The house and grounds comprise an 8,000 acre estate. To increase area tourism during the Depression and to bring in money to preserve the estate, descendants opened the house to the public in 1930.
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Outside on the grounds, spots of sunshine broke through the clouds along with intermittent showers. I walked the length of the vista containing the large central fountain to capture a photo of the house. To the left of this area is the Italian Garden, the first of several garden rooms designed by Olmstead, featuring classical statuary and three formal water gardens in which koi and goldfish swim among water lilies, lotus, and papyrus. Next to the house are terraces which afford spectacular views of estate forests and the mountains beyond.

Adjacent to the Italian Garden is the Shrub Garden which contains a 1/3 mile loop of pathways. Olmstead's design contained over 500 different varieties of ornamental shrubs, trees, and other plants that were popular in the 1890s, which may explain why *Hemerocallis flava* was the only daylily I saw blooming in this area. Nearby is the Spring Garden, a sheltered valley containing an array of spring blooming shrubs, but unfortunately, except for a few rhododendron, most of these were not in bloom in late June. Everywhere were beautiful plantings of ferns.



Pink lotus lifted their blooms amid the formal water gardens designed for moments of quiet reflection.
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Lush plantings of woodland ferns grew along pathways in the Shrub and Spring Gardens.
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Inside the Walled Garden leading to the Conservatory was a planting of what might be called a “moonlit” area, because of the predominance of white flowers.
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The Biltmore Conservatory, designed by architect Richard Morris Hunt, is a glass-roofed building which houses a large number of tropical plants.
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



An impressive planting of two varieties of Shasta daisies graced yet another corner of the Walled Garden. Maiden grass grew vertically along the wall.
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Inside the Conservatory were numerous orchids, specimen bougainvilleas, and palms. This large Anthurium or Flamingo flower was particularly striking.
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A stunning clump of an unidentified gold daylily was planted beside an echinacea, and in front of a large banana plant and several cannas.
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Outside the Conservatory were beds of mixed perennials, such as this one containing yarrow, butterfly weed, sedum, monarda, helianthus, purple nigella, coreopsis, and bronze fennel.
 (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Walled Garden and Rose Garden are a four-acre formal garden featuring numerous flowerbeds. While there were some glorious plantings of both annuals and perennials, I was a bit disappointed not to find more daylilies. Several I did find were not labeled as to name, such as one beautiful clump of a gold daylily. There were, however, several recognizable clumps of *Hemerocallis* ‘**Strawberry Candy**’ (Stamile 1989) planted here and there. Someone at Biltmore apparently thought highly of this plant. One large area of the garden was indeed devoted to daylilies gifted by the Western North Carolina Daylily Club and other members of Region 15, but the plants had not yet developed into clumps, and the bloom was relatively sparse. Still, if the Biltmore Estate maintains that planting, it should eventually be lovely.

The Conservatory, designed by architect Richard Morris Hunt, is a glass-roofed building which nurtures exotic orchids, ferns, and palms, along with other tropical plants. In front of the Conservatory were several nice perennial beds.



At the edge of the Bass Pond, a rickety bridge led across a small stream to the Boat House, which turned out to be welcome, since right after I took this picture, it began to rain. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

My trek through the gardens concluded with a walk along an azalea and rhododendron trail to a rather distant Bass Pond and Boat House. The rather rustic boat house became a welcome retreat, as I was surprised by a rain shower that lasted about fifteen minutes. Surprisingly, there were a few daylilies planted in one spot along the shoreline, although again they were not identified. All in all, the gardens and trail provided a nice walk, and there were abundant wildflowers in bloom.

The morning did not allow more than a cursory drive to the Antler Hill village and winery and a brief sampling of wine. I did purchase a bottle of a Biltmore Estates Pinot Grigio to take back to Alabama.

By 12:30 I was at the Best Western on the east side of Asheville, where I was to spend the first two evenings at a very reasonable rate (it was a short five-mile drive from there to the Convention headquarters). After checking in, I headed to the rather plush Crowne Plaza Tennis and Golf Resort, which served as host for the Convention. I arrived in plenty of time for the Publications Committee meeting and was fortunate to be able to reserve a room for Friday and Saturday evenings at the going rate.

All day Thursday was spent in the AHS Board Meeting where I gave my report as Ombudsman and, as Special Projects chairman, presented the work I had done on *The Illustrated Guide*, as well as a proposal that AHS fund the establishment of a Lenington All-American bed at North Dakota State University to preserve a portion of our daylily heritage. Both were received favorably, though before final approval, the Board wanted more specific details regarding NDSU’s initiative (That approval was given at the Fall Board Meeting in Louisville, KY, and the proofs for the book which was by then already at the printers were happily reviewed).

The next morning we were on our way to the first of the six tour gardens, Paul Owen’s Slightly Different Nursery, located some distance from Asheville across the Continental Divide into the foothills of the Blue Ridge near Polkville, NC. The drive lasted less than an hour.



Alongside the woodland trail to and from the Bass Pond were numerous wildflowers, such as this stand of loosestrife. A few native hydrangeas and rhododendrons were still in bloom. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Frederick Law Olmstead created the Bass Pond by enlarging an old creek-fed millpond. The rustic Boat House once housed rowboats for fishing or exploring the pond. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



An aerial view of Paul Owen's Slightly Different Nursery, located near Polkville, NC, shows the foothills in the Blue Ridge portion of the Great Smoky Mountains. (Photo courtesy of Paul Owen)



Slightly Different Nursery is a national AHS Display Garden, containing a large variety of daylilies of all shapes and sizes, as well as a well-maintained collection of companion plants. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Paul began hybridizing in 1999. When he moved from Pennsylvania to Polkville in 2005, he brought with him thousands of plants. On what was once a 106-acre horse farm, he has created a 5-acre Display Garden and a hybridizer's garden for his own creations. It is a stunning location from which one can survey no less than six counties, including an expansive panorama of the foothills of the Blue Ridge. One of the most pleasant aspects of the tour of his garden was that he had set up special display gardens that featured recent works of more than a dozen hybridizers. Each display area included daylilies along with companion plants grown to perfection. Visitors could see the works of hybridizers such as Dan Bachman, Pat Cochenour, Brian Culver, Scott Elliott, Sandy Holmes, Ellen Laprise, Jim Murphy, Richard Norris, Margo Reed, Gil Stelter, and Earl Watts, to name a few.



For example, visitors got to see a gorgeous clump of Gil Stelter's *H. 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy'* (2012), which is the result of Stelter's crossing the species *H. fulva* '*Hankow*' (Stout 1939) x '*Ginger Twist*' (Trimmer 1999). This unusual form cascade was probably one of the most photographed daylilies during the Convention.

Another of the well-grown established clumps of daylilies was Scott Elliott's *H. 'Wildman George'* (2010), which won the Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award for the best clump of a double daylily seen on the National Tour. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Gryphon Hankow Legacy' (Stelter 2012)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Several of Paul Owen's own registrations were blooming at clump strength, including *H. 'My Friend Charlie'* (2012), which was a strong contender for the President's Cup. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



This photo displays only a small portion of Paul Owen's seedling area, but it does reveal the magnificent backdrop of the North Carolina mountains which set apart Slightly Different Nursery. Even in his seedling areas, Paul has planted large groupings of cleomes, helianthus, and other perennials to enhance the beauty of his garden.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In another area which featured the works of Paul's contemporaries, I was able to photograph this outstanding bloom of H. 'Sunglasses Needed' (Joiner-J. 2007).

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A dry creek bed adds interest to a portion of Paul's garden. Various shrubs, conifers, grasses, and a river birch set off the daylilies. Bales of hay lend evidence of a working farm.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Our second garden was the Bear W Daylily Farm owned by Mickey and Kim Webb, located in Morganton, NC. This garden contained over 1300 varieties of daylilies on the two and one half acres devoted to landscaping. An old store, carved bears, gnomes, handmade benches, and antique farm equipment placed throughout the garden added rustic touches. As grown in this garden, a large clump of *H.* ‘**Purple de Oro**’ (DeGroot 2000), a 3" medium dark purple with a lighter midrib and edge, won the Florida Sunshine Cup for small or miniature flowers. I was pleased to find a nice clump of my own ‘**Tahitian Waterfall**’ (Billingslea 1991) in bloom (it’s a daylily I no longer have), and was able to get a nice digital photo of it for the AHS website. Other classic daylilies in bloom included Enman Joiner’s ‘**Frances Joiner**’ (1988), a hose-in-hose double rose-peach blend; John Benz’s ‘**Janet Benz**’ (2000), a strawberry rose with a gold edge; Ned Roberts’ ‘**Brer Rabbit’s Baby**’ (2002), a black red unusual form crispate; and Jamie Gossard’s ‘**Heavenly Flight of Angels**’ (2003), a yellow green blend with a spider ratio of 4.00: 1.

It was a special treat in this garden to observe Bill Maryott’s instructional clinic on evaluation and hybridizing being conducted for the youth.



H. ‘**Janet Benz**’ (Benz 2000)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. ‘**Brer Rabbit’s Baby**’ (Roberts-N. 2002)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Our third and final garden for the day was Paul Cranford’s located in Connelly Springs, NC. He grows around 500 daylilies, mostly the newest cultivars. In bloom was a nice clump of my own *H.* ‘**South Sea Enchantment**’ (Billingslea 1996).



H. ‘**Tahitian Waterfall**’ (Billingslea 1991)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. ‘**Frances Joiner**’ (Joiner 1988)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Above, the rustic Bear W Daylily Farm seemed literally carved out of a wooded area. Ample seating was provided by benches like the one in this photo. Below, Bill Maryott, well-known hybridizer from California, instructs the youth attending the Convention on how to evaluate plants and how to hybridize.

(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)



One very nice aspect of the Bear W Daylily Farm was the great variety of forms on display. *H. 'Heavenly Flight of Angels'* (Gossard 2003) is a diploid spider, measuring 4.00:1. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Unfortunately, it had turned rather warm by the time we got to the Cranford garden, but I did manage to photograph *H. 'Webster's Pink Wonder'* (Webster-Cobb 2003), which I had anticipated winning the Stout Silver Medal.

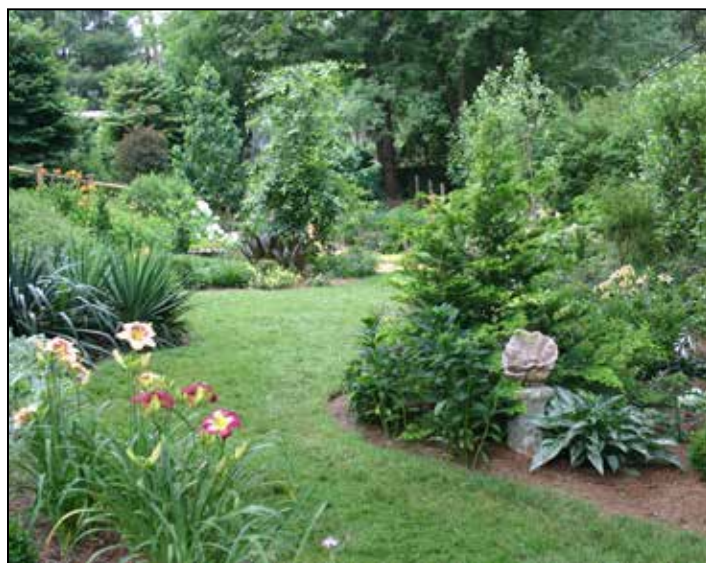


H. 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster-Cobb 2003)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Other outstanding cultivars included two diploids: *H. 'Apple Swirl'* (Harris-JN 2002), an unusual form cascade in shades of ocher with a dark lavender eye, and the very popular *'Rose F. Kennedy'* (Doorakian 2007), registered as a green daylily with a wide purple red picotee edge.

Friday evening various awards were presented, including the AHS Photography Awards for 2014 and the Newsletter Awards. One potential recipient not having renewed his/her membership in AHS resulted in a last-minute adjustment in some categories, but the winning entries were nonetheless excellent. *The Dixie Daylily* was recognized for its use of photos and graphics and for two of its articles as best in their respective categories. The Best Newsletter Award for 2014 went to Region 4's *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*, edited by Adele Keohan.

Saturday morning our garden tours resumed. Our first stop was Laughing Crow Gardens, owned by Sue and David Vrooman, and located in Weaverville, NC. An acre



Laughing Crow Gardens, located in Weaverville, NC, was a landscaping delight. An explosion of ornamental plants delighted the eye at every turn of the undulating paths. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In the landscape above, the two daylilies pictured are *H. 'Reforma Boulevard'* (Sellers 1997) and *'Huckleberry Candy'* (Stamile 1998). A close-up shows the intricate coloring in each flower.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In a relatively shady area of Laughing Crow Gardens, a clump of *H. 'Indy Heart Stopper'* (Anderson-D. 2003) displays its brilliant blooms. The blue-purple *Platycodon grandiflorus* (Balloon flower) and the white spires of *Digitalis lanata* (Grecian foxglove) provide a cool contrast.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

bursting with over 600 varieties of ornamental plants, both shade and sun-loving, its undulating garden paths wind through sun and shadow, opening upon surprising garden vistas. Although compact, it is one of the most beautifully landscaped gardens I have ever visited.

Located in the same small town, Faer Hill Garden, owned by Joel Cole was our second stop of the morning. Situated on a small lot, the garden provided textual interest at every turn. Garden rooms, ranging from a Neoclassical layout with dwarfed clipped boxwoods to an Asian garden with a small arched foot bridge, provided variety. In the

front garden a small pond was filled with a variety of water plants.

Our third and final garden for the day was Blue Ridge Daylilies, owned by Bob Selman. Located in Alexander, NC, it contains three acres of daylilies, nestled in a lovely valley between hills. In addition to thousands of daylilies, the garden also contains an extensive collection of other perennials. Azaleas, Japanese iris, conifers, and ornamental grasses grow along its creek banks. One of the highlights of our visit were the many recent registrations by Bob Selman himself, as well as those of his friend, Dale Hensley.



In sunny spots at Laughing Crow Gardens, various perennials such as helianthus, Brazilian verbena, coleus, and potentilla served as companion plants for daylilies, such as the small-flowered H. **'Dragon Heart'** (Salter-E.H. 1996) depicted here. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In the more shaded areas at Laughing Crow Gardens, the artfully organized planting combined rich colors and textures by grouping platycodons, woodland ferns, million bells, heucheras, and hostas along walkways. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



This clump of H. **'Moonlit Masquerade'** (Salter 1992) was particularly outstanding at Laughing Crow Gardens. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A single bloom of H. **'Stolen Treasure'** (Dougherty-H. 1996), a pink bi-tone with a cream border, was equally lovely. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Faer Hill Garden contained a number of garden rooms with neatly trimmed boxwoods and classical urns. Benches such as the one in this picture provided comfortable seating. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



This close-up of one of the urns at Faer Hill gives some indication of the color, shape, and texture involved in an intimate setting. The white of the urn is complemented by the white hydrangeas, while the varying textures and shapes of green in the hostas, begonias, boxwoods, and other shrubs add interest. The urn is planted with starkly contrasting red million bells and black petunias.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



At Blue Ridge Gardens, operated by Bob Selman, visitors saw some of the newest of the new in respect to Selman's own cultivars. H. 'Blue Ridge Mountains' (2011) is a 6" deep fuchsia with a white to yellow

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Seen flowering in several large clumps at Blue Ridge Gardens, Dale Hensley's diploid, H. 'One Strange Cookie' (2008), an 8" unusual form cascade in shades of dark lavender with dark purple veins and light lavender sepals, was an immediate hit with many visitors.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Blue Ridge Daylilies, located in Alexander, NC, just north of Asheville, consists of three acres of beautifully grown daylilies, set in a fertile valley surrounded by hills. Not only are there many classics to be found growing in the widely spaced rows, but the garden is filled with many heretofore undiscovered Selman and Hensley cultivars. The garden is certainly one of the jewels of Region 15.

(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Clown Parade' (Selman 2006) is a 6" rose pink bicolor with a light rose watermark and a thin gold edge. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Schiaparelli Pink' (Selman 2015) is an intensely ruffled deep pink tetraploid with a yellow green throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Country Flair' (Hensley-D. 2015) is a very large 7.5" ruffled dark rose pink with wide sepals and a yellow green throat. A diploid, one of its grandparents is 'South Sea Enchantment'. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Dearest Mahogany' (Hensley-D. 2013) is a 5" white with a large mahogany black eye surrounded by a matching edge of mahogany black. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Pretty, Pretty Please' (Hensley-D. 2015) is a 6" ruffled vermilion red bicolor with a huge watermark above a yellow to green throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Saturday evening we closed out the 2014 National Convention, the 68th, with a banquet for over 700 attendees and the announcement of the recipients for various national awards. The 2014 Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal for service, the highest honor bestowed by AHS, went to Joanne Larson of Ohio (Region 2). The 2014 Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for a life's work in hybridizing was awarded to Tim Herrington of Georgia (Region 5). The 2014 Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award recipients were Jim and Peggy Jeffcoat of South Carolina (Region 15). It was also announced that an anonymous donor would match any funds donated by our members to the AHS General Fund at a 2:1 ratio, up to \$20,000, through December 31, 2014, and that a new Electronic Media Award will be given for the first time at the 2015 AHS National Convention in Atlanta.

It was a great convention with the opportunity to visit superb gardens and to renew old acquaintances.

Oliver Billingslea

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Just for Breakfast

Daylily hybridizers are unique individuals who usually start the day bright and early to transfer pollen, deadhead, and take care of the general garden chores. Many must think a lot about breakfast food as a result of this type of rise and shine living. The below list displays registered named cultivars that a visitor might mistake as possible items listed on a restaurant menu just for breakfast. Enjoy!

Apple Dumpling, **Apple Honey**, Apples and Oranges, **Apricot Muffin**, Bowl of Butter, **Bowl of Cherries**, Bowl of Crème, **Bread and Butter**, Bread and Jam, **Black Pepper**, Blueberry Muffin, **Banana Nut Bread**, Bear Claws, **Berries and Cream**, Berry Banana Cupcake, **Big Lemonade**, Big Orange Drink, **Bit of Jam**, Bit of Sugar, **Blackberries and Cream**, Blackberry Cobbler, **Blackberry Cupcake**, Blackberry Jelly, **Blackberry Jam**, Blueberry Bagel, **Boysenberry Truffle**, Buttered Biscuits, **Burnt Bagels**, Cheese Grits, **Cheddar Cheese**, Cream Cheese, **Coffee and Toast**, Country Buttermilk, **Cinnamon Bun**, Cinnamon Butter, **Cinnamon Toast**, Coffee To Go, **Coffee and Cream**, Coffee Mate, **Cornflakes in a Can**, English Muffin, **Fried Green Tomatoes**, French Toast, **Frosty Lemon Puffs**, Grape Jelly, **Grapejuice**, Honey Bun, **Ice Milk**, Jelly Filled Donut, **Milk and Honey**, Muffin, **Orange Marmalade**, Orange Porridge, **Plum Bagel**, Peaches and Cream, **Possum and Grits**, Red Eye Gravy, **Scrambled Eggs and Bacon**, Toast and Jelly, **Shrimp and Grits**.

Lisa Hammons

The Dixie Daylily

Club News: ALABAMA

Birmingham Daylily Society

Kay Chappell, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:00 p.m.

January, February, March

4th Sunday—2:00 p.m.

September

1st Saturday—11:30 a.m.

December

Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

President:	David Allison
Vice President:	Jesse George
Treasurer:	Jim Chappell
Recording Secretary:	Terah George
Corresponding Secretary:	Debbie Daniels
Parliamentarian:	Jim Riddle
Historian-Librarian:	Kay Chappell

The first meeting of 2015 began with our special guests Fred and Kathleen Manning. Fred gave us a wonderful presentation on his hybridizing efforts. Fred has some really pretty new introductions. He brought several introductions to auction and a few guest plants. Everyone enjoyed Fred and Kathleen joining us for our first meeting of the year. We were all ready to begin another year of looking forward to all the beautiful daylilies and great meetings.

In February our featured speakers were Jim and Martha Brazelton. Jim certainly delighted us with his presentation of their hybridizing efforts. Those of you who viewed their garden at last year's Spring Regional Meeting saw how well their flowers are grown.

In March Bill and Diane Waldrop will join us to give us a look at what's going on in Georgia. Their garden will be one of the tour gardens at this year's AHS National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. We will be looking forward to all the programs and activities associated with daylilies in 2015 and to the many beautiful daylily introductions.



Blount Iris and Daylily Society

Phyllis Riddle, Reporter

President:	DeLois Dunn
Vice President:	Sandra Little
Treasurer:	Hazel Jones
Secretary:	Ellen Hallman
Reporter:	Phyllis Riddle

4th Monday—7 p.m.

Frank Green Building, Oneonta, AL

We had a very cold winter and it continues. It is either getting colder, or I am getting older and cold doesn't suit me. I have been threatening to run away to Key West until the thaw, but I'm dreaming, just dreaming. There is too much work to do taking care of all the fall and winter stuff that daylilies need, to run off and leave those babies.

Our club elected new officers in October to take office in January 2015. Our November and December meetings were combined and we always play Dirty Santa and have lots of great food. Juanita Bush won the much sought after prize of the Blount Bloomers. These are Blue knee knocker bloomers with bright back pockets. Many pictures were made and posted of her modeling the prize.

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January saw our new officers installed. Sandra Little called a planning meeting to get us rolling for this new year. We had a great brainstorming meeting. Our February meeting was called due to SNOW.



Central Alabama Daylily Society

Becky Parr, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Sunday—2 p.m.

January, February, March, April, May (Sale), July, August, September (Picnic), October, November, December (Christmas Luncheon)

Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

President:	Morris Parr
Vice President:	Ron Waddell
Treasurer:	Paul Kacmarcik
Secretary:	Paula Lampkin
Corresponding Secretary:	Becky Parr

2014 was a great year for daylilies, though the daylily season did start a bit slow. The blooms seemed to have been unusually spectacular, causing us to wonder if it was the extreme cold they liked.

We started off January 2014 with new officers and plans for an exciting year. We had Doris and David Bishop from Shady Rest Gardens in Cartersville, GA, to come and speak to the club in February about how they have grown their club. We had visited their garden the previous year and had very much enjoyed their garden which was getting ready to be on tour for Region 5.

In March, we planned our annual sale to be held in April at the Botanical Gardens and Myers Plants and Pottery in Pelham. We had our sale on April 5th, and though it was a bit chilly but folks showed up anyway. It takes more than cold weather to keep daylily people away.

June came and daylilies outdid themselves as we toured the gardens of Barbara and Hallett Johnson and Paul and Sandra Kacmarcik. It was a beautiful day and we ended it up with BBQ and good company.

We had our annual picnic and auction in September which is always my favorite with so much good food and friendship. We auctioned off Dan Hansen's 2013 collection to some lucky winners!

Scott Elliot from Maneki Neko Gardens near Savannah, GA, came to speak to CADS in November. He is very knowledgeable about daylily diseases and their causes and gave us great advice about daylily care. He brought beautiful intros of his to auction.

Our Christmas lunch was held in the home of Lucy and Charles Mason. It was declared a great party by all who attended. Thanks to the Masons for hosting this event.

We're looking forward to 2015 with David Doggett being our guest speaker in March on the topic of hydrangeas. Tommy Maddox will be entertaining us at our April meeting and there's no telling what he will have to say. Our annual sale is scheduled for May 2nd with anticipation of daylily blooms coming right around the corner. Wishing you a beautiful bloom season!



Cullman Iris and Daylily Society

Mary Reid, Reporter

3rd Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Cullman County Extension Office located at 402 Arnold Street, N.E., Cullman, Alabama 35055

President:	Donnie Douthit
Vice President:	Pete Douthit
Recording Secretary:	Sue Rodgers
Corresponding Secretary:	Mary Reid

Treasurer: Marion Carroll
Parliamentarian: Don Reid
Historian: Pat Nelson

Secretary: Nancy Falck
Treasurer: John Falck

The 2014-2015 Booklet has been completed and distributed. Something new this year: each member's picture was placed into the booklet. Included in the booklet were not only our addresses and phone numbers, but also our birthdays, and to which national society each member belongs, if any.

One other big project, that of reviewing our Bylaws, was also completed in 2014. The Bylaws Committee met and drafted changes they felt should be made, brought them before the entire Society, and at the following meeting a vote was taken accepting the changes.

A non-sanctioned daylily show was held at the Col. Cullman House in June. We decided to hold a non-sanctioned show due to the fact that we have so few members, and none of us have ever actually handled a show before. We felt that once we got our feet wet, we could hold a fully sanctioned show in 2015. The show was a success! We saw that holding a daylily show isn't beyond our capabilities. We were disappointed that no other clubs in our region participated.

In June our Treasurer, Marion Carrell, suffered a heart attack but has fully recovered.

In July we were reminded of the regional meeting in August and to remember to bring a covered dish and plants to sell.

Discussions are ongoing in reference to requiring our members to join one or both national organizations. It was brought forth that other clubs use the profit from plants bought at sales be applied to national dues for the member buying the plant. Further discussion is required on this matter. If it is decided the member doesn't have to belong to national, then the By-Laws will have to be changed as it is now in the By-Laws that a member of Cullman Iris & Daylily Society is required to belong to at least one national society.

It was also brought up that another change to the By-Laws needs to be addressed: that change being the number of members in attendance to make a quorum.

A pumpkin decorating contest was held in October. The 1st place winner was Imogene Hamilton, 2nd place went to Teresa Goodwin, and Pete Douthit won 3rd. The judges were not members of the society and given a pumpkin for their services.

In November a form was passed out that is to be filled out upon renewing membership.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Trimble Fire Station. Lots of good food and fun were had with dirty Santa gifts.

A bus trip in 2015 was brought up by Pete Douthit who would like to travel to Tennessee and Kentucky daylily and iris gardens. This trip will be open to all members of Region 14 for a cost of \$20 which includes the cost of the bus. Each person will be responsible for his/her own meals and lodging. Anyone outside of our society would have to pay \$30 plus their own meals and lodging with society members having first option for the trip. Two judges will be on the bus and guide each participant on how to prepare your daylily and iris gardens for showing. This trip is still in the planning stage with more information coming.

The Cullman Iris and Daylily Society is fortunate to have two Popularity Polls in which we can vote each year.



The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

Nancy Falck, Reporter

4th Sunday—2:00 p.m.
January, February, March, April
The Mobile Botanical Garden, Mobile, AL

President: Bill Trufant
Vice President and Program Chair: John Falck

The Mobile Hemerocallis Society met in January and February to begin their 2015 schedule. The club had to change meeting places so we now meet at the Mobile Botanical Garden in the education room. In January the club had an organizational meeting and greeted several new members. The members also set their year's schedule of meetings, show, picnic, and possible garden tour.

In February the club hosted Terah and Jesse George. They presented their new 2015 program which included their new introductions. Both Terah and Jesse have registered outstanding new varieties to offer collectors. After refreshments and an auction of old and new George cultivars, the club discussed the pop poll ballots and the regional and national meetings coming soon.

The March meeting has been moved to the third Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m. It will still be at the Botanical Garden. The program will be Dr. Wayne McLaurin of Long Beach, MS. He will discuss landscaping with daylilies and sun-hardy hydrangeas.



Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Marie Updike, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2 p.m.
Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2130 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL
February, April, August (3rd Saturday), October, December (12/5/2015)

Club website: montgomeryareadaylilysociety.com

President: Terese Goodson
First Vice President: Donna Currington
Second Vice President: Linda Carleton
Recording Secretary: Barbara Barnes
Treasurer: Cecil Barnes
Corresponding Secretary: Martha Barber
Parliamentarian: Jack Harrison
Devotional Chair: Bill Oswalt

The Montgomery Area Daylily Society had a great 2014 year. The group enjoyed many activities and welcomed new members who joined the club in 2014. MADS was commended by the American Hemerocallis Society as a club with the distinction of reaching AHS Platinum Club status, meaning that all (100%) members are also AHS members. Several of our club members have achieved the position of offering daylilies for sale from their gardens, like Georgia Rehnberg, Joe and Adriana Ponder, Glenda and Arthur Woods, and Paul Furr. Don't miss this opportunity to acquire big, healthy plants at a reasonable price grown in zones 7b/8a in which we live.

Speakers at MADS 2014 meetings provided opportunities for members to learn invaluable facts about gardening and especially the essentials of growing and hybridizing daylilies. They welcome garden visitors with prior notice given. Dr. Jerry and Mrs. Jonnett Patton of J & J Daylilies in Bridgeport, Alabama, presented a program of his daylilies and iris on August 16, 2014. See his website at: <http://www.jjdaylilies.com/jj-daylilies-exclusives.html>. His PowerPoint presentation illustrated eye-catching seedlings and 2014 introductions. Many show a significant diamond dusting, especially the "Gilty" series of daylily blooms which all have gold metallic edges, as well as being repeat bloomers. Dr. Patton sent seven of his newest daylily varieties to the 2015 AHS National to be grown in gardens on tour. He also grows hundreds of award winning iris varieties (newest ones from Australia), and 20 peony varieties which originated from the nearby Brazelton gardens. Following the program, some of Dr. Patton's daylilies and irises were auctioned to attendees.

The Dixie Daylily

Joe Ponder, a longtime MADS member, gave a rousing presentation on October 19, 2014, entitled, "Using Garden Chemicals Safely." He has years of professional experience in the horticulture business, plus he personally raises and hybridizes many of his own daylilies. Regarding pesticides and herbicides, some of which are lethal, he recommends, "Be safe while gardening." He offered expert advice on using, storing, and disposing of chemicals. Also at the October meeting the club held a successful silent auction of daylily varieties donated by members. Several MADS club members attended the Fall Regional 14 meeting on October 4, 2014, in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. Mark Carpenter, the speaker, was so friendly and knowledgeable, and is making daylily history with his "one of a kind" daylily varieties.

The MADS December 6th meeting was the club's annual holiday party, including a much inspired "Dirty Santa." Members observed the installation of new officers who will lead and inspire the group in the club's 2015 endeavors. The club members voted to continue offering a MADS web site where all club activities and events are posted.



At the December meeting, Nancy Billingslea installs new officers for the coming year: (left to right), Terese Goodson, President; Donna Currington, Vice President; Linda Carelton, Second Vice President; Cecil Barnes, Treasurer; and Barbara Barnes, Recording Secretary.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



At the Christmas Party held by MADS, Linda and George Carleton were successful in holding on to the rustic birdhouse built by Bill Oswalt.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The club enjoyed a big crowd for the February 15th meeting when featured speakers Patty and Mark Franklin (MP Flowers, Alpharetta, GA) gave a slide presentation about their own hybridizing program and the upcoming 2015 AHS National Convention (Atlanta) tour gardens. We
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are very appreciative of the encouragement from growers and hybridizers like the Franklins who add value to the wonderful world of the daylily groups in Region 14. Many folks joined us to hear about the convention activities planned by the Cobb County Daylily Society and co-hosted with the Daylily Society of Great Atlanta. Meeting attendees were from Montgomery, Prattville, Wetumpka, Phenix City, and from the Mississippi Gulf Coast. See the convention video, the eight tour gardens, and information about the Franklins at website: <http://www.cobbdaylily.com/mp-flowers-franklins.html>. Many MADS members confirmed they will register to attend the AHS National Convention in Atlanta

The MADS April 12 meeting will offer a presentation by wonderful daylily hybridizers Jim and Martha Brazelton who own Diamond Valley Gardens (an AHS Display Garden) in Guntersville in North Alabama. Their gardens adjoin a large lake, and they grow thousands of registered varieties, plus their own seedlings. They also raise hundreds of peony plants. The Brazelton's beautiful, immaculate gardens have been included in several Region 14 tours, and they have numerous daylily introductions.

MADS has committed to host the Region 14 Fall Meeting on Oct. 3, 2015. Bring your friends and neighbors for some real Southern hospitality. Our remarkable president has selected a date, speakers, and is working on a venue, hotel rooms for visitors, luncheon and a tentative schedule. The great team of Heidi and Charles Douglas has accepted an invitation to be our speakers. Their Browns Ferry Gardens in Georgetown, SC, offers container grown daylilies which suffer less stress than plants that have been dug and divided. Read more about them at their website: <http://www.brownsferrygardens.com/>, where their hybridizing priority for seedlings and introductions includes hardiness, branching and high bud count with the ability to bloom for a long period of time. Also offered at the fall meeting will be incredible plants for the live auction, door prizes and many silent auction items.

In the meantime, MADS will host two daylily sales, with the first on Saturday, April 4th, at Santuck Market and the second sale on Saturday, June 6th, at Eastdale Mall in Montgomery.

As a final point, the newly released *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*, edited by MADS member Dr. Oliver Billingslea, became available in mid-November. It costs \$15.00 plus \$5 shipping and the can be purchased through the AHS website. This book will be a long-lasting, popular addition to anyone's garden library.



Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

Catherine Townson, Reporter

4th Thursday—6:30 p.m.
Guntersville Recreation Center
1500 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, AL
February through October

President:	Catherine Townson
Vice President:	Diann Smith
Secretary:	Linda Jones
Treasurer:	Edith Fuqua
Historian:	Jane Staton

Our first meeting of the new year was held on February 26 with our guest Jimmy Whitley speaking on gardening with flowers. We handed out our programs at this meeting for our upcoming events, one of which will be a JTM Garden slide show in either March or April. Our club will be traveling to Mississippi for an iris show in Tupelo, MS, on April 25. Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings. We will be glad to have you and share a fun evening with us by the beautiful Lake Guntersville.



North Alabama Daylily Society

Madolyn Whitt, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Saturday or Sunday—2:00 p.m.

Huntsville Botanical Garden, Boeing Classroom or Murray Hall

President:	Sharon Beecher
Vice President:	Roger Hooper
Secretary:	Samantha Downs
Treasurer:	Jim Beecher
Publicity Chairman:	Cherry Hooper
Corresponding Secretary:	Madolyn Whitt

The first half of 2014 was very busy and exciting, with the feature event being our successful hosting of the Region 14 Spring Meeting, where we were inspired by four beautiful gardens, great weather, and the wisdom of Larry Grace. This was followed by a financially rejuvenating plant sale on June 28.

By July, we were ready for a little rest and relaxation, and Dot and Jerry Sumners were kind enough to volunteer their home for our picnic. Although rain came and went, we enjoyed the company of good friends, good food, and the beauty of the Sumner's well-kept garden.

In August we hosted Nicole DeVito from Eustice, Florida. It was exciting to see her first set of highly anticipated diploids. We were also happy to learn that she loves to help make sure hundreds of Monarch and Eastern Swallowtail butterflies have a safe place in which to complete their life cycle.

Harvey Cotton, Vice President and Chief Horticulturalist at Huntsville Botanical Garden, presented a program in September on "Native Plants and Invasive Plants in Your Garden." We learned quite a bit from his presentation that will help us as we select companion plants for our daylily gardens.

Our October meeting featured Sandy and Mike Holmes of Riverbend Daylily Garden, Xenia, Ohio. We got a quick overview of how they develop their seedlings and enjoyed an informative slide show of their newest and upcoming introductions. She showed a few examples of how patterns in daylilies can change due to the temperature of the night before a bloom opens, which was interesting.

An interactive discussion of the year's successes and failures concluded our 2014 year. Although we suffered the absence of some very active club members at various times this year due to broken hips, back problems, and a broken wrist, we were able to host a successful Region 14 Spring Meeting and a successful plant sale enabling us to give a gift of \$500 to AHS. We enjoyed interesting and informative speakers. *Hemerocallis* 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster 2003), hybridized by the father of our very own Martha Brazelton, was named the 2014 Stout Medal Winner. It has been a good year.

2015 looks promising, with a line up including Fred Manning, Dan Trimmer, Jesse and Terah George, Dan Bachman, Lee Pickles and Jamie Gossard. Our June Daylily sale and July picnic are still part of the agenda, and we have added a Christmas party at the historic Cooper house. Hopefully we will continue to attract new members, promote our favorite flower, and have a wonderful time doing it.



The West Alabama Daylily Society

Jane Rasco, Reporter

Saturdays as determined—11 a.m.

Piccadilly Cafeteria in the University Mall, Tuscaloosa, AL

President:	Ron Hood/Jane Rasco
Vice President:	Barbara Hood

Secretary:
Treasurer:
Directors:

Juanice Hayes
Sarah Lunsford
Charles Houston
Jane Rasco
Ruth Watts

Our first Club meeting of 2014 was conducted in the meeting room of the Piccadilly Cafeteria in Tuscaloosa's University Mall on Saturday, April 5. The program, presented by Ron Hood, consisted of slide shows provided by the American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society. The first show was a visit to the tour gardens seen during several spring meetings in AHS Region 3. These gardens were in Virginia and Pennsylvania. The second show was a brief overview of how well-known hybridizer Bill Maryott runs his program, together with photos of many of his gorgeous daylilies, both recent introductions and possible futures.



The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Bill Wente, Reporter

2nd Saturday—12:00 noon

September, October, November, December,

January, February, March, April, May

Christian/Grace Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

President:	B. J. Yance
Vice President:	Sue Ballard
Secretary:	Bill Wente
Treasurer:	Carolyn Yance
Chaplain:	Lewis Mallory
Parliamentarian:	Jim Netherton
Reporter:	Bill Wente

Our first meeting of the new year was held at First Christian Church, September 13. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed by all, followed by a planning meeting. On September 26 and 27 we held a plant sale at the Farm Center. Mark and June Singletary from Jamming Daylilies were our October speakers. They presented a Power/Point slide program and also brought a number of their daylilies to sell at an auction following their presentation. We finished 2014 with a Thanksgiving meeting at the home of Pat and Bill Wente and a Christmas meeting at the home of Carolyn and B. J. Yance. A covered dish luncheon was enjoyed at both meetings. Our traditional daylily gift exchange was enjoyed by all at the December meeting.

The January meeting was the first in a series of meetings, with the programs presented by well known hybridizers. In January Nicole DeVito was our speaker and in February we heard Scott Elliott. In March, we will hear from North Alabama daylily hybridizers, Terah and Jesse George, and in April, also from North Alabama, we will hear Jim and Martha Brazelton.

The Society continues work to maintain the Daylily Beds at the Dothan Area Botanical Garden and provide the public with an opportunity to see the various forms and colors present in modern daylilies.

The planning for our 7th Annual Show—"AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL"—has been on going from September. The show will be May 16th at the First United Methodist Church, Dothan, Alabama. We invite all to come show your daylilies in Dothan. The schedule is printed and will be circulated soon. We will have breakfast and lunch for exhibitors and judges.

See all you daylily lovers on May 16 and again on May 29 and 30 at the Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS.



Club News: MISSISSIPPI

Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Bud Kirkpatrick, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:00 p.m.

September, October; January through May

Multipurpose Center, Extension Service Conference Room

952 Sullivan Drive, Highway 49 South, Hattiesburg, MS

President:	Tricia Folks
Vice President:	Gary Campbell
Secretary:	Vonda Martin
Treasurer:	Connie Montgomery
Publicity Director:	Bud Kirkpatrick

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) began its 22nd year, as enthusiastic as did the 22 original members in 1992. With membership at 116, HADS is touting the largest daylily show in the AHS in 2014, and Earl Watts' *Hemerocallis* 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' being named a Medallion Plant winner by the Mississippi Nursery and Landscape Association, the first daylily to receive this honor.

HADS hosted the AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting Saturday, October 4, 2014 in Hattiesburg, and will host the Region 14 Spring Meeting on May 28-30, 2015, at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, in Hattiesburg. Featured speakers will be Friday, Jeff Salter of Rollingwood Garden, and Saturday, David Kirchoff of Daylily World. The schedule will include a tour of four local gardens: those of Penny Stringer, Penny's Daylily Patch; Connie & Don Montgomery, Montgomery Daylily Garden; Barbara and Earl Watts, Suburban Daylilies; and Mary Lois Burkett, Burkett Daylily Garden. Miss Burkett still maintains a very large garden at age 101, with a little help from her friends. Additionally, there will be two seminars on Friday from 2:45 till 3:30: Publicizing Your Daylily Club and Staging an Accredited Daylily Show. For information about the Spring Regional Meeting, call 601-268-3884 or e-mail bwatts54@gmail.com.

The monthly meetings of the year 2014-15 began on Sept. 21 with Earl Watts speaking to the group about just what they should be doing with their daylilies at this point in the calendar. The October meeting featured Tommy Maddox of Biloxi, MS, discussing some of his hybridizing techniques and showing some of his recent introductions.

Jeff and Elizabeth Salter followed in the program line up, for January. Their presentation discussed how Jeff works with large daylilies and has developed a line with "teeth and tendrils" of white and yellow on the edge of the daylilies. Elizabeth works with small and miniature daylilies and has developed an outstanding assortment of patterned eyes and interesting edges.

HADS took the month of November off due to Thanksgiving. The club members enjoyed a Christmas Dinner at Woodland Trails, Collins, MS, to celebrate the Christmas season.

The HADS program featured one of their own in February. Dr. Wayne McLaurin, UGA Horticulture Professor Emeritus who resides in Long Beach, MS, discussed companion plants and noted that too many gardeners believe sun-loving daylilies and shade-loving hydrangeas seem incompatible. But, in his presentation, Dr. McLaurin explained how to grow them together.

The HADS Open Gardens will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 23-25. A dozen or so gardens in the area will be open the three days for roving daylily enthusiasts to visit. June 6 will feature HADS 20th Annual Daylily Show and Plant Sale. It will be at the Lake Terrace Convention Center in Hattiesburg.

Current officers are: President, Tricia Folks, Moselle, MS; Vice President, Gary Campbell, Bassfield, MS; Secretary, Vonda Martin, Perkinston, MS; Treasurer, Connie Montgomery, Hattiesburg, MS, and Bud

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and Virginia Kirkpatrick, Publicity. A nominating committee was named at the February meeting to present a slate of officers at the annual Business Meeting in March. The committee included: Nancy Chain, Chair, Matt Campbell, Terry Folks, Clyde Wakefield and Bob Goolsby. Additional information is available about the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society by visiting the web site: www.hattiesburgdaylily.com.



MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

2nd Saturday—1:30 p.m.

Vancleave Public Library, Hwy. 57, Vancleave, MS

January, February, March, April, September, and October; Christmas Party in December; Spring Picnic and Club Show in May

Club website: mgcds.web.com

President:	Bonnie Lingel
Vice President:	Bob Goolsby
Secretary:	Sydney Dyche
Treasurer:	Debbie Smith

Mother Nature continues to show us that she is in control with constant surprises and revolving temperatures that have our daylilies looking pretty rough. This is a time for looking at books, magazines and catalogs to inspire our dreams of this year's garden. It has also helped attendance at our club meetings. We are happy to have several new members: Gloria Long, Brenda Volovecky, Ganell Rudkin, Cynthia & Patrick Nolan, Judy Harris and Sue Williamson have transferred to us from Hattiesburg.

The speakers this year have stressed the importance of the basics. Harrison County agent Tim Ray started us off with the importance of soil testing and pH. Dr. Wayne McLaurin spoke on pH and soil amendments as well as the companion plant, hydrangeas. Earl Watts covered rotating bed care and fertilization schedules. Then Jeff and Elizabeth Salter got us excited with their latest and greatest. Their auction was brisk and gave us all the opportunity to have some "newer" plants. We look forward to hearing about "The Black Stuff" by Chuck Grantham to see what all that excitement is about.

Our major fundraiser, the Herb Festival, in Ocean Springs, MS, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 28th & 29th, 2015. There will be arts, crafts, fruits and vegetables, as well as multiple ornamental plants, fresh milk, breads, meats and cheeses. Basically anything that can be made or grown. Come and make a day of it!

The plans for our annual show are moving right along. If you are in the area on May 23, 2015, come by the Edgewater Mall and visit with us and see some gorgeous flowers or even better plan to come and enter the show. We desperately hope that the weather cooperates with our plans.

Our trip this year will be to the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, May 28-30, 2015. We are trying for record attendance with the club sponsoring half of the attendance fee. Hope to see you all there. And then, our formal year will end with a trip to the AHS National Convention in Atlanta, GA, June 10-13, 2015, where we hope to see many friends again.



Marion County Hemerocallis Society

Reporter, Roger Carr

4th Sunday—2:00 p.m.

Each month, except July and August

Columbia-Marion County Library

President: Roger Carr
Vice President: John Dawsey
Secretary/Treasurer: Gena Dawsey

(No further information submitted)



Meridian Daylily Society

Toni Thompson, Reporter

3rd Saturday—11 a.m.
January, March, May, July, September, November
Western Sizzlin Steakhouse, Meridian, MS

President: Toni Thompson
Vice President: Diane Howse
Secretary: Lois Smith
Treasurer: Jeanie Kilpatrick
Reporter: Beverly Odom

At our November meeting it was our pleasure to have Tim Bell. We were charmed and educated by Tim as he showed slides of his beautiful gardens, his new introductions, and some old favorites. He shared some of his vast knowledge of lilies and gave us lots of hints on making new beds, weed and grass control, companion plants, and care and growing of lilies. He auctioned 40 plants and we are looking forward to March mail delivery.

Our January guest speaker was C. P. Winters, Region 14 president. C. P. updated us on AHS and Region 14 news and upcoming events. She encouraged us to attend the Spring Regional Meeting this year and several of us plan to go. We enjoyed slides of her AHS Display Garden and learned about AHS rules for an Heirloom Garden and her plans to register her garden as one this year.

Our club is saddened by the death of Rev. Jim Smith, long time member and former president and treasurer of our club. Brother Jim, a retired minister, always showed honesty and integrity, and his suggestions on daylily hybridizing and growing were always welcome. We will miss him much. Our prayers go to his wife Lois and daughter Maria, who are also club members, and to his entire family during their time of loss. Brother Jim's *Hemerocallis* 'A Flower for the Bride' (2013), a diploid double pale blush pink with lavender over pale yellow eye, and 'Adamah's Yard Chicken' (2009), a tetraploid brick red self, are only two examples of the Smith hybridizing program, and we look forward to more lilies from Lois and Maria.

In memory of James K. "Jim" Smith, a contribution at the Supporting level has been made to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by the Meridian Daylily Society.

We look forward to seeing old friends John and Nancy Falck at the March meeting and seeing their new introductions. We are also making plans for the club sale on April 25 at Lauderdale County Farm Supply.



North MS/AL Daylily Society

Martha Stancil, Reporter

2nd Tuesday—5:30 p.m.
March, May, September, October
The Gilmore Foundation Conference Center, Amory, MS

President: Linda Beck

Vice President: Donna Grant
Secretary: Martha Stancil
Treasurer: Juanice Hayes
Historian/Chaplin: Hellen Polk

Recently, we have been in search of a meeting location in Amory. The Gilmore Foundation was contacted by Donna Grant and they graciously agreed to accommodate us for this year. The conference center has ample space with all the electronic equipment at our disposal. The Gilmore Foundation, established in 1916, is a private not for profit foundation servicing Amory, Monroe County, and all of Northeast Mississippi. Our monthly meetings have been changed to the 2nd Tuesday in March, May, September and October. This change was necessary due to the weather conditions the first of the year.

Since our last report, our meeting in September was held at the Heritage Inn & Suites in Amory. Our guest speaker was Pete Poland, III, Landscape Architect. Mr. Poland distributed copies of a 21 page booklet of very interesting projects and ideas. He discussed accent pieces and how they relate to a homeowner's personality. Photos included water features, arbors, drainage solutions, night lighting, landscape pavers, fire pits, before and after pictures. Mr. Poland's business is identified by the "shocking pink" trucks with the new flamingo logos seen around Northeast Mississippi.

Juanice Hayes reported on attending the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Huntsville and the National in Asheville, North Carolina. She had some amusing "experiences" along the way!

President, Linda Beck, presented Past President, Jo Anne McMahan, an avid cook, a cookbook written by two Mississippi authors from Water Valley.

Our October meeting was basically a planning meeting to discuss programs for the coming year. It was also decided that we would have a dinner meeting in December at the Friendship House in Aberdeen. The Dinner meeting was scheduled for December 9th at 5:30. We had a wonderful dinner and the service at Friendship House is exceptional. If you are ever in the area, check out the Friendship House; you will not be disappointed. It is indescribable!

In the coming year, we are having our first meeting in March. Mary Tuggle with Palmer House will be our guest speaker. Palmer House provides superior residential care for many children in need from birth to college. Ms. Tuggle operates the Greenhouse that grows a variety of plants that are sold to the public during different seasons.

We do not plan to meet in May or June, although, there is a possibility of a tour. We have not decided where as of this date.



North Mississippi Daylily Society

Although the North Mississippi Daylily Society has voted to dissolve its club membership, a contribution has been made at the Silver level to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by the Club.

Note: It is also your editor's understanding that the North Mississippi Daylily Society has given the Hattiesburg Club \$600 to help with the costs for the upcoming Spring Regional Meeting, and has donated \$400 to offset the cost of printing *The Dixie Daylily*. Thank you.

As a point of personal privilege, I would like to thank the North Mississippi Daylily Society for its years of contributions to Region 14 and for its kind words of encouragement to me as editor of *The Dixie Daylily*. I shall miss the writing talents of Emma Hood, and especially the friendships I've made with Emma and Carl and Bettye and Frank Huckabay, among others.



Newsletter Award Categories

In years past, we have been able to include some wonderful articles written by Region 14 members in *The Dixie Daylily*. Below is a list of topics that can hopefully give us some inspiration. Please consider writing an article for the Summer/Fall 2015 issue. Submissions are due by June 15, 2015. AHS Newsletter Awards are given annually in each category.

Article About Cultivars

This award is given to a feature article written about a registered daylily/daylilies or seedling(s). The article focus is centered on the cultivar(s).

Article About Gardens

This award is given to a feature article written with a focus on a garden or gardens. The article can discuss any plants or landscape of daylilies, but must focus on total garden aspects.

Article About a Hybridizer

This award is given to a feature article written about a daylily hybridizer, or hybridizers, who has/have registered cultivars and also has/have cultivars in commerce.

Article About Daylily Culture

This award is given to a feature article that describes how to get your daylilies to grow better. Examples of subjects might be weed prevention, fertilizer, pest control, natural predators, hydroponics, foliage controls, or similar areas.

Scientific Article

This award is given to a feature article that involves research or expert opinion.

Article Using Humor

This award is given to a feature article that has any daylily or gardening subject and uses humor throughout the article.

Article About Hybridizing

This award is given to a feature article that describes methods, theories, or procedures about the aspects of hybridizing daylilies.

Article Demonstrating a Specific Aspect of Garden Design

This award is given to a feature article that describes single or multiple gardens and the specific aspect of garden design, including subjects of hardscaping, general garden design, or other garden features.

Article About Photographing Daylilies

This award is given to a feature article that describes any methods, equipment, or procedures used to photograph daylilies.

Article About Garden Technology

This award is given to a feature article that describes technologies used in and assisting in the science of daylilies, including subjects of databases, software, and hardware.

Article Featuring Historical Aspects

This award is given to a feature article that describes a cultivar, person, organization, logo, or other from purely an historical point of view.

Article About Daylily Personalities

This award is given to a feature article written about a non-hybridizer(s) in the daylily community, focusing on his/her work for AHS, Region, or local clubs promoting AHS and daylilies.

Youth Article

This award is given to a feature article written by or about a youth member of AHS or local club.

Editorial Special Award

This article is given to a feature that does not fit into a current article award category and is outstanding in content, form, or subject matter.

American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 2015 Popularity Poll Ballot

The Popularity Poll ballot is printed here and is available on the AHS Region 14 website. Mail or e-mail your choices by September 1, 2015 or use the web-based ballot. Please submit your ballot only once.

Each member can vote for up to ten (10) registered cultivars. You have the option of writing in up to five (5) personal choices, should these choices not appear on the Regional ballot. Each AHS member is eligible to vote and is encouraged to do so.

Please circle your choices:

Abilene Lillian	Emma's Curls	Orange Velvet	Thin Man
Alabama Jubilee	Evelyn Gates	Palace Garden Beauty	Trahlyta
Alabama Wildfire	Feliz Navidad	Peacock Maiden	Tusawilla Snowdrift
All American Chief	Free Wheelin'	Persian Ruby	Victorian Lace
Almost a Rainbow	How Beautiful Heaven	Pink Lemonade Party	Webster's Pink Wonder
Annie Armstrong	Must Be	Planet Max	Wild Horses
Bali Watercolor	Humdinger	Point Clear Jubilee	Wiregrass Greenstar
Bama Girl Tee	J.T. Davis	Primal Scream	Wonder of it All
Banana Smoothie	Judy Farquhar	Princess Diana	Xia Xiang
Barbara Mitchell	Just for Breakfast	Red Volunteer	
Beautiful Edgings	Key Lime Special	Rose F. Kennedy	Write in Choices:
Bela Lugosi	King Kahuna	Rose Masterpiece	1. _____
Belle Cook	Lava Flow	Sabine Baur	2. _____
Big Kiss	Lavender Blue Baby	Santa's Little Helper	3. _____
Big Red Wagon	Lillian's Jinger Bred	Savannah Debutante	4. _____
Bill Norris	Lillian's Lying Eyes	Sebastian the Crab	5. _____
Bill Robinson	Lillian's Sweet Thang	Seldom Seen	Signature: _____
Black Ambrosia	Lillian's Woman's Touch	Seminole Wind	Printed Name: _____
Bluegrass Memories	Linda Agin	Shores of Time	Street: _____
Born to Run	Linda Beck	Signature Truffle	City: _____
Boundless Beauty	Little Red Dumplings	Skinwalker	State: _____ Zip: _____
Clothed in Glory	Look Here Mary	Songwriter	Mail to:
Coach's Class Act	Loose Reins	South Sea Enchantment	Popularity Poll
Coach's Hot Lips	Lynnstar	Spacecoast Gold Bonanza	Debbie Smith
Coach's Laughing Eye	Mary's Gold	Spider Man	10175 Tom Waller Rd.
Coach's Real Deal	Memphis	Stars and Angels	Grand Bay, AL 36541
Coffee to Go	Mississippi Red Bed Beauty	Strawberry Candy	E-mail:
Crazy Ivan	Moment in the Sun	Suburban Barbara Huff	debbiedsmith@centurylink.net
Destined to See	Moonlit Masquerade	Suburban Golden Eagle	
Dorothy and Toto	Moses' Fire	Suburban Nancy Gayle	
Double Blue Blood	Mynelle's Starfish	Symphony of Praise	
Double Screamer	Nancy Billingslea	Tangerine Horses	
Elva White Grow	Nancy's Quilt	Tar and Feather	

Mississippi Medallion Winners

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2009	Chrysocephalum (<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i> 'Flambé')	2012	Butterfly Weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)
	Cleome (<i>Cleome hybrida</i> 'Senorita Rosalita')		Petunia (<i>Petunia</i> 'Supertunia Vista Bubblegum')
	Eggplant (<i>Solanum melongena</i> 'Slim Jim')	2013	Sweetbay Magnolia (<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>)
	Hydrangea (<i>Hydrangea paniculata</i> 'Limelight')	2014	Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i> 'PowWow Wild Berry')
2010	Coleus (<i>Solenostemon scutellarioides</i> 'Electric Lime')		Rabbiteye Blueberry (<i>Vaccinium ashei</i>)
	Gomphrena (<i>Gomphrena</i> 'Fireworks')		Tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> 'Tumbling Tom Red')
	Muhly Grass (<i>Muhlenbergia capillaries</i> 'Gulf')		Tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i> 'Tumbling Tom Yellow')
	Ornamental Pepper (<i>Capasium annuum</i> 'Purple Flash')	2015	Crape Myrtle (<i>Lagerstroemia</i> 'Delta Jazz')
2011	Bell Pepper (<i>Capasium annuum</i> 'Aristotle')		Daylily (<i>Hemerocallis</i> 'Suburban Nancy Gayle')
	Impatiens (<i>Impatiens spp.</i> 'SunPatiens')		Scaevola (<i>Scaevola</i> 'Top Pot')
	Virginia Sweetspire (<i>Itea virginica</i>)		

(List of Medallion Winners compiled by Oliver Billingslea)

New Members

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West Blockton, AL 35184

Miles, Jesse and Rhonda
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Montgomery, AL 36116

Provence, Wanda
101 3rd Avenue East
Grant, AL 35747



The jewel-like setting for Blue Ridge Daylilies is a fertile valley located not far from the Blue Ridge Parkway. The garden, one of six on tour for the 2014 National Convention held in Asheville, North Carolina, contains three acres of beautifully grown daylilies.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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Editor's Column:

We are pleased to present our nineteenth issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. Again, Nancy Billingslea has been my meticulous proofreader.

For this issue, I want to thank Nancy Chain for her carefully researched and well-written article on the history of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society and Bud Kirkpatrick for his timely news release on *Hemerocallis* 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' being awarded the 2015 Mississippi Medallion. I also appreciate Terese Goodson's allowing us to use her impressive photo of the field of "Nancy Gayles" at Suburban Gardens.

That all being said, your editor is disappointed that more members of Region 14 are not writing articles for *The Dixie Daylily*. I am also saddened by the general lack of interest in our Regional Photography Contest. Participation

so far is next to nil. I fear our region's lack of participation in the written word and the pictorial content of our regional newsletter may be a sign of its decreasing importance. How many of us actually read *The Dixie Daylily* or even glance through it before putting it aside?

Recently, I became painfully aware of Region 14's indifference to our solicitation of photos nationwide for an upcoming AHS publication on spiders and unusual forms. Although I received an amazing number of photos (5,164) for consideration, I received less than a dozen from Region 14.

I care for this Region deeply—for its flowers and for its people. I challenge us to do better.

Oliver Billingslea

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In the tradition of great daylily gardens of the past, Paul Owen's Slightly Different Nursery, located near Polkville, North Carolina, is one of the most beautifully landscaped gardens in the Southeast. It was one of several lovely gardens on tour during the 2014 National Convention.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)