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(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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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 TERESE GOODSON

Well we have all survived several snowfalls so far this season, even as far south as Hattiesburg, MS. My daylilies are trying desperately to peak through the soil and they are finally greening up again. That tells me that spring is getting closer and it won't be long before my garden is on tour for the Region 14 Spring Meeting here in Montgomery, May 25-26, 2018. Look for the registration form in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, or download it at <http://www.ahsregion14.org/>

We'd love to see a huge crowd in the audience as we conduct this year's annual business meeting and then visit with Karol Emmerich, our guest speaker, when she returns to Alabama. If you aren't already a Garden Judge, you will have an opportunity to take the required classes while you are in the River Region. You might prefer to become an Exhibition Judge and the course work is available to do so at this meeting, too.

I have accepted, with regrets, the resignation of longtime Region 14 secretary, Janet Green. She has served in this position for more than six years and has been such an asset to our AL/MS members. I am also pleased to introduce Beverly Odom of the Meridian Daylily Club as our new regional secretary. You might have read Beverly's recent garden articles in *The Dixie Daylily* or seen her winning photo contest daylilies. I am confident she will also serve this region very well.

Central Alabama Daylily Society members recently voted to dissolve their club. Many of you know how difficult it has become to find new members and members who are also willing to accept leadership positions within the club. This is a loss for all daylily enthusiasts in the region.

I hope you had the opportunity to bid for items on the second AHS Facebook Auction in January. There were numerous donated items and many of these went for very reasonable costs. Be sure to mark it on your calendar when the auction is announced in 2019.

January also marked a huge milestone for Hattiesburg, MS, as it was named a "Daylily City." Members of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society have worked tirelessly for several years to make this honor a reality.

Mary Collier Fisher of Nor'East Daylilies donated a number of Doorakian daylily introductions to Region 14 (*Hemerocallis* 'Emerald Starburst', *H.* 'Wellesley College', *H.* 'Green Icon', to name a few). All of these cultivars will be auctioned at the spring meeting after Friday night's business meeting. This would be a great opportunity for anyone wanting to update their garden collection.

I have visited ten of the display gardens in the region and they are certainly an asset to all daylily enthusiasts. Take time to enjoy these lovely gardens this spring and summer. I also have attended meetings of several daylily clubs in AL/MS. As I continue to visit remaining clubs and gardens in Region 14, it would be very helpful to me if local presidents would send a copy of their directory and dates for any upcoming meetings in 2018.

I'll look forward to seeing you in Montgomery in May and then again in October when the Meridian Daylily Society hosts the annual fall meeting. Thanks, Meridian!

Terese Goodson

RPD'S REPORT DEBBIE D. SMITH

First, as many of you know, shortly after the 2017 Fall Regional meeting my supposed hernia was diagnosed as Ovarian Cancer. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, thoughts and cards. I am doing great after the surgery! The tumor was still encapsulated and removed intact, so I don't have to have chemo or radiation, for which I thank God every day.

After the most severe cold in recent memory we are now experiencing record highs. Sounds just like the South doesn't it? Hopefully the bugs didn't like it either! And now, it's time to get back into the Garden!

I would like to Thank the Huntsville Club for all their hard work in hosting the 2017 Fall Regional Meeting. They did a wonderful job like they always do on any project that they undertake. It was good to see friends that we hadn't seen in awhile and catch up on what is happening in their lives.

The results of the 2017 Popularity Poll were announced as follows:

1. Suburban Nancy Gayle
2. Look Here Mary
3. Double Blue Blood
4. Banana Smoothie
5. Emma's Curls

The AHS proposed changes to the Popularity Poll were voted down by a huge majority. The 2018 ballot is ready and available in this issue and has been distributed to the Club Presidents. It may also be filled out online at the AHS website, daylilies.org. Choose your region, click on up to 10 choices (you may write in 5 choices), fill out your information, and I will receive it within minutes. It is also available to print from the Region 14 website.

The Spring Regional Meeting will be held in Montgomery, Alabama on May 25 & 26, 2018. The guest speaker will be Karol Emmerich. The registration form is in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, so please make your plans to attend. While you work in you garden this Spring, please put some plants aside to donate to the Spring Regional Meeting. The price doesn't matter; we will put it in the correct category and every fan helps publish *The Dixie Daylily*. For anyone thinking of taking a Garden or Exhibition Judging class, there are new 2018 Manuals that can be purchased from Amazon.com or downloaded from the AHS website.

The 2018 AHS National Convention will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on June 6-9, 2018. It is hosted by the Georgetown Area Daylily Club and should be great. I hope to see y'all there!

Debbie D. Smith

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MINUTES, FALL MEETING 2017

JANET GREEN, SECRETARY

The AHS Region 14 Fall 2017 Business Meeting was held at the Huntsville Botanical Gardens in Huntsville, Alabama, on October 7, and was hosted by the North Alabama Daylily Society.

Region 14 President, Terese Goodson, thanked the members of the Huntsville Daylily Society who helped with the fall regional meeting.

Regional Secretary, Janet Green, was asked to stand. The Region 14 minutes from May 26, 2017, for the Spring 2017 meeting were published in *The Dixie Daylily*, Summer/Fall 2017. President Goodson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There was a motion by Rita Moore, seconded by Phyllis Riddle, to accept minutes as written. The minutes were approved as published.

Jim Chappell, Regional Treasurer, read the treasurer's report. The ending balance was \$18,980.84. President Goodson asked if there were any corrections to the report. There was a motion to accept the report as stated. The report was approved.

Brief reports were given as follows:

**The Dixie Daylily* Editor and Region 14 Director, Oliver Billingslea, encouraged members to send articles and photos for the Spring edition of *The Dixie Daylily*. He pointed out that another Facebook auction to benefit the AHS would be coming up in January and that we would like at least two donations from Region 14. He encouraged the Huntsville Daylily Society to work with the Huntsville Botanical Garden to establish a Lenington All-American bed (it would be second Lenington bed in the United States). He pointed out that individual copies of AHS daylily books are now only sold by Amazon.com (multiple copies can still be purchased directly from AHS with a discount for ten or more). He also pointed out that some AHS regions are publishing their newsletters primarily online, but that the decision is up to each region. Our next issue will be online only to save money (March 1 is the deadline for material). He reminded members to get registrations in for the upcoming Spring Regional Meeting as soon as possible.

*Exhibition Judges Liaison, John Falck, encouraged more members to become exhibition judges. Classes will be offered in Montgomery.

*Garden Judges Liaison, Nancy Chain, encouraged members to become garden judges. She said that clinics will be offered in Montgomery.

*Regional Publicity Director, Debbie Smith, encouraged AHS members to vote in the 2018 Popularity Poll. She pointed out that Hattiesburg is now officially a "Daylily City" and there will be a presentation at their January meeting in Hattiesburg. She reported that the 2017 AHS Region 14 Service Award went to Jim Chappell and the David Hall Memorial Award went to Earl Watts.

*Youth, Tricia Folks—No report.

*Protocol and WEMEFT, Jack Harrison—No report.

*Historian, Sarah Lunsford—No report.

*Membership, Glenda Woods—No report. President Goodson stated Glenda will contact new members.

*Webmaster, Paul Aucoin—No report.

*Unfinished business: President Goodson thanked the Hattiesburg Daylily Club for hosting the Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg. The Nominating Committee for Regional President (George Carleton, chairperson, Nancy Chain, and Bill Brooks) will discuss and give a report at the Spring Meeting. The Audit Committee (John Falck, chairperson, Jim Riddle, and Glenda Woods) met June 19, 2017, going through books, and stated that Jim Chappell, treasurer, had done an excellent job. The Shelton Holliday Award will be a separate line item in the budget and will not be considered for anything else.

*New business: The 2017 Region 14 Photography Awards were announced as follows: Individual bloom award (1st Terese Goodson, 2nd Mickie Immler), Daylilies with companion plants (1st Terese Goodson, 2nd Beverly Odom), Daylilies in the landscape (1st Terese Goodson, 2nd Kay Cline), Artistic image (1st Beverly Odom, 2nd Lisa Little), Multi-bloom (1st Kay Cline, 2nd Bill Martin).

Pop Poll: Jim Chappell made a motion to leave the structure of the Region 14 Pop Poll the same as in the past, with Phyllis Riddle seconding the motion. Motion passed.

Sally Lake Bed: Guidelines will stay the same.

President Goodson will contact people to recommend spending guidelines and constraints for Region 14; expenses exceed income and we are looking for ways to resolve the problem. The question arose whether we should look into becoming part of a national publication, or keep Region 14's newsletter separate (a motion was made by Phyllis Riddle and seconded by Jack Harrison to table until spring and have Oliver look into a cheaper solution). The region received a donation of Doorakian daylilies; IRS guidelines will be followed with plants to be auctioned at the Spring Meeting in Montgomery (two are 2017 introductions).

President Goodson is seeking a host club for the Region 14 Spring Meeting in 2019.

AHS 2018 National Convention is June 6-9, 2018, at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Registration forms are online.

The Region 14 Spring Meeting will be in Montgomery, Alabama, May 25-26, 2018. Linda Carleton will preside. Karol Emmerich is the guest speaker.

Several donations have been made to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund, AHS General Fund, and the 100 giving \$100 Fund from Region 14.

President Goodson again thanked NADS for hosting this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Green

TREASURER'S REPORT 2/12/18
 JIM CHAPPELL, TREASURER

2017 POPULARITY POLL RESULTS
 FOR REGION 14

July 21, 2017—February 12, 2018

Cash on Hand @ July 21, 2017 \$21,925.28
Total Funds: \$21,925.28

Receipts:
 Date:

9/14/2017 DD Postage Reimbursement \$733.05
 10/21/2017 Fall Plant Auction \$3,595.00
 10/21/2017 Fall Plant Sale \$537.00
 1/3/2018 Larry Miller DD Subscription \$7.50
 2/3/2018 HADS Huntsville Donation \$500.00
Total Receipts: \$5,372.55
\$5,372.55

Expenditures:
 Date: CK#

8/21/2017 #1086 Oliver Billingslea, DD Postage (\$121.94)
 9/14/2017 #1087 Wells Printing, DD Printing (\$3,380.00)
 9/14/2017 #1088 Jim Chappell Stamps (\$9.80)
 9/14/2017 #1089 Terese Goodson, Photo Contest (\$75.00)
 10/7/2017 #1090 Beverly Odom, Photo Contest (\$25.00)
 10/7/2017 #1091 Kay Cline, Photo Contest (\$25.00)
 10/7/2017 #1092 Eric Simpson, Speaker Ticket (\$492.10)
 10/7/2017 #1093 Roger Hooper, Room for Eric Simpson (\$115.85)
 10/7/2017 #1094 Debbie Smith, Supplies (\$76.86)
 10/21/2017 #1095 AHS Insurance for 2018 (\$87.25)
 2/3/2018 #1096 Paul Aucoin, Web Hosting (\$185.38)
Total Expenditures: -\$4,759.93
-\$4,759.93

Cash on Hand @ February 12, 2018 \$22,537.90
Total Funds as of February 12, 2018 \$22,537.90

Jim Chappell

Cultivar	Votes
Suburban Nancy Gayle	72
Look Here Mary	44
Double Blue Blood	34
Banana Smoothie	28
Emma's Curls	27
Tusawilla Snowdrift	26
Big Kiss	23
Dorothy and Toto	23
Lava Flow	23
Coffee to Go	22
Thin Man	22
Sebastian the Crab	21
South Sea Enchantment	21
Webster's Pink Wonder	21
God Save the Queen	20
J.T. Davis	20
Crazy Ivan	19
Lavender Blue Baby	16
Lillian's Woman's Touch	16
Orange Velvet	16
Suburban Golden Eagle	16
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	15
Pink Lemonade Party	15
Boundless Beauty	14
Bella Lugosi	13
King Kahuna	13
Mary's Gold	13
Barbara Watts	12
Beautiful Edgings	12
Blazing Cannons	12
Double Screamer	12
Little Red Dumplings	12
Nancy Billingslea	12
Savannah Debutante	12
Alabama Jubilee	11
Clothed in Glory	11
Linda Beck	11
Moses' Fire	11
Primal Scream	11
Suburban Wren	11
Alabama Wildfire	10
Barbara Mitchell	10
Big Red Wagon	10
Coach's Braided Angel	10
Wonder of it All	10

SPRING MEETINGS
 2018 MONTGOMERY, AL
 2019 TBA

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

OLIVER BILLINGSLEA

The AHS Board of Directors Fall Meeting was held in Madison, WI, on October 27-28, 2017, hosted by the Wisconsin Daylily Society.

As Chair of Policy and Procedures for 2017, it was my responsibility to present for Board approval updates on behalf of a number of committees whose "policy statements" and "procedures" were rewritten since the previous Board Meeting in June. There were 5 reports, my initial responsibility being to shape each into wording consistent with the *Policy and Procedures Manual* as part of the latest update to the *AHS Handbook*. Four of the five were approved and will now be incorporated in the *Handbook* which is available on the AHS Portal. The Awards and Honors report was delayed until the upcoming Board Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC.

As Chair of Special Projects, I had no new information to report, although I am still hoping that a Botanical Garden will offer to establish a Lenington All-American Bed, as many have done with the Stout Medal Winners. Limited funds from AHS are available in support of such a project.

At the Publication Committee meeting, it was announced that work is proceeding on a "Hybridizing 101" book and on a PDF for "Flower Arranging with Daylilies." Two new judge's handbooks were also announced. *Judging Daylilies in the Garden* and *Daylily Exhibitions* became available January 15, and presently they are in the process of becoming converted to E-books. It was also reported that the sales of single copies of *Daylilies: The Fifty Year Affair*, *Landscaping with Daylilies*, *Double Daylilies: Twice the Fun*, *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies* (revised edition), and *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms and Other "Exotics"* have been transferred to Amazon Fulfillment. These publications will now be exposed to the vast Amazon audience, whereas before they were only marketed to the AHS membership. Multiple copies of our AHS publications can still be ordered directly through AHS with discounts for 10 or more copies. As of the fall meeting, Scott Elliott's *Double Daylilies: Twice the Fun* book had been converted to an E-book that is now available on Amazon. Our Vice President has spent many hours setting up Amazon Fulfillment and researching the E-Book conversion process, and at the request of Publications this past winter I forwarded the necessary material so that each of the books I've written can be made available as an E-Book. (Initially, the conversion of *Landscaping with Daylilies* resulted in a poor electronic product, but it seems that most of the kinks have been worked out. Sadly, I have no control of the quality of these electronic formats.) As a future project, depending the success of our latest publications, I have given some thought to beginning work on a book on "the full form daylily: miniature, small, and large flowers," but I also realize it would be a time-consuming project.

Publications has had some problems filling the paid position of Publications Services Manager, but as of March

1, Kathy Pinkas of the St. Louis area, has accepted that position and will be conducting an inventory of all books in storage and will take over the mailing of club orders. She can be reached at pubsales@daylilies.org

AHS is doing well, partly because of our book publications. As of September 30, 2017, the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust reported a balance of \$779,943.59.

As in many organizations, membership continues to decline, albeit ever so slightly in AHS. As of September 1, 2017, AHS had 5,781 members. It is so important that each of us renew our membership for 2018 right away, if we have not already done so. Remember, you have to be a member of AHS to receive the upcoming Summer/Fall issue of Region 14's *The Dixie Daylily*.

In previous Board action last summer, a new Daylily Ambassador Program was created for the purpose of recognizing events/activities that publicize and promote the daylily in innovative ways that successfully achieve outreach to the general public. In regard to Region 14 in particular, it was approved that the Board bypass all required Daylily City application paperwork and designate Hattiesburg, MS, a Daylily City, at the Gold level. A write-up of the Hattiesburg celebration this past January is featured in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.

In respect to the Popularity Poll, the execution of which remains the prerogative of each Region, despite several Regions deciding to revamp their processes (retiring anywhere from one to five daylilies from their poll yearly), Region 14 voted to continue its process of selecting the most "popular" daylilies that grow well in our region, notwithstanding their repeated selection.

Subsequent to the Fall Board Meeting, and thanks to a generous gift, significant improvements are being undertaken regarding our AHS website. Its re-design began February 26, 2018, and is expected to be completed by April 16. In connection with its new design, the AHS Board of Directors has ratified "the greater emphasis and use of 'American Daylily Society' in marketing, education, and outreach efforts." As we move forward, no immediate plans are being made to change our medals, our books, or our logo, or to eliminate the AHS name altogether.

At the Fall Board Meeting, individuals were selected for various personal awards given annually by the Society. These awards include the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal for Service, the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for Hybridizing, the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award, the Electronic Media Award, and the various Regional Service Awards. The 2018 recipients will be announced this coming June at the National Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC. It's not too early to start thinking about worthy candidates for next year. If you would like to nominate someone for these awards, your nomination letter must be received by Claude Carpenter, Chair of Awards & Honors, by September 1, 2018. He can accept an electronic submission at awards@daylilies.org, or you may mail your letter to his home address at 6075 Vickery Pt., Cumming, GA 30040.

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AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting

May 25 & 26, 2018

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Rates held through April 23, 2018

Registration Form:

1st Person _____

2nd Person _____

Youth #1 _____

Youth #2 _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

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Indicate Judges Clinics/Workshops you will attend Friday, May 25, 2018 (\$5.00 fee collected on site.)

_____ Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic (9:00-12:00 Noon)

_____ Garden Judges Workshop I (12:30-3:30)

_____ Exhibition Judges Clinic I (12:30-4:30)

_____ Garden Judges Workshop II (9:00-11:30)

_____ Exhibition Judges Clinic II (12:30-4:30)

All participants should bring a copy of the 2018 GARDEN or EXHIBITION JUDGES HANDBOOK.

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

Please give details if you answer yes to either question. _____

Mail this registration form (or similar copy) with your check payable to **Montgomery Area Daylily Society**.

The 2018 Region 14 Spring Meeting

Montgomery, Alabama

Garden Previews

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We purchased our property on the east side of Montgomery in 1978 and designed our own home. Our grounds are part meadow and part woodland. Over the years our garden has undergone several changes. At one point we had a few small beds devoted to seedlings, from among which (growing no more than 300-400 per year) we registered 59 cultivars. Our garden was on Regional tour in 1984, 1992, and 2000. We have never grown a great number of daylilies, but have found that in a small area large clumps with a few companion plants offer a pleasing display. Among our past registrations, we still grow a few. One we still think is pretty is *Hemerocallis* ‘**Be Thou My Vision**’ (Billingslea 1998), though we never distributed it. Who knows? It just might bloom for us during the tour. Perhaps our best known daylily is *H.* ‘**South Sea Enchantment**’ (1996). In 2005 we registered our last daylily, a tetraploid, ‘**Specially for Sarah**’. We only distributed four plants of it, one of which went to North Dakota.

One never knows which plants will be blooming on a given day, but some of our favorites include ‘**Andrew Christian**’ (Harris-Benz 1990), a prolific yellow; our own ‘**Rachel Billingslea**’ (1990), a light rose peach self; ‘**Born to Reign**’ (Emmerich 2005), a cranberry purple; ‘**Double Blue Blood**’ (George-T. 2005), a sumptuous blood-red with a purplish glow; ‘**White Eyes Pink Dragon**’ (Gossard 2006), a rose pink with a whiter watermark; and ‘**Blazing Cannons**’ (Waldrop 2013), a bold red with a lighter red eye.

A unique aspect of our garden is that our daylilies are labeled with their names painted on river rock. The flower beds are enhanced by the nearby woodlands, which we think provide a perfect backdrop for garden photography.



H. ‘**Andrew Christian**’ (Harris-Benz 1990) remains one of our favorite daylilies. We acquired it 28 years ago by trading John Benz some of our daylily calendars, which we marketed for the year 1987. It is a prolific, strong grower here in Region 14. Its large, waxy yellow blooms are a standout when in clump strength. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



We try to grow many of our daylilies in clumps, as we feel they often make the best showing. In the foreground are *H.* ‘**Blazing Cannons**’ (Waldrop 2013) and ‘**Rachel Billingslea**’ (Billingslea 1990). Whenever possible, we incorporate companion plants, such as the basil and red lettuce featured above. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Carleton's Garden—Otis Acres

Linda and George Carleton
49 Okfuski Trail
Pike Road, AL 36064

Welcome to the Carleton's Garden, affectionately referred to as "Otis Acres" by family members and nicknamed after a beloved German Shepard called "Otis". It sits atop a hillside overlooking Lake Cameron in the town of Pike Road, with sweeping views visible for miles.

The garden was established in 2009 after Linda took the local Master Gardener classes. George made extensive changes to the landscaping around the house as a gift to Linda for becoming a Master Gardener. It was not until 2012 that both George and Linda became interested in registered daylilies when the Montgomery Area Daylily Society (MADS) president solicited their membership.

As MADS became more and more a part of their lives, "the daylily fever" became stronger and stronger. With this passion growing, so have the daylily gardens around the house. Each bed has special meaning as members of MADS have provided the Carletons with a prized birdhouse by Arthur Woods; many cultivars from Evelyn Miller, who "thought" she was downsizing her home and gardens; and special purchases of cultivars along the way.

Linda's favorite daylily is *Hemerocallis* 'Curious George' (Peat 2001) and George's favorite is *H.* 'Jolly White Giant' (Ciavarelli 1984), both of which bloom all summer. Friends tell them to plant all 12 acres in daylilies, but the Carletons feel due to the care that daylilies require that the current plantings are just about right.



H. 'Curious George' (Petit 2001) is one of Linda's favorite cultivars. Its extra large 9" burnt orange flowers with a gold edge above a green throat are borne on 30" scapes.

(Photo courtesy of the Carletons)



A curving driveway leads past one of many daylily beds at Otis Acres. In the distance is a working "barn" which houses garden equipment; to its right is the Sally Lake Memorial Bed.

(Photo courtesy of the Carletons)

The Frye Garden

Freda and William Frye
160 Williamson Way
Millbrook, AL 36054

We moved to our home in Millbrook, Alabama in August of 2006, taking over 200 of our favorite daylilies with us. There were no beds ready to plant them in, so we potted them up while we made new beds to plant them in November. Sadly, a lot of them did not make it, as it was a very hot and dry summer that year. But we have been adding new daylilies for eleven years now and have enjoyed collecting them all, as well as other flowers for our garden.

We have added yard art and many companion plants to our garden. You will find azaleas, camellias, hydrangeas, gardenias, Knockout roses, and William's hybrid tea rose garden. We also grow gerbera daisies, hostas, amaryllis, begonias, and pink vincas placed in large pots throughout the garden for color. We have a number of bird houses, including a special one created by Arthur Woods, along with other yard art throughout the garden. A collection of Mexican Talavera pottery is placed around our round stone bed in the middle of the yard. This pottery is also filled with colorful purslane.

One of my favorite daylilies is a beautiful red one, *Hemerocallis* ‘**Talladega**’ (Stamile 2008). It is very special in my heart, as it was the last daylily I bought from Linda Agin. I will always love it. We enjoy the large ones. I have a lot of Jack Carpenter daylilies. We also love Ted Petit large daylilies with the gold ruffled edges. *H.* ‘**Gary Colby**’ (Petit 2006) is one of William’s favorites.



The expansive backyard garden at the Fries contains literally hundreds of daylilies as well as birdbaths, rustic bird houses, and some unique garden art, complemented by numerous companion plants. (Photo by Freda Frye)

An attractive wooden fence borders much of the property. Nestled into one corner and set among Knockout roses is a birdhouse built by MADS’ member, Arthur Woods. Daylilies abound. (Photo by Freda Frye)

The Goodson Farm—Picnic Hill

Terese Goodson
7407 Woodley Road
Montgomery, AL 36116

Do you remember the Eagles’ song, “Seven Bridges Road” from 1980? Well, right off that road you’ll find 139 acres of land where turkeys were once raised for Bates Turkey, cattle grazed for over 40 years, and pigs, ducks, chickens, bees, and a host of other critters called it home. Now daylilies can be seen all around as you head down the driveway. This is Picnic Hill. We’ve hosted plenty of “picnics” outdoors as hay was cut and baled, pastures were mowed, fences were mended, cattle were tended, etc. Nowadays, picnics are hosted in the back yard amongst the daylilies and companion plants, and we have also discovered that daylilies, unlike the bulls, DON’T need strong fences.

Pull in along the hedgerows of hackberry trees and soon you’ll see fruit trees, trailing vines, hostas, salvia and daylilies sitting in beds. Larkspur and double red poppies might still be blooming, along with late daffodils and iris. Birdhouses peek out along the driveway, and if you are lucky, bluebirds will fly right past you. A “Queen Bed” features daylilies with the word “queen” included, a fond tribute to Terese Goodson’s six years as President/“Queen” of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society. Chaste trees, Rose of Sharon, as well as pecan trees dot the landscape where an old meat packing plant used to sit. Knockout roses, Japanese maples, and bald cypresses serve as living memorials to loved ones over the years. The bee yard is hidden in the corral with tractors and farm equipment, so don’t get too close! Sit down under the shade trees and have some snacks, and then wait for the cattle to discover that a bus is here—maybe they will come running to greet you.



Picnic Hill is a lovely country home set just off Woodley Road, several miles south of Montgomery. Terese is a Master Gardener and fills her garden with a wide variety of plants, accentuating daylilies in late May and June. (Photos by Terese Goodson)

American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 2018 Popularity Poll Ballot

The Popularity Poll ballot is available in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily* and on the AHS Region 14 website. Mail or email your choices by September 1, 2018, or use the web-based ballot. Please submit your ballot in any form 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. Thank you for your time.

Club Affiliation: _____, _____, _____

Alabama Jubilee
Alabama Wildfire
All American Chief
Amalia Harrison
Bali Watercolor
Banana Smoothie
Barbara Fuller
Barbara Mitchell
Barbara Watts
Beautiful Edgings
Bella Lugosi
Beyond Red
Big Kiss
Big Red Wagon
Blazing Cannons
Boundless Beauty
Clothed in Glory
Coach's Braided Angel
Coach's Hot Lips
Coffee to Go
Crazy Ivan
Debbie Daniels
Dorothy and Toto
Double Blue Blood
Double Screamer
Emma's Curls
Evelyn Gates
Fairhope Red Tailed Kite
Free Wheelin'
Get Jiggy
God Save the Queen
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be
Jessica Lynn Bell
J.T. Davis
Just for Breakfast
King Kahuna
Last Snowflake
Lava Flow
Lavender Blue Baby
Lillian's John Falck
Lillian's Legends and Lies
Lillian's Lying Eyes
Lillian's White Lies
Lillian's Woman's Touch
Lilly's Smile
Linda Beck

Little Red Dumplings
Look Here Mary
Loose Reins
Mary's Gold
Mayor of Munchkinland
Memphis
Moonlit Masquerade
Moses' Fire
Nancy Billingslea
Nancy's Quilt
Orange Velvet
Papa Goose
Persian Ruby
Phyllis Riddle
Pink Lemonade Party
Planet Max
Point Clear Jubilee
Primal Scream
Princess Diana
Red Volunteer
Rose F. Kennedy
Rose Masterpiece
Savannah Debutante
Sebastian the Crab
Scream and Shout
Seminole Wind
Shores of Time
Signature Truffle
South Sea Enchantment
Spacecoast Gold Bonanza
Spider Man
Strawberry Candy
Suburban Barbara Huff
Suburban Carey Roberts
Suburban Coach Burnham
Suburban Golden Eagle
Suburban Nancy Gayle
Suburban Wren
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Tangerine Horses
Thin Man
Trahyta
Tusawilla Snowdrift
Webster's Pink Wonder
Wild Horses
Wildman George

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Grand Bay, AL 36541
Email: debdahlsmith@centurylink.net



Hemerocallis 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004)
Winner of the Region 14 Popularity Poll:
2013, 2014, 2016, 2017
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Hattiesburg Receives Nation's First "Daylily City" Honor

by Bud Kirkpatrick

On Sunday, January 21, 2018 The City of Hattiesburg, Mississippi received a special designation from the American Hemerocallis Society (AHS), the national daylily organization. A "DAYLILY CITY" designation was made to Hattiesburg by the AHS. In a letter of notification to the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) announcing the designation, AHS president Nikki Schmith wrote: "It is with great honor that we present to you this certificate recognizing Hattiesburg as an official AHS 'Gold Level' DAYLILY CITY." The award was unanimously supported by the Board of Directors at the summer 2017 Annual Board Meeting."

AHS President Schmith was unable to be in Hattiesburg for the January 21 event. Standing in for Schmith was Debbie Smith, Regional Publicity Director for Region 14, AHS. Region 14 includes Mississippi and Alabama. Also honoring Hattiesburg was Terese Goodson, Regional President, AHS Region 14.



Marlo Dorsey (left), Executive Director of the Hattiesburg Visitors Center, receives from Debbie Smith, Regional Publicity Director for Region 14, a copy of the AHS 'Gold Level' plaque, designating Hattiesburg the nation's first Daylily City. (Photo by Paige Crane)



Regional President, Terese Goodson, presents a brief history of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society prior to the presentation of the official Daylily City plaque to the city of Hattiesburg, MS. (Photo by Lance Bowe)

Debbie Smith presented the award plaque to Hattiesburg's Mayor Toby Barker. This is the first such award in the nation made by AHS. The certificate designating the award noted: "Because of their efforts to create and maintain an awareness of the benefits of daylilies for landscape use in public locations and increasing the awareness of the beauty of daylilies through educational and promotional events within the city."

"The HADS Club is so excited about the Daylily City designation from AHS. We always knew Hattiesburg was THE daylily city, but now, it is official!" Vonda Martin, President of HADS, of Parkinson, MS said.

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society meets the third Sunday of each month, January through June, except November. The December meeting is a Christmas Party. Meetings are held at 2:00 p.m. in the Extension Service Conference Room at the Forrest County Multi-Purpose Center on Hwy. 49 South. Programs for meetings feature a noted daylily grower who explains their growing and hybridizing techniques and illustrates the presentation with slides of their daylily gardens and latest daylily introductions. In addition to the program, meetings include refreshments, a plant auction, and door prizes. Refreshments are served prior to the beginning of the meeting. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society engages in public planting projects throughout the area. Some of the plantings include the Flag Plaza at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, the Hattiesburg Zoo, and the Petal Civic Center.

Annual projects include the Daylily Show, one of the largest in the nation, held the first Saturday in June. Additionally, an open gardens program is held annually when members open their gardens to the public. This event is held on Memorial Day each year. At least 15 gardens or more of HADS growers are open throughout the Pine Belt, including Stone County and Picayune, MS.

Although, as pointed out, AHS President Schmith was unable to attend the designation event, she made this statement: "Recognition of Hattiesburg and the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society is long overdue. HADS members and the community should be applauded for having done a phenomenal job promoting the daylily to the general public for 25 years and they are a model to other clubs and communities."



Hattiesburg's Mayor, Toby Barker (left), accepts the AHS 'Gold Level' Daylily City plaque from Earl Watts and Region 14 RPD Debbie Smith during the January 21, 2018 presentation. It will hang in City Hall.

(Photo by Lance Bowe)

Additional information about the Society, the upcoming meetings and future events may be obtained by visiting the web site at www.hattiesburgdaylily.com



Mary Lois Burkett

Continues Gardening at 104

by Bud Kirkpatrick

Mary Lois Burkett, who turned 104 this year, has one of the largest daylily gardens in the Hattiesburg, Mississippi area. Her garden is filled with daylilies and companion plants, and she continues to tend her garden regularly.

She is a proud charter member of the Hattiesburg (Mississippi) Area Daylily Society (HADS), which celebrated its 25th Anniversary in 2017. She is joined in the elite charter member circle by: Burton Ray and Judy Broome, Sumrall, MS; Don and Dimple Campbell, Lumberton, MS; Marty DeBolt, Bush, LA; and Penny Stringer, Sumrall, MS. In addition to being a charter member of HADS, Miss Burkett is the oldest member in the AHS, joining in 1992 with the other HADS charter members.

Miss Burkett is a life-long resident of Hattiesburg. In her earlier years, she worked for Dr. Richard Clark, Sr. during his practice. When she moved to the Gulf Coast, she spent a number of years as a researcher with the Veterans Administration.

On her return to Hattiesburg, through her mother, she became interested in growing daylilies. In her later years, while she was growing daylilies, she became a world traveler, visiting ports-of-call, all around the world. Miss Burkett laments that her mother generally had yellow and orange daylilies. Mary Lois wishes her mother could have seen some of the beautiful colors available today.

Mary Lois loves to meet and be with daylily hybridizers. For a number of years, she had a special section of her garden dedicated to friend and Hattiesburg High classmate, hybridizer Jim Terry. This special section featured daylilies hybridized by Terry.

During the 2017 AHS Region 14 Spring meeting, presented in Hattiesburg by HADS, Mary Lois opened her garden for the Garden Judge II Workshop, led by renowned hybridizers Jeff & Elizabeth Salter, of Rollingwood Garden of Archer, FL. At the 2015 AHS Region 14 meeting, in Hattiesburg, she attended the awards banquet and was presented a daylily by noted hybridizer David Kirchhoff, of Daylily World in Lawrenceburg, KY, who was the keynote speaker.



Mary Lois Burkett (center) with friends Marty DeBolt and Penny Stringer

(Photo by Louise McClellan)

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Region 14 Display Gardens

There are 17 AHS Display Gardens in Alabama and Mississippi. Note that many Display Gardens are at private homes. Please call ahead to arrange a convenient time for visiting. The AHS Historic Daylily Gardens is indicated in purple.

Chappell Gardens, Jim & Kay Chappell, 900 Smoke Rise Trail, Warrior, AL 35180 jchappril0804@charter.net
(205) 647-0688

Diamond Valley Garden, Jim & Martha Brazelton, 464 Rock Hill Road, Guntersville, AL 35976 jmbrazelton@charter.net
(256) 582-2235

Dunn's Daylily Garden, DeLois Dunn, 2395 Skyball Road, Hayden, AL 35079
(205) 429-2392

FigLily Acres, Edd & Nancy Chain, 47 Nobles Road, Sumrall, MS 39482 nancychain@att.net
(601) 268-3611

Hayes Daylilies, Juanice Hayes, 1069 New Hope Rd., Columbus, MS 39702 jghayes37@yahoo.com
(662) 251-6665

Hem Haven, John & Nancy Falck, 20205 Laurence Road S., (PO 192) Fairhope, AL 36533 hemhaven@bellsouth.net
(251) 928-3340

Hem Haven (AHS Historic Daylily Garden), John & Nancy Falck, 20205 Laurence Road S., (PO 192) Fairhope, AL 36533
hemhaven@bellsouth.net (251) 928-3340 or (251) 223-6395 cell

Huntsville, Madison County Botanical Garden, 4747 Bob Wallace Ave., Huntsville, AL 35805
Liaison: Rosa Belle Van Valkenburgh, 212 Longwood Drive SE, Huntsville, AL 35801 Garden: (256) 830-4447
Rosa Belle: (256) 534-8583

Kahatchee Gardens, Glenda & Arthur Woods, 190 Kahatchee Loop, Childersburg, AL 35044 aandgwoods@gmail.com
(256) 267-9995

Lilies of the Field, Billy Joe Yance, 1433 Huskey Road, Dothan, AL 36303 billjyance@comcast.net
(334) 794-3496 or (334) 983-4287

Montgomery Gardens, Don & Connie Montgomery, 8 Melissa Hill Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401
conniemontgomery56@gmail.com
(601) 520-4398

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Gardens, 3601 Pearl Street, Hattiesburg, MS 39402 jontibb@yahoo.com
(601) 298-1149

Rolling Oaks Daylilies, Gerard & Kay Cline, 4 Oak Lane, Picayune, MS 39466 kaymcline@gmail.com
(601) 798-3324 or (601) 590-1349

Shantih Daylily Gardens, Paul and Judi F. Aucoin, 2553 Dunmore Drive, Bluff Park, AL 35226 pgaucoin@samford.edu
(205) 824-3592

Suburban Daylilies, Earl & Barbara Watts, 60 Serene Meadows Dr., Hattiesburg, MS 39402 bwatts54@gmail.com
(601) 268-3884

Tabby Tails Garden, Edna Alderman, 2202 Magnolia Cove, Birmingham, AL 35243, jkalderman@hotmail.com
(205) 970-0967

Village Daylilies, Randy & Madolyn Whitt, 34650 Hickory Dr, Elkmont, AL 35620
(256-732-4528)

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Travels with My Camera: The 2017 Tidewater National Convention

by Oliver Billingslea

Last year I was afforded the opportunity to travel to Norfolk, Virginia, to attend the 71st National Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society, hosted by the Tidewater Daylily Society. I know we often praise each of our National Conventions as one of the best yet, but this truly was a well-organized event with eight superb gardens on display. Held during the weekend of June 21-24, and despite a few showers in the offing, the convention could not have asked for much better weather. The gardens were well prepared, and the daylilies were in peak bloom. The hosts made us feel very special, though I would say it was the Convention Co-Chairs, Yvonne Leonard and Richard Sterrett, and the entire Tidewater Daylily Society who were special.

Although Region 14 had wanted to publish this largely photographic essay in our summer/fall printed issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, like most of our AHS Regions, we have had to use our funds wisely; hence, we've waited until this online only issue, where essentially there is no cost. We hope you will enjoy our offering.



Needless to say, the hotel accommodations were nice, so I thought I would start out by showing the view from my room: just a portion of the busy waterway that forms the Norfolk harbor. The three hotels in which convention goers stayed were located all within walking distance of the waterside and the Nauticus Museum, where the World War II Navy warship, the USS Wisconsin, is displayed. One of the most poignant spots I found located near the Museum was a small memorial park. The park consisted of letters scattered about, cast in bronze, with inscriptions written by soldiers who later died serving our country. The letters, some from Colonial days, some from the Civil War, the Great War, World War II, Korea or Vietnam, were to loved ones or friends, often written just days before the soldiers died. These bronze letters simply lay strewn about the park.

The first garden our bus visited was the Norfolk Botanical Garden, located just north of downtown Norfolk. Consisting of 175 acres, it has one of the largest collections of azaleas, roses, camellias, and crape myrtles on the East Coast, plus numerous perennials, among which were a lot of beautiful daylilies.

The Sarah Baker Perennial Garden comprises approximately one acre, at the center of which is a limestone fountain. It was amid the many perennials that clumps of daylilies were in full bloom.



The centerpiece of the Perennial Garden is the limestone fountain with terraced canals. Its moving water creating a soothing effect for visitors. Round about a circular brick walkway are plantings of numerous perennials. The clump of yellow gold daylilies with a red eye is *H. 'You Are My Sunshine'*, a registration by Region 3 hybridizer, Don Herr.



H. 'You Are My Sunshine' (Herr-D. 2000) is a 4" yellow gold tetraploid with a red eye and edge. It received my vote for the Florida Sunshine Cup, given to the best miniature or small flower seen in clump strength. Its setting amidst companion plants was lovely.

One of the nicest aspects of the perennial garden was that there were not only modern daylilies, but several classics, including one very famous species. The Norfolk Botanical Garden had one of the largest clumps of *H. citrina*

(Baroni 1897) I have ever seen. A lemon-scented nocturnal, it was already beginning to close up in the early morning light. As an historical note, in 1897 Professor E. Baroni of the Museum of Botany in Florence had received this species from a fellow botanist in Asia. It was Baroni who gave it its name suggesting citrus.



H. citrina (Baroni 1897)

It was also pleasing to see a nice clump of *Hemerocallis 'Hyperion'*, registered by Franklin B. Mead of Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1924. In 1931 it received an Award of Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society of England, but was overlooked for awards in America for many years. It was recently honored with an HM from the American Hemerocallis Society in 2007 as a daylily of historical excellence. In 2011, it received the prestigious AM.



H. 'Hyperion' (Mead-F.B. 1924)

The problem a photographer has in trying to capture the essence of a garden during a tour is the limited time allowed at each garden. Often the photographer doesn't get to see a lot of the daylilies, and is sometimes left wondering how he missed that special daylily others later rave about.

AHS Region 3 had chosen the Norfolk Botanical Garden in which to display their Dan Tau Region 3 Seedling Bed, so attendees could vote for the most outstanding seedling. The bed had been well maintained, but with so many beautiful cultivars from which to select it took time. I picked #41, although it wasn't the eventual winner. Besides, we had just heard the whistle for our bus's departure, so we had to scurry back across the canal which lay between the perennial garden and the lovely, formal rose garden.

Fortunately, despite a little misty rain now setting in, I had been able to get a few shots of some of the many clumps of daylilies, as well as some individual blooms, when I first arrived. So I was happy.



A portion of the Dan Tau Seedling Bed



#41 in the Dan Tau Seedling Bed

One of the prettiest clumps I had shot was that of *H.* 'Wineberry Candy' (Stamile 1990). Another was a clump of 'Goodnight Lucy' (Bunting 2009). I had taken the latter, because of the way its rich purple blooms were shown in contrast to the companion plants around it in varying shades of chartreuse to grayish green. (I wasn't familiar with this daylily, although I later learned that the garden of John and Lucy Bunting was one of several Region 3 gardens open to visitors before and after the Norfolk Convention; hence the name.) On the other hand, I knew 'Wineberry Candy' very well, since it had been one of two daylilies to tie for the President's Cup in Oklahoma City several years earlier.

One of the pleasing things about visiting a good botanical garden, is that you get to reacquaint yourself with old friends—daylilies that is. If you attend a National Convention, you also renew your human friendships as well.



H. 'Wineberry Candy' (Stamile 1990)



H. 'Goodnight Lucy' (Bunting 2009)

Two of the prettiest individual blooms I photographed were by Region 3 hybridizers: *H.* 'Dapper Flapper' (Burkey 2003) and 'Jellyfish Jealousy' (Reed 1995). Clayton Burkey's bright golden yellow cultivar is registered

as an unusual form spatulate. Margo Reed's 7" cream with a violet feathered eye is registered as an unusual form cascade. Its feathering appears to possess the lightest stippling effect.



H. 'Dapper Flapper' (Burkey 2003)



H. 'Jellyfish Jealousy' (Reed 1995)

In many ways, I think the Norfolk Botanical Garden indeed rivals some of the more prominent botanical gardens located throughout the United States.

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Back on the bus, we headed, part by bridge and part by tunnel across (or under) the Chesapeake Bay, to Virginia's Eastern Shore and the 14-acre farm of Rich and Rikki Sterret. Almost three acres are dedicated to their gardens. No matter which way one looked, as Linda Sue Barnes wrote in the fall issue of *The Daylily Journal*, "there was another bed with shrubs, companion plants, and tasteful garden art mixed with the daylilies."

I mention Linda Sue, because I've noticed often that she and I hurry ahead to get a good landscape shot. Mind you, we don't trample, and we try to be respectful of others who may be seeking the same. We then settle down to take clumps and individual blooms.

After we left Norfolk, it had rained here and there more heavily, but not enough to damage the flowers. Still, most of the ones I shot had raindrops.



The Sterrett garden featured colorful groupings, such as these delicate rose and lavender hydrangeas serving as a backdrop for the sultry rose coral tetraploid, H. 'Wall of Fire' (Emmerich 2008).



Tim Herrington was on our bus, so it was fun seeing the great joy he felt at finding his diploid double H. 'Strawberry Cream Cupcake' (2001) blooming in such a lovely clump in the Sterrett garden. He posed for several pictures alongside it, and it went on to capture the Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award.



While the Sterrett garden is filled with ornamentals, perennials, annuals, and various bulbs to give color throughout the seasons, the emphasis is on daylilies. There is an AHS Display Garden, featuring daylilies of all sizes and form.



H. 'Annandale Plantation' (Douglas-C. 2013), a coral red diploid with white midribs, and 'Forever Redeemed' (Carpenter-J. 2003), a red tetraploid with large gold throat, make a striking combination.



North Carolina hybridizer Judy Davisson had several unusual form cascades on display, including *H.* 'Reddy Freddy' (2009) and 'What's Up Down South' (2008). Calla lilies provide a contrast in texture.



The AHS youth attending the Tidewater Daylily Convention, along with Kathy D'Alessandro (AHS Youth Chair), posed for a group photo in the Sterrett garden. Front row (left to right): Benedict, Trevor, Paige, Kendra, Tucker, Jace, Nicole, and Amy. Back row (left to right): Michael, Anna, Lauren, Christopher, Nathan, Ryan, Jake, Jacob, and Andrew.



*Open form daylilies continue to increase in popularity, so much so that the AHS recently published a book about them, entitled *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other "Exotics."* Despite a bit of earlier rain, the diploid H. 'Ode to Oz' (Herrington-K. 2000) and the tetraploid 'Unshakable' (Gossard 2011) were still beautiful.*

The third garden we visited was that of Eileen and Joe Walsh, located in suburban Virginia Beach. The Walsh garden features not only daylilies, but an assortment of quirky art.

than I had imagined. I would say it was about 3.5" in bloom size, although no size is generally listed for daylilies on the AHS website prior to 1963.



H. 'Scatterbrain' (Joiner 1988), a light peach pink diploid double, was blooming in the midst of what appeared to be some sort of rustic insect surrounded by bunnies too numerous to count.



H. 'Coral Crab' (Douglas-G. 1954)

Among the other historical daylilies I found blooming in the Walsh garden were *H. 'Bama Music'* (Hardy 1965), *'Bandit Man'* (Stevens-D. 1979), and *'Siloam Tiny Mite'* (Henry 1981), along with the soon-to-be-historical peach rose blend double *'Fresh Start'* (Joiner 1991).



*Woof's doghouse had a roof of creeping jenny and was surrounded by several diploid spider daylilies, including *H. 'Green Inferno'* (Gossard 2006) and *'Grey Witch'* (Reed 1999).*

There was so much whimsical garden art that one couldn't easily decide on whether the daylilies or the art was the main attraction.

Among the daylilies I found most interesting were several classics of the mid to late Twentieth Century. One I had read about and had included in my *Landscaping with Daylilies* book, thanks to a photo by Sharon Cusick, was *H. 'Coral Crab'* (Douglas-G. 1954). This delightful coral pink daylily with a red eye and spider ratio of 5.00:1 was smaller



H. 'Fresh Start' (Joiner 1991)

Our fourth garden was located in the northern part of the City of Chesapeake. Owned by Ralph and Leslie Sweetland, it was a garden also filled with artifacts as well as daylilies. Several American flags as well as a plaque inscribed with the Pledge of Allegiance lent a patriotic atmosphere to the backyard. Numerous bird houses and bird feeders testified to the Sweetlands' love of nature.



The Sweetland garden's backyard was filled with daylilies, as well as other plants known to attract birds and insects. *H.* 'Empire Queen' (Carpenter-J. 2003), a 6" creamy gold tetraploid with light sculpting on its petals, made a nice clump.



H. 'Empire Queen' (Carpenter-J. 2003)

Perhaps the most impressive clump in the Sweetland garden was a planting of *H.* 'Tidewater Elf' (Holmes-S. 2012). The numerous blooms open on the day of our tour helped it to garner the 2017 President's Cup, awarded to the most impressive clump seen in a tour garden. But this 5" clear golden yellow tetraploid with lightly ruffled petals and a touch of tangerine on its sepals was beautiful in several gardens. I counted eighteen blooms open, but there may have been more.

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H. 'Tidewater Elf' (Holmes-S. 2012)

A special treat was the discovery of a single bloom of Pat Cochenour's *H.* 'Octomom' in the side yard leading to the back. The sun had come out, so I kept running back to catch it under a cloud. Finally I succeeded. More than one person kindly offered to stand in as a shadow, but I've found that for good photography, one needs natural light. Even a white umbrella tends to make the lighting a bit gray. 'Octomom' is typical of a newly emergent class of polymerous daylilies which bloom with more than the standard six segments. According to its registration data, this 6.5" lavender cream bicolor with a dark lavender eye blooms with eight segments 45% of the time. One will also notice the eight corresponding anthers.



H. 'Octomom' (Cochenour 2009)

The Sweetland garden was filled with lovely daylilies, and it was difficult to tear myself away. I saw an old historical daylily from Baker Wynne I'd never seen before, the brilliant red *H.* 'July Four' (1963). And there was a lovely bloom of Sandy Holmes' 'Wanda Evans' (2009), a 10" lavender pink unusual form cascade.



H. 'July Four' (Wynne)

several of the prominent hybridizers in our region actively hybridizing at present. Two cultivars, in particular, stood out. *H. 'Double Blue Blood'* (George-T. 2005), a 99% double tetraploid 5.5" blood red self, displayed a large number of blooms, and was one of the runners-up for the Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award. It is registered at 26" tall. On the other hand, *'Banana Smoothie'* (George-T. 2006), a 64" tall, unusual form crispate tetraploid, sported its 10" yellow blooms against the brilliant blue sky. So commanding was this giant, that it garnered the Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form Award. Needless to say, I spent a lot of time enjoying how well the daylilies from Region 14 were flourishing.



The visual centerpiece for the Region 14 display bed turned out to be Terah George's H. 'Banana Smoothie' (2006). Its imposing height at 64" certainly caught the attention of garden visitors.



H. 'Wanda Evans' (Holmes-S. 2009)

The fifth garden on our tour was Feistel's Folly, the garden of Greg and Dianna Feistel. This young couple had graciously offered to host regional beds for all of the fifteen Regions in AHS. A large portion of an entire lawn had been set aside to accommodate these beds. About 200 cultivars sent by Regions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, and 15 were superbly grown. Each Region approached the offer differently. Region 13, for example, sent their Stout Medal winners and daylilies that historically have done well in their region, while Region 2 sent newer cultivars from many of their hybridizers. Region 14 chose to send cultivars largely



H. 'Double Blue Blood' (George-T. 2005)

H. 'Double Blue Blood' is an immensely popular daylily in Region 14, having topped its Popularity Poll on more than one occasion.



In front of Greg and Dianna Feistel's home stretches an expansive green lawn. Large beds like the one pictured contained a mixture of daylilies amid an assortment of companion plants.



H. 'Nehi Grape' (Stadler 2015)



H. 'White Eyes Pink Dragon' (Gossard 2006)

Unfortunately, because it was near noon and the sunlight was relentless, I was unable to capture as many photos as I would have liked at Feistel's Folly. This was an extremely well-cared for garden, and one could have spent much more time enjoying the annuals, perennials, and woody ornamentals, as well as the unique displays of garden art. Somehow I missed seeing the clump of *H. 'Little Gold Nugget'* (Herrington-T. 2005), which won the Florida Sunshine Cup.

I did have the opportunity to snap photos of two nice clumps, one of Jim Stadler's 5.5" grape purple tetraploid double, *H. 'Nehi Grape'* (2015), and another of Jamie Gossard's 8.5" unusual form crispate tetraploid, **'White Eyes Pink Dragon'** (2006).

Shortly we set off for two gardens, which were located across a street from one another. Called "Two Friends Gardens," they are the gardens of Lissa Cash and Linda Patton. In Lissa's front yard, pink and red petunias, orange coneflowers, Russian sage, and a mound of *Rudbeckia max-*

ima added a palette of colors to a wide variety of daylilies. Two cultivars stood out in particular. *H.* ‘**Spacecoast Irish Illumination**’ (Kinnebrew-J. 2008) was a 6" bright ruffled lemon yellow tetraploid. ‘**Baughton Hornswaggler**’ (Holmes-S. 2008) was a 9.5" deep purple unusual form spatulate tetraploid. Although it was in deep shade, I shot it blooming next to a group of light blue-violet asters.

In Lissa’s wooded back yard, she had planted numerous shade plants along a small creek bed. Interspersed among these in spots of sunlight were more daylilies.



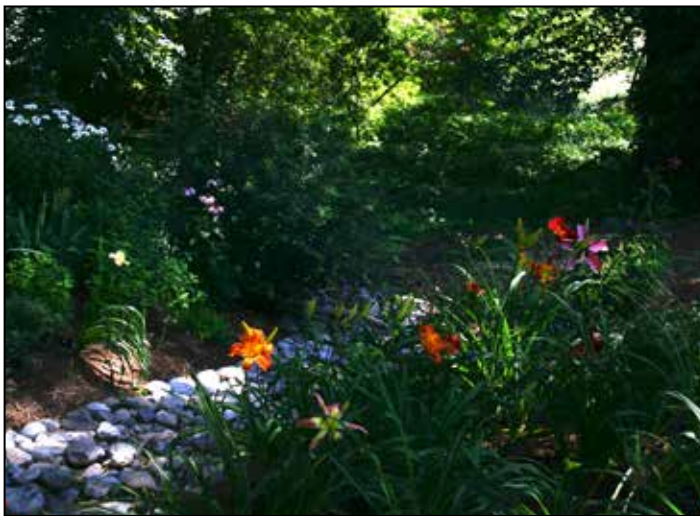
H. ‘**Baughton Hornswaggler**’ (Holmes-S. 2008)



Lissa Cash’s front yard



Linda Patton’s back yard



Lissa’s wooded backyard, a respite from the noonday heat.

The front of Linda Patton’s house is very formal, but as one walks down the drive toward the back, a riot of daylily color becomes a feast for the eyes. Roses and shrubs are mixed with clematis on trellises, along with colorful annuals and perennials, such as *Rudbeckia maxima*. As in Lissa’s back yard, most of Linda’s garden is shady and as one visitor put it, “a welcome reprieve from the sun.” Intriguing yard art is tastefully arranged among a collection of hosta and other variegated plants. One daylily I particular admired in this garden was *H.* ‘**Long Stocking**’ (Stamile 1997), a 9.5" red tetraploid with a spider ratio of 4.00:1.



A shady portion of Linda’s back yard



H. 'Spacecoast Irish Illumination' (Kinnebrew-J. 2008)



H. 'Long Stocking' (Stamile 1997)

Mid-afternoon and we were off to our final garden of the 2017 Tidewater National Convention, much anticipated, since my wife, Nancy, and I had visited it several years previously. This of course was the Pinkham garden, one of the stellar gardens of the East Coast. Linda and Bill are retired landscape architects, having owned a landscaping firm and garden center for 30 years. Because of their experience in designing garden throughout the Tidewater, they have been able to turn their own property, located on the estuary of the James River in Isle of Wight County, into a magnificent showcase of venues, “including Asian, formal, tropical, shade, pond, bog, flower border and rock garden, providing year round interest.” Their mixed perennial borders contain daylilies alongside companion plants in a marvel of texture and color. So beautiful is this garden, that I featured it in the *Landscaping with Daylilies* book.

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Our bus got stuck on the way in, so several of us got out and walked the remaining quarter mile. With the resulting delay in having a wrecker pull the bus free, we ended up having more time to spend in the garden than we would have otherwise.

Near the entrance to the Pinkham garden is a formal garden, the first of several garden rooms, featuring an exotic collection of shrubs, roses, grasses, and various other ornamental plants.



A circular brick walkway surrounds a columnar birdbath and continues on amidst shrubs in varying shades of purple and chartreuse.

Directly across the driveway is another garden room, featuring an impressive display of bonsai-like plants, stones, and grasses typical of an Asian venue.



An Asian-like area in the Pinkham garden

But nothing quite prepares you, as you turn the corner in front of the house, for another beautifully landscaped Asian venue, featuring numerous conifers and shrubs and a variegated evergreen Kousa dogwood (*Cornus angustata*), along with weeping trees, grasses, and creeping ground covers, amid which are set sculptured stones, one appearing to have a face carved into it.



The excellence of design in this Asian venue

As one turns and looks back across the grassy lawn which borders the Asian venue, one sees a beautiful planting of double daylilies set amid what appears to be an almost tropical setting.

Two of these doubles were *H.* **'Micro Dots'** (Trimmer-J. 2003), a 2.87" miniature cantaloupe diploid (blooms are much smaller than the close-up implies), and **'Moses' Fire'** (Joiner 1998), a 6" red tetraploid.



H. **'Micro Dots'** (Trimmer-J. 2003)



H. **'Moses' Fire'** (Joiner 1998)



H. 'Tidewater Elf' (Holmes-S. 2012), President's Cup winner

Near the front of the Pinkham home and across the lawn from the Asian venue was a clump of *H. 'Tidewater Elf'* (Holmes-S. 2012). Its setting was perhaps one of the most beautiful I have ever seen and clearly won my vote for the President's Cup.

Although I featured this photo on the back cover of the 2017 Spring/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, I wanted to include it here for others to see. I'm very proud I had the opportunity to take this photo, and for it I must express my thanks to the Pinkhams' impeccable artistry.



An almost tropical setting for double daylilies



A grassy lawn between venues

As one continues into the back yard, the landscaping opens up to panoramic views of the James River estuary. A plethora of plant materials, ranging from shrubs to various types of trees to flowering annuals and perennials lend an almost Mediterranean beauty to the mixed border beds. Asiatic lilies, alliums, cannas, phlox, coneflowers, lirioppe, black-eyed Susans, grasses, palmettos and yuccas grow alongside clumps of daylilies.



A sculpted crocodile with Crown of Thorns



A beautiful artifact



Coneflower



Daylilies



Double echinacea



H. 'Butter Cream' (Whatley 1998)



Youth members: Christopher Nyr and Nathan Sommers, grandsons of Stanley Murdock and Ned Roberts

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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:	Jim Riddle
Treasurer:	Jim Chappell
Recording Secretary:	Kay Chappell
Corresponding Secretary:	Phyllis Riddle

No report submitted.



Blount Iris and Daylily Society

Ellen R. Hallman, Reporter

4th Tuesday—10 A.M.
Each Month
Frank Green Building, Oneonta, AL

President:	Sandra Little
Vice President:	Delois Dunn
Secretary:	Ellen Hallman
Treasurer:	Hazel Jones
Daylily Reporter:	Sandra Little

No report submitted.



Central Alabama Daylily Society

No report submitted.

We are sad to report that CADS has voted to dissolve. For 2018, the club has contributed \$100 in support of the Sally Lake Memorial Award, which it has sponsored for many years.



Cullman Iris and Daylily Society

Susan Rodgers, Reporter

3rd Thursday
Cullman County Extension Center
402 Arnold St., N.E.
Cullman, AL

The Spring season is just around the corner and we will be saying goodbye to the cold winter months. Happy Spring!

This past December we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas party. Lots of good food and fun playing Dirty Santa. Our group can be quite cut-throat when it comes to getting the best garden gifts. It's a nice way to start thinking about those spring projects.

We have elected new officers this year and thank our past officers for all their hard work. (Editor's note: No officer names were listed, but I have found out that Teresa Goodwin is the new president.)

We are hoping for more membership growth in our club this year. We have had informative monthly meetings learning about judging and encouraging members to go visit other gardens. This is always a fun way to learn.

Let's have a great growing spring and summer!



The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

No report submitted.



Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Marie Updike, Reporter

2nd Sunday—2 P.M.
Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2130 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL
February, April; August (3rd Saturday at Noon); October; December (1st Saturday at Noon)—Christmas Party

Club Website: www.montgomeryareadaylilysociety.com
Facebook: Montgomery Area Daylily Society

President:	Linda Carleton
First Vice President:	Donna Curington
Second Vice President:	Rhonda Miles
Treasurer:	Glenda Woods
Recording Secretary:	Marie Updike
Corresponding Secretary:	Martha Barber
Parliamentarian:	Jack Harrison
Reporter:	Marie Updike

The gardens of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society members have thrived this past year due to increased rain followed by days of sunny weather. Four of these gardens will be on tour for the AHS 2018 Region 14 Spring Meeting to be hosted by MADS. Those gardens will be the scene of much preparation and tender loving care in order to welcome visitors. The Sally Lake Memorial Bed is installed in the Carleton Garden, featuring "guest" plants from Region 14 talented hybridizers for our annual competition. The club's planning sessions have fired up our committees about "Bringing Color to the River Region," the theme of the 2018 meeting. Additionally, there may be other MADS members who would welcome visitors to their open gardens during the meeting event. Many blooming plants will be a welcoming sight for all to see in the beautifully landscaped gardens.

Our club had several featured speakers during the late summer and fall. On Saturday, August 19, after a covered dish luncheon at noon, our First Vice President, Donna Curington, presented a program entitled "Daylily Gardens of Members." The club then distributed the Region 14 Popularity Poll forms and selected a nominating committee for 2018 officers. Our October 8 meeting had to be delayed because of hurricane winds, but was given two weeks later by Randy and Cindy Fleming, of Dragon's Mead Daylilies, Panama City, Florida. The club then hosted a daylily auction and held an election of 2018 officers. The December 2, 2017, meeting was our holiday party, a covered dish luncheon and installation of the new officers.

In January and February we had both an informal and a formal meeting to solidify our committee assignments as hosts for the upcoming Region 14 Spring Meeting, to be held May 25-26, 2018. Our plans are progressing nicely.



North Alabama Daylily Society

Madolyn Whitt, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Saturday or Sunday—2:00 P.M. (February, March, April, August, September, October)

Huntsville Botanical Garden, Anderson Nature Center Classroom

Check our Facebook page to confirm location and date:

Facebook.com/NADaylilySociety.

President:	Roger Hooper
Vice President:	Jim Beecher
Secretary:	Samantha Downs
Treasurer:	Fritz Owens
Publicity:	Cherry Hooper
Scheduling:	Randy Whitt
Corresponding Secretary:	Madolyn Whitt
Plant Sales Coordinators:	Randy Whitt, Jim Brazelton, Ross Hunter

We had our second best ever plant sale in June, thanks to extraordinary advertising efforts by Roger and Cherry Hooper, word of mouth by NADS members, and hard work by our members digging, dividing and labeling cultivars. That is a good thing, as that is how we fund our programs, and we have some outstanding speakers lined up.

In August we welcomed Jan Joiner and enjoyed hearing about the Joiner family story and seeing the amazing daylilies they have hybridized! September brought Paul Owens of “Slightly Different Nursery.” We enjoyed seeing his beautiful nursery spread over the hills of North Carolina and seeing and hearing about the ancillary plants he uses, as well as his beautiful daylilies.

We hosted the Region 14 Fall Meeting in October. The meeting went off without a hitch and we appreciate the hard work of all who helped to make it a success, including the attendees. Eric Simpson of Blue Ridge Daylilies, Alexander, NC, was our speaker. We enjoyed seeing his beautiful landscapes, hearing him tell of moving such an operation, and seeing his current introductions as well and “futures.”

Most recently we enjoyed a presentation by Cindy Dye of “Homeplace Gardens” in Gastonia, NC, who gave an interesting and different presentation. She and her husband have been in daylilies for 20 years and both have won the Region 15 Jeffcoat Hybridizer’s Award. Needless to say, we saw many beautiful flowers as well as being warned of the symptoms and dangers of “O.D.D. Disorder!”



Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

No report submitted.

The West Alabama Daylily Society

Sarah Lunsford, Reporter

2nd Saturday—11:00 A.M.

Fleishman Law Firm

2317 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

President:	Jason T. Fleishman
Secretary:	Juanice Hayes
Treasurer:	Sarah Lunsford

The WADS group meets four times a year. We plan to have speakers or programs for the March and October meetings. These two meetings will be at the Law Office of Jason Fleishman. The address for this building is 2317 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa. The meetings will start at 11:00 and a light lunch will be served. Our June meeting will be a garden tour

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somewhere in the area, and December will be a Christmas Party.

If you want more details of WADS, please contact Mary Williams at 205-562-3075.



The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Pat Wentte, Reporter

2nd Saturday—12:00 Noon

December, January, February, March

2nd Monday—6 P.M.

September, October, November

Grace Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

President:	Rita Moore
Vice President:	B. J. Yance
Secretary:	Bill Wentte
Treasurer:	Sue Ballard
Parliamentarian and Reporter:	Pat Wentte

The second half of our 2017-2018 meetings began with a presentation by Doris and David Bishop from Shady Rest Gardens, Cartersville, GA. Their garden was on the national tour when it was held in Atlanta a few years ago. It was amazing to see how Doris designed the beds to effectively use a difficult site. If you are on the Daylily Robin, you may enjoy David’s postings. I truly enjoy listening to him. He can make you start your day with a chuckle! The presentation was followed by a lively auction.

Our speaker for February was Tim Bell from Bell’s Daylily Gardens. If you have heard Tim in the past, you know what a treat it was to hear Tim tell about companion plants in the daylily garden. Not only is he a nationally known hybridizer, he is a very godly person. Tim shared some 40 daylilies that we auctioned.

March and April will be devoted to our 9th Annual Daylily Show to be held on Saturday May 19, 2018. There are numerous scheduling difficulties given that our membership includes folks from Region 14 (Mississippi and Alabama), Region 5 (Georgia), and Region 12 (Florida). We are so excited to be having our show at Dothan Area Botanical Gardens. This is a new site for us, but one we hope will be the site of the show for years to come.

Hope you will consider showing with us. Just have your entries there by 8:00 A.M. for a fun filled day.



Rita Moore’s Garden with Easter lilies and other early spring flowers
(Photo by Terese Goodson)

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Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Bud Kirkpatrick, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:00 P.M.

Multipurpose Center, Extension Service Conference Room
952 Sullivan Drive, Highway 49 South, Hattiesburg, MS

September, October, January through May

President:	Vonda Martin
Vice President:	Chuck Holcomb
Secretary:	Janet Green
Treasurer:	Don Montgomery
Publicity Directors:	Bud & Virginia Kirkpatrick

The 2017-2018 year is another time of celebration for the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society. We were so excited to receive the news that the AHS Board had named Hattiesburg, MS, the first DAYLILY CITY! Of course, as soon as we received the news, our exceptional Publicity Director, Bud Kirkpatrick, got to work planning a special meeting. The January 21, 2018 meeting was chosen as the time for the DAYLILY CITY to be presented. Nikki Schmith, AHS President, was invited to make the presentation to the Mayor of Hattiesburg. HADS members gathered; special guests and friends attended; the press appeared; but alas, Nikki was stuck in traffic and missed her flight! In spite of this unfortunate hiccup, the celebration was festive. The Honorable Toby Barker, Mayor of Hattiesburg, was presented the DAYLILY CITY certificate by our own Debbie Smith, AHS Region 14 RVP. This certificate will hang in the Hattiesburg City Hall. Framed copies of the certificate were presented to Tick Taylor, Director of the Lake Terrace Convention Center, and Marlo Dorsey, Executive Director of the Hattiesburg Visitors Center. HADS was honored by the words of praise from Region 14 President, Terese Goodson. We also enjoyed having John & Nancy Falck and Jim and Phyllis Riddle in attendance at our celebration. Rest assured that HADS will not “rest on our laurels.” We have been and will continue to diligently promote our favorite flower, the daylily.

Our September meeting was very educational for HADS as three of our own members/hybridizers told us how they grow their flowers and hybridize new cultivars. October brought Nicole DeVito from Eustis, FL. Nicole enthralled the membership with pictures of her introductions and her garden. The auction of plants Nicole hybridized was lively and many HADS members acquired some beautiful new cultivars for their gardens.

Our Christmas luncheon was well attended, and enjoyed by all. Past President, Gary Campbell, was presented an AHS lifetime membership. Publicity Director, Bud Kirkpatrick, was presented a 3 year membership in AHS.

HADS members have been busy cleaning and fertilizing our public daylily beds located at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg Zoo, and the Petal Civic Center/Library. Work needed to be done, and it was great to see that cultivars had survived the two heavy snows that we had in December and January. Now that warmer weather has arrived, the beds are really looking good.

HADS members are now looking forward to the Spring Regional meeting in Montgomery, May 25-26, our annual Open Gardens, Memorial Day, May 28, and the 23rd annual HADS Daylily Show, June 2. We encourage everyone to put these dates on your calendars and join HADS in celebrating the beauty of DAYLILIES!

(Submitted by Nancy Chain, due to illness of Bud Kirkpatrick. Please lift Bud & Virginia up in your prayers.)



Working at the Hattiesburg Zoo

(Left to right) Kenny Hatten, Bill Martin, Vonda Martin, Chuck Holcomb, Earl Watts, and Gary Campbell
(Photo courtesy of HADS)



Marion County Daylily Society

No report submitted.

4th Sunday—2 P.M.

Marion County Library 900 Broad Street, Columbia, Ms 39429.

President:	Roger Carr
Vice President:	John Dawsey
Secretary:	Jo Ellen Carr
Treasurer:	Glen Dawsey



Meridian Daylily Club

Reporter, Beverly Odom

3rd Saturday—11:00 A.M.

January, March, July, September, and November

May Garden Tours

Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse, Meridian, MS

President:	Lois Smith
Vice President:	Mark Flynn
Treasurer:	Jeanie Kilpatrick
Secretary:	Toni Thompson
Reporter:	Beverly Odom

In July our vice president hosted our first annual club barbecue. Club members enjoyed a wonderful pot luck meal, fellowship, and wrapped up with a short business meeting.

In September, we enjoyed a presentation from Jeff and Elizabeth Salter of Rollingwood Garden in Gainesville, FL. They showed us their 2017 and future introductions, with Jeff focusing on large flowers and Elizabeth on small flowers. They aim for very clean colors and stable patterns in their program. They bought some wonderful daylilies for auction. We enjoyed having a few visitors from the Hattiesburg Club as well as a visit from our Region 14 President, Terese Goodson.

We wrapped up the year in December, with our club president hosting our annual club Christmas Party at her home. Everyone bought potluck dishes and finger foods and had a great time.

We started out 2018 with a visit from Jan Joiner of Joiner Daylily Gardens in Pembroke, GA. She gave us an informative presentation on how she got into daylilies, personal tidbits about the family, and a sneak peak into daily life in the garden. She showed us their seedlings and new introductions and brought a list of new daylilies to be auctioned and shipped in the spring.



*Group photo at the Meridian Daylily Club's barbecue in July
(Photo courtesy of the Meridian Daylily Club)*



*Club President Lois Smith with Region 14 President Terese Goodson
at September Meeting
(Photo courtesy of the Meridian Daylily Club)*



*Group photo at club Christmas party
(Photo courtesy of the Meridian Daylily Club)*



MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

2nd Saturday—1:30 P.M.
Vanceleave Public Library, Hwy. 57, Vanceleave, MS

January, February, March, April, September, and October; Christmas Party in December; Spring Picnic and Club Show in May
Club website: mgcds.web.com

Our officers for the previous time frame were as follows:
Steve Hammons, President; Bonnie Lingel, Vice President; Secretary, Lisa Hammons; Treasurer, Judy Harris.

The newly elected officers for MGCDs are as follows:

President:	Bonnie Lingel
Vice President:	Bob Goolsby
Secretary:	Barbara Register
Treasurer:	Judy Harris

In September of 2017, we had Joe Goudeau and Better Half as our guests. His always entertaining wit about flood water and weeds had us all in stitches followed by a lively auction. He brought a daylily for everyone which went over great! Following my attendance at the Fall Regional in Huntsville in October we hosted Nicole Harry DeVito and another auction with more new plants.

The Christmas luncheon in December was well attended, we played Daylily Bingo and Bonnie read a gardener's rendition of "The Night Before Christmas." We had planned to draw for 2 AHS memberships for non-AHS members, but everyone attending was already a member. We might need to reconsider our wording on that.

The new year brought crazy cold weather and even SNOW, twice! Dr. Wayne McLaurin took us back to some Daylily 101 basics that we all need to be reminded of occasionally. In February, the Franklins, Mark and Patty, from MP Gardens outside of Atlanta showed us what they have been working on. It's so sad that we cannot successfully grow Bearded Iris here.

We have several members with health issues or who still have parents with health problems, and our prayers go out to them, so unfortunately we have canceled our Daylily Show for this year but hope to revisit the idea next year.

In March, James Hall from Florida will excite us with his knowledge and introductions, and in April, at the Spring Picnic, John and Nancy Falck will answer all our gardening questions.

Again, this year, to encourage our members to attend the Spring Region meeting in Montgomery, Alabama, on May 25 & 26, 2018, the club is sponsoring half of the registration price.

We have two new members: Bob & Sharon Gist



At the February meeting, MGCDs President Bonnie Lingel greeted guests, Mark and Patty Franklin of MP Gardens, located just outside of Atlanta. (Photo courtesy of MGCDs)

Addendum: Our 13th annual Daylily Show was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017. Steve Hammons was the Show Chair. 155 scapes were entered. Best in Show was H. ‘Wysiwyg’, exhibited by Debbie D. Smith. Sweepstakes winner was Steve Hammons. Complete results were published in the Summer/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.



North MS/AL Daylily Society

Martha Stancil, Reporter

2nd Tuesday—5:30 P.M.

Meeting Place (Amory and/or Columbus)

March, April, September, December

President: Linda Beck
 Secretary: Martha Stancil
 Treasurer: Juanice Hayes
 Auditor/Parliamentarian: Troy Beck

Our club was recently contacted regarding daylilies hybridized by our past member Ms. Bennie McRae. Ms. McRae hybridized about 100 daylilies during her lifetime. We asked our members to share any photos, but unfortunately we could not locate any. Ms. McRae’s Hilltop Gardens in Hamilton, Alabama, exemplified her love of gardening.

Ms. Juanice Hayes attended the National Convention in Norfolk, VA with Ms. Sara Lunsford. Her report included notes about the

rain (downpours and sprinkles). They enjoyed tours of Colonial Williamsburg and lunch at a tavern that dated back to 1700. The first garden they visited, in the rain, was in Craddockville, VA. Juanice’s favorite daylily was *Hemerocallis* ‘Texas Big Red’. At the next stop was a small town garden where they saw H. ‘Grey Witch’, a spidery gray/purple daylily. They were able to purchase both plants before they left. The Norfolk Botanical Gardens is bordered on three sides by water and is well-maintained. Lunch was served at a local church. On showcase at Feistel’s Folly were plants by regional hybridizers. Terah George’s ‘Double Blue Blood’ and ‘Banana Smoothie’ were looking great. They also visited Two Friends Garden, operated by two ladies that lived across the street from each other. ‘Master of Disguise’ and ‘Date with Destiny’ caught Juanice’s eye. The last garden, the Pinkham Garden, contained different garden areas with thousand of plants including daylilies. The owners had retired from landscaping to raise plants.

In May, the Rose Society will be hosting a rose show in Tupelo. We are planning a display of roses with daylilies. We are looking forward to having blooms, with ideal weather.

As with each Spring, we anticipate adding new plants, sharing and swapping plants seeds, attending plant sales of daylily growers, garden clubs, and Master Gardeners.



Contributions Made to AHS

Kathleen Schloeder, Endowment Chair for the American Hemerocallis Society, reports the following contributions made to AHS by Region 14 individuals and clubs:

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

Earl and Barbara Watts
 60 Serene Meadows Dr.
 Hattiesburg, MS 39402

* A contribution at the Silver level in memory of Clara “C.P.” Winters has been made to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by:

Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society
 c/o Judy Harris, Treasurer
 207 North Street
 Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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Editor's Column:

We are pleased to present our twenty-fifth issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, and as always, I want to thank my wife, Nancy Billingslea, who has done a commendable job of proofreading.

This is an online only issue, so published out of necessity in order to manage our Region 14 funds wisely. Although we think there is nothing comparable to having a hard copy to enjoy, we hope you will take time to read through this issue.

Since it costs our Region nothing to add an article to this online issue, I have written a largely photographic essay, "Travels with My Camera: The 2017 Tidewater National Convention."

In our Summer/Fall printed issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, I was pleased to feature a photograph of Terah George's *Hemerocallis* 'Banana Smoothie' (2006) on the cover, as it won the Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form Award at the

National Convention for the most outstanding registered spider or unusual form clump in a convention tour garden. Terah received a certificate and a perpetual trophy, which is an engraved Nambe tray donated by the family of the late Ned Roberts. When you see Terah, please be sure to congratulate her for this achievement. Her *H.* 'Double Blue Blood' was also outstanding in the Feistel's Folly garden, which hosted the AHS Regions beds. It was a runner-up for the Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award.

On the back cover of that issue, I included a photograph I took of the 2017 President's Cup winner at the National Convention, *H.* 'Tidewater Elf' (Holmes-S. 2012). I have included it again in this issue for those out-of-Region AHS members who might want to take a look. I hope you will enjoy the garden write-ups and the photography I have added to this issue.

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