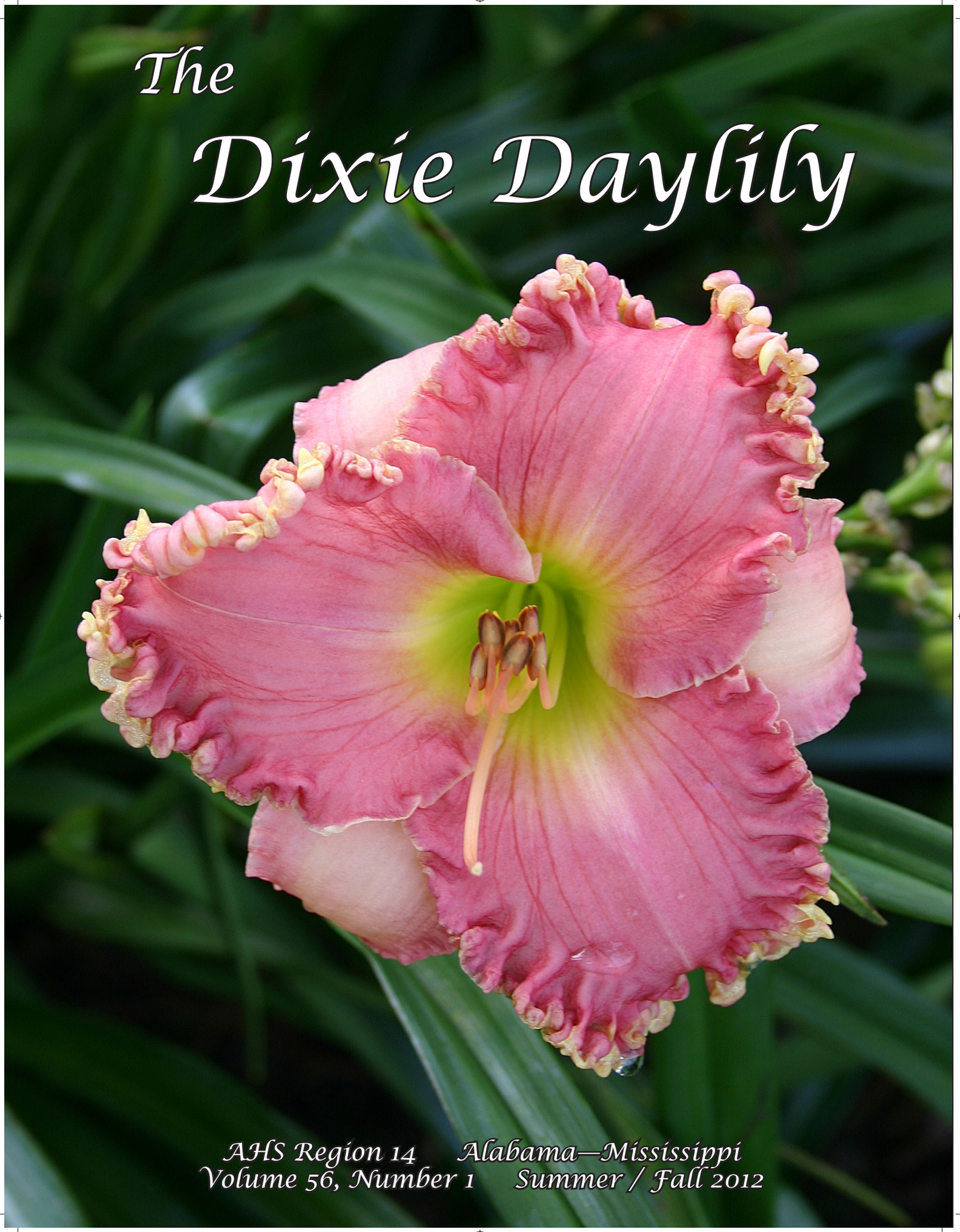
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Club News and Events

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Regional President's Report
Jim Riddle

This must have been the most unusual year in my memory. We had a warm winter, summer time temperatures for spring, and drought conditions much of the time. However the daylilies displayed in the shows in Mobile, Pensacola and Hattiesburg were some of the most perfect that I have seen. I had the opportunity to judge these shows. The number of blooms was less than usual but the quality was top notch.

I want to thank the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society for hosting the Spring 2012 meeting. The gardens of Ed and Nancy Chain, Truman and Patsy Roberts, Earl and Barbara Watts, and The OLLI Garden tended by John and Jeanette Tibbetts were beautiful with an abundance of beautiful blooms. The Thursday night barbecue was well attended with music and comedy entertainment. There were clinics for Exhibition Judges I, II and III, and Garden Judges I and II on Friday. There were seminars for Photography and Publicity offered Friday Afternoon. Oliver Billingslea had a book signing for the new book *Landscaping with Daylilies*.

Friday night buffet was followed by our business meeting. A nominating committee was elected to find a Nominee for the Region 14 Director for the years 2014-2016. Thank you for your confidence in reelecting me for another two year term. This Region is not about me as president; it is about our Region. In order for us to continue having Regional meetings, our clubs must step forward to host meetings. Our goal is not to outdo each other but to have a good Regional Meeting.

Elizabeth Salter gave a program, speaking of her journey in hybridizing daylilies. I want to thank Elizabeth for the beautiful quilt that she made especially for our raffle.

The auction followed. I want to thank every person who donated plants for the live auction, the silent auction and the table sale. The Region 14 *Dixie Daylily* is the major recipient of these funds.

We are very fortunate to have Oliver Billingslea return as our editor. The book that he has compiled for AHS, *Landscaping with Daylilies*, is complete and is indescribably beautiful. I recommend it highly. Oliver told us at the meeting that he would like to publish four smaller editions of *The Dixie Daylily* per year with news, articles and information about Region 14. He requested that each club send articles and news to him as soon as possible for the next edition.

On Saturday night at the Awards Banquet, Julie Covington, AHS President, spoke to us about our growth in membership and gave the Region praise for the whole meeting. She spoke often about the quality and quantity of blooms in our region. She said that she heard about, but had never seen gardens like ours. Jeff Salter entertained us with his Breeding Dogs program. It was very educational and downright funny.

The Region 14 Fall meeting will be held in Hattiesburg on the second Saturday in October. That is October 13, 2012. Please begin thinking about which plants you will donate for the auctions and send that information to Tee Money RPD at ricandtee@centurylink.net as soon as possible.

The Mobile Hemerocallis Society agreed to host the Spring 2013 Meeting in Fairhope, Alabama, on May 24-25, 2013. The Sally Lake Bed is at the garden of John and Nancy Falck. The bed is ready for your seedlings NOW. Their garden is Hem Haven.

Our thanks go to The Montgomery Area Daylily Society who will be hosting the Region 14 Fall 2013 meeting.

Nancy and John Falck have put together an excellent program on hosting a Regional meeting. They are willing to come to your club and present their program and help explain the guidelines for a meeting. They can be contacted at hemhaven@bellsouth.net.

We look forward to hearing from a club that will host the Spring 2014 Regional Meeting. If you have any questions about hosting a meeting, I hopefully will be able to answer any of your questions and or concerns.

Jim Riddle

Spring Meetings	
2013 Mobile	2015 TBA
2014 TBA	2016 TBA

Director's Report
Nancy Falck

Spring bloom season, and now summer have come in such a rush this year that it is hard to believe that all of the region's daylily shows as well as the Spring Regional Meeting are over. It seemed like a really mixed up season as we had bloom here by mid March with peak nearly 4 weeks early. Still, the blooms have been a joy to watch as each new variety began its show.

I want to congratulate Oliver Billingslea on the publication of the truly magnificent book, *Landscaping with Daylilies*. The pictures and their color reproduction makes each garden scene come alive. The information about daylily history, cultivation, horticulture, display, and regional gardens is comprehensive. When we got our copy, my first joy was simply looking at the pictures and reading the captions. Since I had done some of the proofreading, I thought I had read most of the book. When I sat down to read again, I realized that the information is so comprehensive that it will take more readings over time to digest so much interesting information about our favorite flower.

The region's season began with the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Club's show at the Edgewater Mall in Biloxi. They had a beautiful show with Penny Stringer winning Best-in-Show with an older cultivar, *Hemerocallis* **'Sweetheart Supreme'** (Sutton 1954). The Mobile Hemerocallis Show was next with the overall winner Fred Manning's scape of **'Raspberry Twizzler'** (George-T. 2001). The third and final show of this year was held by the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society. That winner was **'Just for Breakfast'** (Threewitts 1994), exhibited by Earl Watts. Each show displayed excellent exhibits of both old and new cultivars. Shows are really fun as well being good ways of raising funds and recruiting new members.

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Once again, the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society hosted a magnificent regional meeting. We were also happy to welcome AHS President, Julie Covington, to our meeting. Everyone enjoyed the menus first enjoyed at the club's last regional. I've heard many comments that this was the best "convention food" ever. The clinics were well attended, the meetings ran smoothly and were interesting. Also, the tours took us to four wonderfully different gardens. Each displayed daylilies to perfection but with different personalities showing in the landscaping. Finally, everyone enjoyed Jeff and Elizabeth Salter's programs. Jeff's "Breeding for Dogs," kept everyone's attention. Our region is lucky to call the Salter's friends.

Although it is somewhat late this year, I would like to encourage anyone really interested in learning more about daylilies to take the Exhibition and the Garden Judges' clinics. Remember, that clubs can hold clinics as programs at their meetings. Members can take them for credit or audit. Exhibition and Garden Judges' Clinics I can be held anytime of the year as these are done through power point presentations. You just need qualified instructors to present the information and to administer the test for those wishing to become judges. The exhibition judging process is fun both in the process and in the people judging with you. Garden judging gives the opportunity to vote on most of the major daylily awards, including the Stout Medal. Materials are available on the AHS portal to be downloaded if you would like to look over the information.

Since the AHS National Convention is in July in Columbus, we have not had the 2012 summer board meeting. Any new information from this meeting will be reported in the fall issue.

Nancy Falck

Once again, a big thank you to each of you who donated and bid on our auction plants this year. We raised $5,500.00. Without your donations there would be no auction. Without any bids, there would be no monies raised! Fred Manning, John Falck, and Jesse George do a phenomenal job of putting the live auction plants in the order needed to coincide with my power point. It's a thankless job that makes the auction run smoothly. Thank you guys! A big thanks goes to Jim Chappell for always helping me set up my PowerPoint and doing a great job as our auctioneer. He certainly adds a bit of excitement to the auction. As is evident, we need everyone to be involved in some way to make our auctions a success! I am now taking plant donations for the fall meeting. PLEASE consider donating a daylily or two to one of the auctions or plant sale table. I know each of you have at least one plant that you could donate to our region. Don't take for granted that someone else will donate. We need plant sale table plants (there were very very few at the spring meeting). There was only $223.00 raised on the plant sale table. We also need silent auction and live auction plants. After you enjoy reading your *Dixie Daylily*, get out there and make a list of what you might donate and get that list to me.

I am looking forward to the AHS Convention in Ohio. I hope to see some of you there. I'm sure Columbus has prepared an amazing time for us.

See you in Hattiesburg, October 13th, for the Fall Regional Meeting.

Tee Money

Regional Publicity Director
Tee Money

Wow! If you weren't in Hattiesburg a couple weeks ago, you really missed a wonderful time. The gardens were exquisite. Spending time with old friends and meeting new ones is always a highlight of our trip. Jeff's and Liz's programs were tops. What a twist Jeff put on his program comparing his daylilies to dogs. You had to be there. It was fantastic! Listening to Liz tell us about her program from her early days forward was one of the best hybridizer's stories I've ever heard. She is definitely one of a kind. The "convention food" was even good. Hats off to Hattiesburg!

This is your reminder: Don't forget to vote your Pop Poll ballot this year! Your ballot is inside this *Dixie Daylily*. It must be postmarked by September 1, 2012 or emailed to me by that date. Remember, you can only vote for 10 daylilies. Five of which can be write in votes. Last year, I had several people try to vote for 10 on the ballot and then add five more write in votes. Those votes could not be counted. So please pick your 10 favorites and no more. You do not have to vote for 10. It can be less and as few as one vote. Remember, everyone that votes has a chance of winning a 2012 introduction from Fred and Kathleen Manning. Why would you not vote? Club Presidents, please encourage your club members to vote and remind them that they can only vote if they are members of AHS. Another good reason to join the American Hemerocallis Society. The club with the highest voter participation will also win a 2012 introduction.

The 2012 Region 14 Popularity Poll
Send Your List of 10 Favorites
By September 1, 2012
To
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Popularity Poll Tabulator
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In the OLLI Garden, Kathleen Manning discusses "the fine art of hybridizing" with Bill and Vonda Martin. *(Photo by Kay Chappell)*

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Minutes, Fall Meeting 2011
Nancy Chain, Secretary

The AHS Region 14 Fall 2011 Business Meeting was held in the conference room of the Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Saturday, September 24.

After a welcome from Morris Parr, President of the Central Alabama Daylily Society; recognition of Becky Parr, Meeting Chairman, and Edna Alderman, Registrar; and the invocation by Phyllis Riddle, the meeting was called to order at 9:50 A.M. by Regional President, Jim Riddle.

After the introduction of special guest speaker, Paul Owen, Secretary Nancy Chain read the minutes of the Region 14 Spring meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Region 14 Treasurer, Pete Connolly, reported that the total funds for Region 14 are $30,227.71. There were no questions concerning the report. The report will be filed.

President Riddle called on Nancy Falck, Region 14 AHS Director, for a report. After a brief report, Nancy relinquished her time to Oliver Billingslea to preview the AHS publication, *Landscaping with Daylilies*.

President Riddle called for nominations for a Nominating Committee to select the next regional president for 2013-2014. The membership selected Jim Chappell, Chairman; Dave Flanigan; and Fred Manning. This committee will present a nomination for a vote at the 2012 Spring meeting in Hattiesburg.

John Falck, Chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee, reported that the committee is working to formulate guidelines to support any clubs willing to host a regional meeting.

There was no other unfinished business and no new business.

President Riddle called on Janet Green, President of The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, and Earl Watts, Chairman of the 2012 Spring Regional Meeting. Both encouraged attendance at the 2012 meeting which will be held in Hattiesburg, May 24-26, 2012.

John Falck made the motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Chain

Minutes, Spring Meeting 2012
Nancy Chain, Secretary

The AHS Region 14 Spring 2012 Business Meeting was held at Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg, MS, Friday, May 25.

Attendees at the Regional Meeting were welcomed by Earl Watts, member of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society and Chairman of the Regional Meeting steering committee. Phyllis Riddle gave the invocation.

Regional President, Jim Riddle, introduced Region 14 officers and welcomed guests, including AHS President, Julie Covington. He thanked the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, Janet Green, President; Earl Watts, Steering Committee Chairman; Alice Essary, Registrar; and all members assisting with the meeting.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. President Riddle called for a moment of silence in remembrance of members of Region 14 who passed away during the year.

Regional Secretary, Nancy Chain, read the minutes of the Region 14 Fall Meeting. There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved as read.

Regional Treasurer, Pete Connolly, reported that on December 31, 2011, total funds for Region 14 were $30,389.18. Due to expenses incurred, total funds for Region 14 as of May 25, 2012 are $27,558.58. There were no questions concerning the report. The report will be filed.

Brief reports were given by AHS Region 14 Director, Nancy Falck. The W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund is working to have CD's maturing every 6 months. She congratulated Oliver Billingslea on the publication of the book, *Landscaping with Daylilies*.

Region 14 RPD, Tee Money reported that Region 14 was # 1 for Popularity Poll votes, and encouraged even more AHS members to vote next year.

The returning editor for *The Dixie Daylily*, Oliver Billingslea, reminded everyone that all reports to be included in the Summer issue would be due June 15. He also reported that in 2013 plans are for four issues per year of *The Dixie Daylily*, probably smaller than in the past.

Exhibition Judges Liaisons, Henry & Lisa Little reported that there were 10 participants in Exibition Judges I, 1 in Exhibition II, and 4 in the refresher session.

Garden Judges Liaisons, Earl & Barbara Watts, reported 3 participants in Garden Judges I and 10 in Garden Judges II.

Youth Photography Liaison, Tee Money, reported that the youth photography contest will be incorporated with activities planned by the Youth Liaisons, Morris & Becky Parr.

President Riddle called on Jim Chappell, Chairman of the Nominating Committee for their recommendation for AHS Region 14 President for 2013-2014. The Committee recommended Jim Riddle for a second term. There were no nominations from the floor. John Falck made a motion to close the nominations. Earl Watts seconded the motion. The vote was a resounding "AYE."

President Riddle called for nominations for a Nominating Committee to recommend a member to fill the AHS Region 14 Director position for the years 2014-2016. Nancy Chain, Martha Brazelton, and Jack Harrison were nominated. Earl Watts moved to closed the nominations. John Falck seconded the motion. Nancy Chain will serve as chairman of the committee. The committee will report at the 2013 Spring Meeting.

The Long Range Planning Committee Chairman, John Falck, reported that the committee met in Birmingham during the Fall 2011 meeting and discussed guidelines for future Regional Meetings. The Mobile Daylily Society will host the 2013 Spring Meeting and will put the recommended guidelines into action.

There was no other unfinished business.

There was no new business.

Pat Connolly moved to adjourn the meeting. Henry Little seconded the motion, and the Region 14 Spring Business Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Chain

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Treasurer's Report 9/23/11
Pete Connolly, Treasurer

September 23, 2011—December 31, 2011

Cash on Hand @ 9/23/2011	$15,277.71	
		$15,277.71
CD Investment—matures 11/20/2012	$15,000.00	
TOTAL FUNDS	$30,277.71	
RECEIPTS		
Advertising	$145.00	
Fall Regional Plant Auction	$3,275.00	
Fall Regional Plant Sale	1,013.00	
Wiregrass Daylily Society—5% Plant Sales	136.45	
AHS—Reimbursement Membership	640.50	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$5,209.95	
EXPENDITURES		
Paul Owen—Speaker Fees	$597.90	
Dixie Daylily—Printing	$3,460.00	
Dixie Daylily—Mailing	262.35	
AHS—W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund	500.00	
AHS—Member Insurance	138.50	
Rebecca Parr—Speaker Meals	68.74	
Tee Money—Postage	20.99	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$5,048.48	
		-$5,048.48
CD Reinvestment--matures 11/20/12	$15,000.00	
Actual Cash on Hand @ 12/31/11	$15,389.18	
TOTAL FUNDS as of December 31, 2011		**$30,389.18**

Treasurer's Report 5/12/12
Pete Connolly, Treasurer

December 31, 2011—May 12, 2012

Cash on Hand @ 12/31/11	$15,389.18	
		$15,389.18
CD Investment—matures 11/20/2012	$15,000.00	
TOTAL FUNDS	$30,389.18	
RECEIPTS		
James Haughton—*Dixie Daylily* Subscription	$25.00	
North Mississippi Daylily Club—Memorial	$100.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$125.00	
EXPENDITURES		
Allowance—RVP	$1,239.00	
Allowance—Director	$1,000.00	
Allowance—Newsletter Editor	0.00	
Dixie Daylily—Printing Spring issue	0.00	
Dixie Daylily—Mailing Spring issue	0.00	
AHS Website	179.40	
Postage—Treasurer	44.00	
AAA Engravers—Sally Lake Markers	215.00	
Bourne Brothers--Region 14 Banner	278.20	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$2,955.60	
		-$2,955.60
CD Reinvestment—matures 11/20/12	$15,000.00	
Actual Cash on Hand @ 5/12/2012	$12,558.58	
TOTAL FUNDS as of May 12, 2012		**$27,558.58**

Treasurer's Report 6/7/12
Pete Connolly, Treasurer

May 12, 2012—June 7, 2012

Cash on Hand @ 5/12/12	$12,558.58	
		$12,558.58
CD Investment—matures 11/20/2012	$15,000.00	
TOTAL FUNDS	$27,558.58	
RECEIPTS		
Region 14—Plant Auction at Hattiesbutg	$3,730.00	
Region 14—Silent Auction at Hattiesburg	1,547.00	
Region 14—Plant Sale at Hattiesburg	223.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	$5,500.00	
EXPENDITURES		
Tee Money—Printing Costs	$268.97	
Pete Connolly—Office Supplies	25.03	
Phyllis Riddle—Spring Regional Expense	20.00	
Barbara Watts—Spring Regional Award	53.49	
Jeff Salter—Travel Expense	200.00	
Joe Agosta—Travel Expense	100.00	
Payton Hamm—2 Youth Photo Awards	50.00	
Lauren Hamm—Youth Photo Award	25.00	
Hope Brown—Youth Photo Award	25.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$767.49	
		-$767.49
CD Reinvestment—matures 11/20/12	$15,000.00	
Actual Cash on Hand @ 6/7/2012	17,291.09	
TOTAL FUNDS as of June 7, 2012		**$32,291.09**

Pete Connolly

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American Hemerocallis Society Region 14
2012 Popularity Poll Ballot

Each year the American Hemerocallis Society conducts a poll of its members to create a list of favorite daylilies for each region. It is a goal of the AHS that these Popularity Polls present an accurate picture of which daylilies perform well in a given area, which cultivars are best liked by our members, and which daylilies are suitable for recommending to those new to growing daylilies.

The top vote recipients in last year's Popularity Poll for Region 14 are printed here and the complete list is available on the AHS web site at www.daylilies.org/PopPoll. Mail or e-mail your choices by September 1, 2012, to the Regional Publicity Director, Tee Money, 4007 State Hwy 134E, Headland, AL 36345, ricandtee@centurylink.net Be sure to sign your ballot.

Each member can vote for up to ten (10) registered cultivars. A ballot with only one (1) vote is acceptable. You also have the option of writing in up to five (5) personal choices if those choices do not appear on the ballot, but your total number of votes may not exceed ten (10).

'Alabama Jubilee'
'Alabama Wildfire'
'Aldersgate'
'Alexa Kathryn'
'All American Chief'
'Almost a Rainbow'
'Bali Watercolor'
'Bama Girl Tee'
'Banana Smoothie'
'Barbara Mitchell'
'Beautiful Edgings'
'Bela Lugosi'
'Bella Sera'
'Belle Cook'
'Big Kiss'
'Bill Norris'
'Bill Robinson'
'Black Ambrosia'
'Bluegrass Memories'
'Boundless Beauty
'Clothed in Glory'
'Coach's Real Deal'
'Coffee To Go'
'Crazy Ivan'
'Destined to See'
'Dorothy and Toto'
'Double Blue Blood'
'Doyle Pierce'
'Dutch Yellow Truffle'
'Ed Brown'
'Evelyn Gates'
'Feliz Navidad'
'Fire on the Mountain'
'Gary Colby'
'Glorious Autumn'
'How Beautiful Heaven Must Be'
'Humdinger'
'Isle of Zanzibar'
'J.T. Davis'
'Jane Trimmer'
'Jennifer Trimmer'
'Johnny Cash'
'Judy Farquhar'
'Key Lime Special'
'Lava Flow'
'Lavender Blue Baby'
'Leslie Renee'
'Lillian's Sweet Thang'
'Lillian's Woman's Touch'
'Linda Agin'
'Linda Beck'
'Little Red Dumples'
'Look Here Mary'
'Loose Reins'
'Lynnstar'
'Mary's Gold'
'Mississippi Red Bed Beauty'
'Moment in the Sun'
'Moonlit Masquerade'
'Moses' Fire'
'Mynelle's Starfish'
'Nancy Billingslea'
'Open My Eyes'
'Orange Velvet'
'Palace Garden Beauty'
'Peacock Maiden'
'Picture in Picture'
'Primal Scream'
'Princess Diana'
'Red Volunteer'
'Rose Masterpiece
'Sabine Baur'
'Santa's Little Helper'
'Savannah Debutante'
'Seldom Seen'
'Seminole Wind'
'Sense of Wonder'
'Shores of Time'
'Signature Truffle'
'South Sea Enchantment'
'Spacecoast Gold Bonanza'
'Spider Man'
'Stars and Angels'
'Strawberry Candy'
'Suburban Barbara Huff'
'Suburban Golden Eagle'
'Suburban Nancy Gayle'
'Tar and Feather'
'Thin Man'
'Victorian Lace'
'Walking in Beauty'
'Wild Horses'
'Wiregrass Greenstar'
'Wonder of it All'
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AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 13, 2012
Hosted by The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society
Barbara Watts, President—601-268-3884 e-mail: bwatts54@gmail.com
Lake Terrace Convention Center—One Convention Center Plaza
I-59 & US 49, Hattiesburg, MS 39406

Guest Speakers: Jan & Royce Joiner, Joiner Daylily Gardens, Pembroke, GA

Registration Fees:
Adult: $20
Youth: $10
Fees include lunch on Saturday.
Make checks payable to Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society.

Registration Deadline: October 5, 2012

Room Rates:

Hampton Inn
$89.00 (plus tax)—Refer to Daylily Meeting
Phone: 601-264-8080

Mail checks to:
Janet Green, Registrar
1751 S. Williamsburg Rd.
Bassfield, MS 39421
Phone: 601-943-5416; e-mail: janmac33@aol.com

8:00 A.M.
Registration Opens
8:30 A.M.
Plant Sale Table Opens
10:00 A.M.
Region 14 Business Meeting
10:30 A.M.
Jan & Royce Joiner
11:30 A.M.
Lunch
12:30 P.M.
Jan & Royce Joiner
1:15 P.M.
Plant Auction

Registration Form:

1st Person _____ 2nd Person _____

Youth #1 _____ Youth #2 _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zipcode:_____

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

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AHS Region 14 Flower Shows: Hemerocallis

Hattiesburg Area Daylily Show

June 2, 2012
Lake Terrace Convention Center
1 Convention Center Plaza
Hattiesburg, MS
Number of AHS Members—91; Number of non-AHS members—71; Total Members—162
Show Attendance—850; New AHS Members—2; Scapes Competing—424; Design Division—12 Entries
Show Chairman: Barbara Watts Co-chairman: Jon Tibbetts

Winning Cultivars and Exhibitors:

Best in Show:
'Just for Breakfast' (Threewitts 1994)
Earl Watts

Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons):
Earl Watts

Best Extra Large Flower:
'Look Here Mary' (Cranshaw 1986)
Earl Watts

Best Large Flower:
'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004)
Keith Powell

Best Small Flower:
'Just for Breakfast' (Threewitts 1994)
Earl Watts

Best Miniature Flower:
'Baby Jake' (Belk 1994)
Tom Breshears

Best Double Flower:
'Clark Gable' (Kirchhoff-D. 2004)
Earl Watts

Best Spider Flower:
'Planet Max' (Reed 1996)
Keith Powell

Best Unusual Form Flower:
'Let Loose' (Stamile 2003)
Earl Watts

Youth:
None

Popularity Poll:
'Linda Beck' (Agin 2005)
Earl Watts

Best Seedling:
#300-10
Earl Watts

Debutante (Off scape):
'Suburban Coach Burnham' (Watts 2011)
Nancy Chain

Club Awards:

Jim Terry Award (Large Red Daylily):
'Highland Lord' (Munson-R.W. 1983)
Kurt Green

Nell George Award (Small or Miniature Daylily):
'Little Rosy Cloud' (Winniford-E. 1985)
Kay Cline

Mary Lois Burkett Award (Large Spider Flower):
'Black Passion' (Reinke-B. 2006)
Don and Dimple Campbell

Louise Cubley Award (Large Pink Daylily):
'Blameless Beauty' (Joiner-A. 2002)
Kurt Green

Billy Stennett Award (Large Yellow Daylily):
'Look Here Mary' (Cranshaw 1986)
Keith Powell

Design Division:
'Rock Around the Clock' (Shooter-F. 2002)
Sandra Preuss

Green Thumb Award (Most blue ribbons among members who do not sell):
Kurt Green

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AHS Region 14 Flower Shows: Hemerocallis

Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Show

May 12, 2012

Edgewater Mall

Biloxi, MS

Scapes Competing—200 +

Show Chairman: C. P. Winters Co-chairman: Steve Hammons

Winning Cultivars and Exhibitors:

Best in Show:
'Sweetheart Supreme' (Sutton 1954)
Penny Stringer

Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons):
Rusty Ingram

Best Extra Large Flower:
'Florence Denny' (Trimmer 2010)
James Hall

Best Large Flower:
'Barcode' (Stamile 2007)
James Hall

Best Small Flower:
'Little Red Bantam' (Smith-FR 2009)
James Hall

Best Miniature Flower:
'Little Mystic Moon' (Salter-E.H. 1995)
C. P. Winters

Best Double Flower:
'Condilla' (Grooms 1977)
Debbie Smith

Best Spider Flower:
'Curly Cinnamon Windmill' (Crochet 1997)
Penny Stringer

Best Unusual Form Flower:
'Sweetheart Supreme' (Sutton 1954)
Penny Stringer

Popularity Poll:
'Double Blue Blood' (George-T. 2005)
C. P. Winters

Best Seedling:
James Hall

AHS Achievement Award:
None

Ophelia Taylor Award:
None

Debutante (Off scape):
None

Left column: Penny Stringer proudly displays the Best in Show entry, **'Sweetheart Supreme'** *(Sutton 1954). It also won for Best Unusual Form Flower. C.P. Winters, Show Chairman, garnered the Popularity Poll Award for her exhibition of* **'Double Blue Blood'** *(George-T. 2005). (Photos by C. P. Winters & J. R. Price)*
Right Columm: Debbie Smith is all smiles after her exhibit of **'Condilla'** *(Grooms 1977) won Best Double Flower in the Doubles classification. (Photo by J. R. Price)*

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AHS Region 14 Flower Shows: Hemerocallis

Mobile Daylily Show

May 19, 2012

Colonial Bell-Air Mall

Mobile, AL

Scapes Competing—208

Show Chairman: John Falck

Winning Cultivars and Exhibitors:

Best in Show:
'Raspberry Twizzler' (George-T. 2001)
Fred Manning

Sweepstakes (Most Blue Ribbons):
John Falck

Best Extra Large Flower:
'Dragonfly Dawn' (Trimmer-J. 2010)
Michelle Taylor

Best Large Flower:
'Barbie's Favorite' (Smith-FR 2008)
Michelle Taylor

Best Small Flower:
'Just For Breakfast' (Threewitts 1994)
Michelle Taylor

Best Miniature Flower:
'Lil' Black Buds' (Begnaud 2009)
John Falck

Best Double Flower:
'Barry Goldwater' (Kirchhoff-D. 2008)
James Hall

Best Spider Flower:
'Lillian's Jack Temple' (Manning 2007)
Fred Manning

Best Unusual Form Flower:
'Raspberry Twizzler' (George-T, 2001)
Fred Manning

Youth:
None

Popularity Poll:
'Double Blue Blood' (George-T. 2005)
Fred Manning

Best Seedling:
Fred Manning

Debutante (Off scape):
None

Club Awards:

Nell Keown Award (Yellow Daylily):
'Lillian Kathleen' (Manning 1999)
Fred Manning

Charlie Pierce Award (Pink Daylily):
'Lillian's Dora Swanson' (Manning 2009)
Fred Manning

The Winning entries in the Mobile Show were brought to the head table.

(Photo by Fred Manning)

Exhibition Judges at the Mobile Show (from left to right) Lisa Little, Janet Green, and Rusty Ingram.

(Photo by Fred Manning)

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The Sally Lake Bed—2012

Region 14's Sally Lake Memorial Award, voted annually, is named in honor of Sally Lake of Mobile, Alabama. Instrumental in promoting daylilies in that city, she registered 86 cultivars for which she received 9 Honorable Mentions. Her *Hemerocallis* **'Silver King'** (1959) won an Award of Merit from AHS in 1967. Throughout the years, the Sally Lake Memorial Award has been an incentive for hybridizers in Region 14 to display their newest seedlings in a competitive setting.

Oliver Billingslea

Winner of the 2012 Sally Lake Memorial Award was entry #12, hybridized by Martha Brazelton, of Guntersville, Alabama.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

1st Runner-Up for the Sally Lake Award was #24, hybridized by Earl Watts of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

2nd Runner-Up for the Sally Lake Award was #18, hybridized by Nancy Falck of Fairhope, Alabama.

(Photo by Nancy Falck)

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The 2012 Sally Lake Bed was beautifully designed by Nancy and Edd Chain at FigLily Acres at their home in Sumrall, Mississippi. This photograph shows just a portion of the bed.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

3rd Runner-Up for the Sally Lake Award was #15, hybridized by John Falck of Fairhope, Alabama.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

4th Runner-Up for the Sally Lake Award was #57, hybridized by Ted Preuss of Monticello, Mississippi.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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Photographs of Regional Award Recipients:
2012 Region 14 Spring Meeting

Region 14 President Jim Riddle and Ruth Watts, President of the West Alabama Daylily Society, present Earl and Barbara Watts the Landscape Award at the Saturday evening banquet. Suburban Daylilies on the shores of Lake Serene was a landscaping delight. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Jim Riddle and Pete Connolly, representing the Meridian Daylily Club, present the Ben Arthur Davis Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered EYED or EYED/EDGED daylily to Carey Roberts and his son, Austin. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Jim Riddle and Edna Alderman, President of the Central Alabama Daylily Society, present Martha Brazelton (center) the Sally Lake Memorial Award for the BEST SEEDLING grown in the Sally Lake Bed at FigLily Acres. The winning entry was #12. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Jim Riddle and Janet Green, President of the Hattiesburg`Area Daylily Society, present Nancy Chain (center) the Nell George Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered RED daylily as seen growing in a tour garden. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

In the photo at left, Region 14 President Jim Riddle and Shelton Holliday (center), representing the Jackson Hemerocallis Society, present Earl Watts the Shelton Holliday Award for the best clump of a registered DOUBLE daylily. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Earl and Barbara Watts won a number of additional awards, including the Amy Stewart Award, donated by the Birmingham Daylily Society, for the best clump of a PINK daylily; the Bennie McRae Memorial Award, donated by the North MS-AL Daylily Society, for the best clump of a registered SMALL or MINIATURE daylily; the Johnny Edward Kelly Memorial Award, donated by the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society, for the best clump of a registered SPIDER or UNUSUAL FORM daylily; the Robbie Bush Adams Memorial Award, donated by the Wiregrass Daylily Society, for the best clump of a registered YELLOW daylily; and the President's Cup, donated by Region 14, for the best clump of a REGISTERED cultivar, regardless of flower color or size, as seen in a tour garden.

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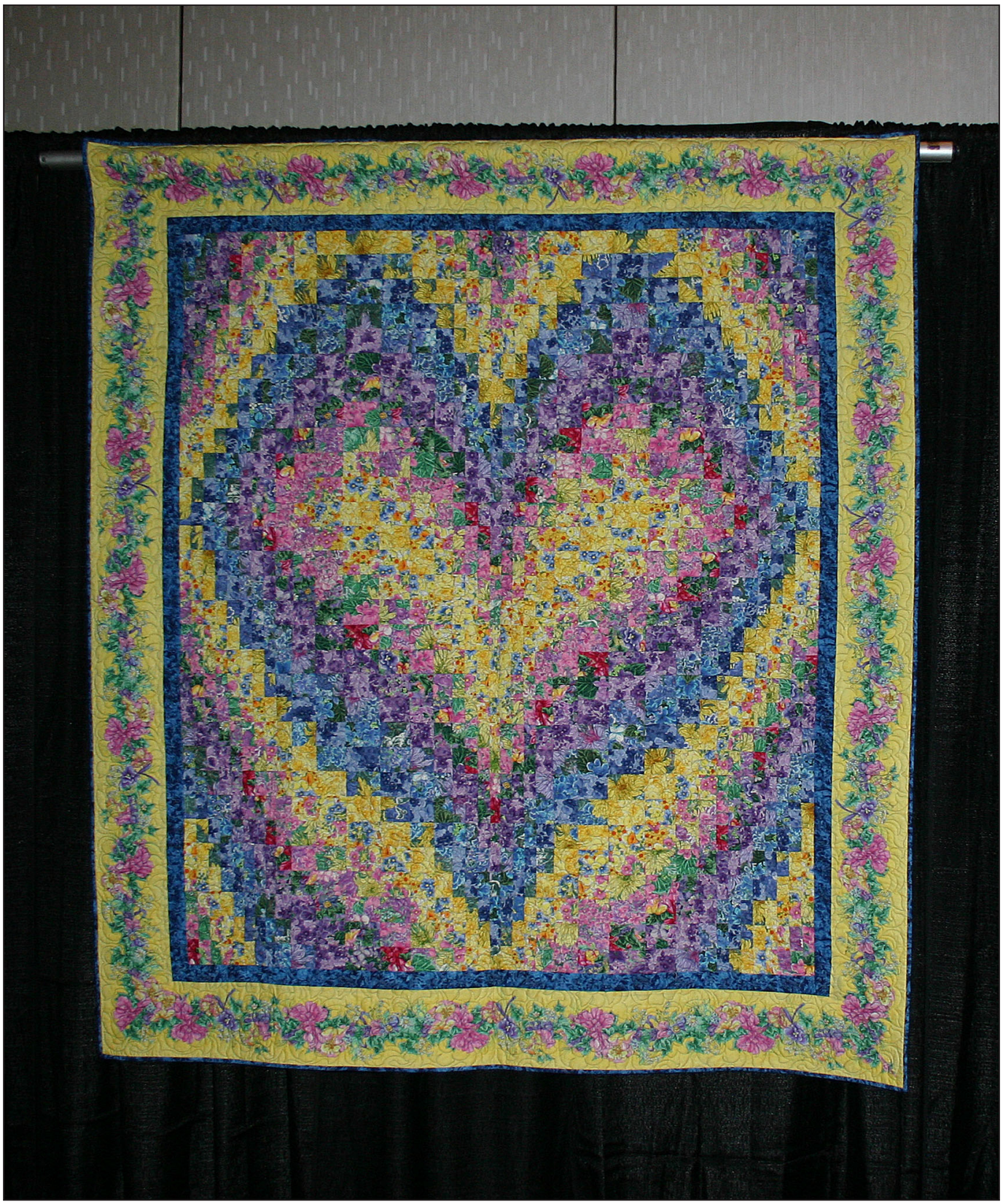

This beautiful quilt designed and sewn by Elizabeth Salter, of Gainesville, Florida, was a raffle gift made for the benefit of Region 14.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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Region 14 Awards:
2012 Spring Regional Meeting

Region 14 President's Cup: A lovely bloom of H. **'Pink Lemonade Party'** *(Salter 2006) at Suburban Daylilies, photographed here in early morning sunlight, captured not only the President's Cup, but the Amy Stewart Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered PINK daylily as well. The Amy Stewart Award is given by the Birmingham Daylily Society.* *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Region 14 Shelton Holliday Award: This award is given by the Jackson Hemerocallis Society for the best clump of a registered DOUBLE daylily seen in a tour garden. Jack Carpenter's H. **'Guadlajara'** *(1986) garnered this award for Suburban Daylilies.* *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Region 14 Bennie McRae Memorial Award: This award is given by the North MS/AL Daylily Society for the best clump of a registered SMALL or MINIATURE daylily. H. **'Mary Ethel Anderson'** *(Salter-E.H. 1996) won this award for Suburban Daylilies.* *(Photo by Fred Manning)*

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Region 14 Robbie Bush Adams Memorial Award: This award is given by the Wiregrass Daylily Society for the best clump of a registered YELLOW daylily seen in a tour garden. H. **'Look Here Mary'** *(Cranshaw 1986) garnered this award for Suburban Daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Region 14 Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Memorial Award: This award is given by the Meridian Daylily Club for the best clump of a registered EYED or EYED & EDGED daylily seen in a tour garden. H. **'Web of Illusion'** *(Stamile-Pierce 2011) captured this award for Turkey Trott Gardens. (Photo by Julie Covington)*

Region 14 Nell George Memorial Award: This award is given by the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society for the best clump of a registered RED daylily seen in a tour garden. FigLily Acres won this award for a clump of Richard Webster's H. **'Bama Bound'** *(1986). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Region 14 Johnny Edward Kelly Memorial Award: This award is given by the MSGCDS for the best clump of a registered SPIDER or UNUSUAL FORM daylily. Suburban Daylilies won this award for a clump of John Falck's H. **'Emma's Curls'** *(2011). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

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Region 14 Landscape Award: This award, donated by the West Alabama Daylily Society, is given for the best use of daylilies in landscaping. Suburban Daylilies, the garden of Earl and Barbara Watts, received the 2012 award. *(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*

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FigLily Acres

by Tee Money

I always enjoy our visit to Edd and Nancy Chain's FigLily Acres. Besides daylilies grown to perfection, there is a lot of my favorite eye candy in the landscape, wonderful examples of garden art. Edd does some really neat welding and carpentry work. Note to self: The dragonflies made from old ceiling fan blades and deck spindles are a must have in my garden.

This is one of two dragonflies which excited visitors to FigLily Acres. The brilliant blue of the painted fan blades contrasts nicely with the red of Hemerocallis **'Christmas Wishes'** *(Salter-E.H. 1998).*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

This garden was home to the Sally Lake Memorial Bed. There were several galoshes sitting around with daylilies planted in them inviting us to wade on in to Sally Lake. The seedlings were beautifully grown and many were blooming. It was hard to decide which one to vote for as they were so beautiful and well grown.

This intriguing piece of garden art combines the notion of bed and breakfast for visiting garden birds. *(Photo by Tee Money)*

Edd's 'Red Bed,' fashioned from an old iron bed and painted red, features daylilies such as H. **'Mississippi Red Bed Beauty'** *(Carpenter-J. 2005).*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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A massive clump of the fiery orange H. **'Hot Wire'** *(Stamile 1986) contrasts nicely with Salvia farinacea* **'Victoria Blue'** *(Mealy-cup sage).*
(Photo by Tee Money)

The classic daylily, H. **'Lois Burns'** *(Temple 1986), displays its lilting blooms at FigLily Acres.* *(Photo by Tee Money)*

One could not help but notice the boat bed which housed Edd's nautical themed daylilies. There was a beautiful sea of red daylilies blooming. Next to the boat was the Red Bed that was made from an old iron bed and painted red. Speaking of red, toward the front yard there was a magnificent clump of *Hemerocallis* **'Bama Bound'** (Webster 1986) blooming, which won the Nell George Memorial award for the best red daylily in a tour garden during the Region 14 Spring Meeting.

As I strolled to the back of the house I couldn't help but notice Nancy's beautiful perennial garden that was home to many old heirloom plants. I wondered how she kept her so very tall gladiolus from leaning. I grabbed a bottle of water and kept moving. I knew our time was getting short. As I turned the corner to venture back toward the front of

A polymerous bloom on H. **'Suburban John E. Watts'** *(Watts 2011) was most impressive in the Chain garden.* *(Photo by Tee Money)*

the house, there in front of me were hundreds of daylilies in beautiful clumps putting on a magnificent show. *H.* **'Hot Wire'** (Stamile 1986) was a massive clump and was surrounded by **'Victoria Blue'** salvia. Not far away was *H.* **'Lois Burns'** (Temple 1986), a classic to be grown in all gardens. I bet Edd designed and made the all in one bed and breakfast for their feathered friends. **'Suburban John E. Watts'** (Watts 2011) caught my eye sitting on very tall scapes and had two polymerous blooms. And oh, there was **'Points Of Pride'** (Salter 2010)! What an eye catcher! Geez, is that the whistle I'm hearing? It can't be time to load the bus already. My how time flies when we're having so much fun!

Tee Money

H. **'Condilla'** *(Grooms 1977) is one of several historical daylilies grown at FigLily Acres.* *(Photo by Tee Money)*

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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

by Kay Chappell

On the day before the official garden tours for the Spring AHS Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg, we visited this garden and were met by Jon Tibbetts who is the garden chairman. He gave us a very informative tour of the gardens and the Beatrix Potter collection from the Peter Rabbit Series that is housed there. His wife Janette Tibbetts is the OLLI museum curator. The house and grounds were donated to the University of Southern Mississippi by the Peck family.

Beautifully landscaped, the garden at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is an AHS Display garden and contains a fine collection of daylilies planted alongside numerous perennials, vines, shrubs, and trees. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Jon and Janette Tibbetts are both members of the AHS and Jon oversees the gardens with several hundred daylilies, many perennials, and interesting trees. The garden encompasses a 3-acre, 5 year-old garden designed with a 1/5 mile looping walkway leading past landscaped planting areas. The garden includes 60 trees. As you first come in the garden there is a 120 year old Sycamore tree. Another interesting tree is a *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* (Dawn redwood) that was said to grow to be 100 feet.

The garden is an American Hemerocallis Display Garden and I enjoyed all the beautiful varieties that were in bloom. Some of my favorites were *Hemerocallis* **'Frank Teele'** (Salter 1994), **'Miami Heat'** (Kaskel 2001), **'Free Wheelin' '** (Stamile 2004), and **'Emerald Dream'** (Salter 2009). The garden was a lovely place to visit. Garden visitors can relax in a large gazebo overlooking the small lake, or sit in the over-sized swing beneath the 24-foot arbor covered with clematis, honeysuckle and *Rosa banksiae* **'Lutea'** (Lady Banks yellow rose).

Kay Chappell

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The landscapes above illustrate the careful planning taken on behalf of the OLLI Garden. *(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*

A large planting of Hemerocallis **'Highland Lord'** *(Munson-R.W. 1983) brightened the area just beyond the gazebo.*

(Photo by Kay Chappell)

This brilliant bloom was one of many on a large specimen of Hibiscus coccineus (Scarlet rose mallow or Texas Star) which soared into the sky.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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Suburban Daylilies:
Follow The Golden Eagle

by Terese Goodson

Snaking down the circular path to Suburban Daylilies, you have a decision to make in order to see the old, southern charm in this garden. Where should you actually begin to enjoy such spectacular views? Where would Barbara and Earl Watts start their tour of their own grounds?

find yourself surrounded by variegated cannas, Mexican petunias, lantana, irises, and trailing sweet potato vines.

Move into the shady areas and Southern Mississippi's Golden Eagle statue will monitor you closely, as you first discover the hostas and the happy asparagus ferns. Wel-

The setting for a portion of Suburban Daylilies encompasses bluffs high above Lake Serene. An eclectic selection of daylilies embracing large, small, and miniature flowers, doubles, spiders, and unusual forms blends harmoniously. In the distance beyond the windchimes, one can see the statuesque clump of Hemerocallis **'Look Here Mary'** *(Cranshaw 1986), which won the Robbie Bush Adams Award, and in the foreground a clump of* **'Pink Lemonade Party'** *(Salter 2006), one of several interspersed throughout the garden, which helped it garner the President's Cup. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

If you start near the left of the driveway, the raised beds of lush, thick daylilies beckon and call. If you look to your right, you must choose between the roses and the beautiful, stately trees. Stop a moment and look at the variety of foliage in view. Japanese maples, curly dock willow, live oak, gingko, magnolias, and numerous other varieties of trees provide cool shade for visitors to this Region 14 garden treasure. Notice each unique birdhouse, some tiny, some huge. Listen for the tranquil sounds of Lake Serene as you follow the stone trail down to the water's edge. You'll

coming benches beg you to sit and enjoy the scenery for a bit. Peek past the elephant ears and daydream for awhile as you look for other garden surprises, like the grinning fox statue next to the stump.

Can you see the "his and her" potting sheds in the distance? Both are very well used. Listen to the bubbling water next to the work area as you sit under the gazebo. Little frog statues make you chuckle as you soak in the views. As squirrels race up and down the trees and the martins are singing in the distance, is it any wonder that this garden won

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Suburban Daylilies featured gorgeous clumps of many of Elizabeth Salter's newest registrations, including H. **'Black Fathom Depths'** *(2008).*
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Numerous Jeff Salter cultivars were strikingly beautiful at Suburban Daylilies, including his H. **'Summer Secrets'** *(2008).*
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea

Among Elizabeth Salter's small flowers in bloom at Suburban Daylilies was the strikingly patterned H. **'Mixed Berry Jam'** *(2009).*
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Among the many outstanding doubles at Suburban Daylilies was Jeff Salter's autumnal H. **'Pumpkin and Spice'** *(Salter 2008).*
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

the "Region 14 Landscape Award" for 2012? Have you seen the sign announcing, "So many weeds, so little time?" Did you see ANY weeds in this garden??

Stop by the old railroad crossing area. Take note of the old fashioned train light. How about the sweet metal figures of children as they are reading? Did you see them in the distance? Both of these bring back wonderful memories of another quieter time. Bottle trees offer their whimsical color and an old wheelbarrow full of succulents gives you a great idea for what you can do in your own garden when you head back home.

Have you already discovered the raised stone beds? These large stones arrived from Arkansas, just in time to complete the landscaping of Suburban Daylilies. A huge clump of *Hemerocallis* **'Look Here Mary'** (Cranshaw 1986) towers over everything to beckon you to this location. **'Pink Lemonade Party'** (Salter 2006) makes you thirsty just looking at the huge clump of daylily color. **'Pumpkin and Spice'** (Salter 2008) reminds you that fall will eventually arrive with cooler weather. The many varieties of daylilies in the garden convince you that you want to add to your own daylily collection, starting TODAY! This home site has "Everything You Desire"!!

Can you smell the gardenias now? Did you sneak into the garden area and discover blackberries and blueberries? SHHH! Don't tell anyone where they are or you will have to share the pickings with them. Cucumbers are trailing along the fence while the fig trees quietly set their fruit. Huge tomatoes are just waiting to ripen on the vines. *Capsicum annuum* **'Purple Flash'** (Ornamental pepper) entices guests as they hover near the back of the house. What a lovely surprise to see the dark foliage of this plant pretending to be a bush! It is a huge burst of unexpected color.

Bees hovering over the blue salvia present a pleasant visual picture, but don't forget to also notice the *Loropetalum chinense* and sunflowers inside the garden. Barbara and Earl Watts were most gracious to open up their home and yard for Region 14 guests to enjoy. Maybe we can convince them to invite all of us back again very soon.

Terese Goodson

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Turkey Trott Gardens

by Kathleen Manning

Turkey Trott Gardens is owned by Truman and Patsy Roberts and is located in Petal, Mississippi. Everyone who has been to Spring Regional Meetings in Region 14 has seen just about every size and shape of a garden, and this smaller divided garden is jam-packed with so many varieties of plants and daylilies that one does not know where to look next. There are two gardens, one surrounding the house while another has several beds of a few thousand seedlings. Folks were transported in golf carts to see them all.

Truman's and Patsy's oldest granddaughter was to be married soon, so Patsy was absent, but Truman is one of the most enthusiastic fellows we ever met and loves to tell that he is a descendent of the Huguenots who had religious differences and divided into separate groups. You have no doubt heard of *Hemerocallis* **'Walter Kennedy'** (Stamile 2008), another Huguenot that became a pirate.

During the 1990s Truman and Patsy lived in Purvis, Mississippi, on a cattle ranch and raised catfish also. When they retired, they moved back to Petal.

They grow so many plants that this list will not be complete, but these include beautiful hosta, irises, hydrangeas, knockout roses, and many other accompanying plants along with beautiful daylilies. One daylily that drew much attention was a very unique double that many spoke about. They grow over 300 cultivars which include spiders, unusual forms, and daylilies from about any hybridizer you have ever heard of, including Region 14's Earl Watts.

They also have great yard art, a man holding a kettle and pouring water into a large pot on the ground; a large man in a lawn chair wearing very patriotic clothing; and on the other side of the house, a beautiful waterfall. A large granite tablet with a poem written by Ned Roberts before his death is an obvious standout in one of the gardens. Truman and Patsy grow many of his daylilies, including his Stout Medal winner, *H.* **'Skinwalker'** (1997).

Between the gardens at the house and the seedling beds is a wooded area with enough space to easily drive a golf cart through. On each side are benches that are logs

An intriguing sculpture of what appears to be a turkey in flight enhances one of the daylily beds which contains a myriad of spiders and unusual form daylilies, including a large collection of Ned Roberts' registrations. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

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A classical statue adds charm to a portion of Truman and Patsy Roberts' Turkey Trott Gardens, located in Petal, Mississippi.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

and give a wonderful respite from the heat. Truman and Patsy have four sons, and Carey was there to assist Truman answering questions and carting folks from one garden to another.

You may visit many gardens that are much larger and very beautiful, but I doubt that they will contain a variety greater than this beautiful and interesting garden. Truman will be introducing some beautiful daylilies in the near future.

Kathleen Manning

H. **'Skinwalker'** *(Roberts-N. 1997) was the winner of the 2009 Stout Silver Medal. It was the first spider to win this prestigious award.*
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Memorial to Ned Roberts (though no direct relation) is an interesting aspect of the Roberts' garden. The poem was written by Ned Roberts prior to his death. *(Photo by Kathleen Manning)*

In a semi-shaded area at Turkey Trott Gardens, heuchera, hosta, and lobelia, along with other perennials, provide respite from the areas with more intense sun. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

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youth digital photography awards 2012

category one: individual bloom

The 2012 winner is Payton Ham for this stunning photo of H. **'Venetian Fringe'** *(Petit 2008) taken at Heller's Daylily Patch in Florence, MS.*

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youth digital photography awards 2012

category two: cultivar clump

The 2012 winner is Lauren Ham for her photo of H. **'Spider Man'** *(Durio 1982) taken at Heller's Daylily Patch, Florence, MS.*

youth digital photography awards 2012

category three: daylilies with companion plants

The 2012 winner is Payton Ham for his photo of H. **'Itsy Bitsy Spider'** *(Bishop-H. 1990) with Oak Leaf Hydrangea taken at Village Visions in Elkmont, AL.*

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youth digital photography awards 2012

category four: daylilies in the landscape

The 2012 winner is Hope Brown for her landscape photo taken at E & B Farm in Louisville, MS.

2012 National Youth Photography Awards

Region 14 Youth, Payton Ham and Hope Brown, were also first place winners for the 2012 National Youth Photography Awards Beginner and Intermediate Divisions, Multiple Blooms Category.

First place in the Beginner Division, Multiple Blooms Category: Payton Ham, age 12, of Florence, MS, for his photo of H. **'Asian Emissary'** *(Salter 2003)*

First Place in the Intermediate Division, Multiple Blooms Category: Hope Brown, age 15, of Louisville, MS, for her photo of H. **'Spacecoast Southern Belle'** *(Kinnebrew-J. 2006)*

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Ask the Ombudsman—What is the For Members Only Portal?

Part two

By Donna Peck (AHS Ombudsman), with comments from Mary Ann Pruden (Portal Community Manager) and Julie Covington (AHS president)

There have been many questions concerning the AHS Members Only Portal. The Portal was approved by the AHS Board and opened in early March 2011. In the last column it was explained WHY we need a Members Only Portal. If you missed that part, log on to the AHS website and it is under Ask The Ombudsman. This column is devoted to HOW we access the Portal.

HOW DO WE ACCESS THE MEMBERS ONLY PORTAL?

MaryAnn Pruden is the Portal Community Manager and gives some excellent advice about logging on to the Portal. Any AHS member can access the Portal by going directly to www.daylilynetwork.org, or through the link on the AHS website (www.daylilies.org) and then, look on the left hand side and click on AHS Members Portal. Julie makes a confession. "My computer has been directed to 'remember' so I don't have to type it in every time, and that makes it much easier."

If you have never signed into the Portal, your temporary username and password can be found on the Membership Card provided on the outside paper cover of the last few Daylily Journals. If you do not have your membership card, use the Contact Us form on the Portal (found in the upper left navigation area) and your log on information will be sent you. After you enter your username and password in the designated area on the Portal, you should now have full access to all the Portal features. If after logging in, you still see the log in box, then your computer is not currently set up to allow session cookies. In basic terms, a session cookie acts like a key allowing your entry into different pages of the Portal without having to re-enter you password each time. Session cookie settings can be changed through the tools section of your web browser, i.e. Firefox, Internet Explorer, etc. If you need any help with session cookies or accessing the Portal, please use the Contact Us form and someone will help you.

The first thing you should do after logging onto the Portal for the first time is change your temporary password and username to something unique that you will remember. To do this, go to the My Profile Box on the right hand side of the Portal. Click on Manage Profile and then Edit Bio. Next to both username and Password there is a "change" link. Click the link and easily change your log on information. At this time, please make sure that all your contact information is correct, including name, address, phone number and email. You can control how much of this information is viewable on the Portal by clicking the associated boxes. The default setting does not allow phone numbers or email to be seen unless you want it to. There is also a step-by-step available for this in the Help Directly under Profile Help.

If at any time you forget either your password or username, click on the Forgot Your Password? link. You will be asked for either your username or email address. If we have your correct email address on file, a link to reset your password will be sent to you. Just click on the link, reset your password, and your profile information will come up including your username. If your email address is not on file, then use the Contact Us form and we will reset your password for you.

Julie suggests that "if you haven't visited the Portal regularly and are still feeling intimidated, take a minute and scroll down to the HELP DIRECTORY and view the short PowerPoint tutorials. At about this time last year, I viewed these tutorials in order to learn my way around the Portal because I too felt intimidated and found them a huge help in getting started. These tutorials are designed to enhance your Portal experience and they are quite short."

You will soon be hearing of some special events and fun contests planned for Portal users, so don't hesitate. Jump right in, the water's fine! Our former AHS President, Mary Fisher, is so passionate about the Members Portal that she is serving as its General Manager in 2012. Feel free to address your questions or concerns directly to her as well at portalgeneralmanager@daylilies.org.

Mary Ann says if at any time you have any trouble on the Portal, please use the Contact Us form. "We normally answer the forms within a few hours and are happy to help. Enjoy the Portal."

After reading the Part 1 and Part 2 explaining our AHS Portal, I hope all of you will now log on and enjoy! There is a wealth of information that will be of interest to you, not only about daylilies, but also the AHS members. I'm open to any more discussion so email me at ombudsman@daylilies.org.

Donna Peck

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Additional Photos from the Regional Meeting:
Spring 2012

Classics from the 1980s characterize this portion of the garden of Evelyn and Wally Wesley in Hattiesburg, MS. The Wesley Garden was one of several featured as "open gardens" during the recent Spring Meeting. In addition to the gorgeous blooms in flower throughout the garden, the daylily foliage was beautifully manicured. The purples and blues of Echinacea purpurea (Coneflower) and Consolida ajacis (Larkspur) contrast nicely with daylilies, such as Hemerocallis **'Alabama Jubilee'** *(Webster 1988),* **'Palimony'** *(Gates-L. 1985),* **'Orange Velvet'** *(Joiner 1988) and* **'So Precious'** *(Stamile 1988).* *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea*

The floriferousness of Hemerocallis **'Katisue'** *(1989) by the late Joyce Lewis put on quite a display at Suburban Daylilies.* *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Garden art can add charm to any setting. When combined with a water feature such this one at Suburban Daylilies, it can add a peaceful respite from the hurried pace of everyday life. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

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Jeff Salter, featured speaker at the Region 14 Spring Meeting, unleashes his "Breeding for Dogs" PowerPoint presentation. He generated much laughter as he compared various types of daylilies to various types of dogs. For instance, he would show a picture of a pink poodle followed by a ruffled pink daylily, a Saint Bernard followed by an extra large daylily, a dog with blue eyes followed by a daylily with blue eyes, a dog with barred teeth followed by a daylily with teeth, a Chihuahua followed by a miniature—you get the point. It was clearly a presentation folks who attended the Spring Meeting will not soon forget. *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Earl and Barbara Watts receive a special plaque from the Waiting for a Cure Foundation in recognition of Earl's having created a daylily to honor those "who have fought and are fighting breast cancer." Registered as Hemerocallis **'Suburban Ribbon of Hope'** *(Watts 2008), it is a light purple and lavender bitone with a hint of pink in both petals and sepals. These are the Foundation's colors. Proceeds from the sale of each plant go to the Foundation "to help local breast cancer patients who do not have insurance coverage." Susan King, secretary for the Waiting for a Cure Foundation, made the presentation.* *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Youth at the Spring Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg were wonderful in the manner in which they delivered plants during the Auction on Friday evening. Their smiling faces brightened the room. From left to right are Brooke Bishop, Savanna Cutchin, Harley Lucas, and Jacob Henry.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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Birmingham Daylily Society

Kay Chappell, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:00 P.M.
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

President:	Joe Langdon
Vice President:	Terah George
Treasurer:	Jim Chappell
Recording Secretary:	Benny Brown
Corresponding Secretary:	Debbie Daniels
Parliamentarian:	Jesse George
Historian-Librarian:	Kay Chappell

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Blount Iris and Daylily Society

DeLois Dunn, Reporter

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

Our March meeting consisted of an in-club plant sale. Daylilies, companion plants, and a few surprises were offered. Special plants prompted a "mild bidding war." But all was in fun, and all carried home plants.

Jesse and Terah George of JTM Gardens were our guests for April. Award winning daylilies and great programs keep them booked ahead. Their sale plants (a.k.a. clumps) were huge, many with seven fans.

Club members gathered at Willie's Daylilies in Lawrenceburg, TN, for the June meeting. So many beauties to choose from; they all said "BUY ME"! His plant foliage was nice as well.

Wendy Ulrich had the July program. She specializes in herbs, for both culinary and landscape uses.

A picnic-ice cream social has been discussed for August. I'll vote for less weed pulling and more homemade ice cream anyday! Nicole DeVitto is scheduled for September and Tim Bell for the month of October. Sounds like new additions to our daylily garden. For now, I'll end on a sweet note, thinking of homemade ice cream.

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Central Alabama Daylily Society

Becky Parr, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Sunday—2 P.M.
Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

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

President:	Edna Alderman
Vice President:	Morris Parr
Treasurer:	Ron Waddell
Recording Secretary:	Paula Lampkin
Corresponding Secretary:	Becky Parr

CADS hosted the Fall Regional last September at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens and it was declared a success by all that attended. Paul Owen from Slightly Different Nursery in North Carolina was a dynamic speaker and we were all blown away with his passion and excitement for everything daylilies. His hybridizing program is focused on tall, well branched daylilies that will have rebloom even in the northern climates.

Our club has started a club adoption program in that we buy collections from several hybridizers, grow them here through the summer, then at our annual Picnic/Auction in October we draw plants to take home for two years to grow and bring back any excess of the original two fans to auction off again. The order in which we draw is based on members attendance at our meetings and participation in sales, etc. It was a great success and we had such fun drooling and trying to choose our favorites. I know our attendance has certainly picked up!

Tee Money was our featured speaker in February with a PowerPoint presentation on garden photography. She shared what she had learned through trial and error in taking photos in gardens all over the country. It will definitely be helpful come spring when we're out there with so many willing subjects just waiting to have their pictures made.

Bill and Diana Waldrop came from Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies in Marietta, GA, in March and showed us all the beautiful daylilies that he has been working on for the past couple of years. Believe me, Bill hasn't been sitting still. He also works on making conversions to use in his hybridizing program and has come up with some amazing daylilies.

In April we had a Scientific Forum discussion with questions from the members from all types of subjects including rust control, fertilizing and hybridizing tips. We have a lot of members who are new to daylilies and I think we all learned something that day.

Our annual sale was held on May 5th and it was a beautiful day at the Botanical Gardens. Through our public sale we get the word out about daylilies and hopefully get new members. It was a success and everyone enjoyed it though it is a lot of hard work preparing for this event.

On May 24th we toured Scott Bennett's hybridizing garden, Paul Aucoin's newly refurbished gardens and then ended it at Becky and Morris Parr's garden with barbecue lunch including homemade peach ice cream. It's really worthwhile to go to other members' gardens to view their labors of love and you always get new ideas to take home with you. Everyone had a fantastic time.

Tim Bell is scheduled to speak to our club on Saturday, November 3rd and he is always informative and delightful. We always have a good time when Tim comes to town.

As the daylily season is quickly winding down we're already looking forward to next year's blooms and what the new season will bring.

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Cullman Iris and Daylily Society

Mary Reid, Reporter

3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 P.M. at the Angler Restaurant located on Highway 222

President:	Don Reid
Vice President:	Marion Carrell
Recording Secretary:	Sue Rodgers
Corresponding Secretary:	Kay Chappell
Treasurer:	Deannie Geiger

At our March meeting, we received beautiful blue shirts imprinted with the club's logo. We will use these shirts whenever we are representing the Cullman Iris & Daylily Society on a tour or a plant sale. This will make it so much easier for participants/buyers to identify someone associated with the club.

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On April 28th, we hosted the Spring Regional Meeting of the American Iris Society. We started off the morning with a wonderful brunch with "to-die-for" food prepared by our members, which ranged from biscuits and sausage to breakfast casseroles to wonderful hand-made orange rolls. I can personally attest that the rolls were light as a feather! Each person attending was given a "goodie" bag with all types of gifts enclosed. Door prizes were also given consisting of garden statuary and other nice gifts, a gift from Belle Faire beauty salon, and numerous restaurant certificates from local restaurants. We then divided into two groups and proceeded to tour several beautiful gardens in the Cullman area. We met back at the Elks Club at noon where we enjoyed a lunch of grilled chicken breast and hamburger steak with trimmings. The tour continued after lunch until around 2:00 P.M.

Jesse and Terah George of JTM Gardens from Jasper, Alabama, gave a program in April. They brought some gorgeous plants to auction, and showed us all the daylilies they had been hybridizing.

We were graced with a new member in May, who brought a CD of her flowers and garden, which she presented to our group. She loves working with her camera taking photos of the flowers she has, which are numerous, including lots of daylilies. This program was thoroughly enjoyed!

A spring plant sale was held May 11th and 12th during Strawberry Fest at Depot Park in Cullman. Members participated by contributing No. 1 quality daylilies and other plants for sale. The most fun had by the volunteers was visiting with old friends and making new ones, especially when they showed an interest in daylilies!

Our annual picnic was held in June at the Smith Lake Park. There was a tremendous amount of food and drink enjoyed by all. We also played a bag toss game, brought by one of our members, which was quite fun for our more competitive folk. After worrying about rain storms up until the time of the picnic, it turned out to be a wonderful day. We were blessed.

On a more serious note, we have lost two of our members over the last few months: Mary Berrins-Chambers and Burt Rodgers. They will be sorely missed.

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East Alabama Hemerocallis Club

Neda Hill, Reporter

2nd Friday of most months—6 P.M.
Eagle's Nest in Monarch Estates, Auburn, AL

President:	Joe Ponder
1st Vice President:	Rosie Yates
2nd Vice President:	Ann Crance
Secretary:	Betty Triponey
Treasurer:	Carl Hill

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The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

Kathleen Manning, Reporter

4th Sunday—2:00 P.M.
The Community Room of Belk's in Colonial Bel Air Mall, just off I-65, Mobile, AL
January, February, March, April

President:	Fred Manning
Vice President and Program Chair:	John Falck
Secretary:	Nancy Falck
Treasurer:	John Falck

In January, the guest speaker was Fred Manning who gave a program showing many pretty daylilies and explaining how he works his daylily beds both in boxes and in the ground as well as the mixture he uses in his many potted plants.

In February, the club had the pleasure of having Larry and Cindy Grace from Newton, Alabama. Naturally there were some beautiful daylilies shown. Larry explains many of his crosses and why he does it a certain way for a hopefully particular result. It's always a pleasure to have them, as they do many programs for other clubs.

In March, it was really nice to have Jim and Martha Brazelton from Guntersville, Alabama. Jim is rather new to doing programs and did a truly remarkable job. He showed some beautiful daylilies and now has several introductions.

In April, John and Nancy Falck gave their program on grooming daylilies for the upcoming show and also a program on sculpted forms. They have done both programs for several clubs and do a really great job. They are two of the hardest workers wherever needed and we appreciate them.

Our annual daylily show was held May 19th at Colonial Bel-Air Mall. Despite so much early bloom, we still had a great show with over two hundred scapes, and the plant sale did well. At the show we had several folks sign up wanting information on our meetings, and three folks have already paid dues to join the club. The following day May 20 John and Nancy Falck judged the Pensacola Show and Fred entered daylilies so we had a busy weekend. On May 25 and 26 several from the Mobile Club attended the Spring Regional in Hattiesburg and enjoyed a great two day event with good food, great friends, and four beautiful gardens.

Our club picnic was on Saturday, June 9th. Due to over twenty inches of rain that weekend, few attended and the club members were contacted and ask to mail their popularity poll ballots to Tee Money.

We will spend the remainder of the year preparing for the 2013 Spring Regional that the Mobile Club will host in beautiful Fairhope, Alabama, which is located on the eastern shore of Mobile Bay. We are inviting everyone in Region 14 and beyond to come join us and experience the beautiful Gulf Coast.

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Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Barbara Barnes, Recording Secretary

3rd Sunday—2 P.M.
Southeast Montgomery YMCA
February, April, August, October, December

President:	Terese Goodson
First Vice President:	Jack Harrison
Second Vice President:	Evelyn Miller
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Barnes
Treasurer:	Cecil Barnes
Corresponding Secretary:	Freda Frye
Parliamentarian:	Jack Harrison
Devotional Chairs:	Charles & Joyce Milliron

The Montgomery Area Daylily Society has had a busy and exciting year. Since the Redland Road Volunteer Fire Department no longer rents its facilities to the public, we have relocated our meetings to the Southeast Montgomery YMCA.

In February, Sharon Price presented her program, "Backyard Hybridizing." We all enjoyed her hands-on demonstration of how she starts her seed. She and Brooke then shared her PowerPoint highlighting her introductions and future registrations. She generously shared plants for auction and/or sale to club members.

Our April meeting featured a program by Janine Koslofsky of the Vaughn Road Garden Center here in Montgomery. She spoke about

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companion plants and choosing the best plants for different soil and light conditions. We were challenged to have our soils tested by the Auburn Extension Service if we had not already done so. Along with her program, each member brought companion plants for a silent auction. A vast range of plants were available, from bedding plants, bulbs, and perennials of all sorts, to even shrubs and trees. Everyone went home the proud owner of new and exciting plants.

On the last Saturday in April, we had the opportunity to sell daylilies at the Agricultural Exposition at the State Farmer's Market. Even with the threat of inclement weather, we had a successful sale and were able to share educational information with the public about our beloved flower.

Two more sales followed. On the first Saturday in May, we went to Santuck, Alabama, and on the first Saturday in June, we had our largest sale and educational opportunity at Eastdale Mall in Montgomery. We are happy to say that both sales sold out quickly, and we were able to have most of our afternoons free.

Seven members of our group were able to attend the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS. What a treat we had in store. The gardens were beautiful, and we all enjoyed hearing Elizabeth and Jeff Salter, the featured speakers. Thanks go to Hattiesburg for a wonderful meeting. It is always a good thing to visit Hattiesburg.

Our annual bus trip this year took us to gardens in Georgia. We left early Friday morning, June 8th, and returned on Sunday. Then on the following Tuesday, we had the great pleasure to experience the beauty of several of our own gardens during our own "Montgomey in Bloom Garden Tour."

In August, we look forward to sharing a covered dish luncheon with Bill Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens. We will also conduct our annual voting opportunity for the Popularity Poll.

As the daylily blooms begin to wane, we look forward to the rest of the summer with daylily rebloom and those great companion plants we all enjoy. Happy gardening.

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North Alabama Daylily Society

Dave Flanigan, Reporter

President:	Dave Flanigan
Vice President:	Roger Hooper
Secretary:	Samantha Downs
Treasurer:	Jim Beecher

We are still reeling a bit from our efforts in hosting the 2011 AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting last June. Accolades for the quality of our tour gardens from so many attendees have been very much appreciated.

We entered our new year with a schedule of six speakers, a picnic, and a plant sale with emphasis on increasing our membership and club enthusiasm and in both cases we succeeded. Our first meeting of the year in February featured a visit from Larry and Cindy Grace from Graceland Gardens in Newton, AL. An overflow crowd was thrilled to see Larry's new introductions and truly impressed with his detailed discussions of "the hows and whys" of his hybridizing activities. His continued focus on clarity and depth of color is most impressive.

Fred and Kathleen Manning honored us with their annual visit to North Alabama in March. Although Fred did not charm us with his guitar and melodious voice, his new introductions and down home presentation made beautiful music for another overflow audience. His spider and unusual form introductions are "must haves" and some of the crosses he has made with some of Jesse George's eye and edge cultivars are really excellent. The Manning's most generous contribution of auction plants led to aggressive bidding and a nice addition to our treasury.

One of our most anticipated programs each year is the program of Jesse and Terah George, superb hybridizers and NADS club members. Most of our members think their newest introductions are their finest efforts yet, and certainly their focus upon not introducing any cultivar, which will not prosper throughout the country, is appreciated. Terah's two new doubles are worthy competitors to her legendary *Hemerocallis* **'Double Blue Blood'** (2005). Jesse's introduction honoring Region 14 patriarch Joe Langdon and his deep purple **'Coach's Magic Man'** (2011) are great additions to his hybridizing accomplishments. He truly honored one of our club members, Mary Terrell, by asking her if he could name a beautiful cultivar in her honor.

The May program featured Bob Faulkner from Natural Selection Daylilies in Dayton, Ohio. His herculean effort, which included flying to Huntsville, providing us with a remarkable program, and returning to Dayton on the same day, was greatly appreciated. His program features some most amazing and unusual patterns, and left the audience with many "wows" and their mouths hanging open. Bob certainly has accomplished his goal of providing "something different" to the daylily community. His program is exceptional and highly recommended. He also provided the audience with a completely new appreciation for diploid cultivars and charmed us with views of his home and garden.

Fourteen club members traversed the 350 miles to the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg in late May. We enjoyed the fellowship and the beautiful gardens but we all were deeply disappointed when it was announced that the "powers that be" had arbitrarily moved the date of the Region 14 Fall meeting in Hattiesburg to conflict with our highly anticipated NADS meeting with Karol Emmerich in October.

We are looking forward to the opens gardens of Jesse and Terah George, Randy and Madolyn Whitt, Mary Terrell, Jim and Martha Brazelton, Roger and Cherry Hooper, Roy and Dot Hanks, Jerry and Dot Sumners and Willie Markus during June. Our plant sale, which will be our primary fund raising event of the year featuring nearly 450 double fans of about 110 different cultivars, will be held at the GREENERY on June 23. Our picnic will be held in the beautiful home and garden of Roy and Dot Hanks in July.

As we look forward to our two final meetings of the year with Janice Wood from Memphis on September 9 and Karol Emmerich on October 13, we are thrilled with the growth of our club this year and the enthusiasm with which we look forward to 2013 for which the program schedule is already filled thanks to the efforts of our Vice President, Roger Hooper.

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The West Alabama Daylily Society

Ruth Watts, Reporter

2nd Saturday—10 A.M.
Canterbury Chapel, The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL

February, March, September, November

President:	Ruth Watts
Vice President:	Juanice Hayes
Secretary:	Karen Williams
Treasurer:	Sarah Lunsford

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The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Sue Ballard, Reporter

2nd Saturday—12:30 P.M.
First Christian Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

September, October, November, January, February, March, April, May

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President:	Lewis Mallory
Vice President:	Mary Netherton
Secretary:	Janet LeGrone
Treasurer:	Anne McCuistian
Chaplain:	B.J. Yance
Parliamentarian:	John Cooper

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Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Sylvia McLaurin, 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:	Janet Green
Vice President:	Bob Goolsby
Secretary:	Tricia Folks
Treasurer:	Pete Connolly
Reporter:	Sylvia McLaurin

It was an exceptionally mild winter in the Hattiesburg area with rainfall aplenty. This weather scenario enabled the HADS daylily devotees to be out early in the season grooming their gardens, fertilizing, and even enjoying weeding in the cool breezes. Always ready to learn more about hybridizing, members welcomed Sandy Holmes of River Bend Daylilies (Ohio) in January and Tim Herrington (Georgia) in February. The March meeting featured local hybridizers. J. D. Stadler of Celestial Daylily nursery in Charlotte, North Carolina, presented a program at the April meeting.

Spring is a busy time for any gardener, but HADS members outdid themselves this spring. At the May meeting Barbara Watts gave a timely program about grooming daylilies. The program featured the Watts' award-winning PowerPoint presentation "It's Showtime." Then HADS members put this good advice to work at their 16th Annual Daylily Show, held June 2 and titled "Daylilies Rock!" In spite of the unusually hot, dry weather and a very early bloom season, the show exhibited 424 well-presented entries, as well as 12 entries in the Design section. Earl Watts won Best in Show; Sandra Preuss received the Designer's Choice Award. About 1000 attendees bought daylilies, found good information on growing them at the Educational Table, and, of course, saw the crème de la crème of daylily cultivars on display.

HADS hosted this year's Region 14 spring meeting also at Hattiesburg's elegant Convention Center May 24-26. Jeff and Elizabeth Salter were the featured speakers. Elizabeth showed her latest hybrids and Jeff surprised the audience with his talk on dogs, actually a clever and humorous comparison of hybrid dogs and hybrid daylilies. Attendees took short bus rides to four featured gardens, including Edd and Nancy Chain's FigLily Acres, Earl and Barbara Watts' Suburban Daylilies, Truman and Patsy Roberts' Turkey Trott Gardens, and the OLLI Garden at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on the University of Southern Mississippi campus. Clinics and workshops for both exhibit judging and garden judging were held. Jeff Salter led garden students through the daylily garden planted at the Convention Center itself. Julie Covington, AHS President, addressed the conference on Saturday. Barbara and Earl Watts received recognition from the Waiting for a Cure Foundation for their cultivar *Hemerocallis* **'Suburban Ribbon of Hope'** (Watts 2008), the proceeds from which go to the Foundation. Oliver Billingslea was recognized for his new book *Landscaping with Daylilies*, which he wrote for the AHS, and was available to sign copies.

On June 4 tireless HADS folks left Hattiesburg for Centre, Texas, to visit Mark Carpenter's Lily Farm. Returning on June 5, the group agreed that in spite of the Texas drought and early bloom season, they had seen some lovely daylilies and some very promising seedlings.

HADS will hold its wrap-up meeting on June 23 and review a memorable and very successful year. New officers elected at the March meeting were Barbara Watts—President, John Tibbetts—Vice President, Kay Cline—Secretary, and Gary Campbell—Treasurer. With this outstanding leadership HADS will have another luminous year in 2012-2013.

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Jackson Hemerocallis Society

Warrene Holliday, Reporter

3rd Saturday—9:30 A.M.
Municipal Art Gallery, 839 North State Street, Jackson, MS

January, March, May, July, October
1st Saturday in December—Christmas luncheon

President:	Chuck Heller
Vice President:	Ralph Sowell
Secretary:	Peggy Coleman
Treasurer:	J. A. Middlebrooks
Reporter:	Warrene Holliday
Historian:	Chuck Heller

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Meridian Daylily Club

Harriett Touchstone, Reporter
2nd Saturday—11:00 A.M.
Meridian Community College, Hardin Hall, Room 122

January, March, May, July, September, November

President:	Harriett Touchstone
Vice President:	Calvin Becton
Secretary:	Johnna Williamson
Treasurer:	Carol Ewing

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Miss-Lou Daylily Society

Kelly Wall, Reporter

Last Saturday—11:00 A. M.
Pike County Bank Community Room, McComb, MS

March, October

President:	Gay Austin
1st Vice President:	Faye Barron
2nd Vice President:	Carl McDaniel
Secretary-Treasurer:	Fay Atwood
Reporter:	Kelly Wall

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MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

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

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

President:	C. P. Winters
Vice President:	Bill Robinson
Secretary:	Edna Shaw
Treasurer:	Debbie Smith

After such uncertain weather and early blooms there was much discussion: a daylily show or not? Can we afford it? Can we keep the costs down? How can we cut costs? Are there even going to be any blooms left? By a slim margin we decided to host the 8th Annual Daylily Show on May 12th, 2012, at Edgewater Mall in Biloxi, MS.

We had slightly over 200 exhibits of new, old and older daylilies alike and it was surprising to find that some of the older ones held their own with the new "fancy" ones. *Hemerocalllis* **'Sweetheart Supreme'** (Sutton 1954), exhibited by Penny Stringer, won Best in Show.

Thanks to Rusty Ingram for his donation of named varieties and John & Nancy Falck for their donation of seedlings, our Show Plant Sale under Bonnie Lingel's supervision went very well and offset most of the show costs. So even with the small and large "snafus" that keep us continually learning, we consider our show to have been a grand success.

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North MS/AL Daylily Society

Jo Anne McMahan, Reporter

2nd Tuesday—Buffet Supper—5:30 P.M.
River Birch Country Club, Amory, MS

January, April, September, December

President:	Rick Smith
1st Vice President:	Jan Tate
2nd Vice President:	Donna Grant
Secretary:	Linda Beck
Treasurer:	Juanice Hayes
Historian:	Mary Fondren
Parliamentarian:	Bill McMahan

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North Mississippi Daylily Society

Emma Hood, Reporter

2nd Saturday—9:00 A.M.
First Regional Library, Hernando, MS

March, April, May, September, October

President:	John Vanderhook
Vice President:	Jay Laundré
Secretary:	Emma Hood
Treasurer:	Bettye Huckaby
Parliamentarian:	Rhonda Wells
Historian:	Ann Bailey

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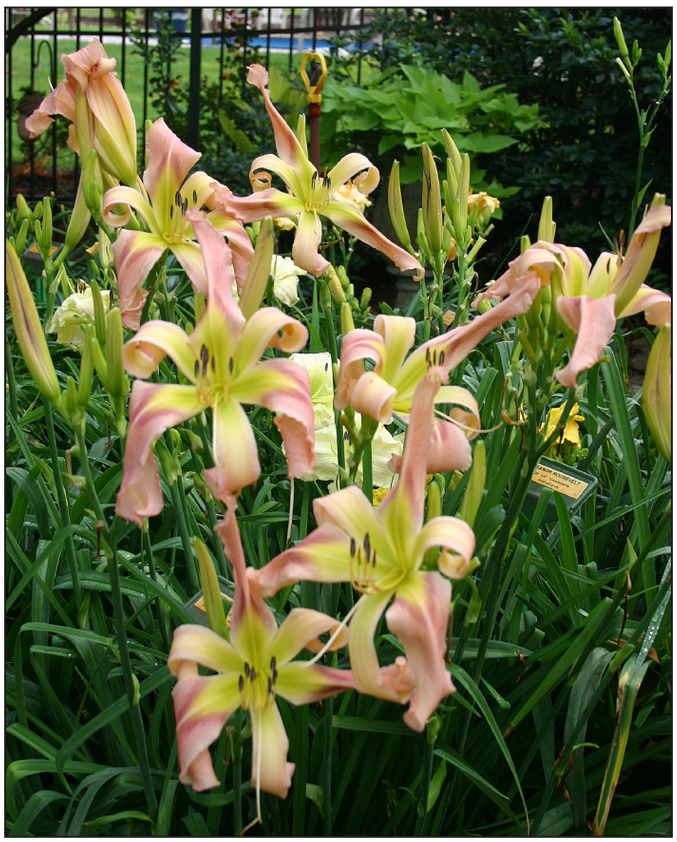
Region 14 Fall Meeting Featured Speakers

Jan & Royce Joiner



Hemerocallis **'Frilly Bliss'** *(Joiner-J. 1998), pictured growing at Suburban Daylilies during the Spring Regional Meeting, is a 34" tall, 9" powder pink diploid with a rose halo and green throat. It is classified as an unusual form cascade.* *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Jan Joiner, recipient of the 2009 Bertrand Farr Silver Medal, and her husband Royce, son of Enman and Frances Joiner, will be the featured speakers at the Region Fall Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS. As Jan happily admits, when she married Royce, "I didn't realize I was also marrying into the world of daylilies and changing the course of my professional and personal life." She gives E.R. Joiner, her father-in-law, credit for mentoring her early career. Recently, Royce has begun to hybridize as well, registering his first cultivar in 2011.

Jan is of course known for the many fine daylilies she has created. In addition to *H.* **'Frilly Bliss'** (1998) pictured above, her registrations include **'Bubbly'** (1989), a 2.87" apricot double; **'Jan's Twister'** (1991), a light peach unusual form daylily which won the Lenington All American Award in 2003; **'Peggy Jeffcoat'** (1995), a creamy double which also won the Lenington in 2010; the pink icing double **'Kocks Your Socks Off'** (1999); **'Firefly Frenzy'** (2002), a lemon drop double unusual form which won an AM in 2009; and **'Sebastian the Crab'** (2003), an apricot cream double unusual form.

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Topics Suggested by Region 14 Membership

The 2012 Popularity Poll—Region 14

"Top Ten" Daylilies in Our Lives: Interviews about Daylilies Enjoyed over the Past Decades

Daylilies and Companion Plants: A Photographic Essay

Region 14 Display Gardens

The Hybridizing Program of Earl Watts

The 2012 National Convention in Columbus, OH

What's New in the Hybridizing Program of Larry Grace

How to Groom a Scape for a Daylily Show

Annual Digital Photography Contest: for Region 14 Adults and Youth

Shelton Holliday: Region 14's Service Award Recipient for 2012

Editor's Column:

We are very pleased to have once again worked with many of our members in Region 14 in producing this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. I am particularly indebted to my wife, Nancy, for her meticulous proofreading.

When our Regional President, Jim Riddle, approached me about resuming editorship in March, 2011, I told him I would be honored to do so—as soon as I completed work on the *Landscaping with Daylilies* book, which I was writing for AHS. We all knew that the AHS publication would be a lengthy project—as it turned out, requiring some 1600 hours over a three year period. In the meantime, last summer Tee Money graciously agreed to put together the 2011 Summer/Fall issue of our newsletter. Tee has many talents, not the least of which is a keen eye for photography. I must say she did a great job with that issue!

So here it is, folks! I have tried once again to create a classical looking publication, but there is one major difference. Since *The Daylily Journal* embraced in the summer of 2008 a larger format and expanded its content, we can now do what we do best—concentrate primarily on what is newsworthy in on our own Region. Not that we won't occasionally highlight something of national interest, which would also be of interest to our region's membership!

Because we want to make this *your* newsletter, please accept my call to write articles for your newsletter: on daylilies; on daylily culture; Region 14 hybridizers; garden write-ups (they don't necessarily have to have been on a regional tour); features of historical interest, especially about your local society; articles on photography; scientific studies involving daylilies; coverage of daylily shows; and, of course, continuing club news and events.

At present, I would like to thank our officers—Jim Riddle, Nancy Falck, Tee Money, Nancy Chain, and Pete Connolly—for their timely reports for this issue.

Also I would like to extend congratulations to the entire Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society for the hours of hard work they put into making their gardens a showcase for the daylily during the Spring 2012 Regional Meeting.

And finally, we are thrilled that through the efforts of Tee Money, the Youth Digital Photography Contest has been continued. Congratulations to this year's winners, regionally and nationally.

And last of all, thank you for embracing the *Landscaping with Daylilies* book. We hope you are finding it both informative and beautiful.

Oliver Billingslea

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Hemerocallis **'Suburban Ribbon of Hope'** *(Watts 2008) was the cultivar selected by the Waiting for a Cure Foundation from a number of seedlings being evaluated by Earl Watts "to honor breast cancer survivors and as a symbol of hope for breast cancer patients." Earl and Barbara Watts have donated the proceeds from the sale of each plant to the Waiting for a Cure Foundation to help local breast cancer patients who do not have insurance coverage.* *(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

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