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(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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# REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT JIM RIDDLE

I hope that everyone had a wonderful bloom season. I know that our season started out slow and rather cold, but when it warmed up the blooms were exceptional.

Phyllis and I were busy during the month of June. We judged two daylily shows, presided over our Regional meeting in Madison, Alabama, and attended the National Convention in Asheville, NC. If you missed either of these events you missed wonderful gardens, good friends and good food. Both were real treats. Our Regional meeting was hosted by the Huntsville Area Daylily Society in Madison, Alabama, co-hosts, Sharon Beecher, President, and Dave Flanigan. On Thursday evening, we had a fun supper at the Caneer home. Their house is built underground on the back side with daylilies planted all over the ground covering the house. Walkways extend up into the gardens atop the house. Wow! All of the tour gardens were outstanding and we thank those who opened their gardens and thank the members of that club for all of their hard work.

In our Regional meeting, I received two pieces of very good news. First, C. P. Winters was elected our new Regional President for the years 2015-2016. I hope that you will give her as much help and support as you have given me during my time as RP. Second good news is that the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society will be hosting the 2015 Spring Meeting. The Sally Lake Bed will be hosted by Penny Stringer.

Earl Watts said that you can bring plants for that bed to the Fall meeting in Hattiesburg in October.

Also, the proposal to have a Regional Bed for each Region at the National Convention 2017 was introduced. Each Region will participate. The vote to send daylily plants was made and passed. Each region can send 15 to 25 plants to be put in the bed. If you are interested in sending plants, please notify Jim Chappell what you will be sending including the name and particulars for each plant so that he can help prevent duplicates being sent.

At the National Convention in the Regional Officers meeting, the main topic was, of course, Regional meetings. It seems that most regions are having trouble getting clubs to host the Spring Meetings. The AHS' main reason for having these meetings is to continue the education for Exhibition Judges and Garden Judges with the possibility of seeing some open gardens, not to have MINI National Conventions that last several days. Suggested were open gardens and classes or seminars on daylilies, classes for judges, and an annual business meeting, rather than necessarily having several days of meetings.

If anyone has any suggestions on the best way to hold Spring Regional Meetings without breaking the bank, please contact me or C. P. We look forward to hearing your ideas.

This is my last report to you. It has been a good four years. I have met so many of you nice people. I thank you for all your advice, support, and encouragement.

Thank you for all you do.

Jim Riddle

# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT OLIVER BILLINGSLEA

n Wednesday, June 25, at 2 P.M., the Publications Committee, of which I am a member, met prior to the AHS Board of Directors meeting scheduled for the next day. This is traditional since the chair of Publications must make an up-to-date report to the AHS Board. First on the agenda was the wealth of material being supplied to The Daylily Journal and how to accommodate that material. An inventory of existing publications was presented, followed by a discussion of plans for future publications. I gave a report on the status of the new edition of The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies, for which I am serving as editor. The Committee chair, Lois Hart, then presented the report to the AHS Board for approval on Thursday. The completely updated 128 page edition of the Guide is scheduled or publication this Fall. There are plans for several other publications as well. I will be working closely with Publications on facilitating the completion of several of these, including an update of the book on Spiders and Unusual Forms. It was announced at our meeting that we would be hiring a new Publications Service Manager, Brenda Macy, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky.

The AHS Board of Directors met on Thursday, June 26, essentially from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. I serve in two capacities on the Board: one as the Ombudsman and the other as Chair of Special Projects. As Ombudsman, with the help of my committee, I answer from time to time questions that are sent to me. I gave a report detailing in my responses to a number of very good questions raised. My appointment as Chair of Special Projects entails not only working with Publications, but coming up with ideas that will benefit the educational and scientific purposes of the Society. My proposal to the Board at our June meeting was to initiate funding to benefit public botanical gardens that would be willing to establish and maintain Historical/Historic Collections of Daylilies in order to preserve a portion of AHS history. With the establishment of an "Historic Daylilies Collections Fund," we would initially undertake support for the continued development of the daylily collection at North Dakota State University's public Historic Daylily Display Garden, specifically the establishment of a Lenington All-American Collection at NDSU. In coming years, AHS would undertake support for the development of historical collections at additional botanical gardens. The motion was favorably received, though tabled until the Fall Board Meeting contingent upon receiving a detailed request from NDSU.

Other items of interest included the AHS Board approving a new Electronic Media Award, designed to recognize individuals who have performed outstanding service to the AHS membership and the general public in the area of electronic media. Nominees may have created websites, blogs, electronic magazines, mobile applications, as well as other emerging technologies not specifically listed or included in other award categories.

A generous anonymous donor has offered to match funds donated to the AHS General Fund by December 31 of this year, at a 2:1 ratio, up to \$20,000. I have just received notice that our Region's Nancy Falck has made a contribution at the Silver level to the AHS General Fund.

Oliver Billingslea

# RPD'S REPORT PHYLLIS RIDDLE

Friends, it has been a wonderful spring, once it got started. Our daylilies have been better than ever. It is amazing. I don't know if it was the freezing cold or the extra water at the beginning. Who knows but every gardener that I have talked to has unanimously said this has been a great year not only for the flowers but the vegetables as well. Whatever the contributing factor, it has been one fantastic bloom season.

I hope that everyone got out to see God's creation because it is that time again. It's Time to vote in the Popularity Poll. Send them to me please by email or snail mail.

I thank everyone who donated plants for our auctions this year for the Spring meeting. It was a great success. I also want to encourage everyone to donate for the upcoming Regional meetings. Anyone can donate auction plants, silent auction plants and /or table sale plants. Don't wait to be contacted, contact me. I know that you grow great plants and want others to enjoy them. Plants can be sent to me or to Earl Watts for the Fall Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg, October, 2014.

Our Editor tells me that he is having problems getting Club information from our Regional clubs and he is wanting articles about people, places and educational interests for publication in *The Dixie Daylily*. I know that we have some really gifted writers in our Region and I would be interested to see some of your work in our publication.

Our Web Master, Paul Aucoin, will put any information about upcoming events in your area on our web page. Please utilize our resources to be in touch with the happenings in Region 14. I want to thank you for a very pleasant and productive 6 years. Time flies when you are having fun. Thank you, all you who are my new friends. I hope that I won't lose track of you in the future.

Keep Looking Up.

# Phyllis Riddle



As each flower seeks the light, so we too share in the eternal light that illuminates the human heart. (Photo by Debi Kral)

# MINUTES, SPRING MEETING 2014 JANET GREEN, SECRETARY

The AHS Region 14 Spring 2014 Business Meeting was held at the Best Western Plus in Huntsville, Alabama, on June 13-14, 2014.

Attendees at the Regional Meeting were welcomed by Sharon Beecher, member and Chairman of the Region 14 steering committee. Billy Joe Yance gave the invocation.

Region 14 President, Jim Riddle, thanked the members of The North Alabama Daylily Society who helped with the Regional Meeting.

After the meal, the business meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Riddle, who called for a moment of silence in remembrance of members of Region 14 who passed away during the year.

Regional Secretary, Janet Green, was asked to stand. The Region 14 minutes for the Fall 2013 meeting having been published in *The Dixie Daylily* on page 6, President Riddle asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were made and the minutes were approved as published.

Regional Treasurer, Jim Chappell, reported \$27,983.46 on hand on December 9, 2013. After expenses and earnings, Region 14 now has \$20,151.32 on hand as of June 12, 2014. There were no questions and that report will be filed.

Brief reports were given as follows:

The Dixie Daylily Editor, Oliver Billingslea, encouraged attendees to submit photos for the next edition of the newsletter and called attention to the guidelines on page 30 in last Dixie Daylily for upcoming photography awards. He stated that he is in the process of writing another book for AHS.

Exhibition Judges Liaisons, Henry and Lisa Little, encouraged more members to become exhibition judges; Janet Green and Nancy Chain conducted Exhibition class I; John and Nancy Falck conducted Exhibition class II; Henry Little did not have any students in the Refresher class.

Garden Judges Liaisons, Barbara and Earl Watts, reported that Garden class II was held at the Huntsville Botanical Garden and was conducted by Jeff Salter; Garden class I was conducted by Joe Agosta.

Phyllis Riddle, Regional Publicity Director, encouraged AHS members to vote in the popularity poll, gave out ballots to be turned in to her if members wanted, and encouraged all attendees to join AHS to help get our numbers up in Region 14.

President Riddle called on the nominating committee Chairman, Jesse George, for the report regarding a nominations for the AHS Region 14 President for the years 2015-2016. Jesse thanked the other committee members, Rusty Ingram and Tee Money, for their help. He reported that the committee nominated C. P. Winters. No other nominations were made from the floor. A motion was made to accept C. P. Winters as Region 14 President, seconded by Dave Flanigan. John Falck made a motion to close the nominations. The vote was a resounding AYE. C. P. Winters was elected the new Region 14 President. There was no other unfinished business.

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

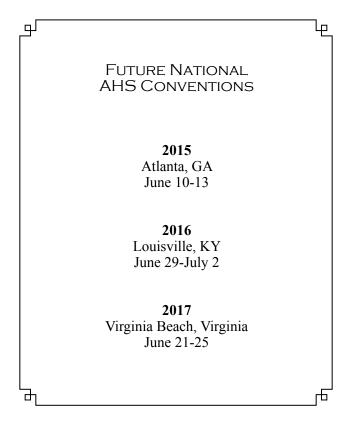
At the start of new business, Jim Riddle announced that the Tidewater Daylily Society would be hosting the 2017 AHS National Convention, June 21-24, in Norfolk, Virginia. One of the gardens would be hosting fifteen Regional Display Beds. He asked members to donate plants for the Region 14 bed. Jim Chappell will be the committee chair to coordinate the flowers being sent. Nancy Falck made motion that Region 14 participate, John Falck seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

President Riddle called upon Sharon Beecher to give the members the Saturday schedule.

John Falck moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Chappell seconded the motion, and the Spring Region 14 business meeting adjourned.

# Janet Green

Spring Meetings	
2015 Hattiesburg	2016 TBA
2017 TBA	2018 TBA



# TREASURER'S REPORT 07/10/14 JIM CHAPPELL, TREASURER

December 9, 2013—July 10, 2014

<b>Cash on Hand</b> @ 12/09/2013	\$27,983.46
<b>Total Funds</b>	\$27,983.46

# **Receipts:**

Ad & Subscription to Dixie Daylily	\$155.00
Fall Meeting, Excess to Region—12/02/13	\$364.02
NMDS, Memorial for Fern Mann—01/16/14	\$100.00
Donation, NADS—04/17/14	\$500.00
Donation, MSGCDS—05/23/14	\$200.00
Auction—Spring Meeting, Huntsville	\$7,359.50

# Total Receipts: \$8,678.52

# **Expenditures:**

Insurance & Entity Filing—12/16/13	-\$117.14
Wells Printing—The Dixie Daylily	
(02/11/2014)	-\$4,625.00
Newsletter Mailing (02/11/2014)	-\$486.64
Webmaster—Web Hosting	-\$183.38
Regional President—Allowance	-\$1,239.00
Regional Director—Allowance	-\$1,000.00
Editor—Allowance	-\$1,000.00
Speaker Allowance for Spring Regional	
Meeting, NADS—04/17/2014	-\$500.00

# Total Expenditures: -\$9,151.16

**Cash on Hand** @ 07/10/2014 \$27,510.82

**Total Funds**: @ 07/10/2014 **\$27,510.82** 

Jim Chappell

# Mark Carpenter to Speak at Region 14 Fall Meeting

Most folks are familiar with The Lily Farm, famous for Jack Carpenter's hybrid daylilies, as well as those of his partner, Josie Bomar. Several years ago, Jack's nephew, Mark Carpenter, purchased the operation to continue the line of work begun by his uncle. Having served as president of the San Antonio Daylily Society, as the Region 6 rust liaison, and as the Region 6 newsletter editor, Mark is now a full-time hybridizer. His goals are to bring Jack's famous heavy substance to unusual form and double daylilies. He also wants to have a 10" bloom on a full size flower. So far most of Mark's registrations are listed as Carpenter-Carpenter, meaning that his uncle had a hand in hybridizing each flower.

# Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society Show

Bloom Awards:

Keith Powell of Sumrall, MS, took Best in Show honors with his scape of *Hemerocallis* 'King Kahuna' (Crochet 1994). 'King Kahuna' also took the award for the Best Double Flower.

The Sweepstakes Award is made to the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons, and that went to Earl Watts of Hattiesburg,

Best Extra Large Flower went to H. 'To God Be the Glory' (Carpenter-J. 2006), exhibited by Earl Watts. 'Orange Velvet' (Joiner 1988), was the Best Large Flower, exhibited by Wally and Evelyn Wesley of Hattiesburg. The Best Small Flower, 'Just for Breakfast' (Threeewitts 1994), was exhibited by Veronica Powell of Sumrall. Kurt Green of Bassfield, MS, took honors for Best Miniature Flower, 'Little Red Dumples' (Anderson-H. 2000). The Best Spider Flower, 'Planet Max' (Reed 1996), was exhibited by Bill Martin of Perkinston, MS. Veronica Powell of Sumrall took the Best Unusual Form Flower award for her exhibit of 'Off to See the Wizard' (Herrington-K. 2009).

In the Youth Division, H. 'Prairie Blue Eyes' (Marsh 1970) won, exhibited by Ethan McMellon of Moselle, MS. The winner of the Popularity Poll was 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004), exhibited by Ken and Patsy Ford of Mount Olive, MS. Don Campbell of Lumberton, MS, too top honors for Best Seedling, "DCDC14," as well as the Debutante award for 'Lillian's Thin Ice' (Manning 2009).

### Club Awards:

The Earl Watts Award (Large Red Daylily) went to Penny Stringer of Sumrall, MS, for her entry of H. 'New Zealand Red' (Carpenter-J. 1995). Evelyn Wesley was awarded the Nell George Award (Small or Miniature Daylily) for 'Suburban Wren' (Watts 2012). The Mary Lois Burkett Award (Large Spider Type Daylily) was given to Kay Cline of Picayune, MS, for 'Heavenly Angel Ice' (Gossard 2004). The Louise Cubley Award (Large Pink Daylily) went to Penny Stringer for 'Royal Pink Twist' (Carpenter-J. 1996). The Marty DeBolt Award (Large Golden Yellow Daylily) went to Kurt Green for his entry of 'Humdinger' (Joiner 1988).

# Design Division:

The Design Division features daylilies used in designs to support a given theme. Designing a table arrangement using daylilies to the theme "A Time to Remember," Virginia Kirkpatrick was awarded Best of Show.



Virginia Kirkpatrick wins Best in Show for her table arrangement. (Photo by Louise McClellan)

# Show

Bloom awards:

Penny Stringer of Sumrall, MS, took Best in Show honors for her scape of Hemerocallis 'Lillian's Vapor Trail' (Manning 2011). 'Lillian's Vapor Trail' also took the award for the Best Unusual Form Flower.

The Sweepstakes Award went to C. P. Winters of Moss Point, MS.

More winners are listed in the MGCDS Club news on page 37.



Penny Stringer proudly displays her scape of Hemerocallis 'Lillian's Vapor Trail' which won Best in Show. (Photo by C. P. Winters)



Lisa Hammons displays the purple ribbon for her entry H. 'Wild Wookie'.

(Photo courtesy of Lisa Hammons)

# The Dixie Daylily

# **AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting**

Saturday, October 4, 2014 Hosted by The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society Extension Conference Room—Multi-purpose Center

US 49 South, Hattiesburg MS

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email: bwatts54@gmail.com

Guest Speaker: Mark Carpenter—The Lily Farm—Center, Texas

Guest Speaker. Wark	Carpenter The Enty Farm Center, Texas
Registration Fees: Adult: \$20.00 Youth: \$10.00  Includes lunch	Mail checks and registration form to: Janet Green, Registrar 1751 S. Williamsburg Rd. Bassfield, MS 39421
<b>Registration Deadline:</b> October 1, 2014	
8:00 A.M.—Registration Open	11:30 A.M.—Lunch
8:30 A.M.—Plant Sale Table Opens	12:30 P.M.—Mark Carpenter
10:00 A.M.—Region 14 Business Meeting	1:30 P.M.—Plant Auction
10:30 A.M.— Mark Carpenter	3:00 P.M.—Adjournment
Registration Form:	
1st Person	2nd Person
Youth #1	Youth #2
Address: City:	State: Zip code:
Phone: Do you need handicapped facilities? Yes No Please give details if you answer yes to either question.	Email:  Do you have special dietary requirements? YesNo
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# Digital Photography Awards Guidelines for 2015

Region 14 is sponsoring Photography Awards for 2015 in two divisions: Youth and Adult.

Images will be accepted until November 1, 2014. Please e-mail as attachments or put them on a CD and mail to the Photography Liaison. Do not reduce the size of images. They need to be sent large enough, preferably 1MB to 6MB, for our editor to be able to print them in our regional newsletter. Images sent at less than 500 KB cannot be accepted.

Rules and guidelines:

For the first time this year, there are two divisions: Youth (under 21) and Adult.

There are five categories. Photographers may submit up to five entries in each category:

- (1) Single bloom (the photograph may be of any registered cultivar)
- (2) Multi-bloom or cultivar clump (must be of a registered cultivar)
- (3) Daylilies with companion plants
- (4) Daylilies in the landscape
- (5) Artistic image

In the category of single bloom, the photographer must identify the cultivar, its hybridizer, its year of registration, and the garden in which the photo was taken.

The same applies for the multi-bloom or cultivar clump, the latter of which should show the foliage, the scapes, and the flowers to give a total picture.

In the daylilies with companion plants category, the photographer must identify the most prominent daylilies in the picture, as well as the most prominent companion plants. The photographer must also identify the garden in which the photo was taken.

In the landscape category, the photographer may, if he or she wishes, identify some of the daylilies, but must identify the garden in which the photo was taken. No people should appear in the photo.

The artistic category should stress uniqueness in subject and composition.

The photographer must be an AHS Region 14 member.

A panel of three judges will evaluate all entries in respect to focus, color, and composition.

Region 14 will present a certificate plus a cash award of \$25 in each of the five categories, and the winning entries will be published in the 2015 Summer/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. An awards presentation will be held at the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS.

Oliver Billingslea

Please send your images by November 1, 2014, to:

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# American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 2014 Popularity Poll Ballot

The Popularity Poll ballot is printed here and is available on the AHS Region 14 website as well. Mail or e-mail your choices to your Regional Tabulator or use the web-based ballot. Please submit your ballot only once. Votes must be postmarked by September 1, 2014.

Each member can vote for up to ten (10) registered cultivars. A ballot with only one (1) vote is acceptable. In the Popularity Poll ballot, you have the option of writing in up to five (5) personal choices, should these choices not appear on the Regional ballot. Daylilies receiving the most votes will appear on the next year's ballot. Each AHS member is eligible to vote and is encouraged to do so.

# Please circle your choices:

Abilene Lillian Alabama Jubilee Alabama Wildfire Aldersgate Alexa Kathryn All American Chief Almost a Rainbow Annie Armstrong Bama Girl Tee Banana Smoothie Barbara Mitchell Beautiful Edgings Bela Lugosi Belle Cook Big Kiss Big Red Wagon Bill Norris Bill Robinson Black Ambrosia Bluegrass Memories Born to Reign **Boundless Beauty** Clothed in Glory Coach's Class Act Coach's Hot Lips Coach's Laughing Eyes Coach's Real Deal Coffee to Go Crazy Ivan Destined to See Dorothy and Toto Double Blue Blood Double Screamer Doyle Pierce **Dutch Yellow Truffle** Elva White Grow

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# Herbs in the Huntsville Botanical Garden



Greek Oregano



Germander



Chocolate Peppermint



Penny Royal

# Clyde F. Manning

# Receives Region 14 Service Award from AHS

I would like to nominate a very vital member of our region for the Region 14 Service Award. Many clubs, churches, civic or daylily regions and clubs are not lucky enough to have such a hardworking but unsung member as Fred Manning.

Although Fred has not held a long list of offices, he has been a key force in keeping not only his local club, but also the region running smoothly.

He was very active in both the Riviera Daylily Club (now combined with The Mobile Hemerocallis Society) and The Mobile Hemerocallis Society. He served as president of the Riviera club, keeping the club active after some previous leaders had to move away. During his membership in the Riviera club, he supported all activities including their hosting the Region 14 Spring Meeting in 2004. He provided gift, door prize, auction plants, and programs for the meeting, as he does for many clubs as well. He not only hosted a tour garden with all the work which that entails, he offered his home as a work site for preparing the various items necessary for such a venture. Also, he supplied manpower to prepare the gift plants and pot them to overwinter. He even gave bus plants and other gift plants.

At the same time, he has been an active member of the Mobile Hemerocallis Society for many years, serving wherever he can. He always supplies door prize, new member, and any other plants for plant auctions and sales. He works hard in setting up, taking down, clerking, and other positions at all of the club's shows. He has gotten programs for the club meetings for years and has finally agreed to be the president of this club for three terms.

His service to Region 14 clubs extends beyond his local clubs. He does programs for clubs throughout the region. He brings auction plants, but insists he receive no compensation and that the clubs keep the proceeds. His knowledge of daylily horticulture and hybridizing make him a sought after speaker. He will serve as auctioneer at club meetings and will help all clubs with any specific needs.

Although club service is necessary to keep a region vital, Fred works tirelessly at every spring and fall Region 14 meeting organizing silent and live auctions, donating numerous plants to every need for gift plants, auction, sale, or youth new plants. During regional auctions Fred organizes the plants, keeps the youth moving in handing out the correct plants, and coordinates with the auctioneer.

He is an active garden judge thus using his knowledge, especially in seeing and growing plants, particularly those hybridized in Region 14. As an exhibition judge he serves at all shows in Region 14. He has also represented Region 14 by judging shows in nearby regions, especially Region 12. He is a much sought after judge because of his innate fairness as well as his broad knowledge of daylilies. He truly embodies the traits listed in the judges's handbook.

He has also been a clinic instructor and served on master panels for years. This reflects well on Region 14 and AHS.

For the 2013 Region 14 Spring Meeting hosted by The Mobile Hemerocallis Society, he served not only as club president, but as co-chair.

Because Region 14, like many regions, are having trouble finding host clubs for regional meetings, Fred readily agreed with John Falck and Regional President Jim Riddle that the Mobile club, a small club with limited gardens, could host a successful spring meeting. His first offer was that he would provide over 150 registration gift plants of his 2011 and 2012 introductions. He then secured collections for raffle from seven major hybridizers. These plants he collected, then grew in pots over winter so they would be in excellent condition for the raffle. He has worked on every step of planning and preparation. Also, the Manning garden is once again a featured tour garden. His talent lies in making hosting a meeting a reality with minimum stress to a small club.

There are enumerable ways he has provided service to Region 14, most done behind the scenes with no applause. Because of his quiet, efficient service, several members from throughout the region have asked that I nominate Fred Manning as recipient of the Regional Service Award. His brand of dedication and willingness to serve is the real backbone of a club, a region, and AHS, yet such service is often taken for granted and is not as recognized as it deserves. Convinced that this award is richly deserved and knowing I have much support of Region 14 members, I nominate Fred Manning for the AHS Region 14 Service Award.

# John Falck



The American Hemerocallis Society's Regional Service Medal

# Awards Presented at Region 14 Spring Meeting



Martha Brazelton receives both the President's Cup and the Amy Stewart Memorial Award from Region 14 President Jim Riddle, for her own registration, Hemerocallis 'Big Delight' (2013). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Jim Brazelton receives the Nell George Memorial Award for H. 'Big Red Wagon' (Stamile 2008) from Tricia Folks, President of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Wiregrass Daylily Society, Mike Bush (left), along with Region 14 President Jim Riddle, presents Jim and Sharon Beecher the Robbie Bush Adams Award for H. 'Buddy's Blondy' (Hall-J. 2010).

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Jim Riddle displays a plaque presented to him by Dave Flanigan (right) for his service as Region 14 President (2011-2014). Dave Flanigan was also honored for his article, "A History of the North Alabama Daylily Society," which was selected the Best Article appearing in The Dixie Daylily for 2013. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

# The Ben Arthur Davis Memorial Award

for the best clump of a registered eyed or eyed/edged daylily is sponsored by the Meridian Daylily Club and was awarded to

H. 'What Fun' (Salter 2008) as grown in Mary Terrell's Bella Vista garden.

# The Shelton Holliday Award

for the best clump of a registered double daylily is sponsored by the Jackson Daylily Society and was awarded to

H. 'Double Blue Blood' (George-T. 2005) as grown in Mary Terrell's Bella Vista garden



Terah George accepts the Region 14 Landscape Award from Ruth Watts, Director of the West Alabama Daylily Society, on behalf of Mary Terrell. (Photo by Benny Ray Brown)



C. P. Winters, president of the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society, presents Sharon Beecher the Johnny Edward Kelly Memorial Award for H. 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster-Cobb 2003). (Photo by Benny Ray Brown)



On behalf of Mary Terrell, Terah George accepts the Bennie McRae Memorial Award for H. 'Little Red Dumples' (Anderson-H. 2000). The award was presented by Juanice Hayes, secretary of the West Alabama Daylily Society. (Photo by Benny Ray Brown)



Representing the Central Alabama Daylily Society, which sponsors the Sally Lake Memorial Award, is Benny Ray Brown holding the vase and the certificate. He is joined by Dave Flanigan, past president of NADS, and Jim Riddle, Region 14 President. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Sally Lake Memorial Award Winner

Dot Sumner's red, # DS-04, which was #41 in the Sally Lake Bed, was voted top honors by the attendees at the Spring Regional Meeting. (Photo by Benny Ray Brown)





The Sally Lake Memorial Award First Runner-Up

Jim Brazelton's red, # 53-16-4, which was # 3 in the Sally Lake Bed, was first runner-up at the Spring Regional Meeting. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

# Day Tripping in the Gardens by Terese Goodson

Spring was slow to arrive this year, but a trip to Lake Martin in perfect weather made it worth the wait. Dogwoods, trillium, beautiful Japanese maples, colorful hostas, and an assortment of other foliage plants welcomed Montgomery Area Daylily Society members to the annual club picnic hosted by Bill Oswalt and Martha Barber. Food and fellowship were in abundance throughout the early afternoon and evening. The camaraderie of all who attended was very apparent. M.A.D.S. members have fun whenever they are together!

A new addition to the lake house setting this year was a huge, concrete eagle, painted in detail to become "War Eagle". (So just exactly how did the red and white University of Alabama ribbon and medallion end up around the eagle's neck while it was standing watch over the water? If the perpetrator is ever found, this surely will be classified as a felony offense.) It was the newest conversation piece for the day.

Bill Oswalt, Barbara and Cecil Barnes, and Terese Goodson, all active M.A.D.S. members, had spruced up their daylily beds and hosted approximately 55 Capital City Master Gardeners to see three totally different styles of gardening landscapes. Blooms from all types of flowers put on a showy display, proving that daylilies mix well in all types of floral settings—what great companion plants! It was fun to see CCMGs studying individual blooms, focusing their cameras, and just enjoying a comfortable, sunny morning among friends.

Bill's garden featured the first gardenia of the season, a host of rose varieties, manicured lawn and beds, gladioli, Japanese maples, unusual garden statues, along with huge daylily beds. Beautiful Japanese maples, an assortment of shrubs, and birdhouses scattered throughout the beds made for a very peaceful setting.

Barbara and Cecil's garden was whimsical with borders of larkspur and a wagon load of lantana. Auburn flags graced the beds. Daylilies bloomed as spiders, doubles, and singles throughout their garden. Clematis and salvia were tucked into beds and crevices. A Felder Rushing style bottle tree added a special touch to the backyard setting. Coleus beds and a hanging succulent basket added color and interest for gardeners to admire.

The last stop on the caravan was to Terese's garden and farm. Cows came up to greet everyone, weaned calves were bellowing in the corral, and one photo taken shows humans and creatures marveling at the sight of kale and mustard growing in raised beds. Old swimming pools made a perfect location for parsley, lettuce, and beets.

The last day trip of the season for M.A.D.S. took members to Birmingham and Childersburg for the "Daylilies in Bloom Tour 2014". This trip had been scheduled for

mid-May, but when reports came in that nothing was blooming, the trip was rescheduled for June. What a difference two weeks of sunshine can make! Becky and Morris Parr welcomed us to Dancing Daylily Garden, their Bessemer location. This garden has daylilies blooming in all directions and on all levels. The layout of the beds made it easy to see each cultivar available. The most recent daylily introductions were placed together, making each of the visitors want to have them blooming in their own back yards. The Parrs have worked so hard to make this a lovely display garden. It is hard to believe that it was started only about five years

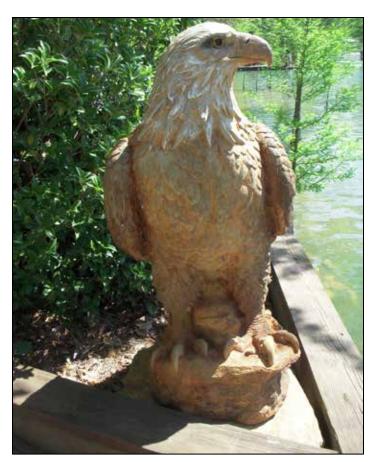
Next up the road, Judi and Paul Aucoin greeted us to Shantih Gardens, their home place overlooking the Cahaba River. Guests marveled at the sight of the beautiful front yard and were stunned, then amazed, to discover that just a few weeks prior to the visit, a raging Cahaba River fed by heavy storms had swept away the lowest terraced level of the garden, taking with it patio furniture, a gazebo, carefully tended seedlings, and a host of other plants during the darkness of the night. At least the concrete and wire bench didn't go anywhere. That unique treasure had been bolted to the ground. The Aucoins must have worked day and night restoring their yard, because M.A.D.S. members found the vard tranquil and stunning, with no hint of damage in sight. Daylilies and many companion plants were labeled for easy identification. Come to this display garden for a cup of coffee overlooking the water. You'll be close to heaven.

Lloyd's of Birmingham was not exactly a daylily destination, but the BBQ plates, hamburger steak, fried chicken, and onion rings made all participants happy they were on tour for the day! No one looked hungry when they left.

The final leg of the day had members arriving at Kahatchee Gardens in Childersburg, home of Glenda and Arthur Woods. These M.A.D.S. members gave everyone a grand tour of their acreage, including the numerous daylily beds, Glenda's hand sewn quilts, and Arthur's handmade beds and wood working shop. What a nice surprise to find this garden nestled in the countryside! The Woods family has spent many an hour creating this hidden treasure. Top the afternoon off with a special recipe of banana pudding and you might have lots more company than you ever want-

If your daylily club doesn't sponsor day trips during peak blooming season, you might want to start arranging some. Come for the flowers, but stay for the friendships that you develop.

Terese Goodson
Montgomery Area Daylily Society





During the M.A.D.S. first day trip to several members' gardens, visitors to Bill Oswalt's lake house were greeted by an imposing "war eagle," in honor of Bill's allegiance to Auburn University. Although early in the season, Cecil and Barbara Barnes' backyard (top right) was already awash with color. In the pictures below, decorative driftwood and birdhouses add interest to the Oswalt garden located in Montgomery. (Photos by Terese Goodson)





# A Salute to Gardens in Region 14 by Terese Goodson

Montgomery Area Daylily Society sponsors an annual three day trip to tour daylily gardens throughout the southeast. This year the group opted to support many of the gardens and hybridizers in our own Region 14. Prepare for an adventure . . .

Twenty-three daylily warriors ventured out at the crack of dawn to fight the enemy—RAIN! But rain never dampened the enthusiasm of M.A.D.S. members and their guests as they began the trip to see glorious daylily gardens. The bus headed south on I-65 before the sun even peeked out above the horizon. Quiet, subdued travelers became a bit livelier once the first cup of coffee was poured at Hardee's.

The Crenshaw Farms Daylily Gardens and Antiques in Stockton (Bay Minette), AL, was already bustling with activity when the group arrived. Daylilies were in bloom as far as the eye could see! The more adventuresome members darted off the bus to explore, while a few stragglers decided that the wide front porch with the inviting chairs was the best place to be. Soon the bus began to fill with flowers, blackberry plants, and other foliage. A cry went out to "Grab the redneck raincoats" (black garbage bags) as the first rains began to appear, but the brief shower wasn't enough to stop everyone from posing on the steps for a group photo. Diane Crenshaw and her family made us feel like we were here for a family reunion.

On to "Hem Haven Garden" in Fairhope, AL, for the next leg of the journey. Stout Medal award winning daylilies, miniatures, historic daylilies, and numerous guest plants were arranged in beds throughout the garden and they beck-

oned visitors to look closely at each of them as the group stepped off the bus. Seedlings and alphabetically arranged sale beds were tucked behind the house and members scrambled to their favorite spots. A sitting area, nestled under a wide shade tree, bursting with cool drinks and snacks, was another popular spot for the morning. Nancy and John Falck know how to prepare for a crowd! They also arranged for the group to savor a great buffet lunch at Saraceno's Restaurant, just as another deluge of rain appeared.

Since the rain wouldn't stop, the group decided to enjoy a bus tour of scenic downtown Fairhope and the waterfront rather than "shop until we dropped," and getting drenched in the process. We made it across the Causeway in time to unpack at the hotel and have another great meal at Neighbors near Theodore, AL. The Wingate staff welcomed us when we returned with cookies and a fresh pot of coffee. The party continued late into the night, but what happens in Mobile, stays in Mobile!

C. P. and Bill Winters, owners of "God's Glory Garden," were gracious hosts at their Moss Point, MS, home. Breakfast was served and members also got to see C. P.'s talent for quilting, in addition to their garden setting. Scrapbooks were available to tell the story of how this garden developed and members enjoyed visiting the Stout Medal bed and the many other daylily beds with companion plants tucked throughout the front and back yards. We were glad this AHS Display Garden was on the tour. We met some new friends.

We didn't arrive in Biloxi, MS, early enough to "enjoy" about 4" of rain, but when we found "Tom's Daylilies,"



The lovely backyard of C. P. and Bill Winters home in Moss Point, MS, features a large array of daylilies. Christened "God's Glory Garden," it truly is a glorious garden.

Photo courtesy of C. P. Winters)

home of Tommy and Joyce Maddox, the squishing underfoot told us that we must have just missed it! (What's a little mud between your toes when you are with friends?) Tommy answered many questions about his hybridizing program, showed us his seedlings, and also introduced us to his dogs that we had heard so much about when Tommy visited our club in April. We saw *Hemerocallis* 'Abilene Dr. Teresa Burton' blooming in the garden and were tickled to meet Tommy's daughter in person! The covered patio area was a welcome relief when the rain began again, but if you are eating pimento cheese sandwiches and enjoying cream puffs, who cares about the rain?



It is not everyday one comes across an individual who has a passion for flowers and for cars, but Tommy Maddox has been at work restoring this classic VW for sometime. It literally glows from the care he has put into it. (Photo by Terese Goodson)

Tucked on the other side of Biloxi, Rusty Ingram and his lovely wife, Gloria, welcomed us to their home site, "Biloxi Bay Blooms," and members were delighted to discover that they have not only their place covered in lovely blooms, but the neighbors' place and the lot next door to the neighbors, too. Such a deal! A Stout Medal bed, gorgeous blooms, endless pots of daylilies, and plenty of mud all added to the ambiance of the afternoon. Rains forced everyone onto the wide covered porch of the house next door, but strawberry cake, a pot of coffee, cool drinks, and plenty of fellowship kept the bus participants from even noticing any gray skies in the distance. Rusty used to grow daylilies in back of his property, but a new housing development was located there, forcing him to find another alternative for growing his favorite flower. The present arrangement is a win-win for the entire neighborhood.

After grabbing the redneck raincoats once again, M.A.D.S. members hopped on the bus and headed north to Hattiesburg. The group had a little down time before being "forced" to eat again at the Movie Star Buffet. (We really enjoyed eating our way through two states.) The buffet building alone is worth a visit, but the food was great, also. Once we were all too stuffed to move, we headed out for some much needed exercise: walking the grounds of the Lake Terrace Convention Center to see daylily beds in bloom and then on to the University of Southern Mississip-



Although your editor was not able to go on the trip with fellow M.A.D.S. members, he was able to travel down to Hattiesburg on April 27 and stop by the rose garden on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi. The roses, including Rosa 'Crimson Bouquet' pictured above, were at peak bloom. Below is a shot of the Golden Eagle which the group from Montgomery much admired. (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)



pi's lovely rose garden. The statue of USM's golden eagle was quite impressive, so we pretended it was Auburn University's "War Eagle" and sent a photo of it to Bill Oswalt, one of our members who was recovering from surgery and had to miss the trip this year.

Sunday morning was bright and beautiful and we were delighted to find Barbara and Earl Watts ready for our arrival. The sight of over 5,000 H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' daylilies in full bloom is something that most folks will never see. Simply spectacular! These blooms were tucked into a holding bed next door to "Suburban Daylilies" and were a joy to behold. Earl's newest seedlings are also located there and the golf cart made many trips back and forth to see what the future holds for daylilies. Members could get lost on the grounds of the Watts' place because foliage appears to stretch for miles overlooking the water. Daylily beds, shady areas, blackberry patches, onions growing in raised beds, row after row of daylilies in the sale beds—there was something for everyone on the tour to see and no one left with any regrets, except that we had to leave. One small consolation was that we will be back in Hattiesburg for the 2014 Region 14 Fall meeting, and for the Spring 2015 Meeting as well, as Hattiesburg has agreed once again to be hosts.



Hemerocallis 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004) has been selected as the Mississippi Medallion Plant of the year for 2015.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)

Since we were not quite ready to leave Hattiesburg and the sunshine, we visited the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute on the USM campus. A massive clump of H. 'South Sea Enchantment' waved to us as we arrived and the visit just kept getting better. Inside the Center was a display of Beatrix Potter's memorabilia with Peter Rabbit and other relevant items. Outside, the grounds beckoned to be explored and members did just that. Janette and Jon Tibbetts were our gracious hosts, allowing us a special tour of OLLI on a Sunday morning. This was a perfect way to round out our garden tours for the weekend. Janette had arranged for bus participants to have Sunday brunch at Cotton Blues in Hattiesburg and the group is already anxious to go back for Mississippi Mud Pie and other dessert specials. Be sure to add this restaurant to your agenda while you are here for the Fall Regional.

Once again, too full to move, M.A.D.S. members dragged themselves to the bus for the trip back to Montgomery. We passed out endless rounds of snacks during the ride

because, as we all lamented, we didn't have time to snack on this trip since we were so busy visiting the many wonderful gardens in Region 14. We soon arrived at Auburn University Montgomery, tired, but NOT hungry! Sorting through the newly purchased daylilies and other plants into color coded groups went smoothly and quickly, and bus participants were ready to head back home with memories of a delightful, rain-soaked weekend. We'll have to start planning for next year . .



At the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute in Hattiesburg, M.A.D.S. President, Terese Goodson pauses in front of a clump of H. 'South Sea Enchantment' (Billingslea 1996). (Photo courtesy of Jon Tibbetts)



Just as Tommy Maddox has a love for classic cars and daylilies, so Terese Goodson has not only a large collection of daylilies, but raises a herd of cattle on her farm near Montgomery. After any foray into the world of daylilies, it's always good to get back to the farm. The cows always appreciate her return.

(Photo by Carolyn Love-Dorsey)

Terese Goodson

Montgomery Area Daylily Society

# The Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Festival by Oliver Billingslea

The Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society in conjunction with the Columbus Botanical Garden and the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension held their first Daylily Festival, June 7-8, 2014, at the Columbus Botanical Garden in Columbus, GA.



Located on the grounds of the Columbus Botanical Garden, the Adams Family Farmhouse provides a beautiful and very comfortable setting for special events. In early June, it was the location for the twenty-seventh annual Daylily Show, sponsored by the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Older daylilies enhanced the landscape at the Botanical Garden, but there were several hundred newly planted cultivars which will add to the garden's beauty in the coming years. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Saturday's featured speaker was Walter Reeves, noted columnist for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and host for *Your Southern Garden* on Georgia Public Television and *The Lawn and Garden Show*, a radio call-in show, and author of several books, including most recently the *Georgia*  Getting Started Garden Guide (2013). Sunday's featured speaker was Oliver Billingslea, longtime member of the AHS, editor of Region 14's newsletter, *The Dixie Daylily*, and author of *Landscaping with Daylilies: A Comprehensive Guide for the Use of Daylilies in the Garden* (2012), as well as the forthcoming *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies* (2015). The theme for both speakers was essentially "landscaping," although Reeves' focus was on problems associated with gardening and Billingslea's on the aesthetics of daylily photography.



Under the breezeway of the Adams farmhouse, this hanging basket of begonias, petunias, and sweet potato vine added just the right flair.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Numerous beds of annuals and perennials were in colorful array during the Festival. Rudbeckia fulgida var. sullivanti 'Goldsturm' (Black-eyed Susan or Orange coneflower) glowed against varied shades of green.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The Head Table at the 2014 Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Show in Columbus, Georgia, included (left to right) Best Extra Large Flower, 'Lemon Go Lightly' (Trimmer-J. 2007); Best Large Flower, 'J.T. Davis' (Grace-L. 1999); Best Double, 'Triple Treat' (Ward-S.G. 1993); Best Spider, 'Rolling Raven' (Stamile 2007); Best Unusual Form, 'Spider Miracle' (Hendricks-W.E. 1986). and Best Small Flower, 'Silver Run' (Lee 1989), which also won Best in Show. Next to it is the Best Seedling Flower. One notices that several of the winners were registered in the 1980s or early 1990s.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)





As part of the Columbus Daylily Festival held June 7-8, 2014, on the day following the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Show, the Club held an informal show also open to the general public. The display featured several on-scape exhibits, but consisted largely of off-scape flowers like those pictured above. The show included miniatures, small flowers, large and extra large flowers, doubles, polymerous forms, spiders, and unusual forms. So that each attendee could feel a part of the festivities, during both shows, the public was encouraged to vote on "People's Choice" awards. Both the formal and the informal show were held in a recently renovated 1890's farmhouse which had been relocated to the site of the Columbus Botanical Garden.

(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)

In addition to the annual Daylily Show, sponsored by the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society, with Morris Smith and Larry Miller serving as Co-chairmen, there were a number of booths exhibiting plants, pottery, ceramics, quilts, bat houses, and the like.

The formal daylily show was held on Saturday in the historic 1890's Adams family farmhouse that has been renovated and relocated to its current Botanical Garden site on Weems Road. An informal show, also open to the public, was held on Sunday.



Beds of angelonia, planted near the farmhouse, were at peak bloom during the Festival. This annual makes a great companion plant for daylilies and other perennials. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



This translucent bamboo-like plant sprouted from a bed of creeping jenny. Both seemed mildly invasive, but were nonetheless striking.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The 22 acre Columbus Botanical Garden features an old Gin House, the Joann Holt Walking Trail, a large area devoted to annuals, perennials, various shrubs and trees, as well as a nice collection of daylilies, many of which are newly acquired.

# Oliver Billingslea



The lower garden contains an impressive planting of annuals, perennials, and shrubs to delight the visitor. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Among the many booths which had wares for sale, the ceramic exhibit was especially impressive. (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)



Steps, topped with Knockout roses, rise from the lower garden up to the start of the Holt Walking Trail and the old Gin House, where the speakers gave their presentations. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

# Diamond Valley: The Hybridizing Garden of Jim and Martha Brazelton by Nancy Chain

The scenery along Rock Hill Road in the valley overlooked by Brindlee Mountain is ho-hum until suddenly your eyes focus on a huge splash of color. It is Diamond Valley, the garden of Jim and Martha Brazelton, both of whom are serious hybridizers of daylilies. Excitedly I exit the tour bus then wonder where to begin looking! There are daylilies in all directions. We have been here before, but the land-scape is not the same. The small trees that were inside the semi-circular drive have been replaced by a large labyrinthine type bed filled with seedlings that the Brazeltons have been watching for at least three (3) years. Some of these seedlings will be registered in the next year or two. Looking at these beauties, you know that Jim and Martha like large flowers—no smalls or minis here!

Over to the right of the drive is the Sally Lake Bed. Almost seventy (70) beautifully grown seedlings of Region 14 hybridizers await our scrutiny. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all the seedlings would bloom on tour day? Unfortunately they don't, but the ones that are blooming make voting difficult. My vote goes into the ballot box and I hurry to look at the rest of the garden.

To the right of the Sally Lake Bed is a bed of unusual forms. Today, pink is the dominate color with *Hemerocallis* 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster-Cobb 2003) and *H*. 'Loose Reins' (George, T. 2005) at peak bloom.



It is only appropriate that the legacy of Richard Webster, Martha Brazelton's father, be continued at Diamond Valley Garden. In a beautiful setting, his popular Hemerocallis 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (2003) showed off its fine scapes the day of the Regional Meeting.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

On the left side of the drive are two large beds of registered cultivars. *H.* 'Big Red Wagon' (Stamile 2008) is

a stand-out (winner of the Nell George Memorial Award for best red clump in a tour garden during this Region 14 Spring Meeting). Another winning clump is Martha's 2013 registration, 'Big Delight' (winner of the Amy Stewart Memorial award for best clump of a pink daylily). Many pots of this beauty were leaving Diamond Valley to brighten gardens all over Region 14.



Martha Brazelton's Hemerocallis 'Big Delight' (2013), a pink bicolor, was the winner of the Amy Stewart Award, awarded to the clump of the best pink daylily. It was also voted the President's Cup.

(Photo by Martha Brazelton)

Looking as fast as possible, because time is flying, I see other beautiful cultivars—*H.* 'Kitty Wells' (Stamile 2005), 'Sabine Baur' (Salter 1997), 'God Save the Queen' (Morss 2005), and 'Kathleen Manning' (George-J. 2009)—and none of them are wilting in the heat of the afternoon. Well, I am wilting, so the shade of the porch overlooking the serene lake beckons. I would like to sit a spell, but the whistle blows and it is time to leave this beautiful garden.

I definitely appreciate the huge amount of work and planning that goes into a garden like Diamond Valley, and I imagine it looks beautiful all the time. It's too bad that daylilies and peonies don't bloom at the same time. I would love to see the peonies that line the semi-circular drive in full bloom. Thank you, Jim and Martha, for a wonderful second visit. Hopefully it won't be our last!

Nancy Chain



The Brazelton Garden offered a fantastic display of daylilies, including hundreds of seedlings grown in a beautifully landscaped setting. Above, a small portion of Jim's red seedlings showed to advantage. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Of Jim's many impressive seedlings, perhaps the most admired by garden visitors was #51-16-1. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

# E-Scape: The Garden of Jim and Sharon Beecher by Maxine Self

Oh, my! Right from the start, even from the street, it is obvious that E-Scape is no ordinary garden! The garden starts in the front yard and then wraps around to the fabulous back yard.

Right in front of Jim and Sharon Beecher's living room window is an enormous clump of *Hemerocallis* 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster-Cobb 2003), surrounded by dinner plates, cups and saucers repurposed and glued together to look like china flowers on stalks! Other cultivars, companion plants, and whimsical art line their front sidewalk, and that sets the mood for what is to come next.



Beautiful in several gardens, Hemerocallis 'Webster's Pink Wonder' won the John Edward Kelley Award for the best clump of a registered spider or unusual form daylily seen in a tour garden.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The entry to the back yard is through an arch made from a wooden trellis with a real metal headboard and footboard on either side of the "flower bed" trellis! From that clever and amusing entrance point, the garden is an intense sea of color wandering up the back slope. The Beecher's collection of approximately 350 healthy cultivars includes a nice blend of some gorgeous plants that are not the usual suspects in the garden, and some others that are all-time favorites. Since the Beecher's back yard is steep, when they designed their garden, they terraced it with raised brick walls, putting these flowering beauties at almost eye level. And what a treat that the blooms are at nose level too! How awesome! To add more interest to the garden, their landscaping includes an assortment of potted plants, a charming spitting ceramic frog, and a fountain water feature dedicated to their daughter. The entire garden is a beautiful work of art and creativity.



The centerpiece of the Beecher Garden is this fountain water feature surrounded by delicate flowers. Terraced with raised brick walls, the backyard presents any array of daylilies, many at eye-level. In the bed just beyond the water feature, two huge blooms of the cultivar, H. 'Forgiven' (Bell 2013) were admired by many visitors. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The view from the Beecher's patio looking out over their back yard garden is fantastic with a great balance of color and interest. It would be easy to sit there in the shade of the patio with a cool glass of sweet Southern ice tea and admire the garden all day . . . but only after the deadheading is done, of course.

Maxine Self



The Beecher Garden contained many cultivars recently registered. One of the most impressive in your editor's opinion was Tim Bell's Hemerocallis 'Forgiven' (2012). This huge yellow daylily with a light pink blush drew a lot of attention. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Among the older daylilies featured at E-Scape was H. 'Red Step Ahead' (Carpenter-J. 2005). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Not all beautiful daylilies have to be among the newest registrations. H. 'Smoky Mountain Autumn' (Guidry 1986) is a classic daylily, recipient of the Lenington All-American Award for 1997. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

# Stone Wall Garden: The Garden of Cherry and Roger Hooper by Sandra Little

It was afternoon when we arrived at the "Stone Wall Garden" of Roger and Cherry Hooper near the community of New Market located northeast of Huntsville. After exiting the bus at Stone Wall Garden, I immediately spotted daylily beds by the road and in the front yard. These beds were nice and manicured, but in no way prepared me for what I saw when I entered the back yard. The sheer beauty of the land-scaping was spectacular. I was amazed at the excellent use of space, and the balance of sun and shade. The first word that came to mind was busy. And I love a busy, busy yard. So much to see and admire!



Above is a view of several of the stone walls that characterize the Hooper Garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Hemerocallis 'Forced Impulse' (Peat 2002) was a favorite of several visitors to Stone Wall Garden. Framed against one of the walls, it made a photogenic subject. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A daylily with which your editor was unfamiliar was H. 'Brown Exotica' (Gossard 2004), an unusual form crispate. It, too, attracted a lot of attention. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

On the right side of the yard, a stone rock wall separated the Hooper's yard from their neighbor's yard. Daylily beds were terraced down from the wall, followed by columns, sitting spots, and steps also made of stone. As the yard sloped gently down, there were more beds made with colored retainer wall blocks and brick. Throughout the garden, I admired attractive pieces of garden art and various companion plants. I finally made my way to the left and rear of the property where there was a small garden shed, complimented by a gorgeous bottle tree on one side and a table set up on the other side with refreshments. To the left and rear of the shed were trees and a small stream. The shade of the trees and coolness of the stream provided much needed relief from the heat of the afternoon sun.



Again, the stone made an effective backdrop for photography in the Hooper Garden. H. 'Eye of Truth' (Gossard 2011), an unusual form cascade, showed off its beautiful yellow blooms, each with a maroon eye. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The shady areas of the Stone Wall Garden afforded a respite from the afternoon sun. Salvia guaranitica 'Black and Blue' provided a cooling effect. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Strolling through this garden, I was delighted to see one of my favorite spider oldies, *Hemerocallis* 'Miss Jessie' (Hardy 1956). The Hoopers have a wonderful collection of new and old cultivars. Although I liked *H.* 'Shores of Time' (Stamile 2002), 'Bela Lugosi' (Hanson 1995), 'Forced Impulse' (Peat 2002), and 'Chicago Apache' (Marsh-Klehm 1981), there were many more cultivars that I admired including introductions from Tennessee hybridizer, Marguerite Oakes, Cherry's sister.

One impressive clump was that of Karol Emmerich's *H.* **'Overflowing Heart'** (2007). Planted next to it was a yellow calla lily, and nearby were several attractive silvery toadstools.

According to our program, the garden contains numerous cultivars from Jack Carpenter and Tim Bell, although many were not in bloom. The largest bed contained primarily Stamile cultivars; another bed featured Stout Medal winners. The entire garden was viewer friendly with easy access to each bed in a gently sloping landscape.

I was impressed by the graciousness of our hosts, Roger and Cherry Hooper, by the beauty of their garden, and by the immaculate care of their daylilies. One can tell that this is a garden forged from love.

Sandra Little

# Mary Terrell's Bella Vista by Nancy Falck

Having visited Mary Terrell's Bella Vista garden and home several times in the past, I was still surprised at the maturity the plantings had gained in the last three years, Mary has developed a garden with many "rooms." As I walked up the steep approach, I looked up at the front of the home noting the landscaped front yard with evergreens flanking the entry. The home looked like the family home it has been for many years. But we were visiting to see day-lilies as well as Mary's hosta collection so I began my tour with the daylily beds in the sunny areas to the left of the drive.

The garden is a wonderful growing environment, but this was not easily attained. This bluff is naturally topped with "chirt rock." After Mary brought in tons of good topsoil and added many amendments, the actual beds and plantings could be made. Careful planning and preparation created the appearance of being a natural landscape. Obviously, this lush garden took much loving effort to build the masterpiece of today.

The plantings along the drive give a hint of the gardens to come. The tall clump of *Hemerocallis* 'Skinwalker' (Roberts-N. 1997) near the top of the drive drew constant comments. In the area to the left of the drive were many remarkable clumps. This introduced the smaller daylily beds just behind the building to the left of the drive where both very old and very new daylilies happily greeted our enthusiastic group. One eye catching picture was of a dozen-bloom clump of the Stout Silver Medal Winner for 1993, *H.* 'Siloam Double Classic' (Henry-P. 1985). Other spectacular doubles included 'Double Blue Blood' (George-T. 2005), 'Darci Darlin' (Sumner-Hanks 2006), 'Gemini Jack' (Trimmer 1999), and 'Mandarin Corsage' (Stamile 2005).

I joined the daylily enthusiasts, many with camera in hand, going from clump to clump exclaiming over their favorites or trying to find just the right angle from which to shoot the perfect bloom portrait. Other eye-catching cultivars included 'Juicy Ripe Peach' (Bell 2011), 'Fabulous Black Pearl' (Salter 2008), and 'Camden Gold Dollar'



A colorful array of daylilies greets the visitor as one approaches the front of Mary Terrell's home, situated on a bluff overlooking Guntersville Lake.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

(Yancey-C. 1982). Unusual form specimen included 'Cherry Swizzler' (Stamile 2008). This area, devoted to beds featuring daylilies, gave much to admire and photograph. I constantly heard cries of "Did you see this clump?" or "Come look at this double!"



Hemerocallis 'Cherry Swizzler' (Stamile 2008) was among the many spider and/or unusual form daylilies blooming at Bella Vista. A tetraploid, it is registered as an unusual form crispate with a spider ratio of 6.18:1. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Hemerocallis 'Double Blue Blood' (George-T. 2005) was outstanding at Bella Vista and captured the Shelton Holliday Award for the best clump of a registered double daylily as seen in a tour garden.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The next area of interest was a courtyard garden room to the right of the drive. This small garden was formed by the gap between house and a garage. Here pink to lavender blue hydrangeas and clumps of miniature daylilies, many introduced by Grace Stamile, Pauline Henry, and Elizabeth Salter, form the walls of the room. Mary has flanked the grassy path lined with blue ageratum, a particularly effective companion plant for daylilies. The path leads to two white rockers on a small porch. These invite visitors to rest and look at Mary's use of plants to paint a beautiful Matisse-like setting.



H. 'Fabulous Black Pearl' (Salter 2008) was very sultry as seen blooming at Bella Vista. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Morning light afforded excellent opportunities for photography at Bella Vista. This shot of H. 'Free Wheelin'' (Stamile 2004) was taken against the shadow of a wood fence at the edge of Mary's garden.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Debbie Daniels' (George-J. 2009) was particularly choice as captured blooming at Bella Vista. It is registered as a 5" pink with hot pink eye and edge. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A portion of Mary Terrell's beautiful hosta collection at Bella Vista displays Mary's skillful incorporation of pots of various colors, shapes, sizes, and textures to enhance a landscape. Bella Vista won the Region 14 Landscape Award for the best use of daylilies in landscaping a tour garden.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In the shady backyard, Mary has configured a lovely specimen of a bottle tree. The Japanese red maple, red daylilies, white and blue hydrangeas, and a occasional blue iris still flowering complement the colors of the bottles. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A large bubbling rock adds character to the garden. A modernistic sculpture of a crane contemplates a drink, while potted plants of varying textures and colors add charm. From this strategic location, one gains a lovely view of Guntersville Lake. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Near the back porch at Mary's garden, this impressive rose and violet colored hydrangea was in full bloom. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Taking a path from the porch to the back of the house I was led to the patio and overlook which has a broad view of Guntersville Lake far below. At this point a visitor faces a real dilemma, to continue looking at the view which gives "Bella Vista" its name or to tour the large hosta collection. While living in Cincinnati, Mary had grown hostas in Ohio's excellent hosta growing conditions. When she moved back to Guntersville, she continued her interest in hostas and has managed to create great growing conditions for her collection. Here she grows hostas which vary in size from those miniature varieties with silver dollar size leaves to those larger types with extremely large leaves. Leaf colors range from pale chartreuse to darkest green with some having variegated foliage.

As a gardener from lower Alabama, I truly enjoyed the peace of the hosta gardens. These plants provide not only beauty but also a cooling environment in our southern summer garden. Circling a tree on the patio and bordering this area of the garden, the hostas continue on to the back yard behind the garage. They are accompanied by other specimen plants including oak leaf hydrangeas, Japanese maples, heucheras, and ferns. Adding to the calm ambiance of the garden are a beautiful bottle tree and a very soothing "bubbling rock."



H. 'Mary Terrell' (George-J. 2013) which was in bloom the day of the tour is a lovely tribute to the lady whose garden has blessed so many. Bela Vista is widely recognized as one of the finest home gardens in all of Alabama. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Little Red Dumples' (Anderson-H. 2006), blooming at Bella Vista, was the winner of the Bennie McRae Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered small or miniature daylily. (Photo by Benny Ray Brown)

After such an extensive tour, visitors welcome a relaxing time sitting on the patio being revived by the view of the Guntersville Lake far below. Formed by a TVA dam, the lake fills valleys and coves of the original mountainous terrain. Today, it seems a natural lake filled with many small islands and scenic inlets. A wide expanse of the lake is visible from Mary's terrace. This extremely relaxing setting entices the visitor to a lazy time gazing toward the water or idly chatting with others enjoying the "Bella Vista."

The only thing missing from the garden visit was the presence of Mary herself. She had the pleasure of traveling to Charlotte, NC, for her grandson's high school graduation, a not to be missed occasion. Still her attention to garden detail and hospitality made our visit most pleasurable. This was thanks to Mary and her crew of garden club friends.

Nancy Falck

# Club News: ALABAMA

# **Birmingham Daylily Society**

Kay Chappell, Reporter

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M. January, February, March 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday—2:00 P.M.

September

1st Saturday—11:30 A.M.

December

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

As I am writing this report it is nearing the end of the daylily bloom season. We had a very busy season with plant sales, garden tours, Regional and National meetings, and visiting with other daylily friends.

At the March meeting Joe Langdon appointed a nominating committee for new officers. Joe Langdon has served as our President for the past four years. We really appreciate Joe serving so faithfully. He has been a charter member since 1965 and has always been willing to help where needed. The new officers will be elected in September.

At the September meeting we will also have our annual picnic and auction.

December's meeting will be our social at a local restaurant where we will end this year's daylily activities. Looking forward to what is planned for our meetings next year.

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# **Blount Iris and Daylily Society**

Phyllis Riddle, Reporter

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

4th Monday—7 P.M.

Frank Green Building, Oneonta, AL

ur year has been governed by the weather. January was frozen and March had tornadoes all around us, limiting travel to meetings. April gave us beautiful cool weather and our speaker was Marva Hazelrig. Her family has been the chief growers of apples in our region specializing in Arkansas Blacks. She had a wealth of information plus receipts. In May we had a picnic at the JTM Garden with Jesse and Terah George. They have gorgeous daylilies and wonderful companion plants. We had lots of food and good friends to share it. June brought a garden tour of our club members. Several members traveled to Jim and Kay Chappell's garden, Delois and Harold Dunn's garden, Litha Hazelrig's, and Ottis and Sharon Huffstutlers' garden. So many beautiful daylilies and companion plants grown by our own club members. It's nice to visit and see the love labor of our club members.

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# **Central Alabama Daylily Society**

Becky Parr, Corresponding Secretary

2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Morris Parr
Vice President: Ron Waddell
Treasurer: Paul Kacmarcik
Secretary: Paula Lampkin
Corresponding Secretary: Becky Parr

To report was submitted, but indications are that CADS is still active.

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# **Cullman Iris and Daylily Society**

Mary Reid, Reporter

 $3^{rd}$  Thursday of each month at 1 P.M. at the Cullman County Extension Office located at 402 Arnold Street, N.E., Cullman, Alabama 35055

President: Donnie Douthit
Vice President: Pete Douthit
Recording Secretary: Sue Rodgers
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Reid
Treasurer: Marion Carroll
Parliamentarian: Don Reid
Historian: Pat Nelson

We had two guests at our January meeting and one joined our Society. She added her husband and two minor children as well! Hooray for young people!

The By-Laws Committee head, Evelyn Davenport, asked that Essie Hollingsworth replace her as she did not feel she was up to managing such a project and Essie Hollingsworth was unanimously voted to replace Evelyn on the Committee. A time was set for the Committee to meet.

Discussion was held as to whether to hold an iris or daylily show. Once we decided to go forward with a daylily show, it was decided to allow anyone who wanted to participate be allowed to do so. It was decided that this be a trial show due to the fact that we have so few members and none of us have ever actually handled a show before. Once we get our feet wet, we hope to have a fully sanctioned show.

The age-old question of what to do about speakers for our meetings was asked. Since our Society is so small, a hybridizer who comes to speak needs to make enough money off his auctioned plants to make it worth his while, even if we pay his way, his motel, and his food. This hybridizer could be home working in his gardens, hybridizing and selling, rather than spending approximately two days on the road.

We decided to go with Pete Douthit's plan to order daylilies from a hybridizer who would sell them at a much reduced price to our Society, which we would then auction to the club members. We were asked to pick daylilies we would like to have out of this gardener's catalog and those are the ones Pete would order. We all agreed to \$300 worth of plants.

A question was asked of Essie Hollingsworth, are we able to order the irises we would like for the Regional Meeting each year. Essie explained that we send the seller the money and they pick out the irises and by so doing we receive more than if we selected them ourselves.

We decided as a club to begin giving door prizes at each meeting with a member volunteering to bring plants which will be exciting!

Everyone likes a little gift! We also decided to look into bus tours for the club. Good things are happening!

In February, we had a guest attend who later joined. Slowly but surely, our club is building up into what was envisioned many years ago! The Cullman County Museum was rented for our non-certified exhibition daylily show. This is a beautiful facility and anyone attending the daylily exhibition will be able to get in free of charge and tour the museum. This will be a God-send for people who bring their daylilies early and then need to find something to do until after the judging.

Our club was invited to join the Region 7 Henry Horton State Park event which included judges training. We also were invited to take a tour with the Montgomery club the end of May. The Society will pay each member's bus fare but the member will be responsible for his hotel and meals.

The changes to the By-Laws were discussed. They will be voted upon at the next meeting.

Mary Reid volunteered to do the Society's booklet for this year. Don Nelson brought out a booklet from another club showing pictures of each member. Discussion was held and our club decided to go with pictures as well. Pat Nelson was to take the pictures after the meeting, but her new camera went awry.

Our program consisted of slides of the Lady Bug Gardens in Florida and was given by Pete Douthit. After the slide show, the daylilies purchased by our Society were auctioned. This was so much fun and everyone enjoyed the bidding back and forth between friends! Loads of laughter!

In March two more members were added to our club. Slowly, but surely  $\dots$ 

More discussion was had concerning the Montgomery tour with much discussion about having room for the plants purchased along the tour. At present seven people from our club plan to attend. We also discussed the possibility of having a third club participate in the tour and share a bus to keep costs down.

The By-Laws which were discussed at the last meeting were voted upon and passed. We are now 'almost' complete . . . or as complete as we can be at ANY moment in time!

As to our pictorial booklet, Mary Reid volunteered to take the pictures so she could begin the booklet. Everyone was in their 'club-go-to-meeting' outfits and makeup, so we all looked our 'natural' best!

More discussion was had on the exhibition daylily show and committees were formed. We will all wear our blue Cullman Iris & Daylily Shirts for identification by participants. The program for the May meeting will be how to prepare and exhibit daylilies.

At the April meeting our Society booklet was discussed again with more information being needed from various members. Mary said she would call these individuals and get everything needed to finish up. This booklet will have each member's picture, their birthday day (not year), address, e-mail address, phone number(s), and whether they belong to AIS and/or AHS.

Quite a few of our members attended the Guntersville Region 24 Iris Meeting and Tour. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! Lots of beautiful door prizes were given out with yours truly winning the most coveted prize of all done by Naomi Herbert! Mrs. Herbert created this beautiful painting using a technique known as ink wash painting, also known as literati painting which is an East Asian type of brush painting that uses black ink.

The tour with the Montgomery group was addressed at our April meeting. The bus will leave from Auburn University in Montgomery at 5:00 a.m., necessitating traveling to Montgomery the day before.

Our exhibition daylily show was further firmed up with Mary Reid asking Sue Rodgers and Pete Douthit to bring their laptops to assist in classifying the daylilies and filling out the identification tags which will allow the daylilies to be placed in the correct slot. Essie Hollingsworth has ordered educational material which will be given to guests. Donnie Douthit has ordered and received all the necessary ribbons. The

new members' shirt sizes were obtained by Donnie Douthit and Cullman Iris & Daylily shirts ordered to be used at this event. The shirts will enable guests to immediately identify our members should they need help. The daylily exhibition show is to be held on June 21st at 7:30 a.m. and EVERYONE is invited to attend and BRING DAYLILIES. Show daylilies will be accepted for classification from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. The judging will take place between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Once the judging is complete and ribbons placed, the public will be invited in to enjoy all the gorgeous daylilies between 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

We have had so many new and exciting things happening in our club. The possibilities are endless!

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# The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

Nancy Falck, Reporter

4th Sunday—2:00 P.M. The Mobile Botanical Garden, Mobile, AL

January, February, March, April

President: Bill Trufant
Vice President and Program Chair: John Falck
Secretary: Nancy Falck
Treasurer: John Falck

For the MHS, 2014 was a year of change. Our January meeting was called to order by our new president, Bill Trufant. Fred Manning presented an interesting program on daylilies during the 2013 Region 14 Spring Meeting which our club hosted. The club was told that their long time meeting place in Belk's Community Room was no longer available. With the problem of getting a place suitable for members coming from Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida, finding a place with the facilities needed and an affordable price would take some searching. Nancy Blish offered her nearby home for an interim location for February.

The February meeting at Nancy Blish's home became a business meeting for members to discuss and decide on several issues. After investigating several possible meeting places, President Bill Trufant suggested a meeting facility at the Mobile Botanical Garden. Since the price was the same as the previous place, members voted to accept this meeting place. The club also choose to have a web site developed and to adopt a club logo. Thanks to Bill Trufant and his graphic capabilities, both have now been completed.

In March the club visited our new location at the botanical garden. The room is large and has the needed facilities so we settled in for our meeting. During the business meeting, several items concerning the past regional, our May show, and future AHS events were discussed. Also the new logo and web site were announced.

In April the club meeting centered upon preparation for the scheduled May show. After discussion of the show schedule, John and Nancy Falck reviewed selecting and grooming scapes for competition. Emphasis this year was on how judges point score and how this determines if an entry earns a yellow, red, or blue ribbon. Then the points needed for purple ribbons were explained followed by an explanation of determining the category for rosette winners and sweepstakes, which are major AHS awards.

Ironically, May brought continued cold weather with very unseasonable cool nights. After a survey of the number of possible entries from each member, the show chair and president decided to cancel the show. The decision considered expenses, work involved, and such, but primarily considered the negative impact a show of only a few low quality scapes would have on the public viewing the show at the mall.

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# **Montgomery Area Daylily Society**

Barbara Barnes, Recording Secretary

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday—2 P.M.

Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2130 Bell Road, Montgomery, AL February, April, August, October, December

President: Terese Goodson First Vice President: Marie Updike Evelyn Miller Second Vice President: Barbara Barnes Recording Secretary: Treasurer: Cecil Barnes Corresponding Secretary: Martha Barber Parliamentarian: Jack Harrison Devotional Chair: Bill Oswalt

The Montgomery Area Daylily Society has had a great year thus far. We have worked hard in our gardens and we have enjoyed beautiful blooms as a reward. The spring rains were a blessing and we are grateful.

This club is pleased to be a Platinum Club, meaning that all members of our local club are also members of the American Hemerocallis Society.

This year we once again had two daylily sales. The first on the first Saturday in April at Santuck and the second one the first Saturday in June at Eastdale Mall in Montgomery. They required lots of hard work; however, we have created a base of customers who support us at both sales.

Our club's program chairman, Marie Updike, has worked very hard and as a result we have enjoyed programs by Pete Harry and Tommy Maddox. In February, Pete Harry, his wife Rosen, and son Derrick joined us and shared many pictures and his best advice on how to move an entire daylily operation from one city to another. He also shared his hybridizing program and brought daylilies to auction. In April, Tommy Maddox delighted us with his humor.

We took several daylily trips this spring: one a local tour, one to the Bessemer/Birmingham area, and another to the Gulf Coast. Thanks to our President, Terese Goodson, these are reported on in detail in two articles in this issue.



Among the several daylily gardens MADS members visited this Spring was Kahatchee Garden, the garden of Glenda and Arthur Woods, located in Childersburg, AL. (Photo by Terese Goodson)

In August we look forward to another covered dish luncheon, the opportunity to vote in our Popularity Poll, and a visit by Jerry Patton from north Alabama. In October we will have a program by our very own Joe Ponder.

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# Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

Catherine Townson, Reporter

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday—6:30 P.M. Guntersville Recreation Center 1500 Sunset Drive, Guntersville, AL February through October

President: Catherine Townson
Vice President: Diann Smith
Secretary: Linda Jones
Treasurer: Edith Fuqua
Historian: Betty Graham

We have had a great year with a daylily sale in the month of June and an awesome tour also. Our members had a great time at the Region 14 Meeting hosted by the North Alabama Daylily Society and would like to thank all those involved for a wonderful well done tour.

We are encouraging new members to join our club and hope to have a great remainder of the year. We are sending out an invitation to anyone to come and visit our club which meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at the Guntersville Recreation Center at 6:30 P.M. We meet 9 months a year, the exception being November, December, and January. Wishing everyone a great year.

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# **North Alabama Daylily Society**

Roger Hooper, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday or Sunday—2:00 P.M. Huntsville Botanical Garden, Boeing Classroom

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

The first meeting of the North Alabama Daylily Society for 2014 was held Sunday, January 12, at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. Two new members, Gayle Tuffle and Wanda Provence, from Grant, Alabama, joined us.

The report was that preparations for the Regional Meeting were moving along well, with plants from Fred Manning, Jim and Martha Brazelton, and Larry Grace, being added to our collection for the auction. Other donations included two quilts from Sharon Beecher, a hand carved wooden bowl from Elizabeth Mullins, a mini cultivator from Dave Flanigan, and two hammock chairs from Roger and Cherry Hooper and Shannon Newby.

Fred and Kathleen Manning gave a wonderful presentation of their daylilies from their garden. Fred and Kathleen shared not only pictures of their introductions but of many other hybridizers which gave our new members a visual picture of the vast differences in daylilies. From small to large, standard shapes to unusual forms, Fred and Kathleen seemed to have it all. Some slides looking ahead to some of the seedlings that Fred has upcoming had some members buzzing with excitement.

Fred gave a quick word about how he grows his flowers. He uses wooden boxes raised off the ground filled with a mixture of 90% pine bark and 10% sand. This mixture does not hold water well, so frequent watering is required. He uses chicken litter and alfalfa pellets to fertilize, but as they do not stay in the growing mixture well either, he has to fertilize often.

Fred concluded by answering a few general questions about his growing methods. He uses AVID or Ovation for spider mites. He reported no leaf miner problems.

Our auction of Fred Manning introductions brought in \$1130.00.

The February meeting featured Herb Lewis, creative birder and gardener. His garden is certified as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. He shared with us information on "Creating a Backyard Wildlife Habitat."

In March, Scott Elliott was our featured speaker. He is an expert in garden soils and in the proper fertilization of plants.

In April, we were honored to have Jesse and Terah George as our featured speakers. Their hybridizing programs are well known.

Our Region 14 Spring Meeting was a successful event that hosted about 120 attendees from five states. We were blessed with spectacular weather, four beautiful gardens, a knowledgeable and well-spoken speaker, Larry Grace, great meals, plentiful plant collections and live raffle plants for the auction, and best of all your support and attendance.

Our NADS Daylily Sale was held in late June, after our Regional Meeting. Our annual picnic was held in July at the home of Dot and Jerry Sumners.

Featured speakers for the remainder of the year will include Nicole DeVito in August, Cindy Dye in September, and Sandy Holmes in October.

Our November meeting will be an interactive discussion of the year's successes and failures.

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# The West Alabama Daylily Society

Jane Rasco, Reporter

Directors:

Saturdays as determined—11 A.M. Piccadilly Cafeteria in the University Mall, Tuscaloosa, AL

President: Ron Hood/Jane Rasco
Vice President: Barbara Hood
Secretary: Juanice Hayes
Treasurer: Sarah Lunsford

Jane Rasco Ruth Watts

Charles Houston

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

We also had a drawing for several pots of daylilies from Ron Hood's garden.

Well known North Alabama daylily hybridizers, Terah and Jesse George, were speakers at our June 3 meeting. They presented a Power/Point slide program describing many of their favorite cultivars. They also brought a number of their daylilies to sell at an auction following their presentation. A generous portion of the auction's proceeds were donated by the Georges in support of the activities of WADS.

On June 19, several WADS members toured three gardens in the Centreville/Brent area belonging to WADS members, Ruth and Earl Watts, Sarah Lunsford, and Nellie Peak. After a tour of their beautiful gardens, lunch was provided at the nearby McDaniel Memorial UMC.

On June 21st, several WADS members attended the Cullman Iris and Daylily Society's Daylily Show. The show was located in the Cullman County Museum.

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# The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Bill Wente, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—12:00 Noon

Grace Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL September, October, November, December,

January, February, March, April, May

President:

Vice President:

Sue Ballard

Secretary:

Bill Wente

Treasurer:

Carolyn Yance

Chaplain:

Lewis Mallory

Parliamentarian:

Jim Netherton

Reporter:

Bill Wente

The second half of our calendar year was filled with meetings, work-days and social activities. Guest speakers were Conner Vernon, Executive Director of Dothan Area Botanical Garden in January; Buddy and Jan Melvin from Warner Robbins, Georgia, in February; and Tommy Maddox from Biloxi, Mississippi, in March. Our April meeting was a picnic at the home of Lewis and Emma Jean Mallory at which the new officers were installed.

In February seven WDS members met at Ms. Anne's Daylily Garden and selected from her garden the daylilies that were to be placed in a bed at the Dothan Area Botanical Garden dedicated to the memory of Ms. Anne. She was a faithful member of WDS for 20 years and is missed by all.

The highlight for the year was our 6th Annual Show and Sale at the Wiregrass Commons Mall in Dothan, Alabama. There were 150 on scape and 7 off scape entries which is less than last year, but excellent considering the unusual weather leading up to the show.

The Show results were as follows:

Best in Show: Seedling #14017 B.J. Yance Sweepstakes: Clare Herrick Extra Large: Curious George Clare Herrick Courting Trouble Large: Jim Netherton Small: Filled With Joy Jim Netherton Double: Daybreak Companion Clare Herrick Unusual Form: Wild and Free Jim Netherton #14017 B. J. Yance Seedling:

Ten members of WDS attended the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Madison, Alabama, and enjoyed visits to four beautiful gardens. Our thanks to all the members of the North Alabama Daylily Society for again hosting an excellent meeting, and especially to Sharon and Jim Beecher, Martha and Jim Brazelton, Cherry and Roger Hooper, and Mary Terrell for opening their gardens to the Region 14 membership. As I am completing this report, five of our members are packing in preparation for the National Convention in Asheville, North Carolina. I am sure they will have lots to share when they return.

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# Club News: MISSISSIPPI

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

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) had a stellar year in 2013-2014, featuring well attended meetings and outstanding programs for its 109 active members, representing 33 cities and towns in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Virginia.

HADS was excited to start off the 2014 year with a January presentation on "Things You May Not Know About Daylilies." In February, Jeff and Elizabeth Salter of Gainesville, Florida, were our guests. In March, we held our annual business meeting. In April, Oliver Billingslea, author of Landscaping with Daylilies: A Comprehensive Guide for the Use of Daylilies in the Garden, gave a PowerPoint presentation on "The Aesthetics of Daylily Photography." In May, we held our annual show forum on "What a Daylily Show is All About."



At the April meeting of HADS, the following officers posed for a photograph (left to right): Vonda Martin, Secretary; Tricia Folks, President; Connie Montgomery, Treasurer; Gary Campbell, Vice President; and Bud Kirkpatrick, Publicity Director. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

HADS made its mark as a partner in Mississippi's Year of the Creative Economy: Mississippi Homecoming, with one of the best attended daily garden tour weekends and the annual daylily show, "A Daylily Extravaganza," emerging as the largest show in the nation, in terms of scapes entered. The show and plant sale attracted 950 attendees at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, in Hattiesburg, MS, on June 7.

Highlighting the garden tour weekend was the return to the list of gardens on tour, the garden of 100 year-old Mary Lois Burkett, a charter member of HADS. Miss Burkett still works her garden, and she and her garden were the hit of the weekend.



On January 2, Mary Lois Burkett, a charter member of HADS, celebrated her 100th birthday. She was presented a daylily named in her honor, Hemerocallis 'Suburban Mary Lois Burkett'.

(Photo by Louise McClellan)

The Daylily Show offered a unique opportunity for HADS members and guests to enter their daylilies, and vie for coveted ribbons of achievement. Taking top honors in the horticultural on-scape division was Keith Powell of Sumrall, MS, with his scape of *Hemerocallis* 'King Kahuna'. Powell's flower also took the award for Best Double Flower. The Sweepstakes Award, for the exhibitor winning the most blue ribbons, was awarded to Earl Watts of Hattiesburg.

The Design Division features daylilies used in designs to support a designated theme. Designing a table arrangement using daylilies to the theme 'A Time To Remember,' Virginia Kirkpatrick, of Hattiesburg, MS, took Best of Design Division.

The Daylily Show added a unique feature by partnering with an existing event taking place in Hattiesburg at the same time, Festival South, a multi-genre arts and music festival. The Festival provided background music while guests viewed all show entries. The music was a jazz duo, providing soft jazz. The guests for the show were taken by the excellent mood and music.

Show co-chairs Barbara Watts and Jon Tibbetts are to be complimented for an excellent event.

The coming calendar year shows no letup in events and activities. In addition to a full schedule of programs for regular meetings, the garden tour weekend, and the annual show, HADS will host two Region 14 meetings.

The Region 14 Fall Meeting will be held in Hattiesburg, MS, on Saturday, October 4, 2014, in the Multi-purpose Center Conference Room. The speaker will be Mark Carpenter, The Lily Farm, Center, Texas. The Region 14 Spring Meeting will be in Hattiesburg, MS, on May 29 & 30, 2015, at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. Speakers are, Friday night, Jeff Salter, Rollingwood Garden, Gainesville, FL, and Saturday night, David Kirchhoff of Daylily World, Lawrenceburg, KY.

Additional information is available about the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society by visiting the web site: www.hattiesburgdaylily.com

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

We missed several speakers due to medical problems, but we hope that they are all recovered and look forward to hearing from them later. We did have Dr. Wayne Porter from MSU speak on weed control and the proper use of the chemicals.

After the lengthy coldest winter in memory we were all anticipating the spring warm up and being out in our flower beds. The rains came with record downpours but still the temperatures were below normal. Our daylilies remained in stasis and most of us had higher than normal losses. We became increasingly desperate, but still no scapes! The first question in any conversation became "Do you have any scapes yet?" With the show just weeks away we were forced with the decision to either cancel the show or try to postpone it. It was a mad scramble to determine if our venue would be available and could the judges still come. It was decided to postpone the show by 2 weeks, but would that be enough? Then that conflicted with many of our members schedules. And we still had no guarantee of flowers for the show. Our final thought was if it is blooming, bring it.

Most of the scapes were short and thin, the flowers were small, and branching was poor. But we were thrilled to have 173 entries in the show.

Our winners were:

Extra Large God Save the Queen Tricia Folks Large Suburban Pete Penny Stringer Small Rainbow Candy C. P. Winters Miniature Jason Salter Keith Powell Double Fire Agate Debbie Smith Spider Wild Wookie Lisa Hammons Unusual Form Lillian's Vapor Trail Penny Stringer Popularity Poll Suburban Nancy Gayle Tricia Folks Best in Show Lillian's Vapor Trail Penny Stringer Sweepstakes C. P. Winters

Congratulations to them and to all who entered. Thank You!

At the Spring Regional in Huntsville, AL, C. P. Winters was elected as Region 14 President for 2015-2016. Our thoughts and prayers go with you.

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# North MS/AL Daylily Society

Martha Stancil, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday—5:30 P.M. Community Bank, Amory, MS

January, April, September, December

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

The January meeting was a business meeting and election of officers for 2014. Rick Smith, Past President, surprised everyone with photos of the garden tour in Starkville in June of last year. Hellen Polk from Daylilies at the Creek, gave a PowerPoint presentation at our April meeting on the history of a number of daylilies, especially Stout Medal winners; on seed pods and proliferations; on how to interpret descriptions; and on butterfly beds and companion plants. Mrs. Polk is an avid volunteer, promoting and educating the public on daylilies and companion plants.

Our garden tour was hosted by Donna Grant of A Bloomin' Addiction in Aberdeen on Saturday, June 7. Not only were the daylilies in full bloom, but Mrs. Grant has an outstanding collection of garden art and companion plants displayed throughout the garden in a complimentary design. The home is located on the waterway with all the amenities of "life on the water." Before going to dinner, we had a plant swap and discussed plants old and new. The group enjoyed fish and steak at the Friendship House. The weather was typical for Mississippi in June. As always, daylily people have a lot of fun when they get together, and we certainly did that day.

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# North Mississippi Daylily Society

Emma Hood, Reporter

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday—10:00 A.M.

First Regional Library, 370 W. Commerce Street, Hernando, MS

March, April, May, September, October

President: Bettie Pruitt
Vice President: Marcia Laundré
Secretary: Linda Campbell
Treasurer: Bettye Huckaby
Parliamentarian: Dot Williams
Historian: Jay Laundré
Reporter: Emma Hood

We had a very cold winter and a wet spring, so some of our members lost some treasured daylilies; however, most survived. It did make for a late season for all of the flowers. But, the foliage is much more lush and beautiful at this time of year than usual.

We decided that it would be good to have a local tour this year. So, Carl and Emma Hood hosted a tour on June 7. As it turned out, some of the daylilies were not showing off too well yet; but, everyone seemed to have fun. We had some refreshments and fellowship which is what our group prizes most. The Club presented the Hoods with a gorgeous butterfly ornament which is now set in a place of honor next to their birdbath. Afterwards, everyone assembled at Ole Style Barbecue in Olive Branch for a great meal compliments of our Club.

We were well represented at the Region 14 Convention in Huntsville, AL, by Frank and Bettye Huckaby and Kevin Tyler. In fact, Kevin won two auction items and bought lots of the latest introductions as well. Bettye and Frank came home with some excellent specimens too. We hope they will multiply so they can share with the rest of us next year.

Summer is here, so we have a slight recess from meetings; but September see us back together electing officers for next year. Have fun, all you daylily lovers!!!

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# Newsletter Award Categories

This past year we were able to include some wonderful articles written by Region 14 members in *The Dixie Daylily*. Below is a list of topics that can hopefully give you some inspiration. Please consider writing an article for the Winter/Spring 2015 issue. Submissions are due by January 1, 2015. AHS Newsletter Awards are given annually in each category.

# **Article About Cultivars**

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

# **Article About Gardens**

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

# Article About a Hybridizer

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

# **Article About Daylily Culture**

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

# **Scientific Article**

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

# **Article Using Humor**

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

# **Article About Hybridizing**

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

# **Article Demonstrating a Specific Aspect of Garden Design**

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

# **Article About Photographing Daylilies**

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

# **Article About Garden Technology**

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

# **Article Featuring Historical Aspects**

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

# **Article About Davlily Personalities**

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

# **Youth Article**

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

# **Editorial Special Award**

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

# New Members

Allen, Ella 3306 Government Street Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Brasfield, Anna 207 Oak Circle Trussville, AL 35173

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Girard, Raye 305 Williams Street Richland, MS 39218

Ham, Jimmy and Amy 183 Shenandoah Drive Florence, MS 39073

Harris, Elsie 120 Wellington Circle Hattiesburg, MS 39402

Holcomb, Linda and Chuck 904 Adeline Street Hattiesburg, MS 39401

King, Luquita 1606 Mason Court Phenix City, AL 36867

Lansdale, Wayne and Lisa 1019 Ridgeside Drive Brandon, MS 39042



The country setting for Diamond Valley Garden, the home of Jim and Martha Brazelton, was particularly impressive. In the spacious front yard, a maze-like bed contained the seedlings from which the Brazeltons will select their next registrations. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

McLemore, Justin 2717 Maple Street Cayce, SC 29033

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Young, Georgia 7442 Old Pump Road Montgomery, AL 36117

# Editor's Column:

We are pleased to present our eighteenth issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, and of course I want to thank my wife, Nancy, for her meticulous proofreading as always.

For this issue, I also want to thank Terese Goodson for her well-written articles on the Montgomery Area Daylily Society's travels about Region 14 and those who wrote up the gardens at the Spring Regional Meeting. Each article was especially well done.

It became clear to me at our recent National Convention, that unless we have even stronger content—articles written by members of our Region on various aspects of daylily culture; a detailed article featuring an aspect of science that has required research; and other articles on aspects of hybridizing, garden design, and the like—we are not likely to receive the Best Newsletter Award. This past

year we had some great historical articles, garden write-ups, articles on travel, international articles, articles on photography, articles on daylily shows, etc., but there are many areas in which we can improve. This past year's winner of the Best Newsletter Award was Region 4's *Daylilies in the Great Northeast*, edited by Adele Keohan. It was not only beautifully edited, but had great content. It was a well-deserved honor for all the folks in the Northeast.

Before I retire as your editor, I want you to bless our Region with similar articles. We cannot produce a really great newsletter without your help. Please take a moment to look over these categories on the opposite page and consider one that fits your gifts. Only you can write it.

Oliver Billingslea

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"Photography is painting with light."—Deborah Kral, Stanfordville, New York

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