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(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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

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REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT TERESE GOODSON

It was a pleasure visiting Hattiesburg, MS, again for the Spring Regional Meeting. Thank you to Earl and Barbara Watts and their entire team from the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society for hosting this well planned meeting. The three gardens on tour and the open gardens made me quite happy to be a daylily lover. I had a chance to visit six gardens in all, four of which were AHS Display Gardens. Nikki Schmith was quite informative in her presentation Friday night and she obviously is an experienced daylily auctioneer. This was the first time I had heard Ludlow Lambertson's presentation, so it was a great evening. The slide presentation HADS compiled was also a nice touch to the evening. It was fun to present so many awards to the owners of the three daylily gardens on tour. There is so much work involved in hosting, so it was nice to see the smiles from the garden winners when they could finally relax and enjoy the evening.

Another huge thank you goes out to Debbie Smith, Regional Vice President. She is a tremendous asset to Region 14. She has a knowledge base from serving as both a Regional President and RPD. Wow! I can only strive to have that much energy and enthusiasm in the future. Debbie has Plan A, B, and C ready for every aspect of a Regional Meeting. She spends hours behind the scenes and I am grateful for her service to this region.

I announced at the business meeting that Jim Chappell had resigned as treasurer and that I would appoint a new treasurer soon. I am very pleased to name Jim Chappell as the new treasurer. He brings a wealth of expertise to the position and I have confidence in him to continue managing the books in his exemplary manner. A review of the books, as mandated by Region 14's bylaws for a change in president and/or treasurer, has already been completed by the "Auditing Committee" of Jim Riddle, John Falck, and Glenda Woods. Thanks to each of these individuals for serving. They will share the report at the Fall meeting.

And speaking of the Fall meeting, Dave Flanigan and his committee have sent out the registration form for the October 7, 2017, meeting. Look for it online or in this edition of *The Dixie Daylily*. I can't wait to hear from Eric Simpson, a hybridizer now from the Blue Ridge Mountains area of North Carolina.

Several of the club presidents have given me a copy of their club directories as I had requested. I appreciate the quick response. I am updating information on the AHS and Region 14 websites and the information about club meetings/locations has been invaluable. I've also noticed that several of the clubs meet the criteria to become AHS Honors Clubs with 50% or more AHS club membership. Send your club roster to membership@daylilies.org and secretary@daylilies.org to be recognized. Congratulations to Montgomery Area Daylily Society for continuing to be a Platinum club with 100% membership.

Terese Goodson

RPD'S REPORT DEBBIE SMITH

The Spring Region Meeting was held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on May 25 – 27, 2017. There was a wonderful bar-b-que on Thursday night. Two daylilies donated by Jeff & Elizabeth Salter were auctioned with naming rights, and two bowls donated by potter Dr. Wayne McLaurin were also auctioned. The Magnolia Strings Dulcimers group entertained. Friday, the 26th, had Garden and Exhibition Classes available; Bud Kirkpatrick's Seminar on "Publicizing Your Club" was very well attended; a seminar on hosting a Daylily Show was held; the Open gardens of Miss Mary Lois Burkett, the Tibbett's garden and the Wesley garden were available for tours; later that evening the Business meeting was held; then AHS President, Nikki Schmith, updated us on what is going on in the "inner" workings of the AHS; and finally, the Auction was held. On Saturday, we were up early to catch the bus at 0700. We toured three AHS Display gardens: The Montgomery Garden of Don & Connie Montgomery, Figlily Acres of Edd & Nancy Chain, and Suburban Daylilies of Earl and Barbara Watts which hosted the Sally Lake Bed. After lunch, Nikki Schmith was taken to tour 104-year-old Miss Mary Lois Burkett's garden and they both had a wonderful time. That evening at the Awards Banquet, Ludlow Lambertson of Art Gallery Gardens spoke on his combination of art, birds and daylilies.

The tour garden awards were as follows:

Amy Stewart Memorial Award – Best clump of a Registered PINK daylily – *H.* **'Suburban Grace Ruth'** – at Suburban Daylilies.

Ben Arthur Davis Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Eyed or Eyed & Edged daylily – *H.* **'Paco Bell'** – in the Montgomery Garden.

Bennie McRae Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Small or Miniature daylily – *H.* **'Suburban Wren'** – at Suburban Daylilies.

Elaine Smelley Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Spider or Unusual Form daylily – *H.* **'Emma's Curls'** – at Suburban Daylilies.

Nell George Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Red daylily – *H.* **'Bama Bound'** – at Figlily Acres.

Robbie Bush Adams Award – Best clump of a registered Yellow daylily – *H.* **'J. T. Davis'** – in the Montgomery Garden.

Shelton Holliday Memorial Award – best clump of a registered Double daylily -- *H.* **'Pumpkin Pie Spice'** – at Figlily Acres.

Linda Agin Memorial Award – Best clump of a registered Purple daylily – *H.* **'Jay Farquar'**, *H.* **'Suburban Coach Burnham'**, *H.* **'Midnight Castle'** – all at Suburban Daylilies.

Region 14 Landscape Award – Best use of daylilies in the landscape – Suburban Daylilies.

President's Cup – Best clump of a registered & introduced cultivar – *H.* **'Emma's Curls'** – at Suburban Daylilies.

Sally Lake Memorial Award – Best Seedling – #38 by Fred Manning.

Best Article in the Dixie Daylily – Terese Goodson for “MADS’s Three Day Bus Trip, 2016.”

Your Popularity Poll Ballot is due by September 1, 2017. You may mail it, email it, or go online to AHS. Online, click on Popularity Poll on the left, select our region (#14), choose up to 10 cultivars, or you may write in 5 of your choices if they are not listed, and then fill in your information and click enter. It will not accept the ballot without your information. The results will be announced at the fall meeting in Huntsville.

The Fall Regional Meeting is being sponsored by the North Alabama Daylily Society at the Huntsville Botanical Garden on October 7, 2017. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 0900. The speaker will be Eric Simpson. The registration form is in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.

As always, please remember to send in club contact changes. Hope to see you soon in Huntsville.

Debbie D. Smith

MINUTES, SPRING MEETING 2017 JANET GREEN, SECRETARY

The AHS Region 14 Spring 2017 Business Meeting was held at the Hattiesburg Convention Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on May 26, 2017. Attendees at the Regional Meeting were welcomed by Earl Watts, member and Chairman of the Region 14 Spring Regional Meeting steering committee. Mr. Watts also acknowledged our new incoming Regional President, Terese Goodson, and our National AHS president, Nikki Schmith.

Region 14 President, Terese Goodson, thanked all the members of the Hattiesburg Daylily Society who helped with the Spring Regional Meeting.

The business meeting was called to order by President Goodson, who recognized outside Region 14 attendees and called the club roll. President Goodson took a moment to remember the members whom we lost this year since the fall of 2016 and those members who are currently ill.

Regional Secretary, Janet Green, was asked to stand. As the Region 14 minutes for the Fall 2016 meeting were published in *The Dixie Daylily*, President Goodson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There was a motion to accept minutes as written. The minutes were approved as published.

President Goodson read the treasurer’s report on behalf of Regional Treasurer, Jim Chappell. The report was approved as read and will be filed for audit. The ending balance was \$20,386.82.

Brief reports were given by the following:

**The Dixie Daylily* Editor and Regional Director, Oliver Billingslea, who encouraged articles and photos for the next issue, including write-ups on gardens. He also encouraged members to join AHS.

*Exhibition Judges Liaison, John Falck, who encouraged more members to become exhibition judges.

Clinic I had two students and clinics II and III none. All exhibition judges need to send address, email, and phone number to John to update his list and to make sure AHS is current with judges accreditation. John thanked all judges for their help with classes and the Masterpanel. He also thanked Henry Little for supplying the flowers for classes.

*Garden Judges Liaison, Nancy Chain, who encouraged members to become garden judges. Clinic I had one student testing and one auditing. Clinic II had six students. Mrs. Chain thanked Jeff Salter for teaching and Mrs. Burkett for the use of her garden

*Regional Publicity Director, Debbie Smith, who encouraged AHS members to vote in the popularity poll. She also encouraged members to join AHS to help get our numbers up in Region 14.

*Youth Liaison, Tricia Folks, who needs members to encourage more youth to get involved in our Region.

There were no reports from the following:

*William E. Monroe Fund, Oliver Billingslea.

*Protocol, Jack Harrison.

*Historian, Sarah Lunsford.

*Membership, Glenda Woods. (President Goodson, however, stated that Glenda will contact new members.)

*Webmaster, Paul Aucoin.

As part of unfinished business, President Goodson thanked the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society for hosting the fall 2016 regional in Biloxi.

President Goodson stated that a nominating committee for Regional President needed to be selected as part of new business. According to the Guidelines, she pointed out that three members are needed. Those nominated were: George Carleton, chairman, Nancy Chain, and Bill Brooks. Only AHS members can vote. Next, President Goodson stated that whenever a new president or treasurer takes office, an audit must take place. John Falck, Jim Riddle, and Glenda Woods were named as Audit Committee. President Goodson explained the difference between a review of books and an official audit. Next, President Goodson stated that Jack Harrison had asked Region 14 to correct an omission in the bylaws. Nancy Chain made motion to add the omission and Phyllis Riddle seconded the motion. The motion carried with none opposed.

President Goodson made several announcements. The 2017 National Convention will be in Norfolk, VA, June 21-24, 2017, hosted by Tidewater Daylily Society. The fall meeting will be October 7, 2017, in Huntsville, AL, hosted by the North Alabama Daylily Society. The spring meeting will be in Montgomery, AL, on May 25-26, 2018. Linda Carleton, president of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, invited all to attend. President Goodson thanked everyone who donated plants for the live or silent auction, sales tables, bus plants, and she again thanked everyone who donated their time and efforts to put on this Regional 14 Spring Meeting.

President Goodson closed the meeting with John Falck making the motion and Jim Riddle seconding.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Green

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT OLIVER BILLINGSLEA

The AHS Board of Directors Summer Meeting was held in Norfolk, VA, on June 22, 2017, as part of the 71st National Convention, hosted by the Tidewater Daylily Society. This is a working meeting, Board Members and Special Chairs having to forgo the special trip to Williamsburg held on that Thursday.

As Chair of Policy and Procedures, it was my responsibility to present for Board approval updates on behalf of a number of committees whose "policy statements" and "procedures" were rewritten since the previous Board Meeting. There were 15 reports, my initial responsibility being to shape each into wording consistent with the *Policy and Procedures Manual* as part of the latest update to the *AHS Handbook*. All were approved, and will now be incorporated in the *Handbook* which is available on the AHS Portal.

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

At the Publication Committee meeting held on Wednesday, although no new books were reported in the works for this year, we have decided to make all of the recent AHS publications available on Amazon. Pending the success of our latest publications, we hope to offer new books in the future. The other news coming out of that meeting is the retirement of our Publication Services Manager, Brenda Macy. Publications can still be ordered from the AHS Portal or until mid-September directly from Brenda, 109 West Poplar St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Her e-mail address is pubsales@daylilies.org

AHS is doing well, partly because of our book publications. As of May 31, 2017, the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust reported a balance of \$778,410.61.

As in many organizations, membership continues to decline, albeit ever so slightly in AHS. As of June 22, 2017, AHS had 5,576 members. It is so important that each of us renew our membership for 2018 right away, lest we forget in the coming months. Remember, you have to be a member of AHS to continue to receive Region 14's *The Dixie Daylily*, which I work very hard to produce.

Have you noticed the masterful improvements on the AHS Hybridizer's Database? If not yet, take a moment to check out what Elizabeth Trotter and her Registration Committee have accomplished.

In other Board action, a new Daylily Ambassador Program was created for the purpose of recognizing events/activities that publicize and promote the daylily in innovative ways that successfully achieve outreach to the general public. In regard to Region 14 in particular, it was approved that the Board bypass all required Daylily City application paperwork and designate Hattiesburg, MS, a Daylily City, at the Gold level.

In respect to the Popularity Poll, the execution of

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which remains the prerogative of each Region, a report suggesting ways to improve the Popularity Poll process and increase its value to our members was made. In preparation for the 2018 Popularity Poll, each Region should review the manner in which it conducts its Poll. Any new guidelines should be rolled out by the fall of 2017 to allow full implementation by the start of 2018.

One of the most important privileges members of the AHS have is the opportunity to nominate individuals for various personal awards given annually by the Society. These include the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal for Service, the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for Hybridizing, the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award, the Electronic Media Award, and the various Regional Service Awards. This summer at the National Convention, Dan and Jackie Bachman were named recipients of the Helen Field Fischer Award, Dottie Warrell was honored with the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal, Ken Cobb with the Moldovan Mentoring Award, and Mike Holmes and Michael Miller with the Electronic Media Award for their work with the Monday Night Lights Facebook page. Our 2017 Regional Service Award honored Jim Chappell. If you would like to nominate someone for these awards, please do so. Nomination letters must be received by Melodye Campbell, Chair of Awards & Honors, by September 1, 2017. She can accept an electronic submission at awards@daylilies.org or you may mail your letter to her home address at 21 Ambleside Drive, Fairport, NY 14450. These awards are kept secret until the following National Convention.

Oliver Billingslea



H. 'Break Dance' (Warrell 2010)
(Photo by Dave Winter)

Editor's Note: Dorothy M. Warrell of Granville, Ohio, is the 2017 winner of the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for hybridizing. An article about her work appears in the Fall 2017 issue of The Daylily Journal.

AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting

October 7, 2017

Hosted by the North Alabama Daylily Society

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Registration Fees:

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Youth #1 _____

Youth #2 _____

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

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

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

The 2017 Region 14 Spring Meeting

Hattiesburg, Mississippi



*Featured Speaker, Ludlow Lambertson
Hybridizer
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



On behalf of the Wiregrass Daylily Society, Region 14 President, Terese Goodson, and B.J. Yance (right) present Connie and Don Montgomery the Robbie Bush Adams Award for the best clump of a registered YELLOW daylily seen in a tour garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Editor's Note: Connie and Don also received the Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Award, sponsored by the Meridian Daylily Society, for the best clump of an EYED or EYED and EDGED daylily seen in a tour garden.



*Special Guest, Nikki Schmith
AHS President
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)*



Linda Carleton, President of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, and Region 14 President, Terese Goodson (left), present the Linda Agin Memorial Award to Earl Watts for the best registered PURPLE daylily seen in a tour garden. Three cultivars tied for the award as seen growing at Suburban Daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Editor's Note: Earl received numerous other awards, including the Amy Stewart Memorial Award; the Bennie McRae Memorial Award; the Elaine Smelley Memorial Award; the President's Cup; and the Region 14 Landscape Award.



*An example of the beautiful table decorations at the Spring Meeting
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)*



*Earl Watts presents one of his registered cultivars to Terese Goodson for her authorship of the BEST ARTICLE IN THE DIXIE DAYLILY, "MADS's Three Day Bus Trip, 2016."
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*On behalf of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, Region 14 President, Terese Goodson, and HADS President, Gary Campbell, present Nancy Chain the Nell George Memorial Award for the best clump of a RED daylily seen geowing in a tour garden.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Editor's Note: Nancy also received the Shelton Holliday Memorial Award, sponsored by the Jackson Daylily Society, for the best clump of a registered DOUBLE daylily seen in a tour garden.



*On behalf of the Central Alabama Daylily Society, Benny Ray Brown and Region 14 President, Terese Goodson, present the Sally Lake Memorial Award to John Falck, accepting on behalf of Fred Manning, whose seedling #38 was voted the winner.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*On behalf of the Birmingham Daylily Society, Jim Riddle and Terese Goodson present Earl Watts the Amy Stewart Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered PINK daylily seen in a tour garden. The winner, pictured above, was H. 'Suburban Grace Ruth'.
(Photos by Oliver Billingslea)*



Some of the Folks Enjoying the Thursday Night Barbecue

(Except where noted, all photos are by Oliver Billingslea)



*Magnolia Strings Dulcimers
(Photo by Marie Updike)*



Kenny Hatten and Terese Goodson



Jane Marin, Evelyn Miller, and Mary Long



Rira Moore and Sue Ballard



Pat Soileu and Nancy Falck



*Nikki Schmith, Ludlow Lamberton, Debbie Smith, Bonnie Lingel,
Sydney Dyche, and Jane Ziplies*



Lisa and Henry Little

American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 2017 Popularity Poll Ballot

The Popularity Poll ballot is printed here and is available on the AHS Region 14 website. Mail or email your choices by September 1, 2017, or use the web-based ballot. Please submit your ballot only once. Each member can vote for up to ten (10) registered cultivars. You have the option of writing in up to five (5) personal choices, should these choices not appear on the Regional ballot. Each AHS member is eligible to vote and is encouraged to do so. Thank you for your time.

Club Affiliation: _____, _____, _____

Please circle your choices:

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All American Chief
Amalia Harrison
Bali Watercolor
Banana Smoothie
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Coach's Braided Angel
Coach's Hot Lips
Coffee to Go
Crazy Ivan
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Dorothy and Toto
Double Blue Blood
Double Screamer
Emma's Curls
Evelyn Gates
Fancy Lace
Free Wheelin'
Get Jiggy
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*H. 'Holly Dancer' (Warrell 1988)
2006 Harris Olson Spider Award
(Photo by Betsy Thompson)*

Editor's Note: Popular in the Midwest and Northeast, this cultivar has never received as much recognition in the South as might be expected.

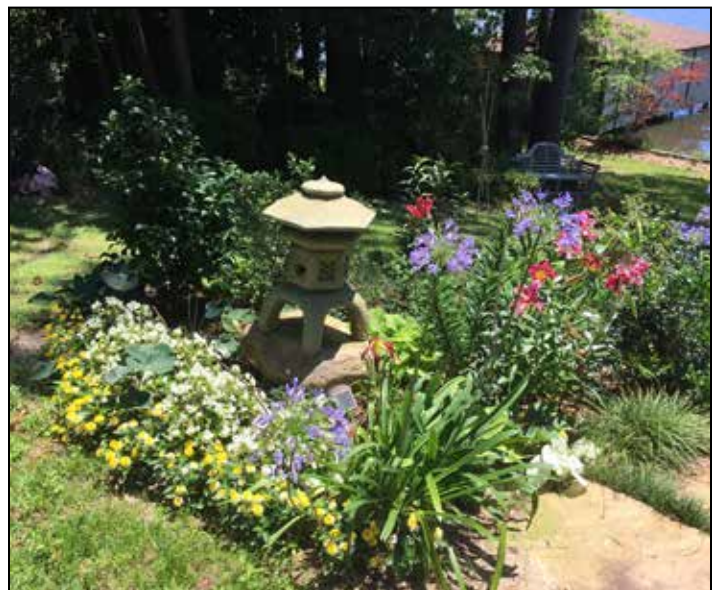
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Region 14 Photography Contest for 2017



Multi-bloom Category
First Place: H. 'Frances Joiner' (Joiner 1988)
Kay Cline



Individual Bloom Category
First Place: H. 'Twilight Text' (Salter-E.H. 2008)
Terese Goodson



Landscape Category
First Place: Tree Topp Garden, Hattiesburg, MS
Terese Goodson



Daylilies with Companion Plants Category
First Place: 'Buddy's Booger' (Hall-J. 2013)
with Queen Anne's lace and roses
Terese Goodson



Artistic Category
First Place: 'Scatterbrain' (joiner 1988)
Beverly Odom



Individual Bloom Category
Second Place: H. 'Sacha' (Trimmer 2013)
Mary Immler



Artistic Category
Second Place: Lizard on Daylily
Lisa Little



Multi-bloom Category
Second Place: H. 'Little Cobbler' (Viette-A. 1979) in Norfolk Botanical Garden
Bill Martin



Landscape Category
Second Place: Pinkham Garden, Norfolk, VA,
with H. 'Westbourne Christmas Fruit Punch'
(Meadows M.J. 2009)
Kay Cline



Daylilies with Companion Plants Category
Second Place: H. 'Waiting on a Woman'
(Dye-K. 2009) with lobelia
Beverly Odom

The Montgomery Garden

by Terese Goodson

The bus meandered through the woods and finally came to a slow stop, just in time to see a huge American flag and large bows of fluffy, red tulle adorning a very special bed. This collection of daylilies came from Barbara and Earl Watts and it was a tribute to two daylily enthusiasts who have made a HUGE impact on the hemerocallis world.



*The daylily collection honoring Barbara and Earl Watts
(Photo by Terese Goodson)*

Sitting on top of driftwood, a royal blue gazing ball anchored the next daylily bed. A graceful bird bath, Rose of Sharon, and an unusual succulent strawberry pot were just some of the interesting features that were spotted nearby. A clump of Peruvian lilies, blooming roses, clematis trellising on “staghorn” stakes, adorable yard art, and many additional companion plants graced this happy garden. Heading deeper down the paths, you couldn’t miss the old cast iron bathtub adorned with mounds of petunias and elephant ears—such a lovely sight!



*The royal blue gazing ball sitting atop driftwood
(Photo by Terese Goodson)*



*An old cast iron bathtub adorned with colorful flowers
(Photo by Terese Goodson)*



*Pots with colorful blooms in shady areas
(Photo by Terese Goodson)*

Concrete toads resting along the path may not have sported smiles, but the guests were all smiles when they discovered the small and miniature daylily beds near the house. The variety, intricate details, and colors of each cultivar were amazing, especially when you consider how tiny these flowers were. Snacks and cool drinks nearby were another reason for visitors to keep smiling.

C. P. Winters’ collection of Stout Medal Winners has found new life under the care of Connie and Don Montgomery. How fitting it was to enjoy these flower winners and si-



*Toads surprised by visitors
(Photo by Terese Goodson)*



*H. 'Who Dat' (Wilkerson 2011)
One of many striking open form daylilies in the Montgomery garden
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*The beautifully landscaped Montgomery garden
(Photo by Terese Goodson)*

lently thank C. P., a former Region 14 President, for sharing such a treasured collection of daylilies. Her legacy will live on. With Connie's background working in the floral business for over 25 years, these plants will thrive in their new location.

Heading to the back of the garden, more surprises appeared. The heavily wooded area bordering the day-



*H. 'J.T. Davis' (Grace-L. 1999) in C. P.'s Stout Medal Collection
Winner of Robbie Bush Adams Award for Best Yellow Clump
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

lily beds held the beginnings of a Lenington All-American Award Winners garden, again donated by C.P. Winters. Connie's "Secret Garden" wasn't much of a secret when we all discovered the area and perused seedlings, daylilies donated by Mary Lois Burkett, and lots of other cultivars quietly resting in their beds. These beds seemed to stretch for miles—maybe this is where the rest of more than 1,000 daylily selections are housed on the Montgomery property.

Raised beds, grassy paths, and mulched areas made this garden easy to navigate. Plant labels were easy to read and had the added bonus of announcing whether the daylily was a Stout or Lenington award winner. This garden has earned the well-deserved honor of being an AHS Region 14 Display Garden. We're glad it was on tour. The additional daylily beds that were added since 2015 were nicely done, as were the other plant collections, container gardens, and artwork that are new since the last Hattiesburg conference.

Thank you, Connie and Don, for sharing your gardening energy and enthusiasm with all of us.

Terese Goodson

The Watts Garden: A Magnet for Daylily Enthusiasts

by Marie Updike

The gardens of Earl and Barbara Watts on Serene Meadows Drive in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is a pleasant and charming sojourn where thousands of daylily devotees have strolled the garden pathways. People come from all over to see stunning daylilies in bloom. For many years the Watts worked tirelessly on their parcel of land to create a beautiful, park-like setting covering about two acres overlooking Lake Serene. Twenty plus years ago the area was a dense stand of Chinese privet bushes. Today, this garden is one of the gems in the Hattiesburg area—every step into the garden sparkles with wonder. The Watts' Suburban Daylilies is one of the largest daylily gardens in Mississippi, composed of Earl's seedlings and his registered varieties having the prefix, "Suburban". In total, visitors may see about 600 varieties of registered cultivars unfold in an explosion of blooms. The gardens also includes many other daylilies introduced by hybridizers such as Carpenter, Falck, George, Hansen, Herrington, Salter, Selman, Stamile and Trimmer.

them to plant daylilies in raised beds. Each bed could be any length, but he suggests a maximum of five feet wide, and don't step in the bed as the soil will become compressed. The Watts used many tons of rocks that encircle the base of each raised garden bed. The large, rust-colored rocks were shipped from Clinton, Arkansas, the iron content affecting the noticeable color.



An early morning arrival at Suburban Daylilies included a light fog which gradually lifted to reveal a sunny day. The many panoramic beds were bordered with large rust-colored rock imported from Arkansas.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Many visited Suburban Daylilies during the AHS 2017 Region 14 Spring Meeting, on the May 27, 2017, bus tour. Stepping off the bus visitors immediately appreciated this beautifully landscaped garden expanse made more appealing as everything is well-maintained; daylilies, companion plants, pathways, lawns, pergolas, birdhouses, water features, etc. There are soothing water features, groups of urns, and little garden rooms throughout at every turn which enhance the attractiveness of the gardens. Benches and chairs provide restful and intimate seating under large trees. Several brick patios and pergolas tempted visitors to sit awhile, spending time to relax in the shade while sampling tasty snacks. Twisting, curving pathways at both sides of the property and at the back weave through interesting plant combinations, some in bright sunshine, and some in shade under giant pine trees.

On display were bushes of azalea, crepe myrtle, gardenia, plus perennials of begonias, ferns, hostas, hydrangeas, and iris (Japanese and bearded). Red and pink-blooming Knockout roses accented many areas with bright blooms alongside numerous, ornamental trees. A welcome retreat at the back of the property leads visitors down pathways through sprawling gardens (daylilies, trees and companion plants) to the edge of Lake Serene. Interspersed around the area are charming architectural birdhouses. Everything is



Awarded to the most outstanding clump of daylilies seen in a tour garden, the President's Cup went to H. 'Emma's Curls' (Falck-J. 2011) at Suburban Daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Extensive publicity about the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) events ensures people arrive from far and wide to visit the Watts' Suburban Daylilies, an AHS Display Garden. Earl and Barbara are very kind and generous folks, and if you talk to anyone in Region 14 who knows them, they may comment, "You are never treated like a stranger when you are with Earl and Barbara." This daylily destination is recognized both locally and throughout the south as the place to see wonderful gardens and skillfully grown plants. Earl leads the list of well-known hybridizers in Region 14, respected for his excellent seedlings and AHS introductions.

One of the most stunning aspects of the garden are the curved, raised beds of daylilies which dazzle and amaze visitors. For gardeners who buy daylilies, Earl encourages

meticulously landscaped and managed by Earl who, along with Barbara, created a textbook example of flawless landscaping.

The Sally Lake Memorial Bed

Region 14's Sally Lake Memorial Bed is an annual hybridizer's bed named in honor of Sally Lake who gardened in Mobile, AL. The 2017 SLMB was hosted by Earl and Barbara Watts of Suburban Daylilies, Hattiesburg, MS. The design of the three raised beds featured two parallel, curved beds with one smaller curved bed at one end. The 67 seedling plants from Region 14 hybridizers received all day sun and were evenly spaced with numbered plant tags, all easily readable. Neatly clipped, wide grass pathways offered ample walking room for viewing and photographing many of the beautiful and distinctive daylily blooms. The plant that won the best seedling in the Sally Lake Bed at the 2017 Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg was #38, hybridized by Fred Manning.



The 2017 winner of the Sally Lake Memorial Award was Seedling #38 entered by Fred Manning of Lillian, Alabama. (Photo by Terese Goodson)

Awards

At 85 years old, Earl has participated in the last 22 HADS daylily shows and over the years chaired many of the meetings, shows and events held by HADS. Barbara and Earl exemplify the meaning of service to all levels of their daylily communities, often taking the lead. Both have won many awards, notably in 2015, the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal, which is the "Society's highest honor and is the official recognition for distinguished and meritorious service rendered the AHS by a member on the national level." The Watts have won the Region 14 Service Award (Earl in 2002) (Barbara in 2010). and he won the AHS 2010 Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award in a regional show for Class 1: five different registered cultivars. His *Hemerocallis* 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (2004) was selected as a Mississippi Medalion Plant for 2015 by the Mississippi Nursery and Land-

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scape Association." Prior to its selection, *H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle'* won many Region 14 awards, and was number 1 on the Region 14 Popularity Poll a number of times since 2004. In the past, Earl maintained a huge field of SNG, although now he keeps two large beds of that stunning cultivar growing on either side of the property entrance.



*At the entrance to Suburban Daylilies on a sunny morning, Earl and Barbara stand in front of the classic *H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle'* (Watts 2004). (Photo by Marie Updike)*

About Daylilies and Hybridizing

Earl says, for his daylilies, his planting mixture "includes old, ground pine bark, sand, and a few other ingredients in small amounts which produces a 6.5 pH, or close to it." In February, he usually spreads a slow-release, nine-month controlled fertilizer, which offers an ornamental formulation with low phosphorus and micronutrients. He also uses Milorganite to help keep deer out of the garden. When needed, Earl uses the pre-emergent herbicide, Freehand®, applied to prevent grasses and broadleaf weeds from growing. Earl, nonetheless, said he pulls weeds to stay one step ahead of unwanted plants.

Earl talks about his seedlings as if they were his kids. He has a big daylily addiction and, as we walk through the garden, he'll stop and point out blooms intended to be pollinated. He said, "I just dabble pollen and that gives me interesting flowers." There are separate seedling beds for one year, two year and three year old seedlings. He says it takes about three years of evaluation: "A seedling has to be good, I have to like it, it has to appeal to me, in order to keep it and use it." Currently growing about 4,500 seedlings, Earl began hybridizing in the early 1990's, since that time having registered 95 named "Suburban" daylilies with the AHS.

Through hard work and diligence, the Watts assembled a beautiful garden with a rainbow of daylily colors. Against the backdrop of Lake Serene, Earl and Barbara have created a pleasing garden pallet anchored by their passion for daylilies.

Marie Updike

FigLily Acres

by Sarah Lunsford

In the 17 years Edd and Nancy have lived on what they call FigLily Acres, they have turned it into a very special home. Upon arrival one is greeted by a beautiful bed of daylilies, all of which were hybridized by their brother-in-law, Earl Watts. Most of these flowers bear the name of a family member. Being drawn on up the driveway by the many beautiful plants in another bed, I spotted a clump of small red daylilies called *Hemerocallis* ‘**Broadway Valentine**’ (Stamile-G. 1994) and two others so that at first I could not decide which to give my vote for Best Red Clump. These two were *H.* ‘**Bama Bound**’ (Webster 1985) and ‘**Persian Ruby**’ (Trimmer 1998). (Editor’s Note: ‘**Bama Bound**’ went on to win the Nell George Memorial Award for the best clump of a registered Red daylily.) I was also impressed with the double called ‘**Sundance Truffle**’ (Kirchhoff-D. 2008). These were only a few that were very impressive in the front yard. Nancy said when they purchased this property an old barn was the only structure standing. When they began clearing, they found many fig trees (which they shared with friends), blueberry bushes, and even a chestnut tree. Many of these trees were lost to Hurricane Katrina leaving more sunny area for additional daylilies.



A close-up of the cultivar H. ‘Suburban Virginia Kirkpatrick’ shows Nancy’s skill in combining daylilies with companion plants such as rose verbena.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

the patio is a cottage style garden with daylilies and a variety of companion plants including pentas, Shasta daisies, begonias, coleus, butterfly plants and many more. In this



The drive leading to the home at FigLily Acres is bordered by large beds of daylilies. On the right is a bed containing plants registered by Earl Watts. The yellow is a clump of H. ‘Suburban Virginia Kirkpatrick’ (Watts 2008).
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A large barn built out back has served as Edd’s workshop. The original barn located on the property held a treasure of farm implements.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

After much clearing they built a house with a porch across the front. As in many southern homes, this porch has, among other furniture, three large, orange rocking chairs that compliment the surrounding flowers. They also built a large barn out back for Edd’s workshop. The old barn had a treasure of antique farm tools and equipment that has added interest and yard art to the grounds and present barn.

In back of the house, there is a large patio covered with an arbor on which grows Lady Banks Roses. Around

area, there are many of the objects from the old barn such as plows, wheelbarrows and a large pole bearing a dinner bell. Of course there are birdhouses here and throughout the yard.

Another interesting area in the backyard is a red iron bed frame filled with a beautiful daylily called ‘**Suburban Nancy Gayle**’ (2004). This daylily was hybridized by Earl Watts and named for the owner of the property, Nancy Gayle Chain.



H. 'Signature Truffle' (Kirchhoff-D. 2008) was one of many pretty doubles blooming at FigLily. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

H. 'Dutch Yellow Truffle' (Kirchhoff-D. 2003) also made quite a display at FigLily. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Suburban Grand Canyon' (Watts 2015) was one of the most interesting daylilies discovered at Figlily Acres. Registered as a 4.5" flower, it is a burnished gold diploid with a medium purple chevron edge surrounding its yellow-green throat, the purple repeated on its petal edges. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

I was intrigued with a small iron fence surrounding the house. I was told the fence was fashioned by Edd in his local workshop to keep armadillos from ruining the yard and foundation of the house. I sincerely hope it works since

armadillos are proving a nuisance to all of us who work so hard throughout Alabama and Mississippi to maintain beautiful gardens!

Sarah Lunsford

Heading Down to the Wiregrass in 2017

by Terese Goodson

That first cup of coffee at Hardee's was a welcome relief for bleary eyed Montgomery Area Daylily Society members and friends, after leaving Montgomery on the annual three day bus trip long before the sun peeked over the horizon. B. J. Yance was ready and waving at the bus when we arrived at Lilies of the Field, an expansive garden with tons of daylily beds and companion plants. Visitors scampered off the bus, grabbed up price lists and disappeared. It's hard to see everything in an hour and a half, but we managed and we were pleased to start loading the bus with daylilies.



Bush Gardens II, operated by Kate Bush, is in part a legacy to Robbie Adams Bush, who for years maintained one of the loveliest gardens in the Wiregrass.
(Photo by Terese Goodson)



MADS discovered this impressive planting of an historical cultivar, H. 'Pappy Gates' (Gates-W.R. 1959), at Lilies of the Field.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)

Next on the list—Bush Gardens II, where Kate Bush greeted us warmly. Jack Harrison, Region 14's longtime Parliamentarian, visited with the Bush family matriarch, Robbie Bush.

Willy D's was a fun place to gather for a meat and three lunch, followed by visits to Bud's and Blossoms, a local nursery, and the beautiful Dothan Botanical Garden. After checking in at Country Inn and Suites and enjoying a great dinner at Newk's, the group was ready to crash.

The Florida panhandle was next on the itinerary, and Abundant Daylilies, with Mark Sattelmair, was the first stop of the day. Mark sells numerous daylilies online, so his plants are in pots and ready to grab and go. We were fortunate that he agreed to a visit from MADS, since members found lots of daylilies on their "to purchase lists."

Dragon's Mead Daylily Garden, home to Cindy and Randy Fleming, president of the Tallahassee Daylily Society, was the next stop. This hidden jewel had lots of areas to explore.



The sculpture at Dragon's Mead
(Photo by Terese Goodson)

Lunch at PoFolks energized the group before heading towards Chipley for Fussell's Daylily Farm. Clint and family operate a cattle farm in addition to lots of daylilies. Our group was thrilled with the variety of plants available for sale in pots with lots of fans in each. Guests sitting in rocking chairs under the large shade tree, watermelon, pecan muffins, snacks and drinks, and "door prizes" added to the festive overall nature of the visit.



As a Master Gardener, Terese Goodson keeps an eye out for unusual garden art, such as this attractive planter at Fussell's Daylily Farm.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)

Dinner at Cracker Barrel was made even more special with a visit from two former longtime MADS members: Guy Meadows and Reuben Grimes. We had a wonderful visit with both fellows over dinner.

The third leg of the trip found us back in the Wiregrass to visit Ballard Daylily Farm. Besides having a huge variety of daylilies, Sue Ballard had many companion plants peeking out in the beds. We loaded up with cannas, old fashioned petunias, and lots of other treasures, along with our daylilies.



The MADS visitors were greeted by the colorful entrance to the Ballard Daylily Farm. For years Sue Ballard has been an excellent correspondent on behalf of the Wiregrass Daylily Society in supplying Club News for The Dixie Daylily.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)

A visit to the Wiregrass is never complete until we visit with Cindy and Larry Grace of Graceland Gardens. This year, several of us were given a bonus—a "grand tour" of the chicken houses by the Graces' grandson. We saw unusual varieties of chickens, many of which could easily win prizes at the State Fair! Larry's seedlings were especially beautiful this year, with numerous patterns and deep eyes. These new future introductions will be worth the wait.

McLin's Restaurant was a nice place to gather for all the bus participants and our guests, Rita Moore, President of the Wiregrass Daylily Society, and, once again, Guy and Reuben. The food was plentiful and delicious, and having a gathering space to call our own was an added bonus.

Our last visit was to Rita Moore's garden and we were delighted to see lots of daylilies, along with a huge variety of companion plants. Larkspur, agapanthus, caladiums, Asiatic lilies, angelonia, and many other flowers were at peak bloom. Rita willingly shared iris tubers and flower seeds. You would think Santa Claus had just paid a visit to the club with all the excitement surrounding those freebies! Thanks, Rita!



Companion plants abound in the Moore Garden, such as in this planting of Queen Anne's Lace, roses, and H. 'Buddy's Booger' (Hall-J. 2015).

(Photo by Terese Goodson)

We headed back to Montgomery and ate snacks on the bus for the entire return trip. We were excited to announce that we had picked up one new member on the trip. Linda Jarzyniecki started the trip as a visitor, but, during the trip she somehow caught "daylily fever" and decided to join MADS. We can all certainly relate to that affliction!

Another successful three day bus trip is in the books. Next year we will be hosting the 2018 Region 14 Spring Meeting and will take a one year reprieve from planning three day bus trips. We'll focus on the four gardens on tour instead. See you in Montgomery in 2018!

Terese Goodson

HADS's Annual Memorial Day Open Gardens Tour

by Beverly Odom

This Annual Memorial Day event sponsored by the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society featured 15 gardens, both private and public, in and around the Hattiesburg, MS area. My husband and I decided to attend for the first time this year. Our goal was to visit as many of the gardens as we could during the 1 day event. Upon our leaving Meridian, the radar looked very gloomy as a huge storm was heading directly for Hattiesburg. We continued on, praying really hard and miraculously the storm only skirted the Hattiesburg area.

Our first stop was Suburban Daylilies, the garden of Earl and Barbara Watts. Upon arrival we were greeted by long sweeping raised beds, edged in stone, and filled to the brim with lush, mature daylilies and companion plants. A personal favorite was the bed with an eagle statue perched in the center overlooking a mass planting of *Hemerocallis* 'Suburban Golden Eagle' (Watts 1998). Multiple garden areas, including a shaded patio, gazebo, and fish pond backed by the beautiful view of Lake Serene, made this a peaceful garden paradise.



H. 'Suburban Joey' (Watts 2017)

Next we headed to the Wesley Garden also near Lake Serene. Mrs. Evelyn Wesley gave us a guided tour of her beautiful garden, filled with a multitude of daylilies and companion plants. The garden was bursting with color everywhere you turned. Before we left, Mrs. Wesley showed us two daylilies that were very special to her. Both were hybridized by her brother, Earl Watts. One was named *H. 'Suburban Wally Wesley Memorial'* (2017) in memory of her late husband, and the other was named 'Suburban Joey' (2017) after her son.

The third garden we visited was the Gardens at Tree Topp, the garden of Jimmy Reeves. This Asian inspired garden was packed with a diverse variety of ornamental trees, flowering shrubs, annuals, perennials, and daylilies. The back yard featured a lovely lake view with a beautifully landscaped stone stairway down to the water.



Long sweeping raised beds, edged in stone and filled to the brim with daylilies, characterize the grandeur of Suburban Daylilies.

(Photo by Beverly Odom)



H. 'Suburban Wally Wesley Memorial' (Watts 2017)



Tree Topp is an Asian inspired garden, featuring among its many shrubs, annuals and other perennials, delicate violet-blue agapanthus.

(Photo by Beverly Odom)

The Dixie Daylily

Our next stop was The Lily Meadow, the garden of Jon And Jeanette Tibbetts. This small suburban lot was packed with gorgeous daylilies. With stone paths meandering through the daylilies, surrounded by pretty Crepe Myrtles and punctuated with annuals, this garden was a compact beauty.



*The Tibbetts garden provides a riot of color in a small, compact setting.
(Photo by Beverly Odom)*

After stopping for a quick bite to eat, we continued on to The Downtown Daylily Garden and Historic Cottage, the garden of Glenn Nobles and F. Durwood Blackwell. This beautifully restored home featured a courtyard style garden brimming with blooms and unique garden art. The patio area surrounded by raised brick planters offered plenty of seating to rest, relax, and enjoy the view.



*The Downtown Daylily Garden and Historic Cottage features a courtyard style garden.
(Photo by Beverly Odom)*

Next we visited the Montgomery garden, the garden of Don and Connie Montgomery. This garden featured many areas overflowing with daylilies, companion plants, and a variety of unique garden art. The water fountain and antique bathtub bursting with color were excellent focal points. The biggest treat for me however, was seeing my first Stout Medal bed. I was so inspired that I'm going to create one in my own garden.

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*The garden of Connie and Don Montgomery features many garden rooms.
(Photo by Beverly Odom)*

Next stop, off to Figlily Acres, the garden of Edd and Nancy Chain. The sheer number of daylilies was breathtaking and the abundant use of old farm implements as garden art was a treat for my husband as well as the red bed, sunken boat, and tractor bench. In addition to the largest clump of **'Suburban Coach Burnham'** (Watts 2011), named for a friend's son, that I've ever seen, the pink verbena spilling out onto the circular drive were a personal favorite.



H. 'Suburban Coach Burnham' (Watts 2011)

Our final stop of the day was Penny's Daylily Patch, the garden of Penny Stringer. Although 5 P. M. was quickly approaching, she assured us to take our time and enjoy the flowers. Large clumps of daylilies and other flowers were abundant in beds around the house, surrounding the tennis court, and bordering the back fence line. There was much to see and enjoy.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society for hosting this event each year and to all of the members who graciously opened their gardens all day. We had a wonderful time meeting each of you and seeing your lovely gardens.

Beverly Odom

Editor's Note: Featured daylilies photographed by editor.

The Story of Kahatchee Gardens

by Glenda Woods

WOW! What an honor to be designated as a Display Garden for the American Hemerocallis Society. As members of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, we have learned much from fellow members and feel that this designation should be shared with them. They have encouraged us and taken us to tour gardens and taught us all about daylilies.



H. 'Banana Smoothie' (George-T. 2006) holds a place of honor near the official AHS Display Garden sign. (Photo by Marie Updike)

Our story is not unique, nor is it extraordinary. As a matter of fact, it is most ordinary and perhaps could be the story of many daylily lovers. We moved to the Kahatchee Community in 1976. We raised our children and worked our jobs until we were finally old enough to slow down, retire and get some rest.

Through the years we had a few daylilies, most of which we bought because they were pretty. We did not think that we needed the names of them (daylilies do not need a name to be pretty), but we found that because we thought the same ones were pretty, so often we bought what we already had.

Not long after we retired, we decided we had enough rest for a while, so we went to work digging and preparing

beds so we could buy more daylilies. It did not take much time for them to multiply and we had to start dividing them. Our beds got full and we made new beds because we found more and more irresistible plants which we purchased.

Our gardens are located in Childersburg, Talladega County, Alabama. We live in the Kahatchee community, hence the name Kahatchee Gardens.

We have in our gardens approximately 1300 daylily cultivars, representing all different forms (spiders, unusual forms, doubles, eyes, watermarks, patterned, small and large blooms and, of course, all different colors of newer and older varieties, dating from 1924 through 2016.

We also have a Stout Bed with cultivars honoring the Stout Medal Winners from 1950 through 2015.

Throughout our gardens, one will find benches for shady rest which affords scenic and relaxing views with sometimes a breeze.

In addition to companion plants such as German bearded iris, Siberian iris, Louisiana iris, roses, hostas, hydrangeas and oriental lilies, one will discover rustic bird



A marble path adds beauty to this charming garden which has plants in bloom during all seasons of the year. (Photo by Glenda Woods)

The Dixie Daylily



H. 'Point Clear Jubilee' (Falck-N. 2010) is one of many lovely doubles found at Kahatchee Gardens.
 (Photo by Marie Updike)

houses throughout the gardens. These birdhouses are constructed of old barn wood, cedar slabs, old corrugated metal roofing and decorated with moss covered English Ivy vines. The birdhouses sit upon unique cedar posts.

Parts of our gardens have marble paths and there is a bridge connecting the gardens. Part of the metal in the bridge was salvaged from the McAllister house at Gants Quarry, Alabama.



Over 1000 cultivars enhance the beauty of Kahatchee Gardens, many in large clumps.
 (Photo by Glenda Woods)

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Glenda and Arthur Woods
 (Photo by Marie Updike)

We also found that we enjoy sharing our plants with other enthusiastic daylily lovers, who enjoy them as much as we do, and we are also endeavoring to make our gardens people friendly and nature friendly (with the exception of armadillos).

Glenda Woods



Among the many doubles at Kahatchee Gardens was this beautiful clump of H. 'Vanilla Fluff' (Joiner 1988).
 (Photo by Marie Updike)

MGCDS Photos from 2017 Show
by Steve Hammons and Bonnie Lingel



Best Double and Best in Show: H. 'Wysiwyg', Debbie D. Smith
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)



Best Unusual Form and Sweepstakes, Steve Hammons
(Photo by Lisa Hammons)



Best Large Flower: H. 'Cosmic Kaleidoscope', Bonnie Lingel
(Photo by Steve Hammons)



Best Popularity Poll: H. 'Look Here Mary', Charles Harrell
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)

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Kay Chappell, Reporter

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Recording Secretary:	Kay Chappell
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Birmingham Daylily Society members worked two plant sales in April. One was held to assist Birmingham Botanical Gardens at the Brookwood Mall. Our club also sponsored the Birmingham Daylily Sale at the Botanical Gardens. Many younger people seemed to be interested in learning about and growing daylilies.

Most of our members were able to attend the Spring Region 14 meeting in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and we also plan on attending the Fall meeting in Huntsville October 7, 2017. Hope to see you there!



Blount Iris and Daylily Society

Ellen R. Hallman, Reporter

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

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

The Blount Iris & Daylily Society has been enjoying another unusual weather year. The weather has kept us on our toes—storms with strong winds and hail, fairly mild temps, and lots & lots of rain. Well, you know what they say about Alabama weather, “If you don’t like the weather, wait until tomorrow!”

We decided unanimously to have daytime meetings. Our membership is getting older and would rather meet in the daytime and go out for lunch after the meeting.

Dan Porch, our Blount County Extension agent, has given us several great programs, including Using Pesticides Around Home & Garden, Backyard Tomato workshop, and Alabama Birds—Nesting and Migration. We will have a booth in the Home, Garden and Farm show in June at the Agricultural Business Center, Oneonta, AL. Angela Powers, Master Gardner, will have July’s program. August will be our ice cream social at the home of Delois & Harold Dunn. In September we are still undecided about having a booth at the Blount County Fair. Doug Hill will present our October program.



Summer / Fall 2017

The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

No report submitted.



Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Marie Updike, Reporter

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

Club Website: www.montgomeryareadaylilysociety.com

Facebook: Montgomery Area Daylily Society

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

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

Since our last report we had speaker Suzanne Sikes of Luverne, Alabama, give a presentation about “The Glories of Daylilies.” Suzanne’s famed mother-in-law is hybridizer, Sarah Sikes, who introduced award-winning daylilies from her Windmill Gardens. Suzanne’s helpful hints for good gardening practices were much appreciated by the attendees. The spirited plant auction of registered daylilies provided by Suzanne benefitted the club, and members enjoyed the bidding.

Two successful plant sales, along with plant auctions, help raise money for club activities. Each year a sale is held at Santuck Market beginning at 6:00 a.m. the first Saturday in May. The other annual sale is held at 10:00 the first Saturday in June at Eastdale Mall. Acknowledgements go to club members who raised and donated registered daylilies to the successful 2017 sales.

Numerous MADS members attended the 2017 Spring Regional meeting in Hattiesburg hosted by HADS. It was an occasion to mingle and socialize with other Region 14 daylily enthusiasts. On June 10, 2017, club members and guests enjoyed the annual club picnic hosted by Charlotte and Mabrey Whetstone. We had the benefit of gracious hosts, delicious, home-cooked food and a breathtaking view over Lake Jordan.

MADS club members and guests continually comment on the well-planned and enjoyable bus tours. This year we visited daylily gardens in the Alabama Wiregrass and Florida Panhandle areas. The club’s May 15-17, 2017, bus trip traveled to eight private daylily gardens where we were privileged to meet both dedicated daylily gardeners, like Sue Ballard and Rita Moore, both AHS Exhibition judges. Seeing the

Graceland Gardens of Larry and Cindy Grace was a real pleasure. We also shopped at Bud's 'n Blossom's Nursery and had a stopover at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens.

Paul Furr, longtime MADS member who has many years of growing and hybridizing daylilies, brought his expertise as an entrant in the Daylily Festival flower show hosted by the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society. Congratulations to Paul who won one of five "Best in Show" purple ribbons on June 3, 2017. Paul also presented a group of blooms from his many seedlings.

Our club has planned a host of good speakers for the upcoming months. We look forward to a commentary from club member Oliver Billingslea at the next meeting on Saturday, August 19 which begins with a covered dish luncheon at 12:00 p.m. The club will then distribute the Region 14 Popularity Poll forms, select a nominating committee for 2018 officers, and hear a program by Donna Curington entitled, "Daylily Gardens of Members." At our October 8 meeting at 2:00 p.m., a program will be given by Randy Fleming, Dragon's Mead Daylilies, Panama City, Florida. The club will host a daylily auction, then hold an election of 2018 officers. The December 2, 2017, meeting will be our holiday party, covered dish luncheon and installation of the new officers.



This is the colorful and intriguing entrance to one of the many garden rooms at Randy and Cindy Fleming's Dragon's Mead Daylilies, which the MADS group visited in mid-May as part of their Wiregrass tour. Randy will be the MADS's featured speaker in October,

(Photo by Terese Goodson)

MADS is gratified to have several members who have given presentations, such as Terese Goodson, Oliver Billingslea, Marie Updike, Mary Long, and Rhonda Miles. Our club strives to present educational and recreational activities to our members and guests. Visitors are invited to attend MADS functions and learn about our favorite flower, the daylily. Come to enjoy Montgomery's warm hospitality, and perhaps go home with a new daylily.



At the Spring Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Arthur and Glenda Woods got to meet again with their friends from their Wiregrass tour, Rita Moore and Sue Ballard.
(Photo by Marie Updike)



Graceland Gardens is known for something other than just daylilies, as the MADS tour group discovered in their encounter with these weird chickens.
(Photo by Terese Goodson)

North Alabama Daylily Society

Madolyn Whitt, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Saturday or Sunday—2:00 P.M. (Feb., Apr.; Aug., Oct.)
Huntsville Botanical Garden, Anderson Nature Center Classroom
Check our Facebook page to confirm location and date:
[Facebook.com/NADaylilySociety](https://www.facebook.com/NADaylilySociety).

President:

Dave Flanigan

Vice President:

Roger Hooper

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

NADS members are looking forward to our annual daylily sale at the Greenery. The date is set for Saturday, July 1, 2017. We have a list of donations, and Dave is working on the digging schedule. This is how we fund our programs each year, and is therefore a major event for our club. It is also a great time to share gardening experiences and to talk daylilies with other daylily enthusiasts.

Plans are also underway to make the Fall Region 14 Meeting in October a success. This will be a first for our club, and we are finding it to be quite different from hosting the spring meeting. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Charles and Heidi Douglas were guests at our March meeting. They both hybridize, and actually met at the 2003 Mid-winter Symposium. We enjoyed hearing about their different tagging techniques and breeding programs. Following their presentation, we were given the opportunity to purchase some beautiful flowers at auction. Their garden will be on the national tour in 2018.

We were very lucky to have John and Nancy Falk present a program for us in April. They were instrumental in the formation of our club, and Nancy is a native of Huntsville, so their visit was reminiscent of a homecoming. Nancy talked about the history of daylilies, which was very interesting as well as informative, and finished her program by showing us some of her seedlings and new introductions. A wonderful selection of plants was auctioned off after the program.

We are excited that Jan Joiner and Paul Owen will be visiting our club in August and September, respectfully. Eric Simpson will be the speaker at our Fall Regional Meeting in October, so that should be a treat for all of us. Happy gardening to all!



The West Alabama Daylily Society

Sarah Lunsford, Reporter

2nd Saturday—11:30 A.M.
Logan's Restaurant, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

President:	Ruth Watts
Secretary:	Juanice Hayes
Treasurer:	Sarah Lunsford

On June 15th members of WADS and guests visited the beautiful garden of Dale and Nora O'Connor in Trussville, AL. Dale insisted they were well past peak bloom, but they still had a lot of beautiful blooms. One of our members, Mary Williams, said she had been impressed earlier with their iris. I especially liked their great variety of companion plants and their hosta. Nora generously gave me seeds from several of these plants. I also came home with a couple of hostas. Our visit with the O'Connors continued at a local diner where many of us had vegetables and best of all, fried green tomatoes.

Several members of WADS attended the regional in Hattiesburg. As usual, the gardens on tour were outstanding. Mrs. Montgomery said she too was past peak, but she still had a lot of blooms as did the Chains and the Watts.

Five WADS members made it through the heavy rains to Norfolk, VA, for the National Convention. We were concerned about rainy days for garden tours, but we only had rain on the first morning. Of

course all of the gardens were spectacular! I don't think I have seen a prettier Botanical Garden than that in Norfolk. Of course it had quite a few daylilies too.

The Marriott was a very good choice for the convention. Many of the rooms had views of the bay and the meeting rooms were quite adequate too.

The WADS group meets four times a year. We plan to have speakers or programs for the March and October meetings. These two meetings will be at the Law Office of Jason Fleishman. The address for this building is 2317 Loop Road, Tuscaloosa. The meetings will start at 11:30 and a light lunch will be served. Our June meeting will be a garden tour somewhere in the area, and December will be a Christmas Party. If you want more details of WADS, please contact Mary Williams at 205-562-3075.



The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Bill Wenthe, Reporter

2nd Saturday—12:00 Noon
December, January, February, March
2nd Monday—6 P.M.
September, October, November
Grace Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

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

The second half of our 2016/2017 meetings began with a presentation by Karen Pierce of Floyd Cove Nursery, Enterprise FL, who shared with us a little of the history of their involvement with daylilies and their most recent introductions.

April was devoted to preparation for our 8th Annual Daylily Show held on Saturday May 20, 2017. As previously reported, there were numerous scheduling difficulties given that our membership includes folks from Region 14 (Mississippi and Alabama) Region 5 (Georgia) and Region 12 (Florida). In addition there was a last minute change of venue with the show moving to the Wiregrass Commons Mall. In spite of the problems, the show was a success with 205 entries. Best In Show went to Sue Ballard with *Hemerocallis* 'Optical Art' and the Sweepstakes award went to Rita Moore.

Winning entries by section were as follows:

Extra Large: Rain Frog
Large: Optical Art
Small: Siloam Bo Peep
Miniature: Lillian's Baby For A Day
Double: Woods Truffle
Spider: Frilly Bliss
Unusual Form: African Dawn
Stout Medal: J.T. Davis

Following the show several members attended the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, hosted by the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society. As always, HADS did a great job. Thank you for a fun weekend.

We will resume meetings in September. Have a good summer and be ready for a new year of daylily activities.



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Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Bud Kirkpatrick, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:00 P.M.

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

September, October, January through May

President:	Gary Campbell
Vice President:	Vonda Martin
Secretary:	Jean Phillips
Treasurer:	Don Montgomery
Publicity Directors:	Bud & Virginia Kirkpatrick

As the 25th Anniversary year of The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) drew to a close, and following a year of outstanding programs and special events, the Annual HADS Wrap-Up meeting was held, Saturday, June 17, at the home and gardens of Barbara and Earl Watts.

After a night of heavy rain and a drizzly morning, 50 plus members showed up with ‘brunch’ food in hand. In spite of the rain, spirits were not dampened, chairs were moved from the garden area into the garage and the meeting continued. President Gary Campbell conducted final business, the Popularity Poll was taken, and the gavel was turned over to incoming HADS president, Vonda Martin, of Perkinston, MS.

A key part of the anniversary year was HADS hosting the Region 14 Spring meeting May 25-27 at Hattiesburg’s Lake Terrace Convention Center. A conference highlight was the attendance of AHS President Nikki Schmith, of St. Louis, MO. Other special guests included Region 14 president, Terese Goodson, of Montgomery, AL, and noted hybridizer Ludlow Lambertson of Art Gallery Gardens in Lake Helen, FL. Bill Monroe, the former AHS Chairman of Marketing, was scheduled but unable to attend.

The Regional Meeting schedule was a whirlwind of activity offering meetings, workshops, training for judges, and seminars dealing with publicity for the local club, as well as how to present a daylily show. Garden tours, a plant sale, and other activities rounded out the program.



Icons from Region 14 and AHS gathered together in the garden of Mary Lois Burkett. From left to right, Earl Watts, Chair of the Regional Meeting; Mary Lois Burkett, Charter Member of HADS, and Nikki Schmith, AHS President. (Photo by Linda Holcomb)

According to chair of the Regional Meeting, Earl Watts of Suburban Daylilies in Hattiesburg, there was 122 registrants.

The Regional Meeting drew together three profound daylily icons. Assembled during the meeting was Earl Watts, Mary Lois Burkett, and Nikki Schmith. Earl Watts is a long-time member of the AHS and one of the best known daylily growers and hybridizers in the region. In 2015 he and his wife Barbara were awarded the AHS highest award for distinguished and meritorious service to AHS, the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal. Another daylily icon was Miss Mary Lois Burkett of Hattiesburg, a charter member of HADS. At age 104 she continues to tend her daylily garden, one of the largest in HADS. Rounding out the distinguished icons is AHS National President Nikki Schmith, of St. Louis, MO., guest of the Regional Meeting and a featured speaker.

One week following the Regional gathering, HADS presented its annual tour of Open Gardens. A record number of 15 gardens were open on Memorial Day, May 29. The tour extended throughout Hattiesburg and reached south to two gardens in adjacent Stone County, and one southwest of Hattiesburg in Picayune, MS.

The 22nd Daylily Show and plant sale attracted 845 plus participants at the Lake Terrace Convention Center on June 3. There were 344 daylilies competing in the Show. Jon Tibbetts was the Show Chair and Barbara Watts was the co-chair. Outgoing HADS president, Gary Campbell of Bassfield, MS, took Best of Show honors with *H. ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’*. Winner of the Design Division was Jimmy Reeves of Hattiesburg.

New HADS officers for the coming year are: President, Vonda Martin, Perkinston, MS; Vice President, Chuck Holcomb, Hattiesburg; Secretary, Janet Green, Bassfield, MS; Treasurer, Don Montgomery, Hattiesburg; and Publicity, Bud Kirkpatrick, Hattiesburg.



HADS “Best in Show”: *H. ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’*
Exhibited by Gary Campbell
(Photo by Louise McClellan)



*HADS, Winner of the Design Division
Jimmy Reeves
(Photo by HADS Club Member)*



Marion County Daylily Society

No report submitted.

4th Sunday—2 P.M.
Marion County Library 900 Broad Street, Columbia, Ms 39429.

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



Meridian Daylily Club

Reporter, Beverly Odom

3rd Saturday—11:00 A.M.
January, March, July, September, and November
May Garden Tours
Summer / Fall 2017

Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse, Meridian, MS

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

Our annual plant sale held on April 22nd at the Lauderdale County Co-op was a great success with plants grown, labeled, and sold by club members.

Lois Smith, President, and Jeanie Kilpatrick, Treasurer, attended the Region 14 Spring meeting in Hattiesburg, MS where they presented the Montgomery Garden with the Ben Arthur Davis, Sr., Memorial Award on behalf of the Meridian Daylily Club.

Garden tours began in May with club members Philip and Beverly Odom visiting Hattiesburg's Annual Memorial Day Open Garden Tours on May 29th. On May 30th, club members headed to Columbus, MS to visit the garden of Juanice Hayes, Hayes Daylilies, which is an AHS Display garden. Tours continued on June 7th with a visit to the beautifully landscaped home garden of Philip and Beverly Odom in Collinsville, MS. After lunch, members headed to Union, MS, to visit the Plaisance garden, Pleasant Hill Daylily Farm, which is an active hybridizing garden. Tours were wrapped up on June 27th with a visit to the garden of Joe and Peachie Saxon, where members enjoyed a wide variety of annuals, perennials, and daylilies.

Planning ahead, we look forward to our first annual club BBQ in July, a visit from Jeff and Elizabeth Salter in September, and our club Christmas party in November/December.



Club members pause for a photo while visiting the garden of Philip and Beverly Odom in Collinsville, MS. Left to right are Peachie Saxon, Juanita Temple, Past Norris, with Ronnie Norris standing.

(Photo by Beverly Odom)



MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

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

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

Club website: mgcds.web.com

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

Unusual Form: Mark of Athena Steve Hammons
Youth: Louisiana Jones Gracie McBroom
Popularity Poll: Look Here Mary Charles Harrell
Best In Show: Wysiwyg Debbie D. Smith
Sweepstakes: Steve Hammons
Green Thumb Award: Steve Hammons

We had a wonderful Spring Picnic at Jimmy Smelley's country house in Agricola, Mississippi. There was more food than could be eaten and a spirited auction. Wish you could have been there.



Youth member Gracie McBroom offers the blessing at the MGCDS Spring Picnic. (Photo by Bonnie Lingel)



A few of the attendees at the MGCDS Spring Picnic:
From left to right, Steve, Deb, Judy, Jimmy, Lena, Bob, and Carol
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)

Our 13th annual Daylily Show was held on Saturday, May 20, 2017. After much worry about the weather and being past peak we had 155 scapes entered. Our winners were as follows

Extra Large:	Buddy's Pinkie	James Hall
Large :	Cosmic Kaleidoscope	Bonnie Lingel
Small:	Buddy's Cutie	James Hall
Miniature:	Little Dejas Blues	James Hall
Double:	Wysiwyg	Debbie D. Smith
Spider:	John Euchler	James Hall

Thanks to all who put in so much work to make this show a success and to all who entered scapes!

We had 23 members registered for the Spring Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and a great time was had by all.

It is with much sadness that we mourn the passing of our long-time friend and member C.P. Winters—Rest In Peace!



North MS/AL Daylily Society

Martha Stancil, Reporter

2nd Tuesday—5:30 P.M.
Meeting Place (Amory and/or Columbus)

March, April, September, December

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

Now at this time, our member Juanice Hayes is on her way to the AHS National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia. We can't wait to hear her report on the convention events and activities. She stated: Her garden had a wonderful bloom season, she had never seen so many rebloom scapes. Another wonderful thing was that she did not have to use the water system at all.

This bloom season we also saw exceptional blooms: *Hemerocallis* 'Mary's Gold' (McDonell), *H.* 'Linda Beck' (Agin), 'J.T. Davis' (Grace), 'Ruby Spider' (Stamile) just to name a few. The recent rains have been beneficial to the companion plants, Oakleaf Hydrangea, Gardenias, Miniature Roses, and the Mississippi Medallion Petunias.

Speaking of companion plants, our President, Linda Beck, and I attended the Northeast MS Rose Society 18th Annual Rose Show in Tupelo, MS. Next year, we are planning to enter the "Artistic Rose Arrangement with Other Plant Material," adding daylilies with roses, if we have any early bloomers in time for the show. This would be an opportunity to promote daylilies in a show that is well attended by many gardeners from our area, as well as out-of-state.

Juanice Hayes attended the Region 14 Convention in Hattiesburg presenting the Bennie McRae crystal award to the winner for the "Best Miniature. Earl Watt's "Suburban Wren" won the award for "Best Miniature". This plant was growing in his garden with plenty of bloom scapes.

Tomorrow, June 21, will be the first day of summer, the longest day of the year. If you are like us, we will garden EARLY to beat the heat and humidity! I think it's called the *Dog Days of Summer!*



New Members

March, 2017, through July, 2017

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The much anticipated revised edition of The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies was published in early January 2017. Edited by Oliver Billingslea, it is an essential book for those new to daylilies as well as a detailed guide for the experienced grower.

(Photo courtesy of the AHS website)

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Editor's Column:

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

I want to thank the many writers who submitted articles for the issue. We have found new talents in Sarah Lunsford, Beverly Odom, Marie Updike, and Glenda Woods. I also want to commend the several club reporters who submitted timely and detailed club news for this issue.

I especially appreciate the photographers who submitted 152 entries for our 2017 Region 14 Photography Contest. Overall, this is the best set of digital photos yet submitted. The competition was fierce.

Once again, I considered writing an article on the gardens toured at the Tidewater National Convention, as I have done for Conventions in the past, but we just don't Summer / Fall 2017

have the funds to include material not expressly regional.

I have, however, featured a photograph of Terah George's *Hemerocallis* 'Banana Smoothie' (2006) on the cover of this issue, as it won the Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form Award at the National Convention for the most outstanding registered spider or unusual form clump in a convention tour garden. The hybridizer of the winning cultivar receives a certificate and a perpetual trophy, which is an engraved Nambe tray donated by the family of the late Ned Roberts. Congratulations, Terah!

Finally, on the back cover of this issue I have included a photograph I took of the 2017 President's Cup winner at the National Convention, *H. 'Tidewater Elf'* (Holmes-S. 2012).

Oliver Billingslea

American Hemerocallis Society–Region 14

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*H. 'Tidewater Elf' (Holmes-S. 2012), winner of the President's Cup, Pinkham Garden, 2017 National Convention
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*