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The Dixie Daylily Region 14 Newsletter

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President's Message by Henry Little

I Wish it were under a better note that I could tell everyone hello and ask how your 2020 year was going. I know this year has been a hard one for all of us - not being able to see our friends nor being able to have our Spring 2020 meeting. I think that being able to have the fellowship at the tour gardens and enjoying the gardens, like we do each year as a group, would be my favorite times. I really regret not being able to get around to other clubs that I have not made it to as regional president. I had them picked to go to this year and was very much looking forward to going. I feel like we will probably catch up on a lot of things at home in our personal gardens, I know that we have. My heart goes out to the Dothan Club for all the hard work that I know they have put into their gardens. I would like to thank each and every

one of you for all your hard work and for organizing the Spring 2020 meeting.

In all my attempts to try to carry the Dothan meeting over to next year, it was just not meant to be. For various reasons: the main one being that the national will be in Region 14 next year and you can't have a spring regional meeting, if you are hosting a national meeting. I hope that everyone can enjoy their own gardens this year and maybe see some flowers that they miss each year while traveling to the spring meeting. Who knows maybe we can start a new project that we didn't find time for until now. Most of all stay safe, enjoy your families and I hope to see you at the fall meeting.

Regional Publicity Director's Report By Debbie D. Smith

Another winter appears to be over and this year I will close the chimney flu (it really helps with the power bill). We did not have a hard freeze here so the bugs and other issues are coming. I don't know about you, but I am already seeing rust so it is time to start spraying. At least my fertilizer is already out as we prepare for another daylily season. The coronavirus is spreading across the United States. At this time there is no intent to cancel any meetings, either National or Regional unless our Government mandates closures. With that being said, please, anyone at risk, take the appropriate precautions.

The 2020 Popularity Poll Ballot is ready and printed in this issue. All ADS members are eligible to vote and encouraged to do so. The ballot is available on the Region 14 and ADS websites. Each club President should have ballots. You can snail mail or email your ballots, vote on the ADS website, hand me your ballot, or even call me. The 2019 results are as follows:

- 1. Banana Smoothie
- 2. Suburban Nancy Gayle
- 3. Double Blue Blood
- 4. Emma's Curls
- 5. Coffee to Go

The Spring Regional Meeting is in Dothan, Alabama on May 15-16th, 2020. I hope you have already registered, but if not it's never too late! I will see you all there. The ADS National meeting will be in Savannah, Georgia on May 25-27, 2020. Registration is limited to 450 people and as I write this there are approximately 100 vacancies. Exhibition Judges Classes I, II, and III as well as Garden workshops I and II will be offered at both meetings. If you have ever looked at the ADS awards and thought, "Huh, I don't recognize any of those daylilies." Don't feel alone. We need judges to make our voices heard.

I am sure that many of you have heard that I have lost my mind, and it may be true, but the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society will be hosting the ADS Spring 2021 National meeting in Hattiesburg, Mississippi on May 20-22, 2021. My co-chair is Chuck Holcomb with the help of his wife, Linda, (to keep us both straight). We will take all the volunteers that we can get. It will take the whole region to put on a great meeting that people will remember.

March 27, 2020

So much optimism was in the first part of this report. Our Regional meeting has been cancelled. Refunds will be issued. The National meeting in Savannah looks very iffy. This is the year to vote on a new Region 14 President. The nominating committee led by Phyllis Riddle has recommended Jason Fleishman of Tuscaloosa, AL, and he has accepted the nomination. A paper ballot is being mailed to each Region 14 member eligible to vote. Either check the yes box for Jason Fleishman or you may write in your choice. A simple majority vote will win.

There is so much fear and anxiety during this time but there is a bright side. More time in our gardens! Pray for us all.

Minutes f	rom Fall Meeting 2019
Janet	, Green Secretary

The AHS Region 14 Fall 2019 business meeting was held at the Cooper House in Huntsville, Alabama, on October 5, 2019. Attendees at the meeting were welcomed by Region 14 President, Henry Little. President Little called the meeting to order.

Due to the recent resignation of Secretary, Beverly Odom, Janet Green is filling in as Secretary for President Little. Mrs. Green read the spring meeting minutes and the correction for the treasury balance has been noted. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer, Jim Chappell, read the treasurer's report. Total funds as of May 23, 2019, were \$22,854.23. Total receipts were \$9,793.58 and \$4,078.50 leaving total funds as of October 5, 2019, at \$28,569.31.

The Regional Director's Report was given by Debbie Smith. Membership continues to decline so everyone is encouraged to join ADS. The 2019 Service Award went to Lisa and Henry Little for their many contributions to Region 14. Fred Manning won Honorable Mention for 2014 *Lillian's John Falck*, 2015 *Lillian's Legends and Lies*, and 2015 *Lillian's Rainbow at Dawn*. The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society won the 2019 Daylily Ambassador Award.

Director Smith announced that Region 14, specifically the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society will be hosting the 2021 AD National Convention in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The 2022 ADS National will be in Asheville, North Carolina.

Director Smith announced the pop poll winners: #5 Look Here Mary tied with Coffee to Go, #4 Emma's Curls, #3 Double Blue Blood, #2 Suburban Nancy Gayle, and #1 Banana Smoothie. The winners of the flower contests for Region 14 are: **Artistic**: Winner-Oliver Billingslea for Banana Smoothie, Runner up—Henry Little for Blooms: **Multi-blooms:** Winner-Henry Little for Lavender Blue Baby, Runner up-Henry Little for Suburban Wren:

Companion Plant: Winner-Jerry Cline for Coffee Frenzy, Runner up-Oliver Billingslea for Tidewater Elf

Landscape: Winner-Oliver Billingslea for Banana Smoothie, Runner up-Henry Immler for M.P. Gardens

President Little introduced the new editor for Region 14, Deidre DenBleyker. He presented the possibility of buying equipment for the editor and gave a price for laptop but discussed using a desktop. Mrs. DenBleyker gave her statement of needing equipment in lieu of using her own personal one. Group discussion occurred and a motion made by Gary Campbell and seconded by John Falck was made to locate and buy equipment for the editor. A committee of Jim Chappell, Chuck Holcomb, and Deidre DenBleyker were composed to compare prices, etc. and determine the equipment needed to purchase.

The Audit Committee composed of Jason Fleishman, Rita Moore and Kenny Hatten discussed an amendment concerning the accountability of the \$1000, Region 14 gives to host clubs for the spring regional meeting. Jim Chappell, Jason Fleishman, Rita Moore made a motion after a group discussion of pros and cons to have clubs give receipts for the \$1000 usage. Kevin Tyler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Linda Isley asked members to come to the spring regional meeting of the Wiregrass Daylily Society in Dothan, Alabama in 2020.

President, Henry Little, closed the meeting. Jason Fleishman made the motion and Gary Campbell seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

			TREASURER'S REPORT		
			JIM CHAPPELL, TREASURER		
			May 23, 2019 thru Oct 8, 2019		
	on Hand as of 23, 2019			\$22,854.23	
Total Funds \$22,85			\$22,854.23		
Recei	pts				
Dates					
5/28/20	019		Spring 2019 Auction	\$4,022.00	
5/28/20	19		Spring 2019 Plant Sale	\$490.00	
6/25/20	19		Mobile Club Donation	\$4,281.58	
8/6/201	9		Henry Little Returned RP Allowance	\$1,000.00	
10/8/20	19		Fall 2019 Plant Auction	\$4,045.00	
10/8/20	19		Fall 2019 Plant Sale	\$826.00	
Total	Receipts			\$14,664.58	
					+\$14,664.58
Exper	nditures				
Dates		Ck#			

5/24/2019	1120	Debbie Smith Director		(\$1,000.00)	
5/24/2019	1121	HADS Spring Regional 2019		(\$1,000.00)	
5/25/2019	1122	Debbie Smith Supplies and Printing		(\$390.42)	
5/25/2019	1123	Henry Little Region Awards		(\$110.16)	
5/28/2019	1124	Henry Little RP		(\$1,000.00)	
9/11/2019	1125	Deidre DenBleyker DD Postage		(\$470.00)	
9/14/2019	1126	Phyllis Riddle Award For AHS		(\$107.92)	
10/5/2019	1127-31	Photo Contest Awards 5@25.00		(\$125.00)	
10/5/2019	1132	Debbie Smith Supplies and Printing		(\$74.43)	
10/5/2019	1133	Deidre DenBleyker Supplies		(\$66.86)	
10/6/2019	1134	Jim Murphy & Margo Reed Speakers	Plane Ticket	(\$1,170.00)	
Total Expenditures				-\$5,514.79	-\$5,514.79
Actual Cash on Hand as of					

Actual Cash on Hand as of Oct 8, 2019

Total Funds as of 10-8-19

\$32,004.02

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT by Debbie D. Smith

The ADS Fall Board meeting was held in St. Louis, Missouri on October 18-19, 2019. There was no host club so Nikki Schmith kindly organized the meeting facilities and they were exceptional

The 2019 Stout Silver Medal winner, H. 'Scarlet Pimpernel' (Ripley, 2006) won with a total of 40 votes from 6 different regions. The runner up is H. 'Lil' Black Buds' (Begnaud, 2009) had a total of 35 votes from 10 different regions. So, you can see, five votes made a big difference. The 2019 Lennington All American Award goes to H. 'Lil' Black Buds' (Begnaud, 2009).

An *almost* balanced budget was passed, so there will be no need to use the interest from the William E. Monroe Endowment Trust Fund for regular operating costs. It was decided to continue the annual auction, but it will not be held on Facebook so that more people are encouraged to bid.

The Publications committee announced that there will be a new book coming out in 2021 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of ADS. It will be chaired by Nikki Schmith. Also, a book on Small and Miniature Daylilies is in the planning stages. No author has been determined at this time.

The trend in declining membership is happening in all flower and plant societies. The ADS continues to slowly decline. As of March 15, 2020, there are 4,602 active members. Region 14 currently has 262 members. It is so important to renew our membership, so if you haven't paid your dues, please do so. This summer the National Convention will be hosted by the Ogeechee Daylily Club in Savannah, Georgia at the historic DeSoto Hotel on May 24-27, 2020. There will be three gardens on tour: Maneki Neko Gardens in Ellabell, Ga, owners Scott and Dominique Elliott; Joiner Daylily Gardens in Pembroke, Georgia; and the Coastal University of Georgia's Botanical Gardens, a part of the University of Georgia's College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences. There will also be a day of Old Town Trolley Tours and an optional River Boat Lunch Cruise. This convention will depart from our traditional norms in that it will be held during the week to take advantage of lower hotel costs instead of the weekend. It promises to be a fun and educational time!

Many awards will be handed out at the convention and you can participate. Each ADS member is eligible to nominate someone for the personal awards. These are the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal for services at the National level, the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for Hybridizing, the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award, the Electronic Media Award, and the various Regional Service Awards. Nomination letters must be received by September 1, 2020 and sent to Rhonda Veroeven; 6674 Windsor Ridge Lane, Windsor, WI 53598, or to awards@daylilies.org.

After I wrote this, the Pandemic Covid-19 virus has brought our country to a near standstill. Since the majority of our members are in the target age of this virus, we each must make our own decisions for our health and welfare of our families. Barring a miracle, the 2020 National Convention will have to be cancelled or postponed as large groups are being prohibited. There are many options being considered and there are downsides to each option. As soon as there is a decision made, the information will be posted. In an effort to keep our members as safe as possible, all Garden and Exhibition Judges that are due to renew this year have been granted an extension. Your awards ballot will still be due but vote for cultivars that you see in your own yard and leave categories blank if you need to.

Thank you and pray for our Nation, family, friends and loved ones and especially for those overseas.

Garden Judges Wanted—and Needed!! by Nancy Chain

When you read the Winter 2019 issue of the Daylily Journal, did you happen to wonder how the awardwinning cultivars pictured were chosen—and by whom?

Garden judges are AHS members who have the pleasure and responsibility for choosing the cultivar awards (except the Lennington award). If you are an AHS member, but not a garden judge, then you might want to consider becoming one—and being one of the voices!

What are the requirements?

- 1. Be an AHS member for two (2) years before taking Garden Judge Workshop I.
- 2. Attend Garden Judge Workshop I & II (both can be taken the same day at a regional meeting or a national convention).
- Have attended a national convention within 5 years and/or a regional meeting within the last 3 years.

Why is it necessary to attend national conventions or regional meetings? A garden judge wants to see as many cultivars as possible within the region of residence. At regional meetings, there are garden tours that allow you to see a large number of cultivars. At a national convention, you have the opportunity to view cultivars that you may not see in your region. Also, you will see how familiar cultivars grow in other regions.

Is there a test? Yes. Is it difficult? No, because every question is covered in Workshop I and is answered in the handbook, Judging Daylilies in the Garden, 2018 ed. (this handbook should be obtained in advance of taking

Current AHS Region 14 Garden Judges are: Oliver Billingslea William C. Brooks Jim & Martha Brazelton Nancy Chain Jim & Kay Chappell Gerard & Kay Cline Bonita Cross John & Nancy Falck Jason Fleishman Terese Goodson Marlene Harrington Jeanne Kirkpatrick Garden Judge Workshop I—it is available from AHS and from Amazon). Garden Judge Workshop I can be taken at a regional meeting, a national convention or on-line. This workshop covers a wealth of information, particularly the Awards and Honors Ballot.

Garden Judge Workshop II is not offered on-line. This workshop must be taken during bloom season—in a garden. Participants examine various types of cultivars, listen to the instructor/s explain plant evaluation, point score cultivars and seedlings and have a question and answer forum. There is no test at the end of workshop II, but each participant receives a garden judge application form. Filling out the application form and sending it to the AHS Garden Judge Records Chair, as quickly as possible, is the responsibility of the workshop participant.

Two (2) Daylily Journal articles that will give interested members helpful and more detailed information are:

- 1. "Get a Voice!" Daylily Journal, Summer, 2018
- 2. "The Award and Honors Ballot" Daylily Journal, Winter, 2019

Both articles are written by Claude Carpenter, 2020 AHS Garden Judges Records Chair and Scott Elliott, 2020-21 AHS President. Scott Elliott is also the handbook coordinator for Judging Daylilies in the Garden, 2018.

If you love visiting gardens, attending regional meetings and national conventions, consider becoming a garden judge! AHS Region 14 needs more garden judges and AHS needs <u>your</u> voice!!

Henry & Lisa Little Clyde & Kathleen Manning Bill & Vonda Martin Rita Moore James & Phyllis Riddle Debbie Smith Steven & Nancy Stainsby Kevin Tyler Earl & Barbara Watts Glenda Woods Bonnie Lingel

Note: if your name is not on this list, and you think that it should be, contact Nancy Chain, Region 14 Garden Judge Liaison. It could be that your name has been removed because you did not send in your application, or you have not voted your Awards and Honors ballot for the last two years.



Garden Judge Workshop II 2019 in the garden of Mary Lois Burkett (Photographer: Nancy Chain)



Garden judges evaluate the entire plant, not just the blooms. Lavender Blue Baby, Carpenter J. '96 from the garden of Penny Stringer (Photographer: Nancy Chain)



'Scarlet Pimpernel' (Ripley, 2006) 2019 Stout Silver Medal winner Southern Charm Garden , Conway, SC (Photographer: Nancy Chain)



Jeff Salter, Garden Judge Workshop II Instructor garden of Mary Lois Burkett (Photographer: Nancy Chain)



Mary Lois Burkett with a Garden Judge Workshop II group (Photographer: Nancy Chain)

Why Take Judging Clinics? by Elizabeth & John Falck

Many regional meetings and the yearly American Daylily Society National Convention offer both Garden Judging and Exhibition Judging clinics. As I teach exhibition clinics, I often wonder why more people don't sign up for these opportunities. I know from being a student that the information in these classes will broaden a daylily gardener's knowledge and enjoyment of growing daylilies in the garden. Taking both garden and exhibition clinics and now instructing for exhibition clinics have enhanced our enjoyment of our hobby. In 1968 John and I were enticed into the world of daylilies by his parents. During our early years growing daylilies, there was little print material to aid novice daylily gardeners, but we found another source of information nearby. As John's parents grew older, we drove them to the Mobile Hemerocallis Society's night meetings. At these gatherings, we were lucky to meet Charlie and Dot Pierce. Lee and Bea Gates. Sally Lake, and many other hybridizers and skilled gardeners. Typical of daylily people, they were happy to answer novice questions, and they invited us to their gardens. Drawn by all their enthusiasm and tutorage, we became more and more involved in daylilies. Since John's parents liked to enter shows, we also began helping them prepare entries. We soon entered our own scapes in shows. At these shows we met many very experienced judges like Jack and Amalia Harrison, Joe and Olive Langdon, John Cooper, Barbara Mitchell, Mary Lou Hutchins, and Jack Temple. At that time these were some of the most knowledgeable and best-known leaders of the American Hemerocallis Society. These people became not only mentors but also friends. We continue to meet and enjoy the friendship of many daylily enthusiasts as we continue judging.

By 1979, we decided to take the Judge's Clinic at the Region 14 Spring Meeting held in Mobile. (Clinics II and III were added to the curriculum later.) In a few years, we became instructors for Exhibition Clinics. Later, we decided to take Garden Judges Clinics I and II. With each experience, we developed our

discernment in buying and growing daylilies. By the 1980's we were hooked for life. Today. we find customers of our daylily nursery have been told that daylilies are easy: "...just plant them and that is all you need to do." This concept will not result in the same quality of plants you see in display gardens. However, our experiences in Exhibition and Garden Judges Clinics became the nucleus of our selecting, growing, and exhibiting daylilies. A very important side benefit has been the daylily people we have met along the way. We have found they are enthusiastic, happy, generous, and knowledgeable. What better companions can one have! This comradery makes one really feel a part of the daylily world. Garden Judges I is often a logical first clinic, though Exhibition Judges I is equally helpful. The Garden Judges Clinic I curriculum includes the steps in the AHS Awards and Honors System from Honorable Mention for seedlings to the Stout Silver Medal, the top of Awards Pyramid. Becoming a garden judge often inspires people to begin visiting gardens beyond those on planned tours. This class stresses the necessity for a garden judge to be critical and impartial when voting for awards. Also, many regions have awards for tour gardens or seedlings, giving more opportunities for judging the beauty and quality of daylilies. Each learning experience translates into being a better daylily grower.

In addition, the student judge is taught to evaluate the quality of the plants in the garden including their vigor, foliage, scape, and bloom. Besides criteria for evaluating the whole plant, the class covers terminology: types, forms, colors, patterns and other traits. The student is also taught how to count branches and judge bloom placement on branches. Ultimately, the student will learn to judge a plant from the initial view to an in-depth examination of individual aspects of the plant. Whether or not one decides to be a Garden Judge, this information gives a basis for planning a garden and purchasing plants for that garden. When a student has completed Garden Judges I, he has learned much to help him in his daylily adventures. This education gives the daylily garden owner the tools to enter a show winning scape. The foundation information for becoming a Garden Judge as well as a demonstration of the ballot will help a new judge as he visits gardens. Often judges carry a copy of the current year's ballot to make notes as they see candidate varieties.

Clinic II, the final step in qualifying as a Garden Judge, is taught in a garden chosen for the variety of daylilies grown. This allows the student to put skills from Garden Judges I into action. The instructors are selected for their knowledge and their ability to teach key points as well as to answer questions from the students. Often the instructors will rotate between small groups of students so that the students gain from each instructor's knowledge. This course teaches points to consider with various forms such as the "spider ratio." During this clinic the instructors will point out examples of various forms, patterns, sizes, and other traits. The instructors will show both ideal examples as well as problems with flowers, scapes, and foliage. At this time, the student will be encouraged to make critical observations. Also, students will also be reminded of Garden Etiquette. This clinic really helps students to judge "real" plants not just photos.

Clinic II students will be able to try judging plants on their own. Instructor-student interaction is encouraged. Also, it is fun to vote each year's ballot, and then compare choices with the final tabulation from all judges across the AHS. After completing Garden Judges Clinics I and II, a novice judge will be able to vote the Awards and Honors Ballot each year with confidence.

This clinic is not only educational but also fun. The questions, answers, and discussions are often more enlightening than any power point or classroom instruction. Instructors have usually checked the garden ahead of the clinic so they will have specific examples to illustrates points they need to make. As a side benefit, this is a time a student will become familiar with the instructors and students.

Knowledge of these Garden Awards is also important to a gardener. With limited funds

for purchasing new daylilies, John's dad kept records for daylilies he was considering for his garden. He recorded whether lilies had won the Stout Silver Medal, Award of Merit, of Honorable Mention as well as the special categories such as the Ned Roberts award for spider and unusual form daylilies. Today, we still use the 3 x 5 cards with his notations for our older cultivars; several have become Stout Medal Winners like Fairy Tale Pink (Pierce, C. 1980). We have followed his lead in setting criteria for new purchases.

Another sequence which works well is taking Exhibitions Clinics I and II prior to taking Garden Judges Clinics, but having taken the Garden Judges Clinics is a plus when coming to Exhibition Clinic I. Combining a Power Point with instruction, this clinic begins with responsibilities and requirements as well as ethics of judging a show. The clinic moves to participating in a show by illustrating the standards, organization, and rules for a show. A key to becoming an exhibition judge is becoming familiar with the point scoring that judges use. Also, this clinic provides the basics of a daylily show.

The meat of Exhibition Clinic II is a review of sizes, forms, sub forms, color and pattern, texture and substance, as well as height and strength of scapes. Each point of the presentation is illustrated with excellent photographs which demonstrate the point being discussed. When possible, scapes will be brought in to give each student a chance for a closer examination of specimen scapes. This instructor aided by the power point defines and illustrates the many terms one hears in discussions and programs as well as in the garden on individual visits, at regionals meetings, or the national convention.

While this clinic is of personal value in growing or exhibiting daylilies, there are many added benefits such as being able to be more helpful with local shows. As we began judging shows, we began to appreciate the current show organization (originally it was organized by color, a confusing method). This understanding helped us when setting our local show and planning the schedule. The benefits don't end here. By considering foliage, plant vigor, scape height and strength, the student learns to evaluate the whole plant. Also, the number of buds and bud placement as well as the overall health and distinction of the whole plant are important. The clinic is designed to help the gardener-judge evaluate plants he may acquire as well as to determine if the plants in his garden are growing to their optimum. This is a beginning point for growing award-winning daylilies.

Exhibition Clinic II uses the information and skills learned in Exhibition Clinic I. The instructors work with the students so that they learn to use the point scoring to judge actual named and seedling specimens. After the instruction and discussion of the points on the judging form, students test their knowledge using new specimen scapes. With the aid of a test sheet which includes terminology used for each criterion, the student will circle any quality that applies to a new specimen. There is space to award points in each category. This test is important because a judge's decisions affect the people who work hard to bring their entrants to the show. With the instruction and discussion in the two clinics, students are ready to test their knowledge and discernment in judging. New judges are always welcome as there are shortages of judges during the show season.

Over the years we have met many people throughout the south and beyond. We began judging close to home in Pensacola, but soon received invitations from clubs in Alabama and nearby states. Judging was fun, and meeting people from other clubs brought us many daylily friends. This also enticed us to visit gardens, other clubs' meetings, regional meetings, and national conventions. We have added to our knowledge and network of daylily friends while learning more and more about daylilies. We also began visiting gardens whenever we traveled. Often, we made special trips or added special stops to visit gardens.

Whether on organized tours or on our own visits, we have fun inspecting the cultivars that are on the current year's ballot as well as getting to know new varieties. Since each garden is unique, we have observed design and practices which others employ. When we see familiar cultivars or intriguing new varieties, we check how well these varieties grow in various climates and soils. All in all, armed with our knowledge gained in clinics and our experiences we continue to enjoy all aspects of our daylily experience. Along the way, we get to visit with the daylily friends we have met on our daylily journey as well as have a voice in the Awards and Honors decisions.



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REGION 14 DISPLAY DAYLILY GARDENS

There are 19 AHS Display Gardens in Alabama and Mississippi. Note that many Display Gardens are at private homes. Please call ahead to arrange a convenient time for visiting. The AHS Historic Daylily Gardens is indicated in purple

Chappell Gardens Jim & Kay Chappell 900 Smoke Rise Trail Warrior, AL 35180 205-647-0688 jchappell0804@charter.net

Chisel Ridge Garden Kenny & Debbie Hatten 341 Paramount Church Rd Warrior, AL 35180 601-928-3703 or 601-928-8021 kennyhatten@yahoo.com

Daylily Hollow-Display Garden Beverly & Philip Odom 7759 Mosley Crossing Rd Collinsville, MS 39325 601-527-2442 bodom1@bellsouth.net

Diamond Valley Garden Jim & Martha Brazelton 464 Rock Hill Rd Guntersville, AL 35976 256-582-2235 jmbrazelton@charter.net Dothan Area Botanical Garden 5130 Headland Ave. Dothan, AL 36303 334-793-3224

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

FigLily Acres Ed & Nancy Chain 47 Nobles Rd Sumrall, MS 39482 601-268-3611 eddchain@exede.net

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

Hem Haven

John & Nancy Falck 20205 Laurence Rd S PO 192 Fairhope, AL 36533 251-928-3340 or 251-223-6395 hemhaven@bellsouth.net Huntsville, Madison County Botanical Garden 4747 Bob Wallace Ave Huntsville, AL 35805 256-830-4447 Liaison: Rosa Belle Van Valkenburg 256-534-8583

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

Lilies of the Field B J & Carolyn Yance 6415 E Hwy 134 Midland City, AL 36350 334-794-3496 or 334-983-4287 bjyance@gmail.com

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

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

Whetstone Garden by the Lake Charlotte & Mabrey Whetstone 450 Holiday Dr Titus, AL 36080 334-567-3343 mwhetstone@elmore.rr.com



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CLUB REPORTS

BIRMINGHAM DAYLILY SOCIETY

Kay Chappell, Reporter

January, February, March 4th Saturday - 11:30 A.M. September 1st Saturday – 11:30 A.M. December 3rd Sunday-2:00 P.M.

We began our meetings on January 19, 2020. Our speaker was William Marchant of Druid City Daylily Garden in Douglasville, Georgia. We enjoyed his presentation with background of his daylily beginnings.

He showed us beautiful scenery from his own garden and how the garden has beautiful daylilies he has hybridized for our auction.

At our meeting on February 16, 2020 we were pleased to have John and Nancy Falck of Hem Haven Gardens in Fairhope, Alabama. We enjoyed their presentation on how to grow daylilies in pots. They gave us lots of good information on the essential materials you need to help your daylilies grow well.

The club meeting on March 15, 2020 we are looking forward to having as our speakers Jeff and Elizabeth Salters of Rollingwood Gardens in Archer, Florida.

Blount Iris and Daylily Society

Sandra Little-Reporter

4th Tuesday – 10am	President: Sandra Little
Frank Green Building	Vice President: Delois Dunn
415 5 th Ave. East	Secretary: Ellen Hallman
Oneonta, Al 35121	Treasurer: Hazel Jones

In September we visited a local nursery, Blackwood Crossings Nursery, in Cleveland, AL. All that attended enjoyed refreshments and a tour of their greenhouses. They had a large variety of companion plants to choose from, and as usual, almost everyone took home a few. After the tour we met at the Cleveland Diner for lunch.

October was our annual auction of plants donated by members. Auction money paid for member's yearly dues, and the money leftover went to the club.

Our annual Christmas dinner was in November, at Charlie B's restaurant in Oneonta, AL. Charlie B's has a buffet style lunch with great food, a salad bar and a dessert bar. The fellowship we enjoyed was every bit as good as the good.

We don't meet in December or January.

Our first meeting of 2020 was on February 25th. Cory Johnson of Arab, AL presented a very informative presentation on his daylily hybridizing program. Although Cory told us that he hasn't registered any daylilies yet, he will in the future. Cory has some beautiful seedling that many of us will be waiting for him to release.

Looking forward to our speaker in March, Steve Thompson. Wishing everyone a beautiful bloom season and fulfilling year.

Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Donna Curington, Reporter

2nd Sunday – 2:00 P.M. February, April, October 2nd Saturday – 12:00 noon August, December Providence Presbyterian Church Montgomery, AL

The speaker for the October 13, 2019, meeting of MADS was our own Terese Goodson, who presented a most informative program entitled "Year-Round Color for your Garden." A power point presentation, many live examples of flowers from Terese's and Evelyn Miller's gardens, a great hand-out on bloom times, created by Montgomery gardener, Anne Waldo, and input from club members educated us on companion plants that do well in our area and tips for growing them well.

Oliver Billingslea reported on the progress of the daylily bed in the Montgomery Botanical Garden, which has been awarded a \$1000 grant for signage. He thanked club members for their work at the garden and their donations of daylilies from Region 14 hybridizers which have been planted there.

After the program and short business meeting, club members participated in an auction of daylilies and a silent auction of companion plants. Everyone departed with lots of information and acquisitions to be planted!

The Montgomery Area Daylily Society met on December 14 for their annual Christmas covered dish dinner. Members congratulated George and Linda Carlton on their garden being featured as the International Garden of the Week on Charlotte Chamitoff's daylily website (Charlotte's Daylily Diary).

MADS began the new year by welcoming James and Louise Fennel of

President - Terese Goodson Vice-President - Jane Martin Recording Secretary - Barbara Barnes Corresponding Secretary - Martha Barber Treasurer - Glenda Woods Parliamentarian – Mabry Whetstone Devotional Chair – Mabrey Whetstone

HopeHill Garden (or as James puts it "Yarden" – part yard and part garden) in Hawkinsville, GA. James entitles his program "Daylilies, My Way" and emphasizes what works for him and his daylilies may not work for everyone. We enjoyed beautiful slides of his seedlings and gained useful information on herbicides and soil amendments. At the conclusion of the program, numerous cultivars brought by the Fennels were auctioned.

ADS Vice-President, Debbie Smith, was on hand to present a Certificate of Appreciation from ADS to Oliver Billingslea for years of service rendered to ADS as Regional Director.

Oliver reported on the daylily bed at the Montgomery Botanical Garden and expressed appreciation to the hybridizers from Region 14 who have donated their introductions for the garden.



James Fennell presenting his program (Photographer: Kyle and Donna Curington)

North Alabama Daylily Society (Huntsville)

President: Roger Hooper Vice President: Jim Beecher Recording Secretary: Samantha Downs Publicity: Cherry Hooper Corresponding Secretary: Madolyn Whitt Treasurer: Fritz Owens Scheduling: Randy Whitt Plant Sale Coordinators: Randy Whitt & Jim Brazelton

In Memory of Rosa Belle VanValkenburg Photographer: Roger Hooper



Rosa Belle with Kay Chappell May 16, 2010



Phyllis Riddle & Rosa Belle May 30, 2010 @ Daylily Convention



Elizabeth & Jeff Salter with Rosa Belle June 18, 2011. Huntsville Botanical Gardens



Rosa Belle with doll collection-May 2012

Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society Nancy Chain, Reporter

HADS started the 2019-2020 year with a bang! On September 15, 2019 we hosted Region 14 Director, Debbie Smith, as our speaker. Debbie proposed that HADS and MGCDS co-sponsor the 2021 AHS National Convention. After discussion, a motion was made and passed. The 2021 National Convention will be held in Hattiesburg, MS, May 20-23. Make your plans, save your money and head to Hattiesburg in 2021!!!!

In October, Charles and Heidi Douglas were the featured speakers. Well-known hybridizers from Georgetown, SC, Charles and Heidi brought quite a few of their introductions for our auction. The couple entertained meeting attendees with beautiful pictures of Browns Ferry Gardens and their introductions.

HADS members enjoyed a Christmas luncheon at Farmer's Market. Lively bingo games won some members new cultivars donated from the gardens of Kenny Hatten and Nancy Chain. Beautiful poinsettias, donated by Gary and Deborah Campbell, decorated the tables and were given to members as door prizes.



Charles & Heidi Douglas with Barbara & Earl Watts

Photographer: Nancy Chain

January brought the Falcks from Hem Haven Garden in Fairhope, AL. In tandem, John & Nancy told HADS how they grow <u>everything</u> in pots. Very interesting! John and Nancy have some beautiful introductions, and some spectacular things to come.

Also at the January meeting, Jon Tibbetts, HADS show chair, presented Keith Powell with an AHS Achievement Medal. At the 2019 HADS show, Keith exhibited 3 scapes of a seedling (the same seedling that won the Sally Lake Award at the 2019 Spring Regional meeting in Hattiesburg) that scored an average of 90 points or more. The seedling has been registered as "Blanche Bond Memorial'. Keith named the flower for the founder of the Marion County Daylily Society. Blanche Bond was a friend who first got him interested in growing daylilies. <u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> Keith!!

A dreary February was made brighter by a visit from the Salters of Archer, FL. Pictures of new introductions and seedlings motivated a lively auction and plant sale. The meeting was well attended, and we had 3 new members and several visitors (that we hope will join later).

We are looking forward to hearing from Charles Plaisance (March) and our own Kay Cline (April). In May we will be busy, busy with shows, the Regional meeting in Dothan, and the National Convention in Savannah. Hope to see you at some of these events!



Earl & Barbara Watts @ Oliver Billingslea's Gardens – Spring Regional Mtg. (May 2018) Photographer: Oliver Billinsgslea

Meridian Daylily Society

President-Mark Flynn Vice President-Susan Huey Treasurer-Jeannie Kilpatrick Secretary-Beverly Odom We meet on the third Saturday in January, March, September and November at Western Sizzlin Steak House at 11 am Meetings begin at noon.

May, we have garden tours depending on the bloom time. In July, we have a picnic at a member's home and in December we have a Christmas party at a member's home. This past November, we had Mr. Tim Bell from Bell's Daylily Garden in Georgia as our guest speaker. We have a local plant sale in April and have had several local gardening experts speak to us about all aspects of gardening.



Lois Smith's gardens Photographer: Lois Smith

Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Sydney Dyche, President and Reporter 2018/19 and 2019/20

2nd Saturday – 1:30 P.M. (unless otherwise noted in Club booklet) Vancleave Public Library, Highway 57, Vancleave, MS Annual meeting months are Sept., Oct., Jan., Feb., Mar. & April, Christmas Party in December Spring Picnic and Daylily Show in May President: Sydney M. Dyche Vice President: Debbie D. Smith Secretary: Deidre DenBleyker Treasurer: Judy Harris Publicity Director: Bonnie Lingel

Thanks everyone who have dedicated another year as 2019/20 officers. Debbie D. Smith has done it again with phenomenal list of hybridizers to speak at our club meetings (James Hall; Charles and Heidi Douglas – Brown's Ferry Gardens; Mark Carpenter – Lily Farm – cancelled for foreseen circumstances; Jeff, Elizabeth, and Alexandra Salter; Bruce and Kathy Fowler – Kathy's Daylilies; John Falck). With a few new members plant auctions have been quite intense. The speaker volleyed the many questions on plant care and pest control with expert knowledge.

Our annual Christmas party was held at Aunt Jenny's Catfish Restaurant in Ocean Spring, MS, with 25+ members and spouses. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food. The restaurant staff could not keep away as they were mesmerized with our game of "Daylily Bingo". Jimmy Smelly has again volunteered his country home in Agricola for our annual Spring Picnic in May. Where we will make our final arrangements for our show the Following weekend.



REGION 14 SERVICE AWARD

Henry and Lisa Little, owners of Silent Sentinel Garden in Brookhaven, MS, are a team that has been involved in local club activity and AHS Region 14 for many years. Their real interest in daylilies began in 1993 when they went on a daylily garden tour hosted by the Miss Lou Daylily Society in McComb, MS. Wishing to expand their knowledge of daylilies, they joined AHS in 1996. They joined the Miss Lou club in 1997.

After joining a local club, involvement in the world of daylilies expanded by leaps and bounds. The Littles became exhibition judges in 1999 and in 2000 both became garden judges. In 2002, Region 14 RVP, Bill Robinson named

Henry Region 14 Exhibition Judge Liaison. Henry served in this capacity, with Lisa's assistance, until 2014. In this position Henry and Lisa were able to assist Region 14 clubs interested in having shows to secure accredited judges. At Regional meetings, the Littles coordinated the exhibition clinics, insuring that sufficient instructors were available, Master panel judges were in place, the necessary flower scapes were in the right clinics and sometimes they were instructors in the clinics. Paperwork is definitely attached to this position. The Littles were careful to keep the records up to date, so that current judges knew when they needed refresher courses and new judges got applications processed in a timely manner.

After becoming garden judges, Henry and Lisa eventually qualified as garden judge instructors. At the 2016 Spring Regional in Dothan, AL, and the 2017 Spring Regional in Hattiesburg, MS, they assisted in the instruction of Garden Judge Workshop II. At the 2017 Regional in Hattiesburg the scheduled instructor for Garden Judge Workshop I was unable to attend. Lisa very capably co-taught the Workshop with Garden Judge Liaison, Nancy Chain.

Henry and Lisa have served numerous clubs through their

membership and leadership. In addition to membership in Miss Lou, the Littles belong to or have belonged to the following organizations:

Brookhaven Daylily Society-Begun in 1999, the littles were founding members of this club and Henry served as President for two years.

Jackson Daylily Society – Henry served as Vice President for one (1) year and President for four (4) years. He also served as show chairman more than once.

Meridian Daylily Society-

Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society- Both Henry and Lisa have served as Placement Chairs of the HADS show for sixteen (16) years. Henry began serving as Classification Chair in 2016, while Lisa continues to serve as Placement Chair.

In addition to their involvement with and service to local clubs and AHS Region 14, Henry and Lisa are hybridizers. In 2002, Henry was awarded an Achievement Medal for a double seedling exhibited at the Jackson show. The double is registered as H. SENTENIEL SOLAR BURST. Their garden today is quite different from the 10' x 10' bed of daylilies that Lisa had when they were married in 1993.

The Littles are so knowledgeable about everything concerning daylilies. They are always available and willing to share their knowledge about hybridizing, growing, judging and exhibiting daylilies. They have been speakers many times at club meetings in Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana.

There is definitely nothing "Little" about Henry and Lisa's willingness to serve and grow their local clubs and AHS Region 14. Because of this, we would like to nominate them for the 2018 AHS Region 14 Service Award! (no photo available)



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Digital Photography Award Guidelines

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

Images will be accepted until June 30th of this year. Please email as attachments or put them on a Jump drive and mail to *The Dixie Daylily* Editor. Do not reduce the size of images. They need to be sent large enough, preferably 1 MB to 6 MB, for our editor to be able to print them in our regional newsletter. Images sent at less than 500 KB cannot be accepted. The chairperson, judges and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the contest.

Rules and guidelines:

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 daylily)
- (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 ADS 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 Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. An awards presentation will be held at the Region 14 Fall Meeting.

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American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 2020 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, 2020 or use the web-based ballot. Please submit your ballot in any form only once. Each member can vote for up to ten (10) registered cultivars. You have the option of writing in up to five (5) personal choices, should these choices not appear on the Regional ballot. Each AHS member is eligible to vote and is encouraged to do so. Thank you for your time.

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Club Affiliation: ____

Please circle your choices:

Abilene Lillian's Daughter	
Alabama Jubilee	
Bali Watercolor	
Banana Smoothie	
Barbara Fuller	
Barbara Mitchell	
Barbara Watts	
Beautiful Edgings	
Big Delight	
Big Kiss	
Big Red Riding Hood	
Big Red Wagon	
Bill Robinson	
Blazing Cannons	
Boundless Beauty	
Buddy's Marci	
Buddy's Megan	
Buddy's Pretty Laura	
Clothed in Glory	
Coach's Hot Lips	
Coffee to Go	
Crazy Ivan	
Diana's Evening Gown	
Dorothy and Toto	
Double Blue Blood	
Double Screamer	
Echoes of Green	
Emma's Curls	
Entwined in the Vine	
Fairhope Red Tail Kite	
Free Wheelin'	
Get Jiggy	
God Save the Queen	
Halloween Green	
Here's to You Bill Robinson	
Hotlanta	
How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	
J.T. Davis	
Jubilee Shrimp Boil	

Just for Breakfast **King Kahuna** Lavender Blue Baby Lemon Curls Lil' Black Buds Lillian's John Falck Lillian's Legends and Lies Lillian's Lying Eyes Lillian's Vapor Trail Lillian's White Lies Lillian's Woman's Touch Lilly's Smile **Little Red Dumples** Look Here Mary Mardi Gras Jubilee Mary's Gold Mayor of Munchkinland **Midnight Jubilee** Moonlit Masquerade Nancy Billingslea Nancy's Quilt **Opa Klaus Orange Velvet** Papa Goose Peppermint Twizzler Persian Ruby **Phyllis Riddle** Pink Lemonade Party Planet Max **Point Clear Jubilee** Princess Diana **Red Volunteer** Rose F. Kennedy Sebastian on Steroids Sebastian the Crab **Sentinel Pink Burst** Sentinel Solar Burst Shipwreck Cove **Signature Truffle**

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CONGRATULATIONS to JASON FLEISHMAN – our NEW Region 14 President for 2020-21!!!



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2020 AHS National Convention Canceled

As many of you may have already heard, the 2020 American Hemerocallis Society national convention in Savannah has been canceled. Unfortunately, there was just no way to safely get 50 people on a bus or hold the large group dinners and various meetings associated with the convention.

Due to many considerations, the Savannah convention will not be postponed until a later date. The next convention will be in Hattiesburg, MS in 2021, followed by Asheville, NC in 2022. There are no conventions scheduled after this date, yet. All registrants will receive a full refund of their registration fees. Please be patient. It will take a few months to get refunds out to everyone. (All registered attendees should have already received a notification from the registrar. If you did not, or have questions, please contact the registrar, Faye Hulst, at fhulstodc@gmail.com)

If you have hotel reservations and do not plan on visiting Savannah, please make sure to cancel them now. There are no penalties for cancellations that are made at least 72 hours before arrival.

BRIGHTER NOTES:

Hotel:

The convention hotel, The DeSoto, will honor the discounted rates for those still wanting to visit Savannah on their own. Open Gardens:

For those still coming to Savannah, Maneki Neko Gardens and Joiner Daylily Gardens will be open for visitors according to the schedule below. Both gardens are quite large and have ample room to maintain social distancing for well in excess of 150 people at a time. Convention gift plants and convention totes will be given to attendees in the garden. Cold drinks will be provided. If you are planning on coming, please contact Jan or Scott at the email address below to give them an idea of how many are coming. Saturday, May 23 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Tuesday, May 26 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Wednesday, May 27 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Jan Joiner at janjoiner@yahoo.com Scott Elliott at scottelliottdaylilies@yahoo.com Virtual Garden Tour:

For those unable to attend, we will be preparing a virtual garden tour of both gardens. This should be a fun event for those still under lockdown. Look for these to be available May 27 or 28

Online Auction and Bargain Plant Sale: Nikki Schmith is hard at work preparing an online auction of the plants donated to the convention to help cover some of the unrecoverable costs. All winning bidders will receive a 2020 convention tote bag and one of the gift plants from the convention. You can get registered here: https://adsauction.org/join-the-fun/ A large online sale of the bargain plants will follow. Please stay tuned for updates as they become available. All buyers purchasing \$100, or more, will receive a convention tote bag and one of the gift plants from the convention.

Awards and Honors:

One of the important events during our national convention is the conferring of awards, both for individual cultivars and personal achievement. To honor our award-winners (many of them once-in-alifetime awards) publicly and in person, our Awards and Honors Chair, Rhonda Veroeven, has worked diligently for the past few weeks and prepared the entire awards and honors night in a format which will allow us to stream all the awards and honors live on Tuesday evening, May 26. It will also be saved as a YouTube video which will be available to all interested parties. Jacob Braun and Jim Cruise will be supplying the technical expertise for this endeavor. Keep tuned for the specific time as it becomes available. Scott Elliott

Endowments

Contribution at the Supporting Donor level to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by the Wireglass Daylily Society in Memory of Cindy Fleming

Contribution at the Supporting Donor level to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society in Memory of Michael Mayes

Contribution at the Supporting Donor level to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society in Memory of Herbert K. Powell

Contribution at the Silver Level to the 100 giving \$100 campaign for the AHS General Fund by Jason Fleishman

Contribution at the Silver level to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society in Memory of Bill Robinson

Contribution at the Supporting Donor level to the William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust by the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society in Memory of Bob Watson

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Suburban Wren x Unk 3" dip (probably register 2021) Chisel Ridge Garden, Perkinston, Mississippi Photographer: Kenny Hatten