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Cover Photo: *The Burkett Garden in Hattiesburg, MS, was exceptionally beautiful during the 2015 Region 14 Spring Meeting and provides the cover shot for this issue of The Dixie Daylily. Mary Lois Burkett has been growing daylilies for 55 years and is a charter member of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society. At 101 years of age, Mary Lois still works in her garden which includes many outstanding daylilies and companion plants.*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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Hybridizers
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Articles on Photography
Scientific Studies Involving
Daylilies
Club News and Events

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REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

C. P. WINTERS

I have just returned from Atlanta where Bonnie Lingel, Debbie Smith and I attended our Summer AHS National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. We were just overwhelmed with the beautiful gardens and flowers that we observed on our garden tours. We were so often comparing our plants with those that we were observing and exclaiming, "My plant does not grow like that!" We think that those gardeners have a secret that they are not sharing with us!!! This conference also offered Debbie and me the opportunity to meet and talk with those AHS officers and chairmen that we have been in contact with since taking office. That proved to be very helpful to us. We also had the opportunity to visit again with many Region 14 members whom we had met at our Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg. There were approximately 60 members from our region in Atlanta.

Congratulations to Earl and Barbara Watts for being awarded the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal Award for service on the national level. This is the highest honor in the AHS. We are proud to claim these two. Another award presented at the conference was the AHS Service Award for Region 14 to Nancy Falck. Nancy also presented a workshop on Planning a Regional, she and John assisting in some of the pre-Convention training workshops as well. Thanks to John for helping Nancy to be able to participate in the activities of the conference. Fred Manning also received Honorable Mention for his registration, *Hemerocallis* 'Lillian's Thin Ice'. Congratulations to all for representing Region 14 so well.

Just prior to leaving for Atlanta, we had a great Spring Regional Meeting in Hattiesburg with 146 in attendance. My theme for the conference was "Communicate Please!" I do hope that we will be able to hear from each club and from many of you individual members in the months to come. The HADS members under the leadership of Earl Watts did an outstanding job in providing food, door prizes, four gardens for touring, and so many other things that made this event so enjoyable. A salute to Earl and Barbara for providing the leadership for this great meeting. If you are on the Robin you would have seen a wonderful tribute for the meeting from David Kirchhoff, one of our speakers. He stated: "The Region 14 meeting had everything!" Thanks to David and Jeff Salter for providing excellent presentations of their work with daylilies. We also thank Elizabeth for her donation of her quilt which was won by Geri McBroom of the MGCDS group. The four gardens provided wonderful exposure to so many lovely flowers—especially the daylily. The plant sale table, the Silent Auction, and the Friday Auction also provided many daylilies to take home with us. We appreciate all who contributed to these three areas which provided funding for *The Dixie Daylily* in the amount of approximately \$4000. HADS raised \$2000 on the raffle items.

Thanks to our Garden Judges Liaisons Barbara and Earl Watts and our Exhibition Judges Liaison Henry Little for organizing the training workshops that preceded the

Regional. These were well attended, and we will soon be adding more judges to our numbers as a result. Those that have completed their Garden Judges II will need to send their forms to me for signature before sending them on to Pat Soileau. (Be sure to keep copies.) These leaders will be replaced in the future by Nancy Chain as Garden Judges Liaison and John Falck as Exhibition Judge Liaison. I want to thank all three of these retirees for their many years of faithful work on behalf of training for our region. We appreciate all that you have done on our behalf.

Our Fall Regional on October 3, 2015 will be hosted by the Montgomery Daylily Club with Terese Goodson in charge. The club will be sending out additional information in the very near future. Reserve that day and start to make plans. Our speakers will be Heidi and Charles Douglas from South Carolina. The Fall Regional for 2016 will be held on October 1, 2016, with Tim Bell as our speaker. The host will be the MGCDS on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The location of the Spring Regional for 2016 is at this time uncertain. We are continuing to work on that location. Hope to be able to announce something in the near future.

For 2015, Region 14 hosted four Daylily Shows—MGCDS, Hattiesburg, Mobile, Wiregrass. We encourage other clubs to join us in the endeavor. This is an excellent way to acquaint the people of your area with the daylily. Should your club decide to have a show or an exhibition, contact me and I will get you in touch with someone who can assist you in the setup. It is an excellent method of public relations.

The Popularity Poll ballot is available on the Portal. I encourage all of you AHS members to vote before September 1 of this year. I also suggest that you mail your form directly to Debbie Smith, 10175 Tom Waller Road, Grand Bay, AL 36541. There have been some problems with voting on the computer. Last year we only had 120 responses. We want more this year. This is a way to be heard about your favorite flower.

Oliver announced that he is continuing to accept photos for the Regional Photography Contest that he has been sponsoring. At this time very few of us have responded. Surely those who attended the National in Atlanta are bound to have some great pictures.

I want to thank everyone who has in any way helped me in this first half of my time as your Regional President. I have met so many new friends and had such good experiences in these months. I am looking forward to seeing many of you again in Montgomery on October 3, 2015.

C. P. Winters

SPRING MEETINGS	
2016 TBA	2017 TBA
2018 TBA	2019 TBA

RPD'S REPORT DEBBIE SMITH

Despite our unsettled beginning this year, the weather has settled into HOT and HUMID. This didn't slow the members nor visitors at the Spring Region 14 meeting in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on May 28th for a Thursday Night Bar-B-Q, nor on Friday, May 29th for classes and open gardens during the day and Jeff Salter's presentation of cutting edge daylilies and a successful auction Friday night. Saturday the 30th saw wonderful gardens that a little bit of rain couldn't diminish. That evening we feasted and learned from David Kirchhoff and celebrated the garden award winners. All the gardens glowed from the time and attention lavished upon them. A special thanks goes to Mr. Keith Powell for all his work on the Sally Lake Bed. I learned many things at this regional meeting, both some things that need to be done and some not to do and when to stand my ground. It was an altogether successful meeting of our daylily friends and family!

First, I would like to thank Mrs. Bonnie Lingel for all her uncomplaining help no matter what she was asked to do. Next, I would like to especially thank Fred Manning, John Falck and Jim Chappell for their help, because without them the auction would not have been the success that it was. I would like to thank everyone who donated plants for the live or silent auction and the plant sale table and all the people who worked setting it up. We could not have done it without you. There are so many other people whom I would like to thank but space prohibits me.

We have several awards in Region 14 that were given at the AHS National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 11-13, 2015. I wish you all could have been there to see the meticulously landscaped gardens. Articles about the Convention will be in the next issue of *The Daylily Journal*, which is one good reason to join the AHS. The highest honor that the AHS bestows on a personal level is the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal for "recognition of distinguished and meritorious service" on the National level. The 2015 Award went to Mr. & Mrs. Earl and Barbara Watts. Congratulations! On the Regional level, Mrs. Nancy Falck was honored with the AHS Regional Service Award for her many and varied services for Region 14. Congratulations! We also had two other winners. Mr. Earl Watts won the Popularity Poll Award for Region 14 with *Hemerocallis* 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' and Mr. Fred Manning won an Honorable Mention for 'Lillian's Thin Ice' to start it up the awards pyramid. Congratulations to you all!

If you have not already done so, I would like to encourage you to take a few minutes to vote in the Region 14 Popularity Poll either on paper or on the web. The results will be announced at our Fall Meeting.

Lastly, I would like to ask all the clubs to please turn in your changes and events as they occur so that I can keep our websites updated. When club elections occur, please notify me by phone or email of the new officers and when they take office.

Debbie Smith

MINUTES, SPRING MEETING 2015 JANET GREEN, SECRETARY

The AHS Region 14 Spring 2015 Business Meeting was held at the Hattiesburg Convention Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on May 29-30, 2015.

Attendees at the Regional Meeting were welcomed by Earl Watts, member and Chairman of the Region 14 steering committee. Bob Goolsby gave the invocation.

Region 14 President, C. P. Winters, thanked the members of the Hattiesburg Daylily Society who helped with the spring regional meeting.

The business meeting was called to order by President Winters, who gave out information forms for attendees to fill out; recognized outside Region 14 attendees like Eddie Raye Andrews, Conventions Chairman for AHS; oversaw club roll call; and recognized former RPs, RVPs, editors, secretaries, and treasurers. President Winters acknowledged members going to the National meeting in Atlanta and recognized the daylily, *Hemerocallis* 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' as the Medallion winner in Mississippi. President Winters stated that there are nine Mississippi clubs, eleven Alabama clubs, and one newly disbanded Mississippi club in Region 14. She encouraged any club to step forward and host the 2016 Region 14 Meeting and encouraged all clubs to host a daylily show in their area next year. She further stated that there are twenty-nine Region 14 Display Gardens, and one historical garden. President Winters took a moment to remember the members whom we lost this year.

Regional Secretary, Janet Green, was asked to stand. As the Region 14 minutes for the Fall 2014 meeting were published in *The Dixie Daylily*, President Winters asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Nancy Chain moved to accept minutes. No corrections were made and the minutes were approved as published.

Regional Treasurer, Jim Chappell, reported \$27,902.08 on hand on January 1, 2015. After expenses and earnings, Region 14 had \$20,116.75 on hand as of May 28, 2015. John Falck made a motion to accept the report and Bill Trufant seconded it. There were no questions and that report will be filed.

Brief reports were given by each of the following:

The Dixie Daylily Editor, Oliver Billingslea, encouraged articles and photos for the next edition of the Region 14 newsletter. The deadline for submitting material, including club news, would be June 21, 2015.

In his Director's report, Oliver Billingslea stated that a Lenington All-American bed has been established at North Dakota State University's historical garden; he would like to see a similar bed established at a southern Region 14 garden, possibly at the Huntsville Botanical Garden, but that would require a club, such as the North Alabama Daylily Society, to take the initiative. President C. P. Winters is putting in the first private United States Lenington bed in her garden. As chair of Special Projects, Billingslea also announced that his book, *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*, is currently for sale by AHS.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT OLIVER BILLINGSLEA

Exhibition Judges Liaisons, Henry and Lisa Little, encouraged more members to become exhibition judges. Henry, however, is retiring as liaison

Garden Judges Liaisons, Barbara and Earl Watts, organized a Garden Class II clinic, conducted by Jeff Salter at the Hattiesburg Convention Center; the Garden Class I clinic was conducted by Joe Agosta. Barbara and Earl are also retiring as liaisons

Debbie Smith, Regional Publicity Director, encouraged AHS members to vote in the Regional Popularity Poll and gave out ballots to be turned in to her if members wanted to vote during the Regional Meeting. She also encouraged members to join AHS to help get our numbers up in Region 14.

President Winters called for a nominating committee and the members selected were as follows: Bob Goolsby, chairman; Nancy Chain, and Fred Manning. President Winters called for a motion. Phyllis Riddle seconded the motion.

Sharon Beecher motioned to reimburse expenses to liaisons. Jesse George seconded motion and it was approved.

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

President Winters reminded members to turn in any information they need posted on Region 14 website to Paul Aucoin. Since liaisons are retiring, President Winters stated that Nancy Chain would take over Garden Judges Clinics and John Faulk would head up the Exhibition Clinics. President Winters stated that the Jackson Daylily Society wanted to donate \$1000 for all future Shelton Holiday Awards. The motion was made and approved to do so.

Phyllis Riddle moved to adjourn the meeting. Sharon Beecher seconded the motion, and the Spring Region 14 business meeting adjourned.

On the second night, May 30, 2015, President Winters re-opened the business meeting. She stated that there is no sponsor for the Spring Regional Meeting in 2016. The Fall 2015 Region 14 Meeting will be held in Montgomery, Alabama. The Fall Region 14 Meeting for 2016 will be held on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. President Winters informed the members that \$3500 was raised with the auction, \$655 was raised from plant sales and silent auction, and \$2000 was raised from the raffle (this money goes to Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society). She stated that 146 people had registered for this Spring Regional Meeting. President Winters ended by giving appreciation gifts to Barbara and Earl Watts for using their home for meetings and providing food for the HADS committee meetings too. She gave Debbie Smith an appreciation gift for her support and hard work.

President Winters then closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Green

The AHS Board of Directors met on June 11, 2015, as part of 69th Annual National Daylily Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia.

As Region 14's representative on the Board, I would like to report several facts. The total membership in the American Hemerocallis Society as of June 11, 2015, was 6,016 members which included 201 International members representing 26 countries.

Despite some decline in membership, the good news is that AHS is presently operating in the black because of several generous contributions by Board members to match funds contributed by the membership at large. The sales of publications, such as *Landscaping with Daylilies* (2012) and *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies* (2015), have also been a big factor in helping AHS maintain a balanced budget.

There are currently 276 Display Gardens and 18 Historical Gardens. There are 2 International Display Gardens, one in Germany and one in Poland.

It was reported that there is a need for additional Exhibition Judges and Garden Judges. Presently there are 439 Exhibition Judges and 715 Garden Judges. There appears to be an increasing imbalance in the number of Garden Judges from the northern Regions as compared to those from southern Regions, such as our own Region 14.

The Daylily E-NEWS, published on a bi-monthly basis, has topped 4,000 members. It is free to those interesting in subscribing and seeks to include content that is of interest to both AHS members and the general gardening public.

Subsequent to the announcement that the current AHS Registrar will retire at the end of 2015, a Registrar Search Committee, under the leadership of Vice President Nikki Schmith, will interview candidates and hire a new registrar. Applications for the position are due by September 15. As regards AHS registrations, there are presently 78,908 registered cultivars.

The process continues to scan all *Journals*, previously available only in the AHS Archives, located in Raleigh, NC, into PDF files and make them available to the general AHS membership on the AHS Portal. This should provide us with a great research tool as regards past AHS history.

Several changes were made as regards the AHS Photography and Video Awards for 2016, the most significant of which is that an entrant can now submit up to three (3) digital images or videos in each award category. Suggested image size should be between 1 and 5 MB.

As a member of the Publications Committee, and as chair of Special Projects, I am continuing to work on the AHS publication on spiders and unusual forms, scheduled for release in 2016. The book on doubles, edited by Scott Elliott, is scheduled to go to press this fall.

Oliver Billingslea

TREASURER'S REPORT 06/15/15
JIM CHAPPELL, TREASURER

January 1, 2015—June 15, 2015

Cash on Hand @ 01/01/2015 \$27,902.08
Total Funds \$27,902.08

Receipts:

Ad for <i>Dixie Daylily</i> —1/5/2015	\$125.00
Ad for <i>Dixie Daylily</i> —2/12/2015	\$65.00
Donation, MSGCDS—04/27/2015	\$200.00
Auction—Spring Meeting, Hattiesburg (6/11/2015)	\$5,320.50
Reimbursal from AHS for DD Postage (6/11/2015)	\$366.50
Total Receipts:	\$6,076.50

Expenditures:

Webmaster, Web Hosting—4/13/2015	-\$183.38
Wells Printing— <i>The Dixie Daylily</i> (04/29/2015)	-\$4,680.00
Newsletter Mailing (05/02/2015)	-\$311.95
Regional President—Allowance (05/02/2015)	-\$1,000.00
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Speaker Allowance for Spring Regional Meeting, HADS—05/30/2015	-\$500.00
RPD Printing Costs—05/30/2015	-\$517.01
Total Expenditures:	-\$9,192.34

Cash on Hand @ 06/15/2015 \$24,786.24

Total Funds: @ 06/15/2015 \$24,786.24

Jim Chappell



“... but the greatest of these is love.”—Corinthians 13:13
(Photo by Jim Beecher)

Big Fang Theory

by Lisa Hammons

Vampires and vampire related topics have been in mainstream American pop culture since the 1950's and earlier. Daylily hybridizers are no exception to their contributions in this area of interest. The cultivar *Hemerocallis 'Vampire'* (Hodson) was registered in 1951. The below list including the title reflects registered named cultivars listed in the American Hemerocallis Society Online Daylily Database. Enjoy!

Albino Vampire, **Ankle Biter**, Bella Swan, **Bite Me**, Bite Me In the Neck, **Bites Like a Thousand Teeth**, Blood Countess, **Born to Bite**, Brandywine Fang Tooth, **Brandywine Vampire Revenge**, Chitty Chitty Fang Fang, **Cloak of Darkness**, Count Dracula, **Creature of the Night**, Dark Bat, **Dark Knight**, Dracula's Mistress, **Dracula's Smile**, Dragon Fang, **Fangs**, Fangs of Fury, **Fangtastic**, Fangs to You, **Fang and Claw**, Fangs for the Memories, **Heavenly Pink Fang**, Intent to Bite, **Interview with a Vampire**, Irish Vampire Fangs, **Keystone Fangs A Lot**, Lady Dracula, **Lillian's First Bite**, Lillian's Second Bite, **Love At First Bite**, Love Bite, **Lover's Bite**, Lone Mountain Fangs Giving, **Midnight Vampire**, Miltitzer Blickfang, **Newtie's Fangs**, Nite Bite, **Pink Fang**, Prehistoric Bite, **Prince of Midnight**, Queen of the Night, **Quite the Bite**, Raspberry Fang, **Red Fang**, Salmon Vampire, **Small World Beware of the Vampire**, Small World Fright Night, **Snake Fang**, Spacecoast Cheddar Fang, **Spacecoast Vampire Bite**, Though You Came to Me in the Night, **Tooth Fairy Fangs**, True Blood, **Vampire**, Vampire Academy, **Vampire Bat**, Vampire Blood, **Vampire Chronicles**, Vampire Fish, **Vampire Lestat**, Vampire Lipstick, **Vampire Lord**, Vampire Romance, **Vampire Slayer**, Vampire Vamp, **Vampire's Bite**, Vampire's Kiss, **White Fang**, Wild Bite.



H. 'Vampire Academy' (Polston 2015)
(Photo by Joel Polston)

AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Hosted by The Montgomery Area Daylily Society

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Youth: \$15.00

Includes lunch

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Registration Deadline: September 29, 2015

8:30 A.M.	Registration and Plant Sales Tables Open	12:30 P.M.	Heidi and Charles Douglas, Speakers
10:00 A.M.	Region 14 Business Meeting	1:30 P.M.	Announcements and Door Prizes
10:30 A.M.	Heidi and Charles Douglas, Speakers	2:00 P.M.	Plant Auction
11:30 A.M.	BBQ Lunch	3:00 P.M.	Meeting Adjourned

Accommodations: Homewood Suites by Hilton Montgomery

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1st Person _____

2nd Person _____

Youth #1 _____

Youth #2 _____

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

Phone: _____

Email: _____

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

Please give details if you answer yes to either question.

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

American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 2015 Popularity Poll Ballot

The Popularity Poll ballot is printed here and is available on the AHS Region 14 website. Mail or e-mail your choices by September 1, 2015, 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.

Please circle your choices:

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

Emma's Curls
Evelyn Gates
Feliz Navidad
Free Wheelin'
How Beautiful Heaven
 Must Be
Humdinger
J.T. Davis
Judy Farquhar
Just for Breakfast
Key Lime Special
King Kahuna
Lava Flow
Lavender Blue Baby
Lillian's Jinger Bred
Lillian's Lying Eyes
Lillian's Sweet Thang
Lillian's Woman's Touch
Linda Agin
Linda Beck
Little Red Dumplings
Look Here Mary
Loose Reins
Lynnstar
Mary's Gold
Memphis
Mississippi Red Bed Beauty
Moment in the Sun
Moonlit Masquerade
Moses' Fire
Mynelle's Starfish
Nancy Billingslea
Nancy's Quilt

Orange Velvet
Palace Garden Beauty
Peacock Maiden
Persian Ruby
Pink Lemonade Party
Planet Max
Point Clear Jubilee
Primal Scream
Princess Diana
Red Volunteer
Rose F. Kennedy
Rose Masterpiece
Sabine Baur
Santa's Little Helper
Savannah Debutante
Sebastian the Crab
Seldom Seen
Seminole Wind
Shores of Time
Signature Truffle
Skinwalker
Songwriter
South Sea Enchantment
Spacecoast Gold Bonanza
Spider Man
Stars and Angels
Strawberry Candy
Suburban Barbara Huff
Suburban Golden Eagle
Suburban Nancy Gayle
Symphony of Praise
Tangerine Horses
Tar and Feather

Thin Man
Trahlyta
Tuscawilla Snowdrift
Victorian Lace
Webster's Pink Wonder
Wild Horses
Wiregrass Greenstar
Wonder of it All
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*To Be Announced
at the Fall Regional Meeting, October 3, 2015,
in Montgomery, Alabama*

Winners in the 2015 Region 14 Popularity Poll

and

Winners in the 2015 Region 14 Photography Contest

Awards Presented at Region 14 Spring Meeting



Barbara and Earl Watts receive the President's Cup from Regional President C. P. Winters for Hemerocallis 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2003) as seen growing at Suburban Daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Barbara and Earl receive the Nell George Memorial Award for H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2003) from Tricia Folks (left), President of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society. (Photo by Peyton Bowles)



On behalf of the Birmingham Daylily Society, Kay Chappell (center left), along with Region 14 President C. P. Winters, presents Barbara and Earl Watts the Amy Stewart Memorial Award for H. 'Pink Lemonade Party' (Salter 2009). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Meridian Daylily Club, Toni Thompson (center left), along with Region 14 President C. P. Winters, presents Barbara and Earl Watts the Ben Arthur Davis Memorial Award for H. 'Ruby Storm' (Stamile 2008). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Best Article in *The Dixie Daylily* Award for 2014
for the best article
written by an AHS member of Region 14

“A History of the North Mississippi Daylily Society”
by
Emma Hood

An Appreciation Award
for maintaining
The Sally Lake Memorial Bed
at Penny's Daylily Patch
was given
to
Keith Powell



On behalf of the West Alabama Daylily Society, Juanice Hayes (center right), along with Regional President C. P. Winters, presents Don and Connie Montgomery the Bennie McRae Memorial Award for H. **'Little Red Dumplings'** (Anderson-H. 2000). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society, Bonnie Lingel (center left), along with Regional President C. P. Winters, presents Barbara and Earl Watts the Elaine Smelley Memorial Award for H. **'Suburban TR'** (Watts 2008). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Wiregrass Daylily Society, Sue Ballard and Rita Moore, along with Regional President C. P. Winters, present Penny Stringer (left) the Robbie Bush Award for H. **'Yellow Monarch'** (Carpenter-J. 1992). (Photo by Peyton Bowles)



On behalf of the Jackson Hemerocallis Society, Regional President C. P. Winters presents Don and Connie Montgomery the Shelton Holliday Memorial Award for H. **'Debutante Double'** (Kirchhoff-D. 2002). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Sally Lake Memorial Award Winner

Nancy Falck's purple double, # 38 in the Sally Lake Bed, was voted top honors by the attendees at the Spring Regional Meeting. (Photo by Benny Ray Brown)



Summer / Fall 2015

The Sally Lake Memorial Award First Runner-Up

Penny Stringer's purple unusual form, # 28 in the Sally Lake Bed, was first runner-up at the Spring Regional Meeting. (Photo by Benny Ray Brown)





Nancy Falck was awarded a crystal vase for her stunning entry in the Sally Lake Memorial Bed competition. Regional President C. P. Winters and Benny Ray Brown, representing the Central Alabama Daylily Society, present the award. The purple double, #38 in the Sally Lake Bed, is featured on the preceding page and on the back cover of this issue of The Dixie Daylily. (Photo by Peyton Bowles)



One of the highest honors presented to garden owners on tour during the Region 14 Spring Meeting is the presentation of the Region 14 Landscape Award. Sarah Lunsford, representing the West Alabama Daylily Society, and Regional President C. P. Winters present Don and Connie Montgomery the 2015 Award. (Photo by Peyton Bowles)



At the 2015 Spring Regional Meeting, the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society and all of Region 14 honored Mary Lois Burkett, who at 101 years young opened her garden for yet another Regional tour. As part of the celebration, Connie Montgomery presented Mary Lois with a daylily quilt, which Connie had made. Speaker David Kirchoff also presented Mrs. Burkett with a daylily he specially named for her. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Twelve youth attended the 2015 Regional Meeting held in Hattiesbutg, MS. Here they are pictured with Youth Liasion, Tricia Folks. Each of the youth received a daylily plant for his/her help with delivering auction items. (Photo by Peyton Bowles)

A Show is More Than Just One Day:

The 2015 MGCDS Show

by Debbie Smith

We get serious about planning our show before Christmas. The chairs are identified for each area and they start recruiting their worker bees. In early Spring our show chair, Steve Hammons, starts working on the Application for AHS Show Accreditation along with a tentative show schedule that must go to the AHS Exhibitions Chair. The Judges Chair is busy working to obtain qualified judges to reserve our show date. The awards committee shops the sales to stretch the budget as far as possible, and the publicity committee sends out the show information and tries to line up a newspaper to do a feature with pictures. This really increases the public interest in the show and the plant sale that (hopefully) helps to pay for the show. These activities continue as changes occur.

The week of the show we start with dig days to prepare the daylily plants for sale which includes gathering, cleaning and trimming, washing and labeling the plants.

Many times we have 2-3 days of this at different locations. Many hands make the lightest work of preparing the plants for sale. We sell named (registered) daylilies as well as seedlings because we have determined that our target customer doesn't care or keep the names of the plants.

The day before the show, we meet in the afternoon to set up the tables, containers and other show items. We try to get as much done before show time as possible.

The morning of the show is something like a Chinese Fire Drill. We have people preparing and grooming their entries before they arrive at the placement table.



In preparation for the Show, Bob Carlilse (top) grooms his entries, and C. P. Winters (below) checks several of hers carefully.

(Photos by Lisa Hammons and Bonnie Nichols, respectively)

MGCDS members, Debbie Smith and Bonnie Lingel (top), and Sydney Dyche, Bonnie Lingel, Marie Burroughs, Debbie Smith, and Judy Harris (bottom) are hard at work preparing daylily plants for sale.

(Photos by C. P. Winters)

We have the Classification chair available to answer any last minute questions about placement. Once a bloom is on the placement table, we have a crew taking blooms to their assigned Division, Section and Group—all with great care.



Seated at his desk with posters designed by MGCDS and checklists and other essential items supplied by AHS, Steve Hammons served as Chairman of the MGCDS's Show for 2015. Is that an impressive display of Carnival glass in the cases behind him? (Photo by Lisa



Lisa Hammons served as head of Classifications for the 2015 MGCDS Show. In the background a smiling Debbie Smith served as Placement Chair. (Photo by Bonnie Lingel)



An important part of any Daylily Show is the Educational Table providing information to the public. Displays on "Preparation of Daylily Beds," "Ways to Acquire Daylilies," and "Know Your Daylilies: Flowers and Forms" are essential. At the MGCDS Show, this exhibit was designed by youth member, Gracie McBroom. (Photo by Bonnie Lingel)

The entry cards are checked one last time. At the last moment the Placement Chair arranges the entries to their most aesthetic placement that space allows. The plant sale table does a brisk business and the Education table is open to answer general questions about daylily care.

Then the judging begins. We use ropes and strategic placement of people to keep mall traffic and noise to a minimum as best we can while the judging is in progress.



Judging is often done in pairs. Here judges Sheila Watson (from Region 14) and Pat Soileau (from Louisiana) are assisted by clerks, Walter Mullen and Wayne McLaurin. (Photo by Bonnie Lingel)

Any questions from the judges are referred back to the Placement Chair. Gradually entries make their way to the Head Table. After the judging is complete, the Judges Chair takes the judges to lunch while the Tabulation Committee takes over and counts in a quiet area. The Best in Show Award (the only time the flowers are competing against each other) and The Sweepstakes Award (the most blue ribbons) are announced and the public is invited to examine the flowers more closely while club members answer questions and mingle.



203 scapes were entered in the MGCDS 2015 Show. The judging completed, the entries are then made ready for the general public's viewing.

(Photo by Lisa Hammons)



Among folks viewing the entries in the MGCDs Show was Tommy Maddox (center). (Photo by Lisa Hammons)



Barbara and Earl Watts also attended the MGCDs Show, in which Earl won the Best Seedling category. (Photo by Lisa Hammons)



Winning entries are placed on the Head Table, at which point club members mingle with the public to answer questions. (Photo by Lisa Hammons)



Lighting was particularly effective at the 2015 MGCDs Show. The sunlight allowed entries to be viewed in all their brilliance.

(Photo by Steve Hammons)



This happy couple seemed to enjoy looking at the many flowers in the MGCDs Show. The double daylily entries might have been among their favorites. (Photo by Lisa Hammons)

At last the day is over and clean-up begins. The happy winners take their prizes and rosettes home, but the show is still not over until the results are sent to the AHS Exhibition Chair for verification so that the winners can become final.

Debbie Smith

Editor's Note: I would like to express my special thanks to Debbie Smith who authored the above article and to photographers C. P. Winters, Bonnie Lingel, and Lisa and Steve Hammons who contributed the many wonderful photographs.

Winning Entries in the 2015 MGCDS Show

Best Extra Large: *Hemerocallis* 'Symphony of Praise', C. P. Winters
Best Large: *H.* 'First Knight', Lisa Hammons
Best Small: 'Coffee to Go', Lisa Hammons
Best Miniature: 'Little Mystic Moon', C. P. Winters
Best Double: 'Truffle Sunrise', C. P. Winters
Best Spider: 'Tahoe Snow Blizzard', Kay Cline
Best Unusual Form: 'Lillian's White Lies', C. P. Winters
Best Youth: 'Courting Trouble', Gracie McBroom
Region 14 Pop Poll: 'Suburban Nancy Gayle', Earl Watts
Best Seedling: Earl Watts

Best in Show: 'Lillian's White Lies', C. P. Winters

Sweepstakes: C. P. Winters

The Green Thumb Award (Non-Commercial Exhibitor): Lisa Hammons



*C. P. Winters smiles happily as she displays her purple ribbons, special rosettes, and trophies for winning Best Extra Large, Best Miniature, Best Double, and Best Unusual Form Divisions in the 2015 MGCDS Show. Her unusual form entry, *H.* 'Lillian's White Lies' also won Best in Show. Her entries claimed Sweepstakes as well. (Photo by Steve Hammons)*



*Winner of the Green Thumb Award, recently established by MGCDS for the non-commercial exhibitor, Lisa Hammons also won for Best Large and Best Small Divisions in the 2015 MGCDS Show. She was especially pleased to meet Hilton Anderson, hybridizer of *H.* 'Coffee to Go' which won Best Small Flower. (Photo by Steve Hammons)*



Hemerocallis 'Lillian's White Lies' (Manning 2011)
Winner, Best in Show, 2015 MGCDS, exhibited by C. P. Winters

(Photo by C. P. Winters)



Kay Cline, winner of the Best Spider Division, poses with her entry of *H.* 'Tahoe Snow Blizzard'.

(Photo by Steve Hammons)



Gracie McBroom's entry of *H.* 'Courting Trouble' won Best in the Youth Flower Division.

(Photo by Steve Hammons)

The 2015 Mobile Daylily Show



The beautifully arranged head table at the 2015 Mobile Show showed off each winning entry. Notice the phenomenal bouquet on the Best Seedling Flower. (Photo by Fred Manning)



H. 'Coffee to Go', exhibited by Fred Manning, was selected Best Flower in the Pop Poll Division and Best in Show. (Photo by Fred Manning)

2015 Mobile Show Winners

Best Extra Large: *Hemerocallis* 'Starlight Galaxy', John Falck
Best Large: *H.* 'Buddy's Blondy', James Hall
Best Small: 'Crashing the Crease', Fred Manning
Best Miniature: 'Little Gold Nugget', James Hall
Best Double: 'Arms Reaching Out', Debbie Smith
Best Spider: 'Lillian's Jack Temple', John Falck
Best Unusual Form: 'Lillian's Woman's Touch', Fred Manning
Region 14 Pop Poll: 'Coffee to Go', Fred Manning
Best Seedling: Fred Manning

Best in Show: 'Coffee to Go', Fred Manning

Sweepstakes: Fred Manning

“Begin the Day with Daylilies”

The Twentieth Annual HADS Daylily Show

June 6, 2015
Lake Terrace Convention Center
1 Convention Center Plaza
Hattiesburg, MS

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society has 56 AHS members and 40 non-AHS members. The 2015 Show attendance was 932. 3 attendees joined AHS. 430 scapes competed for ribbons. There were 12 entries in three classes of the Design Division. The show included a Plant Sale at 10:30 A.M. The members at the Educational Table answered numerous questions concerning daylily planting and cultivation. Questions concerning membership in the local and national societies were answered as membership forms were distributed. There was a steady flow of guests from 1:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. The Show Co-chairmen were Jon Tibbetts and Barbara Watts.

Winning Cultivars and Exhibitors

Best In Show: *Hemerocallis* ‘**Planet Max**’ (Reed 1996),
Exhibitor—Earl Watts

Sweepstakes: (Most Blue Ribbons) Earl Watts

Best Extra Large: *H.* ‘**Look Here Mary**’ (Cranshaw 1986)
Exhibitor—Earl Watts

Best Large: ‘**Texas Stars**’ (Branch 1956)
Exhibitor—Wally & Evelyn Wesley

Best Small: ‘**Lillian’s Fringe Benefit**’ (Manning 2006)
Exhibitor—Wally & Evelyn Wesley

Best Miniature: ‘**Suburban Wren**’ (Watts 2012)
Exhibitor—Wally & Evelyn Wesley

Best Double: ‘**Tickle My Fancy**’ (Joiner 2004)
Exhibitor—C. P. Winters

Best Spider: ‘**Planet Max**’ (Reed 1996)
Exhibitor—Earl Watts

Best Unusual Form: ‘**Wild and Wonderful**’ (Stamile 2002)
Exhibitor—Penny Stringer

Popularity Poll: ‘**Suburban Nancy Gayle**’ (Watts 2004)
Exhibitor—Barbara Watts

Best Seedling: SUB 12-15
Exhibitor—Earl Watts

Debutante (Off scape): ‘**The Incredible Earl Watts**’ (Salter 2012)
Exhibitor—Earl Watts

Club Awards:

Earl Watts Award (Large Red Daylily)
Exhibitor—Penny Stringer

Nell George Award (Small or Miniature Daylily)
Exhibitor—Penny Stringer

Mary Lois Burkett Award (Large Spider Type Daylily)
Exhibitor—Keith Powell

Louise Cubley Award (Large Pink Daylily)
Exhibitor—Earl Watts

Marty DeBolt Award (Large Golden Yellow Daylily)
Exhibitor—Penny Stringer



The winning entry in the Design Divisions was entitled ‘Good Morning Sunshine,’ exhibited by Teddy Plaisance. (Photo by Bonnie Lingel)

Nancy Falck

Receives Region 14 Service Award from AHS

The American Hemerocallis Society (American Daylily Society) recently presented its annual awards at the National Convention held June 11-13, 2015, in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 2015 recipient of the AHS Region 14 Service Award is Nancy Falck of Fairhope, Alabama.

In 1974, the AHS Board established the AHS Region Service Award for outstanding service to AHS at the regional level. Only one AHS Regional Service Award may be awarded per region per year at the Annual National Convention.

Nancy Falck has been a tireless worker and inspiration for Region 14 and the AHS for many years, devoting many hours to the betterment of Region 14 and the AHS. Nancy was Region 14 Director for six years (2008-2013) and always kept the region members well informed on what was being done at the National level. Her duties included Education Outreach, Chief Financial Officer, and Judges Education. This involves a lot of time, travel, and expense to attend the meetings each year.

Nancy has developed two excellent PowerPoint presentations, not only for Region 14, but for the benefit of all Regions: "How To Conduct A Regional Meeting" and "Conducting An AHS Accredited Show." Nancy has been an Exhibition Judge and Instructor for many years; she has

also been a member of numerous Master Panels. She has judged shows not only for Region 14, but Regions 5, 10, and 12 since the 1970's. Nancy has also been a Garden Judge for many years; she also hybridizes and has released several outstanding daylilies.

She has always donated daylilies to Region 14 auctions to support the AHS and our Region 14 newsletter, *The Dixie Daylily*. She has supplied pictures and articles to our newsletter on several occasions. She also does educational programs for Region 14 clubs.

When the Mobile Club hosted the Spring Regional in 2004 and 2012, she served on several committees to make the meetings the success they were. She has also served as Classification, Tabulation, Program Director and any other duties needed to make the Mobile annual daylily show a success. She has been Mobile's club secretary since 1992.

Phyllis Riddle says: "Nancy is a constant spokesperson for the AHS and a faithful friend."

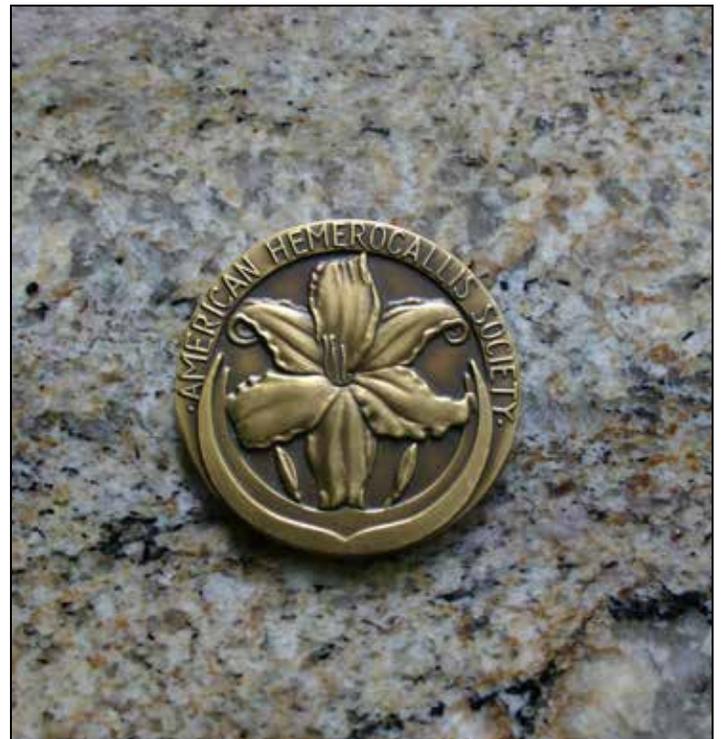
Oliver Billingslea states: "Nancy was my first proofreader for the *Landscaping with Daylilies* project. And invariably, she has answered questions and supplied photographs when I've needed them for our Region 14 newsletter, *The Dixie Daylily*. She is a treasure in our Region."

__from the Nomination Letter



Region 14 Director, Oliver Billingslea, presents Nancy Falck the 2015 AHS Regional Service Award at the Atlanta Convention.

(Photo by Bill Monroe)



The American Hemerocallis Society's Regional Service Medal

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Barbara and Earl Watts

Honored with the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal



Barbara and Earl proudly display the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal awarded them in Atlanta on the evening of June 13, 2015. The Medal is the American Hemerocallis Society's highest honor awarded annually for distinguished and meritorious service. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

At the AHS National Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 11-13, 2015, Barbara and Earl Watts were honored as this year's recipients of the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal. This award is the American Hemerocallis Society's highest honor and is awarded annually for distinguished and meritorious service by an AHS member on the national level. It is named for the founder of the American Hemerocallis Society.

Barbara and Earl Watts began their affiliation with AHS in the 1980's as members of the Suwanee Valley Daylily Society in Lake City, FL, and AHS Region 12. In 1991, they became lifetime members of AHS. In June, 1995, after their retirement as educators, they moved home to Mississippi. They promptly joined the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society and have continued to work tirelessly for AHS on

the national, regional, and local levels. For well over 25 years, Barbara and Earl have been dedicated to the mission of AHS, particularly promoting public interest in daylilies and educating the public about them. Below is a list of their contributions on the national, regional, and local levels:

National:

As a member of the AHS Board of Directors (2002-2007), Barbara served as Chair of the Publications Committee. Her committee dealt with quite a bit of change—retirement of long-time *Daylily Journal* editor, Frances Gatlin; the hiring of Allen McLain as editor; his death; Carolyn McLain serving as interim editor; the hiring of Meg Ryan, present editor; and setting the stage for the change of format for *The Daylily Journal*.

AHS Garden Judges—Barbara and Earl are active garden judges.

AHS Exhibition Judges—Barbara and Earl have served as active exhibition judges for many years (as a result of a stroke, Earl, however, does not presently judge).

AHS National Conventions—Barbara and Earl attended every convention from 1992-2010. Barbara attended the 2011 convention. Health reasons prevented attendance in 2012 and 2013. Both attended the 2014 convention.

Both Barbara and Earl actively encourage Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society members to join AHS. At every HADS meeting, a newer cultivar is donated for a drawing by AHS members—just one of the ways Earl and Barbara encourage HADS members to join AHS. New AHS members also receive a daylily with a value of at least \$100 from Barbara and Earl's garden.

Regional:

As AHS Region 14 RVP (1997-2000), Earl did not take travel expenses, in order to help build the regional treasury. When a member of the region closed out his garden, he donated all of his cultivars to the Region for auctions if Earl would grow the plants. At the end of Earl's tenure, Region 14 was in the black and had a CD of reserve funds. Because of the financial stability, *The Dixie Daylily* was changed from a B&W newsletter to a publication featuring color.

As in-coming RVP, Earl worked with RVP Ruby Anderson to start the tradition of Region 14 Fall meetings. During his tenure as RVP, Earl visited every club in Region 14 and helped organize 6 new clubs.

As AHS Region 14 RPD (1996-2000): Barbara served one year with RVP Ruby Anderson and two terms with RVP Earl Watts.

Earl was honored with the AHS Region 14 Service Award in 2002, and Barbara was honored with the AHS Region 14 Service Award in 2010.

As AHS Region 14 Garden Judge liaisons & instructors, Earl and Barbara worked together in this position for a number of years, retiring only this year.

As AHS accredited exhibition judges, Earl and Barbara have judged shows all over Region 14, as well as in Region 12 and Region 10.

Earl's and Barbara's Suburban Daylilies has been a Display Garden for many years. The garden has been featured in numerous publications, including the AHS publication, *Landscaping with Daylilies*.

As regards AHS Region 14 Spring Meetings, Earl has chaired at least two spring meetings in Hattiesburg, including that of the 50th anniversary of Region 14 in 2007. Fall AHS Region 14 Meetings meetings are frequently held in Hattiesburg, and Earl is usually the chair of the planning committee

Barbara has contributed numerous articles to the Region 14 newsletter, *The Dixie Daylily*, including "The History of Region 14," celebrating the Region's 50th anniversary.

Local:

Earl and Barbara joined the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society when they moved to Hattiesburg in 1995; both Summer / Fall 2015

have served more than one term as President; they helped build the club membership to the largest in Region 14.

Earl and Barbara convinced a reluctant HADS to have an AHS accredited show in 1996; after the first show, the club voted to make the daylily show an annual event—2015 was the 20th annual show

Barbara has chaired or co-chaired nearly all of the 20 annual shows held by HADS; under her leadership the HADS show has consistently been the largest or one of the largest shows in AHS; the shows include plant sales, an education table; seminars on growing and hybridizing daylilies, and a design division. In 2013 Barbara arranged for a simultaneous show to be held by the Mississippi Garden Clubs (They also asked to have their 2014 show in conjunction with the HADS Daylily Show).

Earl and Barbara were instrumental in having the daylily named as the official flower of the City of Hattiesburg in September, 2008, and organized the establishment of a daylily bed at Hattiesburg's Lake Terrace Convention Center.

It is impossible to count the number of cultivars donated by Earl and Barbara to AHS Region 14 auctions, HADS auctions, Hattiesburg display beds, to new members and Master Gardeners, etc.—they are very generous with their plants, wanting everyone to love daylilies as much as they do.

Another thing impossible to list is the number of presentations Earl and Barbara have made about growing and hybridizing daylilies at Mid-Winter Symposiums, Cen-La Meetings, local clubs throughout Region 14, others in Regions 5, 12 & 13, as well as to Master Gardener groups, garden clubs, and civic clubs. Because of a hearing loss, Earl does not now present to groups, but Barbara continues to schedule talks.

"Waiting for a Cure" is a local foundation that supports women who have breast cancer. In 2007, the director of the foundation selected a "Suburban" seedling to be named *Hemerocallis* '**Suburban Ribbon of Hope**'. The cultivar was registered in 2008. All proceeds from the sale of this cultivar go to "Waiting for a Cure."

In 2011, Earl and Barbara received a "Shining Star" Tourism award given by the Hattiesburg Area Tourism Partners, a group that recognizes tourism's economic value.

In 2015, Earl's registration, *H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle'* (2003) was named a Mississippi Medallion Plant by the Mississippi Nursery and Landscape Association. It is the first daylily to be selected for the program.

The list of accomplishments is long, and it is difficult to separate who did what. Earl and Barbara work in tandem. Neither does anything without input, suggestions, and assistance from the other. Together, Earl and Barbara have, by example, embodied the meaning of service to AHS and its members at all levels.

American Hemerocallis Society

Editor's Note: The material above is based on a Press Release from the American Hemerocallis Society.

Open House—Y'ALL COME

Coffee. Donuts. Daylilies. Seedlings. Memorial Day Weekend. Sophie Louise
by Terese Goodson

That's all it took this year for local Montgomery hybridizer and daylily enthusiast, Paul Furr, to greet twenty-five members and friends of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society in his garden for a kickoff to the 2015 daylily season. Coffee and donuts? Yes, they will come!

An open invitation was given to club members in early May to join Paul and his wife, Juanita, on a beautiful Saturday over Memorial Day weekend for an impromptu Open House. This was certainly a perfect excuse to see what was already blooming in the gardens and to note how some of Paul's future seedlings were progressing. Conversations were lively, donuts kept disappearing, coffee cups were re-filled, and several members took advantage of a very comfortable morning to purchase some of their favorite daylily cultivars.

Adorable little Sophie Louise, the resident Shih Tzu, charmed visitors with her antics and spent time begging for donuts and enjoying contented back rubs. How could you resist such a sweetie? She was an integral part of the welcoming committee.

MADS members love any excuse to get together in between club meeting dates to socialize and share information about the daylily season. The camaraderie is noticeable. So, who will be hosting the 2016 Open House??

Terese Goodson



Sophie Louise



H. 'Barbara Fuller' (Furr 2015) (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Paul Furr discusses his hybridizing program with MADS members, Rhonda Miles, Georgia Young, Pepita Gonzalez, and Barbara Fuller (to Paul's right). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Paul Furr's artistically designed garden delighted visitors on Memorial Day weekend. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Dixie Daylily

Sharing Daylily Garden Memories

by Terese Goodson

Do you often hear, "I wish I had the time to do that"? Make it easy for your club members to find that precious time by hosting your own "Daylilies in Bloom" garden tour. The Montgomery Area Daylily Society has enjoyed a lot of participation in these one day events. Over the past several years, club members have ventured to various Alabama gardens in Montgomery, Coosada, Birmingham, Childersburg, Dothan, and most recently, the Columbus, GA, area. The camaraderie and fellowship that develops among members have made the planning of each tour well worth the effort.

This year's Columbus trip was a chance to visit gardens in Region 5 during peak bloom season. The first stop on the agenda was the Meadows Garden in Cataula, GA. Even though a tornado had recently touched down in the area, the garden was lush and meticulously groomed. Colorful baskets of coleus and begonias greeted the visitors. Daylilies winked from their beds on several levels of the garden. Calla lilies, cast iron plants, gardenias, and a host of other companion plants added more color to complement the peak bloom of daylilies. Dot and Murray Meadows were gracious hosts to the Montgomery visitors.

Next stop was the Columbus Botanical Gardens and what a delightful surprise! The Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society was busily preparing for a daylily show and festival and the Botanical Gardens were ready to share its lovely setting with all. The old Adams Farmhouse had flats of bedding plants in front ready to beautify the area. Verbena, rudbeckia, Japanese maples, snapdragons, and begonias surrounded daylily beds throughout the gardens. Members from CVDS have donated daylilies for the beds and tend to their care during the year. The two story white mansion on the grounds was full of history and added to the ambiance of the setting. The Joann Holt Walking Trail provided easy access to walkways throughout the area for guests to admire daylilies and other plants. The Columbus Botanical Gardens was an unexpected, hidden jewel for this tour group.

Jason's Deli provided the perfect spot to pull in for a quick, delicious lunch. Ice cream cones abounded as the Montgomery group visited and shared stories of their daylily sightings from the morning's adventure.

When we "lost" one of our tour members, we thought he had decided to drop in for a big burger nearby. No one even suspected that someone admired his sweet little convertible coupe SO much that they drove right into the side of the car! SIGH!

A little dent along the way can't stop the Montgomery Area Daylily Society! Back on the road again, the next stop was the unusual gardens of Oak Haven Farms. How often do you get to see beautiful registered daylilies and seedlings along with imported Japanese and domestic koi? What an adventure! Lonnie and Glenn Ward took the group into several garden areas to see their koi ponds in various stages of development, and, of course, their seedling beds, companion plants, and registered daylilies. A renovated child's playhouse added a sweet touch to the setting and evoked memories for all of us. Bee balm, angel trumpets, hydran-

geas, and other foliage surrounded the house and garden areas. It made for a lovely, peaceful setting.

MADS hosts a "Daylilies in Bloom" tour each year and it has been a popular activity each spring. This year, Paul Furr, a local hybridizer and club member, also hosted an Open House in his garden. About twenty-five members visited the garden and found that this was another way to enjoy fellowship, snacks, and the beauty of our favorite flower. The annual MADS picnic on Lake Jordan, hosted recently by Charlotte and Mabrey Whetstone, gave club members a chance to socialize as they enjoyed daylilies in a lakeside setting.

Publicizing special events such as these to the membership gives daylily enthusiasts a chance to mingle and share pertinent ideas and information during the busy daylily season. Besides the fun, everyone seems to enjoy special activities like these. They give the club a chance to grow. Add some of these ideas to your calendar for next year. You won't regret it!

Terese Goodson



At their annual picnic, MADS members enjoyed the beautiful lakeside setting of the Whetstone home on Lake Jordan. (Photos by Donna Currington)

Mary Lois Burkett's Daylily Garden

by Sarah Lunsford

Tried and true is what the Burkett jewel of a garden is today and has been for more than 55 years.

This 101 year old "Daylily Queen" has preserved so many of the special daylilies from the past years. Her front lawn is bordered with a collection of daylilies and companion plants, and the backyard is completely covered with daylilies with only a driveway curving between wide beds of beautiful flowers of all colors imaginable. On the sides of the house and in the back, wooden fences form a backdrop for all kinds for shrubs and companion plants. Large clumps of daylilies (some 500 different varieties) are skillfully arranged in front and between these shrubs. Ms. Burkett says she is going to have to remove some of the duplicate plants to make room for some new ones!



The Burkett garden is beautifully landscaped with daylilies on both sides of the driveway in the backyard. Huge, well-grown clumps make for a gorgeous display.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Numerous classic daylilies are planted alongside roses and other shrubs. A clump of Hemerocallis 'Priscilla's Rainbow' (Spalding-Guillory 1985) complements the darker shades of the daylilies to the left.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

This centenarian, says she got her love of daylilies from her mother. This passion began back in the 1950s

when the only colors widely known were yellow and orange. She told of the time when great excitement was caused by a local hybridizer, James Terry, who registered a red and then a pink daylily.

When asked how she maintained such an expansive array of lilies, Ms. Burkett gave the credit to her yard man



Mary Lois was a gracious hostess during our garden tour, pausing a moment for my photograph. I thought her lovely blouse matched so well the rich colors of so many of her daylilies.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Along came a little shower, but it didn't dampen the spirits of Mary Lois nor those of Janet Green who held up an umbrella for them.
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)

and friend whom she has employed for more than 32 years. Although some of her friends differ with this, she claims that this man is in charge of the garden now. She also said that he was good to drive her on errands.

Ms. Burkett, who was the oldest of three girls, grew up during the depression. She said this really taught her to be frugal, and in most things she would rather save than spend.

Ms. Burkett's garden has been on several other Region 14 Spring Regional Tours and she enjoys seeing and talking to her friends. On our last visit to Hattiesburg, we visited her garden. She was not feeling well and her niece acted as hostess. I saw the big, beautiful, yellow plant name *Hemerocallis* 'Hello Mary Belle' (Lenz 1989). I asked the niece if I could please buy a piece of this. She went to ask Ms. Burkett and came back (with a spade) and said to dig myself two fans of it, but I could not pay her. She was, as always, a generous southern lady!

Sarah Lunsford



Sometimes clumps of daylilies eluded me as to names, particularly when the names may have been nestled deep in the foliage. Nonetheless, your editor thought this large triangular yellow outstanding.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*Your editor could not help but include this large panorama of daylilies from the Burkett garden. There were classic daylilies everywhere, including several clumps of *H.* 'Graceful Eye' (Spalding-W. M. 1981), the large lavender with a purple eye pictured at left. There must have been a half dozen clumps of 'Becky Lynn' (Guidry 1977), the Stout Medal-winning rose blend with a green throat, as well as 'Mumbo Jumbo' (Guidry 1979), a large rose pink bitone with a darker rose halo and green throat. It was fun to see again a large planting of Kelly Wall's 'Julia's Choice' (1986), a 6" near white self with a yellow throat, which I recall first seeing at Kelly's Fair Haven Garden in Liberty, MS, when his garden was on our Regional tour. It was as elegant a white then, as it is now. And finally, much to my surprise, there was a single clump (I didn't see it until folks pointed it out) of my own 'Silken Samarkand' (1995), a 6" carmine rose self with a melon-orange throat. I was especially pleased to find that Mrs. Burkett grew one of my flowers and that it was one of her favorites.*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Montgomery Garden of Don and Connie Montgomery

by Kay Chappell

Don and Connie Montgomery began this garden only four years ago. Since the land joined their previous home site, it was simply a task of moving a “fixer-upper” and beginning the task of renovation. After completion of their new home, the creation of their garden began. Many unlabeled daylilies were moved from the previous home site, but collecting registered daylilies became a priority. Today there are approximately 900 registered cultivars in their garden, many of which are in special beds, which include groupings of miniature and small registrations; those of similar color; and “a secret garden” which includes an Earl Watts seedling bed.

The tour bus arrived at this garden in the afternoon, but the garden was canopied with tall trees and open sunny areas with filtered light which made for an enjoyable visit.

Connie our hostess greeted us with much enthusiasm, and we could tell she was thrilled for us to view her garden. Everywhere you looked were neat flowerbeds with daylilies, companion plants and garden art. The thoughtful touches were very creative and artistic.

Some of the daylilies I admired were the pastel butter cream double *Hemerocallis* ‘**Debutante Double**’ (Kirchhoff-D. 2002). This daylily won the Shelton Holliday Award, which is given for the best clump of a registered double daylily seen in a tour garden. There was a nice blooming clump of *H.* ‘**Linda Beck**’ (Agin 2005) which is a beautiful burgundy purple named for one of our former RPD’s. The namesake of this daylily is one of Region 14 nicest ladies, as was its gifted hybridizer, Linda Agin. This daylily remains one of the most popular daylilies nationwide.



The Montgomery garden was thoughtfully landscaped with creative touches throughout. It was a showcase for daylilies and companion plants, like those shown in the picture above.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



One particular shrub that garnered a lot of attention in the Montgomery garden was this lovely Rose of Sharon (*Hibiscus syriacus*). Connie was pleased to share cuttings with garden visitors. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The Montgomery garden featured several Region 14 classics, such as Jim Terry's H. 'Charming Ethel Smith' (1991), a 6" lavender with a slight halo of deeper lavender above a green throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

I also admired the cute little red miniature 'Little Red Dumplings' (Anderson-H. 2000). This daylily won the Bennie McRae Memorial Award, which is given for the best clump of a registered small or miniature daylily seen in a tour garden.

Two other really good clumps I saw were 'Olympic Showcase' (Stamile 1990) and 'Red Volunteer' (Oakes 1984). All of the daylilies were set off by the green of the grass, the tall trees and just the right amount of sunlight in the hot afternoon. The creative use of garden art accessories, such as urns and driftwood, made for an appealing viewing.

The garden was pleasing to many of those attending the Region 14 spring meeting, as the Montgomery garden was awarded the Region 14 Landscape Award, given for the best use of daylilies in landscaping a tour garden.

Thanks go to our garden hosts Don and Connie Montgomery for sharing your garden with us. We appreciate all the hard work. It was a treat for us to visit your garden.



The garden also contained lots of newer daylilies such as H. 'God Save the Queen' (Mors 2005), a 7" medium amethyst with a midnight purple eye and purple outlined yellow gold edge. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Kay Chappell



Elegant driftwood strategically edged several of the flower beds in the Montgomery garden. Huge urns planted with clusters of pink, rose, and white flowers added additional texture. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Garden rooms were separated by spacious lawns. Sometimes at the base of a pine which let through filtered light, a Sago palm (*Cycas revoluta*) or a large urn added interest to the landscape. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Penny's Daylily Patch: The Garden of Penny Stringer

by Ruth Watts

At Penny Stringer's place, the green lawn with beautiful flowering trees, a patchwork of many types of flowers in borders around a tennis court, and loads of daylilies created a rainbow of colors and form like a prize winning patch quilt.

Penny's patch begins with an arbor, which includes magnolias, crepe myrtles, maples, and other blooming shrubs. Beyond the trees, continuing on the right of her home are trails of daylilies in huge clumps, with blooms of yellow, pink, purple, red, orange, lavender and white—cultivars both old and new. One could choose a clump here to match any of the types for which our Region 14 awards are given.

The tennis court to the left and back is landscaped on each side with large clumps of daylilies and other flowering plants. At the back of the yard, next to trees that frame the yard, are more daylilies.

Beyond several worksheds at the far left of the yard, a different patch of ground provided a place for the Sally Lake Memorial Bed of unnamed seedlings brought by Region 14 hybridizers for the 2015 competition.

Penny's Daylily Patch was an exceptionally beautiful garden.

Ruth Watts



Penny Stringer's lovely seedling #23 was second runner-up for the Sally Lake Memorial Award.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Heemerocallis 'Apache Beacon' (Roberts-N. 2005) was showing its brilliant color in a bed near the house. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A gracefully curving bed shows a skillful blend of liriopse, ornamental grasses, and a rock border, together with daylilies as the primary feature. In the background, a vitex is in full bloom. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Exotic "open form" daylilies were showing off beautifully at Penny's Daylily Patch. The classic H. 'Wind Frills' (Tarrant 1978) blooms alongside the modern 'Bali Watercolor' (Stamile 2002). (Photos by Oliver Billingslea)



The rural area in which Penny's Daylily Patch is set makes a lovely setting for Penny's patchwork quilt. This area was to the right of the tennis court and bordered by a small drive and rustic fence. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The foggy nature of this picture is caused by the beginnings of a downpour. Your editor shot the photo as he ran for cover under a tin-roofed shed, along with our RP, our RPD, and our Secretary. Several flashes of lightning and rolls of thunder followed. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



After the downpour, the garden was as beautiful as ever, the rain having given a sort of electric glow to the colors. This area of the garden with a weathered birdhouse perched atop a sturdy post was particularly stunning. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Suburban Daylilies

by Juanice Hayes

Suburban Daylilies is a popular destination for daylily lovers, but the land did not always look like it does now. In fact, twenty years ago when I first met Earl and Barbara at a regional meeting in Tuscaloosa, they only dreamed about a daylily garden. Some daylilies had already been brought from Florida during their retirement transition. Plans began to develop. Earl and Barbara became very active and supportive of all daylily affairs in Region 14 and that enthusiasm spilled into their garden. Dreams began to turn into reality.

Through the years the lake has stayed constant and makes a perfect background for the garden. However, every time I have been in the garden, it is an ever changing scene.

Saturday, May 30, 2015, was a bright sunny day, and as our bus pulled to the driveway, there was something new: two glorious red displays of the 2015 Mississippi Medallion winner *Hemerocallis* ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’ (Watts 2004).



This glorious planting of *H.* ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’ at the entrance to Suburban Daylilies helped it to win the President’s Cup.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

As visitors moved along the curving walkway, the daylilies in their rock-bordered raised beds were shining. *H.* ‘Pink Lemonade Party’ (Salter 2006) was outstanding. Also many of Earl’s Suburban daylilies were here. ‘Suburban Wren’ (2012), ‘Suburban Coach Burnham’ (2011), ‘Suburban Alice Essary’ (2006), ‘Suburban Cecil McClellan’ (2013), ‘Suburban David Michael’ (2011), and ‘Suburban Blue Jay’ (2012) were noticed. A special miniature was ‘Suburban Wren’.

As I admired the daylilies, I had to stop and look at the rocks. Earl had hired some freight trucks to haul one hundred four tons from Benton, Arkansas.

Along with the rocks, the hydrangeas, roses, crepe myrtles, azaleas, gardenias, many ornamental trees, and fig trees added to the landscape.

As I went from one curving bed to another, *Hemerocallis* ‘Earl Watts’ (Brown-E.C. 1994) was showing its pink yellow gold color. Also *H.* ‘The Incredible Earl Watts’ (Salter 2012) was very distinctive.



H. ‘The Incredible Earl Watts’ (Salter 2012) is a 6" peach pink with a large jagged toothy yellow gold edge. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Toward the back of the yard is a giant wind chime that sounds like a steamboat whistle. Earl said that he keeps it tied and silent most of the time because it is so loud. A swing is near the chime, and I noticed some visitors enjoying some fruit and the scenery. Very near the swing is an ornamental eagle surrounded by *H.* ‘Suburban Golden Eagle’ (Watts 1998). Jack Carpenter’s ‘Guadalajara’ (2003) was shining with its striking hot orange color.

Fountains were flowing, outdoor pots held all sorts of annuals and perennials. *H.* ‘Linda Beck’ (Agin 2005) was a burgundy purple profusion in a back bed along with ‘Paradise Royal Purple’ (Trimmer 2008), a purple with a chalky lavender halo. John Falck’s ‘Emma’s Curls’ (2011) was a delectable lemon yellow unusual form crispate.

Many of Jeff and Elizabeth Salter’s plants are featured in the garden. *H.* ‘Paco Bell’ (Salter 2008), a bright yellow with a red eye was noticed along with ‘An Easy Call’ (Salter-E.H. 2008), a 4" pink with a red eye and edge.

A gazebo, a patio, and an outside eating area delighted everyone. On a hot day, the shade trees were magnets.

On the lower side of the house is the sales garden, and daylilies were blooming everywhere. On the upper side of the house, the seedlings and a huge planting of *H.* ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’ colored the hillside.

In summary, twenty years ago, Earl and Barbara could not have foreseen how the garden would appear today, but they kept working and changing, planting daylilies and



H. 'Blue Martini' (Stamile-Pierce 2012) was particularly striking in the bed along the front walk. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Cosmic Kaleidoscope' (Carpenter-J. 2006) exhibited gorgeous patterning in the filtered shade of the back yard. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Aliens in the Garden' (Gossard 2011) is a 6.5" unusual form crispate-cascade. A garnet red with a green throat, both sepals and petals display patterning. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Lillian's David Phillips' (Manning 2013) is a 5" sculpted relief day-lily of cream yellow with a dark mahogany rose eye and edge above a yellow throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The elegantly curving rock-bordered beds were a new feature at Suburban Daylilies. Copiously planted with daylilies amid ornamental shrubs and trees, they were a delight. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Elizabeth Salter's *H. 'Random Thoughts'* (2005) was a striking 4" cream with a gray violet purple washed eye. It showed a degree of patterning. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

other plants, digging them up, selling many, and giving away even more. They could not have foreseen the big red "Nancy Gayle" growing by the thousands near their house.

Juanice Hayes

Travels with My Camera:

The 2015 National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia

by Oliver Billingslea

This is my third installment involving travels with my camera, and though I'm still sticking with my old Canon Rebel 6.3 megabyte camera, it seems to function well in photographing the gardens on tour at National Conventions: first Columbus, then Asheville, and now Atlanta. I recently told Charlie Harper, the chair of the AHS Digital and Video Photography Awards Committee, that I'd serve one more year as a judge, since without a zoom or macro lens for artistic close-ups, I really can't match some of the amazing photography I've seen submitted over the past three years. But here's my offerings for Atlanta. I enjoyed the gardens, the people, and the shoot, and I hope you will too.

I arrived in Atlanta at the Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel on Wednesday, June 10, to attend the Publications Committee meeting and saw some of the awesome proofs for Scott Elliott's forthcoming book on doubles. The proofs made me wish I were working on his book as well, but as I've got my own project on *The Exotic Open Form Daylily*, I knew I couldn't wait to get to the gardens on Friday and Saturday. I also knew some of my photography would be influenced by the spiders and unusual forms I would see.

I spent Thursday in the Board Meeting, made my report as chair of Special Projects, and got an insider look at the progress our Society is making. Julie Covington runs an excellent Board Meeting.

On Friday and Saturday we visited the gardens, and I must say that the eight gardens were uniformly the best I've ever seen at a National Convention. Even though we were a bit hurried by the shortened time we could spend in each garden, the fact that four gardens were toured in the morning, leaving the afternoons open for seminars, made for a more relaxing Convention overall. I would have like to have attended the seminars myself, except for the fact that the Convention organizers had asked me to present my seminar twice, once each afternoon, and I could only peep in at a couple of the others. Entitled "The Aesthetics of Daylily Photography," in layman's terms, the seminar I offered was on how to shoot a good photograph. The attendees on both days seemed to like it. I did pretty well until on Saturday when I choked up showing a photo of Linda Agin's *Hemerocallis* 'Nancy's Quilt'. (There's a story behind the quilt, which I think most of the folks in Region 14 know.) Fortunately, Terese Goodson came to my rescue and said a few things until I could continue.

And now for the gardens!

Four of the gardens were located along the Interstate corridor north of the hotel, and the other four were along the Georgia 400 corridor northeast of the hotel.

The first garden we visited was Metz Country Gardens, owned by Barbara and Herb Metz. A working farm

which is also a wildlife sanctuary, the garden was amazing in respect to the expertise with which the daylilies were grown. Being on tour just prior to its coming into peak, the garden exhibited clumps of daylilies in perfection. The centerpiece for its primary garden room was a four-tiered fountain which provided a restful sound as we enjoyed the daylilies.

Some of the daylilies I particularly admired were *H.* 'Brown Witch' (Reed 1999), 'Laughing Skies' (Stamile 2003), and 'Firefly Frenzy' (Joiner-J. 2002), each of which is a fine example of what I call "the exotic open form daylily." The first, a brown with purple eye and yellow throat, is registered as a 6" diploid with a spider ratio of 4.00:1. The second, a lavender self above a green throat, is registered as a 10" tetraploid with a spider ratio of 4.70:1. My pick of the three on that particular morning in the Metz Country Garden was 'Firefly Frenzy'. Registered as an 8" diploid double unusual form crispate, its color is that of a light lemon drop self above a light green throat. Everywhere I have seen this daylily, its delicate twirling form reminds me of fireflies on a summer evening.

Full-formed daylilies—what I called the "Jane Russell type" at a recent daylily meeting—were not to be outdone. I thought *H.* 'Ice Cream Emperor' (Trimmer 2006) was outstanding. It is a 5.5" tetraploid, a rounded pale ivory self above a green throat. Its impeccable form is in part due to having tetraploid "Evelyn Gates" as one of its parents. Another gorgeous, rounded, but relatively small-flowered daylily was 'Santa's Little Helper' (Trimmer 2007). It is a 4.62" tetraploid, a dark red with a black red eye above a green throat.



Reminiscent somewhat of the classic *H.* 'Milk Chocolate' (Carney 1967), but far more elegant in its lovely spider form is Margo Reed's 'Brown Witch' (1999). Several blooms were open, allowing photographers to capture an image in just the right way. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



An elegant paver-inlaid walk led into the display area at Metz Country Garden. The four-tier fountain plashed delicately as visitors enjoyed the many clumps of well-grown daylilies. A white fence on which was situated a blue-bird house served as a frame for the garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Pat Stamile's H. 'Laughing Skies' (2003) is another elegant spider. A 10" tetraploid with a spider ratio of 4.70:1, it is a lavender self with a large green throat. Its complex parentage involves the conversion of diploids, 'Green Widow' and 'Cerulean Star'. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Jan Joiner's H. 'Firefly Frenzy' (2002) was one of the first double unusual form crisped daylilies to be registered. An 8" diploid, it is aptly named because of its pale lemon color and lightsome form which will literally dance in one's garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Ice Cream Emperor' (Trimmer 2006) showed off its exquisitely perfect blooms in the Metz Garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Savannah Skipper Doodle' (Joiner 2007) was beautiful at Metz and in several other gardens. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Santa's Little Helper' (Trimmer 2007) at 4.62" was a luscious relatively small flower, striking in its color. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

In another area of Barbara's and Herb's garden, daylilies were lined out in long rows. Among the many plants growing there, an exciting discovery was *H. 'Savannah Skipper Doodle'* (Joiner 2007), a 6.5" tetraploid double with brilliant apricot blooms, its pinched petaloids rising above an orange to green throat.

When we arrived at our second garden of the morning, Vickery Lake Gardens, I was immediately struck how a relatively small backyard can be impeccably landscaped. "No wonder of it: sheer plóð makes plough down sillion/Shine," wrote the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins, and Martha and Claude Carpenter certainly demonstrate what hard work can accomplish. Theirs is a home garden in a perfect setting. The focal point of the garden is a large fountain, and the backdrop is a next door farm complete with a donkey or two. Claude has developed a reputation as a superb photographer,

having won the AHS Photography Contest several times, and his sense of beauty carries over to the way he exhibits his daylilies.

Claude's favorites may be spiders and unusual forms, although he has a bed dedicated to miniatures, and there are plenty of large and small flowers, as well as doubles in his collection. Some of these are double unusual forms.

Among the large flowered daylilies was Karol Emmerich's *H. 'Entwined in the Vine'* (2007). This huge 8" tetraploid flower looks a bit like an unusual form, but its petals and sepals overlap a bit too much to meet the standard "openness" for that category of daylilies. But exotic it is: a lavender pink with a multi-colored patterned lavender violet eye and edge trimmed in ivory gold above a light yellow green throat. Its blooms, particularly the eyes, were enhanced by a companion planting of Brazilian verbena (*Verbena bonariensis*) with its blue-violet flowers.

Another large flowered daylily I admired was *H. 'Born to Run'* (Stamile 2006), a 6" tetraploid, which is red with a gold edge above a green throat. Red seemed to be the order of the day, or maybe it was the intermittent sunlight that prompted me to focus on that color, since red daylilies can be photographed with some sunlight on them, whereas pinks, lavenders, and purples should not. '**Atomic Fire Ball**' (Bell-T. 2012), a 5" tetraploid, was a brilliant red with a lighter red halo above a green throat.

Among the small flowered daylilies, *H. 'Hat's Off to Sue'* (Herrington-T. 2008) was outstanding in a clump. It is a 4" red diploid with a pink edge above a green throat. Herrington daylilies seemed to be a feature of the garden. '**Green Rainbow**' (Herrington-T. 2005) was also effective in a clump. It is a 4" green lavender diploid with a purple eye above a huge green throat.

Among the unusual form daylilies, *H. 'Carolyn's Curls'* (Herr-D. 2008) was lovely. Registered as a 7" unusual form crispate diploid, it is a cream white blend with a green throat. '**Wysiwyg**' (Elliott-S. 2012) also stood out with its delicate coloring. A 6.5" diploid double unusual form cascade, it is a rose pink pale peach bitone with a dark rose halo above a green throat.



Vickery Lake Gardens is a north Georgia treasure, a small garden located in a lovely subdivision, but bordering on an operative farm. Several visitors shot photos of the donkey which came up to the other side of the fence.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Carpenters have a large collection of Herrington daylilies, one of the most beautiful being Katisue's *H. 'Dorothy and Toto'* (2003). This daylily has become famous nationally and is a top contender for the Stout Medal. It clearly held a place of honor in the garden, for at the base of its clump, nestled a small basket, was a tiny stuffed Toto. The flower is a 6" tetraploid double, a rose peach blend with a tiny green throat.

One of their newest is *H. 'Katisue Herrington'* (Herrington-H. 2013). Registered as an 8" diploid unusual form crispate, it is a fuchsia orchid rose blend with darker veins on the petals and a huge lime green throat, edged in cream.



*Runner-up for the Stout Medal in 2014, *H. 'Dorothy and Toto'* (Herrington-K. 2003) had four splendid blooms open in the Carpenter garden the day we toured.*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



**H. 'Dorothy and Toto'* with "Toto" (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Among the many other daylilies, *H. 'Bali Watercolor'* (Stamile 2002), a lavender with a silvery halo and a spider ratio of 4.36:1, was outstanding, as was Scott Elliott's '*Wildman George*' (2010), an orange bitone with a red-orange halo. It is registered as a double unusual form crispate.



Nationally famous and rightly so, *H. 'Entwined in the Vine'* (Emmerich 2007) grows well from Minnesota, its birthplace, to Georgia. This outstanding clump, heavily budded, was complemented by plants of Brazilian Verbena (*Verbena bonariensis*) growing nearby. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



There were a number of good red daylilies blooming at Vickery Lake Gardens, including the elegant *H. 'Born to Run'* (Stamile 2006). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



For those who like reds without a picrust edge, *H. 'Atomic Fire Ball'* (Bell-T. 2012) was a bright red with a red halo above a green throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Our third garden was something of an estate. Owned by Patty and Mark Franklin, MP Flower Gardens is located on a four acre property which contains two 100 year old magnolia trees. According to our Convention handbook, the garden contains “over 700 varieties of daylilies, hundreds of bearded irises, roses, azaleas, hostas and peonies”—all of this “surrounded by various water features and statuary.” We had met the Franklins in Montgomery back in February, when they had been our guest speakers

at the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, so it was fun to visit their garden we had heard so much about. It didn’t disappoint, though this was one of the gardens in which we could have spent a lot more time.

My personal dilemma was that I had signed up to take the Garden Judges Clinic II, which was held in that garden, so I was torn between listening to the well-run clinic conducted by Georgia’s Earnest Yearwood and trying to photograph the garden.



One of the prettiest clumps in the Carpenter garden was that of *H.* ‘**Hat’s Off to Sue**’ (Herrington-T. 2008). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Don Herr’s *H.* ‘**Carolyn’s Curls**’ (2008) added a lilted presence to the garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. ‘**Katisue Herrington**’ (Herrington-H. 2013) is a cultivar the whole Herrington family is proud of. It was named for the late Katisue, Tim’s beloved wife and Heather’s mother. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. ‘**Wysiwyg**’ (Elliott-S. 2012) is one of Scott’s forays into double daylilies of unusual form. Its petals and sepals show the openness characteristic of an unusual form cascade. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

In part, MP Flower Gardens is a large commercial garden, but there are plenty of display areas, with daylilies grown in large clumps. One of the first clumps I came across was a huge planting of the ever popular *Hemerocallis* ‘**All American Chief**’ (Sellers 1994). This 9" red tetraploid with a yellow throat made a dazzling display.

Even more impressive because of the sheer number of blooms was *H.* ‘**Apache Beacon**’ (Roberts-N. 2005). Registered as an unusual form *crispate*, this 6.5" red rose diploid with a red eye above a yellow green throat seems to produce consistently beautiful blooms. Another impressive clump was that of ‘**Creature of the Night**’ (Reed 1999). A 7" diploid with a spider ratio of 4.00:1, it is a deep purple with a white midrib and a white cream to lemon throat.

Since becoming a judge for the AHS Photography Digital and Video Contest, I have begun to appreciate how beautifully spiders and unusual forms lend themselves to photography, and in seeing them placed well in a garden, I have begun to understand how important they are in lending movement to the landscape. These exotic open forms are an important part in the continued evolution of the daylily.

Although neither an unusual form nor a spider, another impressive daylily I saw at MP Flower Gardens, because of its height and the size of its individual blooms, was *H.* ‘**Heavenly United We Stand**’ (Gossard 2009). Registered as a 51" tall tetraploid with 9" blooms, it is a relatively sun fast blood red and with a green throat.

One of the most distinctive blooms I saw in the Franklin garden was *H.* ‘**Upgrade**’ (Gossard 2007). Registered as a 6" tetraploid unusual form *spatulate*, it seemed to have a fuller form than one might expect, but was exquisite nonetheless. According to the AHS database, “it is a lavender purple spotted purple reverse bicolor with purple eye and edge above a green to near white throat.”

The Franklin garden has a large gazebo where visitors are able to relax and look out on both the lower and upper garden. In the upper garden, I came across *H.* ‘**Raspberry Propeller**’ (Roberts-N. 2003), a beautiful 10.5" diploid raspberry self with a green throat and a spider ratio of 4.36:1.

Equally beautiful in its own way was the full-formed *H.* ‘**Southern French Toast**’ (Franklin-M. 2014), testimony

to the initial success Mark Franklin is having in his hybridizing program. Registered as a 6.5" tetraploid, it is a toasted orange with a yellow throat and veining on both petals and sepals.

In an area devoted to small flowers and miniatures, a fantastic clump of the diploid *H.* **'Itsy Bitsy Spider'** (Bishop-H. 1990) had over 50 blooms open. Registered as a 3.5" unusual form crispate, it is a delightful lemon yellow self with a green throat.

The MP Franklin Gardens was also host to the Region 5 seedling bed, as well as a bed devoted to guest plants.



H. **'All American Chief'** (Sellers 1994), the Stout Medal winner for 2008, was the first of several impressive clumps I was able to photograph at MP Flower Gardens. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



This amazing planting of the unusual form crispate *H.* **'Apache Beacon'** (Roberts-N. 2005) at the Franklin garden was a photographer's delight. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The final garden of our first day of tours was Centerpiece Gardens, owned by Pat and Bruce Kovach. The Kovachs moved to the Atlanta area from Michigan several years ago and established their garden in an impressive ravine behind their home—in what is actually an 80' drop-off from their patio. Bruce is a hybridizer specializing in doubles, and his garden featured some of the best from hybridizers across the U.S. and Canada.



With its spider ratio of 4.00:1, the photogenic *H.* **'Creature of the Night'** (Reed 1999) showed off its 7" dark purple blooms in an appealing clump. Its white midrib is striking. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A beautifully landscaped area at MP Flower Gardens was devoted to small flowers and miniatures. The large yellow clump at right is *H.* **'Itsy Bitsy Spider'** (Bishop-H. 1990). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A close-up of the clump of *H.* **'Itsy Bitsy Spider'** shows why it was a contender for the Florida Sunshine Cup at the National Convention. It is an unusual form crispate with dainty 3.5" blooms. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In addition to hosting the Enman Joiner Region 5 seedling bed, the Franklins established a beautiful bed for guest plants at the top of the hill near their home. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Upgrade' (Gossard 2007), registered as a 6" unusual form spatulate, was perhaps the most distinctive daylily I saw at MP Flower Gardens, not because of its form, but because of its coloring. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Mark Franklin has been hybridizing for several years, but when I photographed this bloom of H. 'Southern French Toast' (2014) at MP Flower Gardens, I had no idea he was the hybridizer. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

I particularly admired H. 'Barbara Watts' (Kirchhoff-D. 2008). Registered as a 6" tetraploid double, it is a beautiful peach, cantaloupe and cream blend with a toothy pastel gold edge above a yellow throat. The lesser known 'Isabel Maraffi' (Trimmer 2001), a 6" double tetraploid, is an intense melon self with a yellow green throat. Among the smaller doubles, 'Jan's Little Rascal' (Joiner-J. 2008) with its 3.75" blooms was especially charming. As I stood waiting for a cloud to block the intense sunlight so that I could capture the accurate color of five of its peachy pink blooms, I chatted with Jan Joiner, its hybridizer. We noticed that the "little rascal" has noticeably black anthers. My pick of all the doubles at Centerpiece Gardens was 'Sunglasses Needed' (Joiner-J. 2007). It is a 7" diploid, with heavily ruffled light lemon yellow blooms.

Softly played string melodies filtered through the garden as we admired the beautifully grown plants. I was pleased to find H. 'Heavenly Angel Ice' (Gossard 2004), winner of the 2013 Stout Medal, growing beautifully with its 8" unusual form crispate blooms of near white. It is a daylily I had not seen in my own home Region.

From the upper garden area where there is substantial shade, one can look down literally on hundreds of daylilies. Urns, gaze balls, and planters decorate this area, and there are ample benches for sitting. A small iron bridge crosses a dry creek bed which leads down to the ravine below, while to the left a flagstone path and steps lead upward to the patio. Red impatiens cover this impressive shade garden, exciting the senses.



Centerpiece Gardens takes advantage of a ravine behind the Kovach home. From the shade garden located just behind the house, one can look down on literally hundreds of daylilies which are terraced along the opposite hill. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Like several of the gardens we visited on our first day, Bruce and Pat have incorporated a lovely fountain as the centerpiece for their garden. In his decision to take advantage of the terrain, Bruce also fashioned a series of steps leading up one side of the garden to his seedlings discreetly placed near the woods at the back. Knowing that the dry creek bed sometimes becomes a torrent, the Kovachs are not without humor, incorporating as garden art a sculpture of a terrified human figure caught in the flood.



Centerpiece Gardens contains a fine collection of doubles, among them H. **'Barbara Watts'** (Kirchhoff-D. 2008), a 6" peach, cantaloupe and cream blend. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



I have long admired photographs of H. **'Heavenly Angel Ice'** (Gossard 2004), but for the first time I got to see that not only is it beautiful, it has great plant habits too. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



More intensely colored, though less well known, was this 6" tetraploid double, H. **'Isabel Maraffi'** (Trimmer 2001), a deep melon self with a yellow green throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Stunning is an appropriate word used to describe H. **'Sunglasses Needed'** (Joiner-J. 2007). This 7" double lemon yellow diploid is indeed huge and bright, and sunglasses are advised. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



One of the interesting things about this 3.75" smaller flowered double, H. **'Jan's Little Rascal'** (Joiner-J. 2008), were its black capped anthers, some of which were visible above the petaloids. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

When we returned to the hotel, I had the opportunity to visit the boutique, where there were many interesting items for sale. I'm especially fascinated by the miniature hostas and would love to begin collecting them. It was also gratifying to hear from our Publication Sales Manager that our AHS book, *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*, was selling well. I had just enough time to catch the end of Tim Bell's workshop on "Companion Plants in the Daylily Garden," with standing room only for his presentation. I told myself that a large portion of the crowd was there for my workshop as well, which was to be held in the same room. They wanted to be sure to secure a seat! Not so, although about 60 did remain for my presentation on "Photography in the Garden." I was tickled, because there were three other workshops being held simultaneously, and I was sure that Bob Faulkner's "Hybridizing for Patterns" was a big draw. Besides, I told myself, mine was the only workshop being offered on Friday and Saturday, so I could hope for more participants the next day, even though I was up against Nikki Schmith and Jamie Gossard.

Our first garden on Saturday morning was Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens located on five acres near the foothills of Kennesaw Mountain, just north of Marietta, Georgia. It is owned and operated by Bill and Diana Waldrop. I had known Bill as AHS's General Counsel when I served on the Board of Directors from 1996 to 2001. Since that time I had met him on occasion at Larry Grace's Graceland Gardens. He had already become a fine hybridizer, but Larry didn't mind sharing his expertise, as he was willing to mentor any number of younger hybridizers, such as Linda Agin, Karol Emmerich, and Nicole Harry. When Bill and Diana visited the Montgomery Area Daylily Society in 2013 as guest speakers, I was able to procure a plant of *Hemerocallis* 'Blazing Cannons' (Waldrop 2013) at auction, and the very next year the single fan sent up five scapes with gorgeous blood red blooms. Little did I realize at the time that this tetraploid would win the President's Cup two years later in Atlanta.

Bill met us at the bus and walked with us the wooded lane to the house and gardens. One of the first sights was the white bridge which spans a portion of the main display area.

At the very back of this area and near the woods, I discovered a photogenic clump of Diana Waldrop's diploid, *H.* 'Lemon Curls' (2010), a 5.5" lemon ivory blend with

a green throat. An unusual form crispate, its lilted nature reminds one of cloudless sulfur butterflies.

Here I saw innumerable cultivars with which I was not familiar. *H.* 'The Blue Parrot' (Trimmer 2009), a 6.5" tetraploid, was an intriguing red purple blend with a lighter blue-violet eye and edge, the latter bordered with a gold



H. 'The Blue Parrot' (Trimmer 2009) is a 6.5" tetraploid red purple blend with a blue violet eye and edge. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



At Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens, Diana Waldrop's *H.* 'Lemon Curls' was particularly lovely in a clump. Registered as a 5.5" diploid unusual form crispate, it is a lemon ivory blend with a green throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

wire trim. I was also entranced by Karol Emmerich's *H.* **'Faith that Moves'** (2012), which is a 6" dark purple tetraploid with a merlot eye and a green throat. Each bloom has a small white edge. A few feet away, *H.* **'Angels Gather Around'** (Grace 2008) was a 5.5" tetraploid of palest peach pink with a green throat and a delicate lettuce green edge. *H.* **'Marlee Jane'** (Waldrop 2013) was an extra large 7.5" tetraploid of hot coral with a yellow edge on its petals.



The main display area at Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens contained gorgeous cultivars of all shapes and sizes. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Separated by a pleasant grass walk, a bed, with cleome and red and yellow cannas as a backdrop, contained several of Bill's newest cultivars, including (left to right) *Hemerocallis* **'Fully Blessed'** (2014); seedling # 3-442, a burnt orange with an olive throat, which was listed as a JC Candidate; and *H.* **'Blazing Cannons'** (2013). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The display areas close to the back of the house do not begin to account for the expansiveness of the Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens. There are a dozen beds of registered cultivars and over two acres of seedlings. Two greenhouses, one used for hybridizing and the other for conversion work, are located at the back of the property.

In the beds out back behind the lovely barn, I came across more distinctive daylilies, including *H.* **'Pink Stripes'** (Derrow 2006), a 7" diploid of magenta rose with pink cream stripping above a gold orange throat; *H.* **'Rose F. Kennedy'** (Doorakian 2007), a 7.5" diploid, registered as



H. **'Blazing Cannons'** (Waldrop 2013), a 7" blood red with a lighter red eye above a yellow to green throat also features a light yellow ruffled edge. It was the President's Cup winner in Atlanta.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. **'Fully Blessed'** (Waldrop 2014) is a gorgeous daylily, a 7" tetraploid of rose pink with an ivory eye and a yellow green throat. Bill blessed AHS Board members with plants of this distinctive cultivar.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

"a green with wide purple red picotee edge above a green throat"; and Heidi Douglas' *H.* **'Papa Goose'** (2011), which I had heard so much about, but had not seen. It is an 8" diploid unusual form cascade of coral pink with a darker pink eye and a yellow to green throat.

As a complement to the saturation of so many wonderful daylilies, the Waldrops have created other areas of interest, including several miniature gardens, one designed by their granddaughter, and a peaceful water pond, complete with waterlilies and other aquatic plants.

We had far too little time to spend at this garden, but we made the best of our short visit. I've said it before, and I'll say it again: I spend more time looking through my camera's eye than I do actually seeing the garden. It's a shame I don't have time to converse with other folks much, but when I do see an especially beautiful flower, I try to bring others over to it. Unfortunately, I almost never take time to enjoy the snacks.



*I would be remiss if I didn't share the photo I took at the Waldrops of the distinctive *H.* 'Rose F. Kennedy' (Doorakian 2007), another contender for the Stout Medal. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

*What a name this handsome daylily has been given! It just looks like *H.* 'Papa Goose' (Douglas-H. 2011) should look—an 8" coral pink unusual form cascade with curling petals and sepals. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



This water feature at Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens is a botanical gem, with ferns, callas, waterlilies, and many other aquatic plants. It took me a few moments to determine that the goose was not actually a real goose. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Almost across the street from the Kennesaw Garden was "Prissy's Garden," the garden of Camilla and David Arthur, who were Co-Chairs for the 2015 AHS National Convention. The same attention to detail that went into making the Atlanta Convention run so smoothly, one could see they had put into their own "city" garden to make it beautiful.

In the front yard were several attractive beds of daylilies. The one nearest the drive contained a beautiful clump of *Hemerocallis* 'Long Tall Sally' (Trimmer 1996), a 14" red tetraploid with a large yellow green throat and a spider ratio of 4.13:1. In the back yard, the diploid *H.* 'Let It Rip' (Joiner-J. 1997), a 10" persimmon orange blend with a green

throat and a spider ratio of 4.33:1, stood out. Also blooming was **'Ginger Twist'** (Trimmer 1999), an 11" unusual form crispate tetraploid, burnished orange in color with a red band above a green throat. I had never seen it, but knew it was the parent Gil Stelter had crossed with *H. fulva* **'Hankow'** (Stout 1939) to produce **'Gryphon Hankow Legacy'** (2012), which had been much photographed at the Asheville National Convention.

An old pump was situated among several daylilies, including an historical cultivar I had never heard of, much less expected to see. *H. 'Eric Junior'* (Kraus 1949) was a small diploid red with a darker eyezone. David said it still was one of his favorites. To its right was Guy Pierce's tetraploid, **'Hawaiian Nights'** (1996), a 5.5" dark purple with a blackish purple eyezone and green throat, and **'Fairy Tale Pink'** (Pierce-C. 1980), the 1990 Stout Medal winner.

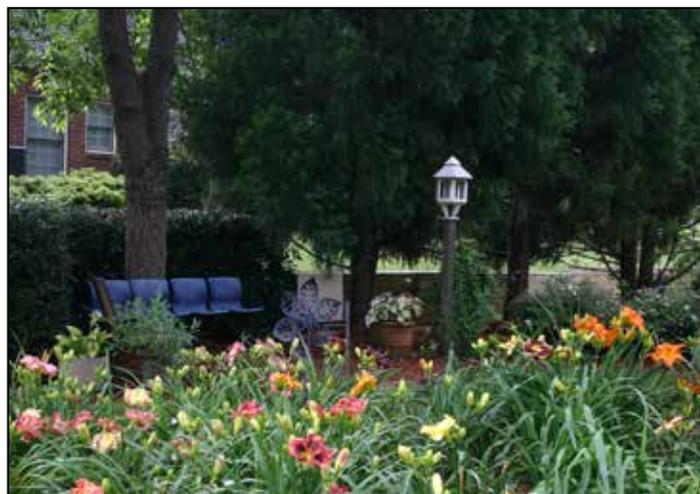
One lavishly beautiful daylily I particularly admired was the tetraploid *H. 'Irish Royalty'* (Waldrop 2014), a 6" dark purple with a green throat and a chartreuse edge, but without a zoom lens, I couldn't get a good shot.



H. 'Ginger Twist' (Trimmer 1999) is one of several tetraploids that have been crossed with select species to produce remarkably beautiful daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



'Prissy's Garden' contained several samples of delightful garden art which complemented the daylilies. I particularly admired this antique pump. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Restful shade areas with comfortable seating were an important part of this architecturally pleasing garden. A beautiful light post added to the ambiance. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Our third garden of the morning was Shady Rest Gardens, owned by Doris and David Bishop. Located on three acres and largely nestled into a valley, it consists of a series of meandering paths opening into garden rooms of different sizes and textures. The rustic nature of this garden is complemented by its boulders, dry creek beds, its log cabin, and its generally hilly terrain.

Near the entrance to the garden, in an area dedicated to Ned Roberts, I came across several of Ned's cultivars I had not seen before. *H. 'Brother Cal'* (2008), an unusual form cascade, was a 7" diploid purple with a green throat, while **'Cricket Call'** (2004), an unusual form crispate, was a 7" diploid wine purple self above a large yellow green throat.

Another unusual form crispate was the 9" diploid *H. 'Radiation Biohazard'* (Gossard 2000). It was a very distinctive maroon and yellow bicolor with a yellow midrib and a yellow green throat.

The garden is filled with over 2,500 different cultivars. Surprisingly, one of mine was in bloom. *H. 'Mountain Almond'* (Billingslea 1991), a 6" diploid almond peach self with a green throat, was performing well in a large clump. Amid the six blooms open, there was one polymorous flower. In all the years I've grown it, I've never seen it do that.

In another garden room, I came across a stunning bloom of *H. 'To God Be the Glory'* (Carpenter-J. 2006). It was a 7.5" peach rose tetraploid with a rose eye and edge above a green throat. Nearby was **'Nicole's Heat Seeker'** (Harry 2010). A 6" tetraploid, it was a glowing orange with a lighter eye ringed with a darker halo.

One of the most beautiful flowers I saw at Shady Rest Gardens was *H. 'Topguns Apache War Paint'* (Scott-B. 2010). A 5" tetraploid double, it is a salmon red bicolor with a small gold edge on its petals; its sepals are yellow with a reddish halo.

And finally, in a garden room dedicated to the Herringtons, there was a splendid clump of *H. 'Mayor of Munchkinland'* (Herrington-T. 2010), a 2.9" canary yellow diploid with a red eye above a green throat. A true miniature, this little fellow won the Florida Sunshine Cup.



As I photographed *H. 'Brother Cal'* (Roberts-N. 2008), I was standing next to Betty Roberts. It was pleasant to talk with her about so many things of days past. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The rustic nature of Shady Rest Gardens was fascinating. Plants of all shapes and sizes complemented the daylilies. Rail fences like the one above added to the charm. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Topguns Apache War Paint' (Scott-B. 2010) was a lovely 5" tetraploid double, a salmon red and yellow bicolor. Its sepals have a reddish halo. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



This is the clump of *H. 'Mayor of Munchkinland'* (Herrington-T. 2010), the outstanding miniature that won the Florida Sunshine Cup. My guess is that it was much photographed. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Mayor of Munchkinland' (Herrington-T. 2010), a 2.9" canary yellow diploid with a red eye and a tiny deep green throat quickly became a hit with garden visitors. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Our last garden was River Scape Gardens, owned by Deb and Morgan Akin. Located on the banks of the picturesque Etowah River, the grounds contain a unique stone house, a massive magnolia tree, an old barn restored as a guest house, and a fruit orchard. The property abounds with daylilies.

One of the most beautiful daylilies I saw, although I could not get a picture of it because of the bright sun, was *H. 'Neon Flamingo'* (Gossard 2006), an 8.5" neon pink with a light pink watermark above a green throat. An elegant tetraploid, its petals overlap just a bit too much to allow it to be registered as an unusual form. I had photographed this daylily in Ohio, and I was pleased to see that it was growing every bit as well in Georgia and that the colors were every bit as intense.

Our Garden Judges II Clinic continued in this garden, so once again I had to juggle the training with seeing the garden. I did see some gorgeous daylilies, including a nice clump of *H. 'American Freedom'* (Grace-Smith 2003), a

5.5" vibrant orange peach blend with a gold edge, which I had seen years ago blooming as a seedling in Larry Grace's greenhouse. It is a tetraploid with near-perfect blooms, though its scapes now seem a bit short, in respect to today's preference for taller daylilies. **'America's Most Wanted'** (Carr 1997) was a 6" tetraploid, a golden cream yellow self with a green throat.

In an area near the house, shaded from the bright sun, I came across a nice bloom of the tetraploid, *H.* **'Brooklyn Twist'** (Lambertson 1998), 9" spider with a ratio of 5.00:1. In the shadows, it was a vivid violet red self with a green throat. Also in bloom against the stone masonry of the house was **'His Highness'** (Stamile 2000), an 8.5" tetraploid unusual form crispate, which was a pale lavender self above a green throat.

I thoroughly enjoyed River Scape Gardens and found a moment to capture a shot of the bed of daylilies in the proximity of the old barn and another with the Etowah River in the background. Before I hurried back to the clinic and asked folks what they thought of a nice planting of *H.* **'Marked By Lydia'** (Temple 1994), an 8.5" diploid with a spider ratio of 5.31:1, I had even managed to find a seat on a bench in the shade where I could enjoy the colorful daylilies in front of the huge magnolia tree. The single bloom, a medium yellow with a purple eyezone above a green throat, had somehow gotten itself mislabeled, and I wanted folks to know I had been paying attention. As a member of the Board of Directors, I was about the only one there who anticipated that Jack would be receiving the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal that evening for his lifelong contributions to hybridizing, but I didn't tell.

Back at the hotel that afternoon, I conducted my second Educational Workshop on "Photography in the Garden." I had a blast showing some of the really awful photographs I've taken in the last couple of years, illustrative of "what not to do," and I showed some of the best work from a number of the great photographers in the AHS, illustrative of "what we can do."

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H. **'Brooklyn Twist'** (Lambertson 1998), a violet red with a green throat, was a 9" spider with a spider ratio of 5.00:1. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. **'Marked By Lydia'** (Temple 1994), a classic spider with a ratio of 5.31:1, is a medium yellow with a purple chevron eyezone above a yellow green throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



River Scape Gardens on the banks of the Etowah River provides a picturesque setting for daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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Digital Photography Awards Guidelines for 2016

Region 14 is sponsoring Photography Awards for 2016 in two divisions: Youth and Adult.

Images will be accepted until June 21, 2016. Please e-mail as attachments or put them on a CD and mail to the Photography Liaison. Do not reduce the size of images. They need to be sent large enough, preferably 1MB to 6MB, for our editor to be able to print them in our regional newsletter. Images sent at less than 500 KB cannot be accepted.

Rules and guidelines:

Again this year, there are two divisions: Youth (under 21) and Adult.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The artistic category should stress uniqueness in subject and composition.

The photographer must be an AHS Region 14 member.

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

Region 14 will present a certificate plus a cash award of \$25 in each of the five categories, and the winning entries will be published in the 2016 Summer/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. An awards presentation will be held at the Region 14 Fall Meeting on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

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Please send your images by June 21, 2016, to:

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Birmingham Daylily Society

Kay Chappell, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:00 P.M.

January, February, March

4th Sunday—2:00 P.M.

September

1st Saturday—11:30 A.M.

December

Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham, AL

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At our meeting in March we had the pleasure of having Bill and Diana Waldrop of Kennesaw Mountain Daylily Gardens. Bill shared with us some of the exciting things that would be happening at the AHS National Meeting. This meeting will be held in Atlanta, GA. Their garden will be on the tour of gardens and Bill's introduction *Hemerocallis* 'Hotlanta' (2014) is on their logo and is one of the registration plant gifts. Bill gave us a very enthusiastic presentation. He showed us many of his introductions as well as some of his promising seedlings. He brought several of his great plants to auction and even included the plant before mentioned *H.* 'Hotlanta'.

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society hosted AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS. Several of our members went down a day early to enjoy a social where there were good eats, fellowship, entertainment and auction of two special daylilies. On Friday the meeting began with plant sales, raffles, open gardens, clinics, and seminars. At 6:00 P.M. our business meeting began. Jeff Salter gave us a humorous presentation. Our auction of daylilies began with Jim Chappell as our Auctioneer. Saturday the buses began loading and we headed out to see two gardens in the morning followed by lunch. After lunch we enjoyed visiting two more gardens. All the gardens were wonderful, and we really enjoyed all the hard work that each gardener had put into making them so beautiful. Each garden was special and unique. Saturday night we met at 7:00 P.M. for our Awards Banquet. We enjoyed a delicious buffet. The presentation was given by our speaker David Kirchhoff who showed us many of his introductions and seedlings. C.P. Winters, Region 14 President, led the meeting for the awards presentation. We hope everyone who participated went home with a good feeling for a job well done. We especially hope someone will step up for the Spring Regional Meeting next year.

A few of our members were able to attend the AHS National Convention in Atlanta, GA. Region 14 members were well represented at the meeting, and several members were honored with national awards. Our hosts were the Cobb County Daylily Society and the Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta. Our hosts did a great job and everything seemed to run smoothly. The convention location was in the Renaissance Atlanta Waverly Hotel. It was a gorgeous facility, so large it seemed like you had to walk a mile to get anywhere. We received lots of nice daylily plants at registration and as bus plants. We were happy to get Tim Bell as our bus captain both days. He kept us entertained and informed about everything regarding daylilies. The eight gardens we saw were just gorgeous. The weather was perfect; it stayed cloudy most of the day. We hated to come

back to our gardens, but enjoyed taking a breather. We appreciated all the effort it took for all the members who put on our Regional Meeting and the National Convention. Thank you everyone for a job well done!

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Blount Iris and Daylily Society

No report submitted.

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Central Alabama Daylily Society

No report submitted.

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Cullman Iris and Daylily Society

No report submitted.

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The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

No report submitted, although I did receive some splendid information on the Mobile Daylily Show.

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Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Barbara Barnes, Recording Secretary

3rd 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)

Club Website: www.montgomeryareadaylilysociety.com

President:	Terese Goodson
First Vice President:	Donna Currington
Second Vice President:	Linda Carleton
Recording Secretary:	Barbara Barnes
Treasurer:	Cecil Barnes
Corresponding Secretary:	Martha Barber
Parliamentarian:	Jack Harrison

The Montgomery Area Daylily Society is having a great year. We have been very busy with many opportunities. Once again we have gained the status of Platinum Club since all club members are members of the American Hemerocallis Society. The devastating down side this year has been the death of Bill Oswalt, dearly loved and adored by all of us. Bill was one of those people you might meet once in a life time. We miss him very much. He has left a void. Bill was truly a southern gentleman.

As reported in the Spring issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, we were privileged to have Mark and Patty Franklin to take time from their preparations for the AHS National Convention in Atlanta to share a PowerPoint program featuring their spectacular MP Flower Garden in Marietta, Georgia. They also graciously shared plants to auction and for door prizes.

April 4th, the first Saturday at Santuck, AL, was our first daylily sale of the year and has proven to be a great chance to reach customers we would not reach in Montgomery at our Eastdale Mall sale. This year we had both pots and freshly dug daylilies to offer.

On April 12th Jim and Martha Brazelton of Diamond Valley Gardens shared their hybridizing program. Their beautiful garden features registered cultivars, plus many of their beautiful seedlings. They

generously shared daylilies to auction. Their reds, *Hemerocallis* ‘**Beyond Red**’ (2015), featured in an ad in the Spring issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, and *H.* ‘**Bama’s Red Zone**’ (2011) were stunning.



In April, Jim and Martha Brazelton presented their program on hybridizing to the Montgomery Area Daylily Society. MADS President, Terese Goodson (right), pauses for a snapshot. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

On May 23, we were treated to a special “Open House” by Paul Furr, one of our long-standing members. His garden was beautiful. The morning out was a wonderful occasion.

Several days later, a number of us traveled to Hattiesburg, MS, to attend our Spring 2015 Regional Meeting.

Marie Updike and members of the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Club in Columbus, Georgia, arranged a “Daylilies In Bloom” tour of their gardens on June 2. We enjoyed The Columbus Botanical Garden, The Glenn and Lonnie Ward Garden, including all the little “fishes,” and also the Dot and Murray Garden. We carpoled to Columbus and had a great time.

The following Saturday, June 6th, was our sale at Eastdale Mall in Montgomery. Besides offering double fan cultivars, this is the sale where we offer literature, bloom displays, color charts, etc., and all the advice anybody might want. Our customers are always there waiting on us to open our sale. We are grateful to them for their loyalty.

This year our club voted to forgo our annual daylily trip and planned instead to go to the National AHS Convention in Atlanta on June 10th-13th. Fifteen of our members made the trip to Atlanta, where we were treated to eight gardens one had to see to believe—beautiful gardens with beautiful flowers and fauna of all kinds. It was a fantastic National Convention and we all enjoyed our time together.

On June 20th, Charlotte and Mabry Whetstone opened their home on Lake Martin for our annual picnic. Mabry cooked chicken outside on a grill and it was delicious. The rest of us brought side dishes and drinks and had a pleasant, quiet afternoon surrounded by water and good friends and good conversation.

Now that we have all these things behind us, we look forward to the August covered dish lunch on the third Saturday. We are looking forward to having Fred and Kathleen Manning as guests. This meeting will also be our Popularity Poll meeting. Please remember to vote individually in the Popularity Poll. It is important for Region 14 to be well represented.

We are once again hosting the Region 14 Fall Meeting in Montgomery, AL, at the Memorial Presbyterian Church on Bell Road on Saturday, October 3rd. We are honored to have Charles and Heidi Douglas of Browns Ferry Gardens of Georgetown, South Carolina, as our guest speakers. We are hoping to see everyone at this meeting. Please check out their offerings at www.brownferrygardens.com.

Our October meeting will be devoted to election of officers and our annual auction of daylilies from our own gardens. We will also have

a panel discussion with our own members answering the questions on “What’s Bugging You.”

And last but not least, the Christmas party will roll around on the first Saturday in December before everyone gets too busy and the whole cycle begins again.

To all of you creative out there: Oliver would love to have lots and lots of articles from you for the next issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.



Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

No report submitted.



North Alabama Daylily Society

Madolyn Whitt, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Saturday or Sunday—2:00 P.M.

Huntsville Botanical Garden, Anderson Education Center

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

Members of the North Alabama Daylily Society knew 2015 was going to be a great year for our club when we began the year with Fred Manning, from Lillian, AL, as our guest speaker. We always look forward to seeing Fred and his wife Kathleen and getting news about their garden. Fred brought a number of his new introductions for the plant auction, and just as many plants for door prizes. Almost everyone took home a door prize!

Our March meeting was exciting, also. We had expected Dan Trimmer, but airline mechanical problems at the last minute made it necessary for us to reschedule his program for 2016. Our own club member Jim Brazelton saved the day and stepped up to the plate to deliver a very interesting program on his and wife Martha’s new introductions. They have some fantastic new flowers and it was a great meeting! Our club decided a field trip to the Brazelton garden is in order!

Jesse and Terra George made sure our April meeting was as lively as the February and March meetings. Almost ten years to the day, the Georges gave the first ever presentation to the newly formed North Alabama Daylily Society. Their presentation was enlightening and humorous then, and they are still at it to this day, poking fun at each other and sharing daylily knowledge. Their presentation is a “can’t miss” occasion.

We are now looking forward to our annual plant sale on June 27th at The Greenery, our annual picnic in July, and presentations by Dan Bachman (August,) Lee Pickles (September,) and Jamie Gossard, (October.)

Members of our club are enjoying a monthly electronic newsletter Roger Hooper initiated, which helps us to keep informed of our club’s activities and also includes other interesting daylily tidbits. He was also instrumental in getting our club on the web. Additional information about NADS can be found by visiting <http://nadaylilysociety.org/> or www.Facebook.com/NADaylilySociety



The West Alabama Daylily Society

No report submitted.



The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Bill Wenthe, Reporter

2nd Saturday—12:00 Noon

Grace Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL

September, October, November, December,

January, February, March, April, May

President:	B. J. Yance
Vice President:	Sue Ballard
Secretary:	Bill Wenthe
Treasurer:	Carolyn Yance
Chaplain:	Lewis Mallory
Parliamentarian:	Jim Netherton
Reporter:	Bill Wenthe

March and April were busy months. We had our members Larry and Cindy Grace present our program in March when the Georges had to cancel because of illness. In April, the Brazeltons presented a program about their seedlings and their future introductions.

The Wiregrass Daylily Society held its 7th Annual Daylily Show on Saturday, May 16, 2015, at the First United Methodist Church, Dothan, Alabama. There were 14 Members in attendance with 10 of these members exhibiting. Several guest from Georgia also exhibited. Patricia Wenthe, show chairman, reported there were 190 scapes entered.

The show results were as follows:

Extra large: *Hemerocallis* 'Curious George' (Peat 2001), Clair Herrick

Large: *H.* 'Rain Frog' (Bell 2008), Sue Ballard

Small: 'Winning Praise' (Netherton 2012), Jim Netherton

Miniature: 'Gail Reese' (Reese 2001), Jim Netherton

Double: 'Sebastian the Crab' (Joiner 2003), Guy Meadows

Spider: 'Lillian's Konnie' (Manning 2005), Sue Ballard

Pop. Poll: No winner

Seedling: Jim Netherton

Best in Show: 'Rain Frog', Sue Ballard

Sweepstakes: Jim Netherton

Design Division: America The Beautiful (Display Only)

In an effort to draw the public in to see the beauty of the daylily; Sue Ballard, Rita Moore, and Pat Wenthe displayed arrangements.

Section 1: Standard Traditional Arrangements: Purple Mountains Majesties

Section 2: Standard Modern Arrangements: Amber Waves of Grain

Section 3: Standard Design in the Oriental Manner: From Sea To Shining Sea

The Society continues work to maintain the daylily beds at the Dothan Area Botanical Garden and provide the public with an opportunity to see the various forms and colors present in modern daylilies.

Eight members represented WDS at the National convention in Atlanta. They reported an absolutely fantastic weekend. Eight wonderful gardens were enjoyed and the bus ride was even fun with Tim Bell as their bus captain. Our members came home with enthusiasm and many daylilies after attending seminars and participating in raffles.



East Alabama Daylily Society

Inactive.

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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:	Nancy Chain
Secretary:	Vonda Martin
Treasurer:	Connie Montgomery
Publicity Directors:	Bud & Virginia Kirkpatrick

As this report is posted, all of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) is swelling with pride with the news that our own Barbara and Earl Watts have received the American Hemerocallis Society's Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal Award. This award is the American Hemerocallis Society's highest honor and is awarded annually for distinguished and meritorious service by an AHS member on the national level. It is named for the founder of the American Hemerocallis Society. The award was made at the AHS annual meeting in Atlanta, GA.

That news caps about three weeks of whirlwind activity for HADS. The spring began with HADS hosting the 2015 Region 14 Meeting. Meeting chair Earl Watts out-did himself with over 140 attending. The meeting was dedicated to HADS oldest member, Mary Lois Burkett, of Hattiesburg, who is 101. Yes, she continues to work in her garden, with a little help from her friends.

The meeting was filled with garden tours, workshops, and the regional business meeting. During the Saturday evening banquet, a number of awards were presented, based on the attendees having voted during the garden tours. The winners appear on pages 12-15 of this issue.

Next in the spring whirl was the Open Gardens on Memorial Day weekend. A high of ten gardens were open for visitors. In spite of on and off rain, the garden hosts reported a brisk traffic of visitors.

Rounding out the three weeks of activity was the 20th Annual Daylily Show. It was held as usual at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. A total of 430 daylilies were entered for judging in the Horticultural Division and eight in the Design Division. Visitors in the public portion of the show enjoyed viewing the entries and winners.

Continuing the HADS monthly program report since the last issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, the March meeting was the Annual Business Meeting, where the main focus of business was the election of officers, following the nomination committee report. Upon receiving the report of the nominating committee, the following slate of officers was unanimously selected: President, Gary Campbell, Bassfield, MS; Vice-President, Nancy Chain, Sumrall, MS; Secretary, Vonda Martin, Perkinston, MS; Treasurer, Connie Montgomery, Hattiesburg, MS; and Publicity, Bud & Virginia Kirkpatrick, Hattiesburg, MS.

The April program featured Chuck Grantham, representing Bio-soil Enhancers, Inc. Chuck gave a detailed look at his company's product in the preparation of soil. He also gave a thorough look at the preparation of soil, a topic on the minds of all daylily growers.

On May 17, show co-chairs Jon Tibbetts and Barbara Watts, got the group ready for the upcoming Daylily Show, with a program dedicated to the rules of the road in preparing and presenting daylilies for show. During that meeting Earl Watts gave a presentation on grooming and preparing the daylily for show.

The final meeting of the year was the Annual Wrap-Up Meeting on May 20 at the home of Barbara and Earl Watts. This is a brunch, with

everyone bringing their favorite brunch food. Business of the meeting was light, with the new officers assuming their duties, an assortment of announcements and setting the dates for the 2016 open garden tour and 21st Annual Daylily Show. The dates will remain the same, with the open garden tour on Memorial Weekend, and the Show will be the first Saturday in June: June 4, 2016.

For additional information about the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society or a complete look at Barbara and Earl Watts accomplishments through the years visit the web site: www.hattiesburgdaylily.com



Earl Watts poses with his scape of H. 'Planet Max' (Reed 2006), which won Best in Show at the HADS Show. The bowl given as a prize was cast by Wayne McLaurin of Long Beach, MS. (Photo by Louise McClellan)

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Meridian Daylily Club

No report submitted; Last report, Summer/Fall 2014

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MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

2nd Saturday—1:30 P.M.

Vancleave Public Library, Hwy. 57, Vancleave, MS

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

Club website: mgcds.web.com

President:	Bonnie Lingel
Vice President:	Edna Shaw
Secretary:	Lisa Hammons
Treasurer:	Steve Hammons

Our annual Show on May 23, 2015, at Edgewater Mall was quite a success. The Show was entitled "Daylilies: A New Smiling Face Each Summer / Fall 2015

Day." We had 203 entries with good member and crowd participation. Thanks to Fred Manning and Barbara & Earl Watts for the donation of seedlings, the plant sale actually paid for the show and then some.

We had 19 members attend the Region 14 Spring Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, on May 28-30, 2015, and 8 members at the AHS National Convention in Atlanta, GA, on June 10-13, 2015. Barbara and Earl Watts from Hattiesburg, MS, were awarded the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal at the National Convention. We have several members who took classes at the Regional Meeting to become Garden Judges and 3 members who are finishing their requirement to become Exhibition Judges. Congratulations to all!

We have 3 new members: Lynne and Jimmy Davis of Ocean Springs, MS, and T. K. Long, a youth member.

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North MS/AL Daylily Society

Martha Stancil, Reporter

2nd Tuesday—5:30 P.M.

The Gilmore Foundation Conference, Amory, MS

March, April, September, December

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

Our first meeting of 2015 was in March. We had voted last year to revise the meeting dates in the earlier months of the year due to inclement weather. Mary Tuggle was our guest speaker for the March meeting. Ms. Tuggle is a "jack-of-all-trades" at Palmer Home for Children in Columbus, MS. She has been with Palmer Home for 14 years in charge of 12 greenhouses, mowing 35 of the 100 acres and caring for 13 horses. In April, Ms. Tuggle was our tour guide explaining the greenhouse operations. They have all manner of flowers, vines, and vegetables for sale to the public. August is the month they begin preparing poinettias for the holiday season. After the tour, we had lunch at Logan's, the best strawberry-lemonade ever!

Member, Juanice Hayes, attended the Spring Region 14 Meeting in Hattiesburg. We are anxious to hear an overview of the garden tours, keynote speakers, and the newest in daylilies.

Our next meeting is scheduled for September 9th at The Gilmore Foundation which graciously allows our club to use this facility with all of the state-of-the-art technology. The early spring rains certainly created a lot of growth in the daylilies, and we were blessed with hardy scapes with great blooms this season.

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The following daylily societies appear to be no longer active, since they have not reported in over a year:

Jackson Hemerocallis Society

Marion County Hemerocallis Society

Miss-Lou Daylily Society

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Newsletter Award Categories

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

Article About Cultivars

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

Article About Gardens

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

Article About a Hybridizer

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

Article About Daylily Culture

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

Scientific Article

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

Article Using Humor

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

Article About Hybridizing

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

Article Demonstrating a Specific Aspect of Garden Design

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

Article About Photographing Daylilies

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

Article About Garden Technology

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

Article Featuring Historical Aspects

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

Article About Daylily Personalities

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

Youth Article

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

Editorial Special Award

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

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Charles and Heidi Douglas will be Region 14's featured speakers at our Fall Regional Meeting in Montgomery, AL. They are great hybridizers and delightful personalities. Here they are captured in a photographic moment at the National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Just to spend time with them is a joy!
(Photo by Marie Updike)

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Editor's Column:

We are pleased to present our nineteenth issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, and we hope you will enjoy it. As always, my wife, Nancy, has done a commendable job of proofreading.

For this issue, I especially want to thank Debbie Smith for her well-written material on the MGCDs Show, for this allowed us to give extensive coverage to an exhibition show. I also want to thank Terese Goodson for her articles on the Montgomery Area Daylily Society's travels and for the information submitted on Paul Furr's open garden. I would encourage other clubs, when you host a significant event, to send in a full report and accompany it with good photographs.

The gardens at our Spring Regional Meeting were absolutely beautiful, and I would like to thank each of our Summer / Fall 2015

hosts, as well as those who took time out to write up the gardens. I want to invite all of you to attend our National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, June 29-July 2, next year. The gardens at the Atlanta National Convention were uniformly the best I've seen. For those of you were not able to attend I've tried to share some highlights.

This past year we had some great historical articles, garden write-ups, articles on hybridizers, on daylily personalities, on daylily shows, on travel, and even some humorous daylily lists. Let's keep striving to do our best. In December, there will be a shorter Winter issue of *The Dixie Daylily* published on-line. It will cover the events and announcements from our Fall Regional Meeting.

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The Sally Lake Memorial Bed Winner for 2015
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