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Cover Photo: *Since starting up a new program of hybridizing, Larry Grace has continued to produce quality daylilies. With humility, he has not chosen to promote these plants for Awards & Honors, but nonetheless your editor finds a number of his registrations most deserving. On a recent tour by the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, members found Hemerocallis 'The Cost of Freedom' (Grace-L. 2015) an outstanding plant. It is with pleasure that I have chosen a photo of this cultivar to grace the cover of The Dixie Daylily.*

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

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The Dixie Daylily GUIDELINES

The editor invites submissions on the following:

Articles on Daylilies
Articles on Daylily Culture
Profiles of Region 14 Hybridizers
Garden Write-ups
Features of Historical Interest
Articles on Photography
Scientific Studies Involving Daylilies
Club News and Events

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

All submissions will be edited for length, grammar, clarity and style to ensure the highest possible quality in our publication. If you have any questions, please call Oliver Billingslea at (334)-277-0994, or e-mail him at:

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REGIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DEBBIE SMITH

It is now June and very hot and muggy. The first scapes have already bloomed, and rebloom is coming. It is time to slow down and take a breath. As I look back, May was a great month. After the initial worry, the shows all went off without a hitch; there were not record breaking numbers of entries in shows, but a very respectable showing nonetheless. The initial show results will be in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*, and the final results will be published in the *The Daylily Journal* "Supplement" in January 2017.

Our AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting was held in Dothan, Alabama, on May 20-21, 2016. We had 90 people registered, and 86 attended. The gardens were beautiful and showed three very different styles. For those of you who could not attend, the garden write-ups in this issue will describe each garden. The tremendous amount of planning, implementation, and work was obvious. The Dothan Club worked tirelessly with instructional workshops on photography, planning and hosting a show, and the hybridizer's forum which had something for everyone. The speaker was Jamie Gossard who showed us what's going on "up North" and how little most of us know about ploidy. Many thanks to the Wiregrass Daylily Society for stepping up to host this meeting. They did a great job with very little time. I would like to personally thank everyone who donated plants for the Auction, the Silent Auction, the plant sale table, and everyone who donated time and effort to keeping this Region strong. We raised a total of \$5,590.00 with the plants. Thanks to our Garden Judges Liaison, Nancy Chain, and our Exhibition Judges Liaison, John Falck (and Nancy) for organizing the training workshops. They were well attended. I am happy to report that the Wiregrass Daylily Society finished the event comfortably in the black.

After many years of being one of the largest AHS regions in numbers of members we are now 6th. Our numbers continue to decline; in the fall of 2014 we had 477 members in Region 14. In the spring of this year we are down to 235 members. This trend is the same across the entire AHS. When we have a daylily show or our clubs participate in any other community event, we are fulfilling the primary objective of the AHS, which is to promote the daylily. There are many ways to promote our favorite flower. There are brochures available from AHS with a membership application attached. Additionally, many clubs print rack cards and place them in multiple locations. When we meet new people at events, and they express interest in the daylily, we should follow up and invite them to a club meeting or other club events. We also need to tell them what is available in each of our areas and to strongly encourage each club member to join AHS. Using AHS memberships for awards and other prizes works for many clubs. We still need a Region 14 Membership Chair. I think that this is an important position because so many new people slip through the cracks never to be heard from again. If anyone has time, a phone, and a few computer skills, please let me know if you would like to serve in this position.

It is with great pleasure that I tell you C. P. Winter's condition is much improved; in fact, her doctor said that it is a miracle. With her permission, I tell you that the primary tumor is gone and the seeding of her lungs, stomach and liver has cleared.

A note from CP:

June 15, 2016

I want to thank everyone for their cards and well wishes but mostly for their prayers. I am much better and the doctor is amazed with me. I am sorry that I could not be with you at the Spring Regional but I hope to see you all in the Fall. Please continue to pray for me because I contribute all my improvement to the Lord and the power of prayer.

*Thank you,
C. P. Winters*

Our Fall Regional will be in Biloxi, Mississippi, on October 1, 2016, hosted by the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society. The registration form is in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. Exhibition Judging Clinic III will be held prior to the meeting starting at 8 a.m. and finishing before 10 a.m. for those who need it.

I am happy to announce that the 2017 Spring Regional Meeting will be held in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, on May 26th and 27th. This is particularly appropriate as it will be the 25th Anniversary of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society. Suburban Daylilies, the home of Earl and Barbara Watts will host the Sally Lake Bed. FigLily Acres of Edd and Nancy Chain and The Montgomery Garden of Don and Connie Montgomery will be on tour. This will tie into the Open Gardens of Memorial Day Weekend. The speaker will be Luddy Lambertson of Art Gallery Gardens. There will be a Bar-B-Q dinner on Thursday, May 25, 2017. So please mark your calendar with these dates.

Please remember to turn in club contact information as it changes so that we may get AHS announcements and other information to your club in a timely manner. Also, please remember to vote in the popularity poll and to get your ballot to Phyllis Riddle postmarked by September 1, 2016. The ballot is available online and is in the previous issue of *The Dixie Daylily* also.

I want to thank everyone who has in ANY way helped me to complete this term as your Regional President, and I especially thank Terese Goodson for accepting the nomination and position for next year! I look forward to seeing many of you in Kentucky at the end of the month and I am looking forward to seeing you ALL in the fall.

P.S. I am pleased to announce the approval of a new AHS Display Garden, KAHATCHEE GARDEN, the garden of Arthur and Glenda Woods, in Childersburg, Alabama. There are approximately 1300 daylilies in their garden covering all the different forms. They also have a Stout Medal Bed. There are many companion plants along with rustic benches, a bridge, and birdhouses, which Arthur makes with reclaimed materials. Give them a call at (256) 267-9995 and make plans for a tour next Spring.

P.P.S. Awards from the National Convention:

Jim and Phyllis Riddle joined a very prestigious club by receiving the Region 14 Service Award. (A person can only receive this award once.)

Hybridizer Clyde (Fred) Manning received two Honorable Mention Awards: for *Hemerocallis* 'Lillian's White Lies' and *H.* 'Lillian's First Bite' to start them on their trip up the Awards Pyramid.

Our editor, Oliver Billingslea, received multiple awards: (1) Best Article About Cultivars: "Travels with My Camera: The 2015 National Convention in Atlanta, Georgia," Summer/Fall 2015 *The Dixie Daylily*; (2) Best Article About Gardens: "Travels with My Camera: The 2014 National Convention in Asheville, North Carolina," Spring 2015 *The Dixie Daylily*; (3) Best Article About a Hybridizer: "A Morning at JTM Gardens," Spring 2015 *The Dixie Daylily*; (4) Best Use of Pictures and Graphics: Oliver Billingslea, Editor, Region 14, *The Dixie Daylily*; and (5) Best Newsletter for 2015: Oliver Billingslea, Editor, Region 14, *The Dixie Daylily*.

Congratulations to all!

Debbie Smith

RPD'S REPORT PHYLLIS RIDDLE

Hello my Daylily loving friends.

Well our bloom season began early and ended early. The drought here in Wilsonville is significant. On a lighter note, our Spring Regional meeting was just spectacular. The Dothan Area Botanical Gardens facility was great. The food was awesome and the company was the best. If you were not there, you missed some wonderful gardens. It never ceases to amaze me the talent that our members have in garden design. Our worries about rain were unfounded. It only rained when we were inside. Isn't our God good.

We truly appreciate those of you that donated daylily plants for the live auction, the silent auction, the sale table, and of course those on-scape daylilies that we used for the exhibition judges classes. Jim and I were able to judge two Daylily Shows in our region and one in Region 10 this season. We need more judges for both Exhibition Judges and Garden Judges, so if you will consider taking one of the classes at either a Regional meeting or the National meeting you can still register.

So far I have received only three Popularity Poll ballots. Our bloom season is completed, so you can send those to me now. Your vote is very important to our region. That is our way of knowing which daylilies are popular here compared to those in other regions.

The ballot was published in the Spring issue of *The Dixie Daylily* with information on how to send it to me for tabulation. It is also available on the AHS website under Region 14, and on our Region 14 website. And if you can't do any of those, just send me an email with your ten (10) choices. You send it, I will count it.

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As I write this, we are looking forward to the AHS National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, at the end of June. If you have never attended a National Convention please consider the 2017 meeting in Norfolk, Virginia, to be hosted by the Tidewater Daylily Society.

The 2016 fall Region 14 meeting will be in Biloxi, Mississippi, on Saturday, October 1. Our Speaker will be Tim Bell. Information for registration is published in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Phyllis Riddle

MINUTES, SPRING MEETING 2016 JANET GREEN, SECRETARY

The AHS Region 14 Spring 2016 Business Meeting was held at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens in Dothan, Alabama, on May 19-21, 2016, and was presented by the Wiregrass Daylily Society. Attendees at the Regional Meeting were welcomed by Rita Moore, member and Chairman of the Region 14 steering committee.

Region 14 President, Debbie Smith, thanked the members of the Wiregrass Daylily Society who helped with the spring regional meeting.

The business meeting was called to order by President Smith, who recognized outside Region 14 attendees, oversaw club roll call the next night, and recognized former RPs (Jim Riddle, Earl Watts, John Falck, Oliver Billingslea, and Jack Harrison), RVPs, editors, secretaries, and treasurers. President Smith took a moment to remember the members whom we lost this year (Shelton Holliday, Joe Ponder and Walley Wesley). She also asked everyone to keep in our prayers C. P. Winters, former regional president.

Regional Secretary, Janet Green, was asked to stand. The Region 14 minutes for the Fall 2015 meeting were published in *The Dixie Daylily*. President Smith asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Jim Riddle asked the time of publication mentioned in report be amended. Nancy Chain moved to accept minutes. The minutes were approved as published with correction to be made.

Regional Treasurer, Jim Chappell, reported a beginning balance of \$22,497.00 on hand. After expenses and earnings, Region 14 now has \$17,229.57. There were no questions and that report will be filed.

Brief reports were given as follows:

*Dixie Daylily Editor, Oliver Billingslea, encouraged photos and articles for next edition, as well as write-ups on gardens on tour (deadline for submitting articles is June 21, 2016).

*In his Director's Report, Oliver Billingslea, confirmed that the artist sketch and plaque for the Lenington All-American bed at North Dakota State University is ongoing. He reported that he would also like to see the Huntsville group oversee the establishment of a similar Lenington bed at the Huntsville Botanical Garden, and that a grant from AHS to help with expenditures could be forthcoming.

He reported the pending publication on behalf of AHS of his new book *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and other "Exotics,"* scheduled for Fall 2016.

*Exhibition Judges Liaison, John Falck, encouraged more members to become exhibition judges, and that all clinics had students. Biloxi will hold the Clinic III class, at our Fall Meeting, and all exhibition judges need to send address, email, phone # to John to update his list.

*Garden Judges Liaison, Nancy Chain, encouraged members to become garden judges and reported that all clinics had students.

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

*Youth Liaison, Tricia Folks, needs ideas to encourage more youth to get involved. There were no youth in attendance.

*William E. Monroe Endowment Fund Trust Representative, Oliver Billingslea, reported \$760,996.01 in the fund as of April 30, 2016.

*Protocol, Jack Harrison, had no report at this time.

President Smith reported concerning an election for Regional Officers, "Somehow we overlooked the need to elect a Director this year and did not sit a nominating committee. In order to comply with AHS Region 14 guidelines, a ballot was printed in *The Dixie Daylily* and went online over 30 days previous to our Spring Meeting." Nancy Chain put forth Terese Goodson as the new Region 14 President. John Falck moved to accept the nomination and it was accepted by all members. A motion was also made and accepted to have Oliver Billingslea carry on as Director for three more years.

President Smith asked was there any old business or new business. There was not. President Smith thanked everyone who donated plants for the live or silent auction, sales tables, bus plants, and she thanked everyone who donated their time and efforts to put on this Region 14 meeting as well as those in attendance.

President Smith closed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Green

**Required Statement
to be Placed at the End of Region 14 Bylaws**

Region 14 Protocol Chair, Jack Harrison, has pointed out that the following statement should be placed at the end of our Region 14 bylaws to avoid any parliamentary decision being challenged by a member: **"The parliamentary authority of these bylaws shall be *Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised.*"** Our Region 14 bylaws were last printed in the Summer/Fall issue of *The Dixie Daylily* (2009).

**TREASURER'S REPORT 6/15/16
JIM CHAPPELL, TREASURER**

January 1, 2016—June 15, 2016

Cash on Hand @ January 1, 2016 \$22,497.00

Total Funds: \$22,497.00

Receipts:

03/17/2016 Chattahoochee Valley Ad	\$70.00
05/05/2016 Donation by JHS to Fund Shelton Holliday Award	\$900.00
05/05/2016 Donation from MGCDS	\$48.95
05/28/2016 Plant Sale	\$305.00
05/28/2016 Silent Auction	\$215.00
05/28/2016 Spring Auction	\$5,065.00

Total Receipts: \$6,603.95
\$6,603.95

Expenditures:

04/05/2016 Paul Aucoin, Website	-\$183.38
05/12/2016 Wells Printing, DD Spring 2016	-\$3,203.00
05/19/2016 Director's Allowance	-\$1,000.00
05/19/2016 Editor's Allowance	-\$1,000.00
05/19/2016 RP's Allowance	-\$1,000.00
05/20/2016 Postage for DD	-\$280.94
05/20/2016 Oliver Billingslea, Supplies	-\$177.03
05/20/2016 Debbie Smith, Awards and Supplies	-\$331.48
05/20/2016 Debbie Smith, Shelton Holliday Award	-\$70.00
05/20/2016 Wiregrass Daylily Society, Speaker Fee (Spring)	-\$500.00
05/28/2016 Phyllis Riddle, Supplies	-\$61.99

Total Expenditures: -\$7,807.82
-\$7,807.82

Cash on Hand @ June 15, 2016 \$21,293.13

Total Funds: \$21,293.13

Jim Chappell

<p>SPRING MEETINGS</p> <p>2017 HATTIESBURG, MS</p> <p>2018 MONTGOMERY, AL</p>

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT OLIVER BILLINGSLEA

The AHS Board of Directors met on June 30, 2016, in Louisville, KY.

Of importance to Region 14 is the notice that our regional membership continues to decline ever so slightly. As of June 1, 2016, Region 14 had 342 AHS members, a loss of 25 members from the same time last year. It is incumbent upon each of us to make an effort to recruit new members for our clubs and to assign each new member an interesting task, so that each will understand how much each is valued. Membership in AHS is also important in respect to enhanced education about daylilies, as each new member receives among his/her benefits the AHS quarterly publication, *The Daylily Journal*, as well as our own Region 14's *The Dixie Daylily*, generally published in hard copy twice a year. I am proud to point out that *The Dixie Daylily* received the Best Newsletter Award for 2015. It is an honor your editor wishes to share with every member of this region. A new award has been added to the list of newsletter awards, Best Article about Daylilies in a Non-daylily Publication.

AHS is pleased to announce that a new Display Garden has been added to the 293 Display Gardens nationwide, that of Glenda and Arthur Woods in Childersburg, AL. The AHS will have brand new Display Garden signs available for purchase by this Fall.

As Chair of Special Projects, I am pleased to announce that the Lenington All-American Award Winners Bed sign, sponsored by the AHS, is now in place at the NDSU's Historical Daylily Garden in Fargo, ND. I have also completed work on the forthcoming AHS publication, *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and other "Exotics."* My draft was approved unanimously by the AHS Board, and the book is scheduled for Fall publication. It will contain the latest information on Awards, including the 2016 Harris Olson Award Spider Award and the 2016 Lambert/Webster Unusual Form Award.

One of the most important events in attending the upcoming Fall Board Meeting is the opportunity the directors have in voting for various awards: the Helen Field Fischer Gold Medal for Service, the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for Hybridizing, the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award, the Electronic Media Award, and the various Regional Service Awards. As you know, these awards are kept as a surprise until the following National Convention.

If you would like to nominate someone for these awards, please do so. Nomination letters must be received by Melodye Campbell, Chair of Awards & Honors, by September 1, 2016. She can accept an electronic submission at awards@daylilies.org or you may mail your letter to her home address at 21 Ambleside Drive, Fairport, NY 14450.

The latest AHS publication, *Double Daylilies: Twice the Fun*, by Scott Elliott is still available. It can be ordered on the AHS Portal or directly from Brenda Macy, Publication Services Manager, 109 West Poplar St., Elizabethtown, KY 42701. Her e-mail address is pubsales@daylilies.org

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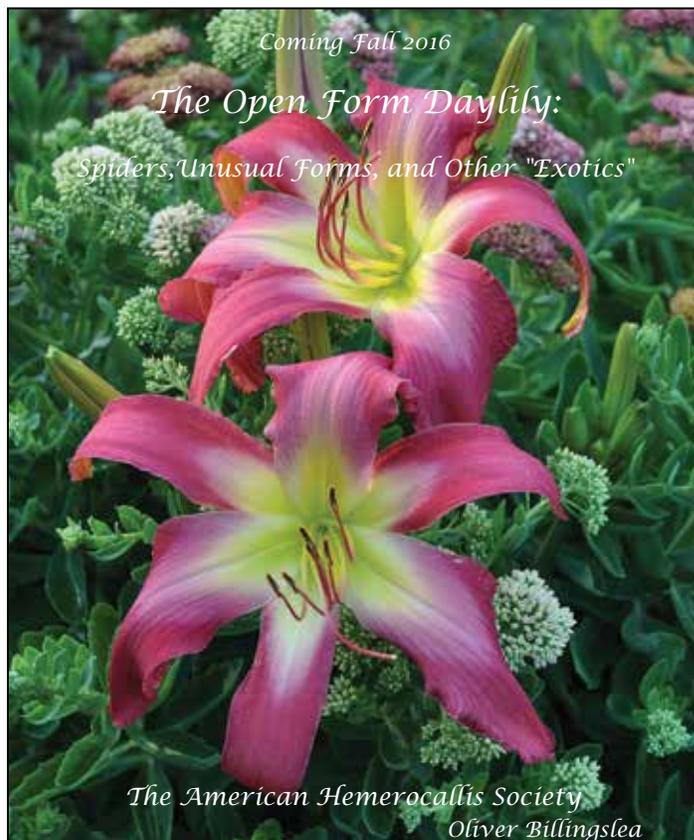
In other news, *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies* has sold out, but plans are in the works for me to update it and have a revised edition available in time for Christmas. The revised edition will include photos of the most recent Stout Medal and Lenington All-American Award winners.

Oliver Billingslea



With a grant from AHS, the Lenington All-American Award Winners Bed has been established at the NDSU's Historical Daylily Garden. It is to be hoped that a club will encourage a botanical garden in Region 14 to apply for a similar grant to establish a Lenington All-American Bed.

(Photo courtesy of Bryce Farnsworth)



AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting

October 1, 2016

Hosted by the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society
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Registration Fees:

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Youth: \$15.00

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Room Rate: \$99.00 + tax (Free Continental Breakfast; mention "daylilies" for group rate. Rates held through 9/15.)

Registration Form:

1st Person _____ 2nd Person _____

Youth #1 _____ Youth #2 _____

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

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Exhibition Judges Clinic III will be available (8 a.m. to 10 a.m.) _____

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 **MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society**.

The 2016 Region 14 Spring Meeting: Dothan, Alabama



RP Debbie Smith, Presiding



Jamie Gossard, Featured Speaker

Awards Presented



On behalf of the Birmingham Daylily Society, Jesse George presents B. J. Yance the Amy Stewart Memorial Award for Hemerocallis ‘Simply Sensational’ (Salter-E.H. 1996), as Regional President Debbie Smith presides. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Meridian Daylily Society, Lois Smith (center) presents Rita Moore the Ben Arthur Davis Memorial Award for H. ‘Hotlanta’ (Waldrop 2014), while RP Debbie Smith smiles. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the North MS/AL Daylily Society, Sarah Lunsford (center) presents Pat Wenthe the Bennie McRae Memorial Award for H. ‘Shining Mission’ (Netherton 2014). Our RP Debbie Smith smiles approval. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In a delightful moment, on behalf of the MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society, Bonnie Lingel (center) presents Rita Moore the Elaine Smelley Memorial Award for H. ‘Christmas Time’s a Coming’ (George-T. 2012), while Bonnie’s good friend, our RP, looks on. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society, Gary Campbell, along with Region 14 President Debbie Smith, presents B. J. Yance (right) the Nell George Memorial Award for H. **'The Ultimate Sacrifice'** (Grace-L. 2013). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Wiregrass Daylily Society, its President B. J. Yance and Region 14 President Debbie Smith present Pat Wentz the Robbie Bush Adams Award for H. **'Bob Martin'** (Smith-FR 2010). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Jackson Hemerocallis Society, Region 14 President Debbie Smith presents Pat Wentz the Shelton Holliday Memorial Award for H. **'Sebastian the Crab'** (Joiner-J. 2003). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On behalf of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society, Terese Goodson (right) presents Rita Moore the Linda Agin Memorial Award for H. **'Bluegrass Memories'** (Preuss-T. 2006). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The Region 14 Landscape Award, donated by the West Alabama Daylily Society, is presented to Rita Moore (left) by Sarah Lunsford (center), as RP Debbie Smith looks on. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The President's Cup, given for the best clump of a registered and introduced cultivar, is presented to Rita Moore by RP Debbie Smith for H. **'Suburban Nancy Gayle'** (Watts 2004). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The Region 14 Sally Lake Memorial Award Dothan, Alabama



On behalf of the Central Alabama Daylily Society, Bennie Rae Brown (right) presents John Falck the Sally Lake Memorial Award for his entry # 19 in this year's competition. RP Debbie Smith, holding the certificate, shares her lovely smile.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The 2015 Best Article in THE DIXIE DAYLILY Award



Earl Watts presents one of his newest registrations to Kay Chappell for her having written the best article by a member of Region 14, appearing in The Dixie Daylily in 2015. The article was entitled "The Montgomery Garden of Don and Connie Montgomery." RP Debbie Smith presents the certificate.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

*The Region 14
Sally Lake Memorial Award for 2016*



The 2016 Sally Lake Memorial Award

Winner: #19 (John Falck)



B. J. and Carolyn Yance's beautiful "Lilies of the Field" Garden was the site for the 2016 Sally Lake Memorial Bed. Visible is the impressive #19, hybridized by John Falck, which went on to capture the Award. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



*1st Runner-up: #33 (Carolyn Vance)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*2nd Runner-up: #35 (Martha Brazelton)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*3rd Runner-up: #13 (Fred Manning)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



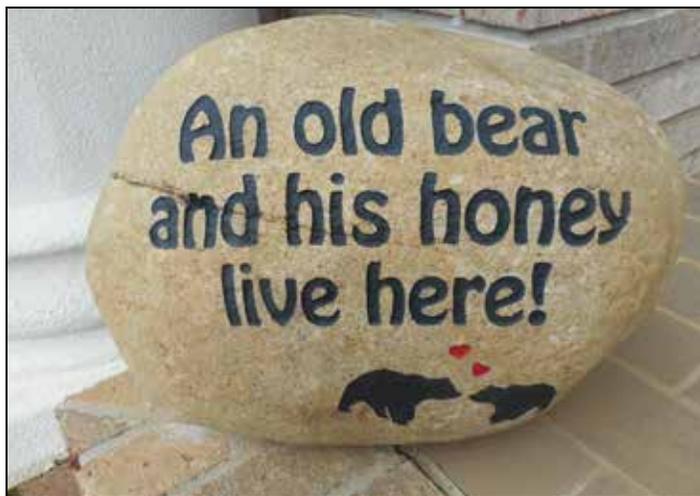
*4th Runner-up: #14 (Nancy Falck)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Lilies of the Field

The Garden of B. J. and Carolyn Yance

by Terese Goodson

Thinking it was a four wheeler, the huge bus darted around on the grass at the back of the property until it found the perfect place to unload daylily enthusiasts at “Lilies of the Field,” the lovely Midland City, AL, home site of “an old bear and his honey,” B. J. and Carolyn Yance. The easy chatter of the guests and the clucking of contented chickens were the only sounds that could be heard.



A humorous greeting acknowledges the owners of “Lilies of the Field.”
(Photo by Terese Goodson)

Under an ominous dark sky, the rolling grounds displayed sweeping vistas of color and foliage, with many areas to explore. Concrete and metal benches were tucked beneath crape myrtles, weeping willows, and a variety of other hardwood trees, simply begging visitors to sit and admire the daylilies. Statues of children held an arched entryway sign at the front entrance of the property, naming the garden, with daylilies happily nestled underneath.

The Yances’ home overlooked a Grecian maiden standing with her urn atop a fountain filled with chartreuse greenery, the perfect complement. A confederate jasmine archway lined the front sidewalk with flower filled containers standing as sentinels on either side. Yard art at the front entrance was whimsical. Here is a question: Did the huge elephant statuery in the front bed have any particular clue to this family’s football preference?

A large metal water trough, filled with shades of pink petunias, would be hard to miss from the house; it was so unexpected. Raised daylily beds were found throughout the garden areas, some in stone or brick, some with landscape timbers, but all artfully arranged for ease of viewing the named specimens. What a lovely visual presentation! A large daylily bed in the shape of a cross was a nice feature, complete with its own Celtic cross.



Statues of children hold up a sign under an arched entryway.
(Photo by Terese Goodson)



One daylily bed in the shape of a cross contained a Celtic cross at its top.
(Photo by Terese Goodson)

The Sally Lake Bed was a busy place throughout the tour, with visitors casting ballots for their favorite seedling, and then enjoying time to sit and relax in the white gazebo next to the mailbox for balloting. It was hard to select just one cultivar for the Sally Lake Memorial Award—there were so many seedlings deserving of this honor.

If you were feeling lucky, a wishing well was right on the property, tucked beside liatris, coreopsis, daylilies, and other butterfly loving flowers. Luck wasn't on Jack Harrison's side (Region 14's Protocol Chair), though. He approached the Sally Lake Bed and was quite drawn by the sight of a Greek statue loaded with more assorted pink petunias. He stopped to smell the flowers, only to get stung by a wasp! Alas! Maybe his luck would change if lovely Carolyn Yance could bring something to stop the swelling on his hand! Not! B. J. Yance saved the day, instead, and Jack was able to enjoy the rest of the tour with his bus cohorts.

be a whole new world to explore, but time was a big factor preventing that as an option for many. Golf carts shuffling guests from one point to another was a welcome sight. A rose garden was discovered nearby and prominent, colorful blooms appeared all over the massive bushes.

Drainage ditches might have posed a visual eyesore, but this garden tastefully added large boulders and a sweet statue of children gathering on a bench to minimize the problem. The result was delightful! Many small cherubs adorned the expansive front yard areas, each overlooking beautiful daylilies and other garden plants.



*A wishing well surrounded by colorful flowers portended good luck!
(Photo by Terese Goodson)*



*H. 'Pappy Gates' (Gates-W.R. 1959)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*



*B. J. Yance comes to Jack's rescue.
(Photo by Terese Goodason)*



*H. 'Joe M. Langdon' (George-J. 2011)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)*

Numerous oakleaf and lacecap hydrangeas, rows of crape myrtles, weeping willows, short and tall palm tree varieties, and Japanese maples were planted throughout the gardens in rows or as singular specimens for delightful sensory appeal. Each section of the garden appeared to Summer / Fall 2016

It would be a pleasure to roam Lilies of the Field each and every morning, marveling at both classic and modern daylilies and the change of seasons throughout the year. The gardens were described as "a work in progress," but this Region 14 group of gardeners was quite pleased with the progress the Yances have made to date.

Terese Goodson

Moore Gardens

The Garden of Rita and Frank Moore

by Tricia Folks

Tucked on the side of a hill in Daleville, Alabama, is the garden of Frank and Rita Moore. Rita Moore welcomed us to her garden. It was an overcast morning and the garden was bright and green from a recent rain.

The first thing that caught my eye was an angel, so I stopped Rita and asked if I could get a picture of the two “Angels” together. Rita laughed and I quickly snapped a picture.



Rita poses for a photo as she invites visitors to her garden during the Spring Regional Meeting. (Photo by Tricia Folks)

Rita’s cottage-like garden had many beautiful flowers to enjoy. Delphiniums were blooming among the daylilies. Daylilies that caught my eye were *Hemerocallis* ‘**Blue Grass Memories**’ (Preuss-T. 2006), *H.* ‘**Simply Karen**’ (Joiner-J.

2011), and ‘**Christmas Time’s a Coming**’ (George-T. 2012). Tall pines with dark bark added a vertical lift while underneath the pines were surrounding beds containing daylilies, azaleas, and tulip trees. Marty DeBolt and I checked out the different types of hydrangeas, which were in the back of the Moore garden underneath tall pines. One was white, two were pink, and there was a lacecap hydrangea that was blue.



The beautifully landscaped Moore garden featured pink and rose-colored hydrangeas as well as daylilies. Visible in the foreground are *Hemerocallis* ‘**Marion Tyus**’ (Eller-N. 2005) and *H.* ‘**Hotlanta**’ (Waldrop 2014). (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Other daylilies, like *Hemerocallis* ‘**Little Business**’ (Maxwell-T. 1971), *H.* ‘**Renegade Lady**’ (Salter-E.H. 1990), ‘**Get Off My Tutu**’ (Mauck 2009), ‘**Suburban Nancy Gayle**’ (Watts 2004), and ‘**Hearts of Fire**’ (Stamile 1998), were blooming around the side yard among roses.



H. ‘**Marion Tyus**’ (Eller-N. 2005) (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Suburban Nancy Gayle' (Watts 2004)
Winner of the President's Cup
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Christmas Time's a Coming' (George-T. 2012)
Winner of the Elaine Smelley Memorial Award
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Hotlanta' (Waldrop 2014)
Winner of the Nell George Memorial Award
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Bluegrass Memories' (Preuss-T. 2006)
Winner of the Linda Agin Memorial Award
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Lillian's Big Owie' (Manning 2015)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

According to the brochure printed for the AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting, "The design of this garden has evolved since Rita and Frank retired from a career in education and worldwide service as an officer in Lions Clubs International. Rita has grown daylilies since 1974 when she was inspired by hybridizer Sarah Sikes who lived near Rita's family in Crenshaw County, Alabama. She has been more focused on daylilies since 2008 when she joined the Wiregrass Daylily Society."

Rita loves to arrange flowers for church. I wish she lived closer to me (I would be calling her to see what I could borrow)!

Tricia Folks

Sandhill Gardens

The Garden of Pat and Bill Wente

by Nancy Falck

Located in Columbia, Alabama, Sandhill Gardens is a spacious expanse of daylily beds and other plantings spread across a rural landscape. After riding a tour bus along east Alabama country roads and turning onto a typical farm dirt road, visitors were awed as the bus turned into a driveway leading through a front landscape. Here one sees a large area of pine and hardwood trees towering over ferns and azaleas fronting the house and surrounding gardens.



The spacious grounds and terraced flower beds at Sandhill Gardens were constructed over what had once been a sand pit. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

In 1999 the Wentes retired and moved from Baldwin County to a farm settled by Pat's grandfather in 1905. Years later the area had been turned into a sand pit. After reclaiming this land by building a drainage pond and building several terrace levels, they constructed a beautiful federal style house amid several landscaped areas. To get the ground ready for planting ornamental shrubs and flowers, they brought in loads of mushroom compost and ground pine bark. Rock was used to construct the terrace levels.

Today throughout the garden there are early blooming iris beds as well as butterfly gardens and areas containing hydrangeas, camellias, azaleas, and over 300 rose bushes. Other areas are devoted to pear trees as well as blueberries, blackberries, and scuppernongs. Nearby are out buildings including a barn, hen house, and pond house, as well as several water features. All these enhance the experience of touring the garden.

Many of the daylily beds are dedicated to specific categories of cultivars: a Stout Medal winner collection; guest beds featuring five specific hybridizers, as well as collections comprised of large, small and miniature, unusual form, and double daylily varieties. These areas are spaced along the terraces. The Wentes have completed the picture by add-

ing perennials and annuals which extend the garden color throughout the year.



These beautiful blooms of Hemerocallis 'Sebastian the Crab' (Joiner-J. 2003) captured the Shelton Holliday Memorial Award for the best double seen in a tour garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Bob Martin' (Smith-FR 2010) was another award winner, as seen in the Sandhill Gardens. It captured the Robbie Bush Adams Award for the best yellow seen in a tour garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Like many rural gardens, Sandhill has to co-exist with wildlife including deer, raccoons, opossums, armadillos, beaver, rabbits, squirrels, bobcats and feral hogs. Birds on the property include large geese, turkeys, owls, and hawks. Also, small species like quail, bluebirds, cardinals, and hummingbirds are sighted on the property. One species that of-

ten digs holes and furrows in the garden is a colony of an endangered species of gopher tortoise.



H. 'Shining Mission' (Netherton 2014) also captured an award for the Sandhill Gardens. Registered at 3", it was voted the Bennie McRae Memorial Award for the best small or miniature daylily seen in a tour garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



One of the most distinctive cultivars at Sandhill was H. 'Spacecoast Behavior Pattern' (Kinnebrew-J. 2006) with its creamy green appliquéd throat. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Although not voted an award, this bloom of the unusual form crispate H. 'Wild and Free' (Stamile 2005) was impressive in the Wente Garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Pat and Bill Wente are blessed with two lovely granddaughters, Emma King Armstrong and Whiddon Armstrong, who greeted visitors to Sandhill Gardens. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In the filtered light of the Wente Garden, this specimen of a Sago palm (*Cycas revoluta*) was simply beautiful. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Sandhill's daylily beds contain well-spaced and well-grown cultivars. Each area provides photo opportunities for visitors whether they wish to record individual blooms or garden scenes. The thought, planning, and work involved in creating such an inviting place are evident in every corner of the garden.

Nancy Falck

The Dothan Area Botanical Gardens

A Peaceful and Enjoyable Spot

by Marie Updike

Who wouldn't love spending time in the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens (DABG) with all the interesting garden spaces? This is a great place for plants and plant lovers, where visitors easily get around on the walking pathways. It is ideal for a picnic or day's wandering. The American Hemerocallis Society Region 14 (AL & MS) held their Spring Meeting, May 20-21, 2016, and chose this picture-perfect Wiregrass setting. Meeting attendees enjoyed the many flower forms and a range of colors in the Hanahan Memorial Daylily Garden. This garden has 359 cultivars of Hemerocallis planted in ten raised brick beds, surrounded by brick walkways. The center of this garden is an attractive Summer Muse statue and also features a bench and vine-covered arbor. Skillfully maintained by the Wiregrass Daylily Society, all daylily varieties are carefully identified with easy to read plant markers.

garden of many traditional Alabama plant specimens planted alongside modern varieties.



Additional plantings of daylilies provide the foreground for a specimen of a bald cypress, one of 37 of the 100 trees indigenous to Alabama.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)



At the Dothan Area Botanical Garden, a statue of a Summer Muse overlooks the Hanahan Memorial Daylily Garden, maintained by the Wiregrass Daylily Society.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Within the DABG are sixteen established garden areas that offer a very diverse series of habitats, with abundant flowers, plants, bushes and wooded landscapes. All include little treasures to discover. Within the acreage are found 37 of the 100 trees indigenous to Alabama. The DABG is included in both the "Alabama Garden Trails" and the "Alabama Birding Trails" listings. A brochure shows how the gardens are positioned along a paved trail with portions tucked in amongst lush vegetation. There is a huge variety of native plants, giving visitors the opportunity to see a bit of everything as the trail weaves through the gardens. Anyone wishing to see the beauty and environment of time-honored, early southern grounds will enjoy this attractive botanical

Visitors may use the main entrance to the DABG at the Ralph and Carolyn Smith Botanical Center brick building. They are enticed inside by a pleasing sidewalk entrance with two large urns, each tall urn planted with Sweet Potato Vine, copper colored Coleus and a tree shaped to grow as a standard. Visitors also see an attractive fountain on the left of the entrance surrounded by *Liriope spitica* (Monkey Grass). Or, visitors may bypass the "Center" and walk directly into the gardens on the paved trail which veers both left and right of the main building. The "Center" building is quite impressive. To one side is Ricketts Hall, a large catering facility/area surrounded on three sides with floor to ceiling windows. This venue is available for booking conventions, family events, large meetings, etc. and includes a full-catering kitchen, hardwood dance floor, plus an outdoor covered porch at the back with rocking chairs and ceiling fans. Also, there are two medium sized meeting rooms, a botanical library, and a small gift shop. This building is equipped with modern audio visual capabilities.

At the back porch of the "Center" building there's a broad view of vibrant green lawns where, on the left, is the Coleman Tropical House and the Demonstration Flower/Vegetable Gardens. To the right one sees the Herb Garden,

Rose Garden, Dykes Cottage Garden and Gregory Meditation Garden. The Vegetable Gardens consists of eighteen raised vegetable beds constructed from brick, wood and corrugated metal siding, plus three smaller beds for seasonal flowers. These beds have both blooming flowers and vegetables to ensure there's an ever-changing spring/summer garden and then a fall/winter garden. A border of vigorous blueberry bushes on the left and tall blackberry bushes on the right adds a feeling of botanically-grown boundary walls on each side. Also to the right are southern favorites of twining muscadine and scuppernong vines growing on fence supports. Next to those are the Demonstration Flower Gardens planted with annuals and perennials which perform very well in this zone 8a. The Wiregrass Master Gardeners maintain this garden. Visitors who stop here can enjoy seeing balsam, guara, Joe-pye weed, Mexican sunflowers, salvias, plumerias and yarrow, as well as other well-known plant favorites.



The Vegetable Gardens consist of numerous raised beds, containing both vegetables and seasonal flowers. (Photo by Terese Goodson)

At the back of the Center, to the left, is the Coleman Tropical House, a large greenhouse with numerous orchid species plus many other blooming tropical plants. The pavilion is easily accessible with brick paved walkways plus lush foliage and bright flowers to greet visitors. As in a tropical rainforest, these plants, such as begonias, heliconias, gingers, palms, bananas and split leaf philodendron, thrive year round. Visitors can linger here to appreciate the vivid colors and variety of tropical flowers. Further along the path is the Butterfly Garden (blooms summer and fall) with a water feature, the Azalea Garden (blooms spring) and the Ornamental Shrub Garden (year-round) with a Fall Muse statue. Next, the Hydrangea Garden offers more than 100 varieties of summer blooming hydrangeas in a shaded woodland setting. Beyond it is the sheltered Mullen Asian Garden with a graceful waterfall which splashes into a cool water garden stocked with koi. Complete with a red painted bridge, this Asian-inspired garden is a true retreat from the outside hustle and bustle, like a bit of paradise. Then, at the back of the trail is the Succulent Garden which enhances the botanic diversity of the garden. A variety of species in containers adds focal points to the area, and all are protected during colder

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months. There are neatly arrayed plantings of all sorts of succulents, with many smaller sizes and some larger specimens of every manner and variety imaginable.

Off to the right (if standing at the back of the Center), visitors can see the Herb Garden plantings with highly fragrant flowers or leaves making this spot a sweetly scented place to visit. Touch. See. Smell. Taste. This garden has four, two foot high raised brick beds maintained by the Cherokee Garden Club. The beds are bursting with big, healthy herbs, such as echinacea, kale, lavender, parsley, rosemary, tarragon, thyme, and about thirty other varieties. The comfortable benches and decorative garden urns filled with herbs offer a tempting spot for visitors to stop and enjoy aromatic plants.



The Herb Garden contains numerous varieties of herbs, including lemon balm, echinacea, lavender, and thyme. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



Another portion of the Herb Garden features coreopsis, echinacea, wild columbine, and Queen Anne's lace. In the distance is a gazebo and a Lock Gate for lovers. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Following the path to the right leads to the striking white, octagon gazebo surrounded by pine trees and hydrangea bushes. Many weddings are held at this spot, and there's an artistically designed iron gate covered with locks, a "Locks of Love" gate for lovebirds to leave a lock and throw away the key. Here also is the Wedding Garden, a perfect romantic stage in a formal setting with a quad of cream

colored tiles set in a grassy garden and a matching walled fountain. This area can be entered through the large pergola which follows a pathway lined with Greek statues and urns. The altar at the end of the quad is a platform of cream colored stone tiles bounded by grassy green spaces and the whole area is bordered by Little Gem dwarf magnolia trees lined with summer-blooming, white flowering bushes.

Dothan is a designated American Rose City, so roses are a significant part of the DABG. From the Herb Garden, following the path to the left to the Rose Garden one passes under high wrought iron archways facing a lovely array of over 300 rose bushes, gloriously blooming at their peak in May. The exterior of the Rose Garden has a high brick bed while the interior has lower rectangular brick beds attractively divided by grassy segments. This impressive garden draws visitors to its romantic atmosphere with a beautiful three-tiered Fischer Fountain in the center. It's such a vibrant garden, with hybrid tea, hybrid rugosa, shrub, floribunda, grandiflora, antique and climbing roses, all lovingly tended by the Wiregrass Rose Society.



The vibrant Rose Garden is one of the most popular "garden rooms" in the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Further along the path is the Gregory Meditation Garden and just beyond that the Michelin Pond. Per the brochure, "the GMG features a white arbor with wisteria vines offering shade to the interior herringbone brick walkway, surrounded by landscaped lawns, flowers, shrubs and trees." Visitors might enjoy this space for peaceful reflection and meditation.

If visiting during cooler months, one should see the blooming Camellia Gardens which are shaded by masses of mature trees. Most of the camellia bushes have plant markers guiding visitors to varieties of sasanquas, japonicas, hybrids, and reticulates. This area is located on the far side of the Botanical Garden on the path to the Fern Glade Boardwalk and the Shady Garden.

There's no entry charge to visit the DABG, but visitors are encouraged to make a contribution at the drop box upon entering. The garden sponsors workshops, classes and seasonal special events which may require a small fee. There are currently two employees who skillfully maintain various aspects of the gardens and events. With assistance

from five to seven volunteers (Master Gardeners, daylily club members, board members) on a regular basis, the planted areas are kept tidy and neat. The garden is open 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. Visitors with disabilities have access to the majority of the garden areas. The office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-5:00 pm (closed 12:30 to 1:30 pm). There's ample parking with many spaces available in the shade of large trees. Although there's no café, visitors are encouraged to pack a lunch and unwind at the many picnic tables. Groups can book tours on the DABG's electric trams, but must call seven days in advance. Dogs are permitted but should be leashed at all times.



The Michelin Pond with its fountain provides a lovely and peaceful setting at the Dothan Area Botanical Garden. (Photo by Terese Goodson)

An Ozark Regional Extension Agent commented about the future of the evolving character of the gardens. For example, expanding one area to incorporate fruit trees, or, giving a facelift to other spaces. The new Children's Garden involves board members, volunteers and a landscape architect, all working on the installation. A future Junior Master Gardening program for children may be incorporated into the Vegetable Garden and perhaps managed by local Master Gardeners. Still, when given new opportunities, or making preparations and plans, it's important to preserve what's already there. The DABG is just off of Highway 431, four miles north of Dothan, Alabama. Address: 5130 Headland Avenue, Dothan, Alabama 36303. Phone (334) 793-3224. Website: <http://www.dabg.com>.

The DABG is a calming respite from the clamor of every day existence. As their brochure notes, "Our mission is to provide an enhancement to the quality of life for Wiregrass citizens, serve as an educational resource for children and adults in garden lore and environmental issues, and be a vibrant area attraction that promotes tourism and economic development in the Wiregrass." This relaxing, beautiful and informative place is a sizable parkland (fifty acres) with cultivated gardens displaying interesting plants and definitely warrants multiple visits throughout the year.

Marie Updike

The Dixie Daylily

The 2016 Regional Service Award: Jim and Phyllis Riddle

For years Jim and Phyllis Riddle have worked quietly in club and regional capacities, helping with meetings, projects, sales, and other regular and regional activities. They are always willing to give the extra effort to make activities successful. They do this in a quiet and unobtrusive manner, yet they have become the couple to call on when help is needed.

Locally, Jim and Phyllis have served clubs in many positions, including terms as president. Phyllis has been president of three clubs: Blount, Oneonta, and Birmingham Daylily Societies. Jim has been president of both the Birmingham and Central Alabama Daylily Societies. During their time in the various offices, they helped the clubs grow and prosper. They also helped get the clubs incorporated.

Along with official positions, the Riddles will volunteer for any needed job, especially those done behind the scenes, often literally the literally dirty jobs. They will help set up or take down materials, wash plants for sales, or whatever else is needed. (They have even helped the Mobile club set up for a show when they were to judge the next day.)

Several years ago they realized that there was no longer a daylily show being held in central or north Alabama. They worked to get two clubs (clubs that had split a few years earlier on less than congenial terms) to work together to hold a daylily show at the Birmingham Botanical Garden. This became known as the "Show in the Dark." An early morning thunder storm took out power in the Mountainbrook area. Not to be deterred, Phyllis, show chairman, and Jim got the members together to move the show to an outside portico area. Tables, etc. were reset along a strip of covered porch. Judges dodged drips, but with the help of clerks, etc., they were able to judge the show efficiently. Exhibitors managed to groom in a back storage room with light from open doors and phone flashlights. This was quite an experience, but the Riddle team got everyone energized to make the show a success. This show actually became a very fun filled even to be retold for many seasons.

Their interest in showing daylilies led the Riddles from exhibiting their daylilies to also becoming exhibition judges and then exhibition judges' instructors. Since that time they have taught clinics at Region 14 meetings and at the AHS national conventions. Because they know the rules and the criteria so well, they are able to impart this knowledge to student judges clearly and efficiently. They bring a balanced fairness and clarity to their judging and to the criteria they instill in the students of clinics. Producing good judges for shows, which will represent the region and AHS, is a major contribution.

As avid gardeners and plant collectors, the Riddles are also garden judges. They have used their expert knowledge to participate in garden judging in their region. They also will teach anyone how to build and maintain an interesting and well-grown garden. They emphasize to all the

importance of the whole plant, as well as the pretty bloom, when choosing varieties to include in a collection.

Several years ago Region 14 had no clear successor to the Regional President position, and a relatively unknown person volunteered. Throughout a difficult two years, Phyllis helped hold the region together and made sure all activities went on and that all members were served as needed. She kept the communication lines open so that members did not feel many of the behind the scenes problems. Her work and tact meant that Region 14 continued as the successful region it had been for many years.

After that, Jim became the Region 14 President, serving two consecutive terms. With Phyllis's behind-the-scenes help and encouragement, he was able to pull the region's membership together to move forward in difficult times for clubs and regions throughout AHS. The Riddles visited clubs throughout the region, encouraging members in whatever endeavor their group was attempting. Jim's quiet leadership came at a time when his temperament was exactly what was needed to pull the region together. When Phyllis became his RPD, she again kept the lines of communication open and did all of the tasks required of an RVP. Much of her work, like that of all RPDs, was done out of the spotlight, but it was done efficiently.

If there is a need to work at the local, regional, or national levels, the Riddles will volunteer, prepare, and do a superb job of the task at hand. They are a quiet, unobtrusive but extremely valuable asset to Region 14 as well as to AHS as a whole.

__from the Nomination letter



Melodye Campbell, Chair of Awards & Honors, presents Phyllis and Jim Riddle the AHS Region 14 Regional Service Medal, at the National Convention in Louisville, KY.

(Photo by Bill Monroe)

The MGCDs Show for 2016:

Purple Ribbon Winners

Extra Large: *Hemerocallis* **'Spacecoast Loose Tooth'**
(Kinnebrew-J. 2005) Earl Watts

Large: *H.* **'Clothed in Glory'**
(Grace 1996) Kay Cline

Small: **'Metro Market'**
(Salter-E.H. 2012) James Hall

Miniature: **'Burgundy Blush'**
(Netherton 2014) Steve Hammons

Double: **'Simply Karen'**
(Joiner-J. 2011) Debbie Smith

Spider: **'Wild Wookie'**
(Stamile 2002) Jane Ziplies

Unusual Form: **'Suburban Coach Burnham'**
(Watts 2011) Earl Watts

Youth: **'Coral Eyeshadow'**
(Roberts-N. 2001) Gracie McBroom

Pop Poll: **'Suburban Nancy Gayle'**
(Watts 2004) Earl Watts

Seedling: James Hall

Debutante (Off-Scape): **'Double Screamer'**
(George-T. 2010) Debbie Smith

Green Thumb Award: Jane Ziplies

Sweepstakes: Earl Watts

Best in Show (Tie): **'Suburban Coach Burnham'**
(Watts 2011) Earl Watts

Seedling: James Hall



James Hall & his wife are pictured with Best in Show, which resulted from a tie between his entry of a seedling (right) and Earl Watt's entry of *H.* **'Suburban Coach Burnham'** (left).

(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)



Earl Watts, whose entry of the unusual form *H.* **'Suburban Coach Burnham'** tied for Best in Show, won the Best in Popularity Poll for **'Suburban Nancy Gayle'** and the AHS Sweepstakes as well.

(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)

The Dixie Daylily



Steve Hammons receives Purple Ribbon for Best Miniature, H. **'Burgundy Blush'** (Netherton 2014).
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)



231 entries filled the tables at the recent Mississippi Gulf Coast Society Show.
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)



Jane Ziplies receives a Purple Ribbon for Best Spider, H. **'Wild Wookie'** (Stamile 2002).
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)



Debbie Smith receives Purple Ribbon for Best Double, H. **'Simply Karen'** (Joiner-J. 2011).
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)



Gracie McBroom receives a Purple Ribbon for Best Youth Entry, H. **'Coral Eyeshadow'** (Roberts-N. 2001).
(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)

The Mobile Show:

Purple Ribbon Winners

Extra Large: <i>Hemerocallis</i> ‘ Ann and Russell Burgess ’ (Shooter 2002)	Bill Trufant
Large: <i>H.</i> ‘ Baptismal Blessing ’ (Carpenter-Carpenter 2010)	Debbie Smith
Small: ‘ Joe Bumgardner ’ (Houston 1995)	John Falck
Miniature: ‘ Little Jet Setter ’ (Stamile-G. 2008)	Steve Hammons
Double/Multi-form/Polymerous: ‘ Double Screamer ’ (George-T. 2010)	Debbie Smith
Spider: ‘ Trilithia ’ (Reinke-B. 2002)	Bill Trufant
Unusual Form: ‘ Wild and Free ’ (Stamile 2005)	Steve Hammons
Youth: No entry	
Popularity Poll: ‘ Suburban Nancy Gayle ’ (Watts 2004)	Steve Hammons
Seedling:	Steve Hammons
Best in Show: ‘ Wild and Free ’ (Watts 2004)	Steve Hammons
Sweepstakes:	Bill Trufant



Best in Show: *H.* ‘**Wild and Free**’
(Photo by Nancy Falck)

The Hattiesburg Area Show:

Purple Ribbon Winners

Extra Large: <i>Hemerocallis</i> ‘ Boundless Beauty ’ (Stamile 2005)	Patsy Roberts
Large: <i>H.</i> ‘ Ice Carving ’ (Bell-T. 2012)	Earl Watts
Small: ‘ Coffee to Go ’ (Anderson-H. 2003)	Earl Watts
Miniature: ‘ Suburban Wren ’ (Watts 2012)	James Hall
Double/Multi-form/Polymerous: ‘ Dutch Yellow Truffle ’ (Kirchhoff-D. 2003)	Kenny Hatten
Spider: ‘ Lacy Marionette ’ (Tarrant 1987)	Penny Stringer
Unusual Form: ‘ Emma's Curls ’ (Falck-J. 2011)	Earl Watts
Youth: No entry	
Popularity Poll: ‘ Look Here Mary ’ (Cranshaw 1986)	Evelyn Wesley
Seedling:	James Hall
Best in Show ‘ Ice Carving ’ (Bell-T. 2012)	Earl Watts
Sweepstakes:	Earl Watts

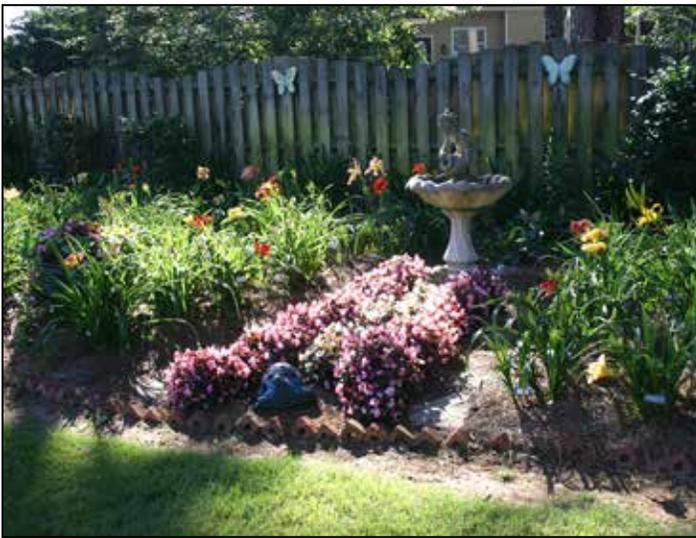
AHS Achievement Medal: None
 The Ophelia Taylor Horticultural Award: None
 The Earl Watts Award: ‘**Suburban Nancy Gayle**’
 (Watts 2004) Evelyn Wesley
 The Nell George Award: ‘**Spacecoast Sweetness**’
 (Kinnebrew-J. 1998) Nancy Chain
 The Mary Lois Burkett Award: ‘**Planet Max**’
 (Reed 1996) Penny Stringer
 The Louise Cubley Award: ‘**Dena Marie**’
 (Carpenter-J. 1992) Keith Powell
 The Marty Debolt Award: ‘**Ram**’
 (Whatley 1994) Penny Stringer
 Debutante (Off-Scape): ‘**Irish Warrior**’
 (Salter 2012) Vonda Martin
 Design winners:
 Class 1. “Campaign Trail,” AHS Designer’s Choice Rosette
 Teddy Plaisance
 Class 2. “Celebrating the Winner,” Virginia Kirkpatrick
 Class 3. “Stars and Stripes,” Klare Lane

Daylilies in Bloom Tour, 2016

by Terese Goodson

Montgomery Area Daylily Society's annual "Daylilies in Bloom" tour has become a well-attended event and 2016 was no exception. This year's tour included five garden stops, all with the potential of being on tour when MADS hosts the 2018 Region 14 Spring Meeting. How nice it was to be able to conduct a "practice" drill prior to hosting actual garden tours!

MADS early birds gathered at the Millbrook, AL, home of Freda and William Frye to find many new daylilies and beds added to the landscape. Birdhouses, staturaries, garden art, and birdbaths all added to the lovely setting. Guests were also quite pleased to discover warm blueberry muffins and other treats awaiting them in the kitchen.



In the Frye garden, early morning light falls upon a birdbath and a lush planting of begonias from which a sculpted turtle emerges. Freda and William maintain a large collection of daylilies. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The group headed down the road to Coosada where Evelyn and Jack Miller's garden was next on the agenda. Even though this garden is being downsized due to an anticipated move to a new home site in the fall, there was still natural beauty in every nook and cranny of the yard. Daylily clumps lined the front beds and more daylilies were in view on the side of the house and in the spacious back yard. Hostas, hydrangeas of varying hues, caladiums, cleome, and other companion plants added color to the entire back yard. Birdhouses were numerous inside the comfortable porch area and outside. Cut birch logs acted as a backdrop for hostas and ivy and other plants.

Linda and George Carleton's rolling estate sat atop a hillside in the town of Pike Road, with sweeping views visible for miles. George's massive garden was overflowing with produce and tour attendees left with red potatoes, yellow squash, spaghetti squash, and zucchini. (George thought we were doing HIM a favor!!!) The patio area offered cool

breezes and plenty of seating for guests to enjoy the scenery. The huge old trees, citrus plants, Japanese maples, daylilies, crape myrtles, and container gardens added just the right mix of formality and whimsy to this peaceful setting.



This distinctive birdhouse was a conversation piece in the Miller's backyard. (Photo by Terese Goodson)



Bright rose and blue hydrangeas along with colorful caladiums brighten the shady areas of the Millers' backyard. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On the Carleton grounds, daylilies enjoy sunny areas in a garden room accentuated by Japanese maples and Knockout roses. Elsewhere, other large plantings of daylilies flourish in full sun. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



A gracefully curving bed at the Billingslea Garden displays large clumps of daylilies alongside numerous companion plants. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



On the spacious grounds of the Carleton estate, many of the daylilies are grown in raised beds. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



In early June, the wooded drive leading to the Billingslea home is filled with Black-eyed Susans. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

It didn't take long to head back down the road to Montgomery and discover a pine tree forest driveway leading to Nancy and Oliver Billingslea's home—a hidden treasure! The first sweeping bed was filled with large clumps of daylilies interspersed with colorful companion plants. A bird bath was circled by mounds of deep rose coneflowers and more daylilies were discovered peeking towards the sun. In sunlit garden nooks along the driveway, hundreds of Black-eyed Susans brightened the woods. How fun to discover all of these sights, completely out of view from the roadside!

Next, MADS members headed down into the country south of Montgomery for a final garden. Terese Goodson's farm is tucked off the road past a hackberry lined driveway. Daylilies were nestled into numerous beds and happily shared their existence with grassy remnants of each bed's former life as a cattle pasture. Larkspur, cleome, forest pansy and weeping redbuds, cryptomeria, and other plants surrounded the brick home.



Coreopsis offered a bright array of color on a warm midday at the Goodson home. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

To conclude the morning, lunch was served to all 29 hungry visitors, thanks to everyone who volunteered to bring food items to add to the menu.

Terese Goodson

The Dixie Daylily

MADS's Annual Picnic—2016 Edition

by Terese Goodson

Almost 30 members and guests of the Montgomery Area Daylily Society recently meandered their way up to Charlotte and Mabrey Whetstone's "Waterin' Hole" on Lake Jordan near Titus, AL. The back porch and patio area were already covered with tables, ready for a hungry crowd to begin snacking before the covered dish luncheon. Hot wings, artichoke dip, iced tea and other soft drinks made a hit with the guests who arrived early.

The lakefront was covered with clumps of daylilies, sunflowers, and an Auburn flag. Boaters would ease up close to the shoreline to get a closer view of the flowers as they waved in the breeze. The pier was covered with container gardens in individual planters boasting lots of variety and color in the summer blooms. Asiatic lilies lined the patio deck and were so tall that they had to be secured with stakes. Tomatoes and sweet peppers were tucked into huge barrels and the crop of each was massive, just perfect for snacking! A sign boasting that "Gardeners Know All the Best Dirt" was prominently displayed on the boat deck. (This was a treasured find that Mabrey Whetstone discovered at the Tin Roof Market on our daylily bus trip in May.)

When skies threatened a little rain, the group headed indoors to grab plates of food, heaped with ham, deviled eggs, "Jesse's Famous Baked Beans," banana pudding, and lots of other covered dish favorites. Once the afternoon showers started, MADS members simply went back inside for seconds. Conversations were numerous and members moved from group to group to enjoy the fun and fellowship of the afternoon.



In addition to a large number of new daylilies, the classic Hemerocallis 'Hyperion' (Mead-F.B. 1924) was discovered blooming in the Whetstone garden. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



It's clear these guys know somethin' about diggin' in the dirt. Left to right, Jesse Miles, William Frye, Arthur Woods, and Terry Young.

(Photo by Terese Goodson)



The Whetstones have large clumps of daylilies planted along their lakefront on Lake Jordan. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Summer / Fall 2016

Paul Furr had been quite surprised when he was presented a "Best in Show" rosette and numerous other ribbons for his entries into the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society's June, 2016, daylily show in Columbus, GA. Paul had never entered a flower show before and was thrilled to be recognized with "AHS Major Awards" for his named cultivars and for some of his newest seedlings.



Paul proudly brought several of his ribbons for us to see. (Photo by Terese Goodson)

The rains soon passed, allowing guests to peek back at the daylily beds and view the many other companion plants throughout the gardens before cleaning up and heading back home for the evening. MADS members love this annual picnic gathering. It is an extra perk for the membership.

Terese Goodson

MADS's Three Day Bus Trip, 2016

by Terese Goodson

The eerie silence on the Trailways bus was unexpected, but who would be awake at 5:00 a.m. with such dark skies surrounding the Auburn University at Montgomery parking lot? The noise level rose as the bus arrived at Hard-ee's in Troy, AL, for that first cup of morning coffee. Everyone was now in a MUCH better mood!

Graceland Gardens was the first of eleven gardens on tour. Cindy and Larry Grace were gracious hosts and visitors buzzed around the garden areas and seedling beds like busy bees. There were so many places to explore and things to see. Hidden ginger, giant elephant ears, bear's breeches, and other unusual foliage surrounded the walkways. The seedling area was filled with patterned daylilies and brilliant colors. With so many new cultivars to choose from, how do you even begin to pick your favorites? MADS members quickly selected daylilies they HAD to have for their own gardens before heading back to the bus. *Hemerocallis* 'The Cost of Freedom' (Grace-L. 2015) was in full bloom and proved to be quite popular with many of the bus participants. Another favorite was Jim Brazelton's *H.* 'Beyond Red' (2015).

changed to stop for a lunch at a quaint sandwich shop in town, Funny Girl Deli, while the Nethertons began digging daylilies for each order. If you are passing through Blakely, be sure to grab a homemade chicken salad or pimento cheese sandwich—you will not be disappointed!



A striking *Gerbera* daisy captured attention in the Netherton's garden.
(Photo by Terese Goodson)



H. 'Beyond Red' (Brazelton 2015)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

On to the state of Georgia with Peace on Earth Gardens as our second garden of the day! Mary and Jim Netherton greeted everyone as if we were neighbors down the street. The sweeping daylily beds in the front and back of the house, surrounded by grass paths, made it easy to stroll along and admire many hundreds of daylilies and a variety of companion plants, too. White lilies in the front yard trumpeted a greeting while a huge "windmill" gerbera daisy peeked from the side. Stokesia, hostas, hydrangeas, and trumpet vines covering the back fence line were all in peak bloom and a delight to observe. Trip participants enjoyed the shaded patio area as they filled out order forms. There were too many plants to dig at one time, so the plans

The last stop of the day was at Eller's Sunshine Garden. You might recognize the names of Nancy and Don Eller from the well written article in the Spring, 2016, edition of *The Daylily Journal*. Daylily enthusiasts were pleased to visit this garden and actually see Nancy's latest doubles and Don's "duck" daylily series. What a nice way to end the day—adding more daylilies to the already growing collection on the bus!



H. 'Jelly Filled Donut' (Eller-N. 2004)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

After a hearty buffet dinner and checking into the hotel, the daylily crowd was too exhausted to cause much

trouble in Tifton that evening. Local authorities were grateful. Word had already spread about water coolers tipping over and watermelons exploding on a prior bus trip. . . .

The bus headed out early the next day to venture to Bell's Daylily Garden in Sycamore, GA. Several of the travelers had never been to Tim's garden and now understood why the time allotment there was longer than normal. No one would have complained if we spent the entire day there! Manicured pathways, unending daylily beds, water landscapes, lovely companion plants, and benches for simply reflecting on the beauty of nature in this setting, were just a few of the pleasures in store for bus participants. It was hard to say goodbye.



Bell's Daylily Garden contains several acres of manicured lawns, wooded areas, and daylily beds enhanced by companion plants which thrive in central Georgia.
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



H. 'Rachel Leigh Bell' (Bell-T. 2013)
(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

The bus headed down I-75 south while some folks slept, but the majority snacked the entire drive down to Lakeland. Trail mix, white chocolate candies and peanut butter crackers made the trip seem a bit shorter. Imagine the excitement when a tractor pulling a hay wagon flagged us down—that doesn't happen often in Montgomery, AL! Mark Singletary, MADS guest speaker in April, found an

ingenious way to transport daylily lovers down a narrow lane to Jammin's Daylily Garden. What fun! Jammin's new seedlings greeted everyone as soon as they arrived, and daughter, Amanda, shared information about the hybridizing program at the garden. Visitors flocked to rows of daylilies for sale, already in pots, to make their selections. Purple and white angel trumpets called for everyone to look their way—so pretty! Lots of these headed for the bus, too. Mark had to attach a trailer to the hay wagon to pull all the daylilies heading back to the bus.



Most of the MADS members boarded the trailer for a trip down a narrow lane road to the Singletarys. Others followed in a SUV.

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Lunch at The Brown Bag, located in the Tin Roof Market in Nashville, GA, was a delightful adventure. Besides enjoying delicious sandwiches, the market provided a quaint shopping opportunity while food was being prepared. Clothing, art deco, homemade jams—you name it—were all great finds at the little market. Plans for the afternoon changed when Frank Gaskins needed unexpected surgery on the day scheduled for a visit to Gaskins Daylily Garden. Mary Gaskins had already arranged an alternative garden for bus members to enjoy that afternoon, Brogden's Daylily Heaven. This was a garden new to MADS members and it was delightful. Rows of seedlings and registered daylilies in pots were all easily accessed and well labeled. One seedling was blooming in a mass of maroon color and was soon to head out as a "thank you" gift to a preschool teacher's house. Such a lucky teacher! Penny and Jerry Brogden were true southern hosts, especially given such short notice that a bus was heading their way!

Another packed day filled with gardens was in the books, so now it was time to head out for the hotel and a nice barbecue meal. Smoakies Bar-B-Que had tables ready for all of us as we pulled into Cordele, GA. Pulled pork, onion rings, ribs with meat falling off the bones, and other treats made for a great way to end an evening.

The bus eased out of the parking lot bright and early the next morning with a bleary eyed group, but ready for another day of sunshine and lots of new gardens! We were pleased to meet Janie and Fred Huff of Backyard Daylilies, especially since they will be the featured speakers for

the next MADS meeting in August. With signs marking the garden paths, “Bulldog Blvd.,” “Vince Dooley Blvd.,” “Hershel Walker Way,” there was little doubt where football loyalties resided! Barbara and Cecil Barnes, diehard Auburn fans, must not have noticed their picture being made right next to the U. of Georgia signs. Many miniature daylilies, new introductions, and rows of registered cultivars all made for an enjoyable stroll through the beds. A covered gazebo, bricked patio, and a brightly colored swing, all provided a respite for the morning.



Diehard Auburn fans, Cecil and Barbara Barnes were caught unaware posing in front of Georgia Bulldog signs. (Photo by Terese Goodson)



It was exciting for your editor to discover H. ‘**The Stefner**’ (Huff 2013), an unusual form daylily, which he could incorporate into the forthcoming book, *The Open Form Daylily*. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

Fred Huff escorted the bus to his neighbors’ place, the Louise and James Fennell Garden. An Americana styled flag—made from a simple wooden pallet—was the first whimsical sight to greet the visitors. Daylily beds in rows were easy to admire. A border of coleus, bronze fennel, ginger lilies, along with a metal trough full of flowers, and yard art were other fun sights. It didn’t take long to see why everyone was heading to the patio—homemade peach or vanilla ice cream was being served. What an unexpected treat!

No one could miss Eula’s Roadside Garden, with the huge white house and welcoming front porch. The garden had circular daylily beds, as well as walkways bordered by cultivars. The daylilies weren’t alone, either! Cannas, speckled elephant ears, gerbera daisies, crape myrtles, and lots of yard art shared the grounds and made it a magical place. Eula and her sweet little pooch were everywhere, greeting guests and sharing stories of how this garden came to be. Here is a lady who simply LOVES her garden! Even surgery on both knees hasn’t slowed her outdoor activity.



Especially exciting for Terese was the discovery of H. ‘**Blackberry Queen**’ (Clinard 2013) at Eula’s Roadside Garden. Terese, who has served as MADS’s president for six years, has a daylily bed with the word “queen” in each name. (Photo by Oliver Billingslea)

As we headed north on I-75, Doll’s Daylilies was our next stop. Doll Brazzell was an energetic hostess and helped direct foot traffic into all the nooks and crannies of her daylily garden. Besides lots of registered cultivars tucked into her beds, the extensive collection of hostas in the shaded sections of the yard was quite a sight. A “secret garden” was hidden away at the back of the house for guests to discover.

The last stop for the day took members to Columbus Botanical Gardens, a jewel for the Columbus community. The daylily garden is nurtured by volunteers from the Chattahoochee Valley Daylily Society, and the expansive grounds were a showcase of beauty with the various flowers, trees, and shrubs.

It didn’t take long to arrive back in Montgomery with the bus laden with daylilies. After sorting plants by colored zip ties, a tired, but suntanned group of gardeners headed to their parked cars.

Terese Goodson

The Dixie Daylily

Club News: ALABAMA

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.

President:	David Allison
Vice President:	Jesse George
Treasurer:	Jim Chappell
Recording Secretary:	Terah George
Corresponding Secretary:	Phyllis Riddle
Parliamentarian:	Jim Riddle
Historian-Librarian:	Kay Chappell

Our daylily plant sale was held on April 23rd at the Birmingham Botanical Garden. We had a beautiful day, and between sales to some of our members and the public, we were able to sell out early. We were also able to sign up some new members.

The AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting was held in Dothan, Alabama, on May 19-20, 2016, and was hosted by the Wiregrass Daylily Society. Several of our members attended the meeting. Thanks go to all the enthusiastic volunteers who made it an enjoyable time for everyone. Thursday night the club members provided the early arrivals with a Bar-B-Que social. It was held at the Dothan Area Botanical Gardens (a beautiful place). On Friday we toured the Botanical Gardens, socialized with old friends and met new friends. While there, we registered for the meeting and looked at all the great raffles and plants that were to be auctioned that night. We had some extra time, so we went back to Dothan and ate lunch and rested before returning to the DABG. Returning that night, we had a nice dinner. After dinner, we had our Region 14 Business Meeting, followed by a very successful auction of daylilies contributed by many donors in support of the expenses of running our Region. Thanks go to the donors. We also have had many door prizes that had been donated by members and businesses.

Saturday we boarded the buses at the DABG and departed to the gardens early. Our bus captain was delightful and kept us entertained as we made our way to each garden. All the gardens were beautiful and unique with many beautiful daylilies and companion plants. That night we returned to the DABG for our banquet, awards presentation, and speaker. We enjoyed our speaker Jamie Gossard who was very entertaining and informative.

Several of our members attended the AHS National Convention in Louisville, KY, co-hosted by the Daylily Society of Louisville, Inc., and the Louisville Area Daylily Society, June 29-July 2, 2016.

We will have our next BDS meeting on September 25, 2016, at 2:00 P.M.



Blount Iris and Daylily Society

Ellen R. Hallman, Reporter

The Blount Iris & Daylily Society has been enjoying the early blooms of the daylilies. Our weather here in Alabama has been perfect this spring for every plant that blooms. Until this past week, we have enjoyed unusually mild temps and the flowers seem to love it.

Summer / Fall 2016

Our program chairman, Sandra Little, has had a great line-up every month for our club. In January, we enjoyed a fun musical program by Red Mulkey (banjo) and Mark and Adron Willingham (guitars) from Gallent, AL. The speaker for our February program was Jimmy Whitley of Whitley Feed & Farm Supply, Altoona, AL. In March, we had a booth at the Home, Garden and Farm Show in Oneonta, AL. Plants purchased from Jim and Martha Brazelton's garden were auctioned in April. In May we enjoyed a slide show and auction of plants from the JTM Garden, Jasper, AL.

We are looking forward to Bethany O'Rear, Blount County Beekeeper president, Hal Hendrix and a fun ice cream social in coming months.

Our meetings are held on the 4th Monday night of each month at 6:00 P.M. at the Frank Green Building in Oneonta, AL. We bring a dish, have a great meal then enjoy our meeting. Everyone is welcome!



Central Alabama Daylily Society

Becky Parr, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Sunday—2 P.M.

President:	Morris Parr
Vice President:	Ron Waddell
Treasurer:	Paul Kacmarcik
Secretary:	Paula Lampkin

Happy Spring! Tommy Maddox was the speaker in March, bringing his "stud" daylilies to share with us. I managed to bring home a few of his interesting plants with me and look forward to seeing them bloom this year.

CADS had their plant sale again at Myer's Plants and Pottery in Pelham. We always have a good time meeting new daylily folks and help them catch the fever.

In May last year, we toured the Aldridge Botanical Gardens in Hoover with docent David Doggett giving us a tour of the hydrangeas for which they are famous, followed by lunch at a Mexican restaurant. Our fall meeting will again likely be an annual picnic/auction and we will enjoy good food and bidding for beautiful plants. We hope to finish out our year with lunch again at Ruth Chris' Steak House!

We toured members' gardens this past May and during peak bloom in June. It's always fun to visit other gardens and get ideas and see new flowers. Hope everyone has had a beautiful bloom season!



Cullman Iris and Daylily Society

Donnie Douthit, President

The Cullman Iris and Daylily Society elected new officers this year, and we are actively seeking new club members not only for our club, but other clubs as well. We want others to know the joy of having beautiful, colorful irises and daylilies blooming in their yards.

Summer officially began June 20th, and we have more evening time for gardening and enjoying looking at our beautiful blooming flowers. It is a time for sunshine, laughter, swimming, picnics and lazy Sunday afternoons. Enjoy your flowers and God's bounty if you have a vegetable garden.

Our club is focusing on classes to train iris judges. Cullman County does not currently have any registered AIS judges. By learning from the text book on judging and in the garden training, we can use the information to help us rate our own flowers and judge gardens or shows anywhere. We are also hoping to have a daylily or iris show in 2017. This will give the citizens of Cullman a time to see and learn about these magnificent flowers. The show will be open to the public, and anyone entering a registered daylily or iris will be eligible to win a ribbon.

Our club donated approximately 350 double-fan daylilies to help the Master Gardeners' sale at the Blooming Festival in Cullman in April. In June we are having an old-fashioned social picnic at Smith Lake Park. Anyone may attend as a guest. In August we will have our regular meeting plus a "plant swap." Any type of plant may be swapped.

We meet at 12:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Cullman County Extension Center located at 402 Arnold Street, NE, Cullman.

Have a wonderful summer and happy gardening.



The Mobile Hemerocallis Society

Nancy Falck, Reporter

4th Sunday—2:00 P.M.

January, February, March, April

The Mobile Botanical Garden, Mobile, AL

The Mobile Hemerocallis Society completed the 2016 year with its 61st show. A last minute change of location moved the show from a beautifully lit atrium of Bel Air Mall to a darker "hall" connecting the main mall leading to a Target store. This moved the show from an area of high traffic flow to a seldom used area. Still, we managed to stage a beautiful and successful show. The club members dealt with problems with helpfulness and flexibility.

Judges Nancy Chain, Sheila Watson, Jim and Phyllis Riddle, Beth and Chris Rea, and Henry and Lisa Little had many quality entries from which to determine the best in each category. The Sweepstakes award was won for his first time by Bill Trufant. Steve Hammond had a very successful day winning not only three categories but also Best in Show with his exhibit of *Hemerocallis* 'Wild and Free' (Stamile 2005). Steve, a first time winner, scored top honors in three categories along with his Best in Show win.



Montgomery Area Daylily Society

Marie Updike, Reporter

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)—Christmas Party

Club Website: www.montgomeryareadaylilysociety.com

Facebook: Montgomery Area Daylily Society

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Second Vice President:	Linda Carleton
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Corresponding Secretary:	Martha Barber
Parliamentarian:	Jack Harrison
Reporter:	Marie Updike

Such a busy spring! The Santuck daylily sale on April 4 was a financial success. Many members helped sell plants EARLY in the day. Evelyn Miller, a MADS member, donated many cultivars from her garden. She is downsizing before moving to a new home site. We appreciated the donation.

Heartbreaking news for the club arrived on May 21. Joe Ponder, a former club president, a popular hybridizer, bus trip organizer, and

just an overall great guy, passed away after losing his fight with lung cancer. This is a huge loss for the club. Joe was our cheerleader and our mentor. As a nurseryman, he shared gardening tips and his thoughts on chemicals and spraying for rust. He will be missed.

A group of MADS members attended the Region 14 Spring meeting over the weekend of May 20-21 and thoroughly enjoyed the gardens, the fellowship, and the speakers. Kudos to the Wiregrass Daylily Society for a LOT of hard work! It paid off. MADS was pleased to present the first "Linda Agin Memorial Award" for the best purple daylily at the conference.

The much anticipated three day bus trip to southeast Alabama and southwest Georgia finally began on May 24 and ended on May 26 with a bus full of daylilies and exhausted garden members. Eleven gardens, many of them AHS Display Gardens, were on the agenda and we left each one feeling like we were family. We ate lots of snacks on the bus, tried new restaurants in Georgia, and convinced our bus driver that daylilies were needed in his back yard. It was a great trip!

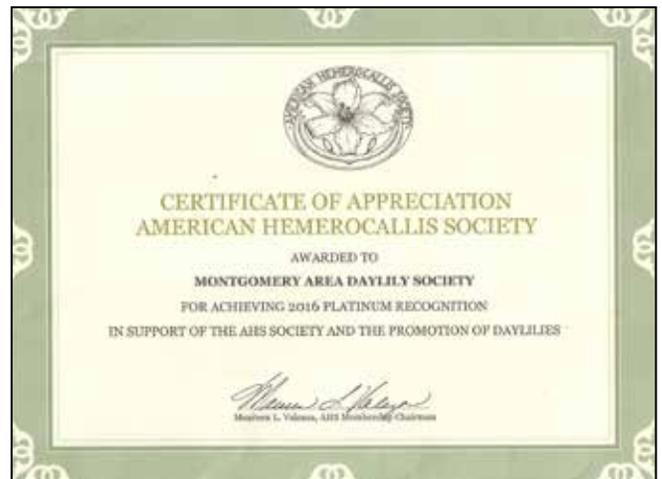
The Eastdale Mall daylily sale was held on June 4 and, once again, was sold out within an hour and a half. Lots of members helped at the sale and behind the scenes by digging plants, labeling, etc.

MADS sponsored the annual "Daylilies in Bloom" tour on June 7. Twenty-nine folks toured five gardens in the River Region hosted by our very own club members. The heat and humidity couldn't put a damper on this crowd! Everyone gathered for lunch at the final garden site. A lot of daylily enthusiasts brought food items—a nice feast!

Because we LOVE to eat, MADS members again gathered on June 11 for the annual club picnic, hosted by Charlotte and Mabrey Whetstone. Their Waterin' Hole on Lake Jordan will never be the same after 30 guests arrived bearing tons of food. The Whetstones have added a nice collection of daylilies to their lake house garden. Boats came close to shore to take a closer look at the clumps of daylilies waving in the breeze. Although lightning forced everyone to head to the patio areas for more snacks and fellowship, we shared such a nice afternoon!

The next MADS meeting is a covered dish luncheon with Fred and Janie Huff, Backyard Daylilies, from Hawkinsville, GA, as our guest speakers. They were one of the bus trip hosts and we are ready to show them some Alabama hospitality on August 20, noon. We'll complete our individual voting for the Pop Poll for Region 14 at the meeting and also select a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for 2017.

Our Facebook account, Montgomery Area Daylily Society, is up and running. Please "Like" us! The website is also available (www.montgomeryareadaylilysociety.com), in case you want to see what MADS is doing. Come join us—MADS is a fun, active group.



Montgomery Area Daylily Society's Platinum Certificate
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North Alabama Daylily Society

Madolyn Whitt, Corresponding Secretary

2nd Saturday or Sunday—2:00 P.M.

Huntsville Botanical Garden, Anderson Education Center

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

Preparations are well underway for our annual plant sale to be held at The Greenery on June 25. We will have 182 different named cultivars and in excess of 900 double fans for sale! Advertising has been going well, and digging and separating schedules are being finalized. We are a very motivated group, setting up our schedule of speakers for 2017.

We enjoyed a presentation by Terah and Jesse George in June, which included a generous dose of Jesse's wit and wisdom. For gardeners whose "dirt is mostly rock," and who "don't water," they sure have beautiful flowers. They honored two of our members once again by naming one of Terah's 2016 introductions after them. Dot Hanks and Dot Summers were each presented with a fan of *Hemerocallis* 'Ditto Dots'. Following their presentation, we had a very successful plant auction and a drawing to give one of our members a free membership in AHS. Suzanne Shaffer was the lucky winner, and we hope this puts our club at 100% membership in AHS. This fulfills one of our goals for this year!

It is open garden season for daylily growers, and a number of our members have enjoyed open gardens at the George's and the Whitt's gardens. Mary Terrell invited us to her garden on July 16 and Dot Summers graciously offered to host our summer picnic at her garden on July 23.

Although health problems prevented some of us from being at the Spring meeting in Dothan, talk of hosting the fall Region 14 meeting 2017 is surfacing. Programs by Bill Waldrop, Mark Carpenter, and Jerry Patton are on the agenda for August, September, and November. We are having a good time and hoping to check off more of our goals for this year by having a successful plant sale and increasing our membership!

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Northeast Alabama Hosta-Iris-Daylily Society

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The West Alabama Daylily Society

Sarah Lunsford, Reporter

As the American humorist Mark Twain purportedly once said, "The reports of my death are greatly exaggerated." And so it is with the West Alabama Daylily Society, which is still alive and well.

—Editor, *The Dixie Daylily*

Although someone in our club reported us dissolved, the majority of us in WADS knew nothing of this decision. Our president, Ron Hood, has had obligations in California for the past year and we, as a group, have not been meeting as we should without him. We have been carrying on with our daylily activities, but no one has reported this.

This spring, several of us visited the beautiful gardens of Juanice Hayes. Although Juanice lost 114 trees in last year's tornado, her

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lilies were not harmed. Those of us in the Bibb County area have also visited each other's gardens regularly.

We also had six members attend the Spring Regional Meeting in Dothan. WADS provides the gift for the tour garden featuring the most pleasing use of daylilies in the landscape,

Several WADS members were also in attendance at the National Convention in Louisville, KY.

This spring, I held a breakfast in my garden for some of the local ladies (and WADS members) to enjoy my lilies while they were "at peak." Several of these ladies, who do not grow daylilies, expressed a desire to attain some of the lilies for their own gardens. We are hoping that activities like this will encourage more interest in the daylily.

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The Wiregrass Daylily Society

Bill Wente, Reporter

2nd Saturday—12:00 Noon

Grace Church, 1401 Cherokee Avenue, Dothan, AL
September, October, November, December,
January, February, March, April, May

President:	Rita Moore
Vice President:	B. J. Yance
Secretary:	Bill Wente
Treasurer:	Sue Ballard
Chaplain:	Lewis Mallory
Parliamentarian:	Pat Wente
Reporter:	Bill Wente

Our April meeting with 16 members and guests in attendance began with an invocation delivered by Lewis Mallory and a lunch enjoyed by all. The nominating committee, Sue Ballard, Cindy Grace, and Jim Netherton, presented a slate of officers for 2016-2018 which was approved and is listed above.

Guy Pierce donated four of his recent introductions to the Society and a spirited auction resulted in their going to good homes in the Wiregrass. Thank you, Guy.

Final plans for the Spring Meeting were then discussed, with all committees giving a report and the meeting was adjourned to a work session at the Yance warehouse.

In May all activities were involved with the Spring Meeting with a lot of fingers crossed about the weather, attendance, and other aspects of the meeting that were beyond our control. The planning paid off and the crossed fingers worked. The Region 14 2016 Spring Meeting is (hopefully) a happy memory for the more than 84 attendees.

Monthly meetings will resume in September.



The Dothan Area Botanical Garden Daylily Garden

(Photo by Terese Goodson)

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Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society

Bud Kirkpatrick, Reporter

3rd Sunday—2:00 P.M.

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

September, October, January through May

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

As we revel in HADS activity, we must stop and remember our friend and long-time HADS member Wally Wesley. He passed away in early May. Wally will be missed for his good nature, excitement, and support of HADS and its programs and projects. His wife Evelyn continued the Wesley tradition and was a gracious host to the Wesley Garden which was one of the private gardens on tour, May 30.

The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) had a roaring finish to a very successful 2015-2016 year with a well-attended garden tour and show, as it embarked on the 25th Anniversary of its founding. HADS was founded in 1992.

A total of eight private gardens were on tour over the Memorial Day Weekend and good traffic was reported. As HADS continues its impact on south Mississippi, the garden of Vonda and Bill Martin in Perkinston, MS, some 20 miles south of Hattiesburg, was added to the tour.

The 21st Annual Daylily Show was well attended and posted 450 daylilies entered. The plant sale was sold out as usual. Earl Watts, of Hattiesburg, was awarded “Best in Show” for his entry of *Hemerocallis* ‘Ice Carving’. Watts also took the “Sweepstakes Award” which goes to the person winning the most blue ribbons in the entire show. Jon Tibbitts and Barbara Watts were show co-chairs.



Earl Watts receives “Best in Show” Award for his entry of *Hemerocallis* ‘Ice Carving’.

(Photo by Louise McClellan)

In the Design Division, Teddy Plaisance, of Columbia, Mississippi, took top honors for the second year in a row.



Teddy Plaisance wins top honors in the Design Division.

(Photo by Louise McClellan)

The Truman Roberts Memorial Daylily Garden, a new public garden for HADS, was added to the Memorial Day Weekend tour. Roberts was a long-time member, enthusiastic hybridizer and supporter of HADS as well as a very successful businessman in Hattiesburg and neighboring Petal, MS. The garden is located at the Petal Civic Center.



Truman Roberts Memorial Daylily Garden, Petal, MS

(Photo by Hunt Mercier)

A new public garden was also added during the year at Hattiesburg’s Lake Terrace Convention Center, as part of the flag plaza. The garden features the award winning *H.* ‘Suburban Nancy Gayle’. HADS contributes to a number of public gardens to help beautify the city. The daylily is the official flower of Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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*Flag Plaza Garden at the Lake Terrace Convention Center
(Photo by Hunt Mercier)*

Continuing to be a consistent supporter of Region 14, HADS had a 16 member delegation at the recent Regional meeting in Dothan, AL. HADS members participating included Nancy Chain, HADS Vice President and Garden Judges Liaison for Region 14. She was in charge of Garden Workshops I and II. Henry and Lisa Little assisted with instruction in Exhibitions Workshop II. Also attending was Janet Green, former HADS President, and presently Region 14's Secretary.

The HADS 2015-2016 year drew to a close with the Wrap-Up meeting on June 18 at the home of Barbara and Earl Watts. Following a bountiful brunch, a brief business meeting was held. In addition to discussing plans for the coming year, HADS voted to host the AHS Region 14 Spring Meeting May 26-27, 2017, in Hattiesburg at the Lake Terrace Convention Center. Additional information for this meeting will be forthcoming.

Continuing information about HADS is available by visiting the web site at: www.hattiesburgdaylily.com



Meridian Daylily Club

Reporter, Lois Smith

3rd Saturday—11:00 A.M.
January, March, July, September, and November
May Garden Tours
Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse, Meridian, MS

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

Greetings from the Meridian Daylily Club! This spring and summer have been active with several new members and garden visits.

The monthly meeting for the 2016 year began on January 16th. Dr. Wayne Porter, with the Mississippi Agriculture Extension Service, spoke. His presentation focused on different types of herbicides, chemicals, and soil and planting conditions that are beneficial for daylily cultivating.

In March, Wayne McLaurin, retired horticulturist from Starkville, MS, discussed his program in hybridizing crepe myrtles. He also shared his experiences about a recent flower show in England.

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Our annual plant sale held on April 16th was a great success with plants grown, gathered, labeled and sold by members. Special thanks to the Lauderdale County Farm Supply for graciously hosting this much anticipated event each spring! Special thanks to Doyle Pierce for donating a significant number of plants, and for Joe Saxon and Mark Flynn for help with set up.

Lois Smith, President, and Jeanie Kilpatrick, Treasurer, attended the Region 14 Spring meeting in Dothan, AL. The Meridian Daylily club is responsible for presenting the Ben Arthur Davis Memorial Award at the Region 14 meeting each year. It was exciting to report back to the Meridian club about the beautiful gardens toured and the educational program. Several additional gardens were toured during the travel to and from the meeting.

Garden tours resumed in May after several years of our being unable to do so. Several members and club friends opened their gardens for our local tour on June 3rd. The first visit included a tour of the beautifully landscaped garden of Beverly and Philip Odom at Suqualena, MS. This was followed by a garden tour and lunch at Lois Smith's El Adamah Farm in Meridian, MS. El Adamah Farm, started by the late Jim Smith, is an active hybridizing farm where seedlings, the display garden, and lunch were enjoyed by the visitors. The last visit was to the lakeside home and garden of Linda Moffett, also of Meridian, where a beautiful collection of daylilies, ferns, hostas, and hydrangeas, among others, were enjoyed by all. Tours continued on June 8th, with a visit to Jeanie Kilpatrick's garden in Dekalb, MS. Members enjoyed touring followed by lunch. Jeanie's favorites include doubles among her beautiful landscaped garden.

Several members visited the Hattiesburg Daylily Society annual bloom show to get ideas about a possible future bloom show to be held in Meridian. Members enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with Hattiesburg area growers, especially Mr. Earl Watts.

For the July meeting, Peachie Saxon, as its longest serving member, spoke on the history of the Ben Arthur Davis Daylily Club. Members enjoyed being reminded about the role of our daylily society in Meridian over the years.

On September 17th, our program line up will continue with a visit from John and Nancy Falck from Fairhope, AL, followed by a presentation from Tim Bell from Sycamore, GA, in November. Our annual holiday potluck is scheduled for November.



MS Gulf Coast Daylily Society

Debbie Smith, Reporter

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

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

Club website: mgcds.web.com
New officers starting in September:

President:	Steve Hammons
Vice President:	Edna Shaw
Secretary:	Lisa Hammons
Treasurer:	Judy Harris

As our club year draws to a close, I can honestly say that it has been a successful year. We have many new members and future friends. We had great speakers and obtained wonderful new daylilies. We had a successful show, and our treasury is comfortably in the black! Many thanks go to Jimmy Smelley for his contribution of his late wife Elaine's

seedlings and to C. P. Winters for her donation of named cultivars. We all continue to pray for C. P.

After much worry, we had 231 entries in our show. Not a record but still more than we had foreseen. Thanks to all who brought scapes. Congratulations to our winners, many of which are shown on pages 24 and 25 of this issue.



Clerks and exhibition judges examine several of the entries in the Spider Section of the MGCDs Show. (Photo by Steve Hammons)

We will be hosting the AHS Region 14 Fall Meeting in Biloxi at the MSU Coastal Research & Extension Center on October 1, 2016. Exhibition Judging Clinic III, the refresher clinic, will be available for those who need it that morning from 8 A.M. to 10 A.M. The registration form is in this issue of *The Dixie Daylily*. We hope to see you all there.



North MS/AL Daylily Society

Last report, Spring 2016

2nd Tuesday—5:30 P.M.

Meeting Place (To be determined)

March, April, September, December

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



H. 'Linda Beck' (Agin 2005)

(Photo by Oliver Billingslea)



The Great Northwest Adventure

by Bonnie Lingel

My family knows that I disappear into the “Daylily Universe” in May. Every week is devoted to club picnics, shows, sales, regional meetings, garden tours and regular home garden maintenance. BUT WAIT! Alaska is calling. The first week of June I left with family to visit the beautiful rainforest, rocky beaches, misty mountains, quaint towns, and BUCHERT GARDENS!

British Columbia, Canada, boasts a world-renowned garden on Victoria Island, across from Vancouver. I visited once before in the fall and the display of late summer blooms in the 55 acre setting was amazing. But this time has to be hemerocallis time, right? Can't wait! Let me off this ship and get me there! Weather is perfect, camera charged up, through the gate, past the gift shop, begin the hunt for hems.

Alas, as wonderful as the perfect Japanese Garden was, the long vistas of annuals, the simply glorious rose garden, daylilies were almost absent. There were a few clumps of ordinary purple, dark red, or yellow—all unlabeled. I found one small clump that looked like *Hemerocallis* 'Destined To See'. It's hard to be disappointed in such a place, but I was.

With more time I would have asked for someone who could give me more information about plant selection, but the cattle car—er, bus, was waiting.

I hope there are AHS members in that area who could promote a patch of modern hemerocallis somewhere in that beautiful setting. It's certainly worth a visit in any season.

Bonnie Lingel



These red hemerocallis were among the few daylilies, all unlabeled, Bonnie discovered in the otherwise beautiful Buchert Gardens.

(Photo by Bonnie Lingel)

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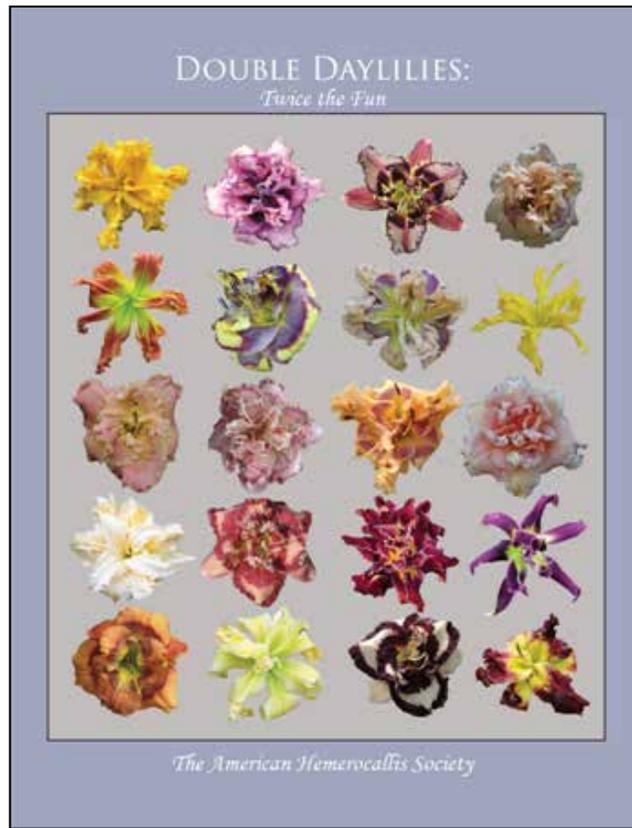
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The long anticipated new AHS publication Double Daylilies: Twice the Fun was published in early January 2016. Written by Scott Elliott, with contributions from David Kirchhoff, Bruce Kovach, Tim Herrington, Pat and Grace Stamile, Ted Petit, and Bob Tankesley-Clarke, it contains everything you should know about double daylilies.
(Photo from AHS website)

Editor's Column:

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

For this issue, I must thank two of our members who have been a wonderful help to me: Debbie Smith and Terese Goodson. Our RP Debbie Smith is always willing to help answer questions involving our region; if she doesn't already know the answer, she'll find out. And I applaud Terese Goodson for her willingness to supply much-needed articles. She writes with skill and aplomb, her articles being as much about people as daylilies—a nice balance.

Scheduled for Fall 2016 release, our newest AHS publication, entitled *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other "Exotics,"* will go to press in mid-September. As with *The Illustrated Guide to Daylilies*, Summer / Fall 2016

a special discount price will be offered to clubs ordering 10 copies or more of *The Open Form Daylily*. I think this is a book you will treasure.

And finally, I want to thank all of Region 14 in helping us win the **Best Newsletter Award for 2015**. I received a beautiful plaque honoring our Region at the National Convention in Louisville, KY, and I plan to do a "show and tell" at our Fall Meeting. We also received the award for the **Best Use of Pictures and Graphics**, and writing awards for three articles. In addition to coverage of the 2014 Asheville and 2015 Atlanta National Conventions, I am particularly proud of the article I wrote on Terah and Jesse George, entitled "A Morning at JTM Gardens," which won for **Best Article on a Hybridizer**.

Oliver Billingslea

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On behalf of AHS Region 14, Oliver Billingslea proudly accepts the 2015 Best Newsletter Award from Betty Roberts, Newsletter Awards Chair

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