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Front Cover: Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award Winner, 'Browns Ferry Royalty' (Douglas-C., 2011).
Photo Heidi Douglas

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Region 15 President

Regional Publicity

It was great to see those of you who attended the Region 15 Fall Meeting hosted by the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club. Congratulations to them on a job well done, and thank you to Lynne Broderius and the entire club for making it possible. Congratulations also to our fall award winners, Ray Quinn for the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award, Becky Hinshaw for the Carolina Service Award, and Charles Douglas for the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award for 'Browns Ferry Royalty' (Douglas-C., 2011).



Jan Joiner, the guest speaker, used the title "Plant it Forward" for her presentation. She focused on the theme of passing knowledge and passion for daylilies from one generation to the next. In Jan's case, it was her father-in-law (always addressed as Mr. Joiner) who passed his skills and learnings on to her. As a newlywed, Jan took an interest in Mr. Joiner's work, began learning from him, and then proceeded to develop her own daylilies. All of us who encourage the younger generation of our families to adopt our passion for daylilies are following in the same "plant it forward" tradition.

The challenge seems to be getting and keeping our youth interested and involved. At our fall regional Leadership Team meeting, as I was directing the usual series of reports, I was momentarily surprised when I asked our Youth Liaison, Heidi Douglas, for her report and her response was, "What youth?" What youth indeed? Besides our own children and grandchildren, where do we go to recruit them? We might consider partnering with 4-H clubs in our communities, volunteering to work with FFA programs in our high schools, or hiring interested youth to help in our gardens. Why not set a goal as a region to have at least ten youth members at our 2018 National in Myrtle Beach? Who knows what impact any of these efforts may produce? Our next generation hybridizers, club leaders, and club members may be out there just waiting for one of us to make that connection.

In addition to getting our young people involved, we can also "plant it forward" as individuals and clubs by sharing our daylilies and our love for them with others in our communities. When I wrote my very first RP report for the *Hemalina*, I mentioned goals I wanted to establish for the region. One of these was for our clubs to engage in service projects—"to make the Carolinas more beautiful one daylily at a time." Some clubs have been doing this for years; others have initiated projects this year. I hope all our clubs will make this a priority for 2017. Don't forget to document your work with photos. I'll be approaching you again next summer for reports to be used in an article I plan to write for the *Hemalina* a year from now.

Meanwhile, let's all make Jan Joiner's "Plant it Forward" theme our theme. Region 15 has so many talented people with so much knowledge to share. Let's not keep those talents under the Biblical "bushel." Let's share them with others.

Nancy Womack

Daylily Fan Feedback



Question: What suggestions do you have for increasing youth membership in Region 15?

Responses may be in either narrative or list form. I will compile them for publication in the Spring *Hemalina*. Send your response directly to me: nancywomack@bellsouth.net

As I sit at my desk drafting this report, I look out over the foothills and see autumn's gorgeous colors. And yet at the same time we are following Hurricane Matthew as it threatens our friends along the eastern seaboard. By the time this edition is published, we will be long gone from the fierce winds and rain of Matthew, but cleanup and repairs take time. We know those of you hit by Matthew and the floods in last spring are a resilient bunch and you are having to work long hours to fix your homes and recover your gardens. Our thoughts and prayers are always with you.



What a year it has been. Two great regional meetings and a really fun trip to Louisville, KY. The weather cooperated for all of these events. I still have great memories of daylilies, bourbon, and baseball bats from Louisville. If you aren't able to attend our regional or national meetings (which is unfortunate because they are lots of fun as well as educational), think about taking advantage of what is close to home. We have 23 AHS Display Gardens throughout North Carolina and South Carolina. If there is one close by that you haven't visited, put in on your bucket list for 2017. The gardens are listed on region15daylily.org and visiting a selection near you would make a great tour for your local club.

I have listed the Popularity Poll results separately (see back cover). We continue to increase our participation in the Poll, this year reaching 35% — but this can and should be higher. We have an outstanding group of hybridizers in Region 15 and the Pop Poll helps us identify what grows best and which are our favorite cultivars in the Region. As we continue to recruit new members for our clubs, take advantage of this information by not only showing off our favorite cultivars but by talking about our great hybridizers. We have hybridizers in every corner of the Region, so invite them to your meetings and visit their gardens. In the fall edition of *The Daylily Journal*, we learned that AHS is taking a look at the Popularity Poll and how we can make it work better for us. I will keep you updated on the progress.

During the winter months, we have a chance to spend a little more time browsing growers'/hybridizers' websites and paging through club, region, and the AHS websites. Don't forget, we have a great resource in the 2015 Electronic Media Award winner Charlotte Chamitoff's *Charlotte's Daylily Diary* website (daylilydiary.com). This site seems to pull everything together in the world of daylilies. I find her *Garden of the Week* series very interesting and again this year Region 15 gardens will be featured. The series begins in early December with Upstate Daylily Society members Jim and Judy Bazzone's garden.

Have you checked out the AHS channel on YouTube? The channel hosts a large number of separate videos plus playlists: 1) All About Daylilies with informative instructions and how-tos; 2) Garden Tours of daylily gardens and daylily gardeners; 3) Awards with videos of AHS award winners; and, 4) Welcome to the AHS and other promotional AHS videos. To visit, go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/daylilysociety>.

Over the next couple of months, many clubs are having their annual end of year or holiday parties. This is a great way to reflect back over the year and enjoy your accomplishments. Thank you for all that you are doing to promote your clubs, the region, and the national society. Enjoy your fall and winter, and I'll be checking in with you from time to time as I have information to share.

John Martin

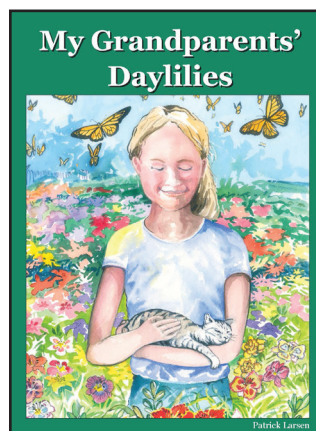
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AHS Director

Oliver Billingsly continues his excellent contributions to documenting daylily forms with his latest book *The Open Form Daylily: Spiders, Unusual Forms, and Other "Exotics"* due to be published this winter. This volume lays out an extensive history and uses more than 600 photos to demonstrate examples. Click 'AHS Publications' on daylilies.org to check availability.

We have never had a book on daylilies just for children – and now we do.

My Grandparents' Daylilies by Patrick Larson uses beautiful watercolor illustrations to help tell the story of Kate's visit to her grandparents' garden and all she learns about daylilies. Available on daylilies.org, this hardback book is for children 8 and older



but the illustrations will be enjoyed by everyone.

Region 15 authors have a new opportunity for recognition of their hard work. The AHS Board approved a new newsletter award beginning next year. The "Best Article about Daylilies in a Non-Daylily Publication Award" gives our members the opportunity to be recognized for articles in local, regional, or national newspapers and magazines. Articles for consideration are those which promote, encourage, and foster the appreciation and increased usage of daylilies in landscaping, and in home and public gardens. Either the author

or another AHS member may submit the article for consideration. Check with Melodye Campbell, Awards and Honors Chair (awards@daylilies.org) for any questions.

Keep an eye on daylilies.org, the official website of AHS. The Board has hired a company to begin making improvements to the website and to the databases supporting search functions. We'll let you know about specific updates as they are released and look for your feedback to help us continue to make the site more informative and easier to use.

Again this year, we are very fortunate to have a matching donor, so please consider making a generous donation to the AHS General Fund (daylilies.org/Donations_Endowments.html).

Charles Douglas



Hybridizer Liaison

I want to extend my thanks to everyone and especially the hybridizers who donated plants for the AHS Fall Meeting in Greensboro. We had a great auction with many recent or new introductions. All the plants went to new homes, where I'm sure they will be happy. You will probably see more than a few of these at the 2018 AHS National Convention in Myrtle Beach.



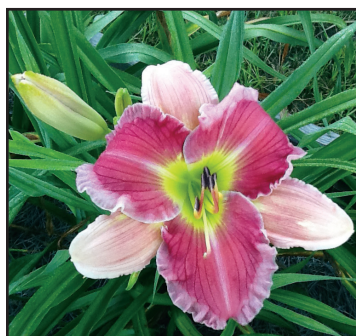
Now on to other things. Region 15 has a terrific web site that is hungry for photos. Only a few hybridizers have used this tool which you will find at the link shown below (thank you Charles & Heidi Douglas, Bill Gluck, Gene Tanner, Marlon Howell, Scottie Godwin, Ed Zahler, Duane Therrien, and Don Albers). This is a great way to get your new introductions out to the public and to get them talked about. You can send three photos at a time and you can send new photos every month (remember this while you're looking through your photos this fall and winter to evaluate your seedlings). This is for both backyard and professional hybridizers. Just send your pictures sized to 2MB to Chuck Wilson at rcsmuggler@gmail.com and he will do the rest (if you don't know how to resize your photos, Chuck can help you with that as well).

You can find the Hybridizers Gallery by going to the Region 15 website (region15daylily.org) and clicking on:



or by going directly to:
<http://www.region15daylily.org/hybridizers-gallery.html>

Perry Gaskins
Photos Perry Gaskins



Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award

Anne Winningham

Each year, Region 15 offers the opportunity for all hybridizers to nominate one of their best cultivars for the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award. We are now accepting nominations for 2017.

Don't be shy!!! This is for ALL hybridizers of Region 15, subject to the exceptions noted in the rules below. The purpose of this award is to recognize our region's advances in hybridizing and to encourage a new level of achievement.

The rules are simple:

1. Any cultivar registered in the past 10 years
2. A high resolution photo is required with each nomination – 300dpi or 1000 pixels or higher (Editor's note: please send your largest size. We might need to use it later)
3. Hybridizer submitting nomination cannot have won in the past three years
4. Nominations must be received no later than February 1, 2017
5. Send nominations to Anne Winningham's email address pwinningham@homesc.com

Enter the Carolina Digital Photography Contest!

In the Summer edition of the *Hemalina* on page 30 you will find detailed guidance for submitting photos for the 2016 Carolina Digital Photography Contest. Or, you can look at <http://www.region15daylily.org/carolina-digital-photography.html>. The important thing is for you to go through your photos, pick your favorites, and send them in today!

Here's the highlights of the process:

Categories: Region 15 Daylilies; Region 15 Members; Region 15 Landscapes; Artistic Shots; Youth

Send 10 or fewer images per category

Make file sizes 1-4 MB

Cropping or editing is permissible to remove blemishes or improve composition

Refer to page 10 of this edition of the *Hemalina* for great photography hints

Images submitted for one contest are ineligible in subsequent years

Name images using this guidance:

- Region 15 Daylilies - cultivar name and hybridizer
- Region 15 Members - person's name and photo location
- Region 15 Landscape - garden and owner names
- Artistic - creative title

These names may be included in emails with attached photos or may be included in separate written document



Above: 'Gadsden Firefly' (Reinke-B., 2004) is featured in this artistic photo of cute garden art, photo Kathy Tinius

If you do not already have one on file, print, sign, and submit the AHS consent form which can be found at <http://daylilies.org/AHS-Copyright-Photography-Consent-Form.pdf>

Send by December 31, 2016

Select your best and submit them to:

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Amendments to the Region 15 Bylaws were approved during the 2016 Fall Meeting in Greensboro. The updated Bylaws are available for download on <http://www.region15daylily.org/about.html>, click on 'Bylaws.'

IMPORTANT: Please carefully read those emails you get from our Region 15 Publicity Director, John Martin; they often ask for responses to go to specific people (not John). We don't want you to miss out on something because you responded back to John rather than the person who needs the information.

Charles Coggins

It is with great sadness that Region 15 announces the death of Charles Coggins (Upstate Daylily Society) the afternoon of Nov. 5, 2016. A more detailed memoriam will appear in the Spring edition. Photo Linda Sue Barnes



Harvey Horne

Region 15 is saddened by the death of Harvey Horne on Oct. 29, 2016. Harvey is survived by Edith, his wife of 63 years. Harvey and Edith were the last surviving charter members of Region 15 and the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club. Please look for a more detailed memoriam in the Spring 2017 edition.



Right, top to bottom: Harvey Horne, photo Ann Cobb; 'Harvey Horne' (Lambert, 1969), photo unattributed

Editor's Column:

What is the purpose of a newsletter? To entertain? To share news? To challenge thoughts? To document events? To note passings? To generate discussion? Whatever your thoughts, I hope you find what you want, what delights or disappoints you, in this and upcoming editions.

Should you find something that confuses or frustrates you, or if you would just like to express your opinion, send me an email. I'd like to hear from you and to publish your thoughts in a 'Letters' section.

So, take a look through this edition and shoot me an email if you'd like at ktinius@yahoo.com. Thanks for reading!

Kathy Tinius

Daylily Fan Feedback Trial Memberships

by Nancy Womack

In the Summer issue, I asked this question: What was the first daylily for which you paid at least \$100.00?

My First Hundred Dollar Daylily

Responder	Cultivar (Hybridizer, Year)
Bill Hurt	'Helen Bessinger' (Phelps, 2006)
Lynne Broderius	'Skinwalker' (Roberts, 1997)
Eric Simpson	'Curtis Montgomery' (Morss, 2007)
Carol Monge	'Speedo' (Trimmer, 2003)
Ray Quinn	'Holy Guacamole' (Salter, 2005)
Heidi Douglas	'Spacecoast Starburst' (Kinnebrew, 1998)
Linda Sue Barnes	'Russian Easter' (Kirchoff, 1991)
Jim Sovine	'Gavin Petit' (Petit, 2004)
Becky Hinshaw	'Doctor Handsome' (Davisson, 2013)
Mitchell Hagler	'Harley Rushing' (Rushing, 1993)
Nancy Womack	'Siloam Jean Hogan' (Henry, 1999)

A little story about a hundred dollar daylily from John Martin:

At the first Foothills Daylily Society meeting I attended back in 2007, the club held a drawing for a newly registered Dale Hensley daylily called 'Pico De Gallo' (Hensley-D., 2007). My number was the lucky one called. This was my first registered daylily! Oh, how I fretted over how I was going to keep that \$100 daylily alive. People say we get smitten by the "daylily bug," and that has certainly been the case for me. Clubs need to consider giving daylilies to new members. That one certainly hooked me.



Sharing ideas to increase membership

During the Fall Meeting in Greensboro, several ideas were discussed for increasing membership and reaching out to new audiences. Those clubs which had used trial memberships recommended them to other clubs.



Think of some people or businesses where a trial membership in your club might either result in the person joining permanently or in having the recipient advertise your club to a larger group of people.

For example, your club could offer a trial membership to:

- County Extension Agent
- Local Newspaper Events Reporter
- Local Radio Personality
- Garden Center Owner or Manager
- Local Chamber of Commerce
- Mayor or Council Chair
- Beautification Committee Chair
- Hardware Store Owner or Manager
- Florist Shop Owner
- Elementary School Teacher
- Birding Shop Owner

In addition, when we are fortunate enough to have youth join our clubs, consider using club funds or securing individual sponsors to pay for their AHS membership. Then follow through to find a way for them to attend regional and national meetings.



Daylilies in my Garden

How do I enjoy thee, let me ponder the whys...
 perhaps it is your feathered eye saying look at me,
 perhaps it is your recurved petals dancing on the cool breeze,
 perhaps it is your spidery shape caressing the dawn,
 perhaps it is your double form beckoning the sun,
 or perhaps it is your miniature figure tickling the dusk,
 oh, enough of the whys!
 I'm just going to sit here and enjoy.....daylilies in my garden.

Kathy Dolge



Clockwise from lower left: 'Honey Crunch Cupcake' (Herrington-T., 1999), photo Kathy Tinius; butterfly dances on clear yellow bloom, photo Janice Ullmeyer; 'Pico De Gallo' (Hensley-D., 2007), photo Bob Selman; 'Montana Burn' (Olsen-B., 2013), photo Kathy Tinius; 'Twiggy in Spandex' (Couturier-G., 2003), photo Kathy Tinius; 'Radiation Biohazard' (Gossard, 2000), Photo Rebecca Board

2016 AHS Fall Board Meeting

Myrtle Beach, SC, Site of 2018 AHS National Convention

The 2016 AHS Fall Board Meeting took place October 28-29 at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel. Members of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club, including owners of the 2018 AHS National Convention tour gardens, hosted the event.

Those board members unable to travel to Myrtle Beach joined by conference bridge and live video feed – and missed a real treat. The recently-renovated hotel was comfortable and accommodating. The weather was perfect for walks on the beach or strolls along the boardwalk. The food and drinks at the hotel banquet and nearby restaurants were world class.

Everyone left with a little vial of genuine Myrtle Beach sand. They're sure to feel the the ocean pulling them back to the shore in 2018.



Above and left: Night view of the SkyWheel. Photo Heidi Douglas

Left: Sheraton Conference Services members created a Halloween Jack-O'-Lantern with the American Hemerocallis Society Stout Medal logo and a "We know these aren't daylilies (wink!)" note attached. Photo Kathy Tinius



Above, left and right: (left to right) Charles and Heidi Douglas, Judie Branson, Melodye Campbell, and Maureen Strong enjoyed an evening ride in the SkyWheel on the Myrtle Beach boardwalk, photo SkyWheel; Janice Ullmeyer led the On-Site Registration team that pulled together the Myrtle Beach information packets for each attendee as well as the delightful beachy banquet display table, photo Kathy Tinius



Couldn't be there but want to join in the fun? AHS is using new technologies to help everyone take part in distant activities.

Log into Facebook and enter "American Hemerocallis Society: Daylilies" in the search bar. Scroll down and you will be able to watch recordings of Melodye Campbell announcing the 2016 award winners along with the 2018 AHS National Convention invitation by Ed Zahler, Kathy Tinius, Heidi Douglas, and Chuck Wilson.

And check out the AHS youtube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/daylilysociety>.



Above: (clockwise from upper left) Scott Elliott, Jim Cruise, Jacob Braun, Jr., Nikki Schmith, and Lois Hart posed on Pier 14 in Myrtle Beach during the 2016 AHS Fall Board Meeting, photo Nikki Schmith

Late-Breaking News

Region 15 members held their breath the evening of October 29, 2016. The AHS Fall Board Meeting was taking place in their region (see article, left) and they had daylilies in contention for top awards. For each award, the winner and runners-up were announced and there were cheers and congratulations all around.

For the full list of winners and runners-up, go to daylilies.org and click on 'Awards and Honors,' then click 'Individual Cultivar Awards,' or go directly to daylilies.org/AHSCultivars.html.

Award of Merit

Established in 1950, this award is given to signify that a cultivar is not only distinctive and beautiful, but also performs well over a geographic area.

2016 Winner: Judy Davisson for **'Riot on the Kindergarten Bus'** (Davisson-J., 2007)



Don C. Stevens Award

Annual award for the most outstanding eyed or banded daylily.

2016 Winner: Victor Santa Lucia for **'Carnival in Caracas'** (Santa Lucia, 2007)



Lambert/Webster Award

Annual award for the most outstanding unusual form.

(2016 Winner: Jan Joiner for **'Firefly Frenzy'** (Joiner-J., 2002))

2016 First Runner-Up: Heidi Douglas for **'Papa Goose'** (Douglas-H., 2011)



R.W. Munson, Jr. Award

Annual award for the most outstanding distinctly patterned daylily.

(2016 Winner: Pat Stamile for **'Get Jiggy'** (Stamile, 2008))

2016 First Runner-Up: Bob Selman for **'Alien DNA'** (Selman, 2009)



Region 15 Honorable Mention Awards

Established in 1950, this award is the first official "stamp of approval" by the AHS, where good performance goes beyond the regional level.

Region 15 2016 Winners:



Bob Selman for **'Clown Parade'** (Selman, 2006)



Paul Owen for **'Eminent Domain'** (Owen-P., 2011)



Charles Douglas for **'Browns Ferry Queen of Hearts'** (Douglas-C., 2013)



Paul Owen for **'Hotta Pinkie'** (Owen-P., 2008)



Victor Santa Lucia for **'Paul Cranford'** (Santa Lucia, 2009)



Heidi Douglas for **'Biker Babe'** (Douglas-H., 2012)



Bob Selman for **'Goody Goody Gumdrop'** (Selman, 2008)



Paul Owen for **'My Friend Charlie'** (Owen-P., 2012)



James Miles for **'Double Pompon'** (Miles-J., 1972)



Bob Selman for **'Asheville Tourist'** (Selman, 2012)



Heidi Douglas for **'Decidedly Happy'** (Douglas-H., 2011)

Above, top to bottom: Judy Davisson, Victor Santa Lucia, Kathy Tinius, Bob Selman

Right, top to bottom: Bob Selman, Paul Owen, Heidi Douglas, Paul Owen, Victor Santa Lucia, Heidi Douglas, Bob Selman, Paul Owen, Kathy Tinius, Bob Selman, Heidi Douglas

To Break or Not to Break

Rules of Photographic Composition

by Ken Cobb

Photography is an art form seemingly burdened by rules that stifle creativity. However, in a broad sense, there is only one rule: “There are no rules, just guidelines,” and there are many. But, guess what? Your composition can contradict them. Most of the photos used as examples in this article combine or break some rules as necessary. These guidelines are there to enhance, not stifle. Composition includes all the elements in a photo and their arrangement. Like the sculptor who chips away everything that does not look like the statue inside, so the photographer can use composition to tell that story worth a thousand words. The same scene can tell more than one story, depending upon how it is composed.

The AHS and regional photo contests have restrictions that may seem to inhibit your artistic vision. Don't let that keep you from taking photos for daylily club or general public presentations that have some pizzazz. It is rather boring for all photos to be straight-on mug shots of single blooms that make them all appear to be the same size. Daylilies have sides and even backs – just like people! While the concepts in this article might help with daylily contests, the intent is to help you create more interesting and artistic photos.

The following tips are much the same for Point and Shoot or DSLR (Digital Single Lens Reflex) cameras, and they help bring order while achieving originality.

Rule of Thirds – This is the “rule of rules.” Picture a tic-tac-toe layout that breaks an image into thirds both horizontally and vertically, giving you nine squares. Many cameras superimpose that layout on the LED screens. The theory is for natural balance and interest to place your key elements on one of those lines, or where they intersect. Just try it! The main rule to avoid is centering *everything*! Now, there are other ways to divide an image like The Golden Triangle and The Golden Mean – Fibonacci's Ratio – but let's save those for math homework!

Negative Space – This is relatively insignificant open space, not necessarily empty. In working with smaller objects in particular, you might use a macro lens and try to fill the frame as you see in most photos of daylily blooms. But, it can be dramatic to leave open space beside or around the subject to emphasize the context. For example, instead of a close-up of a lone tree, show it surrounded by the furrows of a newly plowed field to give a sense of size relative to its environment. That image would be mostly negative space, i.e., soil and sky.

Balance Elements – Following the Rule of Thirds, the main element may be off-center, leaving a void that you don't want. Using the prior lone tree example, you can balance it with another lesser object to somewhat fill that negative space. Add a tractor to the scene. Now either the tree or the machinery can be made your object of primary importance depending upon the spatial relationships. One or

the other can be made smaller in the background, perhaps even slightly out of focus to tell your story.

Rule of Odds – Three works better than two, five better than four, just as in planting perennials in your garden. Given two objects, the eye is drawn to a point between them, with focus on neither. But, just what is the intended subject in the beautifully textured photo below, taken at Daylily World? While it follows the Rule of Thirds, is the subject the two lilies in the foreground, or the two tall clumps of grasses in the mid-range as viewed between the lilies? Where are your eyes focusing? Perhaps to the off-center, light yellow shrub? Symmetry, to be discussed in a moment, does not work well in this case.



Leading Lines – Lines may be diagonals, converging, or curving – man-made or natural. Converging or curved lines can lead your eyes into and through a scene towards your subject. The former can add perspective and depth as they vanish into infinity, while curves can take you hither and yon. Diagonal lines, more than straight, can add drama or a sense of motion and energy. Consider left to right eye motion. We read left to right in English, thus, our eyes move across a scene similarly. The photo shown below of ‘**Brother Cal**’ (Roberts-N, 2008) obeys The Rule of Thirds, while breaking The Rule of



Odds. The parallel downward diagonals combined with the symmetry of curving sepals give a sense of left to right flowing motion. Such would be missed with a single bloom or perhaps two horizontal blooms.

Use Geometric Shapes, Patterns, Symmetry or Asymmetry – Triangles can give weight to anchor an image in place or can be used for group photos. Rather than posing people in lines with short folks in front and tall in the back row as is custom, group them in triangles, no matter if even or odd numbers. It will surprise you by looking less trite. Spirals can be dynamic and suggest movement. While symmetry tends to break the Rule of Thirds, there is nothing like a hint of asymmetry tossed in to throw the viewer off balance and add tension. Patterns can both suggest harmonic rhythm or break it.

Spatial Relationships

– In general, this refers to creating depth by including objects of interest in the foreground, mid-range, and background. Frame foregrounds with gates, arches, tree branches, etc. to soften the rectangular nature of images and help isolate the primary subject. But, be sure to expose for the image that is beyond the frame you create.



Be Selective and Simplify – Do not have too many points of interest. Engage the viewer by leading the eye to specific things. Focus on your subject(s) and not all the details. The eye is actually drawn to the brightest spot of a photo so light plays a large part.

Cropping – Crop in the camera or later in the computer to remove distracting material, such as dead foliage or plant labels. Analyze all elements and pay attention to what should be excluded. When cropping in your camera, use your optical zoom, not your camera's digital zoom. Using the camera's zoom enlarges the image area at the center of the frame and trims away the outer edges of the picture, enlarging the pixels and reducing the image's resolution. You can crop to a standard print size ratio, to a square, or turn a landscape into a panorama by cropping both the top and bottom. You can turn a near-centered shot into one obeying the Rule of Thirds. Cropping is one of the best ways to turn an average shot into a great one.

Cropping photos of people should be done carefully. If you cut off some fingers or a foot, the viewer's eye will travel right to that missing member. Cutting at the waist, while more severe, is less objectionable.

Depth of Field/Background – Depth of field is dependent upon the subject matter you are capturing. To isolate a bloom or person, reduce the depth with a telephoto lens or larger aperture (smaller f-stop, e.g., f/2.0). By blurring or darkening the background behind a daylily bloom you can eliminate distracting artifacts like brown bracts or leaves, labels, other blooms, etc., that cannot be cropped out. The photo above to the right of the double 'Treva Gene' (Eller-N, 2005) has an almost black background.



Further, it was shot from the side, not the top as one would expect, thus, it reveals more of the bloom's height.

For landscapes, you often want to extend the depth with a wide-angle lens or smaller aperture (larger f-stop, e.g., f/16 or f/22) to get all in focus. Creativity may suggest either the foreground or background be blurred. This can be accomplished with either automatic or manual focusing.

Point of View and Orientation – Most photos are shot from eye level in a horizontal orientation; try some variation. If an image contains many obvious vertical lines, use a vertical orientation. Shooting from below emphasizes height while shooting from above reduces an object's apparent size. Work with different angles by holding the camera at an obvious angle. Tilting the camera can produce interesting effects with birdhouses, fences, even buildings. Of course this violates the Rule of Thirds where you expect verticals to be vertical and horizontal lines to be horizontal. But, you can first tilt the camera and later rotate in the computer. Now the image is upright again, but the border is at an artistic angle in the photos below.



To emphasize height, take daylily photos from ground skyward. Without blooms, 'Notify Ground Crew' (Hanson-C, 2000), photo to the right, gives an even more dramatic sense of its height when taken upward rather than straight on.



Involve People – AHS newsletter criteria for Best Use of Pictures and Graphics says that it is best if people are not shown in fixed poses. Avoid having a person or persons look straight into the camera. Try to involve them in performing some activity, being spontaneous, showing emotions, or at least looking more to the side. If looking to the side, leave more space in the image to the side in which the person is looking.

A technique used in painting involves centering the dominant eye, not the face. Focus on the eyes! In the photo below, Don Alber's eyes are on the horizontal upper one third line and his right eye is centered vertically in the portrait. Check Washington's portrait on the one dollar bill. You will see his right eye, not his face, is centered. Don's flowered shirt tells the story of why he is taking notes in this setting, and his camera strap forms parallel lines perpendicular to his pad, which along with his arm form another diagonal.



Most individuals in a garden are likely to be wearing hats or caps that shade their faces or eyes. Use fill flash to avoid those facial shadows. Generally use close-up shots as mid-range or distant views become unrecognizable. Remember, it is best to avoid having people in photos you plan to enter in the Landscape category in some regional and the AHS photo contests, and AHS has no People category.

Work with Weather and the Golden Hours – Rain or mist can be a friend. Haze can affect the mood and sense of depth in landscape shots. The water droplets in the photo above to the right actually enhance the image while

saying something about the flower's substance. Usually avoid photographing in direct overhead sunlight. Dawn and dusk are the golden hours in terms of light. However, shade can impact some daylily colors more than others.



Color – Use the color wheel for effect and mood. The strong hot colors are red and orange, while yellow is warm. Blues and greens are cool and peaceful. Colors opposite each other on the wheel, like red and green, complement, while red and blue clash. Also, look up! Sometimes the wildest color combinations are on the most exquisite art, like the Dale Chihuly glass skylight at the Columbus, OH, Franklin Park Conservatory. You might say the photo below looks totally random, like the proverbial explosion in the paint factory, if you will. Can it possibly follow any rules of composition? Certainly! True, the clashing patterns and glaring hot colors purposely break any sense of harmonic rhythm or repetition, but that is balanced and softened by the many curved lines and geometric shapes. Plus, is not the eye drawn to the pale blue-green sphere on the lower left intersection of the Rule of Thirds?

Impress Others – Lastly, show only your best images, and limit those as well. Your audience will be impressed by your talent, not knowing that another hundred have been culled and trashed for each image in your program.



"You don't take a photograph, you make it."

-- Ansel Adams

All images Ken Cobb

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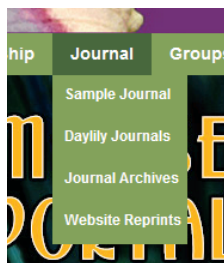
by Melodye Campbell, Region 4 Director

Did you know all editions of *The Daylily Journal* back to 1946 have been scanned and are available on the AHS Members Portal on daylilies.org?

Log in to the Portal and click 'Journal' in the top green bar, then click 'Journal Archives.'

You can search the index for articles, images, and people. Once you identify the issue, you can then download it.

Many thanks to Region 11 for funding this effort and to Ken Cobb and his Archives Committee for their tireless work making this resource a reality.



Refreshed Region 15 Website



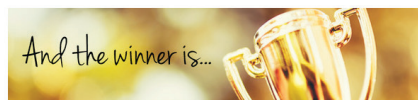
CELEBRATING DAYLILIES IN NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA



So, have you been wondering what's really available on the new Region 15 website (region15daylily.org)? Here's a sampling of what you can find:

1. A copy of this newsletter (click "Read it online now")!
 2. A gallery of Region 15 hybridizers' favorites (that changes monthly)
 3. Meeting minutes (and you can download them)
 4. Links to all the clubs in Region 15
 5. List of Region 15 Sale Gardens with links to their websites
 6. Pop Poll slideshow and results
 7. Details on all Region 15 awards and listing of all winners
-and much, much more!

- HYBRIDIZER'S GALLERY
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Congratulations to our Fall Award Winners:

Becky Hinshaw
(Carolina Service Award);
Ray Quinn
(Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award);
Charles Douglas
(Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award and Pop Poll winner).



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Resources

Region 15 AHS Facebook Page

Have you 'liked' the Region 15 AHS Facebook page yet?



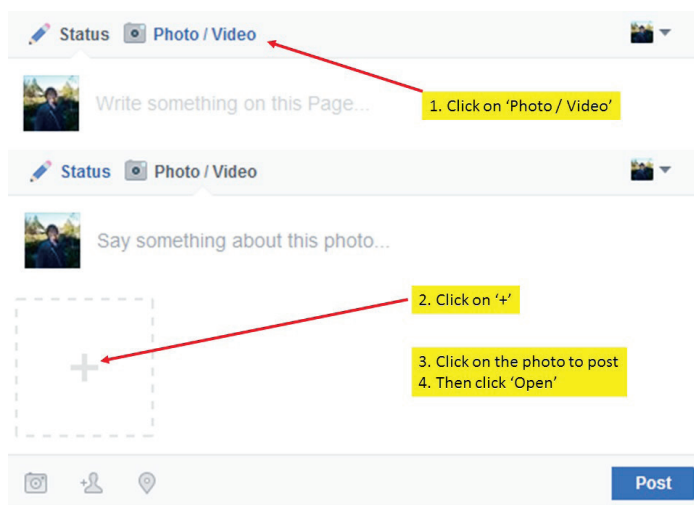
Region 15 AHS



(Log into Facebook and enter "Region 15 AHS" in the search bar) If you haven't, you've been missing posts like these:



Post your own photos to share your garden successes with Region 15 members:



The Daylilies of
Eric Simpson

at
Blue Ridge Daylilies



**AHS Junior Citation
Winner**

The Carpenter's Heart



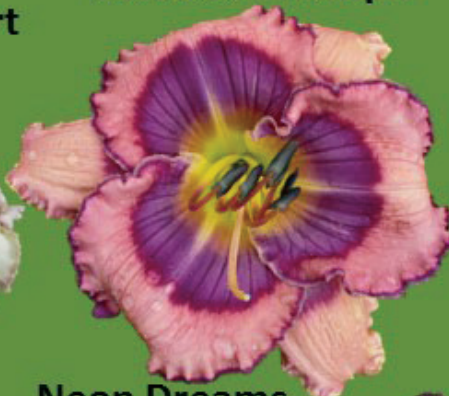
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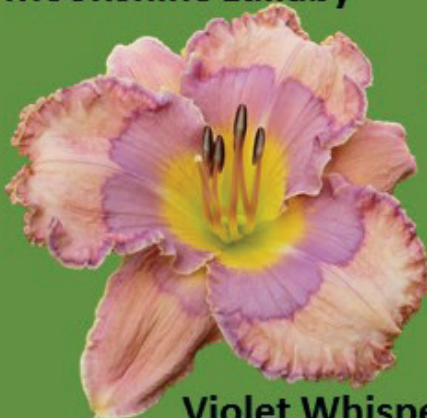
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Read Between The Lines



Violet Whisper



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Monday Night Lights

by Mike Holmes

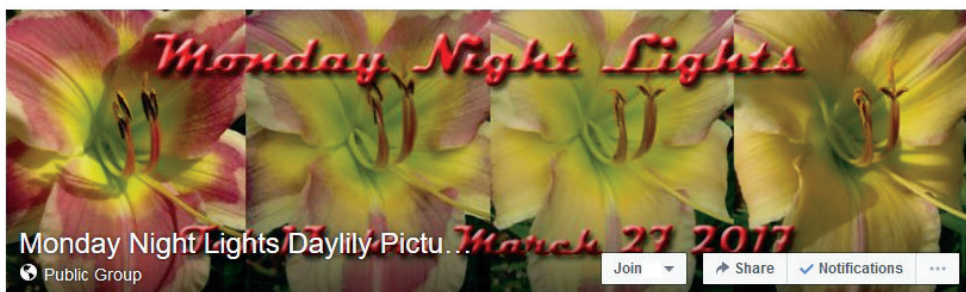
Monday Night Lights is a Facebook group that begins its fourth season of presentations in 2017. The upcoming season runs February 13 to March 27. Each night features several select hybridizers showing slides of their daylily programs. The slides shown are condensed versions of presentations one might see at a club or regional meeting.

In the beginning, our primary mission was to bring daylily programs to those who normally may not be able to get out to see them. We wanted to connect with daylily lovers who may not have the resources to attend meetings and conventions or who may be shut-ins due to weather, illness, or age. It turns out, not only have these folks joined Monday Night Lights, but a large international audience has joined as well. As of early October, we have 1,708 total members and more are added daily.

This season we have a very entertaining lineup of new and experienced hybridizers eager to share their stories through daylilies. For more information and to join the fun, log into Facebook and

enter "Monday Night Lights Daylily Pictures" in the search field or go directly to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MondayNightLightDaylilies/>. Check "Join" to send a report to join the group, we'd love to have you as a member! Once you've joined, please carefully read the guest guidelines to help you better understand how the presentations work and what you can do to make the experience more enjoyable.

Region 15 hybridizers have been very popular on Monday Night Lights and Region 15 is very well represented in our membership. We look forward to having even more Region 15 members join our page to take advantage of this great outreach resource.



Knowledge Base - Safe Transport

by Ken Ferguson

For those planning to enter a daylily show, the greatest fear is damaging a bloom on the way to the show. All that hard work and promise and hope gone with the crack of a petal or the snap of bloom falling off a scape. Here is my transport system solution. It costs less than \$10, can be assembled by anyone who knows which end of a knife to hold, and takes less than five minutes.

All of my materials were purchased at Dollar Tree.

- One tall plastic trash can (a five-gallon bucket will work as well)
- Five swimming pool noodles
- A bag of cotton balls

The height of the trash can should match the height of the scapes you want to show. Select a taller container for those 36"+ scapes or a shorter one for your more diminutive varieties. The blossom should not touch the noodle. With a sharp knife, cut the noodles to the length you need (usually half or thirds), again thinking about scape heights. To make the final assembly a little bit more stable, place a couple of bricks or other weights in the bottom of the container. Stuff the cut noodles into the bucket and you're ready to head to the garden. Insert your cut scapes all the way to the bottom of the noodle. To restrict movement of the blooms in transit, gently stuff a cotton ball in the noodle hole wedging the stem in place. After loading all of the flowers, add a couple of inches of water to the container, making sure the cut stems are submerged. If it will take more than a few minutes to cut and load your flowers, add the water when you first set up your holder. Now you're ready for a safe trip to your show.

Photo by Ken Ferguson



Winter's Tale

*"There lives the dearest freshness deep down things."
Gerard Manley Hopkins*

The daylilies are dormant now. Little remains of their former glory. Metal stakes protrude from the frozen ground with labels reminding us of who they are—their names, proud or amusing, displayed so anyone who cares to walk among them this time of year can remember the joy they brought on summer days—somewhat like walking through cemeteries, reading tombstones and reminiscing on departed friends and family. But these have not departed. They are much alive in their cold and quiet resting place, growing strong beneath a pale sun and the silver sliver of a winter moon. When April Lyrids streak the midnight skies, they will be green again. Promises of glorious mornings in June.

Nancy Womack



Clockwise from top left: 'Orchid Visitation' (Mahieu, 2003); 'Watchyl Dancing Spider' (Kreger, 1994); 'Disturbance in the Force' (Marchant, 2013); 'Gryphon Hankhow Legacy' (Stelter, 2012). Photos Rebecca Board

Call to Region 15 Hybridizers – Seedlings Needed

Region 15 Hybridizers have two opportunities to showcase their seedlings:

The **2018 AHS National Convention** will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC. The Therrien/Zahler garden will host the seedling bed. Each plant can be up to three fans and each hybridizer may send as many as five different seedlings. Plants will be returned after the convention.

Send to: Duane Therrien / Ed Zahler
2107 Cultra Rd.
Conway, SC 29526
843-855-3536 or 843-995-7151

The **2017 Region 15 Summer Meeting** will be held in Raleigh, NC. The garden of Richard and Janet Warren will host the seedling bed. Each plant can be up to three fans and each hybridizer may send as many as five different seedlings. Plants will be returned after the meeting.

Send to: Richard & Janet Warren
6304 Windy Ridge Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27606
919-851-4897

Below: The seedling bed for the 2018 AHS National Convention is waiting for your best!





■ Edisto Beach (Charles)



■ Sara Angeline (Charles)



■ Dianne Reaves (Charles)



■ Browns Ferry Elegance



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■ Humble and Kind (Gene)

You're invited!

**Our 23rd Annual Open House Sale
June 3rd and 4th, 2017**

If you are in the area, please make plans to stop by. You will see thousands of daylilies in bloom, catch some good sale prices and have some great food. This event is the highlight of our season. Please call if you need additional information or recommendations on local accommodations.



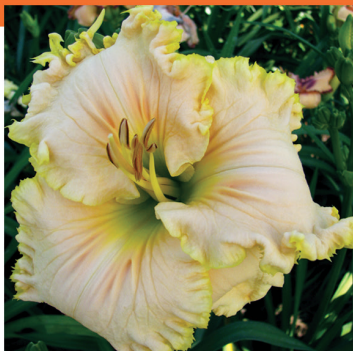
■ Papa Goose Gets Jiggy (Heidi)



■ MeMe's Indulgence (Heidi)



■ Fudge It (Heidi)



■ Carolina Sugar Shaker (Gene)



■ Different for Girls (Gene)



■ Lovin' the Carolina Sun (Gene)



■ Paula Goes Prime Time (Heidi)

Region 15 Fall Meeting

Minutes & Photos

[Note: The following is a summary of the business meeting. For more details, please go to region15daylily.org and click on "Meeting Minutes" for the complete report filed by AHS Region 15 Secretary, Dawn Whitley.]

The AHS Region 15 annual fall business meeting was held September 24, 2016, in Greensboro, NC, at "Daylily Revolution," the regional meeting hosted by Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club and with RP Nancy Womack presiding. Ten of the thirteen clubs in the region were represented. The minutes from the summer meeting were approved as published in the 2016 Summer *Hemalina*. Treasurer Mitchell Hagler, reported the Region's assets, including checking, savings, and CDs, total \$17,768.84.

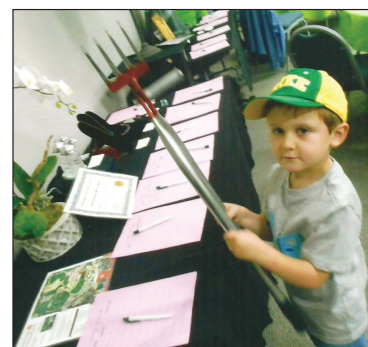
Several members of the Regional Leadership Team made reports and/or announcements: Region 15 Director, Charles Douglas, reported on new AHS publications and other items of interest from the national perspective. He also presented Ed Zahler with an Honorable Mention certificate for 'Dancing with Linda' (Zahler, 2008). Kathy Tinius announced deadline dates for the next issue of *Hemalina* and encouraged hybridizers to advertise at a special rate in the Fall/Winter edition. Wanda Quinn presented an overview of plans for the 2017 Region 15 Summer Meeting. Ray Quinn reported on hosts for future Region 15 Summer Meetings. Heidi Douglas provided an update on plans for the 2018 National Convention in Myrtle Beach. Becky Hinshaw and Jim Sovine gave updates on new garden judges and exhibition judges.

John Martin announced the winners of the 2016 Pop Poll and announced other publicity projects.

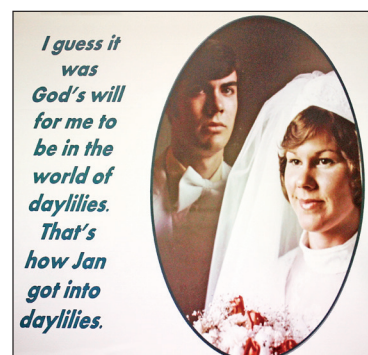
Four items were presented under New Business, all were voted on and approved by those in attendance:

- Proposal that our Region 15 Bylaws be amended to add two additional board members—Secretary and Board Member-at-Large—along with other, non-substantive changes. (Complete amended Bylaws available on region15daylily.org.)
- Motion that we increase the annual budget by \$950.00 to cover stipends for the two new board members to attend National and Regional meetings.
- Motion that the Region elect volunteers Eric Simpson, Wanda Quinn, and John Martin, to serve as the Nominating Committee for the 2017 election of AHS Region 15 Director, Regional President, Treasurer, and Board Member-at-Large.
- Recommendation by Award Management Chair Anne Winningham, that the wording on the the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award guidelines regarding eligibility be the same as that on the Carolina Service Award—"that previous recipients are not eligible. . ."

The final item on the agenda was Anne Winningham's announcement of the Region 15 fall award winners: Becky Hinshaw for the Carolina Service Award; Raymond Quinn for the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award; and, Charles Douglas for the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award.



Above, left to right: Auctioneer extraordinaire Lisa York worked the crowd; RP Nancy Womack lead the membership through region business; Drew Foust offered a wonderful musical interlude during dinner; budding photographer Ethan Sanfield demonstrated the daylily dividing tool. First three photos Linda Sue Barnes, fourth photo Sharon Yarbrough



Clockwise from left: Keynote speaker Jan Joiner explains how she learned to "Plant it Forward" during her married life; view of the spectacular Joiner Daylily Gardens; Mrs. Joiner loved deadheading; it was meant to be and we all have benefited; the future of daylilies in the Joiner family; Mr. Joiner enjoyed his daily afternoon naps. Photos Linda Sue Barnes; photos above and right are screenshots of Jan's presentation





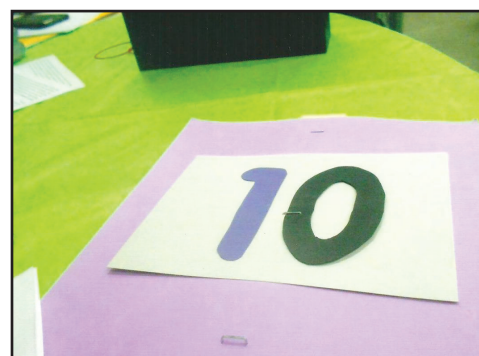
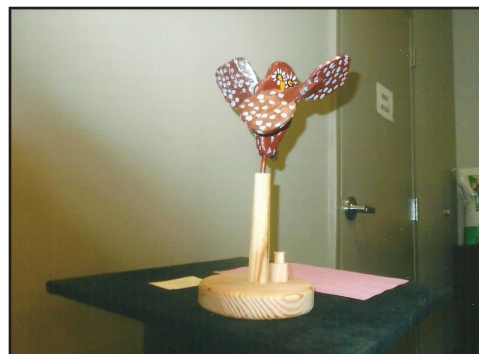
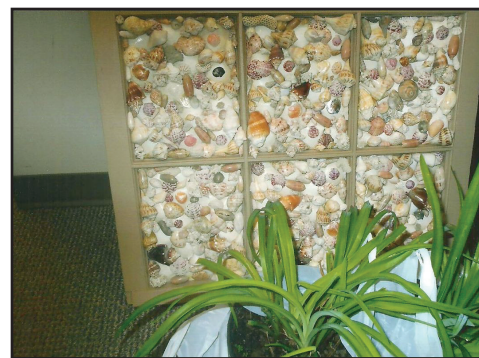
Above, left to right: Ann Winningham read the heart-felt submissions for the Henry Pruitt Mentoring Award and Carolina Service Award (see page 22); Charles Douglas presented Ed Zahler with his Honorable Mention for 'Dancing with Linda' (Zahler, 2008); John Martin gave his upbeat Regional Publicity Director's Report. *Photos Linda Sue Barnes*



Above: Becky Hinshaw received the Carolina Service Award for her many years of dedicated service to her club, to Region 15, and to daylily lovers everywhere. *Photo Bill Hurt*



Above: Charles Douglas received the Jeffcoat Hybridizer's Award for the delightfully sumptuous 'Browns Ferry Royalty' (Douglas-C., 2011) — see cover. *Photo Bill Hurt*



Above, top to bottom: Photographic impressions from Daylily Revolution — a gorgeous shell-encrusted frame created by Debbie Hennings and cute owl whirligig painted by Curtis Barnes from the silent auction; the all-important auction bid paddles. *Photos Ethan Sanfield, five year old grandson of Sharon Yarbrough*



Above: Ray Quinn received the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award from Lynne Broderius to the tumultuous applause of the audience. *Photo Linda Sue Barnes*

2016 Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award Winner

Ray Quinn, nominated by Jim Sovine

When I think of the term mentoring, I always think of helping others, sharing your knowledge and talents with somebody else. My nominee goes above and beyond just the everyday casual sharing. He goes out of his way to make sure people's questions are answered and understood! In this 'me first' society, he always thinks of others ahead of himself.

This person is not only one of the nicest people in Region 15 and AHS but is one of the most knowledgeable. He and his mother are directly responsible for my being in AHS and my interest in daylilies. I am sure that I am not the only one in the region who has been inspired by this individual. He is always readily available to share his knowledge and his daylilies with others. I know there are many gardens around the Carolinas helped by his generous gifts.

He is a hybridizer, judge, display garden advocate, past club president, regional past president, show chair, tremendous grower and owner of daylilies. And he is also a great listener.

The hard work and dedication of this individual and his wife are some of the main reasons the Raleigh Club has survived and flourished. Ray works on speakers and programs, budget and shows, auction and gift plants, reaching out to new members, following up with current members, and, most importantly, leading by example! In this world where so many people do not want to volunteer, he is a shining example of what can happen when people do volunteer.

Let me give you a good example of what this person does. For a number of years, our club has sponsored a local park by supplying

daylilies to and by working alongside the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. This person has assumed the liaison position for our club with the city, leading workdays, donating plants, and working countless hours mapping out and maintaining this park. As a direct result, it is about to become an AHS Display Garden.

When the Region needs plants for auction, this person is in front of the line to give. When the Region needs leadership, this person steps up to the plate. He attends all of the Region 15 Meetings and most of the National Meetings.

To make sure we have consistent meetings, this person has become Regional Meeting Liaison, allowing clubs the opportunity to draw from his vast area of knowledge. Documenting and sharing his knowledge and experience, he has written the guidelines for hosting Regional Meetings, mentoring entire clubs as well as individuals. He provided much help to the Western NC club as they prepared for the 2014 National Convention in Asheville, often driving four hours one way to sit in on planning meetings and offer his direction and assistance.

While he was Regional President, two new clubs were formed. He was readily available to help them through the formative process.

He does all of this humbly and without fanfare or calling attention to himself.

I could go on and on about this individual but you only have so much time to present this award.....So I would like to submit Ray Quinn's name for the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award.

2016 Carolina Service Award Winner

Rebecca Hinshaw, nominated by Mitchell Hagler

I am pleased to nominate Rebecca Hinshaw for the 2016 Region 15 Service Award.

Here are the many ways she has served our region and AHS:

- As a Garden Judge
- As a Garden Judge Instructor
- As Garden Judge Liaison
- As an Exhibition Judge
- As an Exhibition Judge Instructor
- By judging two or more shows a year
- By providing critical assistance in establishing three clubs: NC Daylily Fans; Central Daylily Club; and, Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club.
- By holding offices in all three clubs
- By acting as a key member of the Steering Committee when Central Daylily Club hosted the Summer Meeting
- By finding gifts for registration bags when Region 15 hosted the AHS National
- By regularly attending regional and national meetings at her own expense

By consistently supporting club and regional auctions by donating plants and bidding generously

By serving as Region 15 Treasurer and Secretary for eight years, giving timely financial reports and keeping excellent records

By continuing to charitably donate her time and energy even after receiving the AHS Service Award

Perhaps more importantly, Becky is an encourager. She is known to send handwritten notes of welcome to new members or notes of appreciation or thanks to members who have helped a club or the region in some way.

Linda Sue Barnes noted that "Becky is one of those quiet and unassuming people who make up the backbone of Region 15. She dislikes calling attention to herself, but if you pay attention you will see how much time and heart she pours into supporting the region and her many clubs."

Public recognition of Rebecca Hinshaw for her service to Region 15 is long overdue. I encourage the committee to honor this dedicated member with the 2016 Region 15 Service Award.

Recognizing the Backyard Hybridizer

7th in a Series by Mitchell Hagler

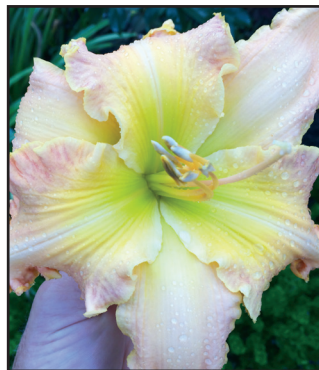
Dr. Michael Denson



"Whatever befalls the earth befalls the sons of the earth. Man did not weave the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."

Chief Seattle

All gardeners, I believe, are environmentalists at heart. We understand what Chief Seattle was talking about, but some have a deeper commitment. Such is the case of Dr. Michael Denson, marine scientist, rose expert, camellia enthusiast, and more recently, daylily addict and hybridizer.



In his day job, Michael manages the health and conservation of South Carolina's marine and estuarine resources up and down the coast, a job he's loved for the past twenty-five years. His undergraduate degree in marine science biology is from Long Island University and his Master of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Aquaculture, Fisheries Wildlife Biology are from Clemson.

When he gets home from work to Mount Pleasant, SC, Michael is still a conservationist, but he turns his attention from the water to the earth and more specifically to growing flowers, herbs, and vegetables. As a child, he helped his parents garden, primarily vegetable gardening, but as an adult he concentrated on roses in a big way. A past president of the American Rose Society, Michael



once grew over 250 roses. But since roses have their challenges, he came to favor camellias, often grafting new plants. Today he still has about 30 roses and 200 camellias on his property.

Michael somehow found himself influenced by Perry Gaskins and Charles and Heidi Douglas, who managed to get him into daylilies. Once there, he quickly became fascinated

with the idea of hybridizing. The first year he started, he grew 23 seedlings. The next year, he produced 59 seedlings. In the third year, that figure jumped to 500, and mushroomed to 700 the fourth year.

As someone still fairly new to hybridizing, Michael is still developing his strategies and goals by experimenting with different colors, shapes, and features. Wisely, he has listened as many established hybridizers discussed what has worked for them and what hasn't. He has chosen some of the latest proven winners to use in his program.

Not only did Michael catch the hybridizing bug early, but he quickly grew his daylily collection and now has over 200 named cultivars. He says that he can't live without 'Verdant Glow' (Pierce, G. 2015), a purple tet with green edging, watermark, and large green throat that has heavy substance, four branches, and 25 buds, and 'Gossip Girl' (Pierce, G. 2012), a Cerise red self with large yellow gold edge above green throat with 6 branches and 45 buds.

Like many of our backyard hybridizers, Michael is giving back to the daylily community; he is currently serving as Vice President of the Lowcountry Daylily Club. Husband Donald Charpia helps in the garden and enjoys the flowers but doesn't have Michael's passion.

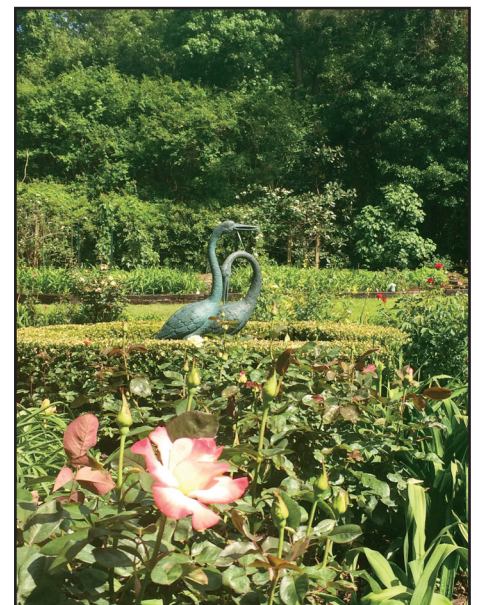
Many of us in Region 15 are looking forward to seeing the stamp of Dr. Michael Denson on future introductions.



Clockwise from lower left: These seedlings from Michael Denson's hybridizing program are already showing the benefits of his analysis and gardening expertise, demonstrated in the delightful color combinations, beautiful markings, and heavily ruffled edges.

Right: Beautifully grown roses, clipped hedges, and elegant statuary join daylilies in the Denson / Charpia garden.

Photos Michael Denson



Hurricane Matthew

October 7 - 9, 2016

by Kathy Tinius

Hurricane Matthew blew up from the Caribbean, brushed the coast of South Carolina, came onshore near Georgetown, turned right at Socastee, and went back out to sea just south of Wilmington, North Carolina. Rainfall exceeding one foot fell across great swaths of both states. Storm surges pushed the ocean onshore from Charleston to the Outer Banks. Most damaging were the extremely strong winds on the back side of the eye. Sustained winds of 50 mph with gusts to 70 mph screamed for hours and seemed to last an eternity. Our members' gardens sustained damage that is difficult to comprehend.



Above, left to right: Rain from Hurricane Matthew swells the normally placid McFayden Lake next to Lacy English and Monika Begum's Daylily of English Garden in Fayetteville, NC; receding waters begin to leave behind silt and debris. *Photos Lacy English*



Above: Don Albers walks near one of two 200-year-old oaks that fell on his property; these trees had survived Hurricane Hugo but the sustained winds from Matthew were too much for them. *Photo Kathy Tinius*

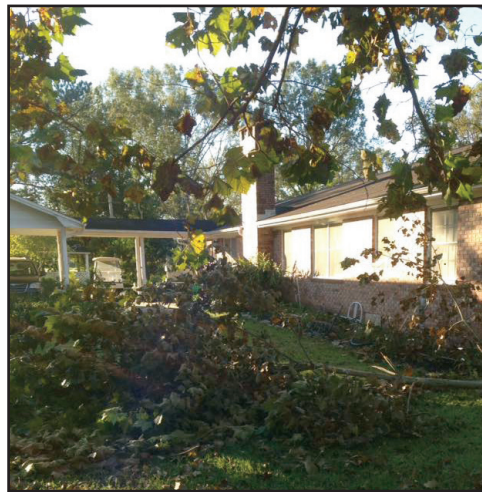
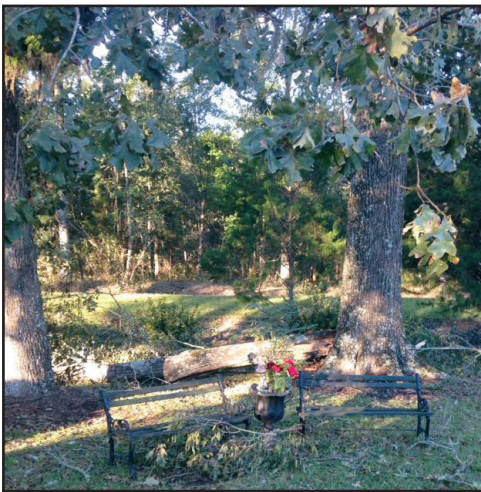
Right: Banana leaves shredded by the wind but unbroken next to Don's house. *Photo Kathy Tinius*

Right above: The amphitheater at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden was flooded by both the Cape Fear River and Cross Creek; nearly 4' of water submerged the vine-covered arch which is the entrance to the Bettie Jernigan Daylily Garden, sponsored by the Sandhills Daylily Club. *Photo Linda Sue Barnes*

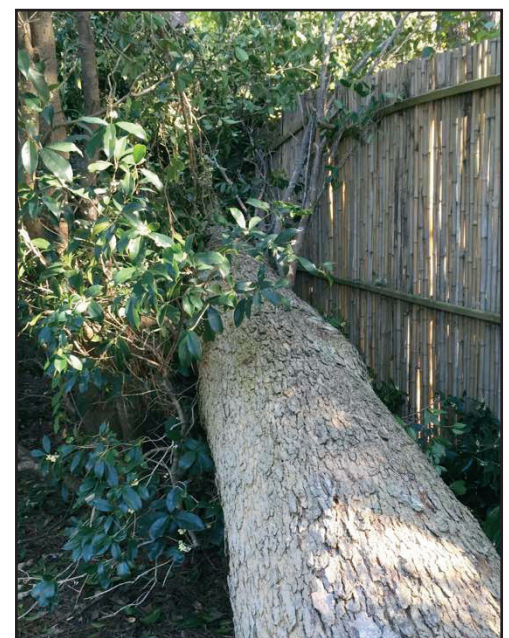
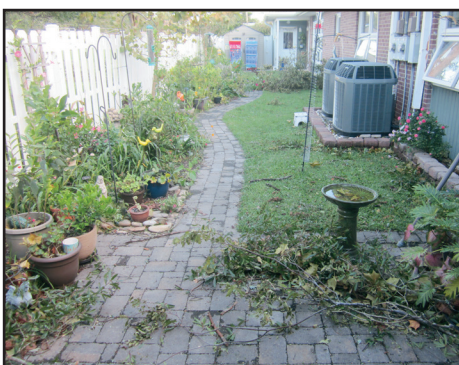




Above, left to right: Ken Ferguson lives in Camden County, NC, which is bordered by Currituck County to the east. The Great Dismal Swamp Canal runs thru his community and even with all of the flood gates open, many homes and yards were flooded. These photos were shot five days after the hurricane had passed as the rain it had dumped moved downstream towards the coast. Ken lives on a high spot in the county (14 feet above sea level) and his property thankfully was high and dry. *Photos Ken Ferguson*



Above, left to right: Southern Charm Daylilies in Conway, SC, suffered a lot of broken tree limbs and has a big debris cleanup job; fortunately the houses were not seriously damaged by falling limbs although adjustments will be needed in the flower beds to accommodate increased sunlight; a split trunk signals a change of view – previously, this small tree had artfully framed the cute potting shed. *Photos Marlon Howell*



Above: Even this tiny daylily garden in Myrtle Beach was inundated by broken branches. *Photo Kathy Tinius*

Right and far right: A 70' oak smashed through the fence at the back of Duane Therrien and Ed Zahler's garden in Conway, SC; the tree fortunately missed any buildings but crushed several shrubs and smaller trees. *Photos Duane Therrien*

2017 Region 15 Summer Meeting

Raleigh Hemerocallis Club

June 16-17, 2017

Four beautiful gardens will be on tour during the 2017 Region 15 Summer Meeting hosted by the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club. Additional beautiful open gardens will be detailed in the Spring *Hemalina*.

“Just One More...” Daylily Garden – Steve and Mary Edwards
218 Creekchannel Court, Garner, NC 27529

Steve and Mary’s application for AHS Historic Display Garden should be approved at the time of our tour. With the focus on historic cultivars, visitors will enjoy viewing the 50 plants that demonstrate the evolution of daylily blooms. The garden is filled with around 380 daylily cultivars grown extremely well. The discrete view from the street hides the lush and extensive garden beds which have been neatly fit into this relatively small property.



Above, left to right: A real favorite, ‘Lil’ Black Buds’ (Begnaud, 2009) demonstrates how it got its name; a windcatcher punctuates a lush daylily bed in the “Just One More...” Daylily Garden of Steve and Mary Edwards.

Japanese maples, hinoki cypresses, hostas, lenten roses, and native azaleas complete the garden. This is the Carolina home of ‘Lil’ Black Buds’ (Begnaud, 2009), which has been a favorite with many Region 15 gardeners.

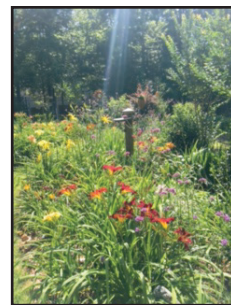
Photos Steve Edwards

Windy Ridge Gardens – Richard and Janet Warren
6304 Windy Ridge Court, Raleigh, NC 27606

Windy Ridge Gardens, a country garden located in southwest Raleigh, is filled with perennials, annuals, and woody ornamentals. The garden was born just over ten years ago out of a passion for beautiful plants, especially daylilies. Inspired by family members and friends who graciously shared plants from their own gardens, the Warrens caught the



Above: Picturesque birdhouse



Above: Bright daylilies fill Windy Ridge Gardens

daylily bug and the garden has grown to several hundred cultivars over the years.

Bird houses, feeders, and water features have been incorporated in the landscape to attract birds, bees, and butterflies and to make them feel at home in Windy Ridge Garden.

Photos Richard Warren

Patterned Daylilies – Di DeCaire and Ted Miller
1613 Sophia Ridge Drive, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Ted and Di were married in 2011 and this is their first home together. They are very excited with the beautiful new house they now share and with this slower pace of life. They moved Patterned Daylilies from Di’s home in Rochester, NY, to Fuquay-Varina, NC, in December of 2015. After choosing only 200 select plants, a whole year’s crop was left behind as it was too much work to move everything. Di dug through the snow to reach her plants and placed them bare-rooted in paper leaf bags. There they remained in the old barn, in freezing temperatures for a few weeks before they could be moved. Boy are they tough – Di lost very little! Before you know it, Di’s seedlings will begin to fill the garden and her introductions will make their way out into the world.



Above and below: ‘Smitten Again’ (DeCaire, 2014) is a garden standout and ‘Zyzzified’ (DeCaire, 2015) shows off Di’s intricate designs in the Patterned Daylily Garden.

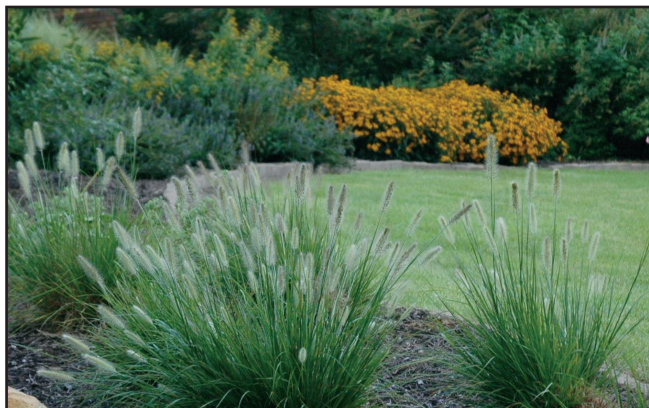
Di is also very excited to be creating a mixed border along one side of the property to showcase her introductions and some friends’ varieties, too. These are still new plantings so please forgive the size of the daylilies and companion plants. It will take time to develop, but now they feel they have all the time in the world!

Photos Di DeCaire



Windyhill Gardens – Raymond and Wanda Quinn
825 Tyler Dewar Lane, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

This hybridizer's garden is located on ten acres of rolling land. Of the more than 1,000 cultivars, some are used in Raymond and Wanda's hybridizing programs and others are just for enjoyment. There are lots of plants from Region 15 hybridizers plus many others that perform well in this region. Complementary plant material for pollinators, birds, and butterflies can be found in the various beds. Plants are massed based on the scale of the flower beds and blooms are timed to maximize nectar, food, and shelter for birds, insects, and wildlife through the year.



Wear your comfortable shoes and prepare to be buzzed by hummingbirds. They're sure to be visiting while you're there!

Photos Wanda Quinn

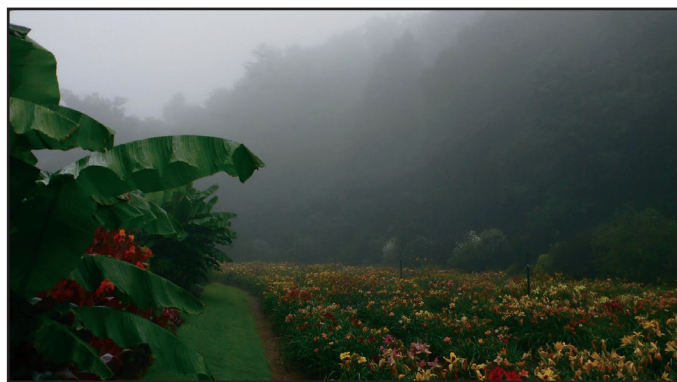
Above and right: Swaths of companion plantings fill the large beds in Ray and Wanda Quinn's Windyhill Garden; hummingbirds feast on some of the many feeders in the garden.



The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club is working hard to host the 2017 Region 15 Summer Meeting, so please reserve June 16 and 17 on your calendars right now so you will be able to attend.



Featured speakers are Bob Selman and Eric Simpson from Blue Ridge Daylilies



Hotel and Room Reservations

Holiday Inn Express, Hotel Suites at NC State
3741 Thistledown Drive, Raleigh, NC 27606
For Reservations call (919)854-0001 or 1-800-HOLIDAY
Request group code RHC or group title Raleigh Hemerocallis Club
Rate is \$99.99 for standard rooms and \$129.99 for suites
Fee does not include taxes of 12.75%.
Reservations must be made no later than **May 26, 2017**
The hotel fee is also good for two days prior to and two days following the event so you can enjoy visiting the Raleigh area
Registration form and fee will be provided in the Spring *Hemalina*
Meeting venue will be the McKimmon Center
1101 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606

Far right, above and below: Bob Selman and Eric Simpson; misty morning at Blue Ridge Daylilies; *photos Bob Selman.*
Below, left to right: Holiday Inn Express, Hotel Suites at NC State; McKimmon Center exterior and interior views; *photos courtesy of these facilities*



Club News

Catawba Valley Daylily Club by Rita Katz

We have had a nice fall. Some rain! Yeah! Unlike other areas, we've been very dry this year, so the rain was gratefully received and will help our plants move into the winter.

The club elected officers in September: Lisa Goins, President; Rita Katz, Vice President; and, Lynn Jolly, Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations and thank you to all incoming officers.

Also in September, we had a robust discussion about mulching daylilies. An article on the subject was reviewed, and then all told

their secrets about what materials they have tried, what they use now, and how they apply their mulch.

October was a planning session and it looks like we'll have some fun and interesting spring meetings. That will be after our Christmas get together in early December at the beautiful Buster and Catherine Bledsoe estate. We discussed ways to get new people interested in daylilies and our club.

Spread the news—Daylilies are fabulous!

Coastal North Carolina Daylily Society by Ken Ferguson

The summer and early fall here in NE North Carolina have been warmer and wetter than normal. More on the wet part later.

At our last business meeting, Ozzie Coor of Coor Farm Supply Services Inc. in Smithfield, NC, gave a great presentation on the subject of best practices for fertilization, mulching, and pre-emergent weed control for super-successful daylily gardens. His suggestions, plus the addition of deer repellent, are on the application schedule this spring at our display bed. In this meeting, we also held our very first Plants For Members (PFM) Auction... and it was fast, furious, and fun for everyone. As previously decided by the membership, all revenue from the auction would be allocated exclusively to the purchase of new PFM plants.

the two things that keep our organization growing. We also gained three new members, all customers at one of our sales.

Everyone in NC, to some degree, felt the impact of hurricane Matthew. Most of our members reside in Currituck County which is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Albemarle Sound to the west. There was some road over-wash plus wind gusts up to 60 mph. Just about everyone lost power for an hour or more...but the weather event in Currituck County really ended up just being a lot of nuisance damage. Our members in Camden County to the west did not fare as well. Some roads and yards were flooded with over 6' of water for more than a week after the storm tracked out to sea. Not much wind damage, but daylily beds were a bit soggy to say the least.

Looking ahead, we are ramping up for our third Night Out On The Town. This has been our annual chance to get together in an exclusively social setting and just have fun with fellow daylily enthusiasts. Photos of that event will follow in the next *Hemalina*.

Photos Ken Ferguson



Above and below: Ken Ferguson (L) was auctioneer at CNCDS first Plants For Members auction; an example of a "seedling" tag with photo and description

An ongoing project this season has been to document all of the "unknowns" growing in members' gardens. The intended outcome was to have plants with photos to sell at a community yard sale. All of our "seedlings" had photos and recorded plant characteristics. Our rationale was that the general public wants to buy a pretty face and not necessarily a registered name. We offered 20 registered varieties and 12 different "seedlings" and the number of fans sold was about the same for both groups.



Above and below: Lottie Miller, Mary Bock, Charlene Dowdy, Carole Kemp, and Fred Bock (L-R) connected with buyers during the CNCDS sale at the Southern Shores Community Yard Sale; Carole Kemp, Janet Hong, and Mary Bock (L-R) talked with eager buyers during the CNCDS sale at the Currituck Master Gardeners' Sale in Barco, NC.



Foothills Daylily Society by Kirk Milleman

The August meeting of the Foothills Daylily Society let us know that the weather was still hot and muggy. We took a tour of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, under development on the historic Rocky Broad River Bridge. From 1925 to 2011, the bridge carried traffic across Lake Lure where three roads converged (US 64, US 74A, and NC 9). In 2011, the North Carolina Department of Transportation completed a new bridge a few yards upstream and closed the older structure to traffic. The historic bridge is 155 feet long and 20 feet wide with flowers dotting its entire length, and garden space extends beyond both ends of the bridge. Although



Above and below: A view of the lush, tropical flower beds on the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge; Society members listen as a docent explains the origins and development of the gardens



it was very hot, members had a great time and were in awe of the hard work that the Lake Lure volunteers had put into this beautiful garden. The Friends of the Bridge has allowed our club to install a daylily bed as a part of the garden and we delivered our first 20 plants this October. After the tour, Gabe Harden cooked up hotdogs at Gardenwoods and we had a great potluck lunch. For a

fun before/after view, bring up Google, click on Maps, enter "Lake Lure Flowering Bridge" and zoom in to the bridge. Anyone coming to Rutherford County should make plans to see what beauty has been created on this old structure.



Above: Club members ready plants from Iron Gate Garden and Singing Oakes Garden for auction

September saw us staying closer to home, Patricia Kuess' home, that is. Patricia welcomed us to our first daylily auction using the "daylily dollars" members had earned throughout the year. The previous day, the club met at John and Linda Martin's house to divide and tag plants bought from Iron Gate Gardens of Victor Santa Lucia and Van Sellers plus from Peggy Jeffcoat's Singing Oakes Gardens. The bids were fast and furious as auctioneer Nolan Newton made his way through dozens of plants. In the end, everyone got a chance to spend their hard earned "daylily dollars" and left with many amazing daylilies.

October's meeting was more relaxing as we went to Mary Saunders' house for our plant swap and daylily bingo game. Mary had the house in Halloween readiness as we played bingo with names of Vic and Van's daylilies. It was fascinating to hear some of the names they came up with in their early hybridizing years. Did you know there is a lovely yellow daylily registered with both of their names—'Brazilian Emerald' (Santa Lucia-Sellers, 1992)?

In November, the club will meet at Nancy Womack's house for our annual holiday party. The club's photo contest winners will be announced and our club photographer, Steve Earnest, will have a slideshow of our year's activities.

Photos Steve Earnest

Georgetown Area Daylily Club by Kathy Tinius

September's meeting of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club called for a lot of drooling. Club members saw photos from the AHS Region 15 Summer Meeting and 2016 AHS National Convention tour gardens. Luscious blooms, sumptuous gardens, happy visitors all made for great photos and enjoyable memories. Also at this meeting, we had our annual plant exchange which includes both daylilies and companion plants. These exchanges are always a great source of unusual and interesting plants.

September also brought another convention planning meeting, where final details were reviewed for the 2016 AHS Board Meeting in Myrtle Beach. The logo was approved and the invitation presentation was unveiled to much excitement.

GADC was very well represented in the 2016 Region 15 Fall Meeting in Greensboro, NC. The Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club is to be congratulated for pulling together a fun and interesting Meeting at a great and historic location.

The annual club auction in October was canceled again this year when Hurricane Matthew blew through town. With having

to cancel last year's October meeting due to floods, we're beginning to reconsider our meeting schedule...

AHS Board Members spent a delightful weekend sampling the atmosphere in Myrtle Beach during the 2016 AHS Fall Board Meeting, hosted by GADC. The Board Members stayed at the Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel, site of the 2018 AHS National Convention, and enjoyed playing tourist in the consummate tourist town, even riding the famous SkyWheel.

In November, the club tried something a little different with Betsy Seymour providing a program on decorating for the holidays with natural materials. It was a light hearted and refreshing program that prepared us all for the upcoming festivities.



Above: Ed Zahler, Kathy Tinius, Heidi Douglas, and Chuck Wilson (L-R) portray the Callis Family during the AHS Board invitation to the 2018 AHS National Convention; screenshot of Facebook live stream

Lowcountry Daylily Club by Mike Denson

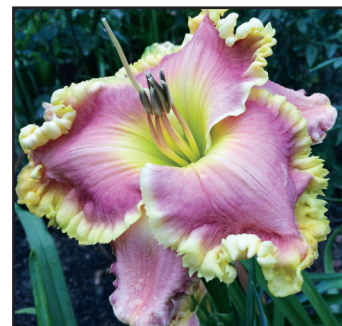
The Lowcountry Daylily Club had a great summer in 2016 and after the heat began to dissipate we were glad to get back together for fellowship and interesting daylily discussions. In August, Mike Denson gave an exciting slide show of his daylily hybridizing efforts (see photos with this report).

In September, the club was lucky enough to have a presentation from the dynamic, creative, and fun Joan MacDonald. Joan is a Master gardener, horticulturist, garden columnist, photographer and creative soul who grows hundreds of varieties of plants and transforms odds and ends into garden art. Joan's program was focused on the illusion of turning plants and vegetables into uncommon items found in the garden. Her bench with "throw pillows" made of succulents and her "homemade cake" made from flowers and soils were so fun and clever! We heard about great companion plants for daylilies and even about her latest experiments "imprisoning fruit." (I guess you had to be there!) Lots of laughs and applause all around! In addition to Joan's

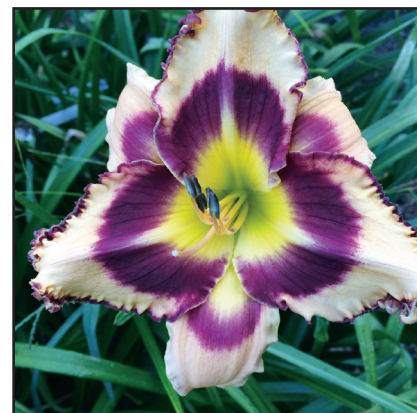
presentation, we also held our annual photography contest. What a treat to see all the flowers and gardens representing our membership.

In October, we had our annual luncheon with great food (seems to be a theme with our club). In addition, we swapped plants (everything but daylilies); we always have a great time sharing our favorite plants.

The Lowcountry Daylily Club planned to hold a daylily show in 2017 but decided to table it until after the Region 15 meeting we are hosting in 2019! We are beginning to develop programs for 2017 and have already secured Tim Herrington and Bill Waldrop. We will be looking forward to the spring!



Above and below: Samples of Mike Denson's seedlings, featured in his August presentation to the Lowcountry Daylily Club. Photos Mike Denson



Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Gene Crocker

September saw the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society with a new interest – Daylily Bingo. Members perused Bingo cards filled with terms taken from the AHS website. The caller read slips on which the terms and definitions were written. All agreed it was a fun way to learn more about our favorite perennial.

Educational benefits of the day were really kicked up a notch with a program by our own Tom Bruce of Carolina Daylilies. Tom has one of the most gorgeous gardens in the Carolinas featuring daylilies, hostas, and iris as well as a host of other perennials. He did a program on Garden Design, Raised Beds, and Composting. Tom is a master of each of these subjects and could easily have done three programs instead of one. One of his tips regarded planting new daylilies. When he digs the hole, he moves the dirt to a wheelbarrow and fills the planting



hole with rich compost. The original dirt is then placed on the compost pile. This gives the new plant a great environment in which to grow and adds needed amendments to the bed. We heartily recommend Tom as a speaker for your clubs.

The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society visited the Carter and Holmes Orchid Nursery in Newberry, SC, for their October meeting. Society president Gene Crocker worked for Carter and Holmes for 25 years before his retirement, and is still actively hybridizing orchids for them. Gene showed a variety of interesting orchids in bloom, talked about their habitats and growth conditions in nature, and shared information on how to grow them as house plants. He then led the members on a tour of the many greenhouses at Carter and Holmes.

The November meeting will feature a PowerPoint presentation of many outstanding daylilies seen during the 2016 season, especially during the society's trip to Blue Ridge Daylilies in July. Another November event will be the annual photo contest. Cash prizes are awarded to the winners.

The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society meets on the second Sunday of the month at the Garden Club Council building in Maxcy Gregg Park in Columbia. Meetings are at 2:00 pm and visitors are always welcome. (The December meeting and party will be on the first Sunday.)

Left, above and below: Views of Tom Bruce's beautiful Carolina Daylilies garden. Photos Tom Bruce

Piedmont Daylily Club by John Smethurst

It is always interesting to see how the weather affects the performance of our daylilies. Early summer temperatures were pretty much on target, but the months of July and August seemed unbearably hot in the Piedmont of North Carolina. Gardens were viewed from the comfort of our air conditioned homes as the weeds grew with a vengeance. However, rain, heat, and humidity made for an excellent season of re-bloom with more than average branching. As one of our members remarked, "Maybe we need a late season show!"

The club revived an old tradition and enjoyed a summer social and barbecue in August. Mitchell and Judy Hagler hosted the event at their home on a rainy Saturday afternoon. The barbecue was a fun social gathering, and we used the time to plug voting for the Region 15 Popularity Poll. We all had a wonderful time with lots of good food cooked up by the membership!

We started the fall season with speakers Margo Reed and Jim Murphy of Woodhenge Gardens driving down from North Garden,

Virginia. It was a pleasure to meet them both and to hear their daylily story of very tall and unusual form daylilies.

Our October meeting featured Pam Crown, a master gardener, who spoke about pruning and general care of perennial plants during the year. This was a very useful subject as we prepare our gardens for the winter. A nice small plant sale wrapped up the meeting – just in case anyone still needed some plants for next year's garden blooms!

The Piedmont Daylily Club approved changes to our Constitution and Bylaws. Changes include shifting the terms of office of new club officers and board members from a January – December year to a May – April year. While our fiscal year will remain as the calendar year, we believe this updated schedule will allow the newly elected officers and board members to set policy and programs for the full two years of their terms.



Above: 'Margo Reed Indeed' (Murphy-J.P., 2004); Photo Jim Murphy

Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Wanda Quinn

A big thank you to the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club members for hosting the fall meeting. Several Raleigh Hemerocallis Club members attended, had a wonderful time, and took lots of notes. Our club has big shoes to fill when we host the region meeting next summer.

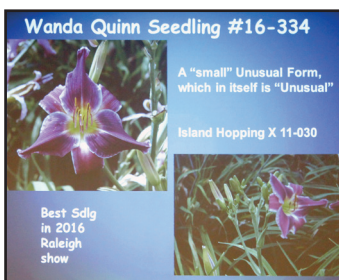
On July 12, we held a photography panel discussion comprised of club members Ken Cobb, Beverly Lemley, and Linda Sue Barnes. Focusing on taking pictures for the regional photography contest, panel members provided suggestions and answered questions.

Membership voted to continue sponsoring the Bumgarner Best Small or Miniature Flower Regional Award. This is our way of thanking Tom and the late Marie Bumgarner, long time members, for their generosity and love of the daylily.

For August, Ray Quinn provided an overview of his and Wanda's hybridizing program, plus a few garden shots showing plants and shrubs for butterflies, pollinators, and birds. Their garden will be on tour during the 2017 Summer Meeting.

October wrapped up the year with a potluck dinner. During dinner, David DeKort gave a presentation of various hybridizers' daylilies. Several members asked questions and added a few to their wish list. We remembered members who were not able to join us but who we hope to see in the new year. The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club is successful through the great support of speakers from other clubs and the unending support of club members providing raffle prizes, snacks, plant donations for auctions and sales, donating their time and energy during work days at Jaycee Park to keep the daylily garden respectable for visitors, and helping with all of the various activities to keep our club moving forward. A special thanks also goes out to the leadership team Richard Warren, Jim Sovine, Mary Edwards, Beverley Lemley, Tom Talbott, and Melanie Wyatt for their hard work and support.

The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club is looking forward to hosting the 2017 Region 15 Summer Meeting. A quick glance is provided in this issue of the *Hemalina* (see page 26), so get the event on your calendars. The registration form with additional details will follow in the Spring issue.



Left: Sample slides from Wanda and Ray Quinn's seedling presentation.

Left, below: Eric Simpson's slide showing the kids of 'Inside Out' (Simpson-E., 2016).

Below, left: Eric Simpson gets ready for his program as Richard Warren looks on.

Below, right: Melanie Wyatt demonstrates her favorite gardening tool – a combination bench and kneeler.

Photos Linda Sue Barnes

September was a real treat. Eric Simpson reviewed his hybridizing program at Blue Ridge Daylilies. Following his presentation was a wonderful auction of his and Bob Selman's recent introductions. A big thanks to Bob and Eric for generously supporting our club with their plants and with Eric's time driving to Raleigh during his busy season.



Sandhills Daylily Club by Linda Sue Barnes

Sandhills Daylily Club welcomed Charles and Heidi Douglas as our speakers in August. Their presentation was delightful as always. The variety of introductions and selected seedlings definitely provided something for us to drool over. Several lucky club members went home with recent introductions from Browns Ferry Gardens thanks to the generosity of Charles and Heidi.



Above and above right: Charles Douglas began the program on Browns Ferry Gardens, including his and Gene Tanner's introductions and seedlings; Heidi Douglas reviewed her introductions and seedlings and completed the story of "Sharing the Passion."



The September meeting proved to be something of a comedy of errors. Only eight members made it to the meeting due to the storm (and this was the week before Matthew made his visit) and then there were "technical difficulties." The program on the national convention was postponed until our October meeting. On a positive note, Dawn and Alex Whitley have agreed to chair the flower show next year. Tentatively, the show will take place on the first Saturday of June at Methodist College.

The October meeting will bring the installation of our officers for 2017-2018. They are President, Eddie Walters; Vice-President, Roger Mercer; Secretary, Dawn Whitley; and, Treasurer, Linda Sue Barnes. We will certainly miss our current treasurer, Barry Duff, who has done a great job for several years, and we wish him well with his new job in South Carolina.

Photos Linda Sue Barnes

Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club by Bill Hurt

Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club was honored to host 60+ of y'all at the September 23 & 24 Daylily Revolution! What a newsworthy get-together it was: Jan Joiner's "Plant It Forward," the always interesting Hybridizer Forum, and well-deserved Awards presentations! The Silent Auction was presented by our talented membership, thank you very much. We offered shell art, glass art, beaded jewelry, hand painted Soft Surroundings blouse & dress, daylilies coloring books, Stout Medal book, Hollow Leg for deadheading, extra-large bio-composite plant stakes, daylily photo note cards, Bachman daylily separator, and so much more. Entertainment was fast and fun with Lisa York, our surprise auctioneer. There was 'Much Ado' about the bidding on 2016 new introductions, almost half of the 150 plants auctioned! Great fun was had by all! Raffle Baskets were very creative – Shade theme (with libations!), live plants of Fall theme, Support Tools theme, Autumn Décor for your Table or Entryway theme, all outstanding and very different.

TDFGC hosted a plant sale June 5 during the "Parisian Promenade" at Lillian Livingston Memorial Gardens. This was a first in any of the city gardens and we have been invited back!! In addition, the club received a Special Recognition Award from the Tanger Family Bicentennial Gardens: an engraved paver with Lynne Broderius' name to be installed in the gardens. See http://greensborobeautiful.org/gardens/bicentennial_garden.php for a map showing the Lillian Livingston Daylily Garden.

The members of Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club demonstrated their support for AHS through the Matching Funds Drive at the Daylilies in the Bluegrass 2016 National Daylily Convention.

And finally, TDFGC, which is a member of the Garden Club of North Carolina, was awarded "The Community Service Award" from the Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs for contributions to the community (www.greensborocouncilofgardenclubs.com).



Clockwise from above: Region 15 members, including Van Sellers, Eric Simpson, Victor Santa Lucia, and Nancy Womack (front, L to R) enjoy the 2016 Fall Meeting in Greensboro hosted by the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club; Marshall Morrow selects a raffle winner for Lynne Broderius; photo Linda Sue Barnes. Wonderful baskets and decorative items were on display in the raffle; a very lovely painted dress highlighted the diverse silent auction offerings; Charles Douglas points out the article on Ed Zahler and Duane Therrien in *The Daylily Journal*; unattributed photos Kathy Tinus



Upstate Daylily Society by Mary McCabe

The Upstate Daylily Society had a very interesting and informative August meeting. Our guest speaker was Ms. Sheree Wright from the Greater Greenville Rose Society. She gave a handout with her discussion regarding “Easy Care Rose Recommendations.” She offered another handout and discussion regarding “Disease Resistant Roses for the Southeast” as well as in southern gardens. Several of her favorite vendors were discussed and she showed us their colorful and informative brochures. She even offered an envelope for soil collection so we could have our soil analyzed. This will help guide any amendments needed for favorable growth of both roses and daylilies. A wonderful presentation!



to assist Clemson University in the operation of the garden. The sales were brisk and resulted in many new daylily owners.

Lastly, on October 16 our annual plant swap and covered dish dinner took place at the Hornbuckle Clubhouse in Easley, SC, where we were guests of members Jim and Judy Bazzone. Our covered dish dinner was quite delicious and the plant swap was enjoyable as usual. We will all have new and exciting plants in our own gardens because of this plant exchange!

Photos C. Blackston



Many of our members attended our October hayride and dinner at the home and gardens of Bill and Karen Manning. The views across the gardens from the hayride was fun and the home cooked meal was superb. S'mores provided a special way to end the evening.

Then on October 7 and 8 our society members sold plants at the SC Botanical Garden in Clemson. This sale is open to garden clubs



Clockwise from above: The Hornbuckle Club House was the site of the Upstate Daylily Society's annual plant swap and covered dish dinner; hayride fun viewing the gardens of Bill and Karen Manning; Greater Greenville Rose Society member Sheree Wright talks all things roses (and daylilies); society members present carefully prepared daylilies for sale at the SC Botanical Garden at Clemson University.

Western North Carolina Daylily Club by Bob Selman

The Western North Carolina Daylily Club had our first Ice Cream Social and Plant Swap at Blue Ridge Daylilies in August. It was our best attended meeting of the year and we will be making it an annual event.

The Bonus Dollar Auction and Picnic was held in September at Railroad Crossing Daylilies. The barn was decked out with a Thanksgiving theme and Storm, our club mascot, was happy to see everyone. There was plenty of barbecue pork with all the fixings and homemade cheesecake followed by a spirited auction of 40 newer daylilies!

Our Christmas party will be the first Saturday in December, and will bring this fun-filled year to an end. For information about joining our club, please visit www.wncdaylilyclub.com or find us on Facebook “WNC Daylily Club.”



Below, left to right, and above: The now annual Ice Cream Social and Plant Swap attendees pose at Blue Ridge Daylilies; Storm, the club mascot, says hello; the barn at Railroad Crossing Daylilies was decorated for the Fall during the Bonus Dollar Auction and Picnic; WNC Daylily Club Facebook page is informative and fun. *Photos Bob Selman*



Looking to the Future: 2017 Flower Shows

What better way to connect with the public and those unfamiliar with daylilies than to hold a flower show? Ranks of beautiful blooms in all shapes and colors catch the eye. Awards and ribbons highlight the most perfect flowers. Informational signs and brochures are presented before a new audience.

Hosting a flower show is hard work. Supporting the show, and the fantastic public outreach it represents, is easy. Go to the show. Help if you can. Enter your flowers. Talk up the show with your friends. Post a notice on your community social media sites. Go to shows in other areas. Bring their ideas home and hold your own show. It is more fun than you can possibly imagine.



Above and below: Some of the very hard working members of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club pause during their latest very successful show; Richard and Janet Warren groom their flowers before handing them to the placement committee. *Photos Linda Sue Barnes*



Above: Becky Hinshaw, Bill Hurt, and Debbie Hennings (L-R) show off the fabulous Triad fundraising t-shirt colors. *Photo Lynne Broderius*

In addition to volunteer hours, it takes money to put on a flower show. Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club is hoping to have a judged show in a couple of years. In the meantime, they are hosting an annual flower display for the public and they're selling these colorful t-shirts to raise money. If you'd like to support Triad by purchasing one of these t-shirts, email Lynne Broderius at roberts4land@triad.rr.com or call 336 456 4509. She can confirm sizes and colors before you send her your check. These make a great holiday gift and the club can assure you they don't fade or shrink!



Above and lower left: Excitement mounts during the judging process at the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club's 2016 flower show; the show location allows the public to watch the grooming and judging process and to ask questions. *Photos Tony Cox*

2017 Flower Shows & Displays

- Foothills Daylily Society in Rutherfordton, NC, June 10
- Mid-Carolina Daylily Society in Columbia, NC, in June
- Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club flower display in Greensboro, NC, June
- Sandhills Daylily Club at Methodist University in Fayetteville, NC, June 3 (includes plant sale)
- Raleigh Hemerocallis Club will not have a show in 2017 since they are hosting the 2017 Summer Meeting but will resume their very popular show in 2018
- Date, time, location details for all shows will appear in the Spring *Hemalina* and on region15daylilies.org



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The results of the 2016 Popularity Poll were most encouraging for our Region 15 hybridizers. Twenty-one cultivars received the ten highest vote counts (see table, right). Of those, all but four were hybridized by Region 15 members.

When asked “what are some daylilies you would recommend for my garden,” pull out this edition of the *Hemalina*, point to this list, and speak with pride about the Region 15 hybridizers you find there. As you set up promotions for your club in 2017, include pictures of some of these top ranked daylilies. Your members will be able to use these photos to show the public plants that will help them build successful daylily gardens.

In the Fall edition of *The Daylily Journal*, Sandy Holmes, Region 2, Ohio, announced that AHS will be taking a look at the Popularity Poll, to review the “process, and, if appropriate, create new guidelines for the future to keep the results relevant and usable in today’s garden world.” John Martin will be working with Sandy’s team to review and prepare a set of recommendations for AHS Board consideration. John welcomes any thoughts or input on how to keep the Popularity Poll relevant (johnmartin134@gmail.com or 828-288-3071).

2016 Popularity Poll Results

Rank	Cultivar	Votes	Hybridizer
1	Thelma Douglas	42	Douglas-C
2	Papa Goose	39	Douglas-H
3	Claudine's Charm	31	Sellers
4	Cat Ballou	28	Gluck
5	Alien DNA	25	Selman
5	Date with Destiny	25	Stadler
5	Rose F. Kennedy	25	Doorakian
6	Webster's Pink Wonder	24	Webster/Cobb
7	Browns Ferry Royalty	22	Douglas-C
7	Carnival in Caracas	22	Santa Lucia
7	Crossfire	22	Stadler
8	Cat Dancer	20	Moore-G
8	Look Here Mary	20	Cranshaw
8	Dancing with Linda	20	Zahler
9	Conway Red Light	19	Zahler
9	Linda Gluck	19	Dye-C
9	Primal Scream	19	Hanson-C
9	Riot on the Kindergarten Bus	19	Davisson-J
9	Cherryville	19	Santa Lucia
10	Kermit the Frog	17	Douglas-C
10	Mister Butters	17	Davisson-J



Below, then clockwise: ‘Thelma Douglas’ (Douglas-C., 2008), photo Heidi Douglas; ‘Papa Goose’ (Douglas-H., 2011), photo Heidi Douglas; ‘Claudine’s Charm’ (Sellers, 2000), photo Paul Owen



Below, left to right: ‘Cat Ballou’ (Gluck, 2006), photo Bill Gluck; ‘Alien DNA’ (Selman, 2009), photo Kathy Tinius; ‘Date with Destiny’ (Stadler, 2007), photo Ella Ruth Maugans; ‘Rose F. Kennedy’ (Doorakian, 2007), photo Heidi Douglas; ‘Webster’s Pink Wonder’ (Webster/Cobb, 2003), photo Kathy Tinius



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