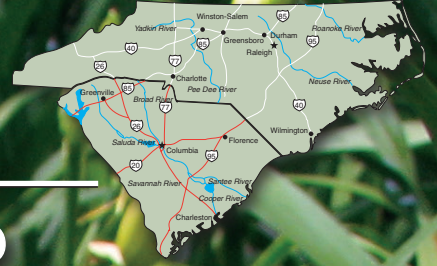

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Editor's Column

Congratulations to Gail Gribble for winning the Dramm Garden Scissors by being selected from the people who told me where they found the stylized daylily! I'm thrilled the number of entrants went up 40% over the previous edition!



Keep an eye out for this stylized daylily and send an email to ktinius@yahoo.com (or send a note to me at Kathy Tinius, 657 Hemlock Ave, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577) with the page number. I'll draw a name for the winner just before publishing the Spring edition in March. The winner will receive this delightful hummingbird feeder.

Happy Reading! -Kathy Tinius





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Left: 'Balinese Skirts' (Santa Lucia, 2016) Photo Vic Santa Lucia

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Front Cover: 2017 Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award winner 'Boss Hogg' (Douglas-H., 2015). Photo Heidi Douglas

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Region 15 President

As autumn leaves cover your daylily beds, I hope you will take time to reflect on this year: this season of glorious blooms and memorable times with your daylily friends—club activities; visits with your favorite hybridizers; trips to open gardens; attendance at our Region 15 meetings in Raleigh and Columbia; or the ultimate road trip to the AHS National Convention in Norfolk.



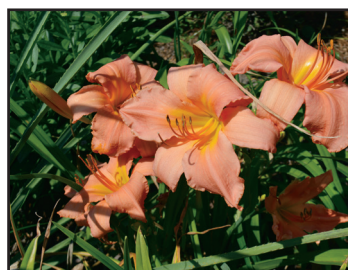
Another way of reflecting on the year is to think about the people who made it special. If I could, I would like to name every club and club member who spearheaded something outstanding for its members; the clubs and club members that sponsored our regional meetings; the club, regional, and national officers who tirelessly give of their time; however, with space limitations, that isn't possible. Besides, I'm sure I'd leave somebody out if I tried. Just know I appreciate all of you.

I'm especially grateful to Charles Douglas for his service as our AHS Region 15 Director for the past three years, and equally grateful to Rebecca Hinshaw, who will assume that role in January of 2018. The same is true for John Martin, who has been our most excellent RPD for the past four years, and to Eric Simpson, who will fill that role starting in January. Special thanks also to Bill Hurt, our newly elected Board Member at Large, and to our other regional officers who will remain in their positions—Mitchell Hagler as treasurer and Dawn Whitley as secretary. And let us not forget to thank Heidi Douglas and Kathy Tinius for taking on the mammoth task of planning the National Convention for 2018. Start making your plans now to attend.

I am honored to have been elected for a second term as your RP. I will continue to do the best I can for you and the region as we continue to promote daylilies in the Carolinas. I am truly grateful for having been involved this year in all the daylily activities I mentioned in my first paragraph; my life is richer for the experiences—seeing beautiful flowers in beautiful gardens, yes; but even richer for interactions with daylily friends. If you don't believe me, just try it for yourself.

Try it for yourself—get more involved in club, regional, and national activities; spread the word about the wonder of daylilies; keep your AHS membership up to date and encourage others to join. All of this constitutes the primary goal our Leadership Team recently set for us to work on in the next two years. I hope you will be a part of making it happen.

Nancy Womack



AHS Director

Thank you for putting your faith in me to represent our region on the AHS board—it has been my honor to serve. It has been a learning experience to say the least. It is amazing to see all that takes place to keep this organization moving forward.



In the last three years I have discovered that our region is led by some incredible people who have done some excellent work. Nancy is doing a great job as your president and I am very glad to see she has been reelected to continue her work. John Martin did such a great job as Regional Publicity Director and with the Popularity Poll, he is now the Pop Poll chair for the entire AHS! Thanks to Mitchell Hagler and Dawn Whitley for their continued and loyal service!

Rebecca Hinshaw will make our region proud as our new director. She has done so much for the region and she truly deserved the Region 15 service award she won last year. Please support her as well as you have supported me.

Our region still has some challenges, just like the other regions in the AHS. Please continue working to recruit new members for the AHS and the region. We want everyone to enjoy what we enjoy about membership! I would love to see more participation in our awards and honors system. We need more garden and exhibition judges, and we need more people to vote in the Popularity Poll and for the various Region 15 awards. We have so many people doing such wonderful things for our region, let's do what we can to get them nominated for service and mentoring awards on a regional and national level.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your director. It has been a great experience.

Charles Douglas

Georgetown Area Daylily Club is hosting the 2018 AHS National Convention June 7 - 9 in Myrtle Beach, SC. What would normally be an optional tour, the expansive Brookgreen Gardens, is included in the registration fee and will be the lunch location when touring the south gardens. To keep registration costs down, we are counting on having a great daylily plant sale.

The daylilies in the plant sale need to be valued between \$10-\$50, be fairly recent introductions (although oldies but goodies are always good sellers), and be a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors.

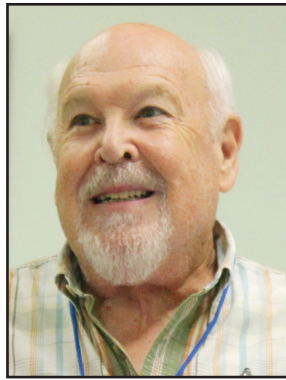
At this point, we would like to know who is willing to help by donating daylilies, and we're hoping everyone can pitch in with several plants! Please let me know as soon as possible the number of daylilies you are planning to donate, the cultivar names, and the current prices. We would also be grateful if you would send a photo (especially if it is your introduction). Please let us hear from you as soon as you read this article!

Anne Winningham & Jean Owens
Co-Chairs, 2018 AHS National
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Regional Publicity

Congratulations to this year's Popularity Poll (Pop Poll) winner, 'Cat Ballou' (Gluck, 2006), which comes from Billinda Garden, the home of Bill and Linda Gluck. We are so fortunate to have great hybridizers in our region producing winning cultivars that perform so well. 'Cat Ballou' is one of Bill's finest yet, blooming gorgeously in many gardens throughout the Carolinas and beyond. Living in suburban Charlotte, the Glucks have a beautiful AHS Display Garden with over 650 different daylilies plus a variety of companion perennials. The Glucks are members of the Piedmont Daylily Club and their garden was on tour during the 2016 Region 15 Summer meeting. They also open their garden to the public for one Saturday in June each summer, so if you haven't visited yet, put it on your bucket list for next year.



Four of our top five Pop Poll winning cultivars were hybridized in Region 15: 'Cat Ballou,' 'Carnival in Caracas' and 'Cherryville,' both hybridized by Victor Santa Lucia; and, 'Papa Goose,' hybridized by Heidi Douglas. The count between second and third place was separated by only 1 vote. I rechecked and recounted several times! Yes, your vote does count!

At our Region 15 Fall Meeting, the membership voted to continue the same path followed the past two years in managing our regional Pop Poll. We also approved the name for Region 15 Pop Poll past winners: Carolina Daylily All Stars (see back cover). The All Stars is a list of daylilies that have performed best in the Carolinas. Each year's winner will be retired from the Pop Poll ballot and placed on the All Stars list. This should encourage members to continually evaluate the best performing daylilies in their gardens and vote for a new winner each year. Both this year's winner, 'Cat Ballou,' and last year's winner, 'Thelma Douglas' (Douglas-C., 2008), have now been added to the Carolina Daylily All Stars list, which dates back to 1961. Later this fall, I will send club presidents a draft press release to use in club promotion and recruitment, and to honor this year's newest Carolina Daylily All Star member.

As we put our daylilies to bed for the winter, there is still a lot going on in the region. Many of us are planning now for our end of year club events. Don't forget to share these activities on your websites, on your Facebook pages, and in your club reports in the *Hemalina*. I enjoy learning what our neighboring clubs are doing, and I always pick up great new ideas we can use.

Last minute touches are being made to plans for the AHS 2018 National Convention next June in Myrtle Beach, hosted by the Georgetown Area Daylily Club. Watch for and respond to emails seeking volunteers and daylily or silent auction donations. Let's all pitch in and support the

Hybridizer Liaison

We hope to see every hybridizer in Region 15 (okay, everyone except for Ed Zahler, Charles Douglas, and Heidi Douglas) submit their most special flower for this very prestigious award.

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 2018.

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, since 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, 2018
5. Send nominations to Anne Winningham's email address pwinningham@homesc.com

Below, left to right: 'Boss Hogg' (Douglas-H., 2015), photo Kathy Tinius; Bill Marchant congratulates Heidi Douglas on winning the 2017 Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award for 'Boss Hogg'; photo Sheila Caldon



hard work Co-Chairs Heidi Douglas and Kathy Tinius and the GADC club members are doing to prepare for this convention. The convention website, ahs2018convention.org, is frequently updated, so check it out. And if you haven't make reservations for your rooms yet, better do it fast. I hear we are sharing hotel space with a country music group that same weekend. You might even want to bring your cowboy boots along with your garden shoes.

Earlier this year, I advised our Region 15 President that I felt it was time for me to step aside and let someone else assume the role of Regional Publicity Director. I have enjoyed serving, but it is time for someone with new ideas and better IT skills to take over. I have certainly enjoyed getting to know so many of you and want to thank you for your support. Wish me luck as I continue to serve as the AHS Chair for the Popularity Poll. And you can show your support by voting next year in the Region 15 Pop Poll!

John Martin

Target Gen X, Gen Y, and Forget Gen Z

by Ken Ferguson

A repeating theme echoed over and over at both the Region 15 Summer Meeting and the AHS National Convention was that membership is seriously trending downward. Local clubs are also witnessing a decline in membership. The mantra was and still is, “How do we attract youth to our organizations?”

Before we can delve into youth membership, we need to understand what demographic groups we are talking about. Most of the readers of this publication probably would be classified as Baby Boomers (75 million in the US) who are those born between 1946 and 1965. Those with a birthdate between 1966 and 1976 (65 million) are generally described as Generation X, or Gen X for short. Gen Y or Millennials (83 million) comprise the group born between 1977 and 1994. Finally, Gen Z (65 million) fills the gap between 1995 and the present.

“Youth” is generally defined as the period between childhood and adult age, or currently the individuals in Gen Z. These youths are growing up in a very computer- and media-intense environment. In my opinion, this group of individuals would be far happier creating a virtual garden on their laptops rather than planting a real one in soil. I’m concerned pursuing this group would show a very low return on the investment of time and energy.

Those in the Gen X demographic have been described as the “lost” generation. They generally display a high level of skepticism and have the attitude of, “What’s in it for me?” According to the WJSchroer Company, a marketing consulting firm, this group is highly educated, with almost 30% earning at least a bachelor’s degree. This might be a good trait to explore for attracting potential members. Serious hybridizers must have an intellectual curiosity, and the ability to analyze and track their programs. With Gen X’s kids starting to move out or head off to college, this group may be on track to become empty nesters with some time on their hands. A daylily society could be just the thing to challenge them physically and intellectually.

That leaves us with Gen Y, or the Millennials. Before a recruitment strategy can be formulated, one must have an understanding of who these Millennials are, what tools will be needed to motivate them, and finally how they can add value to a local club.



Millennials are distinctly different from other generations in their passion for any kind of technology. For many of us Baby Boomers, we learned about emerging information and communication tools as they were developed and moved into the mainstream. Millennials, especially younger individuals, grew up with technology already entrenched in their daily lives.

Since they are information binge eaters, it is important to satisfy their hunger. The Pew Research Center says ALL of the major social media networks (think Facebook and Instagram) are used by Millennials. As one tactic to increase membership, clubs can exploit these connections by streaming out messages appealing to this audience on a platform in which they are well versed.

Clubs can use this breakdown of generations to analyze their local communities. After determining which generations are prevalent, actions can be set up to reach out to them using the method most expected by those generations. Furthermore, clubs may consider discarding the “youth” bromide, and instead focus their efforts on untapped communities of Millennials or Gen X-ers.

Ed. Note: The author is a retired multimedia producer, and president of the Coastal NC Daylily Society

Illustration Natalie Shenk



Late-Breaking News

It was another exciting Award season for Region 15 hybridizers. With the AHS Fall Board Meeting taking place in Wisconsin, site of the AHS 2019 National Convention, most hybridizers watched live on Facebook as Melodye Campbell announced winners.

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.

Stout Silver Medal

Fourth Runner Up

Highest award a cultivar can receive, given in memory of Dr. Arlow Burdette Stout, considered the father of modern daylily breeding in North America.

2017 Fourth Runner Up:
Charles Douglas for
'Thelma Douglas'
(Douglas-C., 2008)



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.

2017 Winner: Charles Douglas for
'Browns Ferry Royalty'
(Douglas-C., 2011)



Extra Large Diameter Award

First Runner Up

Recognizes outstanding extra large flowers (7" or larger).

(2017 Winner: T. Bell for **'Linda Bell'** (Bell-T., 2011)

2017 First Runner Up:
Charles Douglas for
'Browns Ferry Royalty'
(Douglas-C., 2011)

Lambert/Webster Award

First Runner Up

Annual award for the most outstanding unusual form.

(2017 Winner: Jan Joiner for **'Sebastian the Crab'** (Joiner-J., 2003)

2017 First Runner-Up:
Heidi Douglas for
'Papa Goose'
(Douglas-H., 2011)



Photo Attributes

Above, top to bottom: All photos, Heidi Douglas

Right, top to bottom: Munson, Eric Simpson; Junior Citation, Bob Selman; Charles Douglas and Heidi Douglas photos, Heidi Douglas; Santa Lucia photo, Vic Santa Lucia; Paul Owen photo, Paul Owen; Bob Selman photo, Bob Selman

R.W. Munson, Jr. Award

Annual award for the most outstanding distinctly patterned daylily.

2017 Winner:
Bob Selman for
'Alien DNA'
(Selman, 2009)



Junior Citation

Focuses attention on new cultivars that appear to have outstanding qualities and distinction.

2017 Winners:
Seedling BS 101: **'Escape to Paradise'** (Selman, 2018)

Seedling BS 102: **'Dragon Pinwheel'** (Selman, 2018)



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 2017 Winners:

Charles Douglas for
'Browns Ferry Firecracker'
(Douglas-C., 2012)



Heidi Douglas for
'Dance with Somebody'
(Douglas-H., 2013)



Vic Santa Lucia for
'Jordan's Jazz'
(Santa Lucia, 2011)



Paul Owen for
'Quiller'
(Owen-P., 2008)



Bob Selman for
'Asheville Sunlit Rainbow'
(Selman, 2014)



Dormant vs. Deciduous

by Linda Sue Barnes

Many members of AHS are wondering why the term dormant has been replaced with deciduous for foliage habit. The simple answer is that deciduous is a term referring to foliage habit while the term dormancy is defined as “a temporary suspension of visible growth of any plant structure containing a meristem. The term 'dormant' is not restricted to deciduous plants but applies also to evergreen and semi-evergreen plants, which can retain some, or all, of their foliage while having dormant buds.”¹

Up until the mid 1950's, daylilies with foliage that dies back in the winter were referred to as deciduous. When it was changed, many people objected to the change, as shown by a quote from the 1961 *Daylily Journal* Vol. 15. No. 4, “In *Hemerocallis* 'lingo' dormant means a plant that is not evergreen. Horticulturally or botanically the word dormant means a plant or plant part that is not in the active stage of life. Horticulturally or botanically speaking, a non-evergreen plant is a DECIDUOUS plant; that is, a plant with non-persistent leaves.

“THUS - A DECIDUOUS PLANT BECOMES DORMANT IN THE WINTER AND ACTIVE IN THE GROWING SEASON. Since A.H.S. literature goes far beyond the borders of the United States, I believe it should be correct horticulturally.” (The caps are from the original article.)

Many objections have been made to the current change. Most people think that deciduous refers only to woody plants that form an abscission layer and lose their leaves in winter. That is certainly the most commonly heard definition, but it is not the only one. As examples, most species daylilies were described as deciduous when new species were found.

“Daylilies (*Hemerocallis* species and cultivars) are herbaceous perennials much sought after for their showy albeit very short-lived blooms....The **deciduous** or evergreen foliage consists of sheathed-at-the-base, heavily ribbed leaves....”²

“*Hemerocallis hongdoensis* is distinct from other species of *Hemerocallis* by the highly swollen roots lacking a rhizome; **deciduous** leaves; thick erect scape with ovate-lanceolate bracts.”³

“*Hemerocallis altissima* Stout; *H. coreana* Nakai. Plants to 1 m tall, **deciduous** in winter...*Hemerocallis multiflora* Stout.... Plants **deciduous** in winter. *Hemerocallis aurantiaca* Baker.... Plants evergreen.”⁴ There are many other articles like these.

In addition, many other perennial herbaceous or bulbous plants are described as having deciduous foliage.

“**Deciduous** and Evergreen..... Geophytes native to temperate and Mediterranean climates are mostly **deciduous**.....These plants include the perennial geophytes *Hyacinthus*, *Ornithogalum*, *Cyclamen* and *Amaryllis belladonna*....”⁵

“The extremely diverse family Iridaceae has 30 genera in South Africa that are mostly **deciduous** and winter-growing,

and grow from corms and rhizomes.....”⁶

“*Herbertia lahue*....is **deciduous**, as its foliage dries in unfavorable seasons; and it is perennial, as the same bulb remains for the next growth season.”⁷

“In southeastern Pennsylvania, both **deciduous** perennial and wintergreen perennial ferns can be found in sympatry. Unlike **deciduous** perennial ferns, whose fronds undergo senescence during the fall and early winter, wintergreen perennial ferns maintain their fronds throughout the winter and do not begin to senesce until spring, when new fronds begin to unfold.”⁸

There are many more references to herbaceous perennials that have deciduous leaves including grasses, bulbous plants like *Scilla*, rhizomatous plants like *Trillium*, and herbs like *Liatris*.

Another objection is that deciduous is too difficult to pronounce and spell. If you can spell and pronounce *Hemerocallis*, you can learn deciduous. The word deciduous is in the North Carolina Fifth Grade Science Curriculum: “Forests have many trees (with needles or with leaves), shrubs, grasses and ferns, and a variety of animals. They usually get more rain than grasslands. Diverse types of animals can be found in forests, depending on their type. **Deciduous**: black bear, deer, red fox, vole, rabbit, cardinal....”

Other plant organizations do use the term deciduous. From the American Orchid Society (aos.org) we read, “There are two main types of *Calanthe* in cultivation, **deciduous** and evergreen. The evergreen types have no rest period and should be kept somewhat damp all year. The **deciduous** types comprise one of the most satisfactory groups of all orchids, with inflorescences that bloom over a long period of time in the late autumn and winter. “

Some people are under the assumption that “dormant” daylilies are cold hardy and evergreens are not. Hardiness and foliage habit are inherited separately. Not all evergreens are tender in the north and not all deciduous plants are hardy. Most northern hybridizers select for deciduous daylilies and most growers will agree that when deciduous daylilies come up in the spring they are much cleaner and more attractive than an evergreen plant that has been frozen back with the leaves still



attached. All daylilies are dormant when they are under a foot of snow—deciduous and evergreen.

In short, the opposite of dormant is non-dormant. We have graduations in foliage type from deciduous to semi-evergreen to evergreen; there is no middle ground between dormant (not growing) and growing. The only change that is being made is to call plants that lose all their leaves in winter deciduous. The description of plant growth is not affected by this change. A hybridizer will register the plant as it grows in his or her own garden; the foliage habit may be different farther north or farther south than the original garden.

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DORMANT:

Dormancy is a temporary suspension of visible growth of any plant structure containing a meristem. The term "dormant" is not restricted to deciduous plants but applies also to evergreen and semi-evergreen plants, which can retain some, or all, of their foliage while having dormant buds. All daylilies, regardless of foliage habit, are capable of cold temperature dormancy in the technical sense where it gets cold enough to suspend growth.

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Also see: **Deciduous**.

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DECIDUOUS:

The term deciduous refers to daylilies that lose their foliage completely before or shortly after frost and over-winter with pointed foliage buds, usually just beneath the soil surface. Deciduous plants will resume growth in spring. Also see **Dormant**.

Also see: **Dormant, Foliage Habit**.

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Previous page, bottom, left to right: 'Ribbonette' (Lenington-G., 1951); 'Little Rainbow' (Reckamp, 1963); photos Kathy Tinius. I want you to think for a moment about the ages of these cultivars. These plants in my little garden are direct descendants of the crosses made 66 and 54 years ago. From seedling beds in the Lenington and Reckamp gardens, transferred hand to hand and garden to garden, divisions were sold and shared, and these two ended up with me. Who would love to jump ahead to 2083 to see what's growing in daylily gardens 66 years from now!

This page, upper right, top to bottom: From daylilies.org/ahs_dictionary/, screen shots of the AHS definition of dormant and deciduous

You know you want one!



Georgetown Area Daylily Club is hosting the 2018 AHS National Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC, and they have produced one of the best t-shirts ever! You can order yours today by going to ahs2018convention.org and scrolling down to select t-shirts (yes, you can order just the t-shirts through the website if you're not yet ready to register or if you've registered already!). Order yours today and be the envy of your club!

Above, left to right: Robin Wilson sold t-shirts at the Region 15 Fall Meeting, photo Kathy Tinius; Chuck Wilson modeled the AHS 2018 National Convention in Myrtle Beach t-shirt in the flashy lime color, photo Shiela Caldon

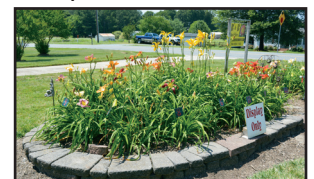
Calling All Region 15 Hybridizers!

Whether you have thousands of seedlings in vast fields or just a short handful in a pot on your patio, we're calling for you.

Lowcountry Daylily Club is hosting the **2019 Region 15 Summer Meeting** in Moncks Corner, SC, and they are currently building the seedling bed. What better way to get real, direct, and honest feedback on your seedlings that you can use to improve your program!

Look through your seedlings, gather no more than five plants (up to three fans each), and ship them off to:

Mike Denson
1020 Kip Lane
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
mrmike66@gmail.com



Right: Seedling bed 2016, photo Kathy Tinius

The Serendipitous Hybridizing Program of Floyd Boatwright

by Gene Crocker

Serendipity is finding unexpected pleasure, and that is the feeling I had while visiting the garden of Floyd Boatwright in Hartsville, SC, one of the best-kept secrets in the daylily world. Every plant in his garden is a tetraploid and a huge percent are his own cultivars. Floyd uses raised beds in which he has supplemented the sandy soil with huge amounts of organic amendments. As a result, his plants are large and vigorous, with gorgeous blooms.

Although Floyd has grown daylilies for over 30 years, he says what sparked his breeding program was his first introduction, 'Shrimp and Grits,' back in 2002. This bitone shrimp pink flower is in the background of 30 of Floyd's introductions, ranging from the near white 'Casper Snow' (2013) to the dark red 'Raging Rayleigh' (2014) and the intense bicolor 'Deeds Not Words' (2012). While bitones and bicolors are Floyd's specialty, his reds are some of the best to be seen. He has also produced yellows, blends, blue-tinted purples, plus other interesting color combinations.



As I write this, Floyd has registered 120 daylily hybrids. In each registration, he has written out the introduction's pedigree, which in many cases represents several generations of his own breeding. The selected seedlings in bloom the day I visited had high bud counts and great branching, and they represented a great leap forward for several colors. My favorite was 43-11, a lipstick red with round and full form – not a scarlet or blood red, but a blend of both in a lustrous flower with a luminous quality. The branching and bud count were both exceptional, and flowers were displayed well above the foliage. This introduction should be extremely popular when it is named and brought to market.



Of the bitone seedlings in bloom, 102-14 had a soft orange-red in the petals complimented by melon-colored sepals. The precise ruffling, bright green throat, and fullness of the flower made this a giant step forward in this color class. One new seedling had a creamy light orange color with a darker, reddish-orange color splashed over the entire length of the petals for a different look. As with all of Floyd's creations, the bright green throat accentuated the color. Seedling 142-14, a clear lavender with a bright, bluish halo, had wide segments and ruffling.



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Left: 'Raging Rayleigh' (Boatwright, 2014) taken in Floyd's garden; photo Floyd Boatwright

Top: Floyd Boatwright

Above and below: 'Deeds Not Words' (Boatwright, 2012) and 'Hula for Moulia' (Boatwright, 2011) taken in Memory and Bob Jordan's garden



Boatwright introductions ‘Panhandle Slim’ (2015), ‘Hula for Moula’ (2011), and ‘Glass Rose’ (2013) were in bloom this summer in Memory and Bob Jordan’s garden in Lugoff, SC. Memory is a great friend of Floyd’s and grows quite a few of his registered hybrids. Each one was prospering and blooming beautifully in her garden.

‘Glenn Caston’ (Boatwright, 2014) is an especially beautiful bicolor with a blend of soft colors and outstanding ruffling. The bright yellow throat splashes halfway out on the stippled petals, producing a unique effect.



‘Dillon’s Darling’ (Boatwright 2016) is a rose and light yellow bicolor that has a striking green throat and a narrow halo on the petals. Like all of Floyd’s introductions, it is a great rebloomer.

Since his retirement, Floyd spends most of his time in the garden, and this summer had over 2,000 seedlings lined out for blooms in 2018. I was surprised to hear that Floyd has very few visitors to his garden each year. It is located less than thirty minutes from exit 116 on Interstate 20 between Columbia and Florence, SC. When you come to visit, plan to stop off at Pearl Fryar’s famous topiary garden, which is less than two miles from exit 116.

With the 2018 national convention in nearby Myrtle Beach, it is about time that Floyd and his garden are “discovered” by daylily enthusiasts. His website is fhb-sass.com and he can be reached by telephone at 843-332-1402. Stop by and experience a bit of your own serendipity.



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Above: ‘Glenn Caston’ (Boatwright, 2014)

Right, above, left to right, top to bottom: Seedlings 102-14, 43-11-2, and 142-14; ‘Sandhill Shine’ (Boatwright, 2016); ‘Ella Gray’s Eye’ (Boatwright, 2011); ‘Kodo Candle’ (Boatwright, 2015), all taken in Floyd’s garden

Right, middle, left to right: ‘Dillon’s Darling’ (Boatwright, 2016); ‘Shrimp and Grits’ (Boatwright, 2002); taken in Floyd’s garden; *photos Floyd Boatwright*

Below, left to right: ‘Casper Snow’ (Boatwright, 2013); ‘Imma Johnson’ (Boatwright, 2011), taken in Memory and Bob Jordan’s garden

Region 15 Summer Meetings

2018 - Myrtle Beach, SC, Georgetown Area Daylily Club
 2019 - Moncks Corner, SC, Lowcountry Daylily Club
 2020 - Rutherfordton, NC, Foothills Daylily Society

Region 15 Fall Meetings

2018 - Clemson, SC, Upstate Daylily Club
 2019 - TBA
 2020 - TBA

Edwin C. Zahler

AHS Regional Service Award

While writing an upcoming article for *The Daylily Journal* on Ed Zahler and Duane Therrien, it occurred to me that Ed Zahler is a great candidate for the AHS Regional Service Award. In his very long years involved in daylilies, Ed has developed strong and beneficial mentoring relationships, has been very involved in garden judges training and coaching, was instrumental in organizing local daylily clubs in northeastern South Carolina (resulting in the creation of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club, host of the 2018 AHS National Convention), and has donated both his time and plants to multiple regional clubs.

Beginning with daylilies when he was a mere child, Ed quickly learned the value of supporters and how helping bring others to daylilies just made the world a better place. His neighbor, Mrs. Weed, sparked his initial interest and over the years Ed met and learned much from friendships with many growers and hybridizers like Charlotte Holman and Pauline Henry. Ed passed along what he knew to anyone who expressed an interest – and he generated an interest in everyone else.

Throughout his schooling at Clemson and subsequent career as a teacher, Ed grew his hybridizing program and shared his love of daylilies. In the early 1990s Ed established the Grand Strand Daylily Society (later folded into the current Georgetown Area Daylily Club), which brought together the daylily fanatics he knew were out there. It also gave him a foundation for reaching out to new gardeners and to brand new daylily lovers. During this time, Ed also served as a Garden Judge and then learned how to be a Garden Judge Instructor. Over the years, Ed has taught probably hundreds of Garden Judges, using his gentle teaching style to make the detailed information easier to understand. He also served as the AHS Region 15 Hybridizer Liaison, actively bringing together hybridizers from across the region. Ed has been active in the Region 15 Summer and Fall Meetings, plus he has attended four AHS National Conventions. Ed was chair of an AHS Region 15 Summer Meeting and his garden was on tour during two Summer Meetings. With the 2018 AHS National Convention taking place in Myrtle Beach, SC, and sponsored by the Georgetown Area Daylily Club, not only did Ed (and Duane Therrien) step up to have their garden on tour, Ed immediately stepped up to chair the committees handling Garden Judges and Clinics.

Currently, Ed is a very active member of both

the Georgetown Area Daylily Club and the Lowcountry Daylily Club. He donates not only his time, ideas, and energy to both clubs, he also donates plants for auctions at these clubs and at regional and national meetings. In addition, Ed participates actively in educational and outreach events conducted by both clubs.

Over the years, Ed has sparked a daylily fire in many people, all the way from serious gardeners to those with condos and limited flower beds. Arguably the most significant impact Ed has had on the world of daylilies is through his mentoring relationship with Duane Therrien. After they met at a Lowcountry Daylily Club meeting, Ed quickly took Duane under his wing, teaching him what he knew about daylily genetics and how to grow robust daylilies. Their friendship grew along with their hybridizing programs and soon they combined their gardens to better focus their efforts. Duane's boundless energy and stamina combined with Ed's background and guidance has produced a show-stopping garden and very strong diploid genetic lines. Twenty-five years after Ed registered his first plant, Duane registered his first – and both have a series of very strong contenders moving through their development plans.

Ed has also proven his first thoughts on daylilies to be true – that he could create diploid daylilies with the same substance, rich color, ruffling, and even gold edge as tetraploids. Sharing the idea that diploids can be knock your socks off beautiful has enabled Ed to convince folks to get into hybridizing who might not have otherwise. He has spread this word in all of his presentations and guidance, and in recent years he and Duane have produced spectacular seedlings that folks can't believe are dips.

The AHS and the world of daylily gardening around Conway, SC, has been defined in large part by Ed's efforts to bring daylily lovers together and to attract new gardeners to daylilies. When I think of all the people who have been influenced by Ed, from his close friends to former strangers, I can't think of anyone more deserving of the AHS's Regional Service Award.

Submitted by Kathy Tinius

Left: Duane Therrien, Kathy Dolge, and Ed Zahler inspect Duane and Ed's introductions; photos Kathy Tinius



Ken Cobb

2017 Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award

Members able to attend the AHS 2017 National Convention in Norfolk were delighted to witness the American Hemerocallis Society honoring Ken Cobb with the 2017 Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award. The full write up of Ken's many years of dedicated service and mentoring can be read on pages 22 and 23 in the Fall 2017 *The Daylily Journal*. Provided here is an excerpt.

"Ken Cobb, of Raleigh, North Carolina, fits these definitions and mirrors Steve Moldovan's mentoring efforts. Although Ken is not a daylily hybridizer, he sets a high standard for others in his efforts to promote daylilies to the public, to nurture members of AHS, and to educate others in the history of our society.



"In his 37 years of membership in AHS, he has held numerous offices, chaired committees, edited AHS manuals, proofed AHS publications, served as Region 15 newsletter editor, and written many articles for *The Daylily Journal* and several regional newsletters. In all these capacities, his enthusiasm to share his favorite flower and draw others to it has been exemplary.

"Ken Cobb exhibits the characteristics of a mentor as demonstrated over several decades of fostering individual members promoting daylilies and AHS, and being a sponsor/supporter of many, and he richly deserves the AHS Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award."

Photo left, Kathy Tinius; photo above, Linda Sue Barnes



Jane & Jim Sovine

Carolina Service Award

We are proud to submit a nomination for the 2017 Region 15 Service Award. This pair has volunteered their service in a number of capacities over the last 15 plus years since joining their local club. In each role they have served with a selfless dedication to seeing the local club and Region flourish. Always full of fresh ideas, they truly have the best interests of the club, the region and its members at heart.

So often working behind the scenes, never seeking recognition, they give every project or position 110%. Being the leaders they are, they jump right in to every project without hesitation.

Among the areas one or both of these nominees have served at the club and regional levels are:

- Club President
- Club Vice President
- Club Co-Treasurers
- Garden Judge
- Exhibition Judge
- Exhibition Judge Instructor
- Garden Judge Liaison



Over the years, they've dedicated many hours of service in making the Fall Plant Sales and Club Plant Sales and Auctions huge successes. They've also served on club projects including the annual flower show and maintaining the daylily

garden at Jaycee park. They served on the steering committees of the recent regionals hosted by our club and also opened their beautiful display garden for the 2009 Regional Tour. Many volunteer hours were also invested in the 2017 Regional including researching and securing the meeting site and accommodations.

These nominees have inspired so many over the years with their dedication to the local club and Region 15. Without a doubt the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club and Region 15 would not be the special daylily family it is today without the countless hours of service and hard work invested by Jane and Jim Sovine.

Submitted by Wanda and Raymond Quinn, and Janet and Richard Warren

Photos Linda Sue Barnes



Region 15 Fall/Winter Meeting

Submitted by Dawn Whitley, Region 15 Secretary
AHS Region 15 Fall Business Meeting, Columbia, SC
September 30, 2017

Please note, references to who made motions and who seconded have been removed for brevity; all motions passed.



Nancy Womack called the meeting to order at 9:02 am, welcomed everyone, and thanked Mid-Carolina for hosting.

The minutes from the Summer Meeting were approved with the addition of the previous Treasurer's report. From Sept 26, 2016, to June 1, 2017, income was \$14,495.02,

expenditures totaled \$6,469.72, and the total assets were \$18,524.30.

Mitchell Hagler gave the current Treasurer's report. From June 1, 2017, to September 1, 2017, income was \$12,946.52, expenditures were \$5,224.28 and assets were \$18,221.39. The auction Friday evening raised \$4,255.

Old Business:

1. Nancy proposed and the membership approved the following changes to the photo contest guidelines:
 - a. Change the deadline from December 31 to November 1, which is in line with the AHS deadline; and,
 - b. Limit number of photos per category to five.
2. Ken Cobb moved and membership approved that the winning contestant in any given photo contest category be ineligible to compete in that specific category again the following year. There are precedents in the AHS photo contest and for other Region 15 awards. The change will become effective with the contest having the deadline in 2018.



3. Nancy presented and the membership approved a recommendation from the board for a change in wording in the Carolina Seedling Bed Rule. The new wording will be: "The seedling bed host is expected to treat all seedlings equally in terms of the number of fans planted, placement, irrigation and fertilization."

New Business:

1. Wanda Quinn presented and the membership approved the slate of officers for 2018 to 2019 and Director 2018 to 2020. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

- a. AHS Region 15 Director – Becky Hinshaw
- b. President – Nancy Womack
- c. Treasurer – Mitchell Hagler
- d. Member-at-Large – Bill Hurt

2. John Martin reviewed the Popularity Poll changes Region 15 has been piloting, as documented in his Regional Publicity Director reports in multiple issues of the *Hemalina*.



Nancy shared that the board recommended approving these changes as listed below:

- a. Continue to maintain size of ballot which is 80 to 95 cultivars;
 - b. Allow up to 5 write-ins;
 - c. Include only cultivars that get at least 3 to 4 votes in the prior year;
 - d. Include regional winners in Summer Meetings;
 - e. Include regional winners of AHS awards; and,
 - f. Retire the winners to a Pop Poll winners list, which would be used for promoting daylilies and the winner.
3. Rebecca Board discussed the need for a purpose statement as a part of the Popularity Poll ballot and publicity related to it. The statement she recommended that was approved after discussion is: "The purpose of the Popularity Poll is to create a list of daylilies that perform well in the region."
 4. The name for the Popularity Poll winners list was discussed and several names were suggested by membership. The name recommended by Rebecca Board and approved by the membership was "Carolina Daylily All Stars."
 5. Charles Douglas gave his Director's report, noting that Region 13's Judie Branson will be the new AHS President beginning January 1, 2018. He also reported other change in AHS officers and website upgrades currently underway.
 6. Kathy Tinius gave a report on the National Convention. She shared a new contest for the event, noting that each club will be invited to donate a basket for the raffle. The club basket with the most votes will get \$1,000 worth of daylilies donated by Browns Ferry Garden and the Ed Zahler / Duane Therrien garden (I Can't Believe It's a Dip).
 7. Linda Sue Barnes reported on an insect called the Gall Midge now in Canada and Pacific Northwest that is spreading through soil and buds. Purchased plants should be bare rooted and cleaned. Soil should be bagged and disposed of. There will be more information coming in *The Daylily Journal*.

8. John Martin announced the 2017 Pop Poll Winners. Of 400 voting members, 105 voted (26%).
 - a. Tied for Third: 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster-Cobb, 2003), 'Papa Goose' (Douglas-H., 2011), 'Cherryville' (Santa Lucia, 2009)
 - b. Second Place: 'Carnival in Caracas' (Santa Lucia, 2007)
 - c. First Place: 'Cat Ballou' (Gluck, 2006)



9. Anne Winningham presented the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award
 - a. Third place: 'Windyhill's Designer Red' (Quinn-W., 2015)
 - b. Second place: 'Blue Deva' (Therrien, 2014)
 - c. First place: 'Boss Hogg' (Douglas-H., 2015)



10. The Carolina Service Award, sponsored by the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society, was awarded to Jim and Jane Sovine of the Raleigh Daylily Club.



11. Nancy presented a framed photo to Charles Douglas for his service as AHS Region 15 Director for the past three years.



12. Nancy announced that John Martin is retiring as the Region 15 Regional Publicity Director, and presented him with a framed photo in appreciation of his service.



13. Leslie Maulk, President of Mid-Carolina Daylily Society, announced that their club is celebrating its 30th anniversary. Charter members Gene Crocker, Peggy Jeffcoat, and Ann Coggins were recognized and celebrated. Gene announced the Society will be installing a commemorative marker recognizing Peggy and Jim Jeffcoat as founder members.



14. The meeting was adjourned.

Opposite page, clockwise from lower left: Members of Region 15 participated in the business meeting in Columbia, SC, *photo Kathy Tinius*; Nancy Womack addressed the membership, *photo Lee Breuer*; John Martin led a discussion about the changes to the Popularity Poll; *photo Kathy Tinius*. **This page, clockwise from above:** Leslie Mauck presented Raleigh Hemerocallis Club president Wanda Quinn with the plaque for the Carolina Service Award for Jim and Jane Sovine who were unable to attend, *photo Shiela Caldon*; Anne Winningham presented Heidi Douglas with the plaque for the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award, *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Wanda Quinn, John Martin, and Peggy Jeffcoat congratulated Linda and Bill Gluck on winning the Popularity Poll, *photo Lee Breuer*; Nancy Womack presented Charles Douglas with a framed photo to commemorate his service as Region 15 Director, *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Nancy Womack presented John Martin with a framed photo to commemorate his service as Region 15 Publicity Director, *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Mid-Carolina Daylily Society founding members Gene Crocker, Peggy Jeffcoat, and Ann Coggins, *photo Linda Sue Barnes*.



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Revisiting Bob Selman and Eric Simpson

Presenters at 2017's Summer Fest

Those of you fortunate enough to attend Summer Fest not only saw all the beautiful tour gardens in person, you had the opportunity to watch the gorgeous presentations from these two Region 15 powerhouses. At the Region 15 Summer Meeting, Bob Selman and Eric Simpson each provided a comprehensive presentation on their exciting hybridizing programs.

Bob's presentation was one breath-taking and award-winning photo after another. Eric's

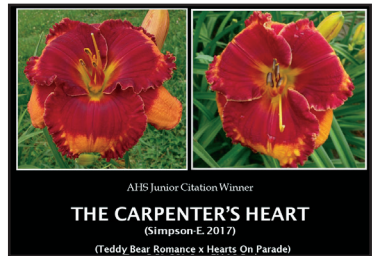
presentation showed off his terrific seedlings and how his hybridizing program has produced such spectacular flowers.

The pair didn't stop there. In addition to generously donating their speakers fees back to the region, Bob and Eric donated their latest introductions to the meeting auction. Lucky members went home with some of the year's best and brightest plants!



Above: Bob Selman and Eric Simpson

Below, left to right: Views of Blue Ridge Daylilies and introduction slide screen shots from Bob Selman's presentation; "Kids" slide and sample introduction slide from Eric Simpson's presentation at the Region 15 Summer Meeting. *Photo Bob Selman; screen shots, Eric Simpson*



Snaps from the Region 15 Fall Meeting

Hosted by the Mid-Carolina Daylily Club



Above, left to right: Attendees ready for the auction, *photo Sharon Caldon*; Van Sellers smiled while Vic Santa Lucia talked with Ann Cobb, *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; members of the Lowcountry Daylily Society and Georgetown Area Daylily Club socialized, *photo Kathy Tinius*

Below, left and middle: Attendees relaxed after lunch, *photo Kathy Tinius*; the fabulous musical frog raffle item everyone wanted, *photo Linda Sue Barnes*



Above, far right: Gail Gribble and Gene Crocker selected AHS 2018 National Convention t-shirts, *photo Kathy Tinius*

Below, left to right: Perennial newlyweds Wanda and Raymond Quinn of Windyhill Gardens, *photo Lee Breuer*; Gene Crocker helped Paul Owen spot a bidder during the auction, *photo Sheila Caldon*; Bill Hurt (left) and Marshall Morrow (right) congratulate Linda and Bill Gluck on winning the Popularity Poll, *photo Kathy Tinius*



Contest: Your Club Could Win \$1,000 or \$500 in Daylilies

Get your thinking caps on, prepare your shopping lists, and make your plans now to donate a special basket to the raffle at the AHS 2018 National Convention in Myrtle Beach. We've got a contest for you and we think you're going to love it!

Here's how the raffle works. Clubs and individuals donate items or baskets of interest to daylily fanatics. Each item or basket is given a number, and a specially marked bag is placed next to the item or basket. Convention attendees buy raffle tickets and place one or more tickets in the bag for the item or basket they want. A winning ticket is picked from each bag and the winner goes home with something wonderful. In this contest, the item or basket that receives the greatest number of raffle tickets will win the donor club \$1,000 worth of daylilies from Heidi and Charles Douglas and Gene Tanner of Browns Ferry Gardens. The one with the second highest number of tickets will get \$500 worth of daylilies from Duane Therrien and Ed Zahler of the I Can't Believe It's a Dip garden.

Now, we have seen some incredible baskets. A recent basket was so big it barely fit through the door (and I'm not kidding). Another basket had the very latest, most in-demand daylilies. Yet another had ****gasp!**** famous local booze! Our clubs represent great diverse communities, with unique foods, museums, garden centers, and natural attractions. Show off your local specialities!

Make your plans now – not just for what you'll put in the basket, but also for how you'll use the plants you win. Hmmmm, maybe one or two per club member? Maybe start a new public flower bed at a library or school? Maybe replant your club's daylily bed? Maybe...

First place: \$1,000 from Browns Ferry Gardens
Second Place: \$500 from I Can't Believe It's a Dip



Presenters at the Region 15 Fall Meeting



Above, left to right: Nancy Womack led the Region 15 Business Meeting, *photo Kathy Tinius*; auctioneer Paul Owen enjoyed a good joke, *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Leslie Mauck and Tom Bruce rest next to the auction plants, *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Let the auction begin! *photo Kathy Tinius*
Below, left to right: Will Marchant of Druid City Daylilies gave an extensive presentation on his delightful hybridizing program, then very generously donated plants for auction, *photo Kathy Tinius*; Will Marchant answered questions about his new introductions, *photo Sheila Caldon*; screen shot of Amy Wright's presentation on "Designing the Perennial Garden" showing a sample Polychromatic Color Scheme, *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Amy Wright, landscape designer for the city of Columbia, SC, *photo Sharon Caldon*



Making the Carolinas More Beautiful, One Daylily at a Time

Nancy Womack



When I became Regional President in 2016, I wrote letters to club presidents mentioning a few goals I wanted us to pursue as a region. One of them was to become more active in our communities by engaging in service projects using daylilies in public settings to increase awareness of their many varieties and colors. I used the phrase, which I now use as the title of this article, as a slogan for this promotion—making the Carolinas more beautiful, one daylily at a time. I was aware that some of our clubs were already engaged in such projects, but I knew there was plenty of room for others to get on board to expand our presence in the public eye. Recently, I wrote another letter to club presidents asking them for progress reports toward this goal. Their responses, summarized below, were overwhelming. What great work our clubs are doing!

The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, the first Region 15 club to establish a public garden, began their venture in 1976. For the past 41 years this club has had a close relationship with the Raleigh Parks Group by sponsoring and maintaining a classic daylily display garden located in the Jaycee Park on Wade Ave. The garden currently contains between **300-400** varieties of daylilies, all of which the club has donated. Over the last four to six years, they have refurbished the garden, replacing some of the cultivars with newer ones. Ray Quinn, the club coordinator, notes that members have benefitted greatly from their involvement in a public garden. Their community has been expanded by introducing many others to the world of daylilies and their finances have improved using daylily divisions for plant sales.

Sandhills Daylily Club also has a long-standing presence in its community with the Bettie Jernigan Historical Daylily Garden at Cape Fear Botanical Garden in Fayetteville, NC. Sandhills made the decision to get involved with the garden in the mid 1990's when the garden was in its early stages of development. At that time, it had no collections devoted to a specific genus—a perfect opportunity to make *Hemerocallis* a focal point. Linda Sue Barnes describes the garden as “an

educational display designed to show how the daylily has changed from the species varieties and early hybrids up to modern cultivars, including winners of the Stout Silver Medal.” Over the years, the club has donated between **400-475** daylilies to the project. At the present, the garden is in transition with most of these plants in pots waiting to be moved next spring to a more desirable location in the Cape Fear Botanical Garden—one with greater visibility and less chance of flooding (See page 24 of the Fall/Winter *Hemalina* for a sample of Hurricane Matthew flooding). Horticultural students from Fayetteville Technical Community College are currently holding a contest to design new beds for the garden. The club is offering a \$100 prize to the winner.

Upstate Daylily Club has been involved since 2012 in making the Carolinas more beautiful, specifically in the perennial section at the South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson University. According to Jim Bazzone, their goal is to showcase cultivars hybridized by Region 15 members. Currently, their daylily bed contains **120** plants, including several hybridized by their own members Bill Hemmingsen, Floyd Cousins, Raymond Lockerby, Kelvin Bryant, and Jim Bazzone. Club president, Brenda Coggins, states that the club benefits “simply by taking pride in showing the world of daylilies to others.”

Coastal North Carolina Daylily Society is currently working on official AHS Display Garden status for its public garden located at the Currituck County Cooperative Extension Center in Barco, NC. The club has been engaged in this project for seven years and has donated **60** plants thus far. Club president, Ken Ferguson, notes that their goal is “to promote Region 15 hybridizers in a garden that demonstrates the diversity of *Hemerocallis* in NC and SC, with cultivars that can be grown in our ‘average’ climate and soil conditions. The display garden includes plants from the western-most mountains of NC in USDA zone 6b, the Piedmont region of both states in zone 7b, the extreme southeastern corner of SC in zone 8b, to the northeast coastal plain of NC in zone 7b.” In addition to plants from Region 15 hybridizers, a portion of the garden also includes a diverse group of hybrids from nationally recognized growers. The club was fortunate to get in on the ground floor of planning for the Community Center Campus for Currituck County. Their club was allotted one of two major garden locations; the other being assigned to the Currituck Master Gardeners’ Association. According to Ken, this prime location is the greatest benefit to the club. “Branding,” as he puts it. He says, “The high visibility of the display garden has led to public inquiry about daylilies in general and requests for information about our society in particular.”



Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club is engaged in two public garden projects—one with **140** plants at the Lillian Livingston Memorial Gardens in Greensboro, NC, and another with **25** plants at the Greensboro Science Center, Zoo, and Aquarium. For their installation of a daylily bed filled with both new and historic cultivars at the first garden, the club was awarded the “Community Service Award” from the Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs. This year, club president Lynne Broderius approached the horticulturist on staff at the Science Center (next door to the Council of Garden Clubs Building where the club meets) about adding daylilies to the Science Center landscape. A new project was born with



plant donations from Triad Club members—a daylily display in a highly visible area visited annually by a million plus attendees. Next summer’s visitors will be the first to see these beautiful blooms.

Two of our clubs, **Piedmont Daylily Club** and **Catawba Valley Daylily Club**, have chosen their respective meeting places as the beneficiaries of their public garden projects.

Piedmont meets at Carmel Presbyterian Church in Charlotte—also the site for their annual flower show. The club established its garden at the church in 2004 with flower donations from club members. Tom Foster, chair of the garden committee, notes that “over time, the originally planted daylilies became vintage plants, so in 2015 the club decided to update the daylilies and feature Region 15 hybridizers.” The garden currently has **37** cultivars with new donated signage. Most of the new plants came from Terry Baucom, Cindi and Ken Dye, Judi Davisson, Charles and Heidi Douglas, Bill and Linda Gluck, Vic Santa Lucia, and J.D. Stadler. The plan is to manage the growth by giving new members a free plant from the flower beds when they join the club. Not only does the garden bring great pleasure to church members, but also to visitors and passers-by outside the church.

Catawba Valley, which meets at the Catawba County Arts and Science Center in Hickory, NC, has established a daylily bed containing **20** cultivars at its entrance. The club decided to do this about seven years ago to assist with beautification of the grounds as well as to advertise their club’s promotion of daylilies. Lisa Goins, club president, says that “the club has benefitted from the project by showing they have a positive presence with the Arts and Science Center and that they are involved with educating the public on the diversity and beauty of daylilies.”

Foothills Daylily Society and **Georgetown Area Daylily Club**, representing the NC foothills and the SC coast have taken a slightly different approach to making the Carolinas more beautiful with daylilies. Both have created a presence in much larger settings.

Foothills recently became involved with the Friends of the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge in Lake Lure, NC, by donating **32** daylilies that were installed among over 700 other species of plants on and around a repurposed bridge. With a backdrop of the Hickory Nut Gorge, the bridge spans the Broad River that feeds into stunning Lake Lure. The club’s contribution to the bridge promotes Region 15 hybridizers and has brought recognition to the club.

Georgetown has a “Daylily Walk” at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet, SC, which is the largest public garden on the SC coast—a garden featuring larger than life sculptures, garden rooms, multiple flower beds, trees and shrubs, as well as an educational center. The club initially donated and installed **175** cultivars in 2014 but found that the plants were not thriving due to lack of proper irrigation. This past summer, club members donated and installed **200** new plants and hope the new drip irrigation system will ready the plants for the 2018 AHS National Convention attendees.



Western North Carolina Daylily Club is the most recent of our Region 15 clubs to enter the arena of public garden displays. Just within the last few months, club representative, Nancy Rigsby has created a daylily display bed at Bullington Gardens in Hendersonville, NC. She has applied for and is awaiting approval for this bed to become an official AHS Daylily Display Garden. Bullington is a public horticultural and educational botanical garden on 12 acres providing hands-on education in horticulture to students and adults. First planted with **55** cultivars, the plan is to have 150 within the next two years, all for the purpose of “showcasing and promoting the beauty and variety of daylilies.”

I’ve highlighted the numbers in the above paragraphs for a reason. If you add them up, they total over 1,500. So if the goal has been for clubs to make the Carolinas more beautiful one daylily at a time, our public garden displays have made our states 1,500 times more beautiful than they were 41 years ago. And, that number is a pittance compared to our private gardens with all the beautiful daylilies we grow in AHS Region 15. What a great place to live!

Information contributed by Raymond Quinn, Linda Sue Barnes, Brenda Coggins, Jim Bazzone, Ken Ferguson, Lynne Broderius, Bill Hurt, Mitchell Hagler, Tom Foster, Lisa Goins, John Martin, Kathy Tinius, and Nancy Rigsby.

Clockwise from far left: Members of Upstate Daylily Club sell plants at the South Carolina Botanical Gardens; view of planting beds on Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, location of Foothills Daylily Society project; Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Clubs’ Lillian Livingston memorial Gardens in Greensboro, NC; members of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club replant the Daylily Walk at Brookgreen Gardens. Photos in same order: C. Blackston, Steve Earnest, Lynne Broderius, Kathy Tinius

Let's all go to the beach!

AHS 2018 National Convention to be hosted by Georgetown Area Daylily Club June 6 - 9, 2018



Run to the beach in 2018! Join us for the AHS 2018 National Convention in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

See the latest introductions and hopeful seedlings in gardens that are all owned by hybridizers, see amazing live oaks dripping with Spanish moss, see alligators in the wild, see more than 100 golf courses and world-class shopping, see wood storks and roseate spoonbills, see the calming ocean calling to you.

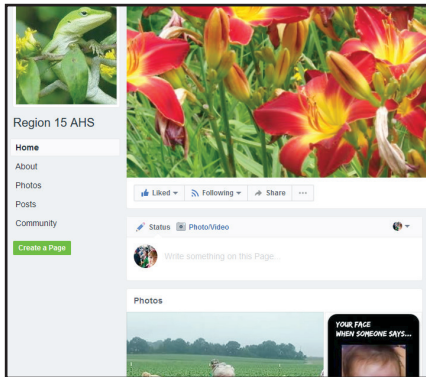
Visit ahs2018convention.org for more details and to register!

Check out the registration plants you'll receive and those that will be available at the plant sale (hint: 2018 introductions!)

Contact the Sheraton hotel directly for reservations on 888-627-8203 by 5/5/18 and identify yourself as part of the Daylily Convention to receive the negotiated rate of \$149.

Our convention is during the height of tourist season AND the Carolina Country Music Fest (30,000 people!) will be going on at the same time, so demand is high. Make your hotel reservations as soon as you possibly can—you'll be able to cancel up to 4 pm two days before your arrival date if your plans change. Better safe than sorry!

Scratching your head about how to use social media to increase your club's community outreach?



Come to the AHS 2018 National Convention where Jacob Braun will host a Social Media Forum!

The AHS's E-News Chair, Jacob Braun, will present a forum that could be described as Social Media 201. He'll review the nuts and bolts of platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube. He'll help each club understand how they can use the right platform for their audience. And he'll help clubs explore why they will want to expand to additional platforms.

Whether the members of your club are new to social media or already have established presences, everyone will learn something to benefit their clubs in this very informative session.

Top and above: Great sign hanging in Jellie Bellies, a local eatery; screen shot of the Region 15 Facebook page, *photo and screen shot Kathy Tinius*

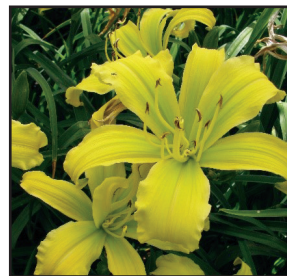
Right above, left to right: Registration/Bus plants for the AHS 2018 National Convention in Myrtle Beach, 'Going Grand at the Strand' (Douglas-H., 2018), *photo Heidi Douglas*; 'Under the Boardwalk' (Howell-M., 2018), *photo Marlon Howell*

Before you get to the convention, check out registration/bus plants and the flowers you'll be able to buy in the plant sale!

Go to ahs2018convention.org.

On the home page, scroll down to view registration/bus plants.

Click on Boutique, Raffles, Auction and scroll down to view plant sale flowers.



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The tourist mecca of Myrtle Beach is calling you to drop what you're doing, rush down to the water, and dip your toes into the cooling, refreshing waters of the Atlantic!

Join us in 2018 for *Ocean Views and Daylilies, Too!*



Top to bottom: Some of what you'll see – The Don Albers Garden, Canterbury Gardens, I Can't Believe Its a Dip, and Browns Ferry Gardens, photos Kathy Tinius



Thanks to those of you who have signed up! We're hoping more of the village it takes to pull off a convention will join in the fun. Be part of the love at the AHS 2018 National Convention in Myrtle Beach!



We are so grateful to all of you who have volunteered to be part of the village it will take to host the AHS National Convention in Myrtle Beach. Our village still needs some members, and we would be so very grateful if you're able to assist for even just a couple of hours one of the days you're here. If you know how you want to help, please email ktinius@yahoo.com or heidi@brownsferrygardens.com and let us know what, where, and when and we'll put you on the schedule (we'll also confirm details, send reminders, ask questions, get your input!).

In the gardens:

- Final weeding and deadheading in the days before and during the convention
- Staffing refreshment tables or acting as a docent

At the convention center hotel:

- On-Site Registration - assembling materials
 - Monday and Tuesday, June 4 and 5
- Raffle & Silent Auction, and Plant Sale - setting up rooms and tables; monitoring rooms and sales; cleaning up rooms after the convention
 - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, June 6 - 9
- Hospitality - people stationed in lobby and registration areas, and in the bus loading area providing guidance
 - Wednesday, June 6, 1:00 - 5:30 pm
 - Thursday, June 7, 7:30 am - 6:30 pm
 - Friday, June 8, 6:00 - 7:30 am; 1:30 - 5:30 pm
 - Saturday, June 9, 6:00 - 7:30 am; 1:30 - 5:30 pm
- Audio/Video Coordinator - keep things running smoothly while working with the fantastic hotel staff

Bus captains or navigators:

While we already have several people stepping up to act as bus captains (with our eternal gratitude), we still have openings and want to have a few backups just in case! Please let either us or Raymond Quinn (windyhill101@yahoo.com) know you're interested!

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Club News

Catawba Valley Daylily Club by Rita Katz



September was a fun meeting with our annual plant exchange where we had some interesting plants and enjoyed the lottery exchange. Two new people attended and decided to join; welcome, Beth Conifer and Jan Hoffman. A car show taking place at the same time made for a very full and exciting day.

Our October meeting had to be cancelled but we hope the

photographer can come in November to give us ideas on how to shoot better photos of flowers and landscapes. We are also discussing our Christmas celebration plans, sure to be great!



Left: Barbara Garren checks available plants at the September plant exchange. **Above:** Members of the Catawba Valley Daylily Club line up for a selfie. *Photos Rita Katz*

Coastal North Carolina Daylily Society by Ken Ferguson

It has been a hot and dry summer and a cool and wet fall, but our society plants seemed to have weathered the extremes just fine. October was the month that we put our display garden to bed for the year with a final weeding, feeding, and mulching. Although mulching is no small task with the size of our garden (80 bags of mulch!), our society's outlay was minimal thanks to generous donations from several local businesses. Looking ahead, we have



developed a plan for 2018 that includes the application of a pre-emergent herbicide we hope will reduce the hours needed to keep the bed weed free. We have big plans and high hopes for an application of deer repellent that we hope will keep Bambi

and friends from eating our blooms at the height of the season again. We'll report back in the summer as to their effectiveness.

Our seven plant sales for the year are finally over. We partnered with Master Gardeners in Currituck County for a spring sale, the Downtown Waterfront Market in Elizabeth City for three summer sales, and the Southern Shores Marketplace on North Carolina's Outer Banks for a spring and fall sale. At this last sale in October, we added a new element to the branding of our Society with the addition of a new banner – ASK a Daylily Expert – and a hands-on demonstration area. One of the most asked questions at sales has been, "I have daylilies, now how do I divide them?" We were able



to kill two birds with one stone. We dug seedling clumps we didn't want to overwinter and disposed of them by dividing them on the spot and selling them for 50¢ each. Another new branding idea we are trying is the distribution of business cards at every sale. For mere pennies per contact, we're able to use this very cost-effective means of promoting our society to the general public.



In September, we held an indoor picnic and Plants For Members (PFM) auction. It was a lot of good food, a lot of fun, and a good revenue generator for the society. At that same meeting, members voted to put our PFM program on hiatus for 2018 and divert those funds to help members defray the costs of attending the AHS National Convention in Myrtle Beach next year. With this plan, each member who registers for the convention will receive a stipend of \$100.



One new (out of the box again) project underway is developing a set of short videos on how to divide daylily clumps and how to correctly plant bare rooted plants. Once produced, these will be posted on our Facebook and YouTube pages. We've advanced beyond the storyboard phase, and new camera mounts have been created and tested for the shots. Now we just have to wait for the right weather conditions and find the time to get into the garden with a production crew to get them shot. Stay tuned!



Clockwise from left: Chef Ken Ferguson, demonstrated how to "carve" individual fans from a large clump of daylilies at a plant sale in Southern Shores, NC, while (L-R) Mary Bock and Joanne Dibello assist behind the "Ask a daylily expert" sign; a final weeding, planting, feeding, and mulching work day for the season; a very cost-effective way of promoting the society, hundreds of designs are available from many online vendors; Lorraine Coyle preps returned member plants for auction; take a camera that can shoot 1020p video with an HDMI output to a monitor, create a means to clamp it to a beam 10' in the air, and you have a rig to shoot a downward looking shot on how to plant a daylily; *photos Ken Ferguson*

Foothills Daylily Society by Steve Earnest

Our club participation continues to be exceptional and it is because we are blessed to have so many motivated members making contributions in so many ways. We have members with a wide variety of gardening skills, abilities, and interests. Several members are Master Gardeners. One is a member of the Garden Writer's Association. Two are judges in the Biltmore International Rose Trials. Two are Region 15 officers. All these members add much flavor to our club.

Aug: After taking a breather from our first successful sanctioned daylily flower show in June, we jumped right back into our normal group activities. Tim and Matt Nichols from Mr. Maples Nursery gave us a presentation on "Maples in your Landscape." A committee was selected to recruit officers for our 2018 season, and discussions began about doing another sanctioned daylily show in 2018.



Sep: During the year, club members earned Daylily Dollar points, and now we were ready to reward ourselves for our efforts. We had purchased a large number of plants from Browns Ferry Gardens, and

Clockwise from left: Joe Phillip prepared plants for the annual club auction; society members were ready to bid Daylily Dollars on new plants; David DeKort gave an interesting presentation on daylilies in the Carolinas. *Photos Steve Earnest*

on September 24 we met at Nancy Womack's for our lively auction. Everyone came away with new daylilies for their gardens.



Officers for 2018: Nolan Newton, president; Kirk Millman, vice president; Nancy Rigsby, secretary; and, Barbara Locucchio, treasurer.

Oct: David DeKort, a highly successful backyard hybridizer from Durham, gave a very interesting presentation about what is happening with daylilies around the Carolinas. We continued making preparations for our annual November group dinner party. This year we will meet at Gardenwoods in Rutherfordton and anticipate another successful outing for our group. <https://www.facebook.com/gardenwoodshg/>

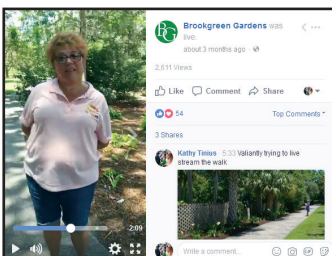


Georgetown Area Daylily Club by Kathy Tinius

The members of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club were beyond thrilled to learn that one of our own, Ed Zahler, was the recipient of the AHS Regional Service Award, presented at the AHS 2017 National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia. With an increasingly problematic back, Ed was unable to attend the convention, so Charles Douglas, Region 15 Director, presented the award to Ed at the GADC August meeting. See page 12 for the write up of how Ed won this richly-deserved AHS award. We are all so very proud.

Several members of our club were able to go to the Region 15 Summer Meeting, the AHS National Convention, and the Region 15 Fall Meeting. All reported they had a wonderful time and were so impressed by the hard work from committed members of each sponsoring club. Great work and planning made for great memories of enjoyable times with other daylily lovers.

In August, Heidi Douglas and Kathy Tinius joined the staff from Brookgreen for a Facebook Live session on the Brookgreen Gardens Facebook page. WiFi issues prevented showing the Daylily Walk live, but Heidi was interviewed about the plants and Kathy showed the AHS 2018 National Convention t-shirt to the online viewers. More than a thousand viewers watched the session!



The GADC September meeting had to be canceled, the third year in a row we have had to cancel a fall meeting due to weather. Fortunately, Hurricane Irma just brushed us with some good rain and fairly strong winds, so we dodged the damage we saw with last year's hurricane. We moved our September meeting to

October, showing photos from the Region 15 and National tour gardens. In addition, Heidi Douglas donated slides from the Region 2 Summer Meeting and everyone enjoyed seeing gardens from a very different part of the country. We also had our plant exchange and as usual club members brought in great companion perennials plants and bulbs.



At this meeting, the club announced a contest for all clubs at the AHS 2018 National Convention. The club providing the raffle basket that receives the greatest number of tickets will win \$1,000 worth of daylilies from Browns Ferry Gardens to do with as they please (give them to members, plant in a public garden, plant in your gardens)! There will be a second place winner as well, with the club providing the raffle basket that receives the second greatest number of tickets winning \$500 worth of daylilies from the Duane Therrien / Ed Zahler garden! Make your plans now to donate a spectacular raffle basket – your club could be a winner!

Our November meeting will be a club auction, featuring new introductions and old favorites and very lively bidding. December will bring our annual Christmas Party with Yankee Swap!

Left: Heidi Douglas (top) and Kathy Tinius (bottom) appeared on the Brookgreen Gardens Facebook Live broadcast in August to talk about the Daylily Walk and upcoming AHS 2018 National Convention.

Above: Charles Douglas, AHS Region 15 Director, presented the AHS Regional Service Award for Region 15 to Ed Zahler. *Screen shots and photo Kathy Tinius*

Lowcountry Daylily Club by Mike Denson

The Lowcountry Daylily Club met in August and were thrilled to have Bill and Diana Waldrop from Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies. Bill gave an excellent presentation, highlighting his latest and greatest daylilies. In addition, he brought lots for auction and that really helped the club raise funds which will be needed for hosting the 2019 Region 15 Summer Meeting.

In September, the Club had an excellent presentation from its own Don Albers. We are lucky that he is a member of both our club and the Georgetown Area Daylily Club. Don gave us a preview of what his flower beds have to offer for the AHS 2018 National Convention garden tour visitors! Beautiful!

In October, our meeting was our annual luncheon, photo contest, and plant swap. Not only can our club cook but it can also take wonderful pictures!!

It's now the end of our year and we thank Perry Gaskins for ably leading us for the last two years as president and we thank Mike Denson for ably serving as vice president. For the new year, Jean Owens moves from treasurer to president and her sister Anne Winningham becomes vice president. We are lucky to have Brenda



Above: Member of the Lowcountry Daylily Club enjoyed Bill Waldrop's presentation in August then assembled for a group photo. How many of these dedicated members can you name? *Photo Mike Denson*

Dixon Davis continue as our secretary. Gail Hale begins as our new treasurer and Cathy Coffey will serve as assistant treasurer.

Overall we had a great year and look forward to seeing our daylily friends again in January.

Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Leslie Mauck

We are still floating from the wonderful time we had hosting the Region 15 Fall Meeting. With 70 people in attendance, folks had lots of opportunities to see old friends and make new ones. After we got all sugared up at the Ice Cream Social, the bidding was fast and furious at the Regional Auction. Paul Owen from Slightly Different Nursery is an auctioneer extraordinaire

and a true crowd favorite. He worked through well over 100 plants in less than 90 minutes and you KNOW how he likes to talk! Great job, Pablo!!!

Saturday morning we were goggle-eyed by the time Will Marchant of

Druid City Daylilies in Douglasville, GA, got through showing us his beauties. He is entertaining as well as an extremely talented hybridizer with a very diverse program. Wow. If you need a good speaker, think of Will.



Mid-Carolina's own Amy Wright, Landscape Designer for the City of Columbia, was entertaining and informative in her presentation on designing with perennials. She has been a wonderful addition to the club.

Sometimes one hears questions about how to grow your club. Our experience has been that the more the club reaches for goals it hasn't done before, the more it grows. For example, some long-term members had yet to plant their first seeds, so last year we had a program on wintersowing (see page 31). Now they have! Next year they will have the thrill of seeing their first seedlings bloom.

Working together to put on an exhibition or standard show is another growing experience. Hosting the Region 15 Fall Meeting this year has helped us to grow more than anything I can remember. At the monthly meeting after the Regional, I had a couple of people say they hoped we would do it again!



Left: Speaker Bill Marchant of Druid City Daylily Garden and host club coordinator Leslie Mauck enjoy meeting ambiance. *Photo Lee Breuer*

Left, above: Cassie Craig, Beth Cribb, and Dee Waddell dish delicious ice cream at the Region 15 Fall Meeting. *Photo Lee Breuer*

Above: Club members from around the region had a great time due to the hard and efficient work of the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society members. *Photo Sheila Caldon*

Mid-Carolina Daylily Society continued

I would like to congratulate the team who worked on the Fall Meeting. They are Peggy Jeffcoat, Tom Bruce, Amy Wright, Beth Cribb, Dee Waddell, Cassie Craig, Linda Inabinette, George Ware, Gene Crocker, Beverly Brandt, Lee Breuer, Elaine and Walt Tyler, and myself, plus several other members who helped during the event. Thank you to everyone who donated to the raffle and door prizes. Special thanks go to Judy Bozard and Lee Breuer for contributing original works of art and to the Piedmont and Upstate Clubs for their fascinating baskets.

The rest of the year holds more exciting events for Mid-Carolina. David Kirchoff of Daylily World, Lawrenceburg, KY, will be here to speak in November. For those who don't know him, David has been hybridizing daylilies for almost 60 years. How does he look



so young? He is best known for his red and double daylilies. David has won the Lennington All American Daylilies Award and the Stout Medal

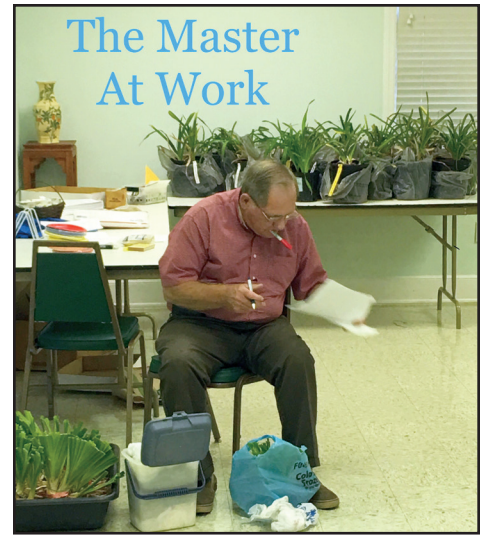
award twice each. He is truly a world-class hybridizer.

At December's meeting we will have a pot-luck meal and Chinese gift exchange. Why DO we always pick on the Chinese? It will be fun to see which of this year's gifts will be the most popular and how often it will be chosen.

Mid-Carolina Daylily Society wishes you a blessed holiday season and a very happy New Year.

Left: Beth Cribb and Beverly Brandt (l-r) sold plants to Janet Warren. Members of the Mid-Carolina Society donated an impressive list of companion perennials for the plant sale at the Region 15 Fall Meeting. *Photo Kathy Tinius*

Above: Tom Bruce did his usual excellent job of preparing auction plants for the Region 15 Fall Meeting. *Photo Lee Breuer*



Piedmont Daylily Club by Mitchell Hagler

The Piedmont Daylily Club began its 47th year with its traditional member-donated daylily auction and sales table. In addition, Gail Gribble led us in a couple rounds of Daylily Stout (Bingo). Clubs who would like to play STOUT at a meeting will find blank cards are available by Googling "Bingo cards printable free." We changed the name to STOUT and used the names of daylilies, hybridizers, daylily and gardening terms, etc., on the cards. The caller draws out one of these and if the player has it, she marks it off her card. The rules are the same as with BINGO.

Winners were thrilled to receive "Summer in the City" t-shirts from our 2014 Region 15 meeting. We welcomed a new member and J.D. Stadler presented her with one of his recent introductions. We recognized and thanked past president John Smethurst and presented him with a check to purchase a couple of newer introductions.

Colored fliers of our meeting schedule for the year as well as business cards with the same information were handed out.

In October, we were pleased to have Sharon Yarbrough, Ridgely Daylily Garden, give her program on "Hosta: The Most Shade Tolerant Plant in North Carolina."

Tom Bruce, Carolina Daylilies, is scheduled for November and we do not meet in December.

We encouraged all club members to attend the upcoming national and regional meetings, appointed

committee chairs, and circulated a sign up sheet for refreshments.

Above: The generous and imaginative members of the Piedmont Daylily Club donated this wonderful basket for the raffle at the Region 15 Fall Meeting. *Photo Linda Sue Barnes*



Introducing the Carolina Daylily All Stars

Quick! Flip to the back cover if you haven't read it already. I'll wait, flip there, then come back here. Isn't that Carolina Daylily All Stars list amazing? Those are the winners dating back to the beginning of the Region 15 Popularity Poll.

As Rebecca Board proposed during the Region 15 Summer Meeting and was approved after discussion, "The purpose of the Popularity Poll is to create a list of daylilies that perform well in the region." Make copies of the list and hand them out to club visitors. Look up local sources for these plants and have the information available at plant sales and festival booths. Use this list when writing an article for a local newspaper, radio, or tv show. This is really good information, let's use it to promote our favorite flower.

Popularity Poll Fourth and Fifth Place Winners:

Fourth Runner up (tie) with 26 votes	
'Alien DNA'	Selman 2009
'Primal Scream'	Hanson-C 1994
Fifth Runner up (4 way tie) with 21 votes	
'Cat Dancer'	Moore-G 1992
'Conway Red Light'	Zahler 2014
'Mean Green'	Davison-J 2008
'Rose F Kennedy'	Doorakian 2007

See other winners on back cover

Raleigh Hemerocallis Society by Ann Cobb

The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club enjoyed meeting at the home of Richard and Janet Warren in July for a potluck cookout. The hamburgers grilled by Richard were delicious! Everyone enjoyed sharing stories from the Regional 15 Summer Meeting in Raleigh and the AHS National Convention in Norfolk. Ken Cobb was recognized for winning two awards at the 2017 AHS National Convention – the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award and the best humorous article in a newsletter.

In August, the club met at Logan's Garden Center for an interesting program. Logan's is located in the historic Seaboard Railroad Station in downtown Raleigh, and is a sponsor of the Plant a Row for the Hungry program. Garden center employees shared information about fall vegetable crops and fall flowering perennials.



Left, above: Moldovan Mentoring Award winner Ken Cobb and RHS club member Richard Warren (l to r) enjoyed visiting with Julie from Logan's Garden Center during August's meeting.



Left, below: Sharon gave club members information on fall perennials during the club's August meeting, held at Logan's Garden Center.

Photos Linda Sue Barnes

Sandhills Daylily Club by Linda Sue Barnes

June was filled with flower shows, a regional meeting, and the national convention so there was no club meeting. We renewed our meetings in July with a return speaker, Jen Smith, from Fayetteville-Cumberland County Parks and Recreation. Jen gave an animated program about the Plight of the Monarch Butterfly and how we can help protect the beautiful insect. It was interesting



Above: Jen Smith enthusiastically talked about monarch butterflies during the Sandhills Daylily Club's July meeting. *Photo Linda Sue Barnes*

to learn about the special generation of monarchs, the Methuselah generation, that makes the 3,100-mile trip to Mexico in the fall, overwinters in the fir forests there, and then travels back north to start the cycle again. We

The date of the 2018 flower show has been announced, and it is June 16. Held again at Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh, the show will be AHS-accredited and judged.

Our speaker at the September meeting was Sandy Holmes of Xenia, Ohio. Sandy shared beautiful pictures of her registered cultivars and seedlings. Because she is a cancer survivor, Sandy donates part of the proceeds from certain plants to fight cancer. She kindly donated sixteen of her introductions, which were auctioned to delighted members.

Officers for 2018-19 were elected at the September meeting. They are as follows: President, Richard Warren; Co-Vice Presidents, Linda Sue Barnes and Melanie Wyatt; Recording Secretary, Robin Hough; Membership Secretary, Mary Edwards; and, Treasurer, Tom Talbott.

The club will wrap up the year in October with a potluck dinner and a review of the year in pictures.



Right, above: Raleigh Hemerocallis Society member Edith Horne is believed to be the last remaining founding member of Region 15. Edith is one of the founding members of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Society.

Right, below: Jane and Jim Sovine received the plaque for the richly deserved Carolina Service Award

Photos Linda Sue Barnes



were also reminded to plant native *Asclepias* because the tropical milkweeds do not die back in the fall and butterflies will not follow the natural migration patterns if there is milkweed in bloom.

In August we had an interesting program by beekeeper Jacob Martin, who has a very different approach to bees than most apiarists. He favors feral bees. If you want somebody to get a hive out of your yard or out of the wall of your house, Jake is your man. While he has the bee suit and smoker he very rarely uses them. We got a chance to taste honey from the comb of a wild hive; it was very good and I'm not even a honey fan.

Our September meeting got off to a rousing start when we set off the alarm as we entered the building. Despite a glitch with AV equipment, Lacy English gave an interesting program on the progress in his breeding program. Roger Mercer showed a few of his favorite seedlings from this year. Linda Sue Barnes used a short PowerPoint presentation to give an update on the Daylily Restoration Project at Cape Fear Botanical Gardens. After continued problems following the flood caused by Hurricane

Sandhills Daylily Club continued

Matthew (see page 24 in the Fall/Winter edition of the *Hemalina* for photos), the decision was made in August to dig the plants out of the Bettie Jernigan Historical Daylily Garden and build a new bed in the area between the fence and parking lot. This area has been designated as a "Gateway Garden" in the master plan, but it is currently unplanted and not very attractive. The students in the Horticulture Technology Program of Fayetteville Technical Community College, which is adjacent to CFBG, are having a contest to design the new garden. Sandhills Daylily Club members and other volunteers at CFBG, mostly Master Gardeners, have worked together to dig and pot all the plants from the old bed. Now, over 400 large pots of daylilies are waiting for construction of the new bed. This new area will allow us to expand our collection of daylily species and cultivars.



Above, left to right: In a photo from his Facebook page, Jacob Martin shows off a feral bee colony, photo Jacob Martin; Jacob shows beeswax foundation for a hive during his presentation to the Sandhills Daylily Club, photo Linda Sue Barnes

Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club by Lynne Broderius



Daylilies never seem to mind when autumn sleep is tucking in the garden! On September 22, the sun crossed the celestial equator from north to south, vice versa in March. Those in the northern hemisphere experience an Autumnal Equinox and the sun shines directly on the equator!

Our curated Tanger Bicentennial Daylily Gardens are a puffed up deep green and showing no signs of wear from 2017 growing season. Knee deep oak leaves will soon be trod and raked at our home gardens, but now we reminisce and enjoy the quiet repose of the harvest and preserved specialties. Check out what our visitors get to see at greensborobeautiful.org/gardens/bicentennial_garden.php.

In August, TDFGC donated plants from the curated garden to our neighbor, the Greensboro Science Center, Zoo, and Aquarium facility. Signs and name stakes acknowledging the club will help visitors identify specific flowers and know who to contact for more information. Please include the center complex in your next visit to Greensboro, it's located at 1103 Lawndale Drive, 27455. Check them out on greensboroscience.org/visit.



On September 10, David DeKort shared "The Daylily: The Perfect Perennial" which was A-Z insightful coverage for

both newcomers and long-time AHS members. Three new members came aboard as a direct result!

The Master Gardeners Gala event took place September 20. Lynne, Becky, Carol, and Kathy were on the front line of the vendors, promoting our club and selling daylilies. Profits from this sale help fund the June 2, 2018 AHS Sanctioned Flower Show!

On October 1, the program head of the Master Gardeners here in Guilford County, Jeanne Eller, presented "Backyard Habitat: Gardening with (and in spite of) Wildlife." Members found this hot topic satisfying, for don't we forevermore deal with our wildlife friends and foes!

November 5, Katherine K. Schlosser presented "Environmental Stewardship and Native Plants of the Piedmont." Katherine is a published author with upwards of 50 papers and books, including an herb recipe book! Her presentation was a fascinating diversion, very informative.

Our annual Christmas Party is scheduled for December 3; always a special day celebrating with dear friends.

Clockwise, from left: Kathy King, Bill Hurt, Lynne Broderius, and Becky Hinshaw, photo by unidentified local news photographer; screen shot of Greensboro's website including map of the gardens; Tanger Bicentennial Daylily Garden in late summer with lush, healthy plants; Lynne Broderius working on lifting 180 plants; last two photos Lynne Broderius



Upstate Daylily Society by Mary McCabe

On August 20, the Upstate Daylily Society had our club auction of the Bell Collection at our meeting place, the Anderson Library. We had two active auctioneers who kept our bids popping up around the room. Bill Hemmingsen furnished and displayed vivid pictures of each daylily. Our club's main objective in acquiring these plants and holding this auction is to give club members more up-to-date flowers and to have funds for future projects. This year's auction not only paid for the plants, the club has left-over money already slated for popular projects.



Our club continues to be actively involved in the SC Botanical Garden, with a major cleanup day late in August and a big splitting party in October. We are so proud of the results and visitors have been loving what they see.



Karen and Bill Manning graciously hosted a club picnic at their Abbeville, SC, farm home September 23. The weather was perfect for the surprise entertainment arranged by Bill – he invited members of his other favorite club, Old Ninety Six Model A Ford Club, to drive over in their own model A Fords! Fifteen of these vintage cars arrived and rides were offered to thrilled club members. Everyone was served a delightful picnic dinner in hand-painted boxes at outdoor tables

under the luscious shade trees. To top it off, Karen had made three delicious cakes for our dessert time. This was a picnic and entertainment well worth the ride out in the countryside!

October 15 brought on our very popular Club plant swap and covered dish dinner in Easley, SC, at the Hornbuckle Club House, where we were the guests of Jim Bazzone. A good variety of plants were swapped before we enjoyed our many home-made dishes, some of which were vegetables grown in our members' gardens. A dessert table was again covered with delightfully delicious sweets, and our business meeting followed.



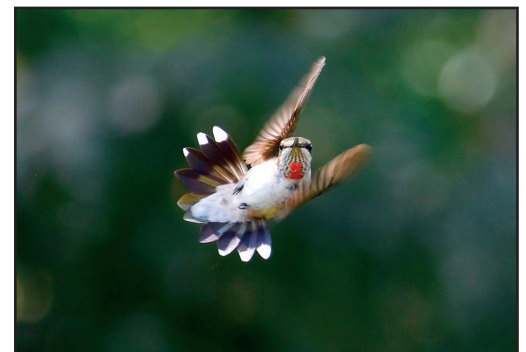
Left: A line of Model A Fords drove daylily club members around Karen and Bill Manning's property.
Left, above: Marlene Cureton and Mary McCabe stood with an owner in front of his bright yellow Model A Ford.
Above, top to bottom: Club members enjoyed the covered dish dinner at the Hornbuckle Club House, hosted by Jim Bazzone; caught you, Ray Gambrell, at that dessert table again; club members tucked in to a great box lunch at the home of Karen and Bill Manning.
Photos Mary McCabe

Western North Carolina Daylily Club by Bob Selman

The Western North Carolina Daylily Club's plant swap at Blue Ridge Daylilies in August was our best attended meeting of the year. It was great having so many of our club members chatting and enjoying the late summer landscape. Everyone went home with at least one new perennial to grow in their garden!

Our September Bonus Dollar Auction was held at Chuck Deyton's Railroad Crossing Daylilies in Marion. A total of 40 newer introductions from western North Carolina hybridizers were auctioned, affording each member the opportunity to win at least one special daylily to add to their collection.

Phase I of the daylily display garden at Bullington Gardens in Hendersonville is nearly completed. Anyone wishing to donate plants for Phase II next spring, please contact Nancy



Rigsby or any of our club officers.

Please visit our website at www.wncdaylilyclub.com or follow us on Facebook.

Far left: Susan Okrasinski and Judy Davisson visited Blue Ridge Daylilies during peak bloom.

Left and above: Samples of the wide variety of Blue Ridge Daylilies garden visitors.

Photos Bob Selman



The Joy of Wintersowing

by Leslie Mauck

So, or more accurately, sow, last year I took part in a couple of seed swaps online. Remember Dave's Garden and All Things Plants? The family that owned them now works under the heading of the National Gardening Association. Dave has written a fabulous program for swapping seeds and after having participated in a couple of them, I had almost 200 packs of perennial, herb, and tomato



seeds to plant IN ADDITION to my daylily seeds! What's a busy mother to do? After having had it strongly recommended by veteran seed swappers, I tried wintersowing.

This may be old hat to a lot of you, but it was a brand new concept to me. Gardening in milk jugs. In January, no less! I had never really grown anything from seed before except daylilies, but I followed the swappers' lead and gave it a try.

To say that I was delighted with

the results is an understatement, especially with my daylily seeds. My germination rate has never been so high.

Here's how it works. Save, beg, and "borrow" as many milk jugs as you can. You need the ones through which you can easily see the level of milk, not the whiter or more opaque ones. Buy or mix up a large batch of potting soil. With a utility knife cut six or eight little x marks on the bottom of your jug for drainage. Next, scribe a line almost all of the way around the jug about the height of the bottom of the handle and cut it open on this line leaving an inch or two at the



handle to act as a hinge. Fill your jug with moistened soil and plant your seeds. I put as many as two dozen seeds in each jug. If you only have a few of a cross, mark off a corner of the jug with the white plastic picket like pot stakes or popsicle sticks. Plant your few in that section. Write the name of the cross on one of your pickets and face it inward, towards the seeds. Re-close the top part on the hinge and seal the

jug closed with duct tape. We're Southern, right? Duct tape works for everything! If the cap is still on the jug, take it off and throw it away. We want that hole open for fresh air and a little rain. If you're like me, you're also going to want to spy

to see how your seeds are doing. Mark the cross (or type of seed) on the outside of the jug with a paint pen. I'm paranoid and write the cross on a marker inside the jug, too. You could just use the inside one, but I like to know what cross is in there when I spy on it. Put the jug in a semi-shady section of your yard and forget it until spring....if you can.

I planted my daylily seeds the last week of January. I'll never plant them any other way. Within five weeks I had many seedlings that had reached three quarters of the way to the top of the jug and some were growing up through the handle. A couple of weeks after that I transplanted them to deep cell flats. Early this fall I moved them to one gallon pots. I expect to have the largest percentage of 18 month blooming seedlings I've ever had next year. "Woohoo!" as Paul Owen says.

I'm not a large production nursery by any means and this may not work for those of you who are, but for backyard hybridizers it's a boon. I planted my 900 seeds in one very pleasant afternoon. Give it a try.

If you'd like to know more, check out the Wintersowing forum on the National Gardening Association's website: garden.org. There is also a lively daylily forum on the site. Maybe we'll see you in next fall's seed swaps!



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2017 Popularity Poll Results

Winner: 32 Votes
'Cat Ballou' (Gluck, 2006)



Second Place: 29 Votes
'Carnival in Caracas'
 (Santa-Lucia, 2007)



Carolina Daylily All Stars

Region 15 Annual Popularity Poll Contest Winners

Year	Cultivar	Hybridizer
2017	'CAT BALLOU'	Gluck
2016	'THELMA DOUGLAS'	Douglas-C
2013-15	'ALL AMERICAN CHIEF'	Sellers
2011-12	'CARNIVAL IN MEXICO'	Santa Lucia
2010	'ALL AMERICAN CHIEF'	Sellers
2009	'CARNIVAL IN MEXICO'	Santa Lucia
2003-08	'PEGGY JEFFCOAT'	Joiner J.
2002	'STRAWBERRY PATCH'	Douglas C.
1998-2001	'STRAWBERRY CANDY'	Stamile
1997	'BARBARA MITCHELL'	Pierce C.
1995-96	'STRAWBERRY CANDY'	Stamile
1992-94	'BARBARA MITCHELL'	Pierce C.
1991	'MABEL NOLEN'	Noten
1990	'BEAUTY TO BEHOLD'	Sellers
1988-89	'FAIRY TALE PINK'	Pierce C.
1987	'BROCADED GOWN'	Millikan B.
1985-86	'RUFFLED APRICOT'	Baker S.H.
1984	'SABIE'	MacMillian
1983	'RUFFLED APRICOT'	Baker S.H.
1982	'BUTTERPAT'	Kennedy
1981	'PRESTER JOHN'	Allgood
1980	'TENDER LOVE'	Yancey-Harrison
1978-79	'IRON GATE GLACIER'	Sellers
1977	'WINNING WAYS'	Wild
1976	'ROVAVEL'	Lambert
1975	'IRON GATE GLACIER'	Sellers
1974	'WINNING WAYS'	Wild
1973	'ROVAVEL'	Lambert
1969-72	'DOROTHY LAMBERT'	Lambert
1968	'FRANCES FAY'	Fay
1967	'SATIN GLASS'	Fay-Hardy
1965-66	'FRANCES FAY'	Fay
1964	'CARTWHEELS'	Ray-Russell
1963	'FRANCES FAY'	Fay
1962 (tie)	'FAIRY WINGS' / 'FRANCES FAY'	Lester / Fay
1961 (tie)	'FAIRY WINGS' / 'FRANCES FAY'	Lester / Fay



Third Place Tie: 27 Votes

'Cherryville'
 (Santa-Lucia, 2009)



'Papa Goose'
 (Douglas-H., 2011)



'Webster's Pink Wonder'
 (Webster-Cobb, 2003)



2017 winner photo attributes: 'Cat Ballou,' Bill Gluck; 'Carnival in Caracas' and 'Cherryville,' Vic Santa-Lucia; 'Papa Goose' and 'Webster's Pink Wonder,' Kathy Tinius. All Star photos: 'The Helma Douglas' (Douglas-C., 2008), photo Heidi Douglas; 'Strawberry Candy' (Stamile, 1989) photo Jerri Giger, with permission, thanks to Ken Oakes of Oakes Daylilies; 'Frances Fay' (Fay, 1957) photo Gerald L. Klingaman from Learn2Grow.com (...and look at the bottom of page 27!)