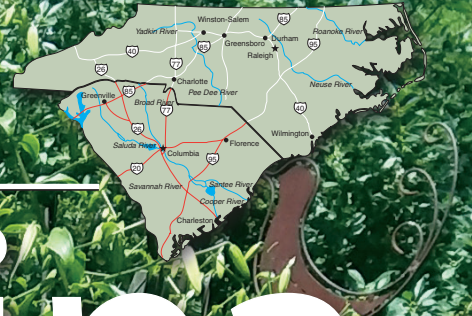

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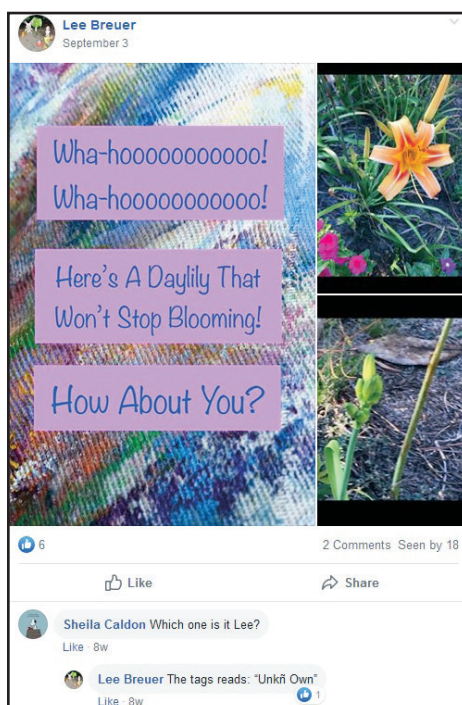


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Front Cover: Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award Co-Winners 'I'm So Vein' (Quinn 2013) and 'Myrtle Beach Sea Breeze' (Albers 2018) photos provided by hybridizers Raymond Quinn and Don Albers

Above: Daylilies with statue accent photo Steve Earnest

Page 2, left: A little humor from Lee Breuer in Facebook; if you can't read it, the last line at the bottom says the plant label reads "Unkn Own"

Page 2, right: Frogs play with daylily blooms photo Eric Simpson

Region 15 President

Four years ago, I wrote my first report for the 2015 Fall/Winter issue of the *Hemalina* with the impressive title of “**Incoming President**” in large bold print. In a recent conversation with our *Hemalina* editor, Kathy Tinius, I commented that I now know why RP’s are allowed to serve only two consecutive terms—they run out of anything to write. Clever, maybe, but not really true! Books could be written about you—the wonderful daylily friends I have made throughout the Carolinas and all you do on behalf of promoting the mission of AHS and Region 15. Your knowledge, your creativity, your generous spirit of sharing and giving all mean so much. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to experience this first hand.



In that first report back in 2015, I mentioned goals I would need help to achieve. I hoped capable individuals would step forward to serve as officers, liaisons, and club officers. I am so appreciative of all these dedicated people who quickly volunteered and became the Region 15 Leadership Team. Working with this core group has been most rewarding.

With their help, and with the buy-in from our membership, we have made great progress toward reaching the goal of enhancing and coordinating communication within our region. Thanks especially to those directly involved with communication—Kathy Tinius, not only for producing one of the best newsletters in AHS, but also for encouraging so many others to write articles and submit photos to accompany their work; Chuck Wilson for creating and maintaining our exciting and inviting website; and John Martin and Eric Simpson, who have served as outstanding RPD’s during my term as RP. Thanks to all of you for being the helpful, insightful, and just plain “nice” people you are, not to mention all the good work you do.

Another regional goal toward which we have made great progress is that of becoming more service oriented. In the 2017 Fall/Winter issue of the *Hemalina*, I compiled information on service projects in which various clubs promoted the daylily through work with public gardens and other spaces. Called “Making the Carolinas More Beautiful, One Daylily at a Time,” this article summarized the outstanding service many of you are providing in your communities to promote the mission of our organization. Several clubs have also taken the word “Service” in its traditional sense and have applied it to helping those in need within their communities.

Together during the past four years, we have enjoyed outstanding regional meetings, hosted a highly successful National Convention, made two changes to our bylaws, seen our hybridizers and members bring home numerous National awards and honors, regaled in the addition of our new display gardens, and mourned the loss of beloved ambassadors of our favorite flower. Thanks for letting me go along for the ride.

I am grateful and honored to have had the opportunity to serve as your Region 15 RP. Welcome to our “**Incoming Region 15 President**,” Mr. Bill Hurt. I leave you in his capable hands.

Nancy Womack

Incoming Region 15 President

I hope you and your family have plans for a wonderful holiday season. Many of our daylily clubs will celebrate early and enjoy some relaxing time together as they reflect on this past season of events.

At our Fall Meeting in Rock Hill, I was elected as your Regional President for the next two years. To say it is an honor is an understatement since I love all the fine gardeners in this organization. I will have some big shoes to fill as I absolutely can’t thank our president, Nancy Womack, enough for her skill and commitment to making our Region one of the best in the country. Her leadership has inspired me to accept the torch and continue our race to share the beauty of our favorite flower. She has made coming together at our regional events like unto a family reunion. We all love our flowers and look forward to seeing each other at every event.

I have been a gardener all my adult life. My grandmother Hurt always had me to help in her flower beds out in the backyard, and she would share bulbs with me to plant at home. You may not know that I was born and reared in Franklin, Tennessee, just south of Nashville. My first loves were irises both bearded and beardless. I became president of the Middle Tennessee Iris Society in the early 90’s. My Tennessee garden had more than 400 varieties of Iris, daylilies, and other perennials.

My career in education included teaching elementary school before becoming a Principal and then an educational specialist working out of the District office. I opened two new schools including the first Balanced Calendar School in that area. My greatest joy was working as a servant leader with school teams to encourage innovation in learning. I retired after 37 years in both Tennessee and North Carolina.

My hope during these two years as your Regional President is to inspire. I would like to inspire our leadership team, club officers, and membership to build a love in others for daylilies. I would like to inspire members to find ways to build attendance at the regional and local level. And I would like to inspire members to spread the news of innovation in our flower’s culture.

I would also like to build greater support for our hybridizers, helping them achieve success in reaching their breeding, development, and sales goals. Accomplishing this goal will provide members and the public more joy in each purchase.

My love of daylilies is insatiable and my love for my fellow gardeners is boundless. Join us this year in spreading more gardening success and happiness through club events. I encourage you to share your ideas with both me and the Leadership Team to accomplish these goals.

The best daylily season is always the next one. Plan your garden purchases now for excitement this coming spring.

With daylily love,
Bill Hurt



Left: Passing of the torch—Nancy Womack hands Bill Hurt the microphone shortly after his election at the Region 15 Fall Meeting, welcoming him as Region 15’s new president. Photo Milton Moffett

Regional Director

The American Daylily Society's 2019 Fall Board of Directors Meeting was held October 19 at the Marriott St. Louis Airport hotel in Missouri. Certificates of Appreciation were approved for outgoing regional presidents, staff, and chairs: (from Region 15) Ken Cobb for service as AHS historian and Nancy Womack for service as Region 15 president; in addition, a Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to Judie Branson for her service as AHS president.



Changes were approved to the Daylily Society bylaws, and details will be made available on the Members Portal of the Society webpage (Members Portal>AHS files>Administrative files>AHS By-laws). One change made to the requirements for serving as Director: having attended two national conventions and two annual regional meetings.

Actions approved by the Board:

- 2021 National Convention will be held in Hattiesburg, MS.
- 2022 National Convention will be held in Asheville, NC.
- Starting in 2020, applicants for Garden Judge will send the Application for Appointment form directly to the Garden Judge Records Chair, not their region's president.
- The Policy and Procedures changes to Display Gardens / Historic Display Gardens were approved which eliminated duplicate language.
- An additional processing fee will be charged for paper submission of cultivar registration forms/photos. Electronic submission has been available for 10 years and should be used if possible.
- An agreement with ImageRelay was approved, which will provide a single centralized digital file library for photos, videos, and any other digital file the Society wants to store.
- 2018 Lenington All American award went to 'Lil' Black Buds' (Begnaud 2009).

Incoming President Scott Elliott announced job changes. I have bolded the changes that may have a direct impact on Region 15 members in 2020: Awards and Honors will be Rhonda Veroveen; CFO will be Daralee Newkirk; E-Newsletter will be Nikki Schmith; Endowments will be MaryAnn Duncan; Exhibition Judges will be Kathleen Schloeder; **Exhibitions will be David Freshour; Garden Judge Records will be Claude Carpenter; Judges Education will be Debbie Smith;** Membership will be Kris Henning; Newsletter Awards will be Nancy Harvey; Ombudsman will be Pat Soileau; Registration Image Collection will be Michael Bouman; Vice President will be Debbie Smith.

Becky Hinshaw

Garden Judges Liaison

One change has been made to Garden Judge rules: The Application for Appointment form (submitted after completing Garden Judges Workshop I and Garden Judges Workshop II) should be sent directly to the Garden Judge Records Chair. The form is included in the student packets for both Garden Judge Workshops. It is also available to be downloaded from the Garden Judge section on the Members Portal linked from daylilies.org. The form previously has been sent to the regional president, so this change should speed up applicant approval.

Regional Publicity

It's been another exciting year in Region 15. Can you believe the holiday season is already here? We stay so busy and time flies here at the daylily farm. We have had another amazing daylily season and I hope you have had a memorable one as well.



Our fall meeting was a big success with good attendance and while I had to miss it this year due to an unexpected illness, I've heard it was a great one! I always look forward to attending our regional meetings and I'm excited about our upcoming summer meeting, to be hosted by Foothills Daylily Society. Check out pages 16 and 17 for some advance details!

Our 2019 Region 15 Pop Poll was another success. Please join me in congratulating our newest Pop Poll Winner (see page 23):

1 - '**Cherryville**' (Santa Lucia 2009), hybridized by Victor Santa Lucia of Iron Gate Gardens. '**Cherryville**' won with a total of 26 votes

The rest of the top 5:

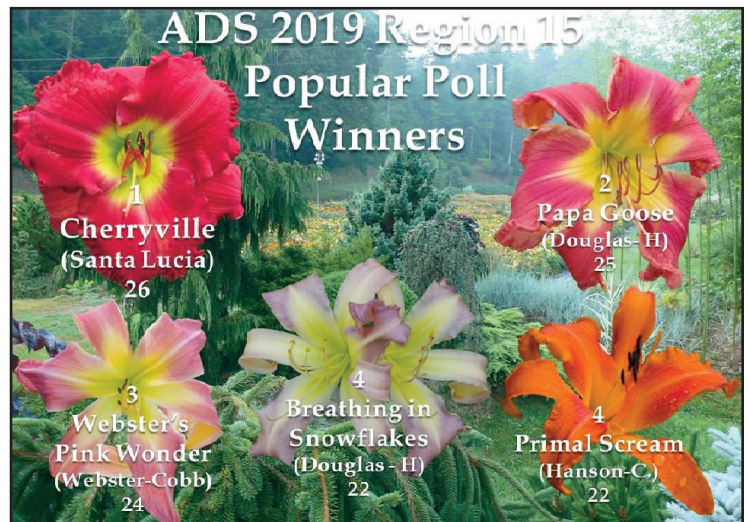
- 2 - '**Papa Goose**' (Douglas-H., 2011) 25 Votes
- 3 - '**Webster's Pink Wonder**' (Webster-Cobb 2003) 24 Votes
- 4 (Tie) - '**Breathing in Snowflakes**' (Douglas-H., 2016) 22 Votes
- 4 (Tie) - '**Primal Scream**' (Hanson-C., 1994) 22 Votes

The winner of the drawing for my introduction '**Nancy Womack**' (Simpson-E., 2019) is Robin Wilson of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club.

A huge THANKS to all who took the time to vote this year. Your participation is much appreciated! Congrats, again to Vic Santa Lucia. '**Cherryville**' will be joining our Carolina All Stars List to be honored with our other past Pop Poll winners.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Eric Simpson



Online classes for Garden Judge I will be held more frequently. Watch for notifications on Facebook and the Daylily Society web page, daylilies.org.

I will be happy to help find instructors and arrange AHS approval for Garden Judge I and Garden Judge II workshops if any clubs would like to sponsor a workshop.

Becky Hinshaw

2019 Region 15 Fall Meeting

Submitted by Kathy Tinius for Dawn Whitley, Region 15 Secretary
ADS Region 15 Business Team Meeting, Rock Hill, SC
September 20, 2019

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

Nancy Womack, Region 15 RP, thanked everyone for attending, thanked the Piedmont Daylily Club for hosting, and introduced Mitchell Hagler, who thanked everyone on the team individually. Roll Call: Catawba Valley Daylily Club, Charleston Daylily Club, Coastal NC Daylily Society, Foothills Daylily Society, Georgetown Area Daylily Club, Lowcountry Daylily Club, Mid-Carolina Daylily Society, Piedmont Daylily Club, Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, Sandhills Daylily Club, Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club, Upstate Daylily Society, Western North Carolina Daylily Club. First-time attendees Jimmy Jordan and the Tietz family were recognized.

Best in Show flower show winners Raymond Quinn and Nancy Womack were recognized followed by anyone who had flowers on a head table, anyone who entered a flower show, and anyone who helped with a flower show.

The minutes of the summer meeting were approved. Mitchell Hagler gave the treasurer's report: income \$16,252.14; expenditures \$5,934.26; assets \$20,875.69. He noted we still have not had to touch our CDs or savings.

Nancy recognized Ken Ferguson's yard art displayed outside the doors of the meeting room (see page 10 for the story behind these funky pieces).

1. Nancy introduced an issue with the board recommendation regarding the start-up funds for new clubs. She asked membership to approve rescinding the motion made at the Spring Meeting ("Pending the availability of funds, newly established daylily clubs in Region 15 will be granted a \$250.00 stipend from the region as a matter of practice for start-up expenses. To qualify for this grant, new clubs must have met, recruited members, elected officers, and established bylaws."). Instead of an addition to the bylaws, the business meeting minutes reflecting that the practice is to give this stipend will serve as official documentation. Plans are underway to document Region 15 policies and procedures.

2. The Board is recommending the addition of the following sentence to Region 15 bylaws, Article 4 (Officers), Section 3: "The Nominating Committee shall announce its recommended slate of officers at the regional meeting prior to the fall election and publish the nominated slate of officers in the regional newsletter prior to the fall election."

3. Election of officers. Raymond thanked the nominating committee and made the motion that the membership approve the following slate of officers: President Bill Hurt, Treasurer Mitchell Hagler, and Member-at-Large Mike Denson. Nancy asked for nominations from the floor; there were none.

4. Nancy said another nominating committee is needed since Becky Hinshaw's term as Region 15 Director expires next year. Gail Gribble, Chair, Richard Warren, and Michael Luther volunteered to serve on this committee.

5. Regional Director Becky Hinshaw reported that ADS was solvent at the end of 2018 and didn't need to take from reserve. She announced the 2021 national convention will be in Hattiesburg, MS, and that 2022 is in the works. She encouraged everyone to take the online classes for garden judge and exhibition judge training.

6. John Martin, filling in for Eric Simpson, pulled the winner for the Pop Poll Contest Drawing for '**Nancy Womack**' (Simpson-E., 2019) donated by Eric Simpson. The winner was Robin Wilson from the Georgetown Area Daylily Club.

The Pop Poll winners were announced (see page 5): tie for 4th '**Breathing in Snowflakes**' and '**Primal Scream**'; 3rd '**Websters Pink Wonder**'; 2nd '**Papa Goose**'; winner is '**Cherryville**' (Santa Lucia). Vic Santa Lucia was present and congratulated by the membership. 100 people participated in the Popularity Poll, which is down by 21 from last year.

7. Exhibitions Judges Liaison John Martin urged anyone holding a flower show in 2020 to line up their judges as soon as possible and to include the four junior judges in their planning. He also asked clubs to change judges so the same people don't have to judge the same shows each year.

8. Scientific Liaison Linda Sue Barnes announced the gall midge has now been found in the northeastern US. If you happen to get plants from someone in that area, know that pots of soil and scapes with buds are where the gall midge would be hiding.

9. Carolina Digital Photography Contest Chair Kathy Tinius asked for photos for the photo contest by November 1.

10. Regional Meeting Liaison Michael Luther thanked the clubs that held regional meetings this year and those that have volunteered for future meetings. He is looking for clubs for both the summer and fall meetings in 2021.

The Foothills Daylily Society handed out a flyer for the 2020 Summer Meeting and announced the speaker will be Sandy Holmes from Region 2. Kirk Milleman talked about the carpooling that will be used instead of a bus.

Coastal NC Daylily Society members Allyson Tietz and Michael Luther played a video, produced by Ken Ferguson, announcing the 2020 Fall Meeting in the Outer Banks.

11. Awards Chair Anne Winningham recognized award winners who hadn't been able to attend the national. These are: Ken Ferguson for the Electronic Media Award; Van Sellers for his article on Leo Sharpe; Mike Denson for his article on starting a new club; Heidi Douglas for the Carolina clump award; and Tom Bruce for the seedling award.

Anne announced the following winners:

Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award (see page 14)

3rd Place '**Cherryville**'

2nd Place Tie '**Into the Galaxies**' and '**Snickums**'

1st Place Tie '**I'm So Vein**' and '**Myrtle Beach Seabreeze**'

Carolina Service Award (see page 8)

John Martin

Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award (see page 9)

J.D. Stadler

Nancy congratulated the winners and said that Anne Winningham will be retiring as awards chair and thanked her for all her services.

Nancy said what an honor and privilege it was to serve as president and members gave her a rousing round of applause.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Tinius for Dawn Whitley



Left to right, above: Awards Chair Anne Winningham congratulates Raymond Quinn on winning the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award for 'I'm So Vein' (Quinn 2013); Linda Sue Barnes congratulates Heidi Douglas on winning the Carolina Clump Award for 'Meme's Pink Flamingo' (Douglas-H., 2016) in Mike Denson and Donald Charpia's Waywood Acres; Becky Hinshaw congratulates Van Sellers on winning Best Article on a Daylily Personality for his article "Leo Sharp as I Remember Him" photos Milton Moffett

Left to right, below: Don Albers received his Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award after the Fall Meeting for 'Myrtle Beach Seabreeze' (Albers 2018) photo Anne Winningham; Mitchell Hagler accepts the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award for J.D. Stadler from Becky Hinshaw; Ken Ferguson is congratulated by Becky Hinshaw and Anne Winningham for winning the Electronic Media Award and for Best Article About Photographing Daylilies "The 4 Ps of Making a Daylily Video" photos Milton Moffett



Left to right, above: John Martin, Michael Luther, and Mitchell Hagler enjoy a rare outdoor Leadership Team Meeting (although the sunshine was a little strong on this unusually warm fall day); Peggy Jeffcoat checks out the many wonderful raffle items that included original works of art, various types of crafts, and handy garden tools; Cathy Coffey and Bill and Barbara Hayes listen to the treasurer's report photos Kathy Tinius

Left to right, below: Felicia Pritchett and Michael Luther share a smile during a break at the Region 15 Fall Meeting in Rock Hill photo Bill Hurt; presenters Cindy and Ken Dye listen to directions for the #hashtag rocks exercise with John Martin and Michael and Gail Hale; Mitchell Hagler and raffle chair Joyce Plyler pick the winners photos Kathy Tinius



Carolina Service Award

John Martin

John Martin of the Foothills Daylily Society is most deserving of consideration for the Carolina Service Award. During the relatively brief time he has been involved in the daylily organization, he has established a reputation for service at all levels—local, regional and national.

At the local level of ADS, John has served as both vice-president and president of our club, chaired both a non-accredited and two accredited daylily flower show committees, hosted open gardens, planning sessions and other club events at his and his wife's home, created the club web-site, and presented and organized educational programs. In doing so, he demonstrated not only a commitment to service but also strong leadership skills—by involving more people in club activities and events through his initiation of the Daylily Dollars program and by delegating more responsibilities to others in the club, teaching and guiding them to meet the expectations of the duty assigned. This



was especially evident in his work with the highly successful flower shows in which he involved almost all club members in the planning and execution process. John also spearheaded the club's donation and planting of daylilies on the Flowering Bridge in Lake Lure, North Carolina. The bridge is a major tourist attraction in the area and is maintained throughout the year by volunteers.

At the regional level, John currently serves as Exhibition Judges Liaison and is working toward certification as an Exhibition Instructor. From 2013-2017, he served as Regional Publicity Director. In this role, he raised the bar to a new level through his work with the Regional President and Regional Liaisons to create a coordinated communications process with regional membership. Throughout his tenure as RPD, he maintained a clear line of



communication on a regular basis in a friendly, folksy style keeping everyone informed of both major and minor happenings within Region 15. As part of his role as RPD, he also worked with Region 15 clubs to foster greater participation in the Pop Poll and sought input from other regions on how to make this component a more effective tool for attracting others to daylilies. This aspect of his service to the region resulted in his being appointed to a national committee charged with reviewing and revamping the Pop Poll.

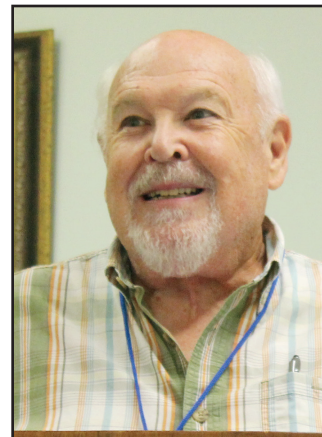
At the national level, John's service on the committee charged with revamping the Pop Poll led to his appointment as ADS Chair of the national Popularity Poll Marketing Committee. In this role, he served all of ADS through his work with RPDs in all 15 regions.

In addition to his exemplary service to ADS at all levels, John's spirit of service extends to work within his community—in the Master Gardeners' Association, the First Presbyterian Church in Rutherfordton, and at Central High School as a McNair mentor. As a master gardener, John worked with 4H clubs to provide garden information to young people and served as a garden judge for 4H gardens. In addition, he was instrumental in the reorganization of Master Gardeners into the Master Gardeners' Association in 2015. In 2017, he also taught a class on daylilies for the Master Gardeners' class. In his church, John is an Elder and serves on the Finance Committee. In this capacity, he is directly involved in the church's effort to build a new Family Center, managing the pledge campaign and ultimately the construction of the new building.

John also serves as a McNair mentor to students at Central High School. The McNair Foundation seeks to improve education in Rutherford County and thereby increase the number of students in the county who pursue education beyond high school. It does so by providing support and services to all students in the county from middle school through high school. John began as a mentor in 2012, mentoring twenty students, and he continues to mentor every year. McNair officials at Central have commented on John's commitment: "He is dedicated to the program and to the teens he mentors; he is always willing to assist in any way he can and goes above and beyond."

"Going above and beyond" describes John well in all he has done at the local, regional and national levels of ADS, as well as the many volunteer hours he has devoted to improving the lives of people in Rutherford County through Master Gardeners, his church, and the McNair Foundation. He is most deserving of your consideration for the Carolina Service Award.

Left and above: Beverly Breuer congratulates John Martin on winning the very well deserved Carolina Service Award *photo Milton Moffett*; a long-time proponent of the Popularity Poll, John reads out the results at the 2018 Fall Meeting *photo Kathy Tinius*; John Martin *photo Kathy Tinius*



Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award

J.D. Stadler

If the genus *Hemerocallis* has a cheerleader it is certainly James David Stadler, known to all as J.D. Give him an ear and he will tell you more about daylilies than you care to know. He mentors to visitors to his garden, to new members to the Piedmont Daylily Club, and to dozens of folks at speaking engagements all over the country. According to Bill Gluck, in June a ten-year old girl and her family were at our annual Show. She expressed an interest in daylilies and hybridizing and that was all J.D. needed. He immediately invited her and her family to his garden to show and tell her all about hybridizing. He never misses an opportunity to educate in a very personal way.

Dave Cohn, a complete newbie to daylilies writes that "J.D. has helped me appreciate daylilies more than I ever would have imagined. He gives me information he says will help with the amount of time it would take me to really understand the hybridization process. He let's me know when to fertilize and what to use. He tells me where he gets compost, fertilizer, and deer repellent. Although he had warned me at least sixteen times about deer, I had to learn the hard way about the value and necessity of spraying! J.D. let me into his world, what has worked well and what hasn't. He is so passionate about what he does and he's made me appreciate and enjoy the art of hybridizing daylilies."



even obtained permission for me to begin growing seedlings alongside his own in a plot outside Charlotte. I would never have been able to kickstart my program without the additional space JD secured on my behalf. J. D. continues to influence the daylilies I purchase and grow. We share pollen; we share stories; and we encourage each other in the pursuit of our daylily goals. He is so generous with his time and his knowledge and I am grateful to him for his generous heart. I only hope I can create a daylily good enough to bear his name."

J.D. also plays the role of mentor when he goes around the country presenting programs on his hybridizing efforts. He shares his considerable knowledge about daylilies and he patiently answers the most elementary question in a way that those new to hybridizing can understand. He has introduced nearly 150 daylilies that include a variety of forms and colors: full form like '**Hot Lips Houlihan**' (2017), doubles like '**Date With Destiny**' (2009), teeth like '**It's The Rage**' (2017), blacks like '**Black Fury**' (2010) and UFOs like '**Kenneth Wilkie**' (2018).

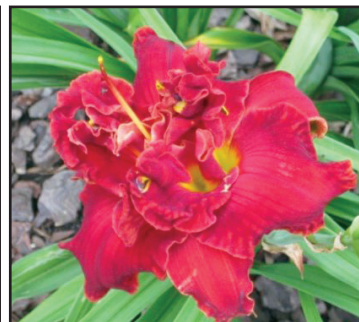
But J.D. mentors unknowingly to new club members when he donates daylilies to our club or regional auctions and when he volunteers to take an office or to chair a committee (currently co-chair for Region 15 fall meeting auction) or when he gives each new member of our club one of his prized introductions. By his actions he is saying that these things are important to a successful club and a successful club promotes daylilies.

Whether explaining hybridizing techniques in his Charlotte garden or taking his expertise on the road or making sure those new to daylilies become as passionate about them as he is, J.D. Stadler is the model mentor. This convert from the world of iris has played a major mentoring role in this region and should be seriously considered for the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award.



Another praise comes from a fellow hybridizer Kenneth Wilkie. "My good friend and fellow hybridizer J.D. fed my newly acquired obsession with daylilies with encouragement, frequent visits to his seedling patch and often a new daylily to add to my burgeoning collection. He

Clockwise from left: J.D. Stadler dabbles a bit in his garden during the 2016 Region 15 tour *photo Anne Smethurst*; J.D. and Brenda Coggins confer at the Region 15 Fall Meeting *photo Kathy Tinius*; J.D. Stadler *photo Rebecca Board*; '**Valentine Crush**' (Stadler 2018); '**Night Passage**' (Stadler 2018) *photos from celestialdaylilies.com*



Plants in Pants

by Ken Ferguson

I really didn't start out to make planters. I was asked by my wife (or rather told in no uncertain terms) to empty my dresser of old jeans, my closet of worn footwear, my garden shed of leftover wood scraps, my outdoor storage space of yard clutter (who wouldn't keep their daughter's first bicycle for 28 years?), and my attic space of treasured thises and thats I knew would be needed for something sometime somewhere. All of what she dared call junk were the treasures that I had accumulated over the past 34 years. It's not in my DNA to dispose of perfectly good stuff. I prefer to repurpose and this was the genesis of my plants in pants objects d'art.



A great idea starter for just about anything is Pinterest. I stumbled across some pieces of yard art that struck a chord in my imagination because they required all of the stuff I was ordered to discard. There were lots of photos of jeans planters to give me ideas. Most of these jeans were bulked up with organic stuff—leaves, straw, or plastic shopping bags—but they each fell short of what I felt could be crafted. Two problems, I thought. First, organics decay pretty rapidly and, more importantly, they looked rather frumpy. Second, the posing of the legs was static and pretty boring.

Fabrication began with measuring my foot, calf, and thigh as the basis for the wooden armature to be constructed using pressure treated wood to limit rotting. Printed selfies in various action poses revealed a new problem. The under structure needed to support a coconut shell basket full of soil and a healthy daylily several feet in the air. The crucial calculation was to determine the center of gravity. After some trial and error, I got pretty good at estimating how to do it right the first time. A recycled square concrete paver (that once lived under a long-discarded hot tub) provided enough weight to hold the figure upright. A 3/8" lag bolt with washer was inserted through a hole drilled in the paver, through the bottom of the shoe, and into the wooden foot.

On to the musculature. I did temporarily clothe the frame to see how the pants would hang, giving me an idea of what muscles were needed and where they would be located. Legs were easy, butts a bit more difficult, and the female bust has yet to be conquered to my wife's satisfaction. While on a shopping trip for hula hoops at the local dollar store, I came upon a box filled with pool noodles for a buck apiece (two for a dollar at the end of

I set out to supersede all previous attempts at constructing the perfect objects d'yard art. This was a brave goal considering I have never taken an art class modeling the human form in my life.



Clockwise from above: Thigh, knee, calf, and foot construction; legs standing in boots ready to have pool noodle muscles attached; creepily realistic bicycle-riding kid on a real bicycle; hula hoop kid

Photos other than bicycle kid by Ken Ferguson, bicycle kid by Milton Moffett

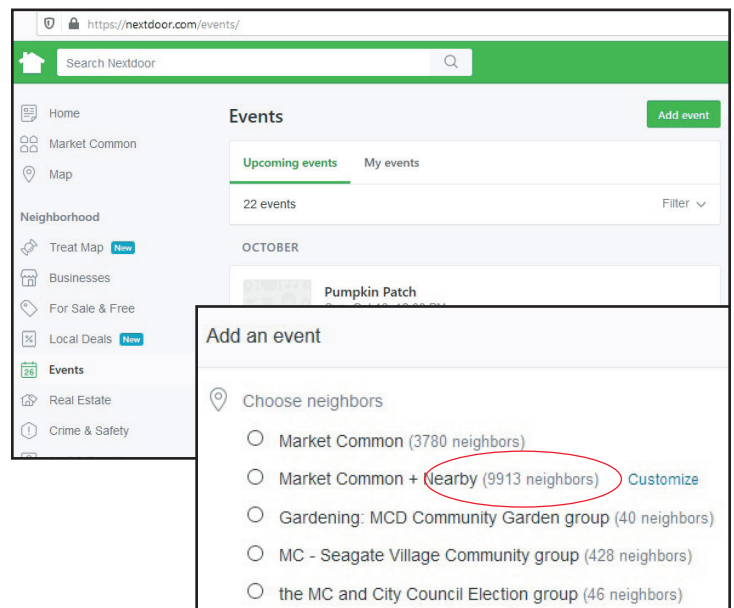


Getting the Word Out

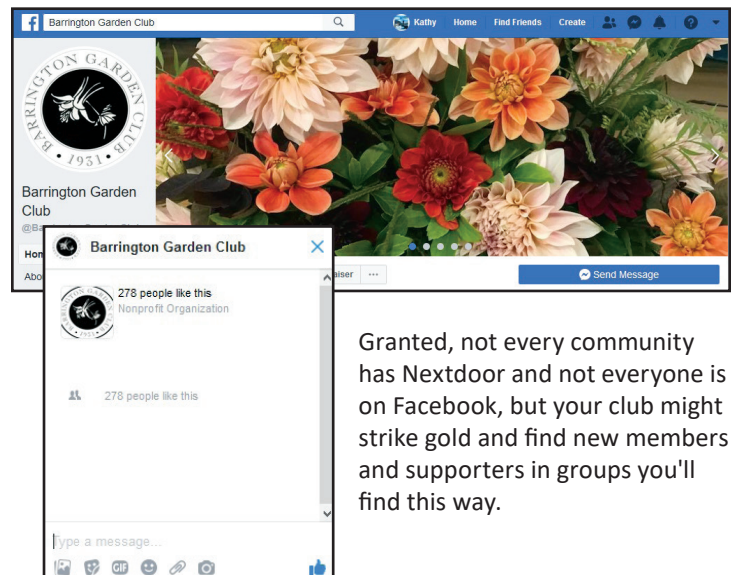
Nextdoor and Facebook

As most local newspapers no longer feature daily community happenings and many supermarkets have taken down their community bulletin boards, it has been difficult to get the word out to people in your neighborhood or town who might have an interest in daylilies.

One electronic option targets people in your geographic area. Nextdoor allows you to post yard sale dates, meeting notices, policing concerns, lost pet notices, and a bit of everything else to people in your local and surrounding neighborhoods. In the example below, an event can be created that will reach nearly 10,000 neighbors.



An option that targets specific interest groups is Facebook messaging. Garden clubs and other groups with Facebook pages can be sent private messages inviting them to your meetings or events. Some Facebook pages are not monitored and the messages are never seen, but some are closely watched and the information is shared with their membership.



Granted, not every community has Nextdoor and not everyone is on Facebook, but your club might strike gold and find new members and supporters in groups you'll find this way.



the summer). The stuffing problem was solved, but now I had a new problem of how to attach them. Plastic electrical cable ties (bought at a big box store) became the duct tape of this project, attaching everything together—the noodles to wood, pants to shoes, and anything loose to something solid.

Finally, I needed to attach the planting basket and complete dressing the legs. To retain water longer, I surrounded the outside of the coconut liner with an industrial grade plastic drop cloth, again attached with cable ties. After constructing several of the planters, I had more ideas than clothes. Again, being somewhat frugal, I made several trips to thrift stores (a goal in this effort was also to support local charities like Goodwill, Women's Shelters, and the like) for the kid's pants and shoes, as my wife had recycled ours many years prior. Now I could dress each one in appropriate fancy or plain jeans with shoes or boots.

Now the void in my yard is populated with what I call my "kids." People coming down the driveway have reacted in one of two ways: "They are really neat" or "They are really kind of creepy."

I seem to be back at the same problem again. My wife has told me not to make any more of my kids and to thin out the herd. The reality is that the herd has been thinned, only to be replaced by newer and more unusual ones.

If you are interested in helping Ken thin his herd or have a special request, you can reach him at kferguson@mchsi.com.



Above and right: The appropriately-named 'Manspread' is familiar to everyone while 'Hopscotch' will make you do a double take, expecting to see the legs hop to the next numbers at any moment
*Manspread photo Milton Moffett,
 Hopscotch photo Ken Ferguson*

Using a Drone to Map your Garden

by Linda Sue Barnes

The first three times we laid out the Bettie Jernigan Daylily Garden at Cape Fear Botanical Garden it involved using a tape measure and protractor and not a whole lot more. The garden was totally geometrical; the overall shape was a rhombus and it was divided into eight triangular shaped beds. Mapping each bed did not require a lot of thought.

The post-flood and -hurricane new and improved version is an entirely different story! No bed is the same shape or size. From the beginning I was sure that the easiest way to get an accurate map of this garden would be to use a drone. There was just one problem; I didn't have a drone and no one that I talked to owned a drone. This summer a new volunteer at CFBG, Cynthia Brown, a Master Gardener intern, knew just who could help—her friends Lawrence and Renee Burke.

Lawrence came to the garden on a Sunday afternoon and first flew his Mavic 2 Zoom high over the garden to get a shot of almost the entire daylily garden. He then brought it down low and took good separate shots of every bed in the garden. That set of photos gave me exactly what I needed as a starting point. Now for each bed I had an accurate shape and could see the placement of each plant.

I began the mapping project with the easiest step. I brought the high level overall garden photo (below) into Adobe Photoshop Elements and used the Text tool to label each bed. I kept the



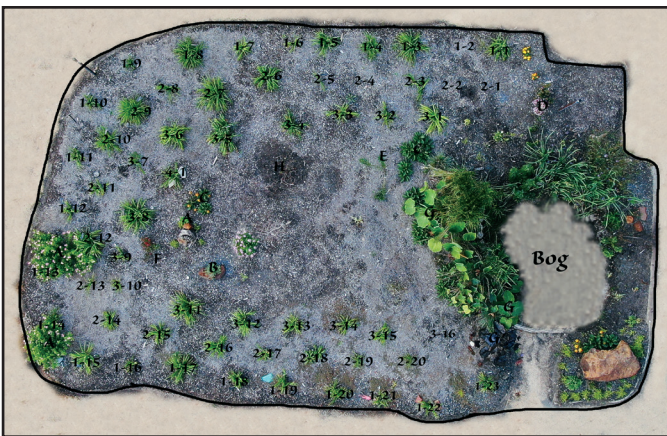
original picture and the version with labels in .psd format in case I want to change something or recover a previous version. To make it easier to share the map, I also saved it with a new name and flattened the layers to save it as a .jpg image. (The day of the photo, there were no daylilies in the beds marked 1940-1979 or Unusual Forms 2, but there are now. Unfortunately, some of the companion plants had gotten a bit out of control while we were still trying to get the last beds made; but these were just minor inconveniences to the mapping project.)

Now it was time to get to the more difficult part of the job, mapping each individual bed. I opened an image that had one of the beds (in the example shown in the top photo to the right, the Doubles bed), deleted parts of any other beds that were in the original image, and named the file Doubles bed.

Next I added a new layer that had no color (transparent). On that layer I used the pencil tool to draw a line around the outside of the bed. During this step I printed a black and white copy of the photo (I'm too cheap to print color which is easier to see) and took it to the garden with my Excel list to make sure everything was correct on my list and to put numbers on the map. Then I came back to the computer and put numbers over each daylily in the photo and letters over each perennial companion plant. Again I kept this map as a .psd format so in the future it can be changed easily when plants are moved or changed.

To make the maps easy to use with visitors or members, I save it with a new name, delete the colorful background layer, and flatten the layers to save it as a .jpg file. This version can be printed and placed in a notebook (see line drawing to the right).

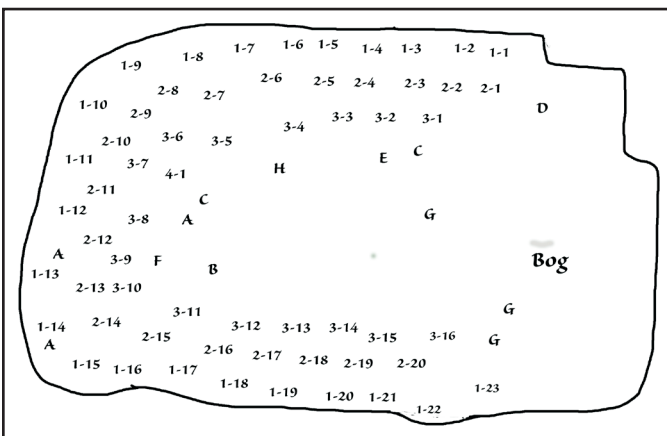




Smalls 1 Bed

R3	E	1	F	G	2	3	4	5	H	D
R2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	B	C
R1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	A		

Row 1	Row 2	Row 3
1 'Siloam Merle Kent'	1 'Chicken and Waffles'	E <i>Hibiscus</i> 'Luna'
2 'Addie Branch Smith'	2 'Windyhill's Cherry Drops'	1 'Windyhill's Designer Red'
3 'Camden Gold Dollar'	3 'Holly Hill Tangelo'	F <i>Narcissus</i> 'Congress' and <i>Ruellia</i>
4 'Buffy's Doll'	4 'Coyote Moon'	G <i>Weigela</i>
5 'Lil Red Wagon'	5 'Her Best Bloomers'	2 'Spacecoast Sweetness'
6 'Baby Blue Eyes'	6 'Whistle a Happy Tune'	3 'Lullaby Baby'
7 'Sugar Cookie'	7 'George Jets On'	4 'Spacecoast Bold Scheme'
A Surprise Lily <i>Lycoris</i>	8 'Blue Spring'	5 'Daddy's Little Man'
	B bearded iris – black	H mountain mint
	C Orienpet lily <i>Lilium</i> 'Conca A'dore'	<i>Pycnanthemum</i>
	D <i>Itea</i>	



overviews of either garden would make great jigsaw puzzles, but I'll wait until the daylilies are blooming to get a shot for that.



I suspect Santa might bring me a drone for Christmas, but if he doesn't, Lawrence has promised he will be glad to come back and take more pictures when the daylilies are in bloom. I can hardly wait until June to see the beds from a drone's eye view. I wonder what other projects I could think up to make use of a drone.

Opposite page top to bottom: Manufacturer's photo of drone used in this article, Mavic 2 Zoom; drone view of Bettie Jernigan Daylily Garden at Cape Fear Botanical Garden with labels inserted using the Text tool within Adobe Photoshop Elements

This page, left column top to bottom: One individual bed pulled from drone view using Adobe Photoshop Elements; same image with transparent layer added, pencil tool used to outline the bed, and labels added on top of individual plants and features; transparent layer saved separately showing outline and labels

This page, right column top to bottom: Small bed pulled from drone view using Adobe Photoshop Elements; same image with transparent layer added, pencil tool used to outline the bed, and labels added on top of individual plants and features; complete map using transparent layer pulled into Word along with the corresponding list of plant names; interesting view of the heritage garden from Lawrence Burke's drone

Photo of drone from manufacturer's website; other photos Lawrence Burke; screenshots Linda Sue Barnes

You'll want to have complete maps with plant names if you make maps available in the garden or don't want to have to look at your excel or database list to see what the numbers refer to. Bring the .jpg into Word or PowerPoint then list the plants by rows under the map (see the sample from the Smalls 1 Bed to the right, above).

I know this seems like a lot of trouble to make a map of your garden, and for the typical home gardener it probably is. However, for a public garden, I think it is a really good idea. Having an actual photo of each bed showing the outline, the individual plants, and locations of hardscape makes the mapping process that much easier and more accurate. If someone is looking for a daylily, or even a particular type of daylily, these accurate maps make it easy for anyone to find the plant in question. Managing these files ourselves makes it simple to make updates and changes.

Lawrence was generous enough with his time to also take pictures of the heritage garden at CFBG (see photo, right) and it really looks great to see the farm house, store, corn crib, herb garden, vegetable garden, grape arbors, etc. from the sky. I think the

Region 15 Winners!



Junior Citation Award
'Papa Pattern'
(Simpson-E., 2019)



Junior Citation Award
'Pink Obsession'
(Selman, deferred to 2020*)



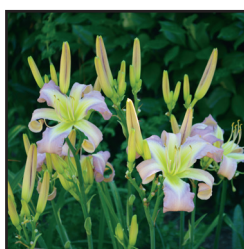
'Midnight in Paradise'
(Simpson-E., deferred to 2020*)



'Just Add Romance'
(Selman, deferred to 2020*)



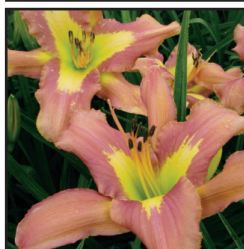
Honorable Mentions
'Asheville Summer Jewel'
(Selman, 2014)



Honorable Mentions
'Breathing in Snowflakes'
(Douglas-H., 2016)



'Don't Leave Empty-handed'
(Selman, 2014)



'Hope Floats'
(Douglas-H., 2009)



'Wacky Dragon'
(Selman, 2014)



'Brown's Ferry Cream Supreme'
(Douglas-C., 2015)



'Mardi Gras Indian'
(Selman, 2014)



'Cynthia Dawn'
(Douglas-C., 2014)



'Honky Tonk Barbie'
(Selman, 2015)



'Boys of Summer'
(Douglas-C., 2016)

Award of Merit

'Mean Green'
(Davisson-J., 2008)



'Clown Parade'
(Selman, 2006)



*When a Junior Citation is awarded, the hybridizer has the option to receive the award for the current year or defer the award to the following year if the hybridizer feels it needs more time to increase before it is available to sell to the public.

Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award

'Myrtle Beach Seabreeze'
(Albers, 2018)



'I'm So Vein'
(Quinn, 2013)



Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award

Margaret Waggoner



The Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award is one of the most difficult to earn since scapes of five different registered cultivars or five different seedlings must perform in exemplary fashion the day of the show. Last year, Region 15 had dual winners—Richard Warren and Robert Gaddy. 2019 brought a wonderful achievement when Margaret Waggoner, the mother of Robert Gaddy, qualified for this award. ADS President Judie Branson sent a letter of congratulations, noting how rare and special it is to have mother and son winners. As you can see by the winning entries in the photos below, Margaret's growing and grooming skills are excellent. Check out Robert's own terrific growing and grooming skills on page 11 of the Fall/Winter *Hemalina* (available at region15daylily.org click on Awards).

The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club again was key to winning this award, offering those entering their flower show with the opportunity to apply. Here's a refresher: ADS Region 12 has made available the Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award (formerly a medal,



now a pin) in memory of Mrs. Bright Taylor. This pin may be earned at any accredited AHS show. An exhibitor may receive this award only one time. If this award is to be offered, it must be printed in the show schedule.

Classes 1 and 2 must be judged by Senior Exhibition Judges on a special score sheet

furnished by the ADS Exhibitions Chair. Upon completion of judging, the General Show Chair or Tabulations Chair must collect the score sheets from the three judges, and the Tabulation Committee shall tabulate the scores. Any winning Entry must score 95 points or above individually for each of the five scapes from each of the judges. No person who has an Entry in this section may serve on this Tabulation Committee, nor may such an exhibitor observe the score sheets or the Tabulation Form.

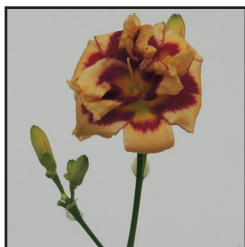
Each of the Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award Judges shall sign and date the score sheet. Upon completion of the judging and tabulation, the score sheets shall be sealed in an envelope and returned to the AHS Exhibitions Chair with the Final Show Report within 2 weeks of the show date. Scores should not be discussed with the exhibitor(s) or anyone except the Show Chair and the Tabulation Chair. The score results will not be official until they have been verified by the Exhibitions Chair or the Exhibitions Committee.

Congratulations again to all of our Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award winners, but especially to mother-son team, Margaret Waggoner and Robert Gaddy.

Clockwise from left: Raymond Quinn of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club presents Margaret Waggoner with congratulations on earning the Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award photo Linda Sue Barnes; Margaret Waggoner photo Robert Gaddy; the Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award winning entries photo Linda Sue Barnes Photos below Robert Gaddy



Margaret Waggoner's Ophelia Taylor Horticulture Award-Winning Entries



'Raspberry Cupcake'
(Herrington-T., 1998)



'Grandpas Little Sweetheart'
(Herrington-K., 2010)



'Broadway Valentine'
(Stamile-G., 1994)



'Sammy Russell'
(Russell 1951)



'Spider Miracle'
(Hendricks-W., 1986)

Prose Corner

by Lynne Broderius

The mind wave is coming...words do have power...names have power. True nourishment for the soul. We find out the good, living or dead, the gift the hybridizer story tells. How many stories are there? Is it an unreproducible, ancient ritual that binds and bonds us? The living ear that hears it, the communion we long for in our inner solitude?



Gardeners. We live a rooted life. The wonder of nature. True life is a good one and resonates with our deliberate actions in doing something worthwhile.

"Just living is not enough," said the butterfly,

"One must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower" (Hans Christian Anderson)

Left to right: Black swallowtails on butterfly bush photo Janice Ullmeyer; 'Flying First Class' (Owen-P., 2013) photo Nancy Riggsby





AHS Region 15 Summer Meeting

June 19-21, 2020

Hosted by Foothills Daylily Society



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Keynote Speaker
Sandy Holmes
Riverbend Gardens
Bellbrook, Ohio
www.daylily.ws



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Spindale, NC 28160

Come See Us!

*Out of
the Box!*

With limited funds but with lots of imagination and creativity, we are planning a summer meeting that showcases local talent and the beauty of our area.

*Out of
the Bag!*

We're not providing gift bags. Instead, we want you to recycle one from a previous Region 15 meeting. We're not doing door prizes either, but we will send everybody home with a gift or two. Plus all the usual things—insect repellent, hand sanitizer, extra pencils or pens, and wrapped candies—will be available in the gardens.

*Out of
the Bus!*

Our tour gardens are all located quite close to each other and are in very difficult locations for large buses to maneuver, so we're doing carpools—a great way to get to know other people as you travel to the homes and gardens of John and Linda Martin, Kirk and Nan Milleman, and Nancy Womack, as well as to the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge.

The 2020 Summer Meeting registration form and agenda will be provided in the Spring Hemalina

Foothills Daylily Society's 20/20 Daylily Vision

by Barbara Petersen

Come see daylilies in full bloom in the beautiful foothills of western North Carolina during our 20/20 Region 15 Summer Meeting. Hosted by the Foothills Daylily Society, the Summer Meeting will take place the weekend of June 19 – 21 and feature the gardens of Regional President Nancy Womack, John & Linda Martin, and Kirk & Nan Milleman. Also on the tour will be a visit to the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge, considered one of the most scenic walks in western North Carolina.

Located between Rutherfordton and Lake Lure, Nancy Womack's "Dragonfly Garden" is an eclectic blend of plant materials (including over 400 daylilies), water features, sculptures, bird houses and bird baths. A variety of motifs, ranging from a serene Japanese-inspired garden to a whimsical fairy village, will keep visitors wondering what's around the next corner. While Nancy's daylily collection is largely made up of modern cultivars—many from Region 15 hybridizers—she does have a small heirloom collection, including Yeld's 'Apricot,' (1893), the first named daylily, along with a few from Perry, Stout, and other pioneers in the science of daylily hybridizing.



John & Linda Martin's "Woodland Gardens" is a 10-acre rolling woodland landscape that the Martins purchased upon retirement in 2002. Why the Foothills of North Carolina? John says

that is where the dart landed when they were looking for a place to retire and call home after serving nearly 20 years overseas with the State Department. Their introduction to daylilies came when a neighbor invited them to "thin" his daylily clumps. Later they were invited to a Foothills Daylily Society (FDS) meeting and at that first meeting, John won a \$100 new introduction from Dale Hensley. The rest is history. They joined the FDS, became active, and daylilies took over. They now have over 400 dips and tets, varying in color, form, texture, substance, and size ranging in registration dates from 1924 to the present. The majority were purchased at national, regional, and club auctions over the years. They have



maintained the woodlands landscape and let nature provide most of the background to their daylily beds, including a breathtaking panoramic view of the mountain ranges surrounding them.

Kirk & Nan Milleman's "Lilyshire Gardens" is on a slightly more than one-acre plot in a neighborhood just outside of Rutherfordton's city limits. Their home and surrounding perennial gardens face the other homes in the neighborhood. Within this front yard, they have included many other plants such as daffodils, tulips, irises, hostas, oriental lilies, crocosmia, sedums, and coneflowers amongst the daylilies. In their backyard they have a poolside garden and "Smallville" with raised beds containing miniature and small daylilies. Behind the pool and a row of Leyland Cypress is their hybridizing garden which contains seedlings along with the registered daylilies they are using as parents. It also includes the 20/20 Region 15 seedling bed. The garden is surrounded by a mixed shrub border which incorporates native shrubs to attract birds, butterflies and bees.

Also included in the garden tours is a visit to the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge. Formerly slated to be torn down, this highway bridge was transformed into a beautiful garden by volunteers who install and maintain the impressive array of plants and flowers along the 155 foot path. Whimsical planters and sculptures line the pathway. The bridge spans the Rocky Broad River and offers great views of both Hickory Nut Gorge and Chimney Rock.

As part of 20/20 Daylily Vision, our club looked to the Midwest and invited Sandy Holmes to be our guest speaker. Sandy

and her husband Mike began backyard hybridizing in 1996. Like so many of us, they were introduced to the modern daylily when a co-worker gave them plants from her father's garden. Now they own and operate Riverbend Daylily Gardens on 11 acres of excellent farmland outside Xenia, Ohio. Sandy hybridizes for large graceful tetraploids with unusual form. She works for clear color with green throats and watermarks or patterned eyes. She also supports cancer research by donating proceeds from several of her introductions. All of the gardens on our tour will have some of Sandy's daylily introductions and she will be bringing a few to auction. Sandy is president of ADS Region 2, active with ADS at the national level, and speaks to daylily clubs throughout the US and Canada.

Our club is looking forward to hosting the 20/20 Region 15 Summer Meeting. We have an informative and fun weekend planned for you. The registration form and schedule will be posted on region15daylily.org in January and will be published in the Spring *Hemalina*. See you in 20/20!



Left column, top to bottom: One of several water features in Nancy Womack's garden, which are only natural since she was born under the water sign, Aquarius; John and Linda Martin's garden has natural stone pathways and walls effectively used to display featured plants and to move visitors comfortably from view to view; a repurposed fountain in Nan and Kirk Milleman's front garden is surrounded by blooms.

Right column: Rustic cabin bed contrasting daylilies and hydrangeas at the Lake Lure Flowering Bridge

Photos Barbara Peterson

Hybridizer Liaison

Raymond Quinn



For the second year, I have asked Region 15 hybridizers for some of their favorite seedlings from this year's crop, and they didn't let me down. I think these are even better this year than last, which is as it should be.

Our hybridizers are creating flowers in all shapes, sizes, and colors, truly something for everyone. I hope you enjoy them as much as I have as I received them for this *Hemalina*.



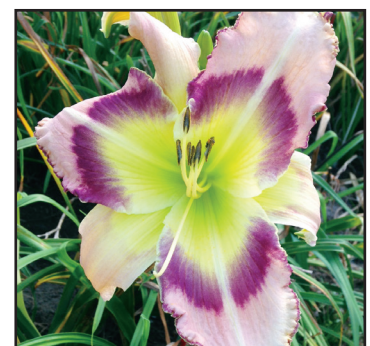
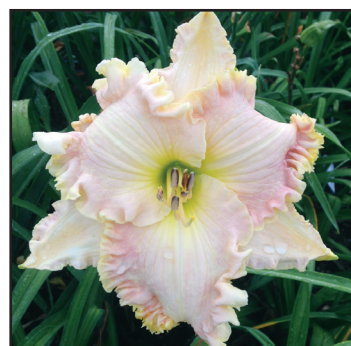
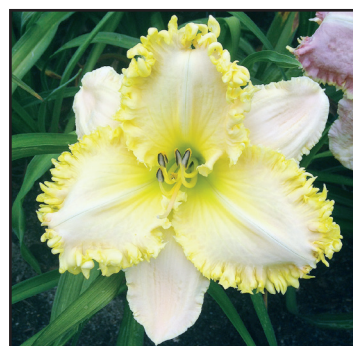
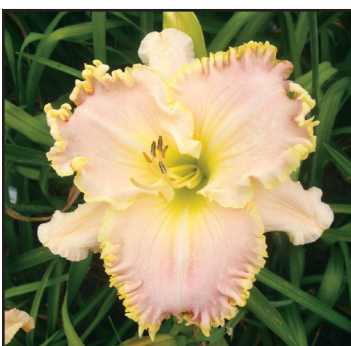
(l-r): Bill Hemmingsen's KHG 19-4270, KHG 19-4347, KHG 19-4579; Ken Dye's King Crab x Mega Bite



(l-r): Cindy Dye's Linda Gluck x Rose F. Kennedy (2021 release), Line Bred Seedlings x Cardinal's Cloak; Floyd Boatwright's 31-17, 88-15



(l-r): J.D. Stadler's C433-1 Memories of Ann x Dorothy and Toto, F2-8 Miss Piggy x Roses for Dallas, F3-6 (Miss Piggy x Boss Lady) x Roses for Texas; Floyd Boatwright's 196-18; (below l-r): Gene Crocker's 16-3-B White Base x Faye's Delight, 16-21-A Dribble Sand Castle x Faye's Delight, 16-27-A Memphis x Faye's Delight, 17-11-A (Lady Duck x Ian Fleming) x Queen of Dragon

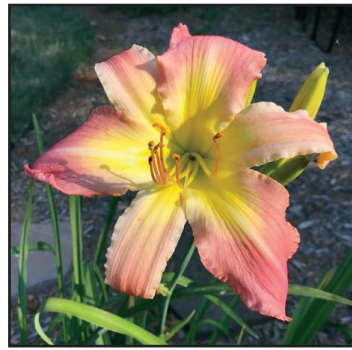




(l-r): **Greg Piotrowski's** Orange Obsession x Buttered Popcorn, Angie Alabama x Whispy Rays; **Harry Pratt's** 0523191259-00 (Eye Chiwawa x Marina del Ray) x Blueberry Season, 0727190849-00



(l-r): **Greg Piotrowski's** ((Autumn King x Heaven Can Wait) x By the Riverside x (Red Candelabra x Delayed Arrival)); **Raymond Quinn's** 13-260 Velvet Handcuffs x Rose F Kennedy, 19-004 Whale Tales x Dragonfly Dawn, 19-096 14-030D x Lillian's Vapor Trail



(l-r): **Ken Wilkie's** K03201 Mean Green x Match Point, K05403 Rolling Raven x Blackberry Dragon, Q00104 Roses for Dallas x Dreamliner; **Sharon Yarbrough's** 75-7-2



(l-r): **Wanda Quinn's** 19-026 Katusie Herrington x Boss Hogg, 19-039 Flight of Orchids x Papa Goose, 19-041 Windyhill's Designer Red x Cherryville; **Sharon Yarbrough's** 12-8

It is now early November, and the first cold and windy day arrived today. Wanda and I had been dividing and lining out seedlings, finishing just yesterday afternoon in time to water them in, then drain the irrigation system ahead of the coming cold today. As we were dividing the last few seedlings, I asked myself why we were still out here hustling around with winter just around the corner. Today, as I am looking at new seedlings from other regional hybridizers, as well as a few of our favorites, the answer was easy and obvious. I am sure it is the same for all hybridizers. During bloom season, the joy and thrill of going out to the seedling bed each morning and seeing new blooms that are new to the world is our reward. Then, especially on our lucky days when we proclaim one of our new ones "a sure thing to be introduced," it makes all these days of digging in the dirt a small price to pay for the beauty we get to contribute to creating.

The email closing I have used for years says it best.

"Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work... --Thomas Edison"

What When Where in Color

Allison Tietz' Attention-Getting Calendar

Clubs that have handouts available at flower shows or on educational tables know colorful, attention-getting flyers seem to get snapped up the fastest. Whether printed as full size sheets or as half pages printed on cardstock, calendars give potential new members everything they need to know to join you at a future meeting or event.

Allison Tietz, secretary and webmaster for the Piedmont Daylily Club, created an easy to read, vibrant calendar of events. This is a flyer anyone would enjoy hanging on their fridge. Feel free to incorporate this format in your 2020 calendars and handouts.

PIEDMONT DAYLILY CLUB

American Daylily Society - Region 15 - Charlotte, NC

2019-2020 Year at a Glance

Thank you for taking a moment to check out what's coming up at the Piedmont Daylily Club! We meet the third Saturday of each month, September-November and January-May. Make plans to visit us soon! Please check our website for the latest information at: www.PiedmontDaylilyClub.com

September 20-21 "Majestic Autumn!" PDC is hosting the **Region 15 Fall Meeting** in Rock Hill, SC.

October 19 Jean Woods, a Botanist from the **NC Native Plant Society**

November 16 **Bob Selman**, a regional hybridizer from Blue Ridge Daylilies

January 18 Kim O'Shea, "**Garden Residents: Invited or Introduced**"

February 15 Debbie Dillon, a Horticulture Agent for Union County, presents "**Soil Building for the Home Gardener**"

March 21 **Eric Simpson** Hybridizer

April 18 Join us for our always-anticipated annual "**Spring Plant Auction and Brunch**." Members donate any plant other than a daylily. These plants are auctioned off to help fund club programs and activities. Bring a dish to pass. Combined with "**Preparing Flowers for a Daylily Show**." Gail Gribble will demonstrate how to prepare daylilies and Jill Rogers will reveal the Summer Daylily Show's design theme.

May 16 **Road trip to Carolina Daylilies**, Tom Bruce's daylily garden

May 25-27 "The Home of Southern Hospitality" **American Daylily Society National Convention**, Savannah, GA

June 13 The Piedmont Daylily Club holds its annual "**Summer Daylily Show and Plant Sale**." Please check our website for updated information.

Visitors are always welcome. Come and bring a friend!

Meetings are located at:
Carmel Presbyterian Church
2048 Carmel Road, Charlotte, NC

For more information visit: www.PiedmontDaylilyClub.com

Program Schedule

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9:00 Breakfast

9:30 Business Meeting

10:00 Featured Program

Poetry Corner

The Passing of a Daylily Friend

By Tim Herrington, in memory of Johnny Bourne

As I walk into the garden and look into the sky,
I am thinking about a friend and saying a sad goodbye,
No matter what I do, the loss won't go away,
For that friendship is in my heart where it will always stay,
Daylily friends are special and sit at the top of my friendship tower,
Since we all have the understanding about the glory of the flower,
The garden is a wonderful place some call their little daylily patch,
Yet, in reality, it is intended as one's special escape hatch,
When a daylily blooms oh what splendor, yet in silence it disappears,
Now this somber walk has allowed me to shed a few silent tears,
When I close my teary eyes it is quite easy to see,
All the other memories of past daylily friends and me,
When daylily friends pass, I just sit, calm down and find,
That they are still part of me within my spirit and mind,
Once we take a bloom into our heart things begin to get rather clear,
For good daylily friends are an entity to cherish and hold very dear.



Autumn Haiku

By Nancy womack

Dried stalks stand silent
and silver in the garden
summer, long-since gone

Air, chilled at last,
light rain breaking summer's drought
brown leaves quiver and fall.

Green holly berries
more abundant than ever
wait for Christmas red.

In Memoriam

John Mason Allgood



It is with sadness that we belatedly report the passing of John Allgood of Walterboro, SC. John was a college history professor, insurance broker, journalist, author, a lay speaker of the United

Methodist Church, owner of the family's eight acre commercial garden—Meadowlake Gardens, the first AHS Daylily Display Garden in South Carolina—an AHS regional officer/editor, AHS Exhibition Judge, Garden Judge, and AHS Daylily Journal Editor.



He was a significant force in the life of AHS and Region 15, an AHS member from 1966 to about 2002. At the national level, John was co-editor of the first AHS Beginner's Handbook in 1978. He served as an Associate Journal Editor, and later helped modernize the journal format, which was renamed from The Hemerocallis Journal to The Daylily Journal at the

start of his editorship in mid-1981 (through 1985). He also served for over a decade on the AHS Registrations Committee.

He and his late wife, Ruth, a true daylily team along with his parents, were part of what arguably could be called a "daylily dynasty" within AHS and Region 15. From the mid-1970s to the early 1990s, he, his mother, and his wife all served as Regional Vice Presidents (RVP, now called Regional President), and his wife became a two-term AHS director. As Regional Publicity Director (RPD), John became the first editor of The Hem-alina in 1970, serving as such multiple times. He was the 1978 winner of the AHS Best Newsletter Award and a 1975 winner of the AHS Regional Service Award in the first year it was presented.

John and his mother were said to be among the founders of the Piedmont Daylily Club, and John chaired several regional meetings. In 1980, he and Ruth founded the original Lowcountry Daylily Society, which would eventually host a regional meeting (1983) and the Savannah Convention tour (1989) featuring Meadowlake Gardens. Chaired by Ruth, this was thought to be the first inter-regional AHS convention (Regions 5 and 15).



As a hybridizer, John won the 1981 Lenington Medal for 'Prester John' (Allgood 1971), the Donn Fisher Memorial Award in 1981 for 'Fox Grape' (Allgood 1973), and the Ida Munson Award in 1976 for 'Prester John.' He introduced the daylilies of notable hybridizers like Farr medalists Bob Kennedy and Clarke Yancey. John was a winner of the region's Lambert Hybridizer Award (now called the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award). It was written that the regional seedling bed competition was "his baby." The Regional Seedling Bed award and a regional show award initially were sponsored by the Allgood family.

John was a friend, a mentor, a role model, and a gracious host who welcomed me into his home while I was learning my duties as a new RVP/editor during the Thanksgiving holiday of 1983. His advice was highly valued over the years. Much of who we are as a region today is because of John and his family. He will be missed by those of us who knew him in the world of daylilies.

Ken Cobb

Clockwise from left: 'Prester John' (Allgood 1971) photo from oakesdaylilies.com; John Allgood photo taken by Harvey Horne probably in the 1980s; 'Fox Grape' (Allgood 1973) photo from Enchanted Valley Gardens via garden.org



Daylilies in Eastern Europe

with Edvinas Misiukevičius

Our favorite Lithuanian hybridizer continues to achieve great things in his horticultural education and career. In his own words from a recent Facebook posting: "For the last couple of days I have been gone to Estonia for conference—'Estonia as a top player in EU horticulture—how to achieve this target? Lithuanian Experience.' Somehow I was that lucky guy to represent floriculture sector and some experiences of nurseries and some of my own. So far feedback was positive from those that came to me after presentation. Feel very proud and happy with Estonian flower growers, their bond tie as one powerful tool in their country."

To learn more about his achievements and hard work spreading the news about daylilies in Europe, follow him on Facebook. He posts photos of his own garden and those he visits, and all are absolutely gorgeous.

Above and right: Edvinas Misiukevičius' garden alive with daylilies photo Edvinas Misiukevičius; Edvinas speaks at an Estonian horticultural conference photo Aare Hindremäe



Display Garden Special Memories

As Display Garden owners prepare their gardens for winter, I thought it would be inspirational to take time to reflect on a few items that have special meaning in their gardens. Enjoy!

Wanda Quinn

Bill Hurt & Marshall Morrow Summit Lakes Garden

I grew up on a dairy farm near Nashville, Tennessee. Many times mother cows would hide their baby calves on instinct to protect them. This gave me some interesting moments since we had to watch for the cow's wrath if I came too close to the hidden calf. Here nestled in our garden is Sparkle, our baby calf. Garden visitors are surprised when they find him hidden among the blooms. He brings back memories of a simpler time herding and milking cows back in the 1960's.



Linda & Bill Gluck Billinda Daylily Garden

Recycling or repurposing is a fun thing to do. We have several things in the garden that fit that title.

First is the pottery hose holder. No use for it after getting the irrigation system, so let's make a flowerpot out of it. And of course it needs to be tall to be seen above the daylilies. Just take some colored stepping stones and stack them in alternate colors. Voilà! You have a beautiful arrangement that last late into the fall.



Don't throw away that old rake with the broken handle. Let's make some garden art. A handle from an old saw makes a perfect head for the bird. Add a couple of stones for the eyes and look what you have.

Legs rusted off of the beautiful peacock that we won at the summer regional silent auction. She can't stand on the ground anymore, so she flies up into a bush to show off her beauty.

How about guard dogs at the gate? No, wait a minute. We like cats better. A visit to a local nursery fixed that. While Bill is waiting for Linda to find a bathroom; he spies a beautiful cat statuery. Two went home with us and became the gate guard cats.



Buster & Terry Bledsoe Bledsoe Daylily Garden

At 85 years old, Buster Bledsoe still works the gardens that he and Kathryn started years ago. Since it is a display garden, Buster believes that every daylily has to be deadheaded every day so visitors to Bledsoe Daylily Gardens will be provided with the best possible experience. With the family's help and even with a team recruited from church, the mammoth task has become a daily social event.



One of our favorite places is the ornate wooden gate going to the log cabin. It seems like daylilies just love this spot and there is always a photo opportunity during summer bloom season.

Our peak bloom time is around June 20th each year.

Mary & Steve Edwards Just One More... Daylily Garden

I just cannot help myself, I love wind catchers, whirly gigs, flags, or anything that catches the wind and moves. They add a decorative touch to the garden and year-round interest. I even

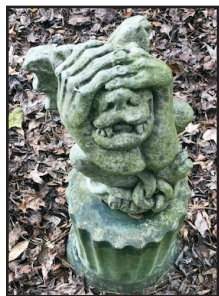


light some up so they can be seen at night.

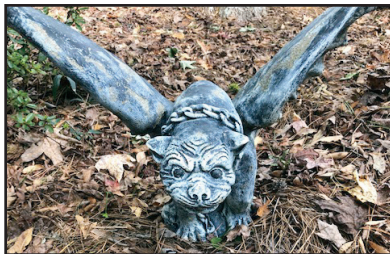
I have also added a seedling bed with 26 seedlings I cultivated and planted last year. Amazingly all of the seeds I planted sprouted and all bloomed with some interesting blooms I hope to show off at the flower show this next year.

**Mitchell & Judy Hagler
Serenity Garden**

When I worked at Central Piedmont Community College, my office was



on the second floor under the president's office. I kept gargoyles in my office. One day the president stuck his head in my office and asked, "Why do you have those ugly things in your office?" I answered, "To keep the evil spirits from coming down from the



third floor." I'm not sure he appreciated my humor but he let it pass. I worked there for 50 years.

**Paul Owen
Slightly Different Garden**

I truly love walking through my gardens, and thinking of all the friends who made each thing possible. To be honest, I think their generosity has resulted from my offering an oasis to them where they can feel the beauty



that life has to offer, and truly see themselves as part of it. Having a swing in the big oak was part of my original vision. Sometimes it only takes something simple to have real meaning, and here the swing does just that. Feelings of youth, the freedom of the breeze in your face, the expression of giddy laughter—I'm not sure which part gets people most, but it's all "in there." Everyone really loves it, especially me!

**Wanda & Raymond Quinn
Windhill Garden**

A little boy statue that used to be in Raymond's mom's garden until she passed away. When she was healthy, we would go on garden shopping trips and this was one of those finds which has been in the family 20+ years. He is currently keeping an eye on one of the perennial pathways near the house that we enjoy from a window.



The Popularity Poll

Why do we bother?

Everyone who has moved to the Carolinas from somewhere else can tell you gardening here is different. Different winter temperatures, different summer temperatures, earlier frosts, later frosts, saltier air, rockier soil, sandier soil, and certainly very different good and bad insects. Plants behave differently here. Some thrive spectacularly, some struggle and suffer. Even within plant species, some perform exceptionally well

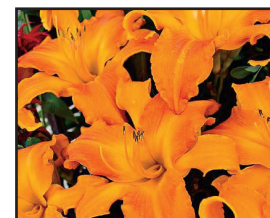


here while others fade away their first season.



People new to daylilies want to have that full, lush clump experience. They want healthy plants packed with scapes topped with dozens of gorgeous blooms. At the same time, our Region 15 hybridizers and growers want the public to buy, grow, and be happy with their plants. As we daylily "experts" know, some daylilies really do

perform exceptionally well here. How do we let the general public know what each of us knows? Answer: Take a yearly poll and get the word out.



This year's results have been published (see page 5 and region15daylily.org/popularity-poll) and you can see the top 5 vote-getters for this year on this page. To flesh out the whole story, previous winners have been captured in the Carolina All Stars list (see region15daylily.org/carolina-all-stars). If you would like to include in a presentation or in your educational materials the graphic for

the Carolina All-Stars that you'll find on the Region 15 website, just right click on the graphic, select "Save Image As..." and save the file to your hard drive. You can then insert it as a picture in your own PowerPoint slide or Word document.



Spread the word, share the news, tell your visitors. These plants perform well in the Carolinas and will give them the excitingly beautiful daylily experience they seek.

Top to bottom: 'Cherryville' (Santa Lucia 2009); 'Breathing in Snowflakes' (Douglas-H., 2016); 'Primal Scream' (Hanson-C., 1994); 'Papa Goose' (Douglas-H., 2011); 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster-Cobb 2003) all photos from hybridizers

Fun Activity with a History

Organized by Allison Tietz at the Region 15 Fall Meeting

According to Wikipedia, the Kindness Rock Project is a viral trend where people, commonly children, paint pebbles or cobbles and leave them for others to find and collect. At the 2019 Fall Meeting hosted by the Piedmont Daylily Club, Allison Tietz organized a rock painting exercise that was fun and different. She explained that putting the hashtag @ahsdaylilies on the colorfully painted rocks and leaving them where others might find them would be an unusual and creative way to get the word out about daylilies and the American Daylily Society.



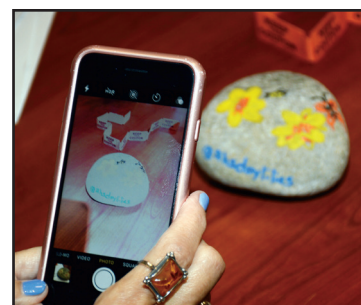
Once you have finished painting your rock,
 Log into your Facebook account and click "Create Post"
 Click photo/video
 Select photo of your rock from your photo library
 Click into "Say something about this photo"
 Type @ahsdaylilies, hit enter
 Type your message, ie: Look at this rock I painted!
 Hit space
 Type #daylily
 Hit post at bottom blue bar



Attendees made their choice from a stack of relatively flat rocks that were 3" - 5" long and wide. Sharpie paint pens were provided in a variety of colors and suggestions were made about what to paint. Allison showed a few examples then encouraged everyone to release their inner creative.

You have now posted your daylily #hashtag rock to share with the world!

Share photos of your #hashtag rocks on your websites, your Facebook pages, and the Region 15 Daylily Facebook page, and once you've placed your rocks around your community, take photos showing where they are "hidden" and post those, too!



This could be an invigorating program for your club. Here are further directions from Cathy and Allison Tietz:

What is a hashtag? Also called the number sign or pound symbol, hashtags are used on social media and websites to promote a certain word or phrase.

You can paint anything on your rock,

but you must include "@ahsdaylilies" on the front or back of the rock. When @ahsdaylilies is typed into the search bar of Facebook it will bring people to the American Daylily Society Facebook page.



Clockwise from above: Raymond Quinn applies a little blue to his #hashtag rock; (l-r) Odessa Bourne and Heidi Douglas work with bright colors on their #hashtag rocks; Bill Gluck favors red for his painted rock; take a snapshot of your completed rock and, using the directions provided above, share your specially-messaged rock with the world; (l-r) Becky Hinshaw and Terry Baucom enjoy decorating their #hashtag rocks *photos Milton Moffett*



Making Flower Show Stands

Lynne Broderius & Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club

When the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club realized they needed stands to use in their upcoming historic flower show, they knew just who to go to. Jim Barbour of ShopDog Turnery kindly donated his expertise, his private shop building, the equipment and his discount for wood, pvc parts, glue, sandpapers, and various saw blades to build the flower show units.

with the black tablecloths used during their shows. The PVC pipe was left unpainted.

Larry Peake and Lynne Broderius spent countless hours cutting, gluing, sanding, packing, and painting the 371 units needed. Kathy King and Becky Hinshaw helped with the painting. The stands worked out great during the second annual Triad Daylily

Fans Flower & Design Show over the summer.



The new overall design has a slightly larger bottom stand with a second tier to stabilize the pvc pipe for taller and larger scapes. The black paint color was chosen to blend in



From left: Larry Peake uses the equipment in ShopDog Turnery (see shopdogturnery.com) to drill just the right hole in the base to fit the PVC pipe used for the main part of the stand; lighter colored stands are ready to be painted while those completed are laid out in the sun to dry; Lynne Broderius is dressed in full safety regalia while sanding wooden stands

Photos Lynne Broderius

Club News

Catawba Valley Daylily Club

Members of the Catawba Valley Daylily Club were able to make it to the Region 15 Fall Meeting in Rock Hill. They had a terrific time scooping up favorites at the plant sale, bidding on auction specials, and painting rocks during the breakout activity.

Keep an eye on club activities by checking out their Facebook page (search on Catawba Valley Daylily).

Right: Rita Katz poses next to a couple of the delightful raffle items at the Fall Meeting *photo Lisa Goins*; (l-r) Lisa Goins paints flowers on her rock while Rita Katz goes in search of more paint colors *Photos Kathy Tinius*



Charleston Daylily Club by Mike Denson

The Charleston Daylily Club had a very productive fall. We hosted Raymond and Wanda Quinn from Windyhill Garden who amazed our members with their incredible gardens, new flowers, and educational hummingbird presentation.

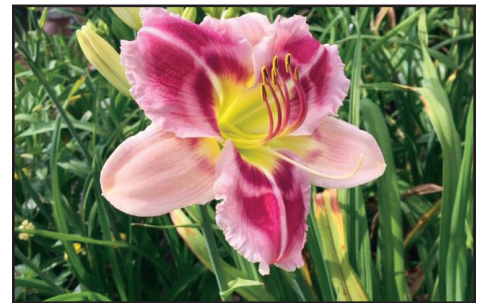
September's presentation was Marlon and Anne Howell from Southern Charm Gardens. Wow!!! What incredible seedlings Marlon has in the pipeline. Can't wait for some of those to get introduced.

In October, we held our daylily photograph contest and luncheon with fried chicken. We had a huge number of entries in six

categories (Best Seedling, Best Single Bloom, Best Clump, Best Multiple Blooms, Best Landscape, and Best Novelty). Fun was had by all.

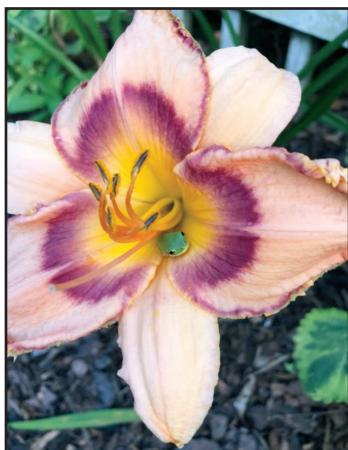
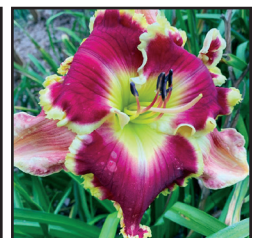
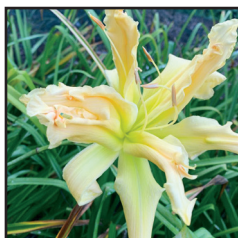
Most importantly this fall we installed our first elected officers: President Mike Denson, Vice President Perry Gaskins, Treasurer David Whitaker, and Secretary Annette Kibler. These officers all volunteered last year when the club had its first meeting

and now will officially serve the society for the next two years. They have been planning lots of new activities for the society for next year. So far, we have scheduled a trip to Moore Farms Botanical Garden, a local garden tour, a presentation on mushrooms by Susan James, our local botanist and manager of Brownswood Nursery, and much, much more.



Clockwise from left: Novelty photo contest winner from Annette Kibler; Single Bloom contest winner from Annette Kibler; three very tempting seedlings from Mike Denson's hybridizing program

Photos Mike Denson



Coastal North Carolina Daylily Society by Ken Ferguson

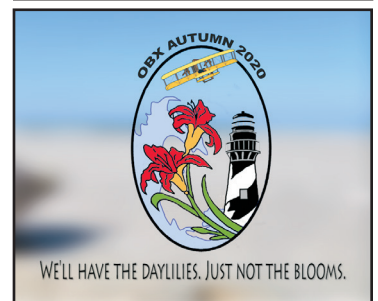
The members of the Coastal North Carolina Daylily Society have volunteered to host the Region 15 Fall Meeting in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. We want to make this a special event to tempt anyone who hasn't been to a Fall Meeting before. We'll be sending out sneak peeks showing what you can do in this coastal area, events at the meeting, and more.



We can share late breaking news with you. The hotel will be the Comfort Inn on the Ocean in Kill Devil Hills and the meetings will take place in the Elizabethan Gardens a short drive away in Manteo. Watch for emails with more details in the new year.

Clockwise from left: Elaine Cembor, Peggy DiMartino, Joy S Cope, Carlette Pruden, Paul Cembor and Kay Polizzano along with others enjoyed a covered dish lunch at Mansfield's Daylilies; a hermit crab comes out to play and entice you to plan to attend the 2020 Region 15 Fall Meeting in the Outer Banks

Photos Ken Ferguson



Foothills Daylily Society by Nolan Newton

The Foothills Daylily Society is eagerly planning our Christmas party and beginning to put our daylilies to bed for the season. With below freezing temperatures forecast for the next several nights, we all know it will be time to begin cleanup of our gardens for the winter. The importance of fall garden preparation has been discussed at several of our meetings this year, so we are all well prepared.

The September meeting was our annual Daylily Dollars event, where “dollars” earned through taking part in society activities can be used to “purchase” plants and other goodies donated by society members and others. This year we auctioned daylilies, hostas, cannas, *Heucheras*, and a few other choice items.

We continue to plan for the 20/20 Region 15 Summer Meeting to be hosted by the Foothills Daylily Society. You'll find this meeting to be a bit different from most summer meetings in that we have some innovative events and activities. See page 16 for preliminary details on where the meeting will be taking place and the hotel we'll be using, plus a peek at the tour gardens on page 17.



Clockwise from left: (l-r) Linda Martin, Nancy Womack, and Hilda Moore make preparations for the very popular Foothills Daylily Society flower show; Kirk Milleman auctions plants at our fall potluck and Daylily Dollars event; large signs with photos and details on each cultivar helps the public select plants they might enjoy at our annual plant sale

Photos Nolan Newton



Georgetown Area Daylily Club by Kathy Tinius

After a busy summer (extreme heat with no rain equals many hours hand watering), members of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club got together in August for our annual Pop Poll party at Browns Ferry Gardens. Members saw photos of the contenders, discussed where they had seen them growing, and voted for their favorites.

The last few years our September meeting had to be canceled due to hurricanes and storms, so no meeting was scheduled. Smart planning as it turned out evacuation orders for Hurricane Dorian would have caused the meeting to be canceled. Members' gardens came through the storm just fine and enjoyed some very much-needed rain.

Using Nextdoor event notices and contacting local garden groups through messaging on Facebook (see page 11), we advertised our October meeting featuring hybridizers Raymond and Wanda Quinn from Windyhill Gardens. Nine new people came to the meeting and enjoyed Raymond and Wanda's delightful presentations.

November brings our annual photo contest and December will find us celebrating the holidays with a festive party.

Below, left to right: GADC members tuck in to delicious refreshments during the August Pop Poll party at Browns Ferry Gardens; Raymond Quinn describes the amazing process used to build his and Wanda's gorgeous Windyhill Gardens during the GADC October meeting *Photos Kathy Tinius*



Lowcountry Daylily Club by Neil Duffy

The Citrus Guy, Darrel Sheriff, spoke at our September meeting. He has been the president of the local and regional Camellia clubs and told us about care and growing of Camellias in the Charleston area. Members really enjoyed his presentation and had hoped to invite him back to another meeting to talk about one of his other expertises, citrus, but he has just accepted a position in Raleigh, NC, and will be moving there soon. He has been a real asset to the Charleston area plant societies and will be missed.

Elections for new officers were held and Anne Winningham will carry on as president, Neil Duffy as vice president, Gail Hale as secretary, and Cathy Coffey as treasurer.

Plans are in the works for a flower show in 2021 using the combined efforts of the Charleston Daylily Club and Lowcountry Daylily Club. This will take a lot of work and planning, but we hope it will bring additional interest in daylilies to the Charleston area.

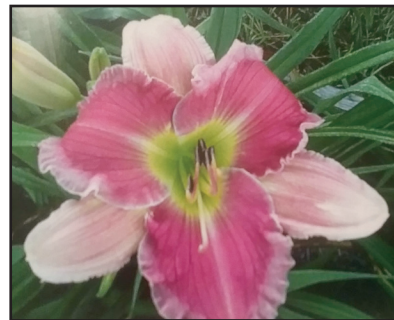


Our October meeting was the last meeting of the year. The club provided ham and chicken and members brought side dishes and desserts. During the meal, everyone enjoyed a gift exchange and voting in our annual photo contest. Tim Stout won four categories in the photo contest and Perry Gaskins won one.

Brenda Dixon received warm thanks for her excellent work as secretary over the past several years.

Our next meeting will be the fourth Sunday in January.

Left and above: Members of the Lowcountry Daylily Club gather to congratulate Don Albers on winning the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award for 'Myrtle Beach Seabreeze' (Albers 2019) *photo Anne Winningham*; cultivar and landscape photos Perry Gaskins entered in the Lowcountry Daylily Club's annual photo contest *Photos Perry Gaskins*



Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Beverly Breuer

Since the last issue, the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society had a very successful daylily sale and display. We were excited about the variety of daylilies donated and the participation in the display. We added new members as a result of the interest generated by this June event and our great location at the Asbury Memorial Methodist Church.

In spite of threats from Hurricane Dorian, we were delighted to have Dan Hansen of Ladybug Daylilies speak and auction daylilies at our September kick off meeting. Leslie Mauck, an active club member who was mentored by Dan, felt honored to introduce him and to remind us of the importance of having somebody who educates you and cultivates your interest in daylilies.

Four club members attended the Fall Regional in Rock Hill in September and enjoyed a stellar program.



In October, member Amy Wright, who is the Landscape Designer and Arborist for the City of Columbia, shared highlights and beautiful photos of breathtaking gardens from her trip to Japan.

Our club plant swap, a very popular event, was also held, with a wide variety of plants donated.



All present were provided with a wonderful opportunity to increase their plant collections.

We are looking forward to our upcoming annual daylily photo contest, election of officers for 2020, and our holiday party.

Left and above: Leslie Mauck thanks her mentor, Dan Hansen of Ladybug Daylilies, for speaking at a meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Daylily Society *photo Sheila Caldon*; Rows and rows of entries await judging at the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society flower show *photo Lee Breuer*

Piedmont Daylily Club by Mitchell Hagler

Our club does not meet during the summer so our September meeting is usually the first meeting of the new year and one that we all look forward to. This year, however, we scheduled our club meeting to coincide with hosting the annual Region 15 Fall Meeting, 'Majestic Autumn.'

By all accounts, the Region 15 meeting was successful. We received numerous written and verbal compliments on the facility, the food, the speakers, the fun game, and generally what an upbeat meeting it was. We were glad to host it and enjoyed seeing everyone, but are also glad we can get back to concentrating on our own club and gardens.

We were delighted that member J.D. Stadler was awarded the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award (see page 9). J.D. has always been such a cheerleader for daylilies. In fact, he donates one of his prized introductions to each new member who joins our club.



With the fall meeting under our belts, our October meeting was the official new year kick-off and we gave a hearty welcome to Jean Woods, a botanist from the N.C. Native Plant Society. Jean told us about the value of natives to our gardens, where we could see natives being grown, and where we could purchase native plants and shrubs. She is a very knowledgeable speaker and everyone learned something new.

Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Richard Warren

Happy Fall greetings to our Region 15 members! After record-breaking hot temperatures this summer, we are finally starting to enjoy some cooler days. While I do prefer our summer weather here in North Carolina, it seems the older I get and especially after this summer I may have to change my mind since I do look forward to the change of season. The weather forecast here is calling for a colder winter, so we'll see in a few months if I'm longing for some sweltering hot temperatures again!

The Raleigh Club had our year-ending pot luck dinner and business meeting on October 8. We enjoyed NC BBQ and fried chicken and members brought their favorite side dishes and desserts. After a time of fellowship and discussing these last few months in the garden, we moved on to our business meeting. One of the important highlights was to introduce our new club officers for the 2020 - 2021 calendar years. At our September meeting and in accordance with our by-laws, we elected the following officers to begin serving next year: President—Wanda Quinn, Vice President—Linda Sue Barnes, Treasurer—Tom Talbott, Membership Secretary—Mary Edwards, and Recording Secretary—Steve Edwards. Richard Warren agreed to continue to serve as webmaster for the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club website (see raleighdaylily.weebly.com). Most of our newly elected officers have served previously as an officer or in some other club activity, so we greatly appreciate their willingness to serve once again.

Our 2019 flower show chair, Ray Quinn, announced that club member Margaret Waggoner had won the prestigious Ophelia Taylor award (see page 15). This honor is extra special since her son Robert Gaddy won the previous year. Margaret will officially receive her award next year at the National Convention. Congratulations Margaret!

By the time you read this, we will have already welcomed Bob Selman from Blue Ridge Daylilies for our November program. We have enjoyed visiting Blue Ridge as a club and have delighted in his use of so many different plants in his landscaping.

We have welcomed six new members including two youth members as a result of our June show.

For years our club has sponsored a daylily garden at Carmel Road Presbyterian Church where we meet. We have had a constant battle with deer and have lost, so we made the decision to dig up the plants and sell them at the Region 15 Fall Meeting. (Attendees were amazed and delighted to find big, healthy plants at great prices at the Fall Meeting and thank the members of the Piedmont Daylily Club for their generosity—Editor.)

VP for Programs Cathy Tietz has scheduled all of our programs for 2020 through next June and our Secretary Allison Tietz has developed a colorful handout that shows all events at a glance (see page 20).

Left and above: Allison Tietz (with Mike) assists with door prize drawings while members finish rock painting *photo Kathy Tinius*; members enjoy fellowship during the 2019 Fall Meeting hosted by Piedmont Daylily Club *Photo Bill Hurt*



Our next meeting will be in February 2020, a joint pot luck dinner and meeting with the Sandhills Daylily Club. We always have great speakers and look forward to seeing what is planned for us in the new year. As always, we welcome visitors from other clubs to hear these sought-after speakers. Please check the Raleigh club website raleighdaylily.weebly.com closer to February to get more information. While we take a break from our regularly scheduled meetings, we'll be dreaming of daylilies and how we can make our gardens even more beautiful in the new year.



Above: The intrepid Raleigh Hemerocallis Club officers for 2020-2021: (l-r) Treasurer Tom Talbott, Membership Secretary Mary Edwards, Recording Secretary Steve Edwards, Vice President Linda Sue Barnes, President Wanda Quinn *Photo Richard Warren*

Sandhills Daylily Club by Linda Sue Barnes

In August Chuck and Nancy Umstead, members of the Fayetteville Camelia Club, gave a program on air layering camellias. Using potted plants, they demonstrated how to soak fibrous sphagnum moss so that it is thoroughly wet then squeeze most moisture out just before applying it to the branch you want to root. Wrap Press and Seal and then aluminum foil around the sphagnum and seal with duct tape. Don't harvest until the "package" of moss feels firm and full of roots after 3-5 months. Be sure to tag with the name of the cultivar. Cut below the foil, leave the moss on and put it into a 6" pot with potting soil to overwinter. Water well before and after a cold snap. Protect new plants by moving them to a warmer area or covering with a blanket if temperature is expected to drop below 25°. Place them in the ground after frost, about a year after air-layering.

Linda Sue announced that the 2020 flower show at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden will be on June 6.

Our September meeting was a virtual trip to the National Convention in Wisconsin through pictures by Linda Sue & Curtis Barnes. Monika Begum and current officers, serving as the nominating committee, recommended the following slate for 2020-2021: President—Dawn Whitley; Vice President—Roger Mercer; Secretary—Monika Begum; Treasurer—Linda Sue Barnes.

In October the club was treated to a talk by Hal Broadfoot. Hal is a native of Fayetteville who is a lawyer by occupation, but a naturalist at heart. He is a well-known birder in Fayetteville and, as we found out, a great story teller. We heard how Roger Tory Peterson came to write *A Field Guide to the Birds*, how to tell the four "states" of the first edition apart, and of Hal's search to obtain a copy of each of the "states." When asked about the rarest birds he has found in North Carolina, Hal told us about two Tuesday birds. It seems that rare birds are inconsiderate enough to show themselves only on Tuesdays when most avid birders have to be at work and then are usually gone by the weekend (unless they are trapped by prevailing winds or storms from the wrong direction for their migratory routes). The first of the two Tuesday birds he managed to see by getting up very early on a Saturday was a ringed plover that appeared near Hatteras. This bird breeds in Greenland and occasionally the Canadian Arctic, then flies south to Africa without passing over the United States. It has only

been seen in the United States 13 times. His other Tuesday bird was a Kirtland's Warbler, an endangered bird that nests only on specific sandy soils under 5-16' tall jack pines in Michigan. This bird is a great example of conservation agencies working together to save an endangered species. At one point there were only a handful of breeding pairs until the agencies began to manage forests by cutting mature jack pines and planting seedlings in rotation on tracts of land to provide the right habitat. Now there are over a thousand birds in Michigan and some have even begun to nest in neighboring states. You still have to wonder how one ended up on Mount Mitchell in North Carolina—right in front of Hal's car just before dark after he had spent the entire day looking for it.

We will end our year with a Christmas get-together at the home of Julia Odom. Our first meeting of 2020 will be a joint meeting with the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club at First Presbyterian Church in Dunn on February 15. We anticipate three speakers with a pot luck at lunch. Plans are still in the making, but keep your eye out for updates through our RPD. Guests will certainly be welcome.

Top to bottom: Chuck and Nancy Umstead present detailed directions on air layering camellias; Hal Broadfoot gave a very entertaining talk about birding in the Carolinas
Photos Linda Sue Barnes



Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club by Lynne Broderius

Want to check out what the members of Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club are up to? What they might have planned for 2020? Check out their website at triadnc.weebly.com where you'll



be greeted by this daylily beauty on their home page.

The Sunday after the historic Triad Daylily Fans flower show earlier this year, members of the club set up this festive display in the Fellowship Presbyterian Church

in Greensboro. At our September meeting, Cyndy Hummel showed the club live butterflies with a fascinating presentation.

Clockwise from above: This lovely miss still looks very fresh after some serious liveheading
photo from triadnc.weebly.com; festive après-show display at the Fellowship Presbyterian Church photo Lynne Broderius

October 6, Linda Sue Barnes gave those unable to attend the Wisconsin AHS National Convention a review of the stunning gardens on tour.

On November 3, David Dekort gave a presentation of Triad Daylily Fans Top Ten favorites Pop Poll.

On December 8, we'll go to a local restaurant with our spouses and reminisce about the great and wonderful things that happened in 2019.



Upstate Daylily Society by Mary McCabe

Our August meeting was held at the Anderson Public Library where Donna Bobby acted as auctioneer for a Jammin' Collection. Before the auction, we gained eight new members who had much fun participating in the active auction. Profits will support our future activities.



Thursday, September 26, found several members digging and preparing daylilies at member and club chair Brenda Coggins' home. Then on Friday and Saturday our club brought

these plants to the Fall Sale at the SC Botanical Gardens on the Clemson University campus. Members worked four to five hours Friday afternoon and 9 AM to 1 PM Saturday. They set up and staffed display tables and educated prospective buyers on the various types, colors, and placement of daylilies.

Sales were adequate for a fall sale.

Saturday afternoon after the sale, members enjoyed a catered picnic on the grounds of Bill and Karen Manning's beautiful country home in Abbeville. Several of us wandered around the gardens, helping ourselves to some favorite seeds. A business meeting followed to



discuss future plans for our club and to form a committee to elect new officers.

One of the most fun meetings of the year was held October 20 in the Hornbuckle Clubhouse in the development where Jim Bazzone lives in Easley. We enjoyed sharing a favorite dish or two from our own kitchens, afterwards swapping plants we brought from our gardens. We not only learned what good cooks we have among us, we also learned about new plants to place with our daylilies.

Our fall cleanup day was on October 29 at the SC Botanical Garden, when members weeded and mulched our daylily garden. We can say that "we put our lilies to bed for the winter."

In closing, WELCOME to our newest members! We look forward to getting you involved in our club activities.



Clockwise from left: Gloria Hemmingsen and Brenda Coggins have a lot to share with each other; the lively scrum during the auction of the Jammin' Collection, including Kelvin Bryant, Jonathan Long, and our junior member Elizabeth Carroll; enjoying a catered meal in Bill and Karen Manning's lovely garden is (l-r top) Ben McCabe, Marlene Cureton, Brenda Coggins, Christopher Blackston (l-r bottom) Jim Bazzone, Kathleen Bennett, Floyd Cousins, John Cousins *photos Mary McCabe*

Western North Carolina Daylily Club from WNC Website

After recovering from the big garden party in July, members of the Western North Carolina Daylily Club closed out summer with an Ice Cream Social, Plant Swap, and Region 15 Pop Poll Party at the garden of Tom Paquette & Joe McConnaughey in Highland. Everyone enjoyed having a chance to sit back and relax while enjoying some delicious ice cream.

September brought more festivities, with the Bonus Dollar Auction and Picnic at Railroad Crossing Daylilies. This annual event ushers in fall weather and gets members talking about preparing their gardens for the winter.



Our meeting in October was to make plans for next year; those plans and our 2020 calendar will be announced on our website wncdaylilyclub.com and Facebook page (search for WNC Daylily Club).

We have no meeting in November, but in December we'll gather to celebrate the holidays and remember what a great year we've had.

Clockwise from left: Gorgeous early morning photo of Blue Ridge Daylilies, home of the annual WNC Daylily Club's Multi-Club Picnic *photo Eric Simpson*; WNC Daylily Club logo from wncdaylilyclub.com; garden of Tom Paquette and Joe McConnaughey where club members enjoyed ice cream, swapping plants, and voting in the Region 15 Popularity Poll *photo Tom Paquette*

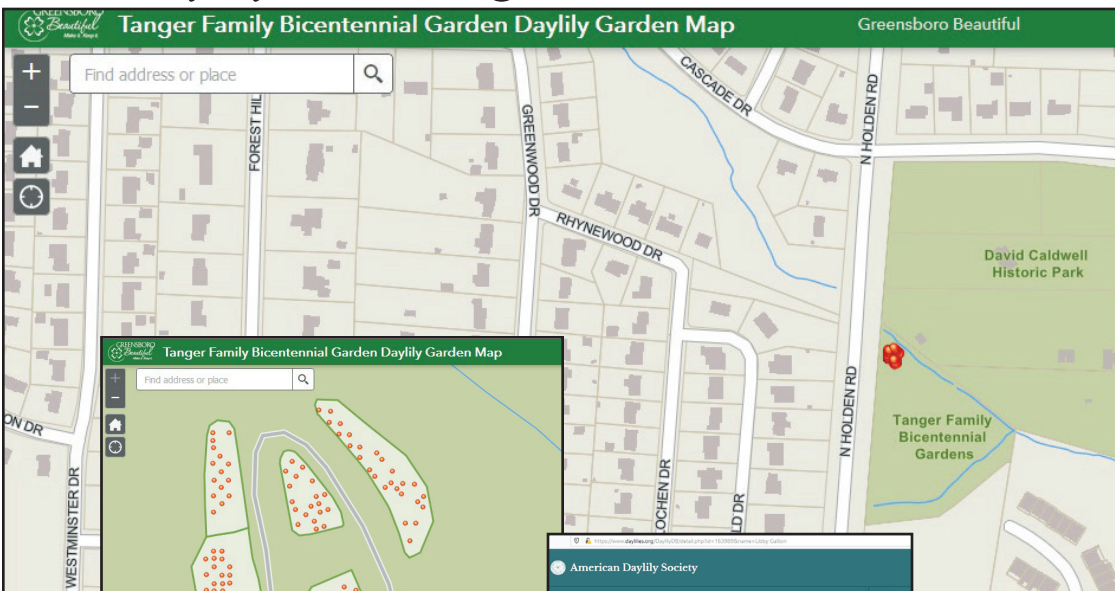


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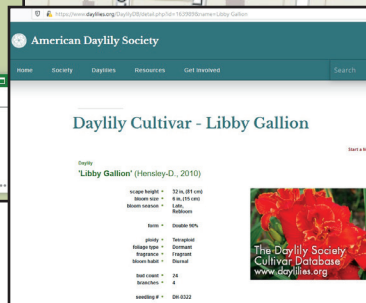
Triad Daylily Fans Long-Term Goal Achieved



Then began the work of making sure all the plants in the beds were still alive and were marked or at least known. Since work carried over the winter, some of the plants had not yet emerged, so club members had to make their best estimates of exactly where the plants were for the GPS measurements. Triad assembled a loose team of seven to nine people who dug in new plants, waited for unknowns to bloom then photographed and identified them, and confirmed marked plants when they also bloomed. Even with that, a few of the plants do have the wrong location shown, but those are being corrected over time.

Few clubs or people have the fortitude or stamina to tackle projects as huge as working with large non-profit or government agencies. When the Triad Daylily Fans and Lynne Broderius heard there was a possibility the Tanger Family Bicentennial Garden Daylily Garden could be mapped with GIS*, making garden and daylily plant details available to anyone with access to the internet at home or on their phone, they knew they had to try. The city of Greensboro had already begun mapping elm trees to monitor destruction by the elm borers, so it seemed a perfect fit to have them map the daylily beds. Lynne worked with the GIS department head who said the work would not fit into the schedule until maybe the following year. Lynne was delighted when he called back with the exciting news that they had an intern who was very interested in creating the map.

To accommodate the detailed information on each plant, first the daylily flower bed outlines had to be built into the GIS database using GPS data originally collected to map city elm trees.



From the recorded list of plants, club members looked up and detailed the specific links for each plant to the appropriate page in the ADS daylily database. Once placed in the GIS record, these links allow viewers to find detailed information on each plant with the click of a button that opens the cultivar page in daylilies.org.

The intern who helped with the project graduated and got a job with Google GIS. Check out the final product, scroll in where you see the red balls, and click the links at <http://arcgis.com/arcgis/1mC0DC>.

Not many of our communities have the ability to customize their GIS programs for a project like this. Greensboro is that much richer for having a persistent club working tirelessly to pull together the data needed to create this valuable resource.

*A geographic information system (GIS) is a system designed to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage, and present spatial or geographic data. Most communities use GIS-based mapping to store and share property ownership and tax information.