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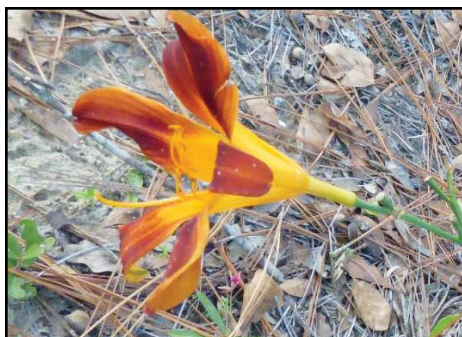
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Front Cover: Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award 2020 winner 'Windyhill's Designer Red' (Quinn-W., 2015)
photo Wanda Quinn

Page 2, left: 'Annette' (Russell 1945) one of Sandra Pound's historic daylilies, blooming 10/18
photo Sandra Pound

Page 2, right: 'Flirting with Monkeys' (Davisson-J., 2017), 'Jiggly Bits' (Selman 2013), 'Deep Dark Secrets' (Davisson-J., 2009)
photo Sheila Caldon

Below: 'Moses' Fire' (Joiner 1998)
photo Lynne Broderius



Region 15 President

Greetings everyone! What a difficult and challenging year this has been for everyone across the country and especially for our cherished daylily organizations. Our love of daylilies and gardening never wanes. This has been a time when families stayed home and gardening activities surged throughout the country. During this dismal pandemic, our daylilies have performed so beautifully and brought peace, healing, and pleasure. I sincerely hope this message finds you healthy, safe, and free of grief from the passing of any loved ones.



Our Region continues to offer support to you and your clubs through virtual club meetings, the Region 15 website, and our beloved *Hemalina*. I have seen some very innovative newsletters from club presidents as they work to maintain their memberships' involvement in club activities. I know that each club president accepts the challenge to maintain and grow membership. They continue to communicate with and excite their members in the sharing of garden ideas and successes.

The Regional Leadership Team and I have discussed virtually some of our immediate and long-term challenges and dreams. We dream that next season we can return to touring our beloved gardens and reuniting at both summer and fall events.

But we are also concerned about membership numbers in the region. If you have not already responded to renewing your membership in ADS, please do so as soon as you can. It's important that each of you remain in touch through the exceptional publications from the American Daylily Society (*The Daylily Journal*) and our Region 15 (*Hemalina*). These publications and your monthly club involvement will keep you connected to the excitement of growing the best daylilies available and you'll quickly hear of opportunities to reunite with good friends who share your love and common interest.

CONNECTED is a key word for all of us as we move forward with our passion for gardening.

One big way we have remained connected this year is through socially-distanced visits to Display Gardens throughout our Region. Wanda Quinn has led the effort to inspire gardeners in her role as Display Garden Chair. She is retiring that post at the end of this year, and we owe her a great debt of gratitude for her creative and untiring efforts to share knowledge and build relationships. I will need to find a replacement for her leadership soon. This is an opportunity for you to serve and I especially hope one of our Display Garden owners might consider leading this effort. Let me know if you are interested.

We must examine what we each can do even though challenged by maintaining safe distances and following health guidelines from our state authorities. Ask yourself, what role do I take to increase club and region membership? I challenge each of our club presidents to put this at the top of your agenda at your next meeting (virtual or in person). We have two fine leaders in our region who have taken on this challenge to lead us in our goal of growth. Our Region Membership Chair, Pat Mansfield out of the Coastal NC Daylily Society, is leading the way with thoughts in this publication on innovations that can move us forward. If you received *The Daylily Journal* recently, you learned that Region 15 board member Mike Denson is working in a new role to increase connections between the national organization and local clubs regionally and nationally. Both these leaders will do their part to insure our organizations remain sound and viable.

Regional Publicity

I hope this message finds all of you in good health and ready to enjoy the holidays. While the country has been upside down for months with the pandemic, it did seem that many people spent quality time in their gardens, as we saw more visitors than ever here at the daylily farm. Enthusiasm for our favorite flower seems to be alive and well.

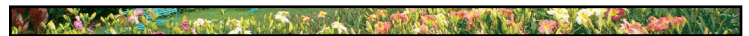


I'd like thank the 88 members who voted in the 2020 Region 15 Pop Poll. The winner and runners up are revealed in this issue of *Hemalina*, so please keep turning the pages until you get to page 9! The Carolina All-Stars will be updated on the Region 15 website with the addition of this year's winner.

Plans for the 2022 American Daylily Society National Convention in Asheville are in full swing and we are thrilled that many of you have stepped up and volunteered to help. We still need help with some of the committees, so please contact me if you'd like to volunteer. We are looking forward to another great convention.

Our fine region is truly an asset to ADS and I'm so blessed to have the opportunity to serve as your publicity director. As the nation comes out of the pandemic in 2021 and daylily clubs begin to meet in person again, please don't hesitate to contact me if you need something sent out to the region.

Eric Simpson



Region 15 President (*continued*)

Let me share one idea that all of us can do to spread our love of daylilies and increase membership instantly. If each of us would purchase one gift membership for a budding daylily lover or garden friend, we could double our membership in the region immediately! A \$25 gift membership to ADS would benefit everyone – we have already done this and I would like to urge you to buy a gift membership to send another person on the path to daylily joy.

The holidays will soon be here and I'm sure they will be unique and different. I hope you and yours share happiness and peace in your own way. Happy Holidays to you.

Share the daylily love!

The best Daylily season is always the next!

Bill Hurt

Right: Bill Hurt hard at work replanting one of the dozens of cultivars divided each year in Summit Lakes Garden
photo Cecil Martin



Regional Director

This is my last report as Director of Region 15, a position it has been my honor to hold for the last three years. In that time, I have learned a lot about the American Hemerocallis Society as an organization. I've also learned a lot about the registration of daylilies in particular, which has a lot more rules than I had considered when I was assigned chair of the ADS Registration Committee.

I am happy to share that Raymond Quinn has been elected to be the Region 15 Director beginning January 1, 2021, and will become the Registration Chair for the Society.



2020 has been a disappointing year for the Daylily Society. The National Convention was cancelled along with many regional meetings. Only two flower shows were held in the entire country and one was closed to the public. This has been a big social loss and a big financial loss. Membership has continued to decline (almost a thousand fewer members in 2020 than 2019) and thus dues have declined. All the usual sources of revenue for ADS have been impacted, including fewer sales of the hard cover books available from the Society. It means an estimated shortfall for 2020 of around \$12,000. The Monroe Trust Fund earns interest and that can be transferred to the general fund which should cover most (or all) of this year's loss. The Board has been working to trim expenses. One way is to allow the option of a virtual (Zoom) meeting for the Fall Board Meeting instead of an in-person meeting – next year's Fall Board Meeting will be virtual. Another is that Garden Judge ballots will be sent via email except for the few judges without an email address, saving a few hundred dollars.

One bright spot is that although overall registrations of cultivars is down slightly for 2020, the number of first-time hybridizers has been higher. I'm looking forward to seeing interesting and different daylilies from these first-time registrants.

The society's Software Development (Rebecca Board) has been busy writing code to improve the Daylily Database. The number of non-English speaking hybridizers has been increasing and thus the number of daylilies named with words that include diacritical marks has increased. Soon names that use accent marks (tildes, inverted breves, circumflexes) will be possible in the database.

I have reported previously about the project of finding and adding photos for older cultivars in the Database, and I'm happy to report that to date, almost 1,500 images have been identified and added by the Registration Image Collection Sub-Committee and the Registrar.

There is a 2021 National Daylily Convention planned for May 20-21 (Diamond Dusted Daylilies in the South) in Hattiesburg, MS. The website is up and accepting registrations for the 75th Annual Daylily Convention. Hope to see lots of you in Hattiesburg in May. The annual convention for 2022 is set to be held in Asheville and there is a commitment from Utah for 2023.

If you are looking for a different Christmas gift for a friend or family member this year, let me suggest a Gift Membership or a beautiful hardcover book on daylilies, which can be ordered on daylilies.org. I plan to do this to support the society and avoid the malls. There will be an online auction sometime early in 2021 to raise funds. These very successful auctions always have interesting artwork, jewelry, services, plants, and tools. Check daylilies.org or American Hemerocallis Society: Daylilies on Facebook for dates and details.

Becky Hinshaw

Membership Chair

Does your daylily group have a newsletter? It is a great way to inform and engage your membership. A newsletter that is filled with interesting and timely articles and provides members with updates of what is going on can be a lifeline for your group. A monthly or even bi-monthly newsletter can convey a lot of information. Some of your members may not be able to come to all your meetings. A newsletter in their inbox not only keeps them up to date but also keeps them connected and interested.



So, whose job is it to put a newsletter together? You will need one person to be responsible for compiling the articles and reports – the editor – preferably not a group officer. The articles should come from your membership and do not have to be novels. They should be concise and convey interesting tips. The editor should never be the one to have to write everything but should contact members about writing articles and then be the one to compile it all. There is software available that can help create a newsletter your members will look forward to reading. Putting together a newsletter can be something like a recipe. There are some things that would always be in it, then you add other "ingredients" to spice it up, keep things lively, and make it interesting.

Create a header that will become your newsletter logo. Pick two or three things that will always be in your newsletter and assign the appropriate member to be responsible for those contributions. Examples would be "Notice of the Next Meeting," "President's Corner," "Project Updates," etc. In each issue, include at least one personal gardening experience article – WITH PICTURES! Pictures really do speak a thousand words! How about an educational article? These could be written by various group members, focusing on their area of expertise or interest. A little bit of humor is always good. There are lots and lots of internet memes that you can use to fill a gap here and there.

Set a deadline for each issue and stick to it. Send the newsletter out to everyone's inbox at the same time. When your members know it is coming, they will be looking for it. A well-done newsletter will be something that your members will keep and refer to time and again!

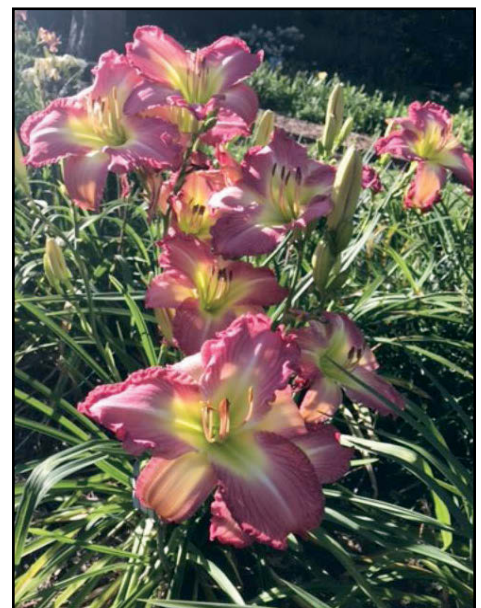
A newsletter is just one way of keeping your group connected, interested, informed, and engaged. It will be worth the effort – give it a try!

We've included a few screen shots on page 17 to get you inspired to take action.

Pat Mansfield

Right: Beautiful backlit 'A Friend to All' (Shooter 2008)

photo Donna Martin



Robert Sellman

Carolina Service Award

Robert Selman is the winner of the 2020 Carolina Service Award. Actually, he was nominated by two different people. The following is a composite of both their nomination letters.

It is easy to see evidence of Robert Selman's work in educating people about daylilies through the various social media groups and upon visits to Blue Ridge Daylilies. Robert readily shares his wealth of knowledge to promote daylilies and the enjoyment of daylilies with everyone who asks – from novice gardeners to experienced hybridizers.

Upon visiting his garden or his social media sites, it is evident that Robert is an artist who uses daylilies as his medium. The first glimpse of the garden from around the curve as you drive in is a favorite view of mine. It is just a peek into Robert's world, a magical place filled with birdhouses, hats, experiences, expertise, and a veritable Eden of plant material that is all set to showcase the genus *Hemerocallis*.

As a hybridizer, Robert has given us Aliens in a series, explained Walmartians, made me want to explore various parts of Asheville, brought Wacky Dragons back, schooled us in Abstract Geometry and Weird Science, set Lofty Expectations, and helped all to see the Sunny Side of the Street. He has registered close to 300 daylilies at this point.



For many years, Robert has provided our region and the nation with a garden oasis of beauty, wonder and pure joy with row after row of well-grown daylilies and many other plantings that add intrigue to the whole garden experience. Many of us in Region 15 have enjoyed the beautiful gardens at Blue Ridge Daylilies and more than a few of us make the trek to Blue Ridge Daylilies an annual outing. This multi-club picnic has become a homecoming of sorts for daylily and plant lovers. At the picnic, everyone is welcome, food and



beverages are provided, and multiple drawings are held for new intros. Sharing daylilies and the joy of daylilies has become a way of life for Robert.

Robert received the RW Munson Award for 'Alien DNA' (Sellman 2009) in 2017, along with 2 AM's, 13 HM's and 4 Junior Citations in recent years for his fine hybridizing work. He has also been awarded the Region 15 Jeffcoat Award for 'Alien DNA.'

Robert regularly encourages garden visitors to join the ADS and a local daylily club and to get involved in regional events. In support of this region, he has generously donated a large number of plants on a regular basis to our regional spring and fall meetings.

Robert is an ambassador for daylilies – his wealth of knowledge, sense of community in ADS, and love of people and plants make him a strong candidate for the Carolina Service Award.

Submitted separately by Michael Luther and Jean-Marie Smith
photos left and top Eric Simpson, above Robert Selman

Robert worked to help bring the 2014 national to our region, and the 2022 convention will be hosted here due to his tireless efforts. He has served as a local club president and continues to speak to a variety of interested groups.

Robert has always been very generous to local clubs when traveling and at regional and national events. His giving nature is an asset to all who visit the garden and he has greatly contributed to the joy of growing daylilies. Many a new daylily enthusiast has been born and cultivated at his daylily farm through his hard work and ambassadorship. Robert's willingness to serve and share his time and plants are evidence of his dedication to promoting daylilies and our region.

Pat Mansfield

Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award

I respectfully would like to nominate Pat Mansfield of Coastal NC Daylily Society (CNCDS) for the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award for 2020. Pat exemplifies the daylily lover that goes above and beyond to promote daylilies as the "perfect perennial." She does this on professional level as the owner and grower of Mansfield's Daylilies and on a social level as the president of the CNCDS, and on a personal level in the mentoring of her grandchildren on the joy of growing daylilies.



Pat retired in 2018 from her position of Engineer for the Division One N.C. Department of Transportation's Roadside Environmental Unit where she was charged

with developing harmony between the natural and man-made environments along North Carolina's roadways.

If you pass under an interchange on Highway 64 with landscaped slopes, visit a beautifully landscaped state Welcome Center like the one in the Dismal Swamp, or look at miles of daylilies planted on a highway median, well, Pat might have had a hand in making them all happen.

As Pat approached retirement, she and her husband Bill committed to establishing a nursery devoted to daylilies. To date, they boast over fifteen hundred cultivars and have plans to expand.

I have been in her gardens and watched Pat's interactions with the general public. Her approach is not one to sell any given cultivar, but more to explain the characteristics of the plant and how it might fare in a new location. She is extremely knowledgeable and enjoys sharing that information without personal bias.

Pat regularly meets with any garden group that is in search of a speaker. As president of the CNCDS, she makes sure every meeting has an educational component. Every monthly newsletter has an educational component which may be as simple as how to assess the soil in a garden or how to hybridize and track a new daylily. She speaks from her personal experience as a gardener but is open to new ideas and techniques.



Her passion for promoting daylilies was demonstrated in the planning for the Region 15 Fall Meeting. Pat insisted on an "A" list set of speakers for the event. She wanted speakers that would have relevance to all levels, from beginners up to the professional

grower. And she wanted voices that hadn't been heard before in the Region. As a personal goal she shared with everyone on the OBX Autumn 2020 committee was that we need to produce an event at least as good as Lilyhemmer. An event our guests will talk about for a long while.



On a personal level, Pat has instilled a love for daylilies in her two granddaughters. Visiting the garden on any given day, it's obvious that the two young ladies know their stuff when it comes to daylilies. To grow our Society and the ADS ranks in general, Pat proposed that the CNCDS create a Junior level membership, which was approved.

I have been a member of the Region 3's Tidewater Daylily Club, have been to numerous Regional Meetings, and have been to two ADS National conventions, meeting the movers and shakers of the daylily world. I can honestly say that I have never met a person quite like Pat in her seemingly endless energy and passion for promoting any and all things daylily. It is for all the examples listed that I again think she is most deserving of the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award.



Submitted by Ken Ferguson
photos Ken Ferguson



You should be buying your 2021 calendars soon and writing in those doctors' appointments that are made every six months or every year. While you're scribbling those in, don't forget to mark October 8 & 9 for OBX Autumn 2021. Then keep all your fingers and toes crossed things will improve enough that we're able to hold the Fall Meeting that has been cheerfully planned twice (!) by the folks with Coastal NC Daylily Society.

The party isn't over...it just hasn't started yet!



2020 Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award Winner

'Windyhill's Designer Red' by Wanda Quinn

Region 15 has a strong complement of hybridizers, each developing flowers that convey their varied creativity and artistic skills. 2020 brought a wide field of entries – 15 – for voting. This year's winner is 'Windyhill's Designer Red' registered by Wanda Quinn in 2015.

We've decided to show the flowers that came in second and third for your viewing pleasure (shown below left to right). Tied for runner-up is 'Ann's Blue Eyes' (Stadler 2017) and 'Blue Lightning' (Simpson-E., 2019). Third place is 'Into the Galaxies' (Gluck 2017).



Above: Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award Winner 'Windyhill's Designer Red' (Quinn-W., 2015)
all photos provided by the hybridizers



2020 Popularity Poll Winner

'Cat Dancer' by Gail Moore

- 28 votes 'Cat Dancer' (Moore-G., 1992) (right)
- 22 votes 'Breathing in Snowflakes' (Douglas-H., 2016) (below, left)
- 22 votes 'Mean Green' (Davisson-J., 2008) (below, 2nd from left)
- 19 votes 'Papa Goose' (Douglas-H., 2011) (below, 3rd from left)
- 18 votes 'Claudine's Charm' (Sellers 2000) (below, 4th from left)
- 18 votes 'Primal Scream' (Hanson-C., 1994) (below, right)
- 18 votes 'Webster's Pink Wonder' (Webster-Cobb, 2003)
- 16 votes 'Curls Gone Wild' (Selman 2012)
- 16 votes 'Orange Velvet' (Joiner 1988)

See the full voting results list at regiona15daylily.org

all photos provided by the hybridizers



Species Daylily Identification

Tony Avent (with Curtis Barnes, moving out of the photo to the right) spent time picking out clumps of species from the National Arboretum collection.

In this case, he has identified *Hemerocallis middendorffii* (USNA 54847), although these scapes are much taller than they should be. It is remarkable that the plant was blooming this robustly on September 11, well past the "normal" daylily season.

Photo Linda Sue Barnes



Late-Breaking News!

Region 15 Winners

Extra Large Diameter



'Jordan's Jazz'
(Santa Lucia 2011)

Junior Citation



'Infinite Dreams'
(Simpson-E., 2020)



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

Honorable Mention



'Asheville After Dark'
(Selman 2014)



'Southern Shiner'
(Douglas-H., 2016)



'Meme's Merlot'
(Douglas-H., 2016)



'Carolina Sugar Daddy'
(Selman 2008)



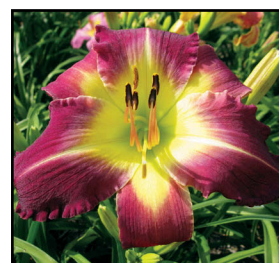
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'The Carpenter's Heart'
(Simpson-E., 2016)



'Becky Adams'
(Selman 2010)



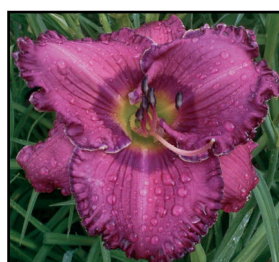
'Ken Can Do'
(Owen-P., 2015)



'Browns Ferry Elegance'
(Douglas-C., 2017)



'Kangaroo Court'
(Owen-P., 2014)



'One for the Road'
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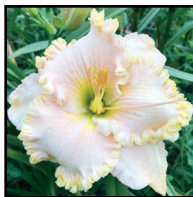
Daylily Grandchildren

by Nancy Womack

No, this is not the same article that appeared in the Spring 2020 *Hemalina*. With apologies to Raymond Quinn, it is an off-handed sequel inspired by his article, “How to Be a Good Daylily Grandparent” – a sequel with an entirely different approach. While Raymond used the grandparent metaphor as a reference to hybridizers and the seedlings they create from pod parents and pollen parents, this article will focus on literal Region 15 grandchildren and how their grandparents are sharing their knowledge and love of daylilies as they nurture a new generation who just may be our future club and regional officers, our hybridizers, our ADS leaders.

Based on my own experience as a grandparent combined with those of the people I interviewed, the consensus is that it is never too early to get children into the garden. There’s always something to intrigue them.

Marlon and Ann Howell, members of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club, are the grandparents of **Carter (5)** and **Leah Howell (2)**. They report that their little ones just like being outside with them— as happy to pull the heads off clover blooms and put them in piles as they are to pick a tomato or admire a beautiful daylily. Marlon has registered cultivars in honor of each of them in the year of their births: ‘**Grandpa’s Joy**’ (2015) for Carter and ‘**Grandpa’s Perfect Princess**’ (2018) for Leah. The Howells are a multi-generational daylily family, with Marlon gaining his love from his grandmother and mother. Now he and Ann are grandparents themselves, passing it on to the next generation.



Above, clockwise from upper right: (l-r) Leah Howell, vying for cutest grandchild ever; Leah’s namesake ‘Grandpa’s Perfect Princess’ (Howell 2018); Carter Howell’s namesake ‘Grandpa’s Joy’ (Howell 2015); Grandpa Howell and Carter working the soil photos Ann Howell

Pat and Bill Mansfield, members of the Coastal NC Daylily Society, have two sets of grandchildren: **Rebecca (13)** and **Abbie Chappell (8)** and **Benjamin (9)** and **Lovie Mansfield (3)**. Rebecca and Abbie live close by and enjoy helping in the garden and going to club meetings. Rebecca even takes minutes for meetings



when their secretary is unable to attend, and both girls enjoy going on club outings. Rebecca and Abbie are developing an interest in hybridizing. Abbie made her first crosses this year. She also likes to dig plants and help get them ready for shipping. While Benjamin and Lovie do not live close enough to be actively involved in the garden, they are very aware of Mansfield Daylilies. Their mother, Samantha, does all the computer work for the business and lets the children draw names for lucky winners of free daylilies each week during daylily shipping season. They have also gone on daylily club outings with their grandparents and cousins. Pat is a firm believer in encouraging children to LOVE plants. “Nothing makes me any happier,” she says.



First column, lower right, then clockwise from top: Abbie Chappell shows off her seeds; (l-r) Benjamin and Lovie Mansfield and Abbie Chappell enjoy a tractor ride with their grandfather Bill Mansfield; Abbie works in the dirt; Lovie checks the water situation; Rebecca Chappell in the Mansfield daylily garden photos Pat Mansfield

Kirk and Nan Milleman of Foothills Daylily Society also have two sets of grandchildren. Their oldest grandchild, **Cory Terrell (20)**, grew up in Ohio. Their other grandchildren, **Ruby (19)**, **Tommy (17)**, and **Jason Schumacher (14)**, are Florida natives, so the logical retirement location for Kirk and Nan was NC—half way between their two children and their families. After moving to Rutherfordton in 2011, they made it a point when the grandchildren were younger to have all four of them come at the same time each year for summer visits. As daylily enthusiasts themselves, newly bitten by the hybridizing bug, it was also logical that they would



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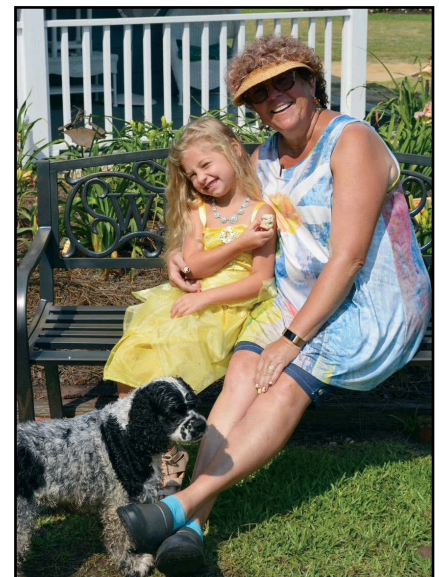
involve the children in their daily routine – get up early and do crosses. To make it easier for themselves and especially for the grandchildren, the Millemans devised a unique color-coded labeling method to distinguish diploids from tetraploids. Their dips have pink markers; tets have silver ones. With the simple lesson that pink had to be crossed with pink, and silver with silver, the kids readily took to hybridizing. The boys, especially, hybridized with creative enthusiasm; Ruby with a bit more scientific approach combined with natural instinct. One of the first hybridizing goals the younger boys set for themselves was to make a bacon-colored daylily, so they crossed reds with near whites hoping for stripes. Jason got a beautiful orange; Tommy, a lovely pink. Disappointing? Maybe, but what a lesson in genetics! All four of the Milleman grandchildren



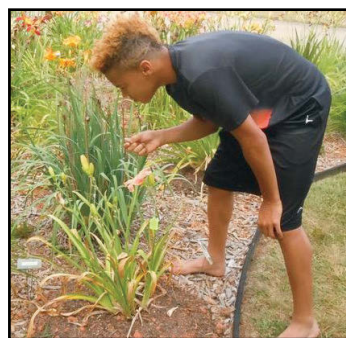
as much as they care to without pushing them. The only “requirement” they have is they have to attend and assist with Browns Ferry Garden’s annual open house, an event that runs for up to two consecutive days. When their first granddaughter, **Kelsey**, turned ten, she asked to have her party in the garden so her friends could learn to hybridize. It was at this party that her five-year old sister, **Caroline (now 15)**, also developed an interest in hybridizing. Heidi notes that Caroline is a natural at making



good crosses producing excellent seedlings, some of which she and Charles used themselves in their hybridizing programs since Caroline’s interest has currently waned. Caroline and her twin brother, **Carter**, are freshmen in high school with other interests more typical of their peers. Now, great grandchildren are waiting in the wings – **Luke** who is five, **Alaina**, who will be six in November, and **Nolan**, not yet two. Heidi describes Alaina as a “hot mess,” who wears princess dresses to the garden and whose favorite thing is glitter. Traditionally, Charles and Heidi have named daylilies for each of their grandchildren when they are old enough to pick out their very own flower. Alaina keeps changing her mind on which one to pick, but she is adamant about one thing: she doesn’t want her daylily to be named ‘Alaina Ryann,’ her first and middle names, as has been the case with the other daylily namesakes. She wants hers to be ‘Alaina Ellis,’ her first and last name, because she has a friend named Ellis and wants to share it with her. It’s too early to tell if either of the great grandchildren will follow in the footprints of Charles and Heidi, but one thing is for sure, this little princess has already learned a lot about being a great little person.



Above, top to bottom: Caroline hybridizing in 2012 when she was almost 7 photo Heidi Douglas; Alaina, in one of her frilly princess dresses, enjoys the garden with ‘Meme’ Heidi Douglas photo Kathy Tinius



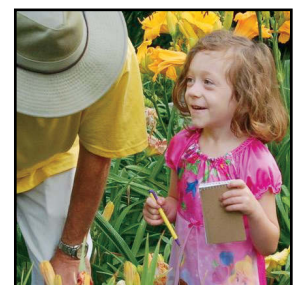
Page 10, right column, bottom: Jason Schumacher’s bacon-colored daylily seedling
Page 11, top to bottom: (l-r) Nan Milleman and her granddaughter Ruby Schumacher making crosses and notes; (l-r) Tommy and Ruby Schumacher talk about daylilies with their grandfather Kirk Milleman; (l-r) Jason Schumacher and Cory Terrell working on their daylily crosses photos Nan Milleman

Charles and Heidi Douglas of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club are not only daylily grandparents, but also, daylily great-grandparents. Their philosophy regarding kids in the garden is to let them engage with their hybridizing/commercial garden

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The Granddaughters of Piedmont Daylily Club members **Bill and Linda Gluck—Katherine (17) and Elizabeth Gluck (15)**—spent many happy times when they were younger “doing daylilies” with their grandparents. Even as a six-year old, Katherine always wanted to help. Once when her grandfather could think of no

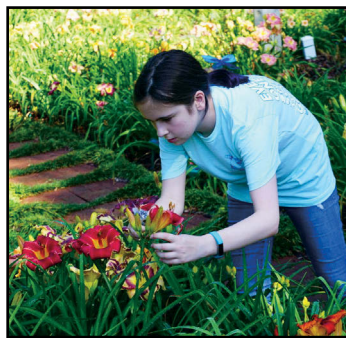
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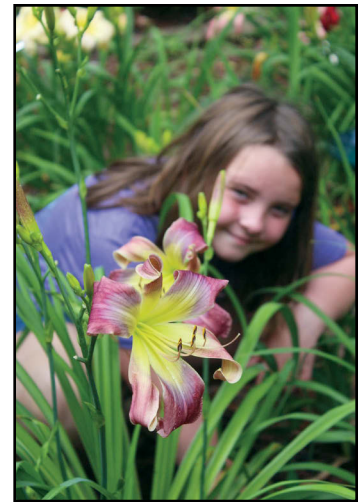
chore to give her, she came up with one of her own—cleaning all the plant labels without moving a single one. As she and her sister grew older, they were both intent learners interested in everything from having their own garden plots, to hybridizing, to showing daylilies, and winning awards. Once, following one of Bill’s multiple hospitalizations as he fought cancer, the girls decided to have their own private daylily show with Grandpa as the judge. Linda guided them as they chose and groomed their entries themselves. Everything was kept anonymous as in a real show. Bill said he was very relieved when the winners were revealed and the winning points were almost evenly distributed between the two. The girls currently live in Dallas, TX, so visits to Belinda Gardens are fewer and further between. They may not be quite as enamored with daylilies now as they once were, but the days they spent with their grandparents as children will be a part of their lives forever. And I’d be willing to bet that daylilies will be too.



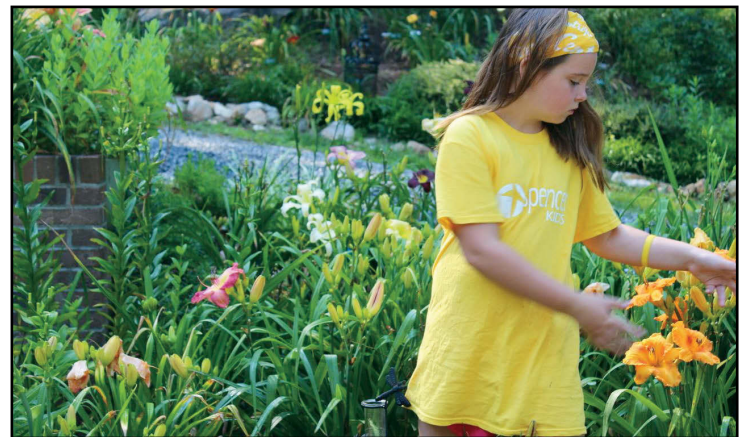
Page 11, bottom right, then this page, clockwise top to bottom: Elizabeth was never without her pad and pencil in the garden; Linda Gluck instructs granddaughters (-r) Katherine and Elizabeth on the finer details of preparing flowers for a show; Bill introduced the girls very early to his favorite flowers; Katherine working on her hybridizing program; Katherine won 1st Place in Youth Division with a scape she selected and groomed herself *photos Bill & Linda Gluck*

My own granddaughter, **Miah McCluney (10)**, has known about and loved daylilies since she was a toddler when I, along with her paternal grandparents, provided child care while her parents worked. On the days she stayed at my house, we spent hours outside in the garden. During bloom season, her passion was plucking the heads off daylily blooms and lining them up on a patio table. Mine was photographing the flowers, so we had a running battle with my constant refrain, “wait till I take a picture of that

one.” I think she got tired of hearing it, so at age three she declared she wanted her own garden — “a purple and pink one.” Of course, she got it and still helps maintain it. When Miah was seven, I paid for her Youth membership in ADS and took her (and her mother) with me to the National Convention at Myrtle Beach. There she met other young people from throughout the country, several of whom took her under their wings and made her feel a part of the group, especially Tucker Gaby, the 2019 winner of the Christine Erin Stamile Youth Award. At the kids' auction, he even told the other kids not to outbid her on a certain purple daylily, ‘**Bible Grove**’ (Bouman 2008), because it was one she wanted and he made sure she got it. It’s doing well in her garden and is one of her favorite daylilies. She is still an ADS youth member who loves getting *The Daylily Journal* and the *Hemalina* in the mail. As a daylily photographer herself now, she is entering photos this year in both the regional and national photo contests. She’s looking forward to being a tour guide and golf cart driver when my garden is on tour at the Region 15 summer meeting next year. We’re also talking about doing a few crosses next summer possibly for a future science fair project, and she is already looking forward to attending the 2022 National in Asheville.



I started this article with an apology. I will end it the same way — this time to all the other grandparents out there who are probably doing the same things as those mentioned here. I just didn’t know who you are, but I hope you will continue to share your love and your passion for daylilies with all the children you know and love. Finally, to all of you who made it through this rather lengthy epistle, remember these names: Carter and Leah Howell, Rebecca and Abbie Chappell, Benjamin and Lovie Mansfield, Cory Terrell, Ruby, Tommy, and Jason Schumacher, Katherine and Elizabeth Gluck, Caroline McGhee, Alaina Ellis, and Miah McCluney. I think at least some of them will be showing up in their own right in future publications as ADS leaders, photographers, and hybridizers.



This column, top to bottom: Miah McCluney poses with her namesake, ‘Miah Grace’ (Hensley-D., 2011); Miah admires the flowers as she works in her grandmother’s garden *photos Nancy Womack*

Correction

Remember this set of photos in the last edition that was attributed to Ken Cobb? Ken brought them to our attention — and he let us know they were actually taken by Linda Sue Barnes.



In Silent Song

She chases dragonflies
and things with wings,
she shoots the moon
and other things
that have no voice yet speak to her.

In silent song they draw her in
to see a world where few have been
and dance a while upon the wind.

She chases dragonflies
and things with wings
on such a day as this.

Sheila Caldon

Right: Sheila Caldon in her island bed in July
photo Sheila Caldon

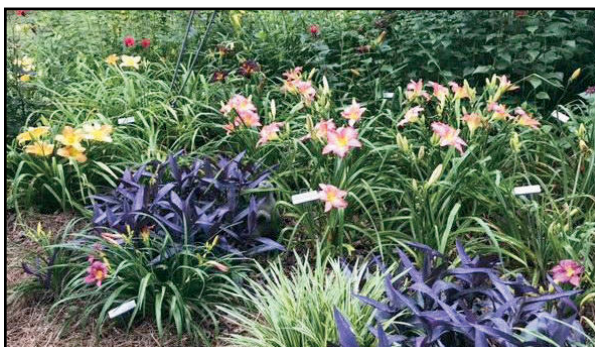


Revisiting Bunny Trails

with Donna & Brian Martin

We all enjoy revisiting gardens we've toured during past Summer Meetings and one of our favorites was the delightful Bunny Trails Garden in Peltzer, SC,

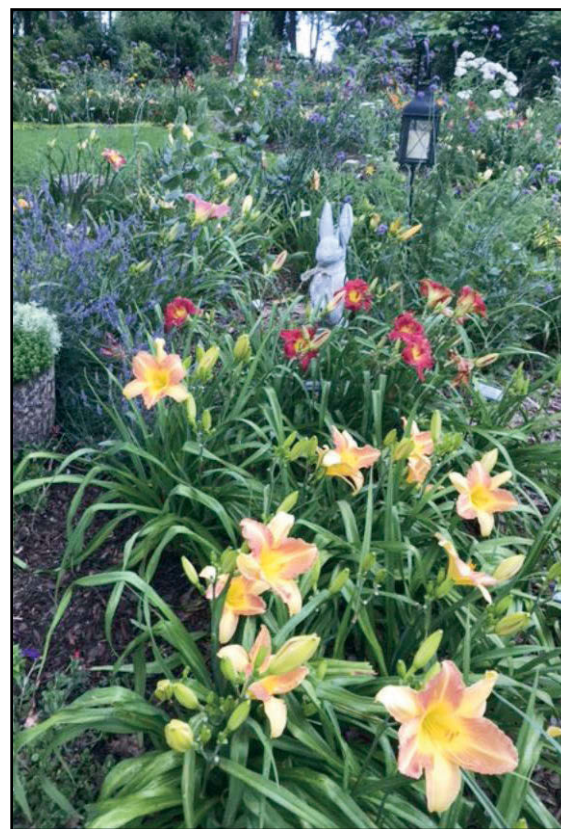
the home of Donna and Brian Martin. This year their garden was even more beautiful. As you can see by these photos, the Martins are masters at combining color and texture of companion plants with just the right color, size, and shape of daylily.



Left, top and bottom: The deep purple of the Wandering Jew beautifully sets off the sweet pinks and yellows in these daylilies; Bunny Trails is proud to be an AHS Display Garden and the Martins have placed their sign where it again highlights their skill at combining daylilies with just the right annuals and perennials

Right: One of the namesake bunny statues that give Bunny Trails its name peers over the flower beds

photos Donna Martin



Gall Midge Update

Gall midge has now been identified in Maine. Of course that is still far from the Carolinas, but remember that if you are buying plants from a northern grower the best way — or perhaps the worst way — to speed the movement of the insect is to move a plant potted in soil or one with buds.

Linda Sue Barnes
Scientific Liaison

Right: Photo of *Contarinia quinquenotata* gall midge
photo permission requested of Ron Pilcher Flickr account



Nostalgic Daylilies: Remembering Plants, People, and Events

by Ken Cobb

Happy Birthday AHS Region 15! Yes, the “baby” of AHS has turned 60! To celebrate, here are some “nostalgic” daylilies with Carolina origins, but also a few from regions 3, 5, and 12. Most know that NC and SC spun off from Region 5 (GA) in 1960, but few probably know that NC was originally in Region 3 when the first 10 regions were formed in 1948 and Region 5 originally included FL, AL, and MS, besides SC. NC only joined Region 5 in 1951.

The word “Nostalgic” is not in the daylily lexicon. Just what do I mean? Nostalgic daylilies may be historical (old), historic (significant in some way), or even relatively new. Some are not even what one would call eye-candy. What all have in common is a backstory melding smiles with a few mixed feelings. Some I still grow, and some are now just memories.

Shortly after moving to Raleigh, I purchased my first five from Lolita Powell of Princeton, NC. In following years, I received her trademark catalogs with scribbling in the margins. I only recall her rosy lavender ‘**Lavender Punch**’ (Powell-L.K., 1974). The other four were lost in the mist of time and remain anonymous nostalgics - planting the seed for my coming obsession.

In 1979, I accidentally stumbled upon my first daylily show and immediately joined the club when their slick-talking spokesperson promised free daylilies at the next meeting that would be worth more than the \$1 cost of membership. At that meeting, I surprisingly discovered that Harvey and Edith Horne, who I already knew from church, were charter members of both AHS Region 15 and the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club. Harvey invited me over that fall while digging/dividing. He would dig a clump and say, “Do you have this one?” I would reply, “No, Harvey! You know I don’t!” He would dig another and we would laughingly repeat that exchange again and again as I filled bags with dozens of plants. Among those was ‘**Butterpat**’ (Kennedy, 1970), one of the famous award-winning three-some from Farr medalist Bob Kennedy that included 1972 registrations ‘**Raindrop**’ and ‘**Puddin**’ – all from the same seed pod.

At the 1985 Region 15 Silver Anniversary summer meeting in Raleigh, the Horne and Cobb gardens were both on tour. As ballots were being counted for Best Small/Mini clump, it appeared that there would be a tie. At the last minute, Bob Kennedy handed in his ballot. The tied cultivars were Kennedy’s ‘**Puddin**’ in the Horne garden and ‘**Butterpat**’ in the Cobb garden. Bob broke the tie by voting for his own ‘**Butterpat**,’ (the image of that 1985 winning clump is shown to the right). Ironically, I had beaten my mentor with his own plant! There were two identical clumps that remain in the same locations today; so who knows which really won!



Harvey also gave me one that became a running joke between us – Dr. James Miles’ ‘**Double Sunset Glow**’ (Miles-J., 1968). Miles, from Clemson, SC, was among the earliest doubles hybridizers and perhaps the only major one who ever solely bred doubles. Miles loved to talk non-stop about line breeding his kids, perhaps not exaggerating that they were “probably the most significant advancement in recent daylily history.” His mantra was, “Even a blind man can tell a double daylily blossom from a single one!” My three favorite Miles



plants, gifted from among his hundreds of great double cultivars, are ‘**Double Old Ivory**’ (1979), frequently mistaken for a peony or chrysanthemum blossom, ‘**Triple**’ (1978), and ‘**Double Pompon**’ (1972), shown to the left. However, Harvey and I shared the opinion that ‘**Double Sunset Glow**’ was one of those that only a blind man could love. For at least ten years, Harvey would ask how it was growing, knowing full well it was the first I ever composted. It is nostalgic because I cannot think of the kind and generous Dr. Miles or his many finer cultivars without always thinking of that banter about ‘**Double Sunset Glow**.’

Daylilies on the covers of AHS publications once had to be anonymous, if not generic. I had *Hem-alina* artist Cheryl Postlewait sketch Bob Elliott’s daylily ‘**Inez Day**’ (Elliott, 1979) for the front and back covers of the 1990 Judging Daylilies

binder using the image to the right for inspiration. The design reflected the drawing outside-of-the-lines concepts she had used on the 1987/88 Winter *Hem-alina* front and back covers, an all-time favorite nostalgic cover. Bob never knew and I’ve kept that nostalgic secret for thirty years.

In 1981, on my first tour of Charlotte Holman’s garden, I bought a somewhat nondescript yellow ‘**Ella Gee**’ (Holman, 1975) – left photo at the top of page 15. Her garden was the historic site of the 1959 vote (effective in 1960) to split NC and SC from GA and to create Region 15. I thought her garden a magical place – daylilies under the high shade of pines, with Japanese Painted ferns and clumps of horsetail rush abounding. That day there was a man touting her daylilies like a used car salesman. A few years later, this same man spoke at the regional meeting in Greensboro, NC. There was a beautiful daylily arrangement beside the lectern. As he got up to speak, he pulled off a bloom and ate it. There was a gasp, then someone in the back brought the house down with one word, “Systemic!” I grow other Holman daylilies, but never look at ‘**Ella Gee**’ without thinking of the man who has been a friend since that day in Charlotte’s garden, Mr. Z., Ed Zahler, for whom systemic insecticides seem to agree!





At my first regional fall meeting, I had bid on a plant, but as the price rose, I became reluctant to continue. A stranger at the next table said, "Go ahead and bid again! It is a great plant that will do well for you!" So, I raised the bid another 25 and won it. '**Venice Days**' (Munson-R.W., 1971) became my first auction win at \$2.50. (Yes, in the early 1980s, minimum bid increments were 25 cents.) It was good advice and when I recall that plant I always think of that "stranger" who became a good friend, another Farr medalist, Van Sellers.

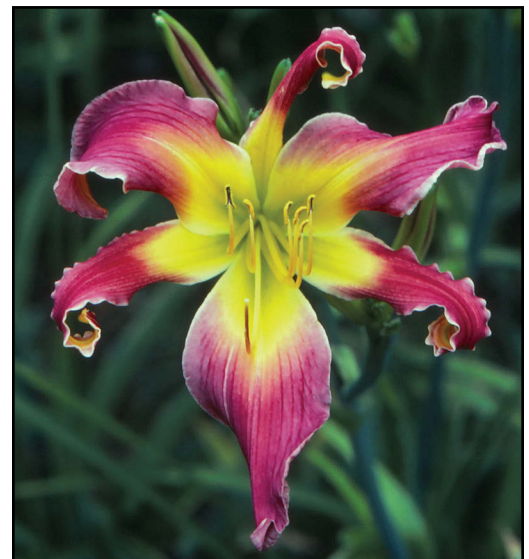


and impervious to insects as shown to the right. He gifted all attendees with a fan of this striking gold UF at the 2011 Region 3 summer tour. It is a nostalgic for several reasons. I recall their banquet speaker was changing the battery in his camera in a tour garden when he suddenly realized that the incessant throb of the diesel engine had stopped. Rushing to the front yard, his heart sank as the bus disappeared over the hill. Luckily, a garden helper, an ex-road racer, knew a back

One of my all-time favorite daylilies is Farr medalist Jim Murphy's '**Celebrating Gold**' (Murphy-J.P., 2011) – tall, sturdy, road to cut off the bus. Hopping in her jeep, they raced off on a hilly road with curves like a snake and no guard rails. Arriving at the main highway, she said to wait a bit. Five minutes grew into ten with more panic ensuing. But, then over the rise came the bus. The banquet speaker stepped into the road and waved it down. The bus stopped and let him on. No words were exchanged with the driver or those on the bus! Whenever I admire this recent nostalgic, I always think of how that evening the banquet speaker got his revenge by presenting a historical quiz that every attendee flunked. Served them right for leaving "me" stranded in a tour garden!

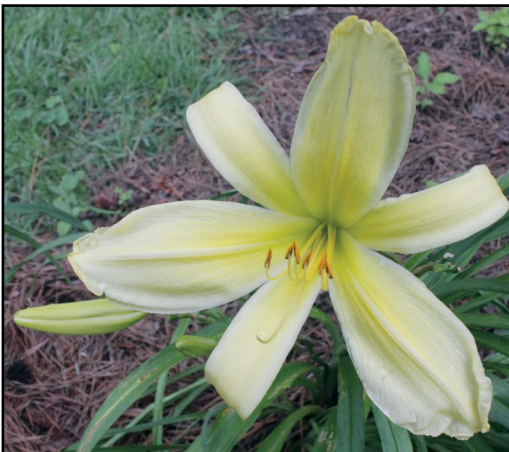


My newest nostalgic and a favorite performer is '**A.W. Shucks**' (Herrington-T., 2014) as shown to the left. It reminds me of Farr medalist and the funniest daylily humorist alive, Georgia's Tim Herrington. Tim founded the first virtual club in AHS, the A.W. Shucks Fan Club, to honor my alter ego. He continues to make me laugh on a daily basis. To quote Tim, this red-purple spider is "deceptive and devious like its namesake."



a real "character" and protégé of fellow NC State University Professor Baker Wynne from whom he learned a lot about daylilies, speaking bluntly, and daylily feuds. When Lambert was just starting to hybridize in 1952, he publicly stated he would concentrate on "breeding for breaks." Lambert wrote that upon hearing this, Baker bluntly told him that "making such a comment would be proof-positive that I really didn't know what I was doing and that, if this were my real intention, I would do well to let the bees do the pollination for me."

Farr medalist Dr. John Lambert was



Lambert's yellow '**Limited Edition**' (1969), left, is nostalgic as the name even implies his further belief that it was only necessary to create a single seed pod to obtain such a "break." Following that advice, I crossed his yellow with '**Lilting Lavender**' (Childs-F., 1973) to produce the rosy-purple '**Mighty Mighty Tightly**' (Cobb-K., 1987), to the right above from just one seed pod.



During a "roast" of Dr. Lambert, it was suggested that he name his last daylily '**That's That**' (1990) (right), which he did after much brouhaha with the Registrar over use of apostrophes. To that end, I have only touched on a few of my nostalgics, but like John, for now *that's that!*

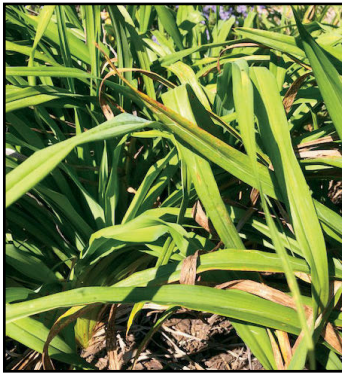
Photos Ken Cobb except 'That's That' photographed by Marianne Joordens

Display Gardens

With Wanda Quinn



Mitchell Hagler of Serenity Garden When Wanda asked us to share a stress relieving garden task, I immediately thought of the major task I have been doing: cutting back my daylilies. I'm not sure how necessary it is or even how helpful it is for the plants, but it is an opportunity to clean up dead foliage and gather any weeds that have cropped up. It also gives me a chance to concentrate on individual cultivars, taking note of how well they have grown, how many scapes they produced, and even



to cement in my mind where each is in the garden. It gives me time to focus on my new plants and see how they have grown in just one season. And yes, it has been a stress reliever because my life has been so boring due to the COVID-19 virus. I have kept pretty isolated and count an occasional trip to the grocery store an exciting event! If I did not have my garden and several specific tasks that needed to be done and that take a long time to complete, I would really be bonkers by now. The only downside is that I have used electric clippers that keep my hand in a curved position for long stretches at a time. As a result, my hand cramps and at night when I finally relax, my fingers feel as if they are asleep. So, while mentally I am in a better place because of the garden and the tasks that are calling me to do them, physically I am having to take a couple of Tylenol to recover!

Gail & Wayne Buff of Secluded Gardens Covid-19 has insured that we spend plenty of time in Secluded Gardens and Secluded Gardens has provided us with plenty of things to do. Maintaining a daylily display garden is truly a commitment of time, energy, resources, and much more.

First of all, when you purchase 30+ new daylilies in late winter, you then need to find spots for them in the gardens. We were able to squeeze them into our existing beds, all the while removing weeds and grasses which know no season. Spring was also a great time for sprucing up and rearranging our yard art.

Second, we welcomed 100+ visitors to our gardens during the spring 2020 bloom season; we were all appropriately socially distanced. It was great to have people visiting the gardens and



enjoying being outdoors. In addition to daylilies, our visitors appreciated the many impromptu concerts provided by the wide variety of songbirds that inhabit Secluded Gardens.

Third, when you purchase another 30+ daylilies near the end of summer, you then need to find spots for them in the beds. This means it's time for some of the older daylily varieties to find new homes – which might be in visitors' gardens or in the sale beds of Wingard's Market – but they *will* find a new place to live. Meanwhile, upgrading beds requires removing new weeds, adding plenty of organic materials (leaves, compost, manure), planting new daylilies, removing daylilies, restoring daylily signs, adding pine straw mulch for weed and moisture control, and providing irrigation when nature's watering is not sufficient. Maintaining Secluded Gardens is a year-round process, just as it is for all daylily Display Gardens. In the meantime, we are stretching, bending, walking, and getting plenty of vitamin D.



Paul Owen of Slightly Different Nursery This year has most certainly been a strange one, hasn't it??? The idea of planning or expecting anything to play out the way we think, well...has all pretty much been thrown out the window. There's definitely pros and cons to everything in life. While the fear of losing friends and family to this pandemic has been privately very real, so have the unexpected changes I've seen in how flexible and understanding people have become. Since I downsized my sales inventory last fall, the "stay at home" deal had orders coming in like crazy well into the spring shipping season. I started to become a bit panicked I'd literally run out! By open garden time (June-July), I decided that to keep things "safe," I wouldn't dig orders on the spot, just offer free shipping, or, better yet, I offered pick up in the fall when I could include divisions of other types of plants people admired while here. This worked out SO well that for the first time in decades I was able to actually spend time walking and talking with people who came long distances to see the gardens – instead of digging like a deranged idiot the entire time! Whatta concept! It was the most relaxing "bubble" to live in and getting to know fellow gardeners much better was truly an unexpected treat. I think I'll keep doing it this way every year, pandemic or not! The online orders never slowed through the summer, and by the fall, we had quadruple the norm in shipping. Thank God we had rain this year and a TON of increase!

There have been some very difficult times to get through this year. Having a garden (especially one so huge) has been a true Godsend – a refuge, really, where everything is simply very, very beautiful. Working in it makes me feel as if the world is right again, even if that "world" is really just a bubble of reality in my own back yard.

While lots of these new customers who emerged from the shutdown might find other things to do next year, I honestly think many of them have found the true joy of gardening, and will come back for more! With that great hope in mind, I confess I must have made over 30K daylily seeds this year. I finally let the inspiration I'd been holding back (in large part) totally explode, with visions of sharing the beauty with many more people in years to come!

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER - by Pat Mansfield

WOW, what a bloom season this has been. Aren't the colors brilliant this year? In our garden, the Lates and the Rebloomers are still going strong.

We had a great time at our June Picnic. Good food, and great fellowship and plenty of social distancing!

Being under the tent for our picnic helped us visualize what it will be like for the OBX 2020 Autumn Regional meeting in October. It helped us solidify our thoughts on using a larger tent and I am happy to report that Dotti has worked with Carl Curnutte to secure that tent for us! She also lined up our meeting at the Gardens on July 14 so each member can see firsthand where everything will be set up.

We are anxiously waiting to hear what the Governor's decree will be on July 17 concerning COVID-19 restrictions and their effect on large gatherings. In the meantime, we are moving full steam ahead with background preparations as if nothing is looming on the horizon.



Carol and Janet have been working on the cards for the goodie bags and they are absolutely the most wonderful cards I've ever seen! These ladies have put a lot of time and energy into filling our bags with a treasure trove of wonderful goodies! We are also adding hand sanitizer and a mask to the bags.

We have secured the website and Madonna Witte, our computer guru, has made sure all the security issues for on-line payments have been addressed. Our web address is coastalncdaylily.org. We are finishing up a few details and when it has gone "live", we will send you all an email so you can check it out!

There's a lot going on, and a lot left to get done. Thank you to all who have been working on the upcoming Regional, especially to Ken Ferguson, our cheerleading Chairman, for his tireless efforts to make this the absolute BEST Regional meeting ever! His creativity and energy are the combination we needed.



Carl will welcome us and give a brief tour of each member can "scope" out the area of the particular responsibilities will be associated with any logistics for doing so. Facial coverings anywhere outside where you are unable to so please bring and wear yours where req

HOLD YOUR EMAILS... We have a winner!

DAYLILY TRIVIA duex was answered in a flash. **Beverly Ambrose** is Shari Dee.

question Why is the name DAYLILIES incorrect?

answer A Daylily is not a true Lily. Lilies grow from bulbs.

Maybe that was too easy? So let's try this one more time. The first email to me (kferguson@mchsi.com) with the correct answer to the question below will win one of my newest daylilies, *Spud's Kindergarten*.

question What do the words: watermark, band, and halo have in common?



Spud's Kindergarten —Ferguson, K —2020

50-16= You do the math.

Our rooms at the hotel are filling. When we go online with the registration form in 10 days, they will fill fast. Reserve your room now online or call the hotel directly.

Comfort Inn On the Ocean Group Name: American Daylily Society Region 15
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The Coastal NC Daylily Society has implemented a newsletter to keep its members connected and in touch, and has it ever been effective.

An active club still planning to host the 2021 Fall Meeting, Coastal NC needs to be able to accurately keep members updated in a time when face-to-face meetings are limited. Ken Ferguson and Pat Mansfield have established a process to produce upbeat, fact-filled, and complete 4-8 page newsletters that are emailed to members and interested parties each month. Here are a few snapshots from recent issues.

THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO... Hummmmmmm...?

If you have ever cracked open a daylily seed pod, you probably found beautifully rounded, shiny black seeds in 3 distinct chambers.



BUT, have you ever come across a daylily seed pod with 4 or more segments?

To understand how this happens, we need to go back to the anatomy of a daylily flower.

SINGLE flowers consist of 2 whorls or layers of perianth segments. Translated that means 3 sepals and 3 petals. It also has 6 stamens and 1 pistil. The end of the pistil is the stigma which has 3 segments [pic at left]. The stigma sits on the style, which has 3 tubes that descend into a 3 chambered ovary [pic at right, cross section] at the bottom of the flower.



DOUBLE flowers consist of 2 whorls or layers of PETALS. Most doubles express 6 stamens and 1 pistil that are easy to identify.



If you would like more information on how they got started, the software they use, and how they put each issue together please contact Pat or Ken at coastalncdaylilies@gmail.com

The Myth of the Green Thumb

by Bill Hurt

"Gardening is not some sort of game by which one proves his superiority over others, nor is it a marketplace for the display of elegant things that others cannot afford. It is, on the contrary, a growing work of creation, endless in its challenging elements. It is not a monument or achievement but is a kind of pilgrimage, often a bit grubby and sweaty, though true pilgrims do not mind that. A garden is not a picture, but a language, which is of course the major art of life!"

--from *The Essential Earthman* by famed Washington Post Garden Columnist Henry Mitchell.



July had just ended with twenty-five days above ninety degrees and scattered storms bringing very little relief. August arrived and the last flowers swayed on tall spindly scapes or disappeared down in the foliage on short stumpy scapes. Back in May, the record-breaking late frosts and freezes hit those late bloomers hard, with the result that their scapes were barely tall enough for the blooms to be

seen. Not much a gardener can do but accept the fact that climate change plays havoc with all our plants. Fortunately, early and mid-season daylilies did put on quite a show.

It begs the questions, "How do we make the next season the best it can be?" and "Must one have a green thumb to be a successful gardener?" The anticipation and excitement in the marrow of every gardener begins to wane with thoughts of the heat, having to water, fighting deer, dealing with crown rot, fending off insects, and grooming the garden every day rain or shine. When you are over 70 and your bones begin to creak and you wear a back brace for support, it can all be a little discouraging. But we know when you look at your pictures and reread the thank you notes and letters from garden visitors telling you how much they loved your garden, those challenges begin to melt away.

I often quote the phrase, "The next daylily season will be the best season!" I find this stirs the passion still there under all the



complaints about the elements, and I find it very motivating.

One may ask what a daylily gardener does after bloom season to impact the next year? Does he start to paint that thumb green?

If I were a hybridizer I might spend a great deal of time checking the seed pods I harvested, labeled, bagged, and placed in my refrigerator for next season. As Display Garden owners with a dream goal to have a garden that wows visitors, tempting them to return each year and to grow daylilies of their own, we are very busy between early August and our first frost in late October. This is true hard work, but we understand it increases our chances for successful bloom in the spring.

We groom all spent blooms through the entire season whether there are any visitors or not. Scapes are cut out as soon as bloom completes – we believe this prevents rot by removing moisture from that spent scape. Proliferations are saved and rooted to provide plants to donate or share with others. We cut the scape above and below the proliferation, trim away the covering at the base, rub rooting hormone over the area, plant them in pots that are kept moist to grow roots and foliage. Some of the newest introductions we buy put on these little plants their first year, which we save and take to regional auctions while others are given away at our Open Garden.

We have a long list of routine tasks that are essential to plant health and vigor. Monthly spraying of Armada (fungicide) to prevent rust, weekly watering of all beds if we get less than an inch of rain, and spraying deer repellent on budding scapes are just three of our time-consuming tasks.

Equally important are the daily observations made in all the beds, which are key to maintaining plant health. Plants are no different from people in that if they live in a constant stressful environment they are highly subject to disease and death. Daylily stresses that are noted in the daily observations include:

- Overgrown clumps with many weak and dying fans, which is especially significant in the center of the clump.
- Yellowing of daylily fans starting on the outer leaves, which could be a sign of crown rot.
- Plants that are spent after blooming has finished. The foliage can have brown tips, lots of dead leaves around the plant base, and signs of a yellow powder of rust may be seen beginning. Heavy dews and heat above 90° may accentuate this stress.
- Overcrowded plants that have encroached on slower growing varieties. These can be moved later in the fall when dividing others creates space.

Throughout the bloom season we compost all blooms in a tumbler with a pan to capture the fluid oozing from the decaying material, also known as compost tea. We add this to new beds and it really boosts the growth of those planted in the past spring.

The next key task is to evaluate plant performance and to select varieties we'll divide and share with visitors. I have been asked numerous times how does one know when plants need to be divided. I'm sure each of you seasoned growers have your own methods but here are mine.



First, I look at clump size. While large, overgrown clumps are easy to recognize, since some varieties increase more quickly than others, this can't be the only decider. For the next indicator I watch each variety with special attention to bloom size, scape height and strength against the standard. Weak scapes and small blooms indicate the fans could benefit from dividing and refurbishing. My last indicator comes from comparing the number of years it has been planted in our garden versus the overall vigor of the clump. The clump size may still be small but the plant may be crying out to be refurbished. Finally, since I can't ever tolerate throwing away any extra daylily plants, we must do the planning



for where all these extras will go. Garden visitors leave their contact information in our guest register. We send them names and pictures of all the divided plants so they can select their free plants, which we send on a first return basis. Any plants left after this are donated to our local club.

We also use these months to order plants from hybridizers before they are sold out. To make sure our display garden has all plants appropriately and consistently labeled, we order plant labels for all new acquisitions.

Through all of this hard work on these key tasks between August and October, we nurture both our plants and our visitors. When we get told we must have a "green thumb," we smile and say, "You can, too!" The best Daylily season is always the next season. Happy Gardening!

Photos page 18 left column, top and bottom: Dividing, cleaning, and preparing plants for visitors, hard work is the backbone of any great daylily garden *photo top Bill Hurt photo bottom Cecil Martin*

Page 18 right column: Replanting builds our garden's future *photo Cecil Martin*
Above: Dozens and dozens of freshly-dug divisions are ready to be handed out to visitors *photo Bill Hurt*



Summer Meeting Update

This time last year Foothills Daylily Society was excited about announcing plans for a spectacular Region 15 Summer Meeting—"20/20 Daylily Vision." Then came Covid-19: cancellation of the meeting, followed by a commitment to reschedule for summer 2021. Now, as we look ahead toward next summer, we find ourselves still in uncertain times with lots of questions about what will happen with the pandemic as we move into fall and winter and as cases continue to escalate.

Currently, we are proceeding with caution — still planning, still hoping to host the regional meeting **June 18-20, 2021**. We are discussing various options and plan to reassess the situation in February. Whatever we do, it will be in compliance with any CDC guidelines in place at the time. Our primary concern is safety for everyone involved. Meanwhile, save the date. With all the work we did last year, we have plans in place that we can implement on fairly short notice. We REALLY want you to come to the foothills next summer. Until we can tell you something more specific, please stay safe and well.

Nancy Womack, Chair
 2021 Summer Regional Planning Committee

The Gleaners

by Joe Phillip

Daylilies in bloom, fields of flowers. Beautiful but how short of season. Is that all?



There's more! Watching my wife, Geri, while we were cleaning up, I was reminded of my art appreciation class in third grade over 65 years ago. Specifically, *The Gleaners* by Jean-Francis Millet, 1857.



"Beauty is in the eye of the beholder" someone once said. Indeed, *My Gleaner* by Joe Phillip, 2020!



A Region 15 Riddle to Wile Away the Winter

Ken Ferguson

Sharpen your pencils and get your thinking caps on. Your objective: determine the name of each garden owner and the names of the four cultivars they grow based on these rules:



Five Region 15 daylily growers (**Bill, Becky, Michael, Mitchell, and Eric**) have their gardens next to one another, where they grow three FORMS of daylilies:

DOUBLES (Siloam Double Classic, Siloam Double Duty, Siloam Double Fancy, and Siloam Double Good)

SINGLES (Killer, Lunacy, Merlot, and Nosferatu)

UFOs (Heavenly Red Streaker, Heavenly Starfire, Heavenly Twisted, and Heavenly Velociraptor).

They grow the 12 different cultivars listed above.

Everybody grows exactly four different cultivars.

Each cultivar is in at least one garden.

Only one cultivar is in four gardens.

Only in one garden are all three forms of daylilies.

Only in one garden are all four cultivars of one form of daylily.

Siloam Double Duty is only in the two border gardens.

Michael's garden is in the middle with no Heavenly Velociraptor.

Heavenly Red Streaker's grower doesn't grow singles.

Heavenly Starfire's growers don't grow Lunacy.

Siloam Double Fancy's grower also has Merlot and Lunacy.

In the first garden are Siloam Double Classic and Siloam Double Good.

Siloam Double Good is only in two gardens.

Becky has Nosferatu and Siloam Double Good.

Eric grows exactly two forms of doubles.

Heavenly Twisted is only in two gardens.

Siloam Double Classic is in a single garden.

Lunacy is only in one garden next to the Mitchell's.

Becky's garden is not on the border.

Bill grows neither singles nor Heavenly Red Streaker.

Michael has exactly three forms of singles.

What daylilies did Bill, Becky, Michael, Mitchell, and Eric plant, and where?



Clockwise from near right: 'Merlot' (Stamile 2009) photo Kate with daylilyandirisobsession.com; 'Siloam Double Classic' (Henry-P., 1985) photo Kathy Dolge; 'Heavenly Starfire' (Gossard 2001) photo Jamie Gossard; artwork, middle, Ron Leishman



Garden 1	Garden 2	Garden 3	Garden 4	Garden 5
Owner:	Owner:	Owner:	Owner:	Owner:
Cultivars:	Cultivars:	Cultivars:	Cultivars:	Cultivars:
1.	1.	1.	1.	1.
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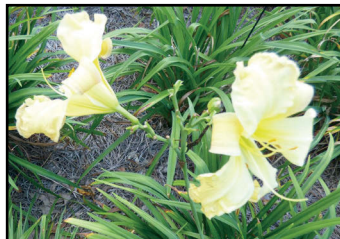
Late Bloomers

No Wallflowers in This Group

In a year filled with disappointments, our favorite flower has given us moments of delight in our darkest hours. While the usual daylily season was complete months ago, rebloomers and re-rebloomers have been sparkling in some gardens. It became difficult to capture the "last" daylilies in most folks' gardens. As it got closer to press time, I was still hearing from lucky gardeners. For example, Ann Howell told me on October 18 that Don Albers' **'Beach Beacon'** (Albers 2001) was blooming. Unfortunately, it wasn't a great example of the flower so she didn't take a photo, but it was blooming in her garden.



Above: 'New Testament' (Guidry 1981) blooming October 16 in Sandra Pound's garden *photo Sandra Pound*



Above: 'Frivolous Frills' (McFarland 1966) or **'Lunar Sea'** (Munson-R.W., 1982) blooming October 17 in Sandra Pound's garden *photo Sandra Pound*



Above left: 'Alien Artifact' (Selman 2019) blooming October 24 in Summit Lakes Garden *photo Bill Hurt*

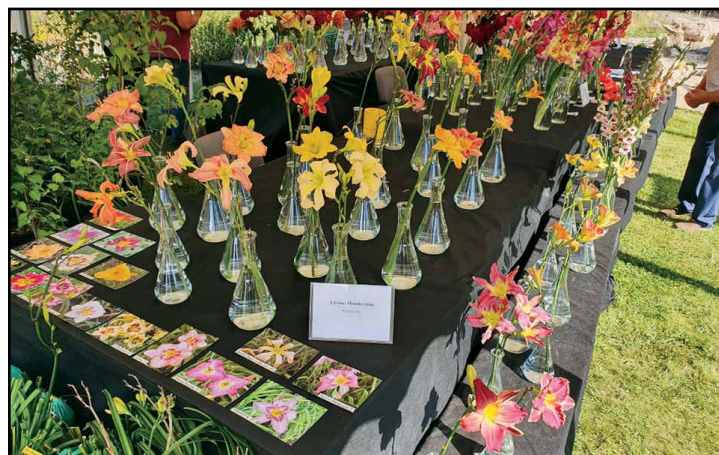
Above right: Subhana Ansari seedling blooming October 11 in Penny Calhoun's garden *photo Penny Calhoun*

Left: 'Mr and Mrs Bubbs' (Douglas-H., 2018) blooming October 20 in Summit Lakes Garden (note the buds!) *photo Bill Hurt*

There Was a Flower Show!

With Edvinas Misiukevičius

Those of you who don't follow Edvinas, our favorite Lithuanian, on Facebook should at least take a peek at his page. His garden is stunning and gets better with each season. In August, he had the opportunity to take a mass of his scapes to a display at the Šiaulių University Botanical Gardens, and the results speak for themselves.



Hey, I have a question you might help with...

Posed by Linda Sue Barnes

I have a question for Region 15 daylily growers. Why am I suddenly losing plants I have grown for years? At the botanical garden, I have lost several plants that I have had for years. The plants don't have the horrible odor at the base that I have noticed with sudden demise in years gone by; a few of the plants have had some odor, but not really strong. Some of the plants have disappeared so quickly I didn't even notice anything was wrong, they were just gone. The plants in question are in different beds. **'Always Afternoon'** (Morss 1987) in the Stout Medal bed was covered in rust earlier in the year but bloomed nicely. Then a couple of weeks ago it was gone! **'Eggplant Escapade'** (Reed 1996) in the large diploid bed didn't have rust that I noticed. That bed, in general, had less rust than much of the garden; additional compost in that bed meant it is raised higher than several of the other beds. **'Eggplant Escapade'** disappeared before I noticed anything wrong with it. Yesterday, to my sorrow, I found a blank place where **'Margo Reed Indeed'** (Murphy-J.P., 2004) belongs in the Unusual Form bed. Just this week (mid-October), three of

the new species plants that I got from Tony Avent appear to have gone to daylily heaven. That bed did have a lot of rust, though not as heavy as the tet beds or on many of the Stout Medal winners. Two of the new species were planted a little deeper than I would have placed them, but the crowns were still not more than an inch below ground. These plants look like crown rot, but without the horrible smell. No daylilies had been in the species bed before these were planted. There are other deceased plants in other beds. If anyone has any suggestions as to why this is happening, and more importantly, what I can do to prevent, it please contact me. We'll publish the answers in the next edition.

Linda Sue Barnes
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Right: 'Margo Reed Indeed' (Murphy-J.P., 2004) in better days *photo Linda Sue Barnes*



A Wonderful Summer

By Rita Katz

In this 2020 year of COVID-19, it has been difficult to enjoy socializing with fellow daylily lovers to discuss the beautiful details of our favorite topic – DAYLILIES! However, in addition to going outside in my garden every day, I did manage to escape to two lovely paradises.



My first adventure was just fifteen minutes away to the delightful Bledsoe Daylily Gardens - an AHS Display Garden. Buster and his son Terry had designated just one week when visitors would be welcome. It was an exciting time to experience the beginning of the season in their beautiful gardens, and we looked forward to the visit with great anticipation. It had rained a few days earlier and they had postponed the visiting week by a few days, but that rain seemed to make

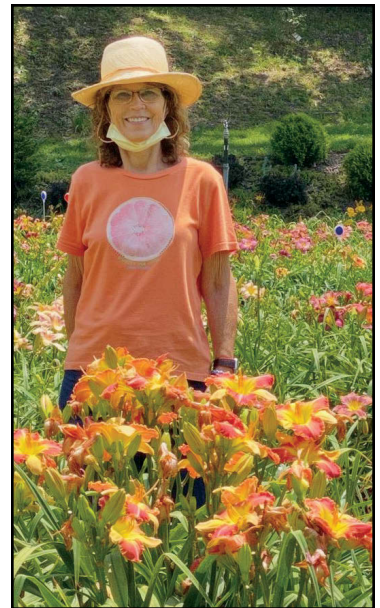


the daylilies even more special and beautiful! We missed only our friend Katherine Bledsoe, who we knew was enjoying the gorgeous garden and beautiful day from heaven! I did take a few photos so you could enjoy it, too. Even with everyone wearing masks, the tour was most pleasing and we appreciated the Bledsoe's safely opening their gardens to us!

Each day this summer I walked around in my yard and took photos of a newly blooming plant. My husband would ask me why was I doing that since he was sure I took the same photos last year! I could only say that it was too pretty not to capture and keep it on my camera!

A couple weeks later he said he would drive me up the mountain, about two hours away, to see Blue Ridge Daylilies with me. What joy! Of course our friends Robert Selman and Eric Simpson were there waiting for visitors on that Saturday in July. A wonderful time to be in the mountains but guess what? It was still a hot day! No surprise, the daylilies were outstanding. The special "daylily club day" was not held this year due to Covid, but we still had a fabulous time. This visit was one of the highlights of my summer since my trip to Montreal was cancelled! After spending hours examining new seedlings and old favorites we purchased a favorite of the day. It was with sadness that we said our goodbyes with hopes of returning again soon. Then off to enjoy a great meal at a nearby restaurant in Weaverville.

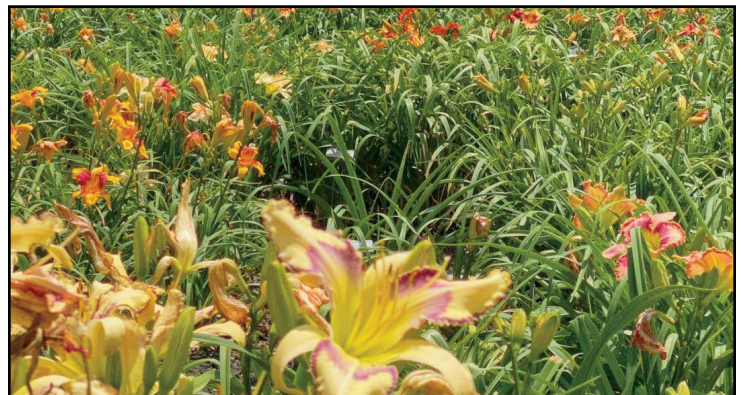
All in all, a wonderful summer.



Left column, top to bottom: The Bledsoe Daylily Gardens; Linda Elliott-Rudasill, a retired teacher from Shelby, NC, enjoys the gardens; Buster Bledsoe with his beloved daylilies

Right column, top to bottom: Rita Katz enjoying the hot summer; 'Tom Wise' (Joiner 1980) was very showy in the Katz garden; Marc Katz enjoying the mix of plants and garden art at Blue Ridge Daylilies; view across the hundreds of plants at Blue Ridge Daylilies

photos Rita Katz



Poetry Corner

Good Night My Friends

My daylilies are slowly going to bed for another year.
I can hear them say in a sleepy voice
"Good night my friends thanks for everything.
You gave me food to eat and water to drink,
and I provided you with beauty for your eyes to behold.
I'm tired and weak and I need my rest but I'll be back next year.
I'm going to sleep to regain my strength for the coming year."
and I say to them "Good night my friends, good night."

Perry Gaskins
Beautiful Day Gardens



Above: The daylily beds at Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's Summit Lakes Garden are tucked in for the winter photos Bill Hurt

Update on the 2021 ADS National Convention

With fingers crossed that the stars align and we're able to have a convention in 2021, the host clubs have opened registration and released their website ahs2021national.org. The Hattiesburg Area Daylily Society (HADS) and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Daylily Society (MGCDS) wish to invite you to the 2021 ADS National Convention in Hattiesburg, MS. The dates will be Thursday May 20 – Saturday May 22, 2021. The Convention will be held at the Lake Terrace Convention Center, 1 Convention Center Plaza, Hattiesburg, MS 39401. Please note that Hattiesburg does not have a hotel large enough to accommodate all convention goers, and they've made arrangements with three hotels for special convention rates. If you are planning to travel to the convention with others, make sure you pick the same hotel – check <https://ahs2021national.com/hotels-eats/> for details.



Diamond Dusted Daylilies in the South

75th Annual ADS National Convention May 20-22, 2021 Hattiesburg, Ms.



Plant Sale Help for the 2022 ADS National Convention

Almost two years from now, the ADS National Convention will return to Region 15 when the Western North Carolina Daylily Club hosts the convention in Asheville, NC. Volunteers have been lining up to help with all aspects of running the convention, and hybridizers have sent their seedlings so they'll be well grown in time for voting.

One of the convention co-chairs, Eric Simpson, would like to put the word out that they need additional help with the plant sale. **If you'd like to chair the committee or know you'll have plants to donate, please get in touch with Eric at simpsondaylilies@gmail.com and**

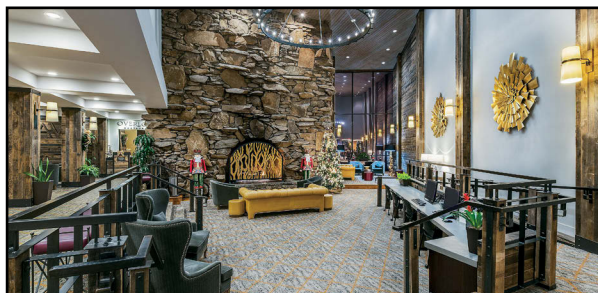


let him know how you can help.

The convention will take place at the Asheville Crowne Plaza Resort Hotel, which has been delightfully renovated since our last visit (see photos left above and to the right).

Of course, excursions will be arranged to the sumptuous Biltmore Estate!

Can't wait!



In Memoriam

Gail Moore

We have lost one of those very special people you never forget from the Piedmont Daylily Club (PDC). Gail Moore will forever be missed.

Club members talk about their first visits to the Piedmont Daylily Club and how Gail impressed them and was so friendly. Personally, I met Gail when we were in Nursing School at Presbyterian Hospital. How many of you knew that she was a nurse? Not many people knew because she was always quiet and didn't talk about herself. Gail and I met again when someone told me the place to go buy daylilies was at Cat's Paw. Was I surprised when I found out the owners were Gail and Tommy Moore.

Gail and Tommy became our mentors and suppliers of many great daylilies. We spent hours under the big pecan trees in their backyard, and I learned quite a lot about landscaping from her. True to the name of her garden, we had great fun watching her cats playing around.

Gail had a lot of great seedlings but only introduced a few. Since she was a perfectionist with her cultivars, she only picked the best. 'Cat Dancer' (1992) was her greatest introduction. It earned an Honorable Mention in 2012 and an Award of Merit in 2015. Next step would be the Stout Award.

Another introduction was her 'Victoria Grace' (1995). It is a beautiful late bloomer, one of my favorites, and has adorned my birthday cake for many Julys.

Gail and Tommy were such great members of Piedmont Daylily Club. They were always ready to do whatever needed to be done, especially on summer flower show days. They designed and made the original flower

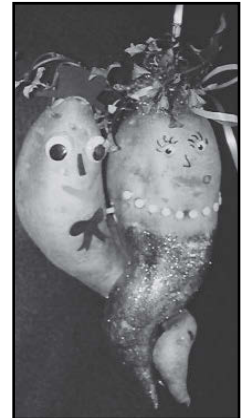


show holders, and we use them to this day. Show placement couldn't have been done without Gail and Tommy. And oh my; when judging time came on show day, Gail's entries almost always went to the head table. She was the main competition in the miniature flower section. It was known that Red Nolen and Gail were great competitors.

We never had to ask twice when sign up time came for monthly meetings and the continental breakfast table. Talk about a good cook – my favorite was her delicious Pralines.

When it came PDC's time to host the Region 15 Summer Meeting and Bill and I had an open garden, here were Gail and Tommy to help us with those final preparations of deadheading, pruning, etc. They were always such hard workers and givers.

Did you know that Gail had an artistic side, too? She loved to grow sweet potatoes and then pick out ones that she could use for table decorations. She dressed one particularly large sweet potato like a baby with a pacifier in its mouth and wrapped it in a blanket, then went off to visit her aunt in the nursing home. She almost got herself run out of the home. A nurse came rushing down the hall and told her that she could not bring an infant into the home. Gail responded to the nurse, "Not even this one?" Can you imagine the look on that nurse's face when she saw that "infant"?



Another good story that Tommy shared with me was about the problem they had with their next door neighbor's dog, Precious. It seems that when Precious came outside, she always came digging in Gail and Tommy's yard. A BB gun was the answer to this problem. It seems Steve Baldwin came to visit and there was Tommy working away in the garden. Gail was sitting in a chair with the BB gun across her lap. Steve said, "That's the way to get the job done," and ran back to his truck to get his camera. Wish I had that picture to share.

As you may have noticed, I can't seem to mention Gail without Tommy. They were such a loving and dedicated couple. Tommy took such good care of Gail during those last years. She will be missed greatly.

Linda Gluck

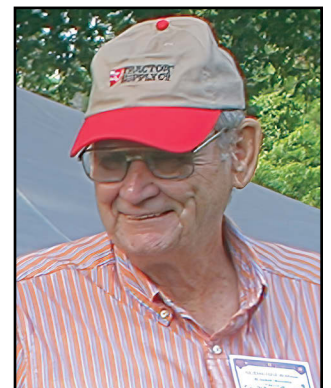
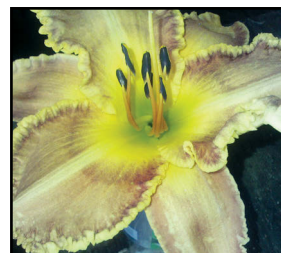
Clockwise from left: Gail Moore's 'Cat Dancer'; Gail Moore with her Best Spider / Variant winner; a sweet potato couple complete with "pearls" decorated by Gail photos Linda Gluck

Scottie Godwin

Sandhills Daylily Club lost a good friend with the death of Scottie Godwin on May 27. He had not been able to participate in club meetings for several years due to declining health, but he was still interested in the club and donated plants for the sale in 2019. Scottie was a charter member of Sandhills Daylily Club and served as our first president. He was involved with the original preparation of the Bettie Jernigan AHS Historical Daylily Display Garden by finding a donor for the topsoil, donating plants, and helping to plant the first cultivars in the garden.

Scottie enjoyed daylily shows and became an Exhibition Judge and later an Exhibition Judge Instructor. He traveled as far as some of the New England states to judge shows. He also enjoyed hybridizing and registered four cultivars: 'Scojoy's J.R. Davis' (2003), 'Scojoy's Papa Stutz' (2003), 'Scojoy's Pink Delight' (2003), and 'Scojoy's Star Duckling' (2003). Scottie was a farmer by profession and grew his daylilies and cannas like his other crops – plenty of fertilizer and water. The results showed. Some of our new members didn't get to know Scottie, but his willingness to help in any way he could is missed by the "old timers" in the club.

Linda Sue Barnes



Above and left: Scottie Godwin photo Rebecca Board; two of the 2018 seedling photos Scottie provided to the Hybridizer Liaison photos Scottie Godwin

'Twas the Week Before Christmas...

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the south
Creatures were still stirring, survival was hand to mouth.

All the daylilies were tucked in their own cozy beds
While visions of next year's blooms danced in their heads.

Mike in Mt. Pleasant and Perry up further north
Had closed up their flower beds, bringing mulch back and forth.

While Dave finished his accounts and Annette penned this without fear
All want to wish you Seasons Greetings and a flowerful New Year.

Annette Kibler
Charleston Daylily Club



Above left to right: 'Blue Christmas' (Simpson-E., 2019) photo Robert Selman;
'Welcome Christmas' (Shooter 2011) photo Kathy Tinius

A World Outside Daylilies

What do you do when you're in a pandemic and you've pulled the last weeds from your garden, made your last cross, put down your last mulch, and you just can't bear to be yard-bound any longer? If you're the Whitleys from the Sandhills Daylily Club, you hit the wilderness far from the crowds.

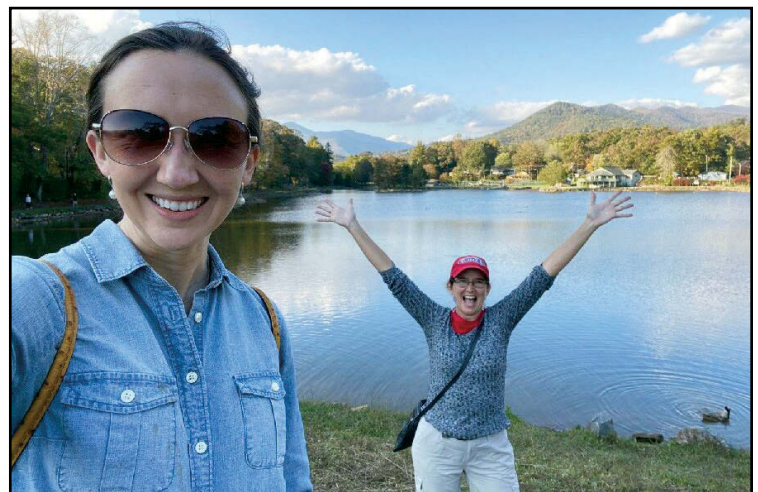
Dawn and Alex took to the water, exploring quiet backwaters on individual kayaks.

Their daughter Erin came along for a foraging excursion where they picked edible greens like chickweed, violets, and quickweed. They also found about fifteen different kinds of mushrooms but only four were edible, including the turkey feather mushroom which also has many medicinal properties.

A jaunt around nearby Tomahawk Lake was an immersion in peace and tranquility. At least until Dawn could no longer contain her excitement about being in such a beautiful place.

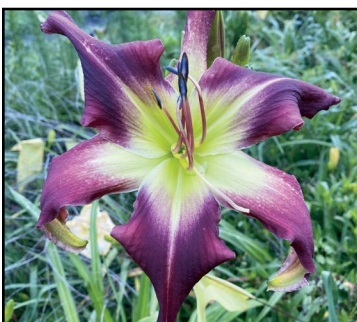


Clockwise from left: (r-l) Erin and Dawn Whitley found fifteen different kinds of mushrooms in the wilderness; Alex Whitley pilots a kayak; (l-r) Dawn and Alex Whitley on the foraging expedition; (r-l) Dawn can barely contain her excitement while posing in front of Tomahawk Lake with all of the Seven Sisters mountain peaks behind her
photos Dawn and Erin Whitley



Freshness

There are few things we seem to enjoy more than gazing at new creations. Each seedling holds a promise for the future. Seeing them energizes us for the new season. Here are four from **Marlon Howell's Southern Charm Gardens**. The last on the right may become "October Bride" because he and Ann got married in October and the color is very close to the color of their bridesmaids' dresses.

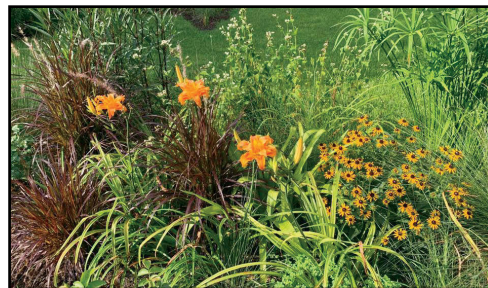


Club News

Charleston Daylily Club by Mike Denson

The Charleston Daylily Club has not met since earlier this year. Mike Denson arranged for club members to visit his gorgeous garden in small, timed groups during peak bloom (sorry, no photos!). Visitors were glad to not only see beautiful blooms but to also socialize with folks they hadn't seen in months.

Right: Members post photos of daylilies grown throughout their own gardens to the Charleston Daylily Club Facebook page for all to enjoy *photo Jan H.*



Coastal NC Daylily Society by Pat Mansfield

Greetings from Coastal NC Daylily Society! We are excited to be moving forward with plans for hosting the 2021 Fall Regional Meeting, OBX Autumn MMXXI (if you are a little rusty on Roman Numerals, that's 2021!). We invite you all to save the date for October 8 & 9, 2021, and join us in the Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo, NC. Our host venue is a living memorial to a time when fanciful and elaborate gardens were kept to entertain Queen Elizabeth I during her reign and to the time when Sir Walter Raleigh's lost colonists lived on Roanoke Island over 400 years ago.

We will be working with our youth members to encourage them to grow daylilies in their own gardens and in a proposed community project. Stay tuned for more information in the future.



Despite public facilities not being available for society meetings, we have been able to get together a few times, meeting in our members' homes and out in their gardens.

In mid-September, we met at the home of Janet & John Hong for our annual Plants for Members auction, after which we were treated to a tour of their beautiful gardens.

A long-time hybridizer, Janet has filled her garden

with her own introductions and other outstanding daylilies. She gifted the society with several seedlings that, though beautiful, are not something she planned to register.

Members dug in, divided and potted over 75 pots of extremely nice double fans to be used at our plant sales next season. It was indeed a fun day of "talking daylily!"

Recently, we welcomed two new members, Marsha Jackson from Gates and Sarah Burket from Hertford. Both Marsha and Sarah have little ones, so our Youth membership also grew by three! Whooooo Hoooooo!

Clockwise from lower left: All of these photos were taken at the Coastal NC Daylily Society's annual Plants for Members auction; (l-r) Pat Mansfield, Dottie Wahler, and Barbara Ambrose pot up daylilies; (l-r) Marsha Jackson talks with Pat Mansfield about certain cultivars; (l-r) Ernie Wahler, Janet Hong, and Marsha Jackson help out; Beverly



Ambrose makes quick work of dividing a large clump; (l-4) Beverly Ambrose and Pat Mansfield load up plants *photos Ken Ferguson*



Many, many thanks to the clubs that have stepped up to host upcoming meetings:

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| Summer 2021 | Foothills Daylily Society |
| Fall 2021 | Coastal NC Daylily Society |
| Summer 2022 | Western North Carolina (National) |
| Fall 2022 | Sandhills Daylily Club |

Foothills Daylily Society by Kirk Milleman

The Foothills Daylily Society hasn't had a meeting since March, but that doesn't mean we've been inactive. The club members have been busy gardening, of course, but they've also been trying to keep busy in other ways. Photography has kept many feeling creative. Viewing photos from club members has been fascinating. Several members put photos in the last *Hemalina* and have entered photos in the Region 15 photo contest. Good luck to them!

A few Foothills Daylily Society members have ventured out to other members' gardens for socially distanced tours.

Speaking of tours, we are still planning to have the 2021 Summer Meeting in our county. Perhaps our new theme could be, **"Gardens so nice, we planned it twice!"** Nancy Womack has an announcement in another part of this issue dealing with the



conference (see page 19). You'll see pictures of our most recent planning meeting here. Maybe for this second go-around, we'll have special masks made up.

Our own Lilyshire Gardens is on the tour and we have been busy making more changes to everything. One addition is our new 32' long raised bed holding registered cultivars from us and our grandchildren. You'll be amazed at what they have accomplished. I know Nancy Womack and John Martin's gardens have also seen changes and additions this summer.

We'll be ready for you. Again. Until then, take care.



Clockwise from left: (l-r) John and Linda Martin listen attentively during a meeting for the 2021 Region 15 Summer Meeting; (l-r) Nancy Womack and Barbara Locricchio at the same planning meeting; Alvin Bly is ready to help the planning process
photos Kirk Milleman



Georgetown Area Daylily Club by Kathy Tinius

After missing each other over the summer, some members of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club got together in early August allegedly for our annual Pop Poll Party. But of course everything took a back seat to just catching up. How was your garden? How are your seedlings? How are your friends, well? How are you holding up? While voting took a back seat that day, we all did end up sending in our ballots.

We've had to cancel our September meeting for several years due to hurricanes, so we no longer schedule a meeting that month. In October, some of us met at Brookgreen Gardens in Murrells Inlet to reconnect and stroll about the gardens. While it didn't cancel our event, a hurricane did interfere. Hurricane Delta's remnants blew through our area just as we were finishing our stroll – bringing a tornado close to Ed Zahler and Duane Therrien's home in Conway, but not damaging their house or garden. Whew!

In November, we had hoped to get together at our third meeting location, a recreation center in Conway. We're expanding our meeting locations in hopes of attracting new members. Unfortunately, very few of our members are willing to meet face to face yet, so we are now planning our first Zoom!

We're also working on which restaurant might be good to hold our Christmas party. With all the places to eat in the Myrtle Beach area, we feel surely there's one where we could sit outside comfortably even in December.

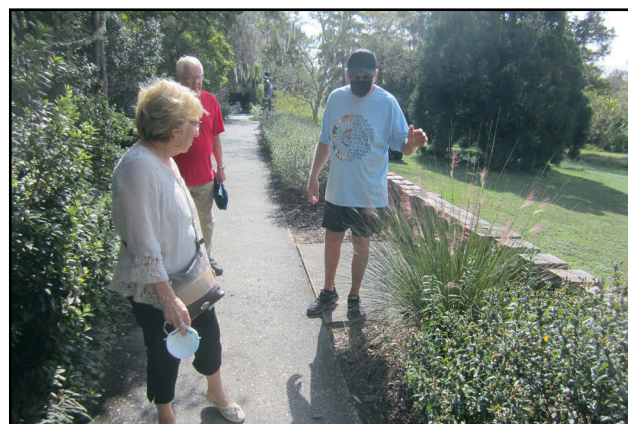


Planning for 2021 has started. We think we'll look more into strolls and open air events for next year.

2021 will be another unusual year, approached with an open mind and open heart.



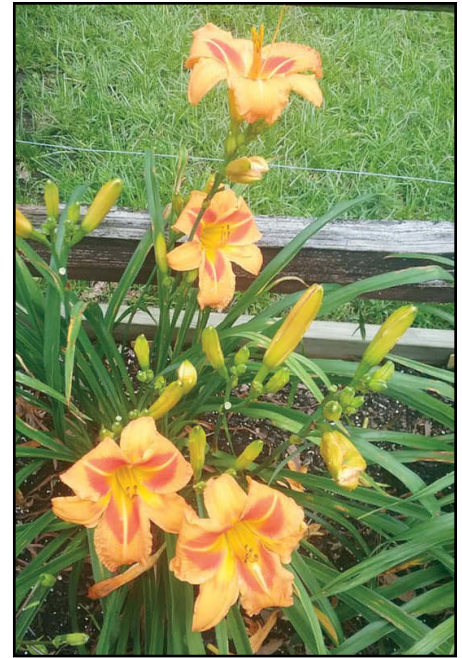
Clockwise from above: At the August Pop Poll Party, (l-r) Charles Douglas, Evelyn Olszewski, and Heidi Douglas take a few moments to look at the summer edition of the *Hemalina* before the meeting dissolved into an hour of chatting and fellowship; during a stroll through Brookgreen Gardens, (l-r) Janice Ullmeyer and Ray Carter listen as Duane Therrien talks about the grasses planted at his and Ed Zahler's I Can't Believe Its a Dip garden; the trio check over Duane and Ed's cultivars before checking out Ray's very healthy introduction planted in the Daylily Walk at Brookgreen Gardens
photos Kathy Tinius



Lowcountry Daylily Club from Facebook

The Lowcountry Daylily Club has not been able to meet since early spring, and members have been staying busy putting in the garden during a really good growing season. Plenty of rain has meant both lush, productive daylilies and vigorous, persistent weeds.

Perry Gaskins is a member of both the Charleston Daylily Club and Lowcountry Daylily Club. He has been busy, as usual, creating some delicious seedlings. Feast your eyes on these flowers that seem to defy categorizing and stretch the bounds of imagination. Time well spent, indeed.



Mid-Carolina Daylily Society kind of by Carolyn Cliett

Carolyn Cliett has been a faithful reporter to the *Hemalina*, hand-writing reports for each edition. Her reports are full of news, information, and insight, and make for delightful reading.

Imagine Carolyn's dismay when a week after she had mailed her current report to the editor, she received an envelope from the post office. Inside was her letter, so mangled by the postal machines it was impossible to pull it open without tearing it to pieces. Tamping down her disappointment, she set to the task of rewriting the report. As she struggled to write, she realized her wrist had swollen and she was unable to read what she had written. In frustration, she called the editor to explain she would not have a report for this edition.

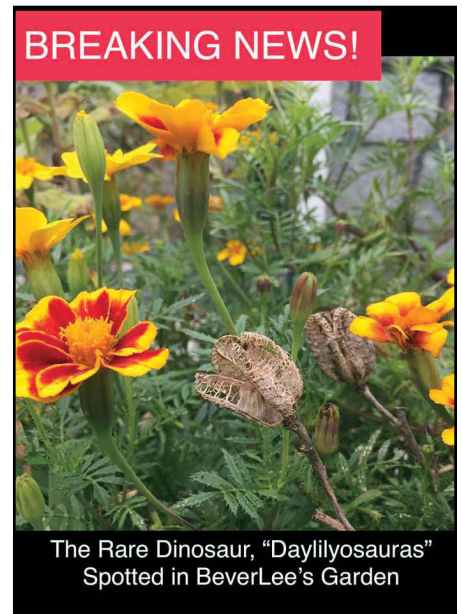
Yeah yeah yeah, certainly, someone in the club could write the report, but it wouldn't be the same – we want to hear from Carolyn and dedication like hers is what makes the daylily community as special as it is.



Mid-Carolina has had a busy late summer and early fall. They've had a program on orchids, talked about what they'd like to see in their plant trades, and welcomed Scott Elliott, president of AHS and a hybridizer from Region 5, for a visit and presentation. Scroll through their Facebook page (Mid-Carolina Daylily Society) to see really great photos of beautiful flowers of all shapes, colors, and sizes.

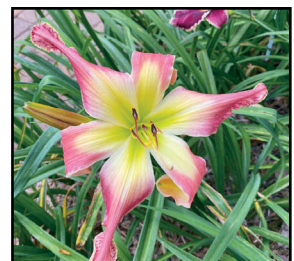
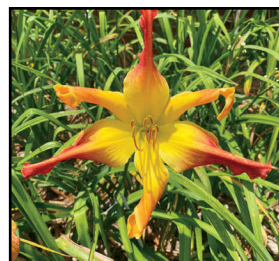
This club has 42 very active members and, as Carolyn has said, "We've always got a chair if you'd like to come visit."

Left then right: AHS president and Region 5 hybridizer Scott Elliott, seen here with a tote bag from his Maneki Neko Gardens, gave an energetic and fascinating presentation to the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society; perennial funny man Lee Breuer can find humor in even the most mundane of things
photos Lee Breuer



Hybridizer Futures

Kenneth Wilkie's seedlings were left out of the big listing in the Summer edition – enjoy! (l-r) Q0001-02 Roses for Dallas x Dreamliner; Q022-01 Rolling Raven x Heavenly United We Stand; V023-01 Alaskan Winter x Heavenly Orange Blaze; Y010-02 (Rolling Raven x Mean Green) x Reddy Freddy; Y010-06 Land of the Free x Reddy Freddy



Piedmont Daylily Club by Mitchell Hagler

The Piedmont Daylily Club is continuing to meet via Zoom. Our September speaker was noted plantsman Jenks Farmer who gave us a virtual tour of his farm and talked about all his plants and gardens and the farming life. He is a sought-after speaker and is the author of *Deep-Rooted Wisdom; Stories and Lessons from Generations of Gardeners* and *Funky Little Flower Farm*. He is the former director of Riverbanks Botanical Garden and founding horticulturist of Moore Farms Garden.

Our speaker for October was David Pike, who is a member of the Charlotte Rose Society and President/Owner of Witherspoon Rose Culture in Durham, NC. This company has installed and cared for homeowners' rose gardens since 1951, and Mr. Pike has been with them since 1979. Their website, witherspoonrose.com, divides the roses into categories with specifics and great photos.

Our November speaker is AHS President Scott Elliott. He will discuss technological growth in AHS, club plans during the pandemic, and his hybridizing program.

We do not meet in December and have our fingers crossed that we will be able to meet in person in 2021.

Our club lost one of its long-time active members, Gail Moore. There is a tribute to Gail in this issue of the Hemalina (see page 24). A donation has been made to AHS in Gail's memory.

After an appeal from Eric Simpson for help for the 2022 AHS National Convention, our Board agreed to be responsible for the table decorations for the banquets. In addition, individual members will also donate plants for the auction.

We are proceeding with plans for a flower show in 2021 and have lined up judges. We are also dedicating the show in memory of Gail Moore and will feature her great flower, 'Cat Dancer' (Moore-G., 1992).

The Region 15 Leadership Team (Michael Luther and I are members) met via Zoom in September. The AHS Board will meet via Zoom in late October.

Above: Jenks Farmer, noted plantsman and speaker at the September meeting of the Piedmont Daylily Club *photo Jenks Farmer*



Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Wanda Quinn

With no meetings in sight, members of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club have been keeping connected through their Instagram account, set up and managed by member Stephen Juhlin. Enjoy some of the entries here and look them up when you can by searching for [raleigh_hemerocallis_club](https://www.instagram.com/raleigh_hemerocallis_club) on Instagram.



Above: 'Get Jiggy' (Stamile 2008)
photo Kim Young



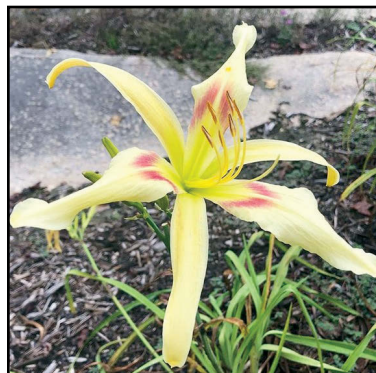
Above: Unnamed Seedling 19-026 (Katiesue Herrington x Boss Hogg) hybridized by Wanda Quinn
photo Wanda Quinn



Above: 'Buttermilk Pie' (Norris-R., 2012)
photo Robin Hough



Above: 'Hush Little Baby' (Sikes 1992)
photo Stephen Juhlin



Above: 'Stephen Smith' (Reed 2014)
photo Kim Young



Above: Showing extreme branching
photo Stephen Edwards

Sandhills Daylily Club by Dawn Whitley

Sandhills Daylily Club has been meeting monthly on Zoom. In addition to club business discussions, each meeting has a presentation from a club member. Dawn Whitley gave a presentation on rust and other daylily diseases. Another presentation was given on hybridizing daylilies (pulled from the daylilies.org offerings). Linda Sue Barnes gave a presentation on the "National That Wasn't." The August meeting had a presentation on "Daylily Pests & Diseases," including their prevention and control.

Each zoom meeting has had a solid representation of members and the technology gets easier to use each time. In addition, members are kept up to date and reminded of meetings in postings to the Sandhills Daylily Club Facebook page.

Preliminary planning is underway for the Sandhills 2021 daylily show and sale. A location is being sought in the Fayetteville area since the Cape Fear Botanical Garden is not available. If you have an idea, let us know.



All are invited to participate in the Sandhills Zoom meetings. Let Dawn Whitley know if you would like to join and she will provide the link. Stay safe!

Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club by Lynne Broderius

From the members of the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club: Our illustrious past five years of maintaining a rotating solid membership of twelve individuals creating a public garden, hosting very successful daylily plant sales, holding two ominous but very successful flower shows, and presenting programs of insatiable topics in daylily-led interest has "aged out."

A Special Thanks To... our ADS Region 15 Hybridizers for their donations to the Tanger Family Bicentennial Gardens:

David Dekort – Paul Foster – Dale Hensley – Vic Santa Lucia – Shooter Family – Cindy & Ken Dye – Perry Gaskins – Eric Simpson – Paul Owen – Rob Cobb – Richard Webster – Gene Tanner – Bill Gluck – Charles & Heidi Douglas – Sharon Yarbrough – Robert Selman

Thank you for your support over the years.
Daylily On Y'all!!! See ya in 2021 at the National!!!

Clockwise from below: The start of the curated Lilly Livingston Daylily Garden at the Tanger Family Bicentennial Gardens; plant sale preparations from two different sales held by the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club *photos Lynne Broderius*



1. Bill – 'Siloam Double Classic' (Henry-P, 1985), 'Siloam Double Good' (Henry-P, 1988), 'Siloam Double Duty' (Henry-P, 1999), and 'Heavenly Starfire' (Gossard 2001)
2. Becky – 'Siloam Double Good' (Henry-P, 1988), 'Heavenly Starfire' (Gossard 2001), 'Nosteratu' (Hanson-C, 1990), and 'Heavenly Twisted' (Gossard 2006)
3. Michael – 'Killer' (Stamile 1992), 'Merlot' (Stamile 2009), 'Nosteratu' (Hanson-C, 1990), and 'Heavenly Starfire' (Gossard 2001)
4. Mitchell – 'Heavenly Red Streaker' (Gossard 2004), 'Heavenly Starfire' (Gossard 2001), 'Heavenly Twisted' (Gossard 2006), and 'Heavenly Velociraptor' (Gossard 2005) *photo, right, Jamie Gossard*
5. Eric – 'Siloam Double Fancy' (Henry-P, 1984), 'Siloam Double Duty' (Henry-P, 1999), 'Lunacy' (Mors 2003), and 'Merlot' (Stamile 2009)

Answers:

A REGION 15 RIDDLE TO WILE AWAY THE WINTER

Upstate Daylily Society by Mary McCabe

August 16 was our regular meeting date at the Hornbuckle Club House in Easley, SC. Erin Carroll gave the welcome to approximately 30 members. Mark Davis, VP, presented our prayer and Karen Manning presented our treasurer's report. Ginny Frechette, as Secretary, followed with her reading of the minutes for the last meeting. It was noted by Erin that our Bell



Collection 2020 has a guarantee to replace dead plants. The Sunshine committee will reach out to those absent to let them know they were missed. The club discussed door prizes and Jill Burriss made a motion to have

\$30 set aside from treasury for door prizes. Toinette Thomas was assigned as a Publicity Committee member, and Bill Manning offered to host the fall picnic in September.

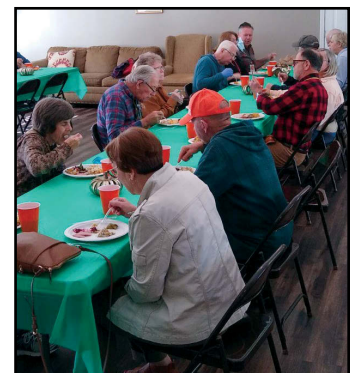
At our yearly auction, in addition to other plants donated by members, Donna Bobbie auctioned off the Carpenter Collection from 2017 with Jill Burriss' help.

Our next meeting was held at Bill and Karen Manning's lovely country home. Members ambled around their flower garden.



Clockwise from left: Members of the very active Upstate Daylily Society bargain for plants at the annual Plant Swap outside the Hornbuckle Club House; (l-r) Jonathan Long, Irwa Kowski, Bill Manning, Tammy Bryant and other members gather at the home of Bill and Karen Manning for a meeting and stroll around their lovely garden; members wait to bid on the 2017 Carpenter Collection along with plants donated by members during the club's annual auction; everyone enjoyed the delicious food at the Upstate Daylily Society covered dish dinner

photos Christopher Blackston



Western North Carolina Daylily Club from Robert Selman

After a busy season of socially distanced and masked visits, strong plant sales, and excellent hybridizing, the members of the Western North Carolina Daylily Club got back to the work of planning the 2022 ADS National Convention.

Club members have been working to line up volunteers and identify the work that still needs to be done (see page 23). Everyone is excited about being able to showcase area tour and open gardens again.

Below, left and right: Visitors in search of respite from a crazy world find it in the gorgeous flowers at Blue Ridge Daylilies *photo Robert Selman*



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Hybridizer Liaison

Sometimes when I am in a club meeting or other forum where hybridizing is discussed, I am asked, “How do I know what parents to use?” Years ago, when I thought I knew more than I know now, I thought that was an easy question. I come from a technology background, so I thought that just applying some of the scientific data on pollen parents or pod parents for particular traits was the easy answer. Experience showed me this was not so much the answer. Hybridizing is hard work combined with experience, imagination, patience, and a touch of artistic inclination. Although my hybridizing obsession took hold in 1988 when my mom talked me into giving her a ride to some daylily gardens, it was only in the last 12 years that I have been able to focus and my goal has moved from the big round, ruffled, and sometimes edged dips and tets, to the larger unusual forms, again in both dips and tets.

A good parent can best be identified with observation. Regardless of the type, size, or form you choose to work with, you need for one parent, if not both, to be some of the best out there for that type, size, or form. My experience with crossing less than the best with less than the best is that it creates a lot of extra work and yields no worthy results. Few of these, if any, make the first cut and none make the final cut. Even from those you think will be good parents, you are likely to find that 3/4 of your keepers will come from 1/4 of the parents. What to do? Using your imagination and artistic inclination, make your crosses. Make some along the predictable side and some “what-ifs” that come from the artistic side of your brain.

One way to hedge your bets a little is to see what special parents other hybridizers are using that are in your area of interest. They likely have found some “good” parents if they seem to use them in cross after cross. We don’t know enough about daylily genetics to predict outcomes, experience will need to tell us.

Here are a few examples. The first that comes to mind is our ‘**Windyhill’s Discovery**’ (Quinn 2018) (top right). Although “just a large yellow UF,” it is a cross of two Webster seedlings. While he was still hybridizing, Richard was producing some of the best tets. Although the parents and grand-parents are unknown, it is a safe bet they were some of his best. I discovered its potential by accident, crossing on it as a whim. I found it to be surprisingly good across colors other than yellow and, when crossed to another yellow parent, it produces very good yellow offspring.

Another is ‘**Orange Blossom Trail**’ (Trimmer 2008). If you like bright clear orange daylilies, when crossed on other oranges, ‘OBT’ will still make some pretty orange offspring that produce keepers. Seedling 19-007 (second from top) is a cross of OBT X ‘**Patsy Cline**’ (Smith-FR 2008) so it had a good chance from the beginning and it is really bright in the garden.

‘**Lillian’s Vapor Trail**’ (Manning 2011) (third from top) is another I have found to be an excellent parent. It is one of the whitest dip UF’s I have found, but when crossed to almost anything, it takes off in all directions other than white, often with clear and intense color. When looking at its parentage, one parent is cream/white but all the grandparents are with color, most in the lavender range. Surprisingly, then, it produces a more varied color range.

‘**Papa Goose**’ (Douglas-H., 2011) (bottom) – what is there to say about this one. An excellent flower and an equally good parent. Put it on anything with good results that usually are not look-alikes.

Last is ‘**Katusie Herrington**’ (Herrington-H., 2013). For me, it has produced some unusual results I was not expecting. A somewhat conventional rose with large green throat and a bit of a white border, its offspring weren’t close to the parents. I thought it would be a good parent, just not in the way it seems to be headed.

From my observations, you don’t need to be a scientist to be a daylily hybridizer. Imagination, and a little artistic inclination, then some hard work, observation, and patience can produce some good results. There isn’t much that beats visiting your creations when that new group of seedlings is blooming.

