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Left, then right: 'Grandpa's Perfect Princess' (Howell-M., 2018) in the Southern Charm Garden photo Marlon Howell; 'Going Grand at the Strand' (Douglas-H., 2018) and 'Digital Infidelity' (Douglas-H., 2015) shine in Bill Hurt's garden photo Bill Hurt

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**Front Cover:** 2021 Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award Winner 'Sunny Attitude' (Bruce 2012) by Tom Bruce  
*photo Tom Bruce*

**Below:** 'Fried Green Tomatoes' (Herrington-T., 2012) *photo Bill Hurt*



# Region 15 President

Greetings fellow daylily lovers. Fall is such a beautiful time of the year! Cool mornings, crisp sunshine, and, with the moisture we're getting this fall, the daylilies are making plans for next summer's bloom.

We have just returned home from the Outer Banks and the Region 15 Fall Meeting. I want to again publicly thank Coastal NC Daylily Society for researching, planning, and pulling off such an unforgettable experience. Pat Mansfield and Ken Ferguson led an awesome, talented team effort to entertain and inform us during this two-day event. Sixty plus attendees enjoyed the location, presentations, humor, raffles, and food (especially the food) during this special time together.

I want to also extend my sincere congratulations to Richard Warren for being selected as the recipient of the Carolina Service Award. Richard has given of his time and talent in many, many ways to both his club and the region. Read through his nomination on page 19 to learn all he has done.

Your Region 15 Leadership continues to work hard for you at both the region and club level. I want to thank membership for the confidence they demonstrated in our board by electing me as President, Mitch Hagler as Treasurer, and seasoned member known to us all, Peggy Jeffcoat, as Member-at-large. We three join our two appointed board members, Dawn Whitley and Eric Simpson, to make up the Region 15 Board for the next two-year term. We all volunteer for you and serve at your pleasure.

Next season promises to be exciting with the Western North Carolina Daylily Club hosting the 2022 ADS National Convention, "Meet Me In The Mountains" in Asheville next July. More information is in this issue on page 12. Please register and join in the fun.

Over the next two years, I plan to prioritize and give time to two very important agendas. First, I want to continue giving support and providing credit to our Region 15 Hybridizers, for without them our love of this beautiful flower would not exist. There are now over 90,000 daylilies registered at the national level. By supporting your club and seeking plants from Region 15 hybridizers who are daylily specialists in the Carolinas, you inspire and encourage the continuance of their work.

My second priority is to find creative ways to network clubs across our two-state area, which we started a few weeks ago with our first club presidents Zoom call. Club leadership can feel isolated and with the pandemic this has been especially true. By meeting virtually and not waiting to meet face to face, we can accelerate the sharing process. I believe we find that both large and small clubs have much more in common than they know. The challenge encountered inspiring and encouraging existing members and attracting new members is an ongoing effort, and we all can learn from each other.

Also I wish to state that during my tenure we want and need your ideas. We always have open minds and open hearts to hear your perspective and thoughts. If you wish to



## Region 15 President (continued)

bring up a question or an issue with any policy or procedure or have a more general concern or idea, the most efficient and proper way to handle it is to send your ideas or concerns in writing to me or to any of our Leadership Team Liaisons or to any Board member when the issue arises. I will assure you here and now it will be heard in a timely, professional manner. If the issue requires a membership vote, it will be added to the agenda at the next summer or fall meeting. If it does not require a vote, we will work to address it through the use of our region bylaws or by updating our documented procedures. By following this process, we will ensure important procedure changes receive the thoughtful research, planning, and decision making they deserve. This will also avoid lengthy, impromptu discussions of items not on the Business Meeting Agenda taking precious time from the schedule planned by the host club for their speakers and event items. And finally, our summer and fall meetings and other events are a mechanism to attract new members and make them feel this is a welcoming organization – not one with contentious issues that might discourage them from ever attending or volunteering with a local club.

We are all volunteers and everything we do should lead to positive results.

Hope all of you have your daylilies in the ground and ready for winter and the holidays. I wish you the best in all your endeavors.

Remember the next daylily season will be the best.

With Daylily Love,  
Your Region 15 President  
Bill Hurt

## Regional Publicity

The leaves are just starting to burst into brilliant fall color at this writing and it seems like this year has passed faster than any in recent memory. I suppose that may be partly due to the busy work required of a co-chair for the 2022 ADS Daylily National Convention and a tour garden co-owner.

**'Webster's Pink Wonder'** (Webster-Cobb 2003) is the winner of the 2021 Region 15 Pop Poll with 21 votes! There was a tie for second place with **'Claudine's Charm'** (Sellers 2000) and **'Mean Green'** (Davisson-J 2008), each earning 18 votes. There was a four-way tie for fourth place with **'Boss Hogg'** (Douglas-H., 2015), **'Breathing in Snowflakes'** (Douglas-H., 2016), **'Clown Parade'** (Selman 2006), and **'Papa Goose'** (Douglas-H., 2011) each earning 15 votes. Congratulations to our winning hybridizers and thanks to everyone who voted this year! We appreciate your participation.

Like a number of you, I recently returned from our Fall Meeting in the Outer Banks, beautifully hosted by the Coastal NC Daylily Society. We had such a fun and exciting weekend with smiles and everything daylily! The plant auction was a huge success, the speakers were fantastic, the door prizes were awesome, the food was excellent, and Ken



## Regional Publicity (continued)

Ferguson's video production was unforgettably entertaining and filled with surprises. It was an absolute treat spending the weekend with all of the attendees, catching up with old friends and making new ones.

The next event on our radar is a big one! I will be repeating some info from my last report due to the importance of the content.

We are only a few months away from next year's exciting American Daylily Society National Convention in Asheville, NC, hosted by the Western NC Daylily Club. The convention theme is "MEET ME IN THE MOUNTAINS." The daylilies will be in peak bloom for the convention July 7-9, and we have a fun and exciting event planned for you all! Registrations are coming in daily and we are now well over half full. We expect to fill early at around 500, so please don't delay! The room block at the Asheville Crowne Plaza is filling fast.

Visit our beautiful and informative website for much more information, our YouTube Invitational video, and EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION! 2022 National Convention Website Link: <https://ahs2022national.com/>

The website has a link for online room booking. Register and book your rooms now while they are available!

Here are some convention highlights to look forward to:

- All attendees will receive FOUR New 2022 Introductions (Selman & Simpson)
- 2 Days of Garden Bus Tours – 5 Beautiful Gardens
- Full Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner Friday and Saturday
- Thursday Optional Tour – Biltmore Estate House & Gardens
- Live Daylily Plant Auction
- Garden Hat Contest with Prizes (Women and Men!)
- Youth Registrations are FREE! (a \$229 value)
- Drawing for 2022 Daylily Collections (Selman and Simpson)
- Speakers, Workshops, Boutiques, Plant Sale, Raffles



Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Eric Simpson

## Regional Director

In the last week or two, we have begun to feel cooler temperatures. We will watch these usher in fall weather, beautiful leaf colors, and then we'll watch our gardens go to sleep for another winter. As usual, we didn't get as much done as we wished in late summer/early fall, so we will be busy in the garden for weeks to come. (We do love these temps much more than those in the summer, though.) As fall starts to get close, we always get excited about our regional fall meeting.



## Regional Director (continued)

This year it was on the Outer Banks, at the Elizabethan gardens. Just as the Foothills Daylily Society members did this summer, the Coastal NC Daylily Society outdid themselves with their hospitality and creative ideas to make our weekend more fun, interesting, and creative. Thank you to the Coastal NC Daylily Society and all those who contributed to making this weekend a wonderful and memorable experience. Both the host club and all attendees were excited to be able to get together again to see our old friends and to talk about and see new daylilies.

At the national level, I think the most significant news is that next year's National Convention will be in our own region. Wanda and I will be coordinating the buses again as we have done previously in Asheville in 2014 and Myrtle Beach in 2018. Please do plan to attend and stop by to say hello as you choose which bus you will travel on. The Biltmore House will again be the exciting day-before outing.

We were concerned about follow-on conventions after Asheville. With the excitement generated by the national convention in Hattiesburg, interest was resurrected and conventions are now planned for Nashville in 2023 and Oklahoma City in 2024. I think there is current interest from one or two more locations that may volunteer for 2025.

Wanda and I just got home from St. Louis yesterday (10/25), where I attended the Fall ADS Board meeting. It was another busy as well as successful meeting with a lot of ADS business covered. The awards for next year were voted on – the first such vote I've participated in. In many cases, I don't know who or what won, so I am looking forward to Asheville where I'll be as excited as everyone else to hear the winners announced.

The cultivar awards were announced with 'Mayor of Munchkinland' (Herrington-T., 2010) winning the coveted Stout Medal. For the Award Of Merit, 'Explosion In The Paint Factory' (Howard-R., 2013) was the top vote getter, with Heidi's 'Boss Hogg' (Douglas-H., 2015) not far behind in fourth place. On the Honorable Mention list, the top vote getter was 'Halloween Green' (Herrington-T., 2011), with another Heidi intro, 'Mr and Mrs Bubbs' (Douglas-H., 2018) close behind in third place. Who is that Mr & Mrs Bubbs?? I did hear that they congratulated Heidi. In the Specialty Awards, the Extra Large winner was Paul Owen's 'Eminent Domain' (Owen-P., 2011). Our regional hybridizers were well represented. I did have a couple of surprises on the Honorable Mention list. My intro, 'Windyhill's Dreamsicle' (Quinn 2015) *below right* was the tenth place vote getter and Wanda's 'Windyhill's Designer Red' (Quinn-W., 2015) was fourteenth. Unfortunately, they each didn't have votes from enough regions so were not eligible to receive an HM. Even though neither received an HM, we didn't expect to see them on the list in our first year. We were very pleasantly surprised and excited - thank you to those who voted.

Don't forget to register for our national in Asheville and get signed up for the hotel, as registrations will cap somewhere between 450 and 500 and it is filling up quickly. Really!! We are looking forward to seeing y'all there.

Thanks,  
Raymond Quinn  
Region 15 Director and  
Registrations Chair



# Region 15 Fall Meeting

## Region 15 Business Meeting 10/08/21 at Elizabethan Gardens

Submitted by Dawn Whitley, Secretary

Bill Hurt called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

1. Bill conducted the roll call of clubs and nearly all of the twelve clubs were represented. Registration was sixty-four and sixty-two attended the business meeting.
2. The following was added to the minutes which were subsequently approved unanimously: "Nominating committee presented the slate of officers."
3. Mitchell gave the financial report. \$4,167.50 was made from the auction last night and the host club gets 25%.
4. Mitchell reviewed the budget proposal for 2022.
5. Gail Gribble, Nominating Committee Chair, presented and then conducted the vote for the slate of officers for 2022-2024, all of whom were unanimously approved. President – Bill Hurt, Treasurer – Mitchell Hagler, At-Large – Peggy Jeffcoat.

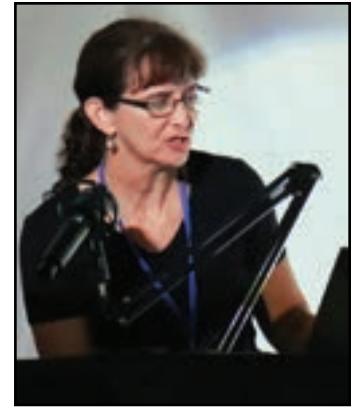


6. Eric Simpson gave an update as Co-Chair of the 2022 National convention in Asheville, NC July 6-9, 2022. They have received 280 registrations so far and the cap of 450 may be expanded close to 500. He encouraged everyone to register and get their hotel room soon. Youth registrations are free thanks to the Wisconsin daylily clubs, and 11 have registered so far. Eric mentioned the optional Thursday



Biltmore tour still has spaces since they've added a second bus. Eric asked for volunteers and noted that Aaron Cook is the new volunteer coordinator. He asked for plant donations for the plant sale and auction. Eric played the impressive, informative invitation video.

7. Bill recognized Dawn Whitley, Secretary, and Eric Simpson, Regional Publicity Director (RPD), as appointed members of the Regional board.
8. Nancy Womack, Boutique Chair for the National convention, asked each club to donate a raffle basket. She also requested that individuals or small groups consider having a sales booth. More detailed information will be forthcoming.



### New Business

1. Rebecca Board made the following motion to change the method cultivars are added to the Popularity Poll. "Region 15 Garden Judges and Hybridizers can nominate one cultivar each year to be added to the ballot. Hybridizers can nominate their own cultivars. Cultivars will be eliminated from the ballot based on the least number of votes from the prior year such that a maximum of 100 cultivars are on the ballot. These nominations must be sent to the RPD by January 1st of this year." The motion was seconded by Steve Edwards. The motion was approved unanimously.

There being no more business, the business meeting was adjourned.

Region 15 leadership and members extend a warm and sincere thanks to Carl Curnutte and his extremely capable staff for making the Fall Meeting such a resounding success. Carl is the Executive Director of the gorgeous Elizabethan Gardens and not only did he and his staff move heaven and earth to erect the meeting tent and make sure all details were covered, Carl participated in the meeting as an excited daylily lover. Our region is richer for having friends like Carl and the members of his team.

**Photos** Eric Simpson photo by John Hong; Bill Hurt, Mitchell Hagler, Gail Gribble, Dawn Whitley, Nancy Womack, and Carl Curnutte photos by Linda Sue Barnes





**Above:** During the exciting auction, bidders share a laugh, Benjamin Mansfield helps auctioneer Ted Nash of Nash Auctions with a huge "double fan," and bidders listen attentively, ready to bid on a favorite flower *photos Linda Sue Barnes - Editor's note: The low lighting at the event was great while we were there but made it difficult to take photos; we thought you'd enjoy them anyway!*

**Below:** Janet Hong, Pat Mansfield, and Donna Stewart brought the house down with a fun and funny skit; Raymond and Wanda Quinn, Rebecca Hinshaw, Dawn and Alex Whitley, and Marshall Morrow enjoy fellowship; Felicia Pritchett, Joe Hudson, Mitchell Hagler, and Kelly Hudson settle in near the Silent Auction *photos John Hong*



**Above:** Abbie Chappell and Benjamin Mansfield show off the cute goodie bags and great nametags on the porch of Odom Hall; members participate in the Seventh Inning Stretch, including singing a daylily-centric version of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" penned by Ken Ferguson; Pat Mansfield gives a rousing speech and proves again why she's a terrific Membership Chair *photos John Hong*

**Below:** The plant sale featured a well-marked sampling of some great regional daylilies *photo Kathy Tinius*; Anne Winningham (back to camera) chats with Eric Simpson while everyone else gets ready for a lively auction; a view into the great tent set up by the staff at the Elizabethan Gardens *photos John Hong*



# Region 15 Fall Meeting Presentations

*Dawn Whitley*

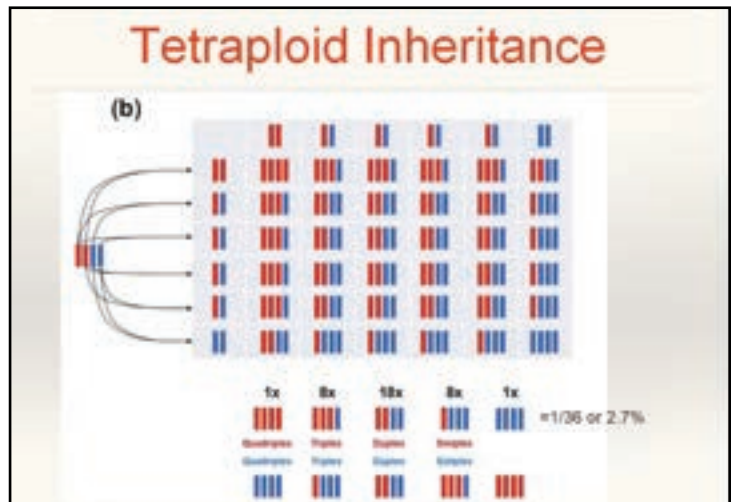
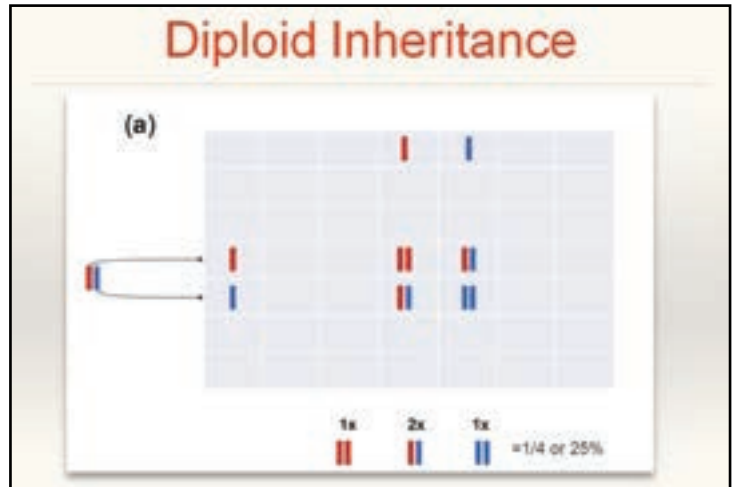
What made the 2021 Region 15 Fall Meeting very special was the inclusion of presentations that ran the gamut from a light-hearted overview to an in-depth and very detailed education session. The speakers gave entertaining talks about subjects of interest to every attendee, and thumb drives were provided with copies of their slides for sharing within our clubs.



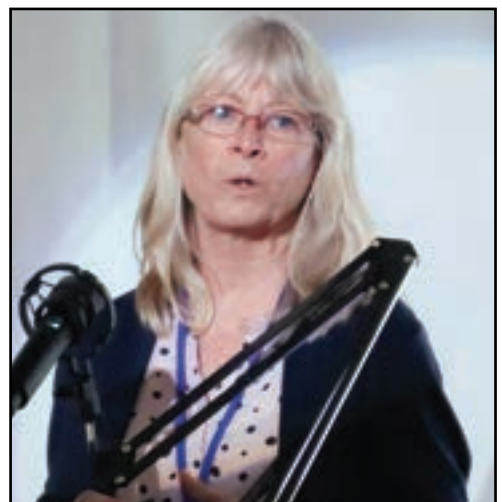
**“Seeds Anyone?”** Joe Hudson of MadCat Daylilies talked about how he started his business selling packets of daylily seeds. Joe used Rich Howell’s program at CT Daylilies as a model. For you to get the most from your program, Joe recommended knowing the plant genetics and having a large quantity of seeds. He further noted that to be successful, you have to stay on the leading



edge of what’s popular. You can’t wait until the price goes down to get top dollar on seeds. In his program, he has sheets with the names of cultivars expected to open that day and from that he prioritizes his crosses. To sell his seeds, Joe has been using the daylily seed sale page on Facebook and he’s recently started selling on the Lily Auction. If all goes according to plan, MadCat’s first introductions will be offered in 2023.



**“Explosion of Daylily Color”** Daru Sharp, Molecular Biologist from Allentown, NJ, gave a detailed, educational review of daylily genetics. As a backyard hybridizer, Daru has 400 named cultivars. The same 50,000 genes are in every cell of a daylily, with different parts of the flower expressing the genes differently. For example, each gene is not always turned on in each part. There are several zones or sectors of the flower: throat color, petals and sepals, eye zone shape, and edges. 25% of the time with Diploids we should get the regressive trait; with Tetraploids, it is 2.7%. It is easier to track the inheritance in Diploids. If a characteristic moves from parent to seedling, it means that characteristic is coming from a gene. Stripes come from the pollen parent





**Explosion of Daylily Color** (continued)

in 'Pink Stripes' (Derrow 2006), and color comes from the pod parent when crossed with other solid colors. Take Aways: Most of these effects (branching, big edges, applied throats, scape height, etc.) have been around for awhile so they are buried in the genetics. Make observations and take



## Steve's Lost his Pants Heritage

Todd, 2015



Presented by Steve and Mary Edwards  
"Just One More..."  
Registered Historic Daylily Garden

good notes, keeping up with the parents. Think about self-crossing because you know both parents will have that trait. Daru has created an App to help with this tracking, called Garden Tracker for Daylilies. Gardentracker.com or daru@gardentracker.com.

**"Creating an ADS Display Garden"** Steve Edwards of Just One More... Daylily Garden emphasized to do what YOU like in creating your ADS Display Garden. The process is easy and you can ask garden judges to come by to provide suggestions or to certify your garden. Steve reviewed the phases his and Mary's suburban garden went through in creating their Display Garden. Consider including historic plants, winter interest, and garden art, especially those with motion and color.

Photos Madcat artwork by Mara Bauer; screen shots of Madcat Daylilies' Facebook page; all remaining slides provided by the presenters. Photos of presenters by Linda Sue Barnes

First issue: Drainage. We needed to control the water flowing across our property from the lots above us.

Bought rock for a retaining wall and back filled creating opportunities for creative planting

Also directing drainage into a waterfall.

# Region 15 Fall Meeting Delights

Region 15 is made up of people with very different backgrounds, histories, skills, and abilities. It is the melding of all of these that makes our region interesting, flexible, and strong.

Bidders in the silent auction at the Region 15 Fall Meeting had chances to win gorgeous paintings, yummy peanuts, a lovely scarf, and unusual pieces of art. The most unique piece was Professor Dumbledore's Elder Wand, hand-carved by Kirk Milleman.

*(photo Kathy Tinius)*

Visitors strolling through the Odom Hall administration building of the Elizabethan Gardens could peruse and even purchase absolutely gorgeous paintings by Janet Hong. Janet's paintings capture the beauty of birds, butterflies, and flowers in delightfully composed paintings.

*(photo Linda Sue Barnes)*

The very cute tote bags given to attendees were chock full of great information about the Elizabethan Gardens, Manteo, and the Outer Banks. In addition, club members created handmade greeting cards with multi-dimensional decorations and placed a few in each bag.

*(photo Kathy Tinius)*

Perhaps the best example of the "art" brought to Region 15 by its members was demonstrated by Pat



Mansfield's extended family and other members of the Coastal NC Daylily Society leading attendees in singing a daylily-centered version of "In the Good Old Summertime" during the Seventh Inning Stretch. This multi-generational group created a happiness and energy that was certainly infectious.

*(photo Linda Sue Barnes)*



# Pre-Meeting Tour

## Garden of Bill & Linda Pinkham, Norfolk, Virginia



Those who went to the 2017 AHS National Convention in Norfolk, Virginia, are still talking years later about the tour visit to the garden of Bill & Linda Pinkham. Retired horticulturists and landscape designers, the Pinkhams have transformed their three-acre property on the banks of the James River into a sophisticated botanical garden and arboretum. Specimen trees dot the landscape, highlighting and accenting lush beds with wide varieties of perennials and annuals. Each bed is themed, with an Asian bed, rock gardens, swaths of daylilies, tropical beds, etc.



Visitors to the Region 15 Fall Meeting were given a very special treat - an invitation to visit the Pinkham garden the day before the meeting.



**Left column, top to bottom:** Donna Stewart, Michael Luther, Marsha Jackson, Bill Hurt, Alex Whitley, Marshall Morrow, Felicia Pritchett, Bill Pinkham, and Wanda Quinn tour the Pinkham garden; Marshall Morrow, Alex and Dawn Whitley follow Bill Pinkham through the Pinkham Garden's jungle-like flower beds; Felicia Pritchett and Michael Luther walk through a bed of specimen trees and shrubs

**Right column, top to bottom:** Bill Hurt at the Pinkham's koi pond, which is the walkway to their front door; Wanda Quinn, Dawn Whitley, and Mitchell Hagler listen to Bill Pinkham; Bill Pinkham directs the gaze of Wanda Quinn, Raymond Quinn, and Mitchell Hagler  
*photos Pat Mansfield*



# Meet Me in the Mountains!

*ADS 2022 National Convention in Asheville, NC*



**H**ave you sent in your registration for the ADS 2022 National Convention in Asheville, NC? Have you contacted the hotel to make your reservations? Spaces are filling up fast and this is the year you can't procrastinate until the last minute to make your plans because you might be too late.

Those who attended the 2014 national convention have such wonderful memories they can't wait to get back to Asheville. The mountains! The arts! The flowers! The FOOD! The Biltmore!

The tour gardens for 2022 will give you a wide range of landscapes. Rows of unbelievable plants will take your breath away at **Blue Ridge Daylilies (left)**. You will have to budget your time to make it through every bed and to see every plant and flower because you will definitely want to see every plant and flower.

You won't believe what the owners of **Trillium Falls (right)** have been able to create in their rocky, naturalistic landscape. Gravel paths meander past rock walls holding back flower beds with native plants and, of course, banks of daylilies. While touring it during the convention, you'll be able to picture the autumn beauty of the many cut leaf and Japanese maples placed throughout the planting beds.



Peace and serenity will surround you at **Sacred Circle Farm (left)**. In Facebook, the owners describe the farm as "a growing modern day sustainable farm, spiritual, health and event venue, and a place for sharing a loving community." Contemplative gardens frame beautiful views while the hot colors of daylilies seem to bring the sun down to earth.

2014 attendees will very affectionately remember **Faer Hill Gardens (right)**. Many will remember its nooks and crannies, sweet ponds, boxwood-edged beds, and most of all, the wild and crazy plants grown cheek-by-jowl in overflowing beds. Enjoy daylilies? There's plenty of those. Like a Japanese influence? Stroll through that garden room. Want to pause a moment on a cool garden bench? Got you covered. Curious about how dozens of plants can fit into a small area but still not look crowded? You'll see!

Sign up today - we'll meet you there!



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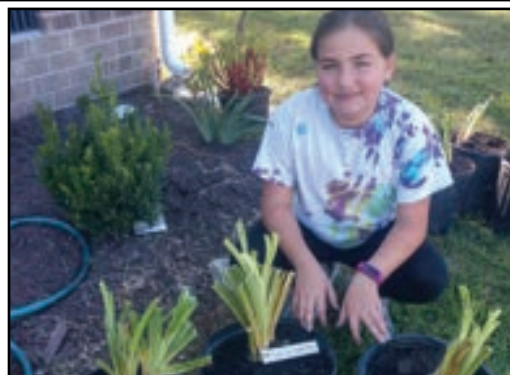
# Lily Scouts

## Pat Mansfield

The Coastal NC Daylily Society has a busy hive of helpers - the Lily Scouts. Youth members of the Coastal NC Daylily Society, Lily Scouts can often be found elbow-deep in daylily flower beds, picking up scissors to tackle sewing projects, or coming together to bake and decorate cookies.



CNCDS and Region 15 are overjoyed and grateful for their shared energy and enthusiasm. Here's a few photos of the Lily Scouts working hard to make the Region 15 Fall Meeting a raving success.



**Clockwise from lower left:** Lily Scout Rebecca Chappell cutting out material to make masks for the Fall Meeting; Lily Scout Olivia Burket in the Mansfield daylily field; Lily Scouts decorating Ginger Spice Cookies to look like stained glass are (l-r) Abbie Chappell, Anne Konrad, Rebecca Finch, Leader Marsha Jackson, and Rebecca Chappell; Lily Scout Abbie Chappell with the auction plants from Bill Gluck she is caring for; Lily Scout Rebecca Chappell showing the auction plants from Kirk Milleman she is caring for *photos Pat Mansfield*



## Vendors Wanted!

Do you have a special something you create that you would love to offer National Convention attendees? Nancy Womack would like to contact you to discuss the possibility of your having a table (or two!) at the upcoming convention in Asheville. Those who have attended national conventions know a big part of the overall experience is shopping among vendors whose crafts, art, garden products, and plants are selected just for daylily people.

The boutique will be in the Crowne Plaza Ballroom and individual booths will contain a 6' skirted table with two chairs. If you would like to sell plants, make a note to bring a tarp to protect the carpet in and around your booth. The vendor charge is \$100 or a

donation of a raffle prize of equal or greater value. While the WiFi is free, electricity is a \$35 charge. Vendors will set up Wednesday, July 6, from 9 am to 1 pm. The boutique will be open for shopping Wednesday, July 6, 1 pm – 6 pm, Thursday, July 7, 10 am – 6 pm, Friday, July 8, 3:30 pm – 6 pm, and Saturday, July 9, 3:30 pm – 5 pm. Teardown will take place Saturday, July 9, 5 pm – 7 pm. (These hours may change slightly as plans are finalized.)

Interested? Contact Nancy Womack, Boutique Chair on 828-288-0212 (text messages 828-289-0917 but don't call on that number because of poor reception).

*photos Kathy Tinius*



# Sometimes It's Best to Start All Over Again

*Sheila Caldon*

February of 2021 dawned still too cold, forever overcast, and just plain yucky. Looking out over my pitifully forlorn island bed, I couldn't imagine struggling through another season with its ever-diminishing blooms. The woods had slowly encroached on the little oasis until I was feeling claustrophobic just walking around in it. Nearby trees that seemed to be mere whips not that long ago had spread themselves and their roots far and wide. The centipede grass was loving the richly amended soil and a Band-Aid wouldn't fix any of it. There was only one thing to do. Time to start all over again!

I called on the Tree Guys, talked over Phase One of my vision, and then chose my many victims by marking each of them for eventual mulching. I'm ashamed to say I very much looked forward to that day! Too bad the Tree Guys were booked until the first part of April – nevertheless, there was no time to waste, I had work to do.

After a few quick sketches and scribbled notes, I figured up the order for the retaining wall block and a new stone walkway. I then worked up a nice order for one of my favorite family-owned plant



**Top:** Horribly embarrassing! Poorly grown plants, choking tree roots, and a sad, sad flower bed.

**Above left, then right:** See that fuzzy stick in the middle of the photo? Ugh! February into March, I dug and dug and dug tree roots until the bed started to look like an archeological dig site.

**Below left, then right:** When you need help, bring in the professionals. They have the right tools and made quick work of the trees I had marked. Finally, trees gone, bring on the light and no roots!





growers, New Garden Plants ([newgardenplants.com](http://newgardenplants.com))! Their plants grow well for me, the owners always take

good care of me, and their prices are very reasonable. Those orders were exciting and it was exactly the inspiration I needed. Before beginning the back-breaking stonework, I had daylilies to lift and pot up temporarily while I dug rambling clusters of tree roots out of the 45' x 65' island bed.

Eventually the remaining plants got replanted and I think it all came together nicely and as I'd envisioned it. The annuals filled in with pops of color and spilled over the stone, softening the edges. The climbing *Gloriosa* Lily added some vertical height and the six clumps of blue-green Dallas Blues grass filled in the back row of the bed. Daylilies, iris, other perennials, and annuals kept me in color throughout the entire bloom season.

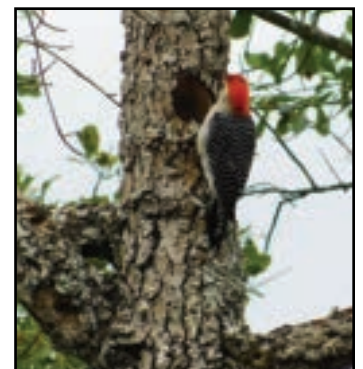
It was a labor of love from beginning to end and the rewards this season were completely worth it. Here's the island bed project laid out in pictures. I hope it inspires some others to dig in when despair threatens to set in!

*Photos Sheila Caldon*

**Above left, top to bottom:** In March I outlined the newly refurbished island. It was exciting to think of all the possibilities! Once the little retaining wall and the walkway were put in, the bones of the bed began to fall into place as I tested planting locations while the plants were still in pots.

**Above right, top, middle, lower:** Now we wait! The paths are finished and the plants are all tucked in for the growing season; the pink and yellow iris loved all the new sunlight and added a heady fragrance to the late spring garden; the bed filled with sun-loving plants that responded well to all the refreshed soil and great sun.

**Below left to right:** Daylilies reveled in the refurbished beds, especially 'Breathing in Snowflakes' (Douglas-H., 2016) and 'Jiggly Bits' (Selman 2013); woolly thyme and sedum spill from broken china; Louie is our resident red-bellied woodpecker (of course we kept Louie's tree!)



# Love those Photo Contests

## *Foothills Daylily Society*

Many of our clubs hold photo contests. Some assemble the photos in a PowerPoint presentation for outside judging while others (most) bring paper photos to the meeting and judging is done by club members. No matter the method used, photo contests are fun for the photographers and fun for the viewers and judges.

This year, the Foothills Daylily Society had to switch from using outside judges to having club members determine the winners using printed photos. We think they made amazing choices and can only imagine how great the other photos were. Congratulations to all of the winners!



**Left:** Artistic/Humorous category - "Through the Gazing Ball at GaGa Gardens" photo by John Martin



**Left:** Single Bloom category - 'Harmony Sophistication' (Beck 1998) photo by Joe Phillip



**Left:** Seedling category - Seedling and photo by John Martin



**Below, left to right:** Tie for People in the Garden category - "Nance Wolff at GaGa Gardens" photo by Barbara Peterson and "The Gleaner" photo by Joe Phillip



**Below, left to right:** Tie for Multiple Bloom category - 'Tigereye Spider' (Reed 1994) photo by Kirk Milleman and 'Hold Your Horses' (Trimmer 2004) photo by John Martin





# Love those Photo Contests

## *Charleston Daylily Club*

Although very new, the Charleston Daylily Club has an active membership that participates in meetings, tours, plant sales, and photo contests. The photos allow club members to see plants or gardens they would not normally be able to see. These photos of photos may have a few rough edges, but the images shine through. We think they've picked some wonderful winners and congratulate not only the winners but also the other folks who entered and the club for holding such a charming contest.



**Left:** Unusual Category photo by Tim Stout



**Right:** Best Seedling category seedling and photo by Tim Stout



**Left:** Best Single Bloom category photo by Tim Stout



**Right:** Best Landscape category photo by Annette Kibler



**Left:** Best Clump category photo by Tim Stout



**Right:** Best Multi-Flower category photo by Annette Kibler

# In Memoriam

## Tom and Marie Bumgarner

Tom and Marie Bumgarner were two active club members who held many offices and chaired many committees within the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club over the years. In addition, Tom was the Region 15 Secretary-Treasurer many years ago.

Both Tom and Marie entered yearly daylily shows, and they won numerous ribbons for best of section and best of show.

Tom was quiet and reserved but was very knowledgeable about many garden plants, including daylilies. Marie, on the other hand, was very talkative and full of energy. She always greeted visitors before the meetings and easily collected new members' contact information.



I had the privilege of assisting Marie with her position as our "Good Cheer" person. We ordered flowers for and sent cards to club members who were ill and to the families of those members we lost. We

also enjoyed being in charge of the monthly club meeting refreshments list.

Both of them will be missed by many in the club. Marie entered the big heavenly garden in 2013, while Tom left to join her in April of this year.

Donna Shields

**Photos:** Photo of Tom Bumgarner, above, from legacy.com; photo of Tom and Marie Bumgarner taken at the 2005 Raleigh Hemerocallis Club's Flower Show by Donna Shields



# Iola Peed-Neal

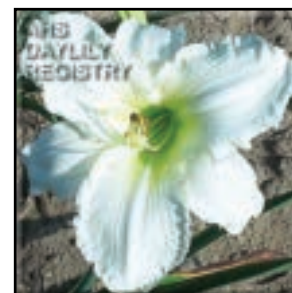
Iola Peed-Neal passed quietly away in her sleep On September 20, 2021, in her home in Oxford. She was an energetic and enthusiastic person of many talents and interests. Iola enjoyed hybridizing daylilies and collecting hosta, irises, and roses. She was an outstanding cook – a trip to her home to select daylilies for introduction always included her outstanding Brunswick Stew.



Among Iola's most popular daylilies are (from left, below) 'Apple Chill Sangria' (Peed-Neal-Massey 2006), 'Snow Surprise' (Peed-Neal-Massey 2006), 'Cream Passionelle' (Peed-Neal-Massey 2006), 'Mary McKee Felton' (Peed-Neal-Massey 2006), and 'June Teenth' (Peed-Neal-Massey 2006) (not shown).

Jim Massey

**Photos:** Photo of Iola Peed-Neal, above, from legacy.com; photos of her introductions from daylilies.org



The Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo, site of the Region 15 Fall Meeting, is a magical place, where fairy princesses dance with snowflakes and ruins frame views over roiling seas.



Left then right:  
Photo Pat Mansfield; Kathy Tinius

# Carolina Service Award

## Richard Warren



We are so proud to be Region 15 members because we have so many wonderful people who give freely of their time. Speaking of giving freely, one member who always comes to mind is Richard Warren. Richard doesn't hesitate to volunteer and does more than what is needed no matter what is asked. He can always be counted on to complete the task at hand, on time and with care.

One can see why Richard is so deserving of this special

award. At the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, Richard has held various leadership roles, including President 2018-2019 and Co-Vice President 2016-2018. During those years, he interfaced with the Raleigh Parks primes to ensure the facility was available for meetings and to encourage those interested in daylilies to attend our meetings. Richard has served and is currently serving as a member of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club nominating committee.

Currently, Richard is prime for ensuring the club Weebly website ([raleighdaylily.weebly.com](http://raleighdaylily.weebly.com)) is updated with the latest information. He responds to any questions submitted by the public on the site, while encouraging them to attend an upcoming meeting. In addition, Richard is a member of the Sandhills Daylily Club and maintains their website ([sandhillsideaylily.weebly.com](http://sandhillsideaylily.weebly.com)).

The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club also interfaces with the Raleigh Parks Department regarding the Jaycee Park Daylily Display Garden. Richard helps with any work sessions held to maintain the garden, and his wife, Janet, joins him in these events.

During the last 13+ years, Richard has also been in various Flower Show roles including Show Chair, Clerks Chair, Judges Chair, and, during the 2021 Flower Show, Richard was given the Award of Appreciation for all his hard work in making the show a success over the years.

Richard and Janet have always helped with preparing plants for the club plant sale held as part of each year's flower show. Their efforts include digging, washing, labeling, and transporting plants to the show.

For one of the most memorable Raleigh Hemerocallis Club meetings, the Warrens hosted the club in their garden and home for a cookout. This meeting was a big hit with the members.

Some of you may also remember their beautiful garden, Windy Ridge, when it was on tour for the Region 15 Summer Meeting in 2017. Getting ready to be a tour garden requires tons of work, and the Warrens willingly signed up to do everything involved to have it ready. The result was a gorgeous garden overflowing with hundreds of daylily blooms highlighted by beautiful companion plants and great garden art.

Richard is also an Exhibition Judge, giving of his time to travel to and judge flower shows.

In addition to his service to the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club and Sandhills Daylily Club, Richard has served as the Region 15 Publicity Director. In this capacity, he encouraged members

to vote for the Popularity Poll, publicized regional events, and connected members to happenings in other clubs.

Lastly, we can't submit this without also mentioning Richard's musical talents. Some of you may remember Richard playing in his band at the Fall Meeting hosted by the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club. He and his brother have released some music and still play for various venues.

As you can see, Richard works hard for our club and region and is giving of his time. He is certainly deserving of the Carolina Service Award.

Submitted by Wanda & Raymond Quinn



Richard was unable to attend the Region 15 Fall Meeting, so Beverly Breuer, representing the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society, presented the plaque to Wanda Quinn, president of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, while Wanda spoke to Richard live on the phone *photo Linda Sue Barnes*. In the photo upper left, Richard received the plaque at the next meeting of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club *photo Wanda Quinn*. 'Grey Witch' (Reed 1999) showed beautifully in front of the tour crowd in the Warren's Windy Ridge garden during the 2017 Region 15 Fall Meeting *photo Kathy Tinius*



# Passport to Adventure



Coastal NC Daylily Society did a lot of things right at the 2021 Region 15 Fall Meeting. One very special thing was creating an OBX Autumn MMXXI Passport for each attendee. Inside the front cover, they collected three special stamps - The Elizabethan Gardens, the Great Seal of South Carolina, and the Great Seal of North Carolina. These last two stamps are dated and we could see the folks with CNCDS had worked for years to pull everything together for their visitors.

The passport was included in the cute goodie bags. Inside the passport were pages of information with the latest CDC Covid safety recommendations, each day's schedule, helpful hints for strolling the gardens, notes about the source of the lovely baskets donated by the family of Sande Miles, and a page marked "Notes or things you won't remember in 10 minutes."

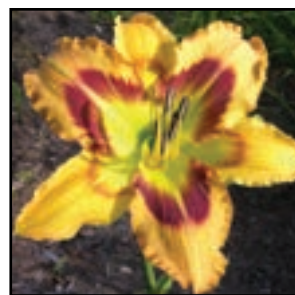
## Special to the Fall Meeting Auction



'Gail Gribble' (Dye-C., 2021)



'Lady Gray' (Perkins-Hurt 2019)



'Ham Town Spice' (Pinkham-L., 2022)

Bidders at the Region 15 Fall Meeting had the chance to snatch up three gorgeous new daylilies that made their debut at this auction. Bidding was active and delighted winners are looking forward to next season's blooms.

## Future Planning - Bring a Basket!

Region 15 owes a big note of thanks to every club that steps forward to host a summer or fall meeting. Although our region only covers the two states that comprise the Carolinas, our home towns feature very diverse landscapes such as mountains, swamps, hillsides, pine barrens, marshes, beaches, and rivers large and small. Each meeting carries the flavor of that club's geography.

At our regional meetings as well as at the national convention to be held in our region next summer, baskets are donated by individuals and non-host clubs. The baskets are raffled or auctioned to help offset the costs of these events. As Lacy English Jr., recently wrote, "This (basket raffle) has been quite successful in past regional gatherings and has generated much needed funding

for the region." He is further reaching out to ask clubs to begin planning now to gather items local to your area that would make for an interesting and attractive basket.

If your club does decide to put together a basket for the ADS National Convention in Asheville next summer, please contact Eric Simpson to let him know. If you can put one together for the 2022 Fall Meeting, please let Lacy know (you can reach him at [engfam@nc.rr.com](mailto:engfam@nc.rr.com)).

**Below, left to right:** The raffle baskets at the 2021 Fall Meeting in the OBX generated heavy ticket sales *photo John Hong*; there were raffle baskets small to very large at the 2017 National Convention in Norfolk *photo Kathy Tinius*



# Region 15 Award Winners



## Award of Merit:

'Boss Hogg' (Douglas-H., 2015)

## Specialty Award Extra Large:

'Eminent Domain' (Owens-P., 2011)



## Honorable Mentions:

'A Groovy Kind of Love' (Douglas-H., 2015)



'Mr and Mrs Bubbs' (Douglas-H., 2018)



'Sultry Girls' (Davisson-J., 2013)



In these days of Covid where face to face meetings were cancelled and, once meetings started up again, some folks couldn't travel or had other conflicts, it is not uncommon for the winner of any award not to be there when the certificate is presented. Such was the case with Ken Cobb, who won in the Region 15 Hybridized Flowers category of the 2019 Carolina Digital Photo Contest (results printed in the Spring 2020 *Hemalina*). During the August meeting of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, Raymond Quinn (l), Region 15 Director, presented Ken (r) with his much-delayed certificate.

*photo Wanda Quinn*

To refresh your memory, this is the winning image, 'Four Beasts in One' (DeCaire 2009).



# GaGa Gardens: Lust for Rust

*Mitchell Hagler*

In my almost thirty years of loving daylilies, I have been on many garden tours, some on my own but most at regional and national meetings. I have pretty much seen them all: urban city gardens on tiny lots, large commercial gardens, cluttered gardens, pristine gardens, country gardens, themed gardens, gardens with a multitude of companion plants, gardens with just daylilies, gardens that have been tended for many decades, and newly minted gardens. But nothing prepared me for Ga Ga Gardens in Columbus, NC.



Columbus, population 999, the county seat of Polk, is not on the way to anywhere else, so you have to intentionally go there. Slightly off Hwy NC 9, you'll find yourself in an even smaller area of the county called Green Creek. When you come to 123 McDowell Rd, you'll see the funky sign welcoming you to Ga Ga Gardens, the home of Nance Wolff and her partner Rick Rogers.

Nance is just as vibrant and colorful as her gardens. That's plural because on this eight-acre former farmland, she has created garden "rooms," each with its own theme. And supporting each room is a larger theme of dominos—black and white circles or splotches on every table, every post, every gazebo, every archway, every trellis.

The room that a visitor might notice first is the one with a stage where invited musicians occasionally perform. It is complete with statues of an angel and a fairy and, yes, a pond housed in an old canoe. Surrounding this garden are ivy, potted plants, bird houses, and a number of rusty chairs.



There's the memorial garden room with all of Nance's late Mother's favorite plants – a cool, comforting space with a table ready for tea or wine.

The reflection room is filled with color and mirrors and sparkling, dangling objects d'art. And as with all the other rooms, there is rusted fencing to

enclose it. No, not just plain fencing but rather fencing decorated with all sorts of whimsical and nostalgic "things." Whirligigs, butterflies, old roller skates, and fascinating stuff you would find at a flea market, yard sale, or antique store are sure to make you smile.

In her garden of cut flowers, you'll also find a water garden with a combination of pitcher plants and lotus.



Of course, there are daylilies tucked here and there, but to get to the main daylily show visitors pass under a huge archway built

by Rick. Rick is a nuclear engineer, a left-brain type. Nance asked him to build an entranceway and said it had to be "funky," a term that was lost on Rick. But funky it turned out to be. Think of the entrance to a circus and you have some idea. This is the circus garden.

Stroll the paths to any of the gardens and you are likely to pass towering banana trees, the 1950's grocery store Coca-Cola cooler, a variety of pond turtles, chickens and turkeys, and the goats (ten, all named). What draws visitors' attention are the dozens of azaleas, camellia, daphne, and gardenia bushes. There is even a grove of pawpaw trees. In all corners of the garden, flowers spill





forth from their pots. Pots of all sizes and shapes have found a home here just for their own beauty. Plus, apparently Nance never saw a birdhouse she didn't like.

Seventeen years ago, Nance worked for a successful landscaper in Atlanta with some of the wealthiest clients in the city. It was quite a contrast then moving to rural NC and starting her own kind of landscaping. She bought 1500 daylilies from a farm in Georgia called the Ally's and

found herself facing the formidable task of getting them all in the ground. She planted them near the entrance to their property hoping for the best, but nature had other ideas. A drought struck and when she tried to pump water from a well, too much pressure caused the pipes to burst. So, she gave up on that location.



About this same time, both Nance's mother, Jozie LeCraw, and husband, Charles Wolff, were sick and under hospice care, and they died a month apart. Edward Teller wrote that "When you come to the end of all the light you know and it's time to step into the darkness of the unknown, faith is knowing that one of two things will happen. Either you will be given something solid to stand on or you will be taught to fly."

As a way to deal with her grief and feeling all alone, Nance started hybridizing daylilies at the back of her property, establishing another garden. It was here she began to fly. She started by

creating daylilies she could name for each person she loved but had lost. Then she started naming daylilies for living people. More recently, an idea started to take shape: what about growing daylilies that folks could name for the deceased as a memorial. Souls' N Bloom was born. Nance and Rick (but Nance calls him Rickster) plan to grow these daylilies in the greenhouse and offer them online within two years. Each order will come with a photo of the daylily and a memorial plaque.



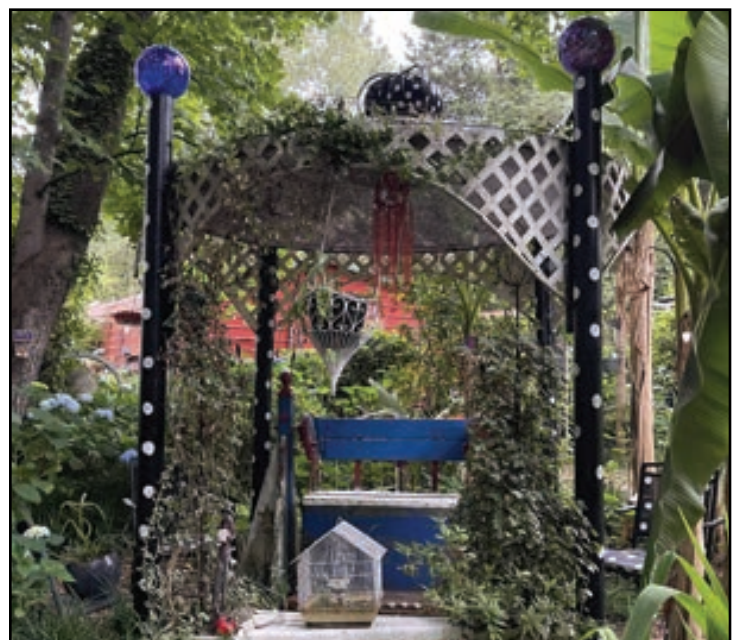
Nance has hybridized too many daylilies to count, although she hasn't registered any. She believes that "creating a new flower is like opening a special gift. It can be addictive and soul quenching. It's probably the highest gift I know of that compares with love." When a daylily blooms that she has created, it's like the flower gives back all the love and care she has put into it.

GaGa Gardens is named for Nance's grandmother, who the family called GaGa. She was a huge influence in Nance's life and inspired her to garden from childhood. GaGa was crippled by arthritis from the waist down, causing her to maneuver with two aluminum cuff crutches. Even so, she was constantly in the garden, growing roses, daylilies, and iris, and weeding with her crutches, using them to gouge out and flip weeds aside.

But gardening isn't Nance's only passion. Art has always drawn her in. She loves beading, painting, glass, wood, ceramics, sewing, fiber art, and creating art from found objects. She says that she bores easily with one medium so moves on to another, making full circles to return to each again.

So, how do I tell a friend about Ga Ga Gardens? What word do I use to describe this remarkable experience? Nance calls it eclectic. I call it magical.

**Photos:** Delights abound in the GaGa Gardens as you can see by these views of the whimsical garden art and cute direction signs. Nance Wolff is posing with Wynnie the goat. The gorgeous bloom shown above is one of Nance's own seedlings.  
*Photos Mitchell Hagler*



# Fall in the Daylily Garden

## *Catawba Valley Daylily Club*

Fall is a time when many people let their gardens go. In reality, it is a prime time to get your gardens ready for next year. Here are a few things we do in our gardens in the fall:

- Make sure that you have pulled off all of the dead scapes, any unwanted seed pods, and dead foliage.
- Gather any proliferations that you may want. These are easy to grow and will produce exactly the same daylily from which they were harvested. Just place them in pots. Be sure to carefully label them for easy identification.
- Clean any weeds, unwanted flowers, and any dead materials from the gardens.
- If you are composing, make sure you use only waste that is free of seeds and diseases. If there is any question, dispose of properly.
- Some growers cut their daylilies back after they have finished blooming. We use both methods, cleaning some of the beds and cutting others back.



- Mark any clumps that appear to be in distress. This could be from shade, lack of water, overcrowding, or other causes. We use construction flags available at any home improvement store. They are cheap and easy to see. If the problems can be addressed now, it's a good time. Solutions range from moving the plant to a more favorable location, relocating adjacent plants, or just moving a sprinkler.
- Mark any clumps for dividing. Large clumps may not perform as well so dividing them can enhance performance next year. It is also a very good time to divide to share or increase your number of plants. We always leave at least three fans in the clump we are setting back out.
- Carefully divide clumps and label. We use two spade digging forks scissored together to separate clumps. If you are careful, clumps can be taken down to single fans, especially for inventory beds.
- Fall is the perfect time to create new beds or increase the size of existing beds. All weeds and debris should be removed from



the area. We enhance our soil with leaf mold and composted mulch. A top layer of mulch is recommended. Remember, daylilies need at least six hours of full sun daily so locate your beds appropriately.

- This is a great time to set out new plants to give them every advantage you can. Be sure the soil is worked up well. Dig a hole a little larger than the daylily. Be sure the roots and tubers are spread out. We add potting soil to new plants and we also spread a handful of Permatill around the plant. Water in when finished.
- Fall is a time of movement in the gardens. Be sure to keep your labels and your plant database up to date. We find our database very valuable in maintaining our gardens.
- Keep your tools, wheelbarrow, carts and barrels clean. One seed can give you years of work.
- Also remember, more plants (not necessarily daylilies) are lost in September and October from lack of watering than in any other month.

**Left and below:** All of the hard work that goes into preparing daylily gardens for the winter is paid back many times over in healthier plants and fewer weeds in the spring *photos Terry Bledsoe from the Bledsoe Daylily Garden Facebook page*

**Above:** A different kind of clean up takes place over the summer *photo Terry Bledsoe from the Bledsoe Daylily Garden Facebook page*





# Catawba Valley Daylily Club

by Terry Bledsoe

# Club News

The Catawba Valley Daylily Club met in September at the home of Terry and Jill Bledsoe with 14 members present. "Fall in the Daylily Garden" was discussed with members sharing their experiences in their gardens. New members and old received valuable tips for a successful daylily garden and the tips were collected and shared on page 24 of this *Hemalina*.



Attendees were also asked to bring a plant (not a daylily) to exchange with other members. It's amazing the variety of plants daylily lovers grow to enhance their gardens. Always a fun activity, this plant swap ensures each person leaves with a unique plant they did not have in their gardens.

Each new member attending a meeting received a double fan of a Stout Silver Medal Award winner. New members attending future meetings will always receive a great plant for their gardens.

Our next meeting will be in December, and the highlight will be a garden gift exchange.

**Above, left and right:** Members of the Catawba Valley Daylily Club gathered at the Bledsoe Daylily Garden for their September meeting *photos Terry Bledsoe*

**Right: 'Alaskan Frost'** (Santa Lucia 2014) and friend *photo Terry Bledsoe, shared on the Catawba Valley Daylily Club Facebook page from the Bledsoe Daylily Gardens Facebook page*



# Charleston Daylily Club with Annette Kibler

The Charleston Daylily Club and Lowcountry Daylily Club have tried to hold at least one joint meeting each year since the creation of the Charleston club. Unfortunately, this year that meeting, previously scheduled for October, had to be canceled.



Tim Stout and Jan Hillis have volunteered to co-manage the vice president's office and we thank them for their flexibility in making this work. During the September meeting, we held our annual photo contest (see results and the photos on page 17).

**Left:** An unidentified daylily mixes it up with complimentary coleus in a photo taken from the Charleston Daylily Club Facebook page *photo Mike Denson*

**Right:** Annette Kibler is thrilled to receive a fabulous flowery door prize presented by Tim Stout during the September meeting of the Charleston Daylily Club *photo Annette Kibler*



# Coastal NC Daylily Society by Pat Mansfield

Coastal NC Daylily Society may be a small group of folks, but we have not let that stop us from getting together to have fun learning about daylilies or from hosting the OBX Autumn MMXXI, the Region 15 Fall Meeting at the Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo.

We met many times during this quarter and started each meeting with Show & Tell followed by an educational topic. We stole an idea from Wanda Quinn and added "Tool Time" to our meeting line-up. Each member was encouraged to bring their favorite gardening tool to the meeting and then tell how they use it and where they got it. Every person participated, even our newest members! It was a great ice breaker to get a meeting off to an exciting start. (Thanks Wanda!) And would you believe that four of nine people brought a knife as their most favorite, indispensable gardening tool??



We highly encourage EVERY club to host a Regional Meeting. These meetings are the common thread that keeps our region connected. Please don't say no when your club is asked to consider hosting a regional. Let's face it, there are fewer clubs at this point, so sooner or later the ball will bounce in your court. Don't toss it back – pick it up and run with it! It takes a LOT of effort, but if you focus on the positive of providing the time and



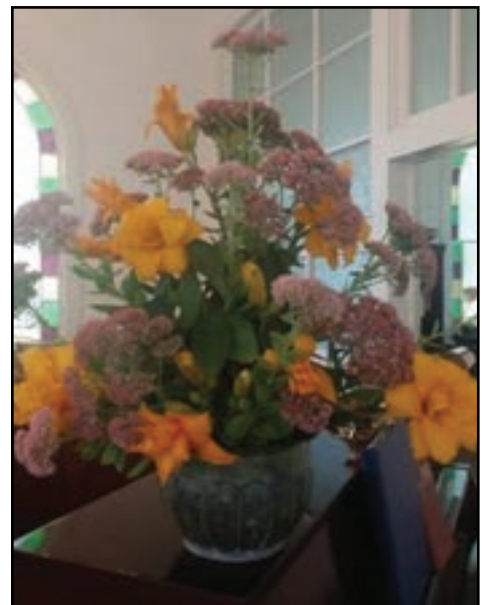
Most of our time together was spent preparing for the Fall Meeting. It was a large undertaking for our small club. We discovered many talents within our group and put everyone to work. From coordination with Dare County Tourist Bureau, the Elizabethan Gardens, and the hotel, to a choreographed program with soundbites, skits, and hilarious lead-ins, to securing Auction Plants, Door Prizes, Raffle & Silent Auction items, and even the table decorations, our little club pulled together to put on a Fall Meeting to be long remembered.



place for all of us daylily enthusiasts to get together, we promise you that in the end, you will find it one of the most rewarding things your club will ever do. Plus when you give everyone a job, the load is made lighter and you will be amazed at the hidden talents that your members have!



**Clockwise from lower left:** Beverly Ambrose and Sarah Burket work hard expanding the flower beds in Sarah's garden so she can grow more DAYLILIES; Sarah and Beverly take a much-deserved break; Marsha Jackson sews masks for the Region 15 Fall Meeting; Marsha Jackson takes photos and Beverly Ambrose looks on as Abbie Chappell and Donna Stewart practice their skit for the Fall Meeting; Pat Mansfield pulls together truly gorgeous flower arrangements for her church - in this case, it is a perfect fall combination of sedum and 'Condilla' (Grooms 1977) and if you like that, make sure you look at the one at the top of page 3  
photos Pat Mansfield



## Foothills Daylily Society by Kirk Milleman

We had a bit of a lull after the Region 15 Summer Meeting since we were all exhausted, but we got right back into it with our annual Pop Poll Party in August. This marked the first indoor meeting we had this year. Members were excited to see each other after the break, so there was plenty of chatting before we showed the Pop Poll slideshow that Eric Simpson so kindly provided everyone. Since we had everyone's attention, we also did the Jeffcoat Award balloting. All of these ballots were sent to the proper places the following Monday.

After this in-person meeting, we thought we were off and running. Thought? Yes, indeed, the delta variant reared its ugly head in our county and made us rethink another indoor adventure. Normally, our end-of-the-year blowout takes place in November, but seeing that an indoor event didn't seem possible, we instead had a Halloween Party at the Garden Café shelter pavilion. We



had the usual strange and wonderful gift exchange and a great meal, but the annual photo contest was be a little different.

Each year, so that outside judges can view and judge their photos, club members submit them

electronically. A PowerPoint presentation is then created showing all of the entries and the winners. This time, we are having members print their photos and we displayed them at the party where the members voted on their favorites. The winners were announced that same day (see page 15).



So, that's about it for 2021. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2022 National Convention in Asheville.

Now, for some comments from two of our members who attended the Region 15 Fall Meeting:

John Martin said, "It was an excellent meeting and (I) really appreciated the adding of educational presentations on daylilies to the program. It was also great to see youth involved with the program."

Nancy Womack commented, "The fall regional was a great experience! The folks in the Coastal NC Daylily Club could not have been more hospitable or enthusiastic. The program was well planned, the hosts were welcoming and helpful, the speakers were excellent, the food was outstanding, and the gifts of handmade masks, greeting cards, and cookies exceeded expectations. Congratulations on going above and beyond!"

**Above then left: 'Flore Pleno' (Stout 1917) is shown in all its glory in this cute swan bowl photo Barbara Locricchio; a little green spider takes a break on 'All American Chief' (Sellers 1994) photo Nolan Newton**

## Georgetown Area Daylily Club by Kathy Tinius

The Georgetown Area Daylily Club had their first and only in-person meeting in August. Members met at Browns Ferry Gardens for the annual Popularity Poll Party. After viewing slides of the Pop Poll entries along with slides of the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award entries, those members who had not yet voted online completed paper ballots. Slides were shown with photos of the Region 15 Summer Meeting and tour gardens. Refreshments were delicious and members enjoyed catching up while checking over Heidi and Charles Douglas' seedlings.



Plans are underway for our annual Christmas Party, which will be the last meeting of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club.

**Clockwise from lower left:** Heidi Douglas' seedling program is producing plants that will be in demand for years to come - 'Shine Bright Like a Diamond' (Douglas-H., 2022), 'Too Cool for School' (Douglas-H., 2021), and 'Opal Watermelon' (Douglas, H., 2022)



**Right:** (l-r) Evelyn & John Olszewski, Margie & Robert Belanger, Ray Carter, Marlon Howell, Charles Douglas, and Ann Howell enjoy delicious refreshments during the GADC Pop Poll Party photos Kathy Tinius



## Lowcountry Daylily Club by Anne Winningham

Our club met in August at the beautiful Old Santee Canal State Park in Moncks Corner. We welcomed three new members. Adam Bedard, the park's Education Coordinator, gave a much appreciated talk on butterflies and dragonflies. He brought specimens of some species that can be found in the park.



A committee was assigned to find members who wish to serve as officers for the next two years. Members were informed of various regional and national meetings. The Club has enough funds to allow a field trip for members and Perry Gaskins volunteered to look into places the club might visit.

Our September meeting of 12 members was held at Anne Winningham's in Moncks Corner. Anne's home is always a great place to meet and to see her huge

collection of named and labeled daylilies. Nominations for officers were discussed with a decision to consider nominations again at our next meeting. Perry reported on possibilities for a one- or two-day club trip.

Members brought plants to share and each of us was able to choose two plants. Our members enjoy the plant swap in the fall each year.

**Left, then above:** The Old Santee Canal State Park has knowledgeable speakers including Adam Bedard, their Education Coordinator; Anne Winningham's back porch is a great place to hold meetings, especially in bloom season as in this photo from the 2019 Region 15 Spring Meeting *photo Kathy Tinius*



## Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Carolyn Cliett with Beverly Breuer

The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society reconvened in September with much optimism (and food) after the summer break. We were honored to have the highly regarded Jamie Gossard with Heavenly Gardens/Spacecoast Daylilies as our speaker. Jamie is much sought-after and has introduced around 300 daylilies to date. He brought along a special guest – Matt Meadows. Jamie assembled breathtaking brand new Kinnebrew/Gossard/Spacecoast introductions for our club auction, including the magnificent beauty 'Ancient Spirits' (Gossard 2021). The edges, throats, teeth, colors, patterns (okay, everything) were spectacular. The plants went quickly to delighted club members. Jamie gave a riveting presentation with intriguing information about his laboratory. His highly scientific approach to plant ploidy analysis has contributed significantly to hybridizing for all of us daylily lovers. He has indeed raised the bar on hybridizing. Jamie has created living, three dimensional art for our enjoyment, and he encouraged us to dream big. Matt and Jamie patiently answered many questions and generously shared useful information. We Mid-Carolinians enjoy our covered dish dinners and it is a tradition for our first meeting to include a bountiful meal and ensure our guests do not leave hungry. COVID could not stop us or the fried chicken, apple cake, green bean casserole.....

Coincidentally, the October meeting was held at the same time as the Region 15 Fall Meeting, where Lee and Beverly Breuer represented the club. Our own Tom Bruce was awarded the 2021 American Hemerocallis Society Region 15



Jeffcoat Hybridizer award for 'Sunny Attitude' (Bruce 2021). We are so proud of Tom and his accomplishments. If you do not have 'Sunny Attitude,' you are missing out on a beautiful daylily. By the way, the regional meeting was outstanding – great presentations, incredible setting, and the Coastal NC Daylily Society members were very cordial and welcoming.

Mid-Carolina members enjoyed a beautiful afternoon outdoors during their October



meeting with a plant swap. Peggy Jeffcoat, daylily hybridizer extraordinaire, also shared her expertise about irises. Some of you might know that she got her start in the plant world with irises. She provided much info about the different types of irises and how to care for them. Listening to Peggy speak is always a prime

opportunity to glean wisdom and practical tips.

In November we will have our annual photo contest. Our club has numerous talented photographers and the competition is fierce. Gene Crocker also compiles photos of our daylily gardens. This is a chance for us to show off our hard work to fellow club members. We will also be presented with a slate of officer candidates for the upcoming year.

We have all been anxious for the construction to begin at our former home, the Garden Club Council building, which sadly burned down pre-COVID in a mysterious fire. The foundation is currently being prepped, so we look forward to watching the building of what is sure to be a wonderful structure. We are grateful to our current host, the Asbury Memorial Methodist Church. Our year will end with the holiday party in December and more covered dish delights and a gift exchange of garden-related items.

**Clockwise from lower left:** Lee Breuer gets caught up in some spectacular garden art *photo Beverly Breuer*; Peggy Jeffcoat gave a presentation on her other passion, irises *photo posted to Facebook by Sylvia Bell*; more club members listen attentively to Peggy's presentation *photo Sheila Caldron*

## Piedmont Daylily Club by Mitchell Hagler

After a year of meeting via Zoom, the Piedmont Daylily Club held its first in-person meeting this past September.

We were excited because we were meeting at a different time (Sundays 2:30 rather than Saturday mornings) and in a different place (the house of the Charlotte Council of Garden Clubs rather than Carmel Presbyterian Church). We had twenty members present including one visitor.

The Council house is really an ideal location because it is in downtown Charlotte close to neighborhoods with younger residents, which we hope will facilitate recruiting some new members. And since all of the garden clubs in the Charlotte area are familiar with this location, we hope to attract some new members from those garden clubs.

As we have previously done at our first meeting of the fall, we had an auction and plant sale. Everyone enjoyed continuing this tradition. It was most successful financially as well as giving our members some prize daylilies to add to their gardens.

We voted to approve a change to our bylaws which allowed us to vote for new Board members at the November meeting of odd-numbered years. This means that at the October meeting, a slate of officers will be presented and then at the November meeting

## Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Wanda Quinn

I would like to thank Coastal NC Daylily Society for hosting a spectacular Fall Meeting. The venue, speakers and all the activities were amazing. Raymond and I had a wonderful time and thanks again for your time and creativity in making this meeting one to remember.

Now, I will get to the Raleigh Club items.

August was the first time the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club met in person at Powell Drive in 2021. Linda Sue Barnes was our speaker, providing a virtual tour of the Hattiesburg National Convention gardens. It was a treat for everyone and especially those who were not able to travel to Hattiesburg. A short business meeting followed with Richard Warren providing the results of the Officers Nominating Committee for 2022-2023 – President, Richard Warren; Vice President, Linda Sue Barnes; Recording Secretary, Robin Hough; Membership Secretary, Janet Warren; Treasurer, Don Myers; Donna Shields also agreed to continue as Good Cheer prime. Raymond Quinn presented Ken Cobb with the 2019 Carolina Digital Photo award. Membership was encouraged to attend the Region 15 Fall Meeting sponsored by the Coastal NC Daylily Society and to also participate with nominations for the Region 15 Awards.

For the September meeting, Jen Smith provided an excellent presentation on Native Plants, recommending a couple of books by Douglas W. Tallamy, *Bringing Nature Home* and *Nature's Best Hope*. Jen also provided a handout showing names and rankings of native plants, with higher rankings showing higher support for caterpillars, butterflies, and moths. She reviewed the website [nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/plants](http://nwf.org/nativeplantfinder/plants), used to find native plants by zip code. Club members unanimously approved the slate of officers and we offer a special thanks to each for volunteering. I want

the slate will be voted on. As of this writing, the nominees include: president, Mitchell Hagler; first vice-president for programs, Michael Luther; second vice-president for show, Connie Moffett; secretary, Allison Tietz; treasurer, John Smethurst; at-large Bill Crothers; at-large, Nancy Moore; at-large, Ann Mozingo.

Since we were unable to have a show last year, we are already starting planning for a show to be held June 18 next year.

Congratulations to member Michael Luther for obtaining his certification as a senior exhibition judge. Michael is very knowledgeable about daylilies and many other plants, and we appreciate him sharing that knowledge with us and the region.

Three of our club hybridizers presented their new introductions and seedlings at our October meeting: Terry Baucom, Bill Gluck, and Bob Richardson. Some really nice cultivars will be coming your way soon. VP for Programs Cathy Tietz is working to secure a program for November and we do not meet in December.

Our club was represented at the recent Region 15 meeting by Cindy and Ken Dye, Gail and Dave Gribble, Mitchell Hagler, Michael Luther, and Felicia Pritchett. The Coastal NC Daylily Club did an outstanding job of hosting this event.



to personally thank Tom Talbott for being the club treasurer for many years. Tom is moving to a retirement community and will be leaving the Raleigh area. We will miss him and hope he can visit when he is in town.

At this last get together, a short business meeting was held with these outcomes:

Due to limited resources, members agreed not to have the combined symposium with Sandhills in February of next year. Several members already have time consuming commitments on their plates supporting the National Convention in Asheville and the Fall Meeting in Fayetteville.

The Flower Show was discussed in detail, including having a combined show with Sandhills, accredited vs. non-accredited, show location, etc. Cyndy Hummel will discuss this further with Dawn Whitley, Sandhills president, to make decisions and work out details. Many thanks to Cyndy, in advance, for volunteering to be the show chair if an accredited show is finalized. This will be Cyndy's first time as show chair, so Janet Warren and others agreed to mentor and help.

Program speakers and ideas were provided to Linda Sue for 2022.

Wanda presented Richard Warren with the Region 15 Service Award Plaque because he and Janet were not able to attend the fall meeting in person.

Lastly, as I wrap up my term as club president, I want to thank the following officers for their time and support: Linda Sue Barnes, Vice President; Steve Edwards, Recording Secretary; Mary Edwards, Membership Secretary; Tom Talbott, Treasurer; also, Donna Shields as Good Cheer prime.

If you have not been a club officer, I would encourage you to consider. It is a wonderful way to develop friendships.

All the best to everyone.

**Left, then above:** Members of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club enjoy a convivial lunch at a nearby Mexican restaurant to wish Tom Talbott all the best in his new home (l-r) Linda Sue Barnes, Donna Shields, Richard and Janet Warren, Corinne Hummel, Cyndy Hummel, Raymond Quinn, Curtis Barnes, and Wanda Quinn was there taking the photos; Linda Sue Barnes attended the ADS 2021 National Convention in Hattiesburg, MS, and gave the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club a thorough review of the tour gardens and convention activities  
*photos Wanda Quinn*



# Sandhills Daylily Club

by Dawn Whitley

Summertime has been fun for the members of the Sandhills Daylily Club.

In July we met at the Kiwanis Recreation Center in Fayetteville and had a YouTube program by Lewis Daylily Garden. We shared some much-needed social time and discussed program ideas for upcoming meetings.



In August, Linda Sue Barnes treated us to a PowerPoint presentation she compiled from pictures taken during the garden tours at the National Convention in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. In the picture to the left, Curtis and Linda Sue are enjoying the garden of Earl and Barbara Watts. We did this meeting via Zoom call so that our long-distance members could join in. We

have also had several members severely affected by Covid 19, but thankfully they are all recovering. Thank you, Linda Sue, for giving us the opportunity to experience what we missed.



In September, we met at Ladybug Nursery in Hope Mills. Owner/Operator, Theresa Williams gave us a very informative tour and answered all our gardening questions. After purchasing many of the plants she has listed on her must-have perennial list, we headed to Big T's on Hope Mills Lake for an informal meeting around the picnic tables

and to enjoy some delicious ice cream. We are fortunate to have the Barneses, Quinns, and Warrens as members of both our club and the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, so we discussed how the two clubs could help each other since Sandhills is hosting the Region 15 Fall Meeting next year. We allocated follow-up items about the regional meeting and brainstormed several ideas to simplify other events, including possibly having a joint flower show.



worked very hard to make this event a big success.

**Left column, top to bottom:** Curtis and Linda Sue Barnes enjoy the view photo Linda Sue Barnes; Theresa Williams of Ladybug Nursery photo Theresa Williams;

**Right column, top to bottom:** Dee-lish Big T's Grill; Bill Pinkham (r) leads the tour of his and Linda's gorgeous and stunning garden photos Dawn Whitley

October has given us the opportunity to attend the Region 15 Fall Meeting in Kill Devil Hills on the Outer Banks of NC. Thank you to our hosts, Coastal NC Daylily Club, for the amazing itinerary and location. The optional tour to Linda and Bill Pinkham's Garden on Thursday was a fabulous example of what two incredibly talented and creative people can accomplish. The garden was spectacular and the hospitality was so genuine. The Elizabethan Gardens was the perfect site for our meeting and gave us the ability to reduce risk by having the meeting in a tent outside. Ken Ferguson brought his TV production expertise and set the bar high with video and soundtrack enhancements. Janet Hong from the host club astounded us with her nature paintings which were available for sale and with the painted items she donated to the silent auction. We were able to get several excellent daylilies during the auction and even came home with some unusual plants from the Elizabethan Garden plant sale. Thank you to all who



## Our Favorite Lithuanian

The Šiauliai Botanical Garden was the site of an educational and informative daylily display, show, and sale put on by our favorite Lithuanian, Edvinus Misiukevičius. He dug, cleaned, and labeled all those plants - and he labeled and displayed all those scapes.

Please check out Edvinus' Facebook page to view his truly breathtaking flower and nature photography. Photos Edvinus Misiukevičius



## Upstate Daylily Society by Kelvin Bryant

The August meeting of the Upstate Daylily club was held on the 15th at the Anderson library. This meeting was the ever-popular sale of our collection and donations. We had a small group of about 20 who had a fun time bidding on the flowers. Several people who said "No more flowers!" still bid and won a few as there were many special and beautiful flowers.

Our September 19 meeting was on technology with Aaron Davis as our speaker. He worked his hardest to get us oldies but goodies on the right track technology-wise. We learned at least a little about the ins and outs of the various phone brands, technologies like Zoom, how to hook up to the TV, and how get our flower pictures grouped in our file storage.

On September 23, a group of members dug plants from our South Carolina Botanical Garden daylily bed and offered them up at the plant sale on the 25th. Our members participate in the spring and fall sales at the garden with proceeds benefitting our club and the South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson University.

Our October 17 meeting was our annual Not a Daylily plant swap. Everyone went home with some plants they didn't have. Everyone brought a covered dish to share and we had a great meal after drawing numbers and picking our plants.

We discussed having our Christmas dinner in January. We did this a few years ago and it worked out well since we're all very busy during December with our families.



**Clockwise from above:** Upstate Daylily Society members take part in the Not a Daylily plant swap *photo Kelvin Bryant*; Aaron Davis instructs Bill Frechette on cell phone technology *photo Ginny Frechette*; Members of the multi-generational Upstate Daylily Society line up for a photo shoot at their October meeting *photo Kelvin Bryant*



## Western North Carolina Daylily Club from ahs2022national.com

The members of the Western North Carolina Daylily Club are switching into high gear as the days get closer to the 2022 ADS National Convention in Asheville. Registrations are (fortunately) flooding in, so you're encouraged to go to [ahs2022national.com](http://ahs2022national.com) right now to register. Contact the hotel right away to get your room reserved and, if necessary, get your transportation plans lined up if you need to buy plane tickets.

If you can help with any of the work required to pull off this large convention, don't hesitate to contact Eric Simpson right away. Even if they don't need your help right now, they will definitely need it during the convention itself.

**Below:** Visitors gather in the flower beds at Blue Ridge Daylilies, one of the tour gardens for the 2022 ADS National Convention, in this photo pulled from the home page of [ahs2022national.com](http://ahs2022national.com)



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## Pay no attention to the man behind the curtain wires and lights!

At the 2021 Region 15 Fall Meeting, Ken Ferguson was indeed a wizard and we were all the beneficiaries. Ken not only brought his many years of experience working as a television and film producer to the event, he also brought lights, monitors, speakers, cables, racks, projectors, and screens. Slides of the auction plants and speaker presentations were viewable on three screens, presenters were well-lit and well-miked, and voice-overs and music signaling important events were very creative and clearly seen and heard. Many thanks to Ken for elevating the meeting with his skillful use of technology!

**Below:** Ken Ferguson behind his show manager's table, with the speakers' monitor on the ground to the left and myriad spotlights and special effects lights clamped overhead *photo John Hong - Editor's note: The low lighting at the event was great while we were there but made it difficult to take photos; we thought you'd enjoy them anyway!*

**Right, top then bottom:** Ken's talents at lighting, miking, and display ensured bidders could clearly see the plants up for auction and clearly hear the excellent auctioneer - (l-r) Auctioneer Ted Nash, able assistants Benjamin Mansfield and Janet Hong *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Ken's lighting also meant that plant runners could see well enough to find winning bidders - (l-r) Auctioneer Ted Nash, able assistants Abbie Chappell and Janet Hong *photo Linda Sue Barnes*

