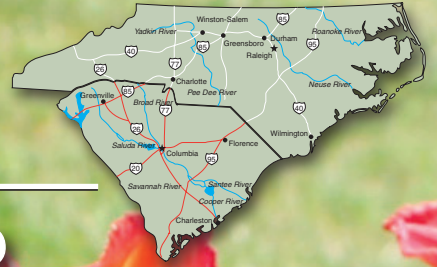


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#### AHS National Donations

*Noted by Kathleen Schloeder, Endowment Chair, American Hemerocallis Society:*

A contribution at the Silver level has been made to the  
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Bill Hurt & Marshall Morrow  
Ray and Wanda Quinn

A contribution at the Supporting level  
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*Noted by Mitchell Hagler,  
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A contribution has been made  
in the memory of

**Blanche Hill**  
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A contribution has been made  
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**Front Cover:** Carolina Seedling Award winner Seedling 19, by John Smethurst. *Photo Linda Sue Barnes*

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# Region 15 President



What a wild and wonderful summer we have had! An unusual blooming season for many of us (or was it just me?)—late flowers blooming early; some that are usually tall blooming just above the foliage; some not blooming at all—but still enough beauty to bring us to our knees, cameras in our hands and joy in our hearts, as we celebrated our favorite flower in its multiple forms and hues.

And celebrate we did: at our summer regional meeting hosted by the Piedmont Daylily Club, at open gardens in our local areas, at sanctioned flower shows hosted by Sandhills Daylily Club and the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, and at the AHS National Convention in Louisville, KY. So much good work by so many good people! Sincere thanks to everyone who planned and hosted a meeting, opened a garden, taught a class, planned or judged a show, donated auction plants, or groomed a flower and entered it for judging.

In this edition of the *Hemalina* you will find pictures and write ups on many of the items mentioned above. I hope you will enjoy reading about them and that you will pass on compliments to the authors and photographers who made these articles possible.

Also in this edition, you will find information about several things on the horizon for fall—our Regional Meeting hosted by the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club (see pages 8 and 29); proposed amendments to our bylaws to be voted on at our Fall Meeting; and a special *Hemalina* advertising deal for Region 15 hybridizers, commercial daylily growers, and garden artists. And don't forget the fall awards—the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award, the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award, and the Carolina Service Award. Votes for the Hybridizer Award and nomination letters for the other two are due to Anne Winningham by September 1<sup>st</sup> (see bottom of page 6).

Finally, I would like to call your attention to three new names on our Region 15 Leadership Team: Anne Winningham, taking over Awards Management due to the illness of Charles Coggins; Dana Whitley as Secretary; and Robin Wilson as Historian. Thanks to all of them for stepping forward to assume these roles.

I hope to see you in Greensboro come September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Nancy Womack

## Daylily Fan Feedback

*What was the name of the first daylily for which you paid at least \$100 (even though you probably once said you would never do that)?*

Respond right now while it is fresh on your mind to [nancyhwomack@bellsouth.net](mailto:nancyhwomack@bellsouth.net)

Directions: List your name and the name of the cultivar. No stories this time. Results will be printed in a table.

## Proposed Amendments to AHS Region 15 Bylaws

Recommended by the Current Region 15 Board of Directors, Summer 2016

Proposed Membership Vote: September 24, 2016, at the Annual Fall Business Meeting

### Article 4. Officers

Section 3. Current wording: Nominating Committee for the Election of RP and Treasurer. . . .

**Proposed change:** Nominating Committee for Election of RP, Treasurer, and Board Member at Large. . . .

**Proposed addition:** The Nominating Committee shall not nominate anyone who is either related by blood or marriage or who is residing in the same household.

Section 5. Appointment of Officers:

**Proposed change:** The RP shall appoint all other regional officers other than the Treasurer, (add) **namely, the Regional Publicity Director and the Secretary.**

**Proposed addition:** The RP shall not appoint anyone who is related either by blood or marriage or who is residing in the same household.

### Article 5. The Region's Board of Directors

Section 1. Composition of the Region's Board.

Current wording: The Region shall have a three (3) person Board of Directors. The Region's Board of Directors shall include the RP, the RPD, and the Treasurer.

**Proposed change:** The Region shall have a five (5) person Board of Directors. The Region's Board of Directors shall include the RP, the RPD, the Treasurer, **the Secretary, and an elected Board Member at Large.**

**Proposed addition:** The election of the Board Member at Large will be determined by the membership at such time as the RP and Treasurer are elected. Nomination and terms of service shall be the same as that of the RP as described in Article 4, Section 4.

Section 3. Regional Board Meetings.

**Proposed addition:** Insert prior to last sentence: On occasion the Board may conduct business via electronic mail. However, action cannot be taken via email vote unless the vote is unanimous.

### Article 13. Transition Provisions

**Proposed change:** Delete this Article

### Non Substantive Proposed Changes:

- Provide consistency in language when referring to the RP (remove references to RVP or Regional Vice President)
- Provide consistency in language when referring to the Annual Meeting—use "Annual Fall Business Meeting"
- Substitute references to "Chairman" with "Chair"
- Review entire document and make any other necessary grammatical or mechanical corrections

Bylaws available at: [www.region15daylily.org/by-laws.html](http://www.region15daylily.org/by-laws.html)

### Editor's Column:

This edition of the *Hemalina* is so jam-packed with information, you'll need your magnifying lens ready for the smaller fonts I had to use (with apologies!). We have a wonderful variety of Region 15 members contributing interesting and delightful articles and beautiful photos -- heartfelt thanks to all.

I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I enjoyed pulling it together.

Kathy Tinius



# AHS Director

It never ceases to amaze me how much daylily people can cram into the season! Heidi and I have been traveling like crazy and we've seen lots of outstanding gardens and pretty flowers.

Our Region 15 Summer Meeting in Charlotte was a wonderful daylily event. Thank you so much to the Piedmont Daylily Club for doing such a great job! Thanks to the garden owners for working hard to make your gardens so enjoyable for our visit. The daylilies were well grown in all the gardens. Nikki Schmith's presentation on Saturday night about social media was a great education and lots of fun! We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Meeting hosted by the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club in Greensboro.

The 2016 National Daylily Convention in Louisville was attended by over 600 people and a great time was had by all. We saw eight incredible gardens, enjoyed thousands of beautifully grown daylilies, toured a historical bourbon distillery, and had lunch at Yew Dell gardens. It was great to see so many Region 15 people at the National!

The AHS held their annual business meeting at the national and discussed tackling updates to technology and social media. Many improvements will be made to the registration database and to voting applications, plus there will be a new social media chair who will be giving the society a bigger presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Thanks to Marcia and Klaus Zech, we are having a 1-to-1 matching campaign this year, up to \$15,000. Please consider making a donation to the AHS; the campaigns of the last two years have been a big help in keeping the AHS in the black.

There was no AHS Service Award given to a Region 15 person this year. Please consider sending a nomination letter to [awards@daylilies.org](mailto:awards@daylilies.org) for one of the many hard-working people in our region. The AHS Service Award provides national recognition, can only be awarded to an individual one time, and is different than the service award we give at our Region 15 Fall Meeting. We have many deserving people in the region, so I would love to see lots of choices when we vote at the AHS Fall Board Meeting.

It is customary that the AHS Board meet at the location of the National Convention about 18 months ahead of time. The 2016 Fall Board Meeting is being held in Myrtle Beach on October 28-29 at the Myrtle Beach Sheraton Convention Center. I know the Georgetown Area Daylily Club is working hard to make both this board meeting and the 2018 National Convention a huge success. If you are interested in helping, I know they would love to hear from you. You can contact Heidi at [heidi@brownsferrygardens.com](mailto:heidi@brownsferrygardens.com) or Kathy at [ktinius@yahoo.com](mailto:ktinius@yahoo.com).

Charles Douglas



# Youth News

The National Convention in Louisville had 16 youth attendees. They all rode the same bus captained by a high school horticulture teacher, Lucas Holman. Looks like they had a great time from the pictures they posted to Facebook. They had fun touring the gardens together and held their own at the auction with money earned from contests in gardens and on the bus.



There's still time to take part in the AHS contests for this year:

## Coloring Contest

March 1 to September 1, 2016

There are three drawings; one for each specific age group.

The drawings were distributed in the spring-summer *Youth News* and are also available to print from [daylilies.org/ahsyouth/ahsyouthpage.html](http://daylilies.org/ahsyouth/ahsyouthpage.html).

Mail completed drawings to Kathy D'Alessandro, 2076 Silo Lane, East Greenville, PA 18041.

The winners will receive a shirt embellished with their art work.

## Don't Hesitate, Participate

January 1 to December 31, 2016

Gain points by participating in the Youth Group on the AHS Portal at [daylilynetwork.org](http://daylilynetwork.org). The one with the most points will win a daylily from Dan Bachman.

If you know of a young person interested in daylilies but wavering about joining AHS, let me know. We can put them in touch with some of our other youth members to answer questions and share with them why they would enjoy membership.

Heidi Douglas



**Left:** Youth category winner at the Raleigh Flower Show, Lauren Wait, shows off her ribbons and winning entry 'Sammy Russell' (Russell, 1951)

Photo Linda Sue Barnes



**Above:** Youth member Marshall Wait shows off his Raleigh Flower Show entry after his WPTF radio interview

Photo Margaret Waggoner

*Photo of Nancy Womack by Barbara Peterson; photo of Charles Douglas by Linda Sue Barnes; photo of Heidi Douglas by Meg McKenzie Ryan*

# Publicity Report

## A chat with our new AHS President – Nikki Schmidt

During the Summer Regional Meeting in Charlotte, I had a chance to sit down with our new President Nikki Schmidt for a chat. We had just finished the day, touring four gardens of Piedmont Daylily Club members, and Nikki was soon to introduce us to Daylily Bingo prior to giving her Keynote address, *Digging the Internet*.

Words that come to mind when talking with Nikki are: passionate (about friends, daylilies, moving the Society forward in technology); energetic (multi-tasking, chatting, thinking of what comes next and how to get there), caring (for those she meets, wanting to be sure the Society is serving local clubs and their members); and free spirited as she moves forward in her new role. Nikki is well into her first year as President and has been on the road, judging shows, providing exhibition clinic instruction, attending regional/national AHS meetings, as well as meeting with other gardening groups at the national level to share ideas and information. Included in her goals as AHS President: to provide more “how-to” information to clubs and individual members; find ways to make membership fun; and, to preserve the traditions of the Society. Sounds like a full time job, but her 9-to-5 job is working virtually from her Worden, IL, home as trainer and education specialist for Ford Motor Corp’s World Headquarters in Detroit. Then there is her garden. She has over 500 daylily cultivars with companion plants. But her greatest passion is for her husband, Steve, and 16-year-old son, Carter. She “dabbles” with hybridizing, but doesn’t have any strong ambition to create something new. She did say she wouldn’t mind putting a pretty face on ‘**Orange Velvet**’ (Joiner, 1988) one day. And if that isn’t enough, she has her own blog, [www.AGirlAndHerGarden.com](http://www.AGirlAndHerGarden.com). Check it out.

Some of us met Nikki at our Fall 2013 regional meeting when she served as one of the exhibition judges workshop trainers. She has a real passion for exhibiting and judging daylilies. Later that evening, she gave a presentation she had developed entitled *Exhibitions for the Enthusiast*, which can be found in the AHS Media Library. For clubs considering an exhibition show, this is a great resource, addressing how to carry out a show from start to finish and reviewing the committees needed.

I would consider Nikki a “new age” leader of AHS. She wants everyone to have fun at their meetings and for members to feel a part of the national organization. She is looking at ways to economize and streamline many of our activities, using best practices from all our regions. She is definitely on the leading edge of technology as those of us who heard her keynote can attest. She wants to take us down the internet road as we look at daylilies. For some of us “ole country boys,” Nikki is working to introduce and encourage the use of social media in our communications with one another. And being the caring individual that she is, she offered to virtually help members get online with Facebook or other social media platforms such as Instagram, Pinterest, and certainly the AHS website. I’m excited for the goals Nikki talked about, which she hopes to move forward during her tenure as President. I encourage us all to take advantage of the valuable resources she brings to AHS.

## Popularity Poll and Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award

Have you ever asked yourself “Why should I vote in the Region’s Popularity Poll?” Well, think back when you first started collecting daylilies. Did you ever purchase a cultivar that didn’t perform as you expected? The Popularity Poll results can help those growers new and old make their selection of what performs well in the Carolinas.

This year, after the winner of the Pop Poll is announced, we will provide a news release to our clubs, announcing the winning cultivar and listing the top five cultivars. We hope you will use this to promote daylilies, your local club, and AHS in your area. Clubs can personalize the announcement and then provide it to local newspapers and post it in nurseries, farm and garden stores, Cooperative Extension offices, etc. So cast your vote for what performs best for you and let’s share the information with new growers.

A 2016 Popularity Poll PowerPoint presentation and pictures of the eleven Jeffcoat Hybridizers Award nominations can be found on our website at [www.region15daylilies.org](http://www.region15daylilies.org). Voting for both of these programs must be completed by September 1; and details for voting are provided on the website.

### REMINDER

Please remember to vote for the Jeffcoat Hybridizers Award. The nominees are:

‘**Glassy Mountain**’ W. Hemmingsen  
‘**High Stakes**’ B. Roycroft  
‘**Anne Elwell**’ J. Yarbrough  
‘**Dearest Mahogany**’ D.Hensley  
‘**Beyond The Stars**’ B. Gluck  
‘**Sunny Attitude**’ T.Bruce  
‘**Reflective Glory**’ L.English  
‘**Cameron’s Charisma**’ V.Santa Lucia  
‘**Browns Ferry Royalty**’ C.Douglas  
‘**Mega Bite**’ K. Dye  
‘**Amazing Adam**’ J.Davisson

The pictures were shown in the Spring 2016 issue of the *Hemalina* and are posted to [region15daylily.org](http://region15daylily.org).

Please send your nominations to Anne Winningham.

Also, please send any write-ups for the Region 15 Service Award and the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award.

The deadline for all three awards is September 1, 2016.

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# Hybridizer Liaison

by Perry Gaskins



Hi everyone my name is Perry Gaskins. I am a member and President of the Lowcountry Daylily Club. I have been in daylilies since 1996 -- can't believe it has been twenty years already. I've been hybridizing since about 2008 and hope to have some introductions in the near future.

Nancy Womack has asked me to be a part of the Region 15 Leadership Team as the Hybridizer Liaison. This newly-created position has a few areas of focus. First and foremost is to help Region 15 hybridizers get their flowers and programs known through the use of Region 15's publicizing resources. For example, every Region 15 hybridizer needs to post photos of their best introductions on [www.region15daylily.org](http://www.region15daylily.org) (free publicity!). We've arranged for special advertising rates in the Fall/Winter *Hemalina* which will enable hybridizers to get their flowers in front of interested members in time to pour over them during the long winter. I'll also be encouraging clubs to contact Region 15 hybridizers to ask them to speak at their club meetings, giving them a chance to go into depth about their hybridizing program successes and to get feedback for future developments.

At this time we would like to have two or three photos of your recent introductions or your favorite daylilies to put on [www.region15daylily.org](http://www.region15daylily.org). The pictures should be around 2MB in size so they don't take up huge amounts of memory. Name each of your photo files the registered names or cross designations and registration year (if registered). Email them to Chuck Wilson at [rasmuggler@gmail.com](mailto:rasmuggler@gmail.com). These can be changed out maybe

every month, just keep sending new photos to the webmaster ([rasmuggler@gmail.com](mailto:rasmuggler@gmail.com)).

Get your plants in front of buyers just as they're settling in for the winter and planning next year's garden. Reduced *Hemalina* advertising rates (\$125 full page color; \$62.50 half page color; \$31.25 quarter page color) mean each of our hybridizers has a chance to place an ad in the Fall/Winter issue. Extra pages will be added to the *Hemalina* to accommodate the additional advertising, so get your ads over to the *Hemalina* Editor, Kathy Tinius, at [ktinius@yahoo.com](mailto:ktinius@yahoo.com), no later than October 15! (Regular advertising rates will return for the Spring 2017 issue.)

I will be working with the webmaster and *Hemalina* editor to provide more publicity for Region 15 Hybridizers. Since I can't be at all club meetings, if anyone receives any honors or awards, please send me an email so I can get it in the *Hemalina*. My email address is [pcgaskins@homesc.com](mailto:pcgaskins@homesc.com). Write to me anytime with comments or questions. I look forward to working with everyone.

**Above and below, left and right:** Perry Gaskins seedlings. *Photos Perry Gaskins*



## Call for Seedlings

### 2018 AHS National Convention



Calling all Region 15 hybridizers both backyard and professional. Your seedlings are needed for the 2018 AHS National Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC. The seedling bed will be in the Therrien / Zahler Garden in Conway and it is ready and waiting!

Region 15 has some of the best hybridizers in the nation, so let's showcase what we are doing. To have mature clumps in 2018, we will need your plants this fall. All daylilies need at least two growing seasons to show their true beauty. Let's make this the best seedling bed ever seen at a National.

Each plant can be up to three fans and each hybridizer may send as many as five different seedlings. Pick your best seedlings and vary the bloom times so that you will have some blooming regardless of season – early, mid-season, or late. While we will accept plants next spring, it is best to get them to us this fall. You

can mail them to us, bring them by in person, or bring them to the Region 15 Fall Meeting. However you can, get them to us!! Your plants will be returned to you after the convention.

Remember, we want to have the best seedling bed ever seen in the nation....so start planning right now to "Just do it!!!"

Cheers,  
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**Above, left and right:** Therrien / Zahler seedlings. *Photos Duane Therrien*

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# Daylily Revolution - September 23 & 24, 2016

Jan Joiner Storyteller *Plant It Forward*  
Hybridizers Forum 2016 *What's in the Pipeline?*  
Instrumentals by Mason Keck Paper Moon Caterers  
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## Registration Fees

### Early Bird Registration(s)

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Below, left and right: Scenes from the 2015 Region 15 Fall Meeting. Photos Kathy Tinius



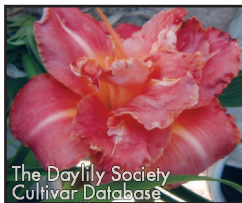


# In Memoriam

## Raymond Lockaby

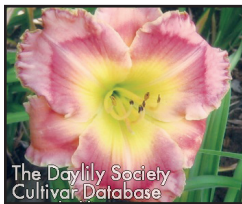
Upstate Daylily Society is sad to announce that Raymond Lockaby passed away on July 2. He was 87 years old and he and his wife Selena were married for 67 years. Both of them were active in our club for many years. Ray retired from Swirl, Inc., in Easley and was a member of the Corinth Baptist Church where he was a member of the Friendly Neighbors group. He loved the outdoors and enjoyed hunting, fishing, and gardening.

Ray was an excellent hybridizer and his introductions 'Jill's Designer Daydream' (Lockaby, 2009), 'Kate Lockaby' (Lockaby, 2009), and 'Selena Elena' (Lockaby, 2010) are each highly unique and beautiful. His proudest achievement was receiving the Carolina Seedling Award at the 2009 Region 15 Summer Meeting. We will miss his gentle smile.



Article by Charles Coggins; photos clockwise from upper left: Raymond Lockaby; double 'Jill's Designer Daydream' (Lockaby, 2009); dreamy 'Kate Lockaby' (Lockaby 2009); beautifully marked 'Selena Elena' (Lockaby, 2010)

Photo upper left, courtesy robinsonfuneralhomes.com; remaining photos courtesy daylilies.org



## John Shooter

John Shooter, who with his wife Faye and daughter Elizabeth, established Marietta Gardens in Fairmont, NC, passed away late last year. John earned 19 Honorable Mentions in his hybridizing career, extending from 1996's 'Priscilla's Dream' to 2009's 'Jelly Maker.'



Above, left to right: 'Clouds in My Coffee' (Shooter, 2015); 'Raspberry Explosion' (Shooter, 2015)

Photos mariettagardens.com

## Walter Jordan

On June 17, Sandhills Daylily Club and Region 15 lost a dear friend when Walter Jordan went to be with his heavenly father. Walter was a veteran of the US Army and served during World War II. He then spent 36 years as a Field Engineer for Burroughs Corporation. In his retirement, Walter spent his time doing what he loved best – serving his church, spending time with his wife Mary and their children and grandchildren, and designing a beautiful garden that placed an emphasis on the daylily.

We will miss Walter's big smile and booming voice. He got very excited when he won a door prize, especially a "flappy bird" to add to the collection in his sunroom. He worked hoeing weeds at the botanical garden until his health didn't allow it any more. He loved to enter flower shows. Winning Best in Show with 'Dash Dash' (Zahler, 1989) was very special to him. Walter and Mary often attended regional meetings with their daughter, Janet, and her husband, Richard Warren. They even made it to a few national conventions.

Walter and Mary's garden was on tour in 2010. Unfortunately, Walter became ill the day before the tour, but insisted the show must go on. By the day of the tour, Walter tried his best to get the doctors to let him go home for a few hours, but that didn't work. His son made a video of every visitor so they could share their delight and good wishes. Friends went by the hospital to cheer him up but it turned out Walter cheered them up more.

Walter also loved hybridizing and registered 11 daylilies, most of them named for family members or friends. We will miss Walter Jordan, but we will certainly not forget him.

Article by Linda Sue Barnes; photos below clockwise from top: Walter Jordan reveling in his best-in-show win by Linda Sue Barnes; 'I am Janet Lynne' (Jordan-W., 2011) by Kathy Tinius; Walter cheers visitors by Richard Warren



# Summer Regional Meeting

## *Billinda Garden - Bill and Linda Gluck*

by Anne Winningham

Bill and Linda Gluck welcomed us to their lush and delightfully landscaped Billinda Garden. Bill had a sign for "Tour Garden" with an arrow to make sure we knew the way, but all we had to do was enter the beautiful wrought iron



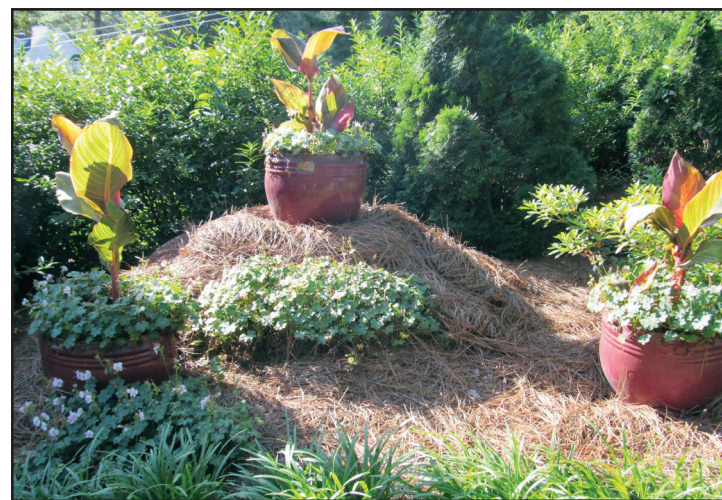
gate to see the incredible number of daylilies they have managed to pack into a suburban garden. Bordered by tall privet hedge and wooden privacy fence, the backyard is overflowing with hundreds of well-grown daylilies with

easy-access walking paths for convenient viewing. The first bed I saw held Stout Medal winners. It surprised me to see

a daylily in that bed I also have, but didn't know was a Stout Medal winner. I need to check the complete list to see which other Stout Medal winners I don't know. The daylily beds seemed to go on and on, even around behind the cute red barn-style shed.

Billinda Garden is divided into several areas with each bed having a different purpose or theme. One I found very charming was a whimsical candy bed with all Stamile's "Candy" daylilies. For the tour, they added a special touch by displaying "candy" blooms in a real candy bowl.

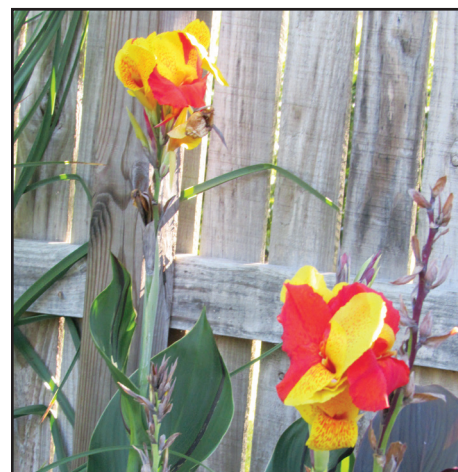
There were many Region 15 daylilies in Billinda Garden for us to consider for the Carolina Best Clump Award. In fact, two of the three tied for first place were from the Gluck garden: 'Red Hot Wings' (Gluck, 2011) and 'Up Mill Creek'



**Above:** Large daylily beds with mondo grass-lined paths lead back to a wooden privacy fence. *Photo here and above Anne Winningham*

**Above:** Interesting companion plantings enhance daylily beds and provide late season color. *Photo Anne Winningham*

**Below, left to right:** Stacked pavers elevate a planter above the daylilies; humorous garden art peeks out from a planting of begonias; brilliant cannas are beacons across the garden. *Photos Anne Winningham*





**Above:** Delightful garden art appeared in surprising places, like this begonia and daylily flower arrangement. *Photo Kathy Tinius*

(Tanner-G., 2006). Bill also had several of his daylilies flagged for Junior Citation award consideration.

The Glucks have added interest to their garden by placing art throughout it. Two stylized cats standing in pots of variegated ivy guard the main gate, while a statue of a child on a pedestal highlights the backyard beds. This statue was especially appealing as the Glucks had placed two large spider daylily blooms in the child's arms. Comfy Adirondack chairs tucked away in a corner invite shady garden viewing. Behind the shed, cement frogs enhance a bed featuring gorgeously grown single and double daylilies.

In addition to their display of garden art, I thought Bill and Linda exhibited their creativity through the garden in many other ways. For example, they built a column of alternating red and grey round pavers to serve as a pedestal for a pot of succulents. They tucked an old painted slate 'Billinda Daylily Garden' sign in among sedum and phlox. They also had beautiful and complimentary companion plants, like a striking red and yellow canna. The Glucks definitely know how to grow perennials other than daylilies. Hostas, cleome, cannas, large hydrangeas, ivy, and many more perennials highlight the colors of the daylilies and fill shady areas.



**Below, left to right:** Delightful companion plantings and garden art; Linda and Bill Gluck; Bill Gluck Junior Citation Award candidate CL-26-09 *Photos: left: Anne Winningham; below and right, Linda Sue Barnes*



**Above:** 'Red Hot Wings' (Gluck, 2011) *Photo Anne Winningham*

**Below:** 'Up Mill Creek' (Tanner-G., 2006) *Photo Kathy Tinius*



The last thing that caught my eye was a table with a flower arrangement of begonias and daylily blooms with a sign I thought was great and very true: "A garden is a thing of beauty and a job forever."

Bill and Linda, you did a great job of preparing your garden and hosting us on the tour. Thank you for inviting us to visit. It was beautiful! It gave me, and others I'm sure, many wonderful ideas!

**Right:** A real candy dish identified the Stamile "Candy" bed *Photo Linda Sue Barnes*



# Summer Regional Meeting

## *Celestial Gardens - JD Stadler*

by John Smethurst

If we are defined by what we do, then it is hard to separate JD the man from his work in daylilies. We all start with a love for other flowers and at some point become drawn to the beauty and possibilities of the genus *Hemerocallis*. JD began with hybridizing bearded iris, but circumstances led him to daylilies in the 1980's. It wasn't until JD and his wife Ann moved to Charlotte in the early 1990's that JD found himself in a home where he could begin growing and hybridizing. By 1995, his quest for a black daylily had begun.

What makes JD special among hybridizers? He believes that good hybridizing is a talent requiring an artist's eye, intuition, and imagination. Having observed the results of his work over the last decade, I would agree with that assessment. Being a backyard hybridizer, JD doesn't have the luxury to hybridize thousands of seeds annually or work with an extensive number of cultivars. In 1999, when at a regional in Georgetown, he visited Roycroft Nursery and, with the agreement of his wife, purchased five plants for \$450. Those plants would become the backbone of his program. Even today, JD only introduces six to eight new cultivars into his program annually. Using his intuition, he selects only the finest cultivars that will compliment and further the work he has in his own lines.

In this article we are going to look at the four areas in which JD works. These are blacks, doubles, teeth, and unusual forms. His production is roughly 60% to 70% blacks and doubles, the remainder split among his other lines. There is obviously crossover between the lines and this adds to the diversity of his seedlings. The photographs shown below are all seedlings which will be introduced in 2017 and 2018.

The black line began with '**Obsidian**' (Stamile 1988), and '**Night Wings**' (Williams 1985). That produced '**Black Market**' (Stadler 2005), which JD still uses in his current crosses. But it was the cross between '**Black Market**' and '**Black Briar Bay**' (Salter 1996), that produced '**Black Fury**' (Stadler 2008), which JD considers his darkest black to date. Another outstanding feature of this flower is its thin red edge. His goal remains to enhance the red edge with a red eye and have a black that will not fade before noon. The photographs shown of 'X1-3' ('**Black Market**' X '**Dakar**' (Stamile 1998)), and 'Z54-2' ((''**Back in Black**' ((Stadler 2008)) X '**Jerry Nettles**' ((Kinnebrew 2002))) X '**Velvet Ribbons**' (Stamile 2002)) are



Above and below: JD Stadler's seedlings: 'X1-3' black color and thin red edge; 'Z54-2' brings in the black color and bright eye



Above and below: JD Stadler's seedling 'A218-1' shows multiple colors and brilliant eye while 'C428-1' brings a clear edge

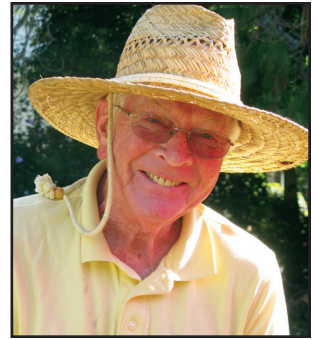


evidence of his fantastic work in blacks. In 2018, JD will introduce 'Y792' ('Dakar' X (('Black Briar Bay' X 'Night Wings') X 'Back in Black')) and 'A206', ('Paint it Black' ((Benz-J 2004)) X ('Back in Black' X 'Jerry Nettles')).

JD was recently featured in the book by Scott Elliott, commissioned by AHS, on doubles. His work in doubles began in 2000 and to date he has introduced 41 double cultivars, an amazing feat. His first introduction came in 2007 with 'Firecracker Finale', a cross out of 'Victoria's Secret' (Salter 1991) and 'Highland Lord' (Munson 1983). JD's goal was to produce a variety of colors, with eyes and edges, in his double line. His cross between 'Topguns Power Broker' (Scott-B 2002) and 'Blueberry Baroque' (Petit 2002) produced 'Hollywood Honey' (Stadler 2009). His coral line came out of a cross between 'Jerry Pate Williams' (Kirchoff-D 1999) and 'Kings Point' (Trimmer 2004). Later, not satisfied with the vigor of his cultivars, he succeeded in producing more height and branching as evidenced by 'Volcanic Fury' (Stadler 2013). His true breakthrough came with his 2009 introduction of 'Date with Destiny', a cross from 'Blueberry Baroque' and 'Cranberry Christmas' (Trimmer 2011). In the photographs, 'A218-1' is a cross between 'Date with Destiny' X 'Blue Beetle' (Gossard 2010). 'C428-1' is a cross between 'Outbreak' (Stadler 2012) X 'Blue Beetle.' You see that he has clearly come a long way towards accomplishing that goal. JD has many more introductions to come including 'Z13' to be named after his daughter.

His work on teeth began with 'Baracuda Bay' (Salter 1996), one of the five plants he bought from Roycroft. The

two seedling we are featuring are 'A248-1' ('When Lightning Strikes' (Benz 2008) X ('Forestlake Ragamuffin' ((Harding-F., 1993)) X ('Baby Baracuda' ((Stadler 2004)) X 'Spiny Sea Urchin' ((Stamile 2003)))) and 'B350-1', a cross containing 'Lavender Flytrap' (Stadler 2014), 'Venus Flytrap' (Gossard 2007), and 'Spacecoast Chomp Chomp' (Kinnebrew 2011).



The results on JD's large and unusual forms is amazing, but so is the selection of cultivars in this line of breeding. His work on unusual forms is fairly recent and you can expect some great things in the next few years. He is using cultivars from Jamie Gossard and Judy Davisson to provide the platform for this work. Featured are 'B381-2' ('High Rise at Night' ((Stadler 2014)) X 'Blackberry Dragon' ((Gossard 2008))) and 'D577-3' ('Make it Snappy' ((Davisson 2013)) X 'Princess Syndrome' ((Davisson 2014))).

JD's legacy will be with his doubles and black lines. You can already see the evidence of how these lines are crossing to produce a variety in colors and forms. Expect to see many of JD's cultivars at the National in Norfolk VA, next year. Over 60 introductions will be featured in their tour gardens in 2017. To see more of JD's work go to [www.celestialdaylilies.com](http://www.celestialdaylilies.com).

*Photos of JD by Anne Smethurst; photos of seedlings by JD Stadler*



**Above and below:** JD Stadler's teeth program has produced the glowing 'A248-1' and demure 'B350-1'



**Above and below:** Showing excellent results from his recent work with unusual forms are JD Stadler's 'B381-2' and 'D577-3'



# Summer Regional Meeting

## *B&B Gardens - Bob and Becky Olsen*

by Kathy Dolge

As the bus door opened, the daylily explorers of the Region 15 Summer Meeting scattered like seeds on the wind to enjoy this large rural garden. Some headed to the iced treats (delicious popsicles), some headed to the spectacular Region 15 seedling bed, some headed to comfy seating under the trees, and others fanned out to explore the large daylily islands.

Artfully surrounded by landscaping blocks or flat rocks, the large island beds in the front garden displayed daylilies to their best advantage and allowed visitors to view the blooms from every angle. A surprise to the explorers was Terry Baucom's Listening Lizards garden beds at the back of the property full of very exciting seedlings and named plants.



**Above:** Curving island beds highlight the front yard at B&B Gardens. Photo Kathy Dolge

**Below:** The cooling shade is enjoyed by Ella Maugans, Ray Quinn, Perry Gaskins, and Michael Luther while Bob Olsen digs a plant and Donna Shields and Wanda Quinn confer. Photo Kathy Tinius



The seedling bed heralded an impressive future for Region 15 hybridizing. The exceptionally well grown seedlings had great branching, sunfast colors, interesting shapes (teeth!), and exciting colors. Clearly painted number signs made it easy to identify individual seedlings. Daylily explorers eyed all angles to determine which seedling to choose as the best, a very difficult decision.



**Above:** Beautifully grown seedlings from Region 15 hybridizers Photo Kathy Tinius

B&B Daylilies had lots of eye candy for the daylily explorers to savor. There were tall, mid-range, and small daylilies. A rainbow of colors for every palette was on display, including the appropriately named **'Black Lagoon'** (Olsen-B., 2016), delightfully pink **'Emily OH'** (Olsen-B., 2010), and remarkable **'Eye of the Hurricane'** (Kinnebrew-J., 2005). Even golden browns were represented, with **'Lost Thought'** (Olsen-B., 2016) and a deeply-eyed Seedling 59. Many enjoyed seeing the sculpted daylilies with large ruffled edges that are part of Bob's hybridizing program, like **'Big Montana'** (Olsen-B., 2016) and delightfully edged Seedling 181.



**Above:** **'Lost Thought'** (Olsen-B., 2016) Photo Kathy Tinius

This writer enjoyed the “tall drinks of water” daylilies. ‘**Lizard’s Lemon Twist**’ (Baucom, 2009) was very fun. With the garden at the top of a hill, the rolling wind the day of the visit did break some of the taller, more spidery blooms like the tallest Region 15 hybridizer seedling (#12), ‘**Thin Man**’



**Above:** Gorgeous stunner ‘**Big Montana**’ (Olsen-B., 2016) after a buffeting from the wind. *Photo Kathy Tinius*



**Above:** Closeup view of ‘**Eye of the Hurricane**’ (Kinnebrew-J., 2005) *Photo Kathy Dolge*

(Trimmer, 2002), and ‘**Skinwalker**’ (Roberts-N., 1997) but did not reduce their flighty and statuesque beauty.

The wind did provide quite a challenge to photographers. Just as they were about to snap a perfect photo of the most awesomely beautiful and interesting daylily, the wind



**Above:** Tom Foster, Terry Baucom, Nancy Womack, Kirk Milleman, and Priscilla Raebauer discuss seedlings in Terry Baucom’s Listening Lizards garden at the back of B&B Daylily Garden. *Photo Kathy Dolge*

whipped up and had the daylily doing a boogie woogie dance! We heard more than one exclamation of “oh, darn!”

The daylily explorers want to thank Bob and Becky Olsen for graciously opening their large daylily island garden for them to enjoy. The visit was refreshing and, for those who had this garden last on their day’s agenda, a gorgeous finish to a wonderful day.

Side note: A BIG thanks to North Carolina for providing a “Chamber of Commerce” perfect weather day of low 80s, low humidity, puffy white clouds, and blue skies.



**Above:** John Martin checks out the seedling bed. *Photo Kathy Dolge*



**Above left to right:** The brilliant ‘**Lunar Max**’ (Trimmer, 2000) *Photo Kathy Dolge*; unusual light brown Seedling 59 (Olsen-B) *Photo Kathy Tinius*; lush and exciting Seedling 171 (Olsen-B) *Photo Kathy Dolge*

# Summer Regional Meeting

## *White Hall Garden - Jim and Wanda Willis*

by Janice Ullmeyer

**QUESTION:** How does one transform a mere 1/3 acre residential property into “acres” of peace, whimsy, and beautiful gardens?

**ANSWER:** Ask the experts, Jim and Wanda Willis, the owners of the White Hall Garden in North Carolina.

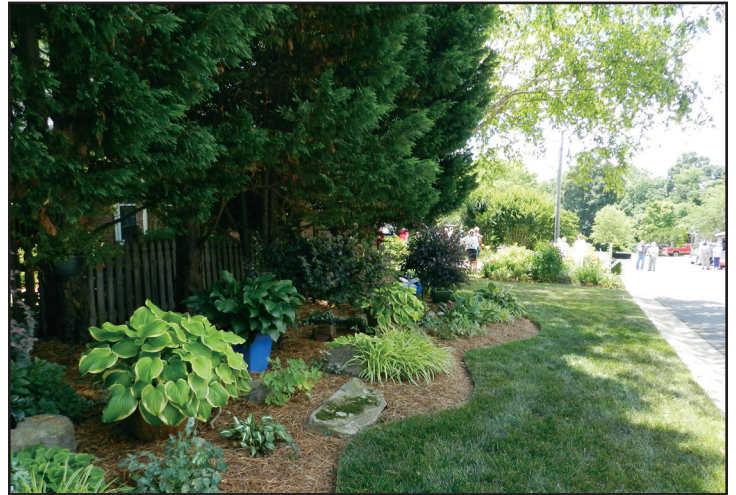
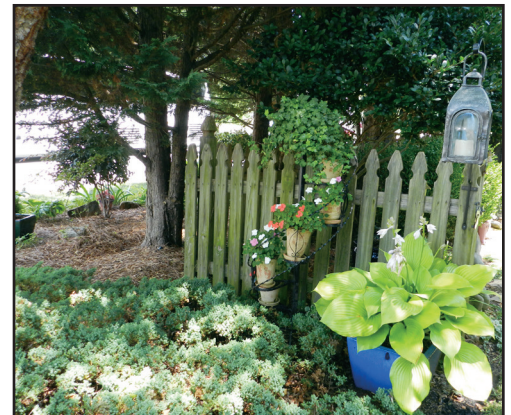


**Above:** Blue Russian Sage and a trickling fountain enhance the front beds at White Hall Garden. *All photos Janice Ullmeyer*

The Piedmont Daylily Club made the wise choice of including the Willis’ garden in their tour for the 2016 Region 15 Summer Meeting. Wanda’s enthusiastic greeting, Jim’s professional demeanor, and the playful distribution of garden sticks to assist in photo taking set the stage for a delightful visit to a lovely AHS Display Garden.

As we rode up to the house, the shady streetside border garden, backed with majestic trees, included assorted textures, varied shades of green, and just enough decorations to grab one’s attention. The perfectly cut waving edge drew us to the start of this Region 15 Landscape Award

**Below, left to right:** Refreshing pattern on ‘Quiller’ (Owen-P., 2008); fun and historic bottle tree enhances yellows and oranges of the daylilies in the Willis’ back garden; lush hosta and impatiens welcome visitors to the back garden



**Above:** The cool green hostas leading up to the front garden belie the bright colors and delicious shapes to be found within.

winner (a title won against some tough competition this year). From that point on, we were wowed at every turn, be it the simplicity of a natural bed or the formality of a well-planned display.

The large daylily beds in the front yard each offered a colorful plethora of cultivars with complementary perennials. The well-chosen garden decorations included a towering birdhouse, playful art pieces, and Jim’s handcrafted metal flower. It was there that some of us witnessed a butterfly dancing her way through the daylilies for almost ten minutes. It was as though she had a scheduled performance to highlight each daylily. Nikki Schmith and I snapped away as the female Eastern Tiger Swallowtail (the NC State Butterfly) repeatedly posed for us. Apparently, White Hall Garden’s daylilies tasted as good as they looked because the visiting Lepidoptera relentlessly went from





**Above:** Stylish butterfly samples the flowers.

blossom to blossom. WOW! Picture perfect weather and nature's personal welcome dancer...a nice touch, Jim and Wanda!

As we continued our tour, we discovered several reflective bottle trees and numerous garden décor pieces meant to catch our eye in every bed. However, it was the myriad of daylily cultivars and the well planned arrangement of companion plants that held our attention. We were captivated by the dainty mini blooms of **'Zip Boom Bah'** (Dickerson, 1997), the deep color of **'Pagan Passion'** (Santa Lucia, 2003), the old time grandeur of **'Pushmataha'** (Gates, 1986), the gorgeous color of **'Eminent Domain'** (Owens-P., 2011), the stunning beauty of **'Quiller'** (Owens-P., 2008), not to leave out **'Heavens to Betsy'** (Jeffcoat, 2004), **'Heavenly United We Stand'** (Gossard, 2009), and the other 400+ cultivars that we admired during our fleeting visit.



The wandering paths seamlessly directed us from daylily beds, to shade gardens, to perennial beds, and even to a bog garden. The soothing sound of the waterfall

as it flowed into the small fish pond kept us mesmerized as we lingered for one more look at the beautiful landscape.

The number of well thought out vignettes seemed endless as every turn filled us with delight. (A mere 1/3 acre? Impossible!!)

Far too soon, while I was being enchanted by **'Double Dribble'** (Lawrimore, 2003), I heard the signal for last call. "But wait!" called out one of the delightful garden helpers. She encouraged me to join her for one more "must see." That morning, she felt that she had discovered a triple bloom on **'Toppuns Lola Scott'** (Scott-B., 1999). Even though we were not sure it really was a triple, it was still breathtaking. It cost me the time I had allotted for my snow cone, but no regrets, that's for sure!



**Above:** Spectacular **'Toppuns Lola Scott'** (Scott-B., 1999)

**Below and below left:** Wanda and Jim Willis; tall birdhouse anchors a flower bed in the Willis' front yard

Then, hurry, hurry, hurry! I barely had time for a dash past the finally empty arbor swing and the rustic red door I had been attempting to photograph all during the visit. Then one quick shot of our gracious hosts before I ran to the bus as one of the last returning passengers. The beaming smiles of Jim and Wanda in my parting photo clearly reflect a perfect showing of White Hall Garden...truly an award winning landscape...unquestionably, a display garden to remember.



**PERSONAL NOTE TO JIM AND WANDA:**

Knowing that your rule is "If you buy one, you have to give one away," may I offer my personal home address for future deliveries?

# Summer Regional Meeting

## AHS Region Summer Business Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2016, Charlotte, NC

Submitted by Dana Whitley, AHS Region 15 Secretary

John Smethurst, President of the Piedmont Daylily club welcomed everyone on behalf of the host club.

Nancy Womack, Region 15 Regional President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and conducted a club roll call to recognize all attending members. Eleven of thirteen clubs were represented.

Minutes of the Fall meeting were approved.

Mitch Hagler gave the treasurer's report.

Charles Douglas reported that things are going well from an AHS standpoint. He noted that Nikki Schmith, AHS President, is working to streamline operations at the national level.

Nancy introduced the Region 15 Leadership Team and commented on the team concept she has initiated.

Nancy recognized Chuck Wilson as the web master for our new web site and thanked him and Heidi Douglas for giving a workshop on how individual clubs can create their own websites.

John Martin, Regional Publicity Director, reviewed the changes to the Pop Poll. Previous winners will no longer be included. There will also be a drawing at the Fall Meeting for those who have voted in the Pop Poll for a chance to win one of two daylilies donated by Ray and Wanda Quinn. (You must be present to win.)

Kathy Tinius, *Hemalina* Editor, thanked all the writers and editors of the last edition. She reminded everyone that the submission deadline for

the next issue is July 10. Nancy talked about promoting our hybridizers, artists, commercial gardens, etc., by having discounted advertising in the Fall/Winter *Hemalina*.

Anne Winningham, Awards Management Chair, reminded us of the September 1 deadline for the Region 15 Service Award and the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award nominations. These require a nomination letter. Check [region15daylily.org](http://region15daylily.org) for further instructions and for a list of past winners who are not eligible to be nominated.

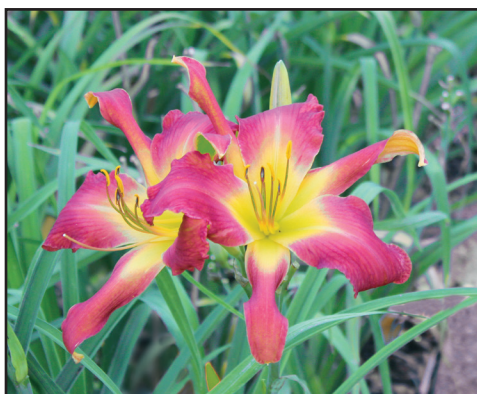
Lynne Broderius, president of Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club invited us to the Fall Regional meeting in Greensboro.

Raymond Quinn, Regional Meeting Liaison, reported that we have clubs lined up to host future summer regionals: Raleigh, 2017; Region 15 will host National in 2018; Lowcountry, 2019; Foothills, 2020. We need clubs to volunteer for the Fall Meetings. We do not have any clubs committed after 2016.

Heidi Douglas reported on preparations for the National Convention in 2018. She requested that hybridizers in Region 15 send three fans of up to five seedlings to Ed Zahler by this fall to be entered into the Carolina Seedling Award Competition for 2018.

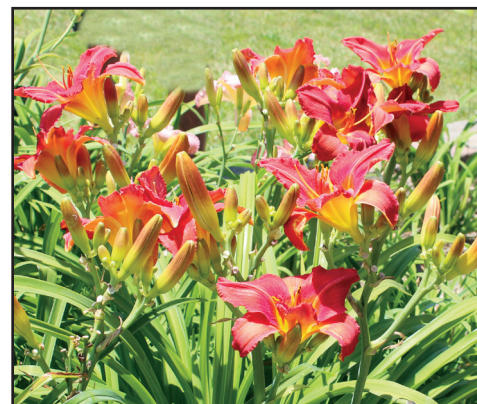
Perry Gaskins, Hybridizer Liaison, asked hybridizers to send him pictures of three of their newest or best flowers to put on the website.

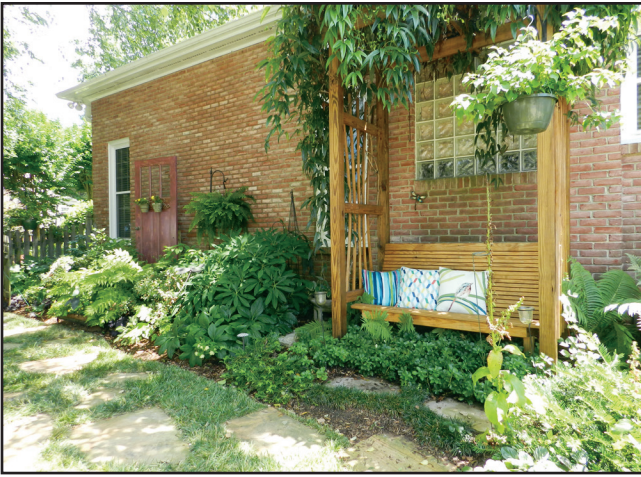
Nancy gave a preview of upcoming proposed changes to our bylaws and noted that we will elect a nominating committee at the Fall Meeting (September 23-24, 2016) for the selection of AHS Director, RP, and Treasurer at the 2017 Fall Meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.



**Above, left to right:** Linda Sue Barnes presented the Carolina Best Clump Award (tied three ways) to Bill and Linda Gluck for these two plants in their Billinda Daylily Garden; 'Red Hot Wings' (Gluck, 2011); 'Up Mill Creek' (Tanner-G., 2006) *Photos Linda Sue Barnes*

**Below, left to right:** 'Little Peanut' (Winneford-E., 1985); Wanda Quinn awarded the Bumgarner Best Small or Miniature Flower Award to Bill and Linda Gluck; 'Seedling 19' by John Smethurst, winner of the Carolina Seedling Award *Photos Linda Sue Barnes*





**Clockwise from above:** Winner of the Region 15 Landscape Award was the gorgeous garden of Jim and Wanda Willis, White Hall Garden

*Photos clockwise from above Janice Ullmeyer, Linda Sue Barnes, two by Kathy Tinius*



**Above, left to right:** Linda Sue Barnes presented the (tied for first) Carolina Best Clump Award to Terry Baucom for ‘Lizard’s Lemon Twist’ in Listening Lizards Garden behind B&B Daylily Garden; ‘Lizard’s Lemon Twist’ (Baucom, 2009); Nikki Schmith, AHS President, cheers a Daylily Bingo winner *Photos Linda Sue Barnes*

**Below, left to right:** John Martin presented the Carolina Seedling Award to John Smethurst for ‘Seedling 19’ (see photo of seedling at left); Anne Smethurst presented the 2016 Photography Contest Certificate for the People category to Barbara Peterson; Anne Smethurst presented the 2016 Photography Contest Certificates for Artistic, Flowers, and Landscape to Bob Selman (Photos were published in the Spring 2016 issue of the *Hemalina* and can be found at [www.region15daylily.org/2015-photo-contest-winners.html](http://www.region15daylily.org/2015-photo-contest-winners.html)) *Photos Linda Sue Barnes*



# Recognizing the Backyard Hybridizer

6th in a Series by Mitchell Hagler

*Lacy English & Jahanara (Monika) Begum*

How do a career military man from Scotland County, NC, and a native of Bangladesh get together by way of Macedonia, Denmark, and Russia? A 30-year veteran of Special Forces and an Army Aviator, Lt. Col. Lacy English was stationed in Macedonia when he took a vacation to Copenhagen. A graduate student at the University of Moscow completing her Ph.D. academic requirements, Monika Begum was also vacationing there. They met, said hello, and fell in love. They have now been married eighteen years and are busy growing and hybridizing daylilies in Fayetteville, NC.

and mentally after retirement so he experimented with two red daylilies that he recovered from a neighbor, and was surprised when the seeds produced two different yellow daylilies. The bug had bit.



Above, left to right: 'Lacy's Majestic Royal Purple' (English, 2011); 'My Sattar's Smile' (Begum, 2007)

Lacy used those flowers to line an inlet in the couple's backyard, and he kept reading about daylilies and purchasing more from different sources. His passion mushroomed and today Lacy and Monika grow several thousand and use approximately 150 registered cultivars in their hybridizing programs. Lacy likes the large and extra-large flowers; Monika prefers the small and miniature ones. They hybridize for good branching, bud count, and plant habit but also for a flower that does not appear similar to any other flower on the market. Together they

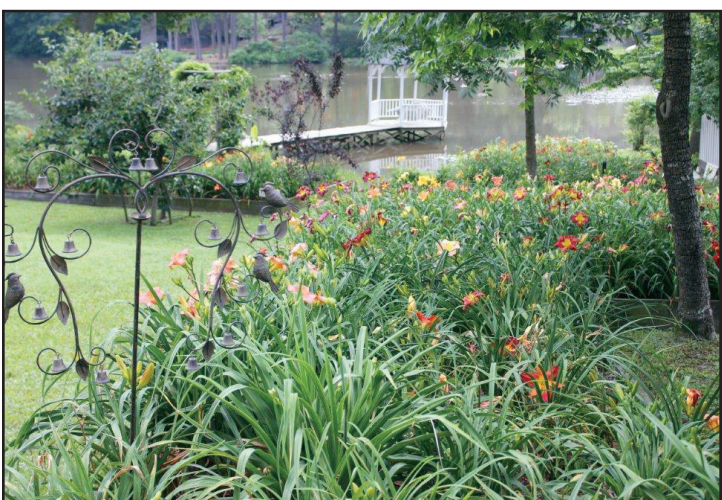
have registered 25 daylilies. One of Lacy's favorites is 'Lacy's Majestic Royal Purple' (English, 2011), a 9.5" purple with dark purple eye above a bluish watermark and feathered yellow green throat with prominent white midribs. One of Monika's prizes is 'My Sattar's Smile' (Begum, 2007), a 7.5 dark pink with white midribs and slight edge above a yellow green throat. In this summer's Sandhills Daylily Club judged show, a seedling X 'Mister Lucky' (Sellers, 1995) won Best Seedling (see photo, right). Congratulations!

One of the interesting things about the English/Begum hybridizing program is that



Above: Lacy and Monika in their beautiful garden

Below: Light-hearted garden art enhances flowing daylily beds



Like so many who become involved with daylilies, Lacy read an article about hybridizing in his local paper – it was Roger Mercer who wrote the article he read. He figured he needed something to help him stay active both physically



they take seeds straight from the scape and immediately plant them in an outdoor seedling bed. This technique allows them to achieve blooms in as early as 18 months. Lacy learned this technique from his father who believed that the best time to plant a seed was just as it was beginning to dry up because the seed did not have to absorb as much moisture to germinate. Currently they are evaluating 25 seedlings they feel might be worthy of introducing.

And when Lacy and Monika aren't planting, deadheading, or hybridizing they are helping the Sandhills Daylily Club, restoring antique cars and trucks, and spreading joy. The most unique thing about Lacy and Monika is that they donate a third of all sales to charity projects in Bangladesh which help the less fortunate. They call these SMILE projects: a new wheelchair for an invalid, breakfast for street kids, a cow for a desperate family, and other needy causes. In addition, Monika's great grandfather started an orphanage in his village, and Monika heads a trust that is used to maintain the orphanage. They are proud that five orphans are now attending university.



Lacy English and Monika Begum are Region 15's "our kind of people." They are striving to create beautiful and unusual daylilies while at the same time helping "the least of these." Dab on!

*Photos Lacy English and Monika Begum; image of Bangladesh from google and the globe from openclipart.com*



**Photo attributes for page 23, Daylilies in the Bluegrass, 2016 AHS National Convention Vignettes, clockwise from upper left:** On Eagle's Wings by Rebecca Board; Black Horse Garden by Kathy Tinius; Ponchos in Two Cats and a Buckeye garden by Kathy Tinius; Castle in Yew Dell Botanical Garden by Rebecca Board; Garden Hall, Daylily World, Creekside Gardens, and Skylight Garden by Kathy Tinius

## August

Eliot was wrong.\*  
August is the cruelest month.  
Turning scapes a muddy brown  
Struggling in sweltering heat.

Still, a few splashes of color  
Dot my garden landscape  
CROSSFIRE and a Mercer seedling  
And some much admired rebloom.

I should send to the compost pile  
Those that flowered in the foliage  
Or favored me with scant buds  
And yes I know I need more "lates."

So I should use this time  
Between summer's sun and autumn's cool  
To plan for next year's blooms  
When hopefully I'll get it right.

*Mitchell Hagler*

\*T.S. Eliot, *The Waste Land*,  
"April is the cruelest month..."



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**Photo left:** 'Lizard's Lemon Twist' (Baucom, 2003); **Below left:** 'Proper Stranger' (Santa Lucia, 1996); **Above right:** 'Orchid Visitation' (Mahieu, 2003). *Photo left, Linda Sue Barnes; below left, Rebecca Board; above right, Kathy Tinius*

At the 2016 AHS National Convention, the AHS Board approved a new newsletter award beginning in 2017

### \*BEST ARTICLE ABOUT DAYLILIES IN A NON-DAYLILY PUBLICATION\*

The award for best article about daylilies in a non-daylily publication was established to recognize the author(s) of articles that promote, encourage, and foster the appreciation and the increased usage of daylilies in landscaping, and home and public gardens. Only AHS members are eligible.

An article printed in any non-daylily publication or newsletter of a non-daylily club or society is eligible. The article must have been published in the year prior to being judged. For example, articles published in 2016 will be judged in 2017.

A copy of the printed article or a reasonable facsimile must be submitted to the Regional Officers Chair by December 31 of the year prior to being judged.

Articles may be submitted by the author or another AHS member.

The author of the best article will be awarded a certificate and will be announced at the annual National Convention.

Questions, please contact Melodye Campbell, Awards and Honors Chair at awards@daylilies.org.

# Knowledge Base - Bane or Brunch?

by Ken Ferguson

Some call it an Orange Daylily, Outhouse Lily, Railroad Daylily, Roadside Daylily, Tawny Daylily, Tiger Daylily, Wash-house Lily, or simply a Ditch Lily. The genus originated in Asia and has been used there as a food source for perhaps thousands of years. It was first mentioned in European writing in the 1500's. When the daylily was imported to North America in the 1600's, there was only the unspotted orange kind, *Hemerocallis fulva*, which is edible, top to bottom. Plants are chemical factories and within a genus there can be both edible and toxic plants. The genetic selection that might produce a beautiful flower might also produce an inedible one. For these recipes, do not be tempted to use any cultivars other than *H. fulva*. Both diploid and triploid (three identical sets of chromosomes) forms of *H. fulva* can be found in the wild, but most are sterile triploids which only reproduce vegetatively by the tubers (stolons). This particular cultivar runs underground. And runs. And runs... So, here is a way you can get them out of your garden by eating them.



## IMPORTANT

How does one tell if they are one of the 5% of the population allergic to *H. fulva*? Dig one up, cut off the leaves, and thoroughly wash the tubers. Older roots will be very fibrous and not tasty, so discard them. Think of the roots as fingerling potatoes, so you would cook them as you would a potato whether you boil, broil, or bake them. Try a SMALL portion of one root. If you don't feel nauseous in an hour or so, get ready to get out into the garden and dig up a bunch of this nuisance (but lovely) cultivar. One final note, keep in mind *H. fulva* is a natural laxative.

## PAN SEARED DAYLILY BUDS

Source: Aubree Cherie – [Livingfree.aubreecherie.com](http://Livingfree.aubreecherie.com)

2 handfuls of green, tight daylily buds [*H. fulva* ONLY]

1 tablespoon canola oil

Select young buds that aren't showing very much orange. Rinse the buds well. Heat the oil in a medium saucepan. Add the buds to the hot oil. Leave them in the pan for about 5 minutes, turning until all sides are very browned. Using a slotted spoon, lift the buds out onto a paper towel to drain. Salt to taste and serve.

## ORIENTAL DAYLILY BUDS

Source: Lowder Farm & Nursery

2 cups fresh daylily buds [*H. fulva* ONLY]

1 tablespoon peanut oil

1/3 cup almond slivers

1 teaspoon freshly grated ginger

1 tablespoon rice wine vinegar

1 tablespoon tamari or soy sauce

1 tablespoon water

2 cups cooked brown rice

Steam daylily buds for 10-15 minutes, until tender. In a wok or heavy skillet, heat the oil over a high heat until very hot. Add the almond slivers, sauté until browned. Quickly remove the almonds from the pan, set aside. Turn heat down to medium. Add grated ginger and cook 1 to 2 minutes. Add vinegar, tamari, and water. Stir to mix. Toss in daylily buds. Serve over hot rice, topped with sautéed almonds.



Ramp those buds up a notch... dip them in a light batter, do a Paula Deen deep-fry, and you've got yourself a crispy summer treat

## DAYLILY BUD FRITTERS

Source: Aube Giroux – [KitchenVignettes.blogspot.com](http://KitchenVignettes.blogspot.com)

1 cup unbleached white flour

1 tablespoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon sea salt

1 cup ice cold hard apple cider (or beer or soda water)

2 to 3 cups canola oil for frying

1 to 2 pounds of fresh buds [*H. fulva* ONLY]

In a small to medium-sized bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, and salt together until fully mixed. Add 1 cup of cold hard apple cider and gently whisk, being careful not to over-mix. In a small heavy skillet or saucepan, heat the oil over medium heat. The oil should be just a little more than an inch deep. Drop a bit of batter into the oil as a test. If it starts to sizzle and bubble right away, the oil is ready. It's important to make sure the oil is hot enough because hot oil prevents your batter from absorbing too much oil as it fries. Grab your daylily buds by the stem and dip each one into the batter. It's ok for the green stem to stick out of the batter, it will fry up and be delicious to eat as well. Working in small batches is best, no more than 5 fritters in the oil at a time. Drop each battered bud into the oil carefully to avoid splashing, and allow it to fry for about 1 minute or until crisp, then flip it on the other side using tongs and fry for about 1 minute. Remove the fritters from the oil and place them on a sheet of paper towel to absorb any excess oil. Eat warm, with a sprinkle of good salt or your favorite dipping sauce.

Again, please remember that not all daylilies are edible. Some might actually be toxic.

If you are unsure of the cultivar, **DO NOT EAT IT.**

Photos by Ken Ferguson



## *Daylilies in the Bluegrass:*

2016 AHS National Convention Vignettes

Early morning bus ride.  
Overcast skies,  
pale sun veiled in lacy clouds,  
coronal lights of yellow and rose.

A downpour at Buffalo Trace.  
Ancient blackened buildings  
glisten in the rain.

A castle in miniature on the grounds  
at Yew Dell. Rapunzel could  
appear at any minute and  
toss down her braided hair.

Private gardens.  
Canvases of color and beauty;  
testaments to love, patience, and work;  
flowers, art, and so much more.

At Daylily World, canaries in cages,  
and galvanized buckets of yellow flowers,  
hang from trees shading family graves.

I wonder what it was like  
that Christmas day in 1846  
when Lewis Abbott died.

*Nancy Womack*

*Photo attributes bottom of page 21*



# Club News

## Coastal North Carolina Daylily Society by Ken Ferguson

Spring was exceptionally kind to us this year here in Coastal NC. With above average rainfall and temperatures, most of our members had super abundant blooms this growing season. Most of our members reported that the second week of June was peak for the bulk of our cultivars. More on gorgeous flowers later.

Our greatest success this spring has been the revenue generated from our daylily sales. All of the profits go directly to our Plant For Members program. Using a broad fiscal paint brush, year-to-date we had an increase of 13% over all of our sales last year. And looking at our year-to-year numbers, we show an **increase of 251%**! Plus, we still have two scheduled sales to go this year. Our Society should be able to purchase some really nice plants and make them available to more members. This has been an effort supported by a majority of the group, and shows the breadth of participation in our Society.

On the downside, our display garden at the NC Cooperative Extension Office in Barco was visited in mid-June by some adorable but unwelcome guests. In one evening, a gang of *Odocoileus virginianus*, better known as white tail deer, dined on every bloom in our garden. Other than being

temporarily unsightly, no lasting damage was done as we are in the process of replanting the entire bed in an effort to be recognized as an AHS display garden. It just looks so naked now.

We are planning to have a contingent of our members attend the 2016 Fall Region 15 Meeting...the first time since our Society was chartered. Hope to see you all there.



**Above:** Plant sale at the Dare Extension Master Gardener Coastal Gardening Festival (our group is not really having fun, are they?), Fred Bock, Ken Ferguson, Mary Bock, Lottie Miller, and Charlene Dowdy.



**Above, left to right:** Get your hankies ready, here's the BEFORE photo of the CNCDS display bed at the NC Cooperative Extension Office in Barco, NC; and here's the AFTER photo once the deer were done snacking. *Photos Ken Ferguson*

## Foothills Daylily Society by Kirk Milleman

Foothills has been in high gear since the last *Hemalina*. The club has increased its membership by seven plus we achieved Silver level for AHS membership with at least 75% of our members enrolled in the AHS.

May started off with the annual Mayfest celebration in downtown Rutherfordton. Our club members have a booth with daylilies from our gardens for sale to the public. Having the booth gives us the perfect

venue to talk with people about the joys of growing daylilies. We sold 100 double fans, raising money for the club and having a great time doing it.

Our meeting in May gave us a chance to catch our breath and learn how to "groom" our plants for flower shows. Van Sellers showed us how to prepare our scapes and flowers. He infused his talk with his usual humor while showing us not only how to groom the plants, but also how to



**Left, left to right:** Daylilies and companion plants in Steve and Diane Ernest's delightful garden; Rocks line flower beds in the Ernest garden. *Photos Kirk Milleman*



transport them to the shows. His homemade transport device was made from PVC pipe and fits into the back seat so they won't spill. The guys at *This Old House* would be proud. Also at this meeting, Stephen Howard brought a DVD from the *Daylily Addict* series. We watched one with Guy Pierce from Floyd Cove Nursery. It was fascinating to see how a hybridizer from Florida does things differently from us.

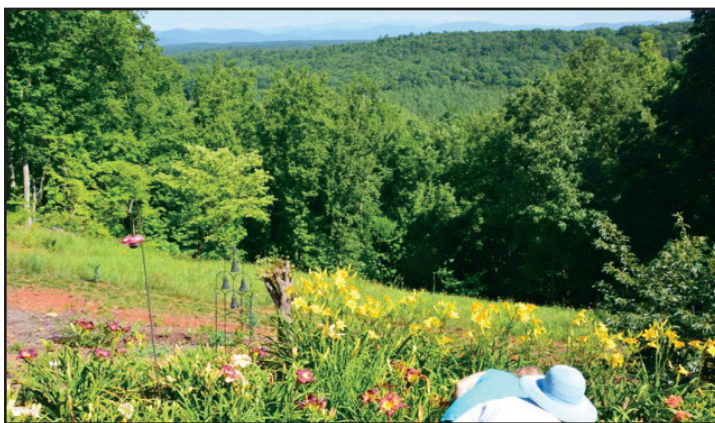
Two members of the club had open gardens for club members to visit. Steve and Diane Ernest have a rose/daylily garden that certainly brought the best of both worlds. Steve has been growing roses for a long time, and the variety of roses and his knowledge of them were impressive. Since moving to our area, Steve has found the joy of daylilies, too. The combination made for a wonderful garden experience.

John and Linda Martin opened their meadow garden and daylily beds to our club and the Rutherford County Master Gardeners. John has spent the last three years working on a meadow garden to cover a steep slope. The flowers he selected are all native plants, so the meadow has the feel of being a genuine North Carolina foothills meadow.

June saw five members of the club travel to Charlotte for the Summer Regional. The club donated a gorgeous basket of garden goodies for the raffle. We toured four wonderful gardens and it was a great weekend to be with our daylily friends.

Future events include a trip to the Flowering Bridge in Lake Lure along with a club picnic, our annual plant auction, voting on the pop poll, and our holiday gathering.

**Right, above and below:** The impressive meadow garden at the home of John and Linda Martin with views to the mountains beyond. *Photos Kirk Milleman*



## Georgetown Area Daylily Club by Kathy Tinius

Oh what a spring we had – plenty of rain and warm temperatures followed in April by frosts and, horror of horrors, freezes! As we suspected, some damage could be seen into the early blooming season (misshapen buds, damaged leaves). Our hybridizers took advantage of the unusual spring to further evaluate their plants and reflect on how the freezes affected some of their new favorite seedlings.

In April, Bob Selman provided a spectacular overview of his hybridizing program to a joint meeting with Lowcountry Daylily Club. The presentation was followed by a lively auction of his latest plants; it seemed that everyone had a favorite or wanted them all! Many sincere thanks to Bob for being so generous with his time and energy, and of course for generously supporting our club with his plants.

May brought a convention planning meeting – a good time to check in with what needs to be done this year in preparing for the 2018 AHS National Convention in Myrtle Beach. All of the teams have made great progress and are right on schedule. The garden owners discussed their

development plans for this year, building their beds towards perfection in 2018. In June, members of the club visited the Daylily Walk at Brookgreen Gardens to check on the plants donated two years ago; additional plants will be provided by the club later this year to fill out newly cleared areas of the bed.

GADC was very well represented at the AHS Region 15 Summer Meeting in Charlotte (thanks, Piedmont Daylily Club!) and members enjoyed the wonderful gardens and fun meeting events. A very nice contingent from the club went to the AHS National Convention in Louisville and took furious notes about how the convention was run to use in club planning. The gardens were breathtaking and everyone came home with more plants than they planned to buy!

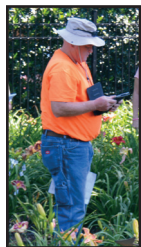
When this issue comes out, we will be holding our always enjoyable Popularity Poll Party. Photos of the contenders for the Popularity Poll are shown as members discuss where they were seen, how well they grew this season, and where they might be available.



**Above:** Ed Zahler shows Kathy Tinius promising seedlings in the Therrien / Zahler garden, which is being prepared as one of the 2018 tour gardens ; Ella Maugans takes photos at JD Stadler's Celestial Daylilies during the Region 15 Summer Meeting bus tour. *Photo left, Kathy Dolge; right Kathy Tinius*

## Lowcountry Daylily Club by Mike Denson

The Lowcountry Daylily Club had a very productive spring in 2016! We had excellent programs, amazing food, and great fellowship. We began in January with Brad Sale from Old Santee Canal Park in Moncks Corner who educated us on hummingbirds in the garden. Who knew there were so many different kinds of hummingbirds and that they primarily eat insects? Fascinating!



Above: Perry Gaskins in the Billinda garden. Photo Kathy Tinius

In February, we conducted an exercise to facilitate questions and answers about daylily culture for new members. We divided the group into four teams and provided them with 20 questions each. These were common as well as challenging questions on hybridizing and disease treatment with chemicals. It was great fun and we all learned a lot!

In March, Mike Denson provided a presentation on rose culture and their use as companion plantings in daylily gardens. Mike began his horticultural interests with

competition roses and grew as many as 250 at one time. Most of these have now been replaced by daylilies although many of his favorites are still in the garden.

In April, we were delighted to welcome Scott Elliot from Maneki Neko gardens who gave an incredible presentation on his new daylilies. Of course, he had lots of very funny slides that kept us all engaged. Scott also very generously provided a couple dozen daylilies to the club for auction.

Finally, in May, Mike Denson and Donald Charpia hosted the club in their garden for a tour and refreshments. Daylilies in Mount Pleasant were at their peak and the seedling beds were full of brand new daylilies. This was a sneak peek for the club as the garden will be on the regional tour in 2019. In addition, a demonstration was provided on showing daylilies as we get the club ready to have a daylily show in 2017! Everyone had a super time and we look forward to getting back together in August.

## Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Gene Crocker

The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society had a successful spring and early summer. In May we had our annual auction and picnic at Tom Bruce's Carolina Daylilies. We had ordered plants from Mark Carpenter's The Lily Farm for the auction, and our members supplied many more - especially Leslie Mauck, who brought about 70 plants. Leslie also provided photographs of The Lily Farm daylilies and the ones she brought. The auction was a big success.

On June 11<sup>th</sup> we had our annual show and sale in Columbia. Many members pitched in to work setting up for the show, digging, dividing, labeling sale plants, and helping during the sale. We enjoy the fruits of our efforts, and, as always, we enjoy the fellowship we have while doing this work. Attendance was good at the show and there were outstanding daylilies on display. The exciting results were some new members and



clearing over \$1,000 on the plant sale. The daylily receiving all the attention was 'Isabelle Rose' (Laprise, 2009) with four blooms and many buds on a well-branched scape, exhibited by Peggy Jeffcoat.

On July 9<sup>th</sup>, sixteen of our members traveled to Blue Ridge Daylilies north of Asheville, NC. Bob Selman provided lunch for several daylily clubs who visited that day. With good rain the

previous week, daylilies were at their peak. We all enjoyed wandering through seas of daylilies and brought quite a few back to add to our gardens. Some of our members brought home a whole trunk full.

Our first meeting of the fall season will be on Sunday, September 11, at 2:00 pm at the Garden Club Council Building in Maxcy Gregg Park in Columbia (1604 Park Circle). Our own Tom Bruce will present a program on *Garden Design, Raised Beds, and Composting* and we will also play Daylily Bingo. This will also be a covered dish luncheon. We welcome anyone interested in daylilies to our meetings.



Far left: Judy Bozard of Mid-Carolina Daylily Society enjoys Blue Ridge Daylilies; Above: 'Isabelle Rose' (Laprise, 2009) by Peggy Jeffcoat; Left: Results of 2016 Mid-Carolina Daylily Society flower show. Photos Gene Crocker

Category	On Scape	Hybridizer / Year
Extra Large	'Katie Snowflake'	Kirchoff 2013
Large	'Sassy Sam'	Carpenter 2007
Small	'Bluebird Butterfly'	Stamile 2007
Miniature	'Mayor of Munchkinland'	Herrington, T 2010
DbL/Poly/Multi	'Pink Peppermint'	Joiner 1995
Unusual Form	'Isabelle Rose'	Laprise 2009
Seedling	'MTD 1301'	--
Category	Off Scape	Hybridizer / Year
Extra Large	'Persian Ruby' & 'Hannah Marie'	Trimmer 1998 & Bell 2008
Large	'Mississippi Red Dragon'	Carpenter 2005
Small	'Jelly Basket'	Salter 2009
DbL/Poly/Multi	'Venetian Fringe'	Petit 2008
Spider	'Creature of the Night'	Reed 1999
Unusual Form	'Let It Ride'	Santa Lucia 2006

## Piedmont Daylily Club by John Smethurst

As host to the Region 15 Summer Meeting, we could not have asked for more perfect weather. The week had been in the 90's with some needed rain, then on Saturday it fell to 80 degrees with a slight cool breeze. It certainly made touring the gardens so much more pleasurable. The Summer Meeting was a great success - thanks to all who made that possible. I would like to thank the board members of Region 15 who played such an integral part in making the work we did as a club come to reality. The awards are an important part of this event, so a special thanks to Ann Winningham. Thanks to Nancy Womack who always monitored the course of events from the sidelines to make sure everything finally fell into place. Thanks to Mitchell Hagler and his helpers who made sure that the proceeds were collected for the region.

None of this would have happened without the dedication of our club board and the contribution by many of our members. Not to take away from anyone else, but I think Elaine Dickson, and her daughter Caroline,

stole the show. I am not sure which one of them was more perfect. Elaine was bus chairman and navigator on one of the buses. She also raised all of the door prizes which were numerous and beautifully presented. Ralph Marmion handled registration, the web site, and so much more behind the scenes. Tom Foster was the brains behind the bus tours making sure the bus routes were perfectly on time. A special thank you for Ann Mozingo and the church group for hosting our Saturday lunch, and to Nancy Moore for the beautiful rose centerpieces at dinner. Then there were Connie and Milton Moffett plus Tom and Marie Foster handling raffles, plant sales, and the other side shows that make up these events. Terry Baucom and Jennifer Prowe coordinated the silent auction and slide show and Val Lavesque handled the finances, book sales, and T-shirts. Gail and David Gribble organized the highly successful Daylily Bingo. There are also many more behind-the-scenes helpers who provided extra hands when they are needed.

None of these events are possible without participants from the other clubs. We appreciate you taking time away from your gardens to be with us in Charlotte. The generous donations of newer cultivars were absolutely critical to the event and to funding for Region 15. Thanks to all who gave so generously. Thanks to all of you who sent letters of appreciation. Thanks to Paul Owen for being our auctioneer and to Nikki Schmith who assisted in every aspect of the



**Left and above:** Mitchell Hagler and a bus driver enjoy refreshing snow cones; bidding was exciting at the auction. *Photo left: Rebecca Board; above: Kathy Tinius*

meeting. Her presentation on the future of the internet for our clubs was an eye opener. Last, but not least, I want to thank each of the garden owners who agreed to place their garden on tour. This is a huge financial and time commitment. Please remember them when you are looking to add cultivars to your garden next year and enjoy the articles on these growers in this copy of the *Hemalina*.

## Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Wanda Quinn

Spring has been a very busy time for the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club. Welcome to our new club member, Dr. Robin Hough, coming to us from Texas. Robin has already gotten involved in club activities like the flower show and we are glad to have him in our club and in Region 15.

April – Linda Sue Barnes, club member, was the speaker, sharing her virtual tour of gardens visited during the 2015 Atlanta National Convention. As always, Linda Sue did a great job capturing beautiful daylilies and special features in each garden. This was a special treat for all in attendance. Even for those who attended the national it was nice to see the gardens through a different set of eyes. Thank you Linda Sue for your time preparing the wonderful presentation and for also sharing your love of photography!

May – Plant Auction; a big thank you goes to Peggy Jeffcoat, owner of Singing Oaks Garden, for her generosity in the club's plant purchase! Plants were also provided by other members and their generosity was also appreciated. A round of applause goes out to Jim Sovine for helping Peggy on this successful auction. Everyone seemed to have a great time and were able to take some very nice daylilies home for their gardens.

June – Club picnic was held at Tom Talbott's beautiful home and garden, and flower show was held at Crabtree Valley Mall. What a whirlwind month with the club meeting and preparations for both events. WPTF, a local gardening radio station, broadcast live from the flower show with various club members participating on special topics of interest. Feedback was very positive, especially about the knowledge level of participants. These individuals were Loren and Marshall Wait, youth members, Ken Cobb, Linda Sue Barnes, Steve Edwards, Jim Sovine, and Raymond Quinn.

We were honored to have WPTF host, Rufus Edmisten, enter the historic daylily 'Flore Pleno' (Stout, 1917), which he had transplanted to Raleigh from his mother's home in Boone, NC. Mr. Edmisten, former Watergate Council, NC Attorney General, and NC Secretary of State, was elated to learn he won a purple and blue ribbon, which was delivered to his office by Donna Shields. A special thanks to all who were involved in putting on the show and to those who also participated in the live broadcast. A big thanks to Raymond Quinn and Donna Shields, co-chairs of the show.

Jim Sovine and Richard Warren have calendars full for the remainder of the year. Details of these will be shared in the next issue of the *Hemalina*.



**Above:** Ann Clapp and Rufus Edmisten share information on WPTF. *Photo Tony Cox*  
**Below:** Melanie Wyatt with her beautiful arrangement. *Photo Ray Quinn*



Category	Cultivar	Hybridizer / Year	Exhibitor
Extra Large	'Carnival in Mexico'	Santa Lucia 2000	Robert Gaddy
Large	'Debbie Monbeck'	Bachman 2011	Bill Hurt
Small	'Green Eyes Wink'	Nolen 1982	Steve & Mary Edwards
Miniature	'Butterpat'	Kennedy 1970	Margaret Waggoner
DbI/Poly/Multi	'Guilty Blush'	Santa Lucia 2014	Jim Sovine
Spider	'Yellow Monkey'	Gossard 2006	Richard & Janet Warren
Unusual Form	'Springfield Clan'	Trimmer-J 2001	Richard & Janet Warren
Youth	'Sammy Russell'	Russell 1951	Loren Wait
Pop Poll	'Peggy Russell'	Joiner-J 1995	Bill Hurt
Seedling	#16-334	--	Wanda Quinn
Best in Show (Tie)	'Peggy Jeffcoat'	Joiner-J 1995	Bill Hurt
	'Green Eyes Wink'	Nolen 1982	Steve Edwards
Sweepstakes	--	--	Jim Sovine



**Above, left to right:** Best Miniature, 'Butterpat' (Kennedy, 1970); Results of the 2016 Fayetteville Flower Show; Sweepstakes winner Jim Sovine; Best in Show winners Steve and Mary Edwards with 'Green Eyes Wink' (Nolen, 1982) tied with Bill Hurt for 'Peggy Jeffcoat' (Joiner-J., 1995). *Photo left, Tony Cox; two on right, Linda Sue Barnes*

## Sandhills Daylily Club by Linda Sue Barnes

In April, David DeKort shared his hybridizing program where he has some beautiful plants waiting in the wings. He seems to have an encyclopedic knowledge about daylilies and is very willing to share.

Our May speaker was Keith Clayton who told us all about orchids and how to grow them. He brought a table full of orchids for us to look at as well as a PowerPoint presentation with the characteristics of various types of orchids. The genera he talked about were *Phalaenopsis*, *Dendrobium*, *Oncidium*, and *Cattleya*. His program also included pictures from commercial greenhouses in Japan—thousands upon thousands of plants in bloom.

**Below, left to right:** David DeKort discusses his hybridizing program at the April meeting; Keith Clayton brought orchids to demonstrate how to select, grow, and hybridize orchids at the May meeting; Results of the 2016 Fayetteville Flower Show; Best in Show winner 'Fete Nuit' (Apps, 205) exhibited by Wanda & Ray Quinn. Photos Linda Sue Barnes



Category	Cultivar	Hybridizer / Year	Exhibitor
Extra Large	'Boundless Beauty'	Stamile 2005	Wanda & Ray Quinn
Large	'Fete Nuit'	Apps 2005	Wanda & Ray Quinn
Small	'Wolfpack Kid'	Quinn 2004	Wanda & Ray Quinn
Miniature	'Regency Dancy'	Salter-EH 1991	Jim Sovine
Dbi/Poly/Multi	'Ain't I Something'	Joiner-J 2001	Jim Sovine
Spider	'Rococo'	Biery 1972	Cape Fear Bot. Garden
Unusual Form	'Spider Miracle'	Hendricks-W 1986	Wanda & Ray Quinn
Youth	--	--	--
Pop Poll	'Peggy Jeffcoat'	Joiner-J 1995	Eddie Walters
Seedling	#2012-02	--	Lacy English & Monika Begum
Best in Show	'Fete Nuit'	Apps 2005	Wanda & Ray Quinn
Sweepstakes	38 Blues	--	Jim Sovine



## Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club by Bill Hurt

Our club continues to involve our community and challenge its members to learn and grow. The Triad Daylily Club's monthly plant sales and work at Tanger Family Bicentennial Gardens in the Lillian Livingston Memorial Daylily Gardens inform the public of the diversity of the daylily! Club members dug up the previous daylily garden, reworked the soil, and donated more than 80 plants for the refurbished garden. The new layout has been mapped and they hope to work with the city on a smartphone APP to provide AHS photos and descriptions.

In our March meeting, we heard local scientist and daylily hybridizer, David DeKort, speak to us about those plants that grow well in North Carolina. His presentation, *Jewels in the Garden*, allowed us to analyze cultivars that meet the standards for selection in our gardens. David demonstrated that the mission of a hybridizer is to create big, hardy plants with good branching, high bud count, clear colors, and good bloom substance. Some of our members visited his garden in June to see his work firsthand, touring his seedling beds and photographing his plants in bloom, very instructive.

In our April meeting, AHS Archivist Ken Cobb came to share with our fledging club the historical roots of Region 15 and the AHS. Using a

reverse test process, he challenged our knowledge of our society's history including the awards program. We learned facts such as the first named daylily – 'Apricot' (Yeld, 1893) – and that North Carolina and South Carolina were not originally in the same region!

In May, Lacy English and Monika Begum gave a presentation on how daylilies are an integral part of their personal gardening. Hybridizing and selling daylilies gives them the opportunity to help others in need, especially in Bangladesh. They both love gardening and have a heart to give to those in need a hand up!

In June, several members were able to attend the Region 15 Summer Meeting in Charlotte. Lynne Broderius entertained as Bus 2 Captain and lucky people won great prizes and current daylily cultivars.

And finally, on June 26, some members visited the gorgeous garden of Judy Davisson. Wow, the beauty she is creating. You must find time to visit next bloom season, it is phenomenal!

Excitement builds as we plan to host the Region 15 meeting here in Greensboro this September. Ya'll come, you hear!



**Above left to right:** Brightly colored cardboard contains descriptions of daylilies for sale at the Lillian Livingston Memorial Garden, the first ever plant sale held by the Greensboro Beautiful, Inc.; Another view of the Lillian Livingston Memorial Garden showing excellent growth of the featured daylilies and scene of the "Parisian Promenade" in June; Lacy English talks to members at the May meeting. Photos left and center Lynne Broderius, right Bill Hurt

## Upstate Daylily Society by Charles Coggins

In January, our program consisted of slides, pictures, and thoughts of the fun we had hosting the Region 15 Summer Meeting in 2015. This was so enjoyable -- reliving good times spent with good friends. We again thanked everyone for all their hard work.

At our February meeting, we had a local expert horticulturist, Boris Bauer, speak to us about how to incorporate different varieties of magnolias into the landscape. Jane and Boris Bauer own and manage a six acre garden built on the terraces of a former cotton farm. Magnolias on the property are collected for specific examples of contemporary hybridizers. Selected deciduous magnolias grow very well in the moist floodplain and some of the cultivars are the largest and finest in the Southeast.

In March, we had Tom Bruce, SC hybridizer (carolinadaylilies.com) as our speaker. Tom showed us his new beautiful introductions and seedlings. His doubles and interesting color combinations were exciting and fun.

April was a fine time at Priscilla and John Raebauer's home with a BBQ. But it wasn't all relaxation; we spent the rest of the evening preparing for the South Carolina Botanical Garden Sale.

May was exciting; we took a trip to Tom Bruce's garden to see and buy some great daylilies. Everyone went home with more than they planned to buy. We dined at Shealy's Restaurant, a popular eating spot in SC.



Above, left and right: Views of the Raebauer garden during the 2015 Region 15 Summer Meeting. Photos Kathy Tinius

## Western North Carolina Daylily Club by Bob Selman

On May 21, the WNC Daylily Club had a picnic at Sue Vrooman's Laughing Crow Gardens and Joel Cole's Faer Hill Gardens in Weaverville, NC. Both of these beautiful gardens were featured during the 2014 AHS National Convention in Asheville.

Our flower show was held at the NC Arboretum in Asheville on June 25 and was the club's best attended flower show in years. 'Asheville Sunlit Rainbow' (Selman 2014) won best in show, chosen by popular vote of show visitors.

On July 9 the Multi-Club Picnic, held at Blue Ridge Daylilies, was a huge success. Members from five Region 15 daylily clubs as well as the Tri-Cities Club in Tennessee were in attendance. As always, children of all ages enjoyed Faye Morris' hypertufa workshop.

We are happy to report our membership has been growing and we have many fun activities planned for the rest of the year. For more information, please visit [www.wncdaylilyclub.com](http://www.wncdaylilyclub.com) or find us on Facebook.



Clockwise from upper right: Sue Vrooman's Laughing Crow Gardens; entries in the WNC flower show, held at the NC Arboretum; best-in-show winner 'Asheville Sunlit Rainbow' (Selman 2014); Susan Okrasinski at the Multi-Club Picnic, held in Blue Ridge Daylilies. Photos Bob Selman

## Daylily Revolution - Agenda

AHS Region 15, NC & SC, Fall Meeting

September 23rd and 24th, 2016

All Events will be at The Greensboro Council of Garden Club  
(next to the Science Center)

4301-A Lawndale Drive, Greensboro, NC 27455

### Friday, September 23:

1:30 - 4:30 PM Exhibition Judges Clinics I & III Jim Sovine  
2:30 - 4:30 Garden Judges Workshop 1 Becky Hinshaw  
3:30 - 4:30 Regional Board Meeting  
4:30 - 5:15 Regional Officers / Club Officers Forum  
4:00 - 5:30 Registration & Raffle Ticket Sales for Garden Theme Club Donations  
Daylily Boutique & Silent Auction Tables will be open  
5:30 - 5:40 Welcome Lynne Broderius, President TDFGC  
Nancy Womack, President AHS Region 15  
5:30 - 7:00 Dinner by Paper Moon Caterers  
Live Music by Mason Keck Instrumental Guitar  
7:15 - 9:00 Regional Auction (Part 1)  
If registration is not received for clinics by 9/16/16, the clinic will be canceled

### Saturday, September 24

8:30 - 9:00 AM Registration (continued)  
Silent Auction Tables - Raffle Tickets - Daylily Boutique Open; Biscuitville Breakfast  
(Continental breakfast included at the hotel)  
9:00 - 10:15 Regional Business Meeting. Regional Presentations of Awards & Announcements  
Break  
10:15 - 10:30 Keynote Speaker: Jan Joiner, Storyteller - *Plant it Forward*  
10:30 - 11:45 Lunch from Paper Moon Caterers  
11:45 - 12:15 Silent Auction Announcements  
12:15 - 1:30 Region 15 Hybridizers Meeting/Forum - *What's in the Pipeline?* Photos Recent Introductions  
1:30 - 3:00 Regional Auction (Part 2)  
3:00 - 3:15 Wrap Up

Triad Daylily Fans Garden Club - Thanks You for Your Support!

See page 8 for Daylily Revolution registration form

## CALLING ALL CAROLINA DAYLILY PHOTOGRAPHERS!

As the prime daylily bloom season comes to a close there are many tasks at hand – assessing the bloom season and the seedling beds, digging and resetting the gardens, and nurturing the seeds for future introductions. As you go about these gardening duties, please take time to evaluate and catalogue your best photographs for entry into this year's Region 15 Digital Photography Contest. Set aside your creative pictures in a folder on your computer now for submission in the fall. The Rules for the Contest are listed below. If you have any questions about the Contest or the Rules, please contact Anne Smethurst at smethurst07@gmail.com.

Good luck and we look forward to seeing your entries!

The Carolina Digital Photography Contest was approved at the 2007 Region 15 Fall Business Meeting for the purpose of developing a library of regional images for use in Region 15 publications. Contest guidelines were amended in 2012 and again in 2015. Information printed below supersedes previous publications.

### Categories:

1. Images of Region 15 daylilies (may be single blooms, multiple blooms, or clumps registered by Region 15 hybridizers). Companion plants, garden art, etc., may be included in the background, but the dominant image must be a daylily registered by a Region 15 hybridizer.
2. Images of Region 15 members, preferably candid shots of members engaged in daylily activities.
3. Landscapes featuring Region 15 gardens. A significant part of the landscape must include daylilies.
4. Artistic Shots—may include close-ups of flowers, garden vignettes, insects, birds, etc. Photos featuring daylilies, a part of a daylily, or a daylily motif will have preference over images without any part of a daylily if the photos are otherwise equal in quality.
5. Youth Contest (all of the above categories)

### Rules:

1. Contestants must be AHS members of Region 15. Eligible youth contestants shall include all ages up to those who turn 18 during the calendar year preceding the due date.
2. Images are due to the Carolina Digital Photography Contest Coordinator by December 31 each year. They may be sent by email or on CD or DVD. Entries must also clearly identify the contestant's name, address, phone number and email address (if available).
3. First Place winning images will be published in the spring issue of the Hemalina with certificates of recognition presented at the Summer regional meeting.
4. Entries are limited to 10 images per category per person.
5. Images must come with permission to use and re-use by AHS Region 15 and AHS. PDF permission form can be downloaded from the AHS website.
6. Images must have a high enough resolution to provide good print quality: Images that are 4 x 6 inches (the standard print format setting for most cameras) at 300ppi (pixels per inch) are typically a good size. In terms of megabytes, 1-4 MB (when closed) is preferred for the contest. If a winning image is used for the cover of the newsletter, the photographer may be asked to send a larger version. Image naming must be sufficient to identify photo content:
  - for pictures of Region 15 daylilies, identify the name of the cultivar and its hybridizer;
  - for pictures of Region 15 members, identify the person(s) in the photo and where the photo was taken;
  - for Region 15 landscape photos, identify the featured garden by name and/or owner;
  - for artistic shots, use creative titles or, depending on the content, use any of the suggestions listed above.

(Identifying information may be included in e-mails with attached photos or it can be included in a separate written document so long as it sufficiently correlates with the images submitted.)

1. Any registered Region 15 cultivar, no matter the date of registration, is eligible. There is also no restriction on the age of images in any category, i.e., when they were taken.
2. Images submitted for one contest are ineligible in subsequent years, since the goal is to build a unique regional image library.
3. Cropping or editing of digital images is permissible to remove blemishes and improve composition. The quality of any editing will be part of the judges' evaluation. All other points being equal, an image in any category with no extraneous or distracting items such as plant markers, dead or diseased foliage, spent blooms, trash cans, etc. will rate higher than one that does.
4. A panel of three (3) judges (RP or designated assistant, *Hemalina* Editor (or Editor's designee), and the Photo Contest Coordinator (or Coordinator's designee) will evaluate images based on clarity, accuracy of color, and composition. Judges or their family members are not eligible to compete, but they may supply images to the regional library.

### Hints for Improving Photos:

1. Make sure your camera is set to large file format.
2. Remember that early morning light or overcast days provide the best lighting.
3. Think about photo composition before you take the shot. Remember the "rule of thirds."
4. If photographing in your own garden, remove spent flowers, dead foliage, plant markers and any other distractions that appear in your view finder. Never do this in someone else's garden. Just work around detractions: shoot from a different angle or do close-ups.
5. Avoid scenes with heavy shade in one part of the garden and bright sunlight in another.
6. Watch for hats that shade the faces of people and watch for your shadow across the flowers.



**Above:** Demonstrating that daylilies are truly multi-generational, Nancy Moore and Elaine Dickson share the joys of the Region 15 tour gardens with Caroline Dickson. *Photo Anne Smethurst*

# Daylily Fan Feedback

by Nancy Womack

In the last edition of the *Hemalina*, I posed the question, “Who first inspired your interest in daylilies?” I anticipated receiving names – individuals, hybridizers, growers, family members maybe. I had my own answer in mind (Howard and Joyce Parris) and I figured others would have equally pat answers. I would simply create a small table that might fit into a quarter of a page. Not so! Everyone who responded had an interesting or moving story to share. Because our space is limited, what follows are abbreviated versions.

**Linda Sue Barnes:** “I have my mother, Virginia Donnelly, to blame for my madness. She, along with one of her sisters or friends, was always taking me off to daylily gardens. When I moved to Fayetteville and had my first house, Mama shared daylilies with me.”

**Jack Bilson:** “My grandmother got me started with daylilies during the spring of 1947. We traded some other plants to a friend of Grandma’s for some daylilies, including one from Dr. Stout. The next year I sent \$2.00 to Wilds of Missouri—received an armload of daylilies and an encouraging letter from Mr. Wild. When I was courting Nancy, I took her to an open daylily garden and she was hooked!”

**Mary Beth Heath:** “My father and all of his family, including my grandmother, had a great love of daylilies. Once I wanted to surprise my father with a big bouquet of flowers. They were beautiful till the sun went down. That’s when I learned why they were called “daylilies.”

**Gene Crocker:** “My grandmother, who had a huge Victorian garden, was my first influence. By the time I was ten years old, I was growing and hybridizing African violets. I also grew tall bearded iris and daylilies from her garden. The person who ‘set me on fire’ for daylilies was Dr. Harvey Hobson of Clemson University. When I had my own place, he started me off with 70 different varieties.”

**Nancy Moore:** “My grandfather would take me out to the garden in the 1940’s and we would pick posies. My first daylily was one stolen from the side of the road! It was B. J. Brown who invited me to the Piedmont Daylily Club in 1989.”

**Ray Quinn:** “My parents grew thousands of daylilies when I was a kid, but it was not until 1988 when my mom talked me into taking a day off from work and going with her to some daylily gardens. One of those garden owners explained how daylilies were named and how hybridizing worked. That sparked a fire in me that is still a full blaze today. My other main influence was Jim Cooper, a Raleigh Club member and a former AHS president, who kind of adopted Wanda and me and made us ‘his project.’ Through him we met Bill and Ida Munson, Steve Moldovan, Curt Hanson, and many other greats.”

**Jim Sovine:** “I have always loved gardening but never got much into daylilies until we moved to Raleigh in 1994. Jane became involved in the local quilt guild where she met Ray Quinn’s mother, Irene. It was she who invited us to our first RHC meeting in 1997. I don’t think I’ve missed over three meetings since then. Although it was Irene who first invited us to the club, it was Ray and Wanda, and Linda Sue and Curtis Barnes who encouraged me to start my own daylily garden and have been somewhat my mentors.”

**Lynne Roberts-Broderius:** “My love of daylilies came about as part of Southern gardening. Living on Sanibel Island, I found daylilies to be predictably stunning and alligators didn’t particularly like them.”

**Steve Earnest:** “I first became interested in daylilies when Bob Selman joined the Facebook group “The Rose, Flower, and Veggie Gardener’s Group,” which I administer. Bob began posting some of the most beautiful daylilies I had ever seen—shortly after, I became an addict.”

**Jean Owens:** “When my husband was sick and I was taking care of him, he told me that every time he saw my sister Mildred, she had new daylilies to show off. He warned me not to get addicted to them like Mildred and my twin sister, Anne, had done. As fate would have it though, Mildred asked me to ride with her to a daylily meeting, and my husband’s advice was history. I became addicted too.”

**Elaine Dickson:** “My mom always had daylilies when I was growing up, but I never knew there were so many colors and varieties till later when my husband and I moved to a house with a real yard and began to add daylilies to our landscape. The people who have really inspired my love of daylilies are my fellow members of the Piedmont Daylily Club. Their enthusiasm is contagious!”

**Cindy Dye:** “My daylily ‘dealer’ was Red (W. T.) Nolan, who invited me to a daylily show and made sure I was introduced to Van Sellers, who sealed my fate into a world of *Hemerocallis* hypnosis.”

**Wanda Willis:** “I was truly inspired by Cindy Dye. She has mentored me in growing, dividing, maintaining, and showing daylilies. She is my daylily hero.”

**Ken Cobb:** “In 1979, Anne and I stumbled upon a daylily show in a Raleigh mall and discovered that two of our friends from church were in the club—Region 15 charter members, Harvey and Edith Horne. That fall Harvey invited me over when he was dividing daylilies and gave me several sacks of them. I think it was in the fall of 1981 when the Hornes drove me to my first regional meeting in Charlotte. I still recall sitting next to a man during the auction who convinced me to bid again when I seemed hesitant. ‘Go ahead,’ he said, ‘bid another 25 because it will do well for you.’ So I listened to Van Sellers, bid another 25 cents and won it for \$2.50.”

**Betty Walker:** “Bill Oates told me how to make new daylilies at my first meeting in the Knoxville Daylily Club, and I was hooked.”

**Barbara Neuman:** “My love of daylilies started after I visited Stan Krishak’s garden in Rutherfordton. He had so many varieties, and his garden was so beautiful. He was very generous and sent me home with over 20 different types.”

**Janice Ullmeyer:** “I have always admired daylilies, but my interest multiplied exponentially the day I attended my first meeting of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club. The enthusiasm of Heidi and Charles Douglas and the passion of Kathy Tinius were definitely the inspiration of my now ever-growing love of daylilies.”

**Perry Gaskins:** “I know this is a little different, but no one inspired me in daylilies. I just happened to pass the Roycroft sign on Highway 17 heading from Charleston to Georgetown, stopped in, and have been hooked ever since. I never even talked to anyone at the nursery. This is a good/bad sickness!”

**Patricia Kuess:** “In 2005, having lived in Ocean Springs, MS—the place I had chosen to spend my retirement years—for only three months, hurricane Katrina struck and I was totally flooded out. Low in spirits, I found myself in Rutherfordton, NC, buying another house and starting over—again. Someone gave me a double orange daylily which I managed to plant in the muddy muck that was my yard. I forgot about it. I remained in low spirits. Then one day I looked out my back window and saw something vibrantly orange in the back yard. Curious, I went out to see what it was. My beautiful daylily had bloomed! I felt my spirits lift. It was the beginning of my recovery. I have felt indebted to the beauty and wonder of daylilies ever since.”

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## You Might Be A Daylily Addict If.....

by Bill Hurt

**G**ardening and growing daylilies have become such an important part of our lives. These activities offer a chance to escape into Mother Nature's sanctuary, where everything can grow and be beautiful. As we play in our daylily beds, the feel of soil, sound of songbirds, and beauty of our plants allow us to be thankful for each gift our Maker gives us! Our days are filled with trading and buying plants, visiting other gardens, digging in our flower beds, and sharing tales of successes and disasters...often from early morning until late into the evening. With all this pleasure, we don't understand why too often when grandchildren or friends visit, time is spent with a screen instead of with real people or out in nature. We tsk tsk that they've become "addicted" to those gadgets – it's almost unforgivable since we are obviously so much wiser. NO WAY would we become that addicted to anything!

Right?

Well, to be honest, I am not so sure about that.

You might be addicted to daylilies if you.....

- Keep your daylily beds cleaner than your house
- Order and record a daylily you already have, give the extra to a friend, then order it again
- Look at a beautiful lawn as wasted space
- Have seven legal-sized spreadsheets detailing every daylily you own – hybridizer name, where you got it, which bed it is in, specific attributes, sorted and printed separately by alphabet, hybridizer, and garden zone
- Throw out the butter and cheese to make room for daylily seeds you crossed last year (God, I love butter and cheese...they had better be beautiful or I'll fry the blooms in butter and cover them with cheese!)
- Pay by money order and have it shipped to a friend (otherwise known as The Enabler) so your spouse doesn't find out
- Know it would take a Mack truck at full throttle to pull down your hand at a daylily auction when you must have the new sold out introduction half the country wants
- Can easily remember all your daylilies' names, but forget names of your neighbors, friends, or sometimes family
- Won't go on vacation until September when bloom season is over
- Ask the neighbor watching your garden over the weekend to spray all your daylilies with deer repellent if it rains, and to reapply if it rains again
- Bid past your budget at a daylily auction and your spouse leaves in disgust
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- Bid past your budget at a daylily auction and your spouse leaves in disgust and you didn't realize they were gone until you returned to your hotel room...then you wish you hadn't come back!

I am describing some really extreme people. Not you or me, I am sure!

Before we judge others too harshly let's be real. Life is good when you are a daylily grower. Where else can we meet the best people on the planet? A final thought I want to share a good friend told me about gardeners. "The greatest fertilizer in the successful garden is the gardener's footprint!" Have fun while you manage your daylily addiction!

All photos by Bill Hurt

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On Facebook: Region 15 AHS



Above: 'Debbie Monbeck' (Bachman, 2011)



Above: (l)'Cherryville' (Santa Lucia, 2009) (r)'Priming for the Prom' (Douglas-C., 2013)



Above: 'Gnashing of Teeth' (Emmerich, 2010)