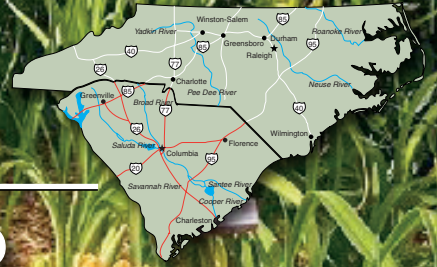


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**Front Cover:** Carolina Clump Award winner 'All American Chief' (Sellers 1994) grown in the garden of Kirk and Nancy Milleman  
*photo Alex Whitley*

**Page 2 and below:** Enthusiasm is often the most difficult part of bringing new people in to our world of daylilies. When your friends are excited enough to send you photos of their blooms, even the imperfect and damaged, you know they are truly enthused. Although she does not keep the names of her plants, my friend Dr. Sally Hattig enjoys her plants and flowers immensely.





# Region 15 President

Greetings to all our gardeners and daylily lovers. This summer and daylily season are passing quickly. Bloom this year has been exceptional. Hope you have taken the opportunity to visit a few gardens to enjoy our favorite flower. Many great events have been enjoyed now that we were able to travel to renew old friendships and make new ones.

The National Convention in Hattiesburg was a memorable trip for many of us (as you can see in the photo of Marshall Morrow and me "modeling" our raffle winnings, page 5, top right). Region 15 was well represented and the gardens were beautiful. The weather was sunny and cool, perfect for garden visits.

Mid-June found us having "Fun in the Foothills" with 87 of your friends and neighbors. We were rewarded with spectacular bloom in each unique tour garden. Thank you to the Foothills Daylily Society and every member and volunteer who made our experience exciting. It was obvious a lot of planning and hard work went into this event. The weekend was topped off with an informative garden judges workshop in the beautiful Slightly Different Nursery of Paul Owen. Showers of blessings fell on us as we stood under umbrellas in the cool rain. Thank you, Paul, for your continued selfless giving of your time, expertise, and garden.

At the Business Meeting, the Leadership Team presented the Region's vision and priorities to meet our goals in the coming year. These included actions to grow membership and ways to support club leaders across our two-state area.

Display Garden owners continue to be a part of the Region 15 vision and they saw increasing numbers of visitors this summer, giving clubs the opportunity to add volunteers to their rosters. These volunteers will be important to the future of our Region.

Speaking of the future, it is with great pleasure that I announce our new Youth Liaison, Sarah Liz Burket. Sarah will focus on ways to involve more of our younger people in activities at the club and region level. She's planning events where youth members have fun while helping their clubs with seasonal events. I believe many good things will happen under her leadership – welcome and support her when she shares ideas or calls on you to assist.

Please remember to vote for the awards before the September deadline. Both the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award and the Pop Poll have a September 1 deadline. Nancy Womack has sent directions to vote the Jeffcoat award and Eric Simpson has even provided a slide show on the Pop Poll. Keep in mind that the Pop Poll is important in helping newer members select daylilies that are dependable in our Region.

Don't forget to register for the upcoming Fall Event hosted by Coastal NC Daylily Society in October (see page 16). This is sure to be an exciting event we'll talk about in years to come.

And finally do give your support to the Western North Carolina Daylily Club as they plan the National Convention in Asheville next July. You won't want to miss the opportunity to "Meet Me in the Mountains" to enjoy beautiful gardens and daylily fellowship!

Remember the next daylily garden is always the best one.

With daylily love,  
Bill Hurt

*Late-breaking really great news for the Region – Catawba Valley Daylily Club is BACK! See their club report on page 26 for more details.*



# Regional Publicity

As the daylily bloom season is winding down, it's time to turn our focus to two exciting events that are just around the corner! The first one is our 2021 Fall Meeting, hosted by the Coastal NC Daylily Society, October 8-9 at the Elizabethan Gardens on Roanoke Island in Manteo, NC. They have worked on an exciting weekend so please make plans to attend. You can find the registration form and all details on their website <https://coastalncdaylily.org/>.



We are less than one year away from next year's exciting American Daylily Society National Convention in Asheville, NC, hosted by the Western NC Daylily Club. The convention theme is "MEET ME IN THE MOUNTAINS." The daylilies will be in peak bloom for the convention July 7-9, and we have a fun and exciting event planned for you all! Registrations are pouring in and we expect to fill early at around 500, so don't wait too late! The room block at the Asheville Crowne Plaza is now open for booking. Visit our beautiful and informative website for much more information, our YouTube

Invitational video and EASY ONLINE REGISTRATION! 2022 National Convention Website Link: <https://ahs2022national.com/>

Here are some convention highlights to look forward to:

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

Convention Co-chairs Eric Simpson, Robert Selman, and Jean-Marie Smith want you to know there's so much to see and do in Asheville, you'll want to come early or stay late so you can take it all in. Make plans now to Meet Me in the Mountains in Asheville, NC July 7-9, 2022!

Eric Simpson



# Regional Director

As the 2021 daylily bloom season coasts into the dog days of summer, I am thankful that we were able to gather at the National Convention as well as at our Region 15 Summer Meeting. After the long and difficult year that was 2020, the Summer Meeting was especially memorable to Wanda and me as we, along with the hard-working members of the Foothills Daylily Society, didn't quite know what to expect. It turned out the event that great weekend far exceeded our expectations.



After the on-again, off-again 2020 year, the Foothills club members got very creative and attendees had a wonderful and



memorable experience. There were three beautiful tour gardens that will be shared with you in the pages that follow, very good food that delighted our tummies, and many creative details that planners for other Summer or Fall Meetings are likely to copy. Between Covid-19 issues and the challenges presented by tour gardens located on mountain tops

(well, at least foothills), buses were not practical. The Foothills Team put together a plan that moved carpooling groups very efficiently from garden to garden with a level of organization the Railroad would envy. I personally would be delighted to see other regional meetings use this transportation plan in the future.

At the National Convention in Hattiesburg, we were also treated to beautiful gardens, like Earl Watts' garden (photo, right, by Bill Hurt), and got to see many of our daylily "buds" from pretty much everywhere. While attendance was down as expected, it was very refreshing to reconnect again with our many friends from other regions and clubs.



On Thursday of the National Convention, I joined in with national-level meetings as your representative. From a financial perspective, we received good news about the national AHS organization. For 2020, with some efficient spending and additional contributions received, the Society was able to essentially break even and did not need to dip into the interest from the Monroe endowment fund. The budget for 2021 is making that same projection. I feel comfortable saying that those spending \$\$ in AHS have been doing so very responsibly and with consideration to all of the issues confronting the organization these last two years. Furthermore, this was achieved without sacrificing any benefits for our members.

One notable change being implemented is that people who join on or after June 1 of this year will have their memberships renewed that same month going forward, much like magazine

## Regional Director (continued)

subscriptions. The plan is to remove the roadblock of less than one year memberships based on a January – December calendar, which should encourage new members to join mid-year. If these new members become Garden or Exhibition judges later down the road, their membership renewal will be moved forward to the end of the year to manage them for qualification renewals, giving those members some months of free membership.

Scheduling future National Conventions was a concern discussed in detail at that meeting, as only Asheville in 2022 was signed up. During the meeting, Scott Elliott encouraged everyone to look around to see what was possible. That encouragement must have worked – a few days after we headed home, Nashville signed up for the 2023 National Convention. Not to be outdone, Oklahoma City then signed up for 2024. We are heading west each time, exciting uncharted territory for many in our Region. Who knows where we will be in 2025.

As I look forward, I see our fall Board meeting will be in St Louis in mid-late October. Wanda plans to be my co-pilot for this trip and we're hoping to see some pretty leaves changing colors on the way. I promise to continue working to help keep the AHS ship upright and running smoothly.

Raymond Quinn



## Vote!

The Region 15 Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers at the Region 15 Summer Meeting on July 19, 2021. Committee members Gail Gribble, Brenda Coggins, and Jim Sovine presented the following slate of officers for election to two-year terms beginning January 2022:

President: Bill Hurt for re-election

Treasurer: Mitchell Hagler for re-election

Member-at-Large: Peggy Jeffcoat for election to first term

Voting will take place at the Region 15 Fall Meeting in the Outer Banks hosted by the Coastal NC Daylily Society.

## Zoom

The face of 2020 meetings is captured in the Sandhills Daylily Club Zoom meeting shown below. Hans Herrington, top row, second from left, captured this screenshot and put together the PowerPoint that was presented by his grandfather and mother, Tim and Heather. Many clubs shared information, made decisions, listened to great presentations, and kept their members connected using this popular technology. With in-person meetings starting up again throughout the region, it is nice to know Zoom can be used again when we experience inclement weather!





# Region 15 Summer Meeting

**Region 15 Business Meeting 06/19/21** in Rutherfordton, NC

Submitted by Dawn Whitley, Secretary, Region 15

Bill called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

1. Regional Director, Raymond Quinn, presented the AHS awards announced at the National Convention in Hattiesburg, MS:

a. Extra-Large Award to Vic Santa Lucia for **'Jordan's Jazz'** (Santa Lucia 2011)



b. Honorable Mention Awards:

i. **'Browns Ferry Elegance'** (Douglas-C., 2017) – Charles Douglas

ii. **'Southern Shiner'** (Douglas-H., 2016) and **'Meme's Merlot'** (Douglas-H., 2016) – Heidi Douglas

iii. **'Kangaroo Court'** (Owen-P., 2014), **'Ken Can Do'** (Owen-P., 2015), **'Spunky Monkey'** (Owen-P., 2015) – Paul Owen

2. Raymond also presented the AHS National Service Award for Region 15 to John Martin (right, see p 10)



3. Nancy Womack, Awards Manager,

presented the photography award certificates for 2020 and 2021, as well as the Fall 2020 awards for Region 15 Service, Herman Pruitt Mentoring, and Jeffcoat Hybridizer, which have already been published in previous issues of the *Hemalina*.

4. Nancy also presented the regional awards for 2021:

a. Best Landscape Award sponsored by Western North Carolina: John and Linda Martin (below, Dawn Whitley birdhouse presented by Eric Simpson)



b. Carolina Seedling Award sponsored by Foothills: John Martin for Seedling #3 (below, Terry Bledsoe birdhouse presented by Kirk Milleman)



c. Best Small/Miniature Award sponsored by Raleigh: **'Dash Dash'** (Zahler 1989) by Ed Zahler in the garden of John and Linda Martin (below, Curtis Barnes redbirds whirligigs)



d. Best Carolina Clump Award sponsored by Sandhills: **'All American Chief'** (Sellers 1994) by Van Sellers in the garden of Kirk and Nancy Milleman (presented to Vic Santa Lucia by Nancy Womack, see cover)



e. Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award sponsored by Triad Daylily Club and Garden Fans was won by Pat Mansfield (page 7, upper left, presented by Becky Hinshaw)

f. Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award sponsored by Lowcountry Daylily Club was won by Wanda Quinn for **'Windyhill's Designer Red'** (Quinn-W., 2015)





g. Carolina Service Award sponsored by Mid-Carolina was won by Robert Selman

5. Dawn Whitley discussed the highlights of the new Policy and Procedures manual and solicited suggestions on how to familiarize clubs with its contents. She shared that Bill will have a zoom call with club presidents to go over it. Members were also encouraged to send ideas throughout the year to Bill or Dawn. The manual also calls for an audit of the financials every 2 years and a volunteer was requested.



6. Ken Ferguson, Chair for the Region 15 Fall Meeting, shared the plans and optional tour opportunities; everyone was encouraged to register now.

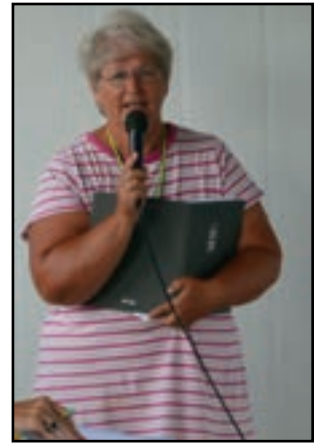


7. Eric Simpson discussed the National Convention in Asheville to be held July 6-9, 2022. Attendance will be limited to 500 people. Please volunteer by contacting Eric with what you can do to help. Every little bit will be appreciated and plants are especially needed for the plant sale. A grant has been provided by the Wisconsin Daylily Society to cover registration for Youth attendees (they must still be registered). Check out the website and convention video at [ahs2022national.com](http://ahs2022national.com). Eric also mentioned that the convention for 2023 will be in Nashville, TN, and 2024 will be in Oklahoma City, OK. Coordinators for the convention are:

- a. Raymond Quinn – buses
- b. Nancy Womack – boutiques
- c. Pat Mansfield – TBD
- d. Nikki Schmith – hat contest



- 8. Pat Mansfield, Membership Chair, encouraged clubs to find ways to get and keep new members.
- 9. John Martin, Exhibition Judges Liaison, reported that we have 34 certified exhibition judges, two honorary, three Junior and two students in training. He asked that club promote becoming an exhibition judge and emphasized Exhibition Judges Clinics I and III could be taken online.



10. Becky Hinshaw, Garden Judges Liaison, reported we have 48 garden judges but 32 of them will need to renew in 2021. She has been notified of six that will not renew. She reminded attendees that Garden Judges Workshop II will be offered at Slightly Different nursery on Sunday and later at Bill Hurt's and at Blue Ridge Daylilies.

11. Mitchell Hagler, Treasurer, shared the financial report

- a. Income was \$8,948.96
- b. Expenditures were \$3,843.26
- c. Assets totaled \$16,401.60

12. The business meeting was adjourned at 3:45, well after a drenching rain quenched the thirsty, dry fields surrounding The Garden Café.



Photos Linda Sue Barnes and Kathy Tinius



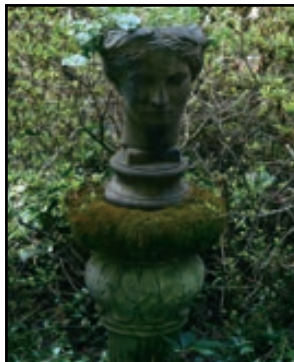


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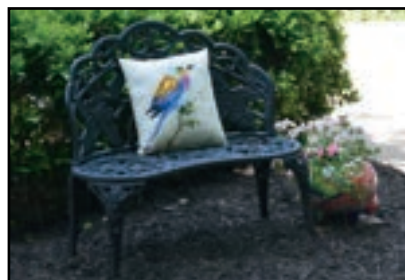
## *The Womack Garden*

*by Raymond & Wanda Quinn*

Yes, we are in a place called the Foothills, but the countryside looks like the mountains to us as we arrive in the beautiful garden of Nancy Womack.



When we reached the top and followed the drive around the house, it was hard to focus on the road. The landscaping and flower beds caught our eyes immediately and held them as we made sure we didn't drive off into the flower beds. Varieties of shade-loving hosta, ferns, hellebores, heuchera and various ground covers were planted near the front entrance and along the front yard. Significant pieces of sculpture within the plantings provided gorgeous focal points. Bird baths gave pops of color to the mostly green garden along with water for the birds. In this cool, shady area, we could envision sitting and enjoying a book. We're hoping Nancy will take time to do this, since it was apparent she did not prior to the Summer Meeting.



Gazing from the car as we continued around to the back of the house, we could see it was the daylilies that now stole the show. The flowers just popped as each new daylily bed came into view. Whimsical birdhouses appeared over the various flower bed "rooms," providing a distinctive touch and giving birds practical and pretty places to raise their families.



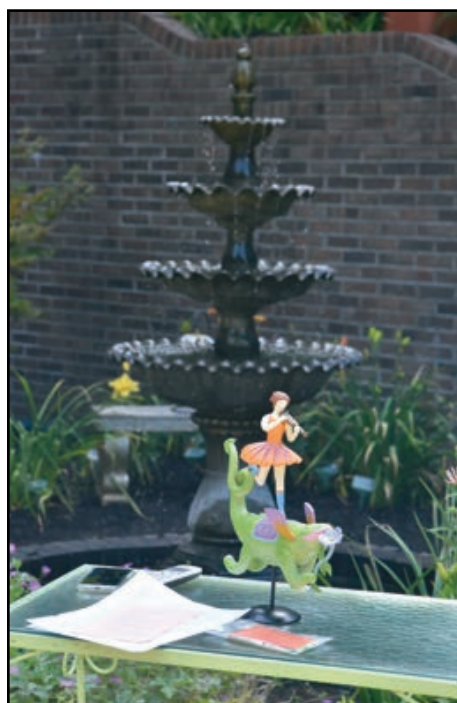
As we all parked and got out of our cars, Nancy, her granddaughter, and several family members welcomed us to Dragonfly Garden. 'Tidewater Elf' (Holmes-S., 2012) in all her big, yellow glory greeted us as we entered the back patio area.



After hearing Nancy share some logistics, we could not wait to begin walking her garden, taking notes and snapping photos. While this written narrative provides a quick overview, we are hopeful the pictures will also provide a great visual for those who could not attend.



As we started to stroll, we could see the beds were full of things that have deep meaning to Nancy. Framed poems (some Nancy's own) were placed in special locations, the statue of a girl playing a violin was sitting on a table, and each of the attractive birdhouses felt as though it told a story. Interests of Nancy's were everywhere you looked, for all to enjoy.







The lower back patio behind the home was dominated by a striking, solitary Japanese maple in a circular bed. Nearby, Nancy had planted a memorial to Russell, her late husband. A tall blue pottery vase stood in front of a framed poem surrounded by the perennial *Tradescantia pallida* 'Purple Heart' along with several very nice daylilies, including 'Alien DNA' (Selman 2009).



In another garden room on the other side of the patio, a beautiful multi-tiered fountain anchored a large flower bed. The sound of splashing water was refreshing and a lovely sound when heard from the comfy seats in the shady loggia. Daylilies surrounded the fountain – 'Green Inferno' (Gossard 2006), 'Zachary S. Hickey' (Doorakian 2013), and 'Her Little Bloomers' (Herr-D., 2003). The backdrop of a brick retaining wall was enhanced with a metal trellis, and whimsical birdhouses were arrayed along the top of the wall.



Across the driveway, a wooden deck provided a nice place for people to sit, but no one was sitting today because they were all enjoying the garden, visiting with friends, and talking about the wonderful daylilies blooming in Nancy's garden.



Up from this area, another bird house mounted high over a bed of daylilies caught our eyes. Designed and built by Terry Bledsoe, the stripes on this house made it perfectly at home, complementing the surrounding perennials and daylily blooms. Some of the standouts in this area of the garden were 'Charlotte Shout' (Santa Lucia 2009) and 'Asheville Open Arms' (Selman 2020).

We were slow to leave this serene and beautiful garden. We would like to thank Nancy and all the garden owners for letting us tour and Foothills Daylily Society members for hosting the Summer Meeting. It was great!



**Page 8, left column, top to bottom:** Significant sculptures both classic and modern enhance the shady garden beds at the front of Nancy Womack's home; a metal bench just in the shade provides an ideal place for a good book and cup of tea; out in the sunshine, the daylily beds burst forth with colorful blooms

**Page 8, right column, top to bottom:** Nancy Womack in the Dragonfly Gardens cart; Nancy's granddaughter Miah McCluney helped greet visitors; 'Tidewater Elf' (Holmes-S., 2012); a violin-playing sprite riding a cute creature stands before Nancy's impressive water feature; 'Zachary S. Hickey' (Doorakian 2013)

**Page 9, left column, top to bottom:** View to the rear patio with the specimen Japanese maple; the bed honoring Nancy's late husband Russell features a lush stand of *Tradescantia pallida* 'Purple Heart' and is highlighted with a lovely framed poem; another view of the magnificent multi-tiered fountain

**Page 9, right column, top to bottom:** (l-r) 'Green Inferno' (Gossard 2006), 'Asheville Open Arms' (Selman 2020); delightful blue garden furniture invites visitors to stay a while; Terry Bledsoe's bird house is the perfect foil for colorful daylily blooms; one of several framed poems  
all photos Wanda Quinn





# Region 15 Summer Meeting

## *The Milleman Garden*

by *Richard & Janet Warren*

Lilyshire Daylily Garden, the home garden of Nancy and Kirk Milleman, started out in 2012 as a small garden with a handful of cultivars from Iron Gate Gardens. Kirk and



Nancy shared that the original seven cultivars from Iron Gate Gardens were just the beginning of their mentoring relationship with Van Sellers and Vic Santa Lucia. It was at a hybridizing workshop hosted for club members at Iron Gate Gardens that their love for daylilies took off. Surpassing 350 cultivars in beautifully maintained beds, Lilyshire continues to grow, and now includes expansive seedling beds.



When we asked the Millemans how they named their garden, Kirk told us that "Lily" of course is obvious. He went on to say that a "Shire" is an area settled by Hobbits as described in the literary works of J.R.R. Tolkien.



As Kirk and Nancy's love of daylilies grew, they welcomed the opportunity to purchase additional

land adjacent to their property to expand their garden. New and enlarged beds along with seedling beds and a large seedling garden have been built behind a row of impressive arborvitae that mark the previous end of their property.

Fifty of the Milleman's own introductions have joined named cultivars in the many new and old beds throughout their



property. Those who know him are not surprised that Kirk favors cultivars with unusual names over the flower



itself. In fact, his favorite named cultivar is '**Klaatu Barada Nikto**'

(Bachman 2004)

(HM 2008). Kirk used this cultivar in hybridizing '**Ruffton Redneck**,' a 2017 introduction ("Ruffton" is the way many people pronounce and misspell "Rutherfordton" explained



Kirk). Nancy's favorite daylily forms are doubles and minis including '**Peggy Jeffcoat**' (Joiner-J., 1995) and '**Dutch Yellow Truffle**' (Kirchhoff 2003). Nancy's introductions include '**Bumblebee Bliss**' (Milleman-N., 2019) and '**Peggy's Pumpkin Puff**' (Milleman-N., 2020).



Over the last few years, Kirk and Nancy's grandchildren, Cory, Ruby, Jason, and Tommy, have also developed an



interest in hybridizing. They've had ten cultivars introduced so far, including '**Bahama Llama Rylee**' (Terrell 2020), '**How Those Codes Were Solved**' (Schumacher-T., 2020), '**Ko Ko Bop**' (Schumacher-R., 2020) and '**J.J.'s Strut**' (Schumacher-J., 2020). Nancy

joked that the money spent on plant registrations is quickly depleting the grandchildren's college education funds!

Nancy and Kirk's artistic talents extend beyond their beautifully maintained Lilyshire Garden. In a bed featuring



small cultivars, including several of the late Leo Sharp's introductions, Nancy added a bit of whimsy by custom fitting many colorful hand-crocheted pieces on old farm equipment and a bike.

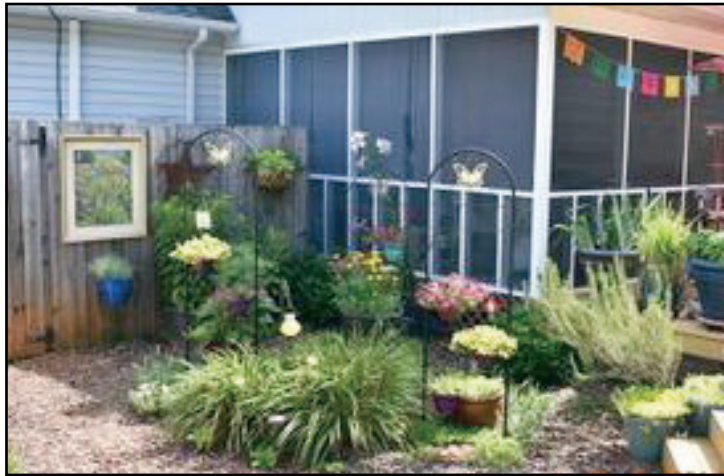


Kurt hand carved the wooden pole on which he mounted Curtis Barnes' redbird. The pole is positioned near the enormous clump of 'All American Chief,' hybridized by Van Sellers and introduced in 1994 (Stout 2008, AM 2004 and HM 1999). Not surprisingly, this beautifully-grown plant was presented the 2021 Carolina Best Clump Award!



and his dragon... skeletons..relaxed in the shade.

While Van Sellers was unable to join visitors on tour day, Vic Santa Lucia enjoyed receiving compliments on all of his and Van's cultivars (and their cultivars' children).



The time allotted for touring Lilyshire Garden as well as the other beautiful tour gardens passed far too quickly. It was wonderful spending time among friends old and new, and making great memories that we'll enjoy until we gather again with our daylily family.

**Page 10, left column, top to bottom:** The front flower beds of Lilyshire Daylily Garden photo Linda Sue Barnes; seedling beds show real promise photo Kathy Tinius; Kirk Milleman shows visitors around the front flower beds photo Richard Warren; 'Hang on Sloopy' (Milleman 2020) photo Linda Sue Barnes



**Page 10, right column, top to bottom:** Nancy and Kirk Milleman photo Kirk Milleman; 'Ruffton Ruffles' (Milleman-N., 2020), 'Peggy's Pumpkin Puff' (Milleman-N., 2020), 'JJ's Strut' (Schumacher-J., 2020), 'Ko Ko Bop' Schumacher-R., 2020) photos Linda Sue Barnes; delightful crocheted decorations on an antique bike photo Richard Warren

The Milleman's garden was also home to the Carolina Seedling Bed, where each plant had plenty of space to grow and a clearly marked number label. A skateboarding sculpture by Ken Ferguson showed visitors where to cast their ballots. Many cultivars had seen a very good amount of increase resulting in a nice display, and congratulations were given to this year's winner for Best Seedling, John Martin.



**Page 11, left column, top to bottom:** 'All American Chief' (Sellers 1994), winner of the 2021 Carolina Best Clump Award glows next to a pole hand-carved by Kirk Milleman and holding a Curtis Barnes' redbird whirligig photo Richard Warren; pots, plantings, and artwork keep the area behind the Milleman's screen porch interesting and beautiful photo Richard Warren; Seedling #3, winner of the 2021 Carolina Best Seedling award and hybridized by John Martin photo Linda Sue Barnes; (l-r) Rebecca and John Board, Michael Luther, and others peruse the seedling bed, selecting their favorite photo Richard Warren



Guests spent time touring the flower beds, taking photos of their favorite flowers, and enjoying all that is "Lilyshire Gardens." Surrounding the pool equipment were a couple of cute fake houses reminiscent of a charming Irish village. Tucked away in the row of arborvitae, ready to scare an unsuspecting visitor, a man

**Page 11, right column, top to bottom:** Graceful lace curtains enhance the reality of the tiny Irish houses hiding pool equipment photo Kathy Tinius; "Boo" says the dragon photo Linda Sue Barnes; (l-r) Vic Santa Lucia chats with Rebecca and John Board photo Richard Warren; rows of well-grown and very different seedlings made the selection process difficult for voters photo Linda Sue Barnes





# Region 15 Summer Meeting

## *The Martin Garden*

by Beverly Breuer

This is the John and Linda Martin Woodlands Garden Experience. Since I had never visited John and Linda Martin's garden, John kindly granted me a telephone interview in advance of the June 19 tour during the Region 15 Summer Meeting. The day we spoke happened to be the day of his 55th wedding anniversary, no less.



spectacular backdrop to probably the most beautiful garden I have experienced. The view will make one want to stay forever. Curvy beds were inviting and the artistic details were intriguing, including an intricate glass greenhouse and a Cambodian Spirit House perched on a charming pedestal.



However, John was humble, kind and patient as he unfolded their past to me – foreign-service careers, retirement about 20 years ago, ending up in Rutherfordton,



of the Stout award winners is especially impressive, and the 2020 Stout Silver Medal Winner 'I Lava You' (Holmes-S., 2009) was easy to spot with its big orange/red blooms.

the Augusta National – you simply had to be there!

Yes, there were hundreds of daylilies and, despite sparse rain this season, they were spectacular. John's daylily palette is of every color imaginable – with no favorite among them. His acquisition of all

The garden layout was reflective of John's personality – hundreds of gorgeous daylilies and companion plants with strategically inserted vignettes of John and Linda's past careers.

etc. Many of you already know the story, but it was one masterfully woven for me by John. A tale of gardens crafted to let nature be the artist, dotted with treasures from a career spent residing in distant locations while making friends in all walks of life.



I had no idea what awaited me as my husband and I ascended the narrow, winding road to Woodlands Garden. While the path was pleasant and peaceful, it was difficult to be prepared for the crescendo of beauty at the top of the hill. Words such as "breathtaking," "magnificent," and "amazing" came to mind and were quickly dismissed as insufficient. We soon became lost in the incredible panoramic view of three mountain ranges that form a





These treasures were unique and interesting, telling their own stories. The beds possessing no straight lines seemed to mimic the surrounding rolling hills. The clever architecture and beauty of the separate office blended seamlessly with the surrounding gardens and wooded areas. John referred to the office as a shed, which is akin to calling the Biltmore House a shack. His sense of humor carried

tremendous appeal came from the Martins being a family of deep faith who have given back to others and their community – folks who do the right thing because it is the right thing to do. The combined formality of the landscape structures and informality of flower bed arrangements is



through everything (yes, there really is what remains of a moonshine still at the bottom of the hill below the house).

John described the garden as a labor of love, and he and Linda devote six to eight hours every



both charming and tranquil. We are all certainly grateful that John chose daylilies as a hobby instead of golf. What began as a friend sharing daylilies grew into a wonderful work of art that beckons visitors to linger, get comfortable, and become immersed. Thank you, John and Linda, for graciously sharing your splendid world with us!

**Page 12, left column, top to bottom:** John Martin looks out over the spectacular view from the Martin's back patio *photo Lee Breuer*; 'I Lava You' (Holmes-S., 2009), the 2020 Stout Silver Medal winner *photo Kathy Tinius*; a wide mix of daylily shapes, sizes, and colors is enhanced with a multi-colored whirligig *photo Lee Breuer*

**Page 12, right column top to bottom:** Linda and John Martin *photo John Martin*; 'Asheville Summer Jewel' (Selman 2014) and 'Windyhill's Designer Red' (Quinn-W., 2015) *photos Kathy Tinius*; view to the "garden shed" past the Cambodian Spirit House *photo Linda Sue Barnes*

**Page 13, left column, top to bottom:** A complex whirligig provides an accent point in an extensive daylily bed *photo Lee Breuer*; 'Browns Ferry Peaches N' Cream' (Douglas-C., 2008) *photo Kathy Tinius*; a gorgeous mix of potted annuals and perennials wait in an antique garden cart *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; (l-r) Michael Ruggerio and John Martin have a joyful conversation *photo Kathy Tinius*.

**Page 13, right column, top to bottom:** A sample of the sculptural art displayed in the Martin's flower beds *photo Lee Breuer*; John Martin and Odie the dog address the gathered visitors; John and Janet Hong explore the hillside beds *photos Kathy Tinius*



day to it. John has achieved his goal of having something in bloom year round, with an interesting variety of plants in a comfortable setting. There is an abundance of foliage and flower colors, textures, and shapes, from the ginkgo tree to the structural shrubs to the ground covers.



Odie the dog provided comic relief to this wonderful family affair, greeting visitors with a happy smile and wagging tail. Aside from the stunning floral and hardscape attributes of the gardens, a



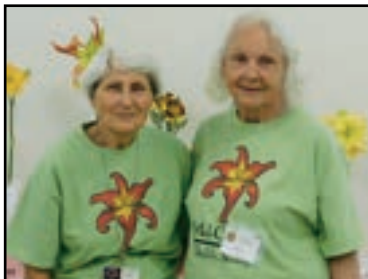


# We Had Flower Shows!

Although it looked pretty bleak at the beginning of the year for any indoor A events, through coordination, cooperation, hard work, and a little bit of good luck, flower shows **were** held in Region 15 this year. The best news is the big number of people who entered shows for the very first time or who came back after not entering for a number of years. Record entries made more work for show teams but the crowded tables made for a very upbeat scene.

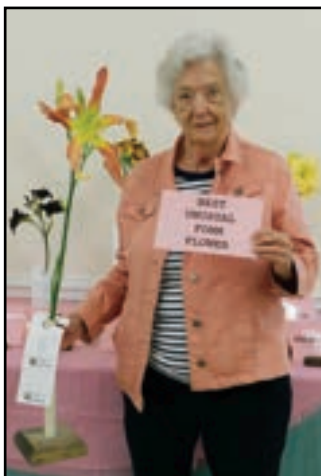
Mid-Carolina Daylily Society was able to hold their annual daylily display, where the ADS guidelines are used to set up and manage entries, but winners are selected through visitors' secret ballots.

Check out the list of winners and more photos on the back cover!



## Raleigh Hemerocallis Club

**Clockwise from above:** Robin Hough shows off his Ophelia Taylor entries; Raymond Quinn peeps out through daylily jungle and 'Small World Tropical Relaxation' (Miller-M., 2017); Dawn & Alex Whitley with Best Extra Large winner 'Windyhill's Discovery' (Quinn 2018); Youth winner Oliver Hines with 'The Ultimate Sacrifice' (Grace-L., 2013); Bill Hurt with Best Miniature 'Lilac Lollipop' (Herrington-H., 2018)  
*photos Linda Sue Barnes*



## Mid-Carolina Daylily Society

Please note this show was not an ADS accredited show with judges but was a display following ADS guidelines and staging. Winners were selected by visitors viewing the show and voting by secret ballot. **Clockwise from left:** Ann Coggins shows off her Best Unusual Form winner, 'Loose Reins' (George-T., 2005); (l-r) Peggy Jeffcoat and Elaine Tyler, two of the hard-working team members who made the show a big success and whose entries won awards; scapes groomed and waiting for judging to start at the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society Flower Show; *photos Sheila Caldon*

## Sandhills Daylily Club

**Below, left to right:** Alex & Dawn Whitley Best-in-Show 'Curly Cinnamon Windmill' (Crochet 1997); Robert Gaddy with Regional Popularity Poll winner 'Papa Goose' (Douglas-H., 2011) *photos Linda Sue Barnes*; beautiful entries made for tough judging *photo Kathy Tinius*; Raymond and Wanda Quinn's Best Seedling winner *photo Linda Sue Barnes*





# Exhibition Judges Liaison

*John Martin*

We all love ADS Flower Shows which are open to any and all daylily growers. We are all looking forward to 2022, when we are back to a "normal" Exhibition Show schedule.



In our region, we can expect four to six shows to be held during a four-to-five-week period in peak blooming season. That means a doubling up on weekends when shows are held, and, more importantly, a scramble for accredited Exhibition Judges for these shows. Depending on the anticipated size of the show, three to

six judges are required for any individual show. We currently have 27 certified Judges in Region 15. While 27 judges may seem like a large number, we may have a need for 36 judging positions over the short show



season, and often find ourselves with a short list of available judges. Therefore, we are always recruiting new judges and encouraging clubs to actively invite their members to become Exhibition Judges.

Becoming an ADS Certified Exhibition Judge is a three-step process. The first step is to become a Student in Training, which requires completing the Introductory



Judges' Training Clinic I and passing a written exam. The second step is to become a Junior Judge after successfully completing Secondary Judges' Training Clinic II and participating in accredited ADS Flower Shows, serving on a judging panel along with Senior Judges, and completing at least two of the following activities in a clinic: exhibit in an accredited ADS Flower Show (SHOW); serve on the Classification Committee of a SHOW; serve as a clerk in the Horticulture On-Scape division of a SHOW; edit or produce the

schedule for a SHOW; or, chair or co-chair a SHOW. The third step is to file a Senior Exhibition Judge application form and submit it to the ADS Exhibition Judges' Chair for final certification.



Exhibition Judges training Clinic I and refresher Clinic III can be conducted anytime during the year. Clinic II must be conducted during the daylily growing season, as live plants are required for hands-on training and judging. Region 15 hosts clinics during regional meetings and on additional dates when we have a group of students ready and available. Also, the ADS Exhibition Judges' Chair hosts on-line training throughout the year. Our Regional Leadership Team has endorsed and encourages individuals to take advantage of these on-line training opportunities.

Our next opportunity for scheduled introductory and refresher training will be October 8-9, during the ADS Fall Region 15 meeting at Elizabethan Gardens, Manteo, NC, hosted by the Coastal NC Daylily Society.

If you are interested in and/or have questions about Exhibition Judging certification, please contact me, your Regional Exhibition Judges' Liaison.

John Martin

**Left column, top to bottom:** Richard Warren reads an entry for judging at the Sandhills Daylily Show *photo Kathy Tinius*; (l-r) Curtis Barnes, Michael Luther, and Perry Gaskins judge entries at the Raleigh Daylily Show; (l-r) Robert Gaddy, Robin Hough, Mike Denson, Jr., and Perry Gaskins double check ribbons awarded in the Sandhills Daylily Show *photos Linda Sue Barnes*

**Right column, top to bottom:** (l-r) Linda Abplanalp and Steve Arnold discuss a flower's merits with Becky Hinshaw while judging the Raleigh Daylily Show; (l-r) Melanie Scott, Michael Luther, Steve Arnold judge entries at the Sandhills Daylily Show, assisted by clerks Raymond Quinn, and Alex Whitley *photos Linda Sue Barnes*; (l-r) Ella Ruth Maugans and Alex Whitley provide invaluable support to the Sandhills Daylily Show judges by ensuring that each entry has been placed in the correct division, section, and group *photo Kathy Tinius*







# OBX Autumn MMXXI

## ADS Region 15 - Fall Meeting 2021

October 8-9, 2021

Elizabethan Gardens - Manteo, North Carolina

Host - Coastal North Carolina Daylily Society

### REGISTRATION

List Name(s) as you would like for them to appear on the badge; indicate youth with "Y" after the name

Attendee 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Attendee 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Attendees \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any special needs (food, accessibility, etc.)? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify \_\_\_\_\_

### Event Accommodations

Comfort Inn On The Ocean

1601 S Virginia Dare Trail

Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

(252) 441-6333

File Code: **FLOWER**

Street Side Room: \$129 plus tax

Oceanside Room: \$159 plus tax

A limited number of rooms are available the day before the event at \$79 Street Side and \$109 Oceanside.

Hotel Deadline: September 9, 2021

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Detailed, current information can be found on our website  
[CoastalNCDaylily.org](http://CoastalNCDaylily.org)

### JUDGES CLINICS

A fee of \$5 (cash only) is due to the instructor at the start of each clinic.

Exhibition Judges I

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibition Judges III

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

These classes may be cancelled if a minimum participation is not met

Registration includes entrance to the Elizabethan Gardens, Friday Dinner & Auction, Saturday Lunch and programs

Adults #\_\_\_ @ \$ 95 (postmarked by Sept. 9) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Adults #\_\_\_ @ \$115 (postmarked after Sept 9) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Youth #\_\_\_ @ \$ 60 (18 Years old or younger) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Companion Meal - Friday evening for those not attending the Saturday programs #\_\_\_ @ \$ 45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

PINKHAM GARDEN TOUR Thurs OCT 7

Visit the farm and amazing gardens of Linda and Bill

Pinkham in Smithfield, VA. #\_\_\_ @ \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

OBX AUTUMN 2021 Tee Shirts

OBX Autumn 2021 logo embroidered on a blue tee shirt.

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The Coastal NC Daylily Society is excited to host the 2021 Fall Meeting, OBX Autumn MMXXI, at the beautiful Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo, NC, on October 8-9.

"Covid-19 gave us an extra year to plan," said Pat Mansfield, CNCDS President, "So, we have packed the event with fun and educational tidbits! We wanted the event to be both informal and informative, and I think we've got it. We have goodie bags packed with fun and useful items as well as a flash drive pre-loaded with each presenters' PowerPoint program and regional information."

Friday night will be dinner followed by a LIVE AUCTION. We will finally be able to hear the auctioneer's cadence as one stunning plant after the other is offered. The CNCDS Lily Scouts will be standing ready to run your new acquisitions to your table. Afterwards, you will be treated to a moonlit stroll through the gardens. Don't worry, the garden pathways are well lit to lead you through stately live oaks, arbors, and the sunken garden.



The event hotel, the Comfort Inn on the Ocean, 1601 South Virginia Dare Trail, stands ready to greet you for the night – or longer if you choose to stay an extra day or two. If you are not ready to retire, perhaps you'll enjoy a stroll on the beach just steps from your room. Give the Comfort Inn a call on 252-441-6333 before the September 8 deadline and tell them you're with the daylily meeting.

Saturday will begin with round-table discussions where you can sit, sip a cup of coffee, and enjoy talking with our presenters, new guests, and old friends about all things daylily.

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## Region 15 Fall Meeting ~ October 8-9, 2021

The program includes five presenters: Jim Murphy, Woodhenge Gardens, "What Plagues Us"; Steve and Mary Edwards, Just One More...Daylily Garden, "Creating and Maintaining a Display Garden"; and Daru Sharp, developer of Garden Tracker for Daylilies will speak about her program for tracking your daylilies online. After lunch, Joe Hudson, Madcat Daylilies, "Seeds Anyone?"; and to round things off, Margo Reed, Woodhenge Gardens, "Results of a Focused Program."

Registration will be open at 1 o'clock on the front porch of the Odom Building where you can enjoy a glass of lemonade and a homemade daylily cookie while you network and reacquaint yourselves with your daylily buddies. Around the corner, you can shop the plant sales area, participate in a silent auction and raffle, and browse the artwork of CNCDS's own artist, Janet Hong, who will have her paintings on display and for sale.

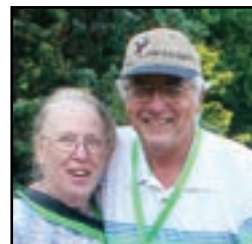
Should you really want to make a mini-vacation of your trip, there is an optional tour on Thursday to the hybridizing farm of Linda and Bill Pinkham followed by a tour of their amazing gardens – a virtual arboretum laced with daylilies, Japanese maples, garden art and pottery, and views of Batten Bay.

Mark your calendars, fill out your registration form, mail it in, and get ready for a great, memorable weekend!

For more information, go to [coastalncdaylily.org](http://coastalncdaylily.org)

"We'll have Daylilies ~ Just not the blooms"

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## OBX Autumn MMXXI Itinerary

### Friday, October 8

Registration – Odom Building	1-5 pm
Children's Garden Building	
Exhibition Judges Clinic I	1:00 pm
Exhibition Judges Clinic III	3:00 pm
Executive Sessions – Odom Building	1-5 pm
Raffle/Silent Auction/Plant Sales	3-5 pm
Meet & Greet	4-5 pm
Evening Program – Odom Tent	5:00 pm
Bill Hurt Presiding	
Dinner – Odom Tent	5:25 pm
Auction – Odom Tent	6:15 pm

### Saturday, October 9

Round Table Discussions – Children's Garden Building	7:30 am
Saturday Program – Odom Tent	9:00 am
Bill Hurt Presiding	
Business Meeting	
What Plagues Us – Jim Murphy	9:45 am
Creating & Maintaining a Display Garden – Steve & Mary Edwards	10:30 am
Tracking Your Garden – Daru Sharp	11:00 am
Lunch – Odom Tent	12 Noon
Seeds Anyone? – Joe Hudson	12:30 pm
Results of a Focused Program – Margo Reed	1:10 pm
Silent Auction & Raffle Winners Announced	2:10 pm
Closing – Bill Hurt	

Presenters, above right, top to bottom: Jim Murphy photo Bill Hurt, Mary & Steve Edwards photo Steve Edwards, Daru Sharp photo Daru Sharp, Joe Hudson photo Pat Mansfield, Margo Reed photo Bill Hurt



# In Memoriam

## Dr. Frances Marlette

Dr. Frances Roberson Marlette passed away on April 22, 2021 at UNC Medical Center. She had been married to her late husband, Gordon, for 54 years when he passed away in 2009.

Frances made many contributions to the world of daylilies. She was a member of the Central Daylily Club and was known for bringing many daylily scapes to club flower shows held at Holly Hill Mall in Burlington, NC. She and Gordon won two Best in Show awards and won the Sweepstakes once.



Frances was both an AHS Garden Judge and an AHS Exhibition Judge.

Frances and Gordon had an AHS National Display Garden that was a 2004 tour garden. They also had a retail nursery,

Marlette Daylilies, and registered 17 daylilies from their hybridizing program. 'Marlette Grapestomper' (Marlette 2001) was perhaps the most popular daylily they introduced.

A special memory we have of Gordon and Frances is celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary at our 2005 regional meeting.

## Nadara Andrews



The Piedmont Daylily Club is sad to announce the passing of Nadara Andrews. Nadara and her husband Jim, who predeceased her, were long-time members and both had served as president of the club.

An advocate for Women's Rights, Nadara helped lead a group of women to convince NC Senators to pass numerous Women's Right's Bills, including the right to own property and finances in their own names.

Nadara also served as a Senior Exhibition Judge, traveling to other states to judge a wide variety of flower shows.

Left, then right: Nadara Andrews provided by M.L. Ford & Sons Funeral Home ([mlfordsons.com](http://mlfordsons.com)); (l-r) Nadara Andrews, Floyd Sewell, and Jim McGinnis judge large-flowered entries at the 2003 Central Florida Daylily Society Flower Show taken from the Fall 2003 Region 12 Newsletter, page 14, Central Florida Daylily Society club report submitted by Katherine Massa, newsletter editor Virginia Gregory



## Blast from the Past

Ken Cobb, former AHS Historian, found this photo and thought we would enjoy seeing this 1979 dedication of the Raleigh Jaycee Park Hemerocallis Display Garden, which can be seen behind the attendees. From left to right are Noel Weston, then city horticulturalist (see In Memoriam page 23 Summer 2019 *Hemalina*), Marie Bumgarner, Sis Maness (long time club member whose husband, Harvey, was a WWI vet and signed Ken up as a club member in 1979), Reggie Register, Tom Bumgarner (who passed away in April of this year, watch for an upcoming In Memoriam piece), Isabella Cannon (the first female Mayor of Raleigh), and two unidentified city workers.



Frances stayed active her entire life. In later years, she enjoyed traveling, going to church weekly, and attending dances on the weekend. She was a very special person and will be greatly missed.

Sharon Yarbrough

Left, then above: Frances and Gordon Marlette photo Ken Cobb; collage of Frances Marlette with her namesake daylily provided by Sharon Yarbrough



# 2020 Regional Service Award Winner

*John Martin*

John Martin of the Foothills Daylily Society is most deserving of consideration for the ADS Region 15 Service Award – 2020. During the relatively brief time he has been involved in the daylily organization, he has established a reputation for service at all levels — local, regional, and national.



At the local level, John has served as both vice-president and president of our club, chaired both a non-accredited and an accredited flower show committee, hosted open gardens, planning sessions and other club events at his and his wife's home, created the club web-site, and presented and

organized educational programs. In doing so, he demonstrated not only a commitment to service but also strong leadership skills by: involving more people in club activities and events through his initiation of the Daylily Dollars program; delegating more responsibilities to others in the club; and teaching and guiding members to meet the expectations of assigned duties. This was especially evident in his work with the highly successful flower shows during which he involved almost all club members in the planning and execution process. John also spearheaded donating and planting club daylilies on the Flowering Bridge in Lake Lure, North Carolina. The bridge is a major tourist attraction and is maintained throughout the year by volunteers. Currently, John serves on the planning team for the Regional ADS summer meeting originally scheduled for 2020, but now rescheduled for 2021. His garden will be on tour for the meeting next summer.

At the regional level, John served as Regional Publicity Director from 2013-2017. In this role, he raised the bar to a new level through his work with the Regional President and Regional Liaisons to create a coordinated communications process with regional membership. Throughout his tenure as RPD, he maintained a clear line of communication on a regular basis in a friendly, folksy style keeping everyone informed of both major and minor happenings within Region 15. As part of his role as RPD, he also worked with Region 15 clubs to foster greater participation in the Pop Poll and sought input from other regions on how to make this component a more effective tool for attracting others to daylilies. This aspect of his service to the region resulted in his being appointed to a national committee charged with reviewing and revamping the Pop Poll. In addition, John serves as both a Senior Exhibition Judge and Instructor. He has served as an instructor at the regional and national level with the ADS Exhibition Judges remote training program. In his role as Regional Exhibition Judge Liaison he continues to recruit members to serve as judges and instructors.

John's service on the national committee led to his recent appointment as ADS Chair of the national Popularity Poll Marketing Committee. In this role, he is serving all of ADS through his work with RPD's in all 15 regions. In addition to this service at the national level, John also serves on the National ADS Endowments Committee. In addition to promoting donations to

ADS, the committee reviews applications for the Mabel Matthews Scholarship Endowment Fund and selects the annual winner/s of the scholarship.

In addition to John's exemplary service to ADS at all levels, his spirit of service extends to work within his community — in the Master Gardeners' Association, at RS Central High School as a McNair mentor, and in his church, the First Presbyterian Church of Rutherfordton. As a master gardener, John worked with 4 H clubs to provide garden information to young people and served as a garden judge for 4H gardens. In addition, he was instrumental in the reorganization of Master Gardeners into the Master Gardeners' Association in 2015. In 2017, he also taught a class on daylilies for the Master Gardeners' class.

As a McNair mentor from 2012 to 2019, John mentored as many as 15 middle and high school students annually. The McNair Foundation seeks to improve education in Rutherford County and thereby increase the number of students in the county who pursue education beyond high school. It does so by providing support and services to all students in the county from middle school through high school. McNair officials at Central have commented on John's commitment: "He is dedicated to the program and to the teens he mentors; he is always willing to assist in any way he can and goes above and beyond."

Most recently, John has been involved in the nearly two million dollar capital improvement project of his church, a new Family Life Center. As Chair of the church Finance Committee, he served on the Building Committee responsible for the planning of the construction effort, and his wife Linda managed the financial side of the campaign donations and the construction contractor payments. John was also one of a four member team who oversaw the actual construction project. Now complete, the Center is a beautiful addition to Rutherfordton's main street, made even more beautiful by John's daylilies from his own garden planted on the grounds surrounding the Center. In addition, John serves his church as an Elder.

"Going above and beyond" describes John well in all he has done at the local, regional and national levels of ADS, as well as the many volunteer hours he has devoted to improving the lives of people in Rutherford County through Master Gardeners, the McNair Foundation, and his church. He is most deserving of your consideration for the ADS Region 15 Service Award.

Submitted by Barbara Peterson and Nancy Womack;  
Foothills Daylily Society; 8/27/20

**Upper left then right:**  
Screen shot of the PowerPoint slide used during the 2021 National Convention live Facebook feed when John Martin was announced as winner; John Martin gives visitors an overview of his garden and points towards the gorgeous views out across the mountain ranges  
*photo Pat Mansfield*





# Garden Judge Update

June and July 2021 have been busy! Six Garden Judge II Workshops have been held in Region 15 (or will have been held by the time you are reading this). From the coast to the mountains, Garden Judges have spent the summer in gardens and in training. Workshops were held: June 3 (Windyhill Garden in Fuquay-Varina, NC); June 5 (Browns Ferry Garden in Georgetown, SC); June 20 (Slightly Different Nursery in Shelby, NC); June 26 (Blue Ridge Daylilies in Alexander, NC); July 17 (Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's display garden in Browns Summit, NC); and July 21 (Blue Ridge Daylilies).



I also want to thank the Garden Judge Instructors who led the workshops at Slightly Different Nursery – Paul Owen, Linda Sue Barnes, and Curtis Barnes, and at Blue Ridge Daylilies – Eric Simpson.

If we're able to train everyone scheduled for the July 17 and July 26 workshops, 33 people will have completed their Garden Judges II workshops so far this year.



Most are judges taking the required refresher for renewal, but at the large and very wet (it really rained!) June 20 workshop at Slightly Different Nursery, five students were beginning their training to become garden judges.



I am excited to see new people taking on the challenge. Up to 20% of a region's membership can become Garden Judges and the Daylily Society award system needs Garden Judges to function.

When the Daylily Society announces another On-Line Garden Judges I workshop, we will send out a general email

notice. A Garden Judges I workshop will also be offered at the Fall Regional Meeting in the Outer Banks.

If anyone needs to attend a Garden Judges II workshop and has not yet been able, there is the possibility of another Garden Judges II workshop in September, just let me know and I will make the arrangements.

Becky Hinshaw



**Left column, top to bottom:** Becky Hinshaw, Garden Judges Liaison; (l-r) Linda Abplanalp, Mitchell Hagler, and Greg Piotrowski put their newly-refreshed skills to the test in Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's garden *photo Bill Hurt*; Rebecca and Carl Goble and Bill Hurt look on as Becky Hinshaw completes some paperwork *photo Kathy Tinius*; Eric Simpson (l) lead a large group at the workshop held in late June in Blue Ridge Daylilies *photo Robert Selman*

**Right column, top to bottom:** In the Slightly Different Nursery display gardens, Paul Owen (left) leads a group of students through garden judges refresher training *photo Kathy Tinius*; (top, bottom) Sharon Yarbrough and Linda Abplanalp carefully listen to directors; (l-r) Lynne Broderius and Mitchell Hagler follow along as Becky Hinshaw provides guidance to workshop attendees *photos Bill Hurt*; (l-r) Nancy Womack (replete with broken arm), Dawn Whitley, and others discuss a flower's merits in the Slightly Different Nursery *photo Curtis Barnes*





# Dedication in the Face of...Rain? Are We Crazy?

What do you do when, after a year's delay due to Covid-19, a large number of garden judges have to be trained, but a tropical storm is predicted? What do you do when this is possibly their only opportunity to be recertified, but the training has to happen outdoors? You show your dedication and press forward in the face of a very, very damp morning.

The intrepid garden judges dove for their cars when the drops started to fall, not to go into hiding, but to dig out jackets, umbrellas, and ponchos. When the drops joined forces to become a downpour, many judges stuck it out and continued listening to their instructors as rain started to run down their faces. Some retreated briefly to the cover of the Slightly Different Nursery's delightful event building, but had to return to the deluge when it became obvious it wasn't going to let up.

## Before...



## ...Slightly After



Finally, with soggy shoes, wet hair, and soaked clothes, everyone met back in the event building to see if their pens would still work on moist (okay, wet) registration forms.

Dedication? Crazyness? All we know is there was a tremendous feeling of accomplishment that in the face of adversity, we got it done! Of course, most of us faced a new challenge – driving five hours home in damp clothes...



**Clockwise from top, above:** Linda Sue Barnes (with back to camera) had to shout to be heard over the rain drumming on our umbrellas; during a rare pause in the rain, (l-r) Abbie Chappell and Pat Mansfield take photos wearing efficient ponchos; (l-r) Kirk and Nancy Milleman opted for substantial jackets and stayed mostly dry; just as the rain began, it seemed like this tree might provide sufficient coverage, but that was very temporary; Kelly McCarthy is stalwart in the pouring rain; Alex and Dawn Whitley cozied up under one umbrella while listening to Linda Sue Barnes; this set of Before and After photos were taken just a few minutes apart as the judges in training ran to their nearby cars, grabbed their jackets and umbrellas, and returned to hear Paul Owen continue with training  
*photos Curtis Barnes*





# Quiz on President's Cup and Florida Sunshine Cup

by Ken Cobb

If you joined AHS in the last 30 years and have attended a national convention, you may wonder why you vote for the winner of a "cup" when only medals are presented. Perhaps this quiz helps answer that and other facts about these two awards! Answers page 24.

- 1) These two convention awards are trophy cups in name only! True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
- 2) The FL Sunshine Cup is awarded for best small or mini clump observed in a convention tour garden and may be for any daylily form, even a double or spider! True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
- 3) The President's Cup is awarded to the best large or extra-large clump observed in a convention tour garden! True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
- 4) The President's Cup was donated to AHS by which of the following hybridizers:
  - A. Dr. Stout
  - B. Elmer Claar
  - C. Ezra Kraus
- 5) A hybridizer can be the recipient of either cup more than once for his/her cultivars! True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
- 6) Which cup has been won more than once by the same cultivar:
  - A. President's Cup
  - B. FL Sunshine Cup
  - C. Both of the above
  - D. Neither A. nor B.
- 7) The FL Sunshine Cup first given at the May 1974 Orlando National Convention was:
  - A. not a National Award
  - B. restricted to Florida hybridizers only
  - C. Both A. and B.
  - D. Neither A. nor B.
- 8) The original base of the President's Cup is now the middle tier! True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
- 9) The FL Sunshine Cup has been won more times by Elizabeth Salter than any other hybridizer!  
True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_
- 10) The President's Cup has only had one tie in its history, the FL Sunshine Cup has had none!  
True \_\_\_ False \_\_\_

Enter the Carolina Digital Photo Contest  
See [www.region15daylily.org/  
carolina-digital-photography.html](http://www.region15daylily.org/carolina-digital-photography.html)  
Send entries to [ktinius@yahoo.com](mailto:ktinius@yahoo.com)  
by November 1

## Online Judges Training

The ADS education team has established online training for Exhibition Judges and Garden Judges. Members of Region 15 have taken this training and find it convenient and effective.

These October dates have been announced:

### Exhibition Judges Clinic 1

Monday, October 11 6pm Eastern

Saturday, October 16 3pm Eastern

### Exhibition Judges Clinic 3

Wednesday, October 13 6pm Eastern

### Garden Judges Workshop 1

Thursday, October 14 6pm Eastern

Sunday, October 17 3pm Eastern

To schedule, contact:

Debbie D. Smith

Education Chair

[judgeseducation@daylilies.org](mailto:judgeteducation@daylilies.org)

**Below, left to right: 'Mitsu'** (Misiukevičius 2013); **'Lakelet Borrowed Blood'** (Gwizadala-Misiukevičius 2018) photos Edvinas Misiukevičius



## Poetry Corner

### Spring's Renewal

They came just as they always have  
Right on time.

Yellow daffodils stretching skyward.

They came in spite of a foreign virus.

They pushed themselves upward just as they always have  
As if they knew the exact month

Pink and red peonies almost too heavy to bear.

They came in spite of our masks and social distancing.

They worked their way out of the cold earth

A new resurrection.

Purple and bearded and stately iris.

They came in spite of an economic downturn.

They emerged from winter's sleep

Without coaching or pleading

Lenten roses nodding their heads as if in prayer.

They came in spite of a warming earth.

They crept slowly through the soil to reach the light

Returning year after year

Daylilies in a rainbow of colors, shapes, sizes.

They came in spite of political conflict.

They came as I knew they would.

Because they are nature's faithful.

These spring miracles.

They came once more to give us hope.

Mitchell Hagler



# 2021 AHS Region 15 Popularity Poll Ballot

Vote online at <https://daylilies.org/PopPoll>

**R**ules: You must be an AHS member to vote. You may vote for up to 10 cultivars (any combination of cultivar votes and write-ins). Your ballot must be postmarked prior to September 1.

A Day in Paradise  
Asheville After Dark  
Asheville Summer Jewel  
Asheville Sunlit Rainbow  
Asheville Tourist  
Asheville White Winged Dove  
Baby Blue Eyes  
Baby Viking  
Becky Adams  
Bela Lugosi  
Blue Deva  
Boss Hogg  
Breathing in Snowflakes  
Browns Ferry Elegance  
Browns Ferry Firecracker  
Browns Ferry Royalty  
Buttered Popcorn  
Carnival in Caracas  
Carolina Sugar Daddy  
Claudine's Charm  
Clown Parade  
Conway Red Light  
Crispy Cream  
Crossfire  
Curls Gone Wild  
Cynthia Dawn  
Dancing on Ice  
Dancing with Linda  
Date with Destiny  
Don't Leave Empty-handed  
Entwined in the Vine  
Faber Sabre  
Fair to Middlin'  
Firefly Frenzy

Fluttering Beauty  
Frieda Allen Jerrell  
Goody Goody Gumdrop  
Goose Creek Bill and Barbara  
Gracious Sally Way  
Heavens to Betsy  
Heck of a Dip  
Honky Tonk Barbie  
Jordan's Jazz  
Kangaroo Court  
Ken Can Do  
Kermit the Frog  
King Kahuna  
Laura Harwood  
Linda Gluck  
Look Here Mary  
Mardi Gras Indian  
Mean Green  
MeMe's Lovin' the Limelight  
Meme's Merlot  
Midnight in Burgess  
Mister Butters  
Mister Lucky  
Myrtle Beach  
No Boys Allowed  
One for the Road  
Orange Velvet  
Oy Vey  
Papa Goose  
Paul Cranford  
Pink Peppermint  
Primal Scream  
Queen Charlotte  
Rainbow Reef

Rainy Day Blues  
Riot on the Kindergarten Bus  
Rose F. Kennedy  
Ruby Spider  
Shuffle the Deck  
Southern Cotton  
Southern Shiner  
Spotswood Box  
Spunky Monkey  
The Carpenter's Heart  
Thin Man  
Tip of the Iceberg  
Twenty Nine Flags Over Conway  
Vegas Show Girl  
Webster's Pink Wonder  
You Glow Girl  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mail to:  
Eric Simpson  
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Or email to:  
simpsondaylilies@gmail.com

## Ready for his Closeup on *Making It Grow!*

*Perry Gaskins' Beautiful Day Gardens to be Featured End of August*



Most "real" gardeners in South Carolina are familiar with the SCETV's informative weekly program *Making It Grow*. Extension agents with Clemson University give presentations, highlight feature gardens, and answer viewers questions. Previously aired shows are available for viewing at any time on [mig.org](http://mig.org).

Perry Gaskins' Beautiful Day Gardens in Boinneau, SC, will be featured on *Making It Grow* at the end of August. Perry and his family have a folksy, country daylily garden loaded

with charming flower beds, intricate birdhouses, and an exciting hybridizing program. Catch their garden "live" on your local SCETV station or view the video posted after that date on the [mig.org](http://mig.org) website.

**Below:** Perry Gaskins' own seedlings show the results of his varied and exciting hybridizing program, with possible future introductions featuring deep colors, light blushes, and fancifully-shaped petals *photos Perry Gaskins*; Perry Gaskins poses with his wife, Pam, and son, Corey, during the 2019 Region 15 Summer Meeting when his garden was on tour *photo Richard Warren*





# A Garden Visit Is Always Wonderful



Garden visits are the sweet fruit of long summer days. Months of planning and hours upon hours of hard, sweaty work all build up to the moment visitors arrive and you see your garden through their eyes. Fresh perspectives and, most assuredly, the admiration, compliments, and appreciation of peers makes it all worth it. Strolling the beds or sitting on the porch taking it all in, you just can't beat the feeling.

**Counter clockwise from left:** Marti Liski visits Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's garden *photo Bill Hurt*; Linda Sue and Curtis Barnes enjoy the sun dial and compass circle at Iron Gate Gardens *photos Linda Sue Barnes*; (l-r) Charles Douglas, Jim Murphy, and Gene Tanner visited Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's garden at the height of the bloom season *photo Bill Hurt*



## DON'T LOOK! DON'T READ THIS ARTICLE UNTIL YOU'VE TAKEN THE QUIZ ON PAGE 22!

### Answers to Quiz on President's Cup and Florida Sunshine Cup (from page 22)

- 1) FALSE. These are real and still exist in the AHS Archives, as well as the Annie T. Giles Cup, a Specialty Award for best small flower. They were last engraved and presented as rotating cups in 1990 after which medals have been given. The Donn Fischer Memorial Cup, another Specialty Award for best mini flower, was also a real cup, but is no longer in possession of AHS.
- 2) TRUE. Although there is a convention award specifically for doubles, the Georgia Doubles Appreciation Award, and another, the Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form, nothing prevents the FL Sunshine Cup from being awarded to any form. In fact, in 2021, Jan Joiner's double '**Bubbly**' (Joiner-J., 1989) won both the cup and the Georgia Appreciation Award.
- 3) FALSE. The President's Cup can be any size or form: mini to extra-large, double, spider, poly, etc.
- 4) B. Elmer Claar (right) donated the cup in 1956. This sterling silver cup was not new when presented to AHS. It was made in 1917 in London and formerly owned by the daughter of Cyrus McCormick, inventor of the reaping machine.
- 5) TRUE. No restrictions. David Hall and Pat Stamile won 3 President's Cups. Several have won two, like Kate Carpenter of NC. The FL Sunshine Cup has been won multiple times by several hybridizers.
- 6) B. The FL Sunshine Cup, first awarded in 1974, has been won twice each by '**Siloam Merle Kent**' (Henry-P., 1984) and '**Little Grapette**' (Williamson 1970). Although no restriction to the contrary, the President's Cup has never been won more than once by a given cultivar.
- 7) C. BOTH A. and B. As originally defined it was to be awarded to a small or mini cultivar by a Florida hybridizer. However, a Board Motion in October 1974 by Bill Munson made it a National award and the earlier restriction was dropped. The 1975 winner was Lucille Warner from Region 6 for '**Snoopy**' (Warner 1967).
- 8) TRUE. A 1958 journal photo (right) shows winner Hugh Russell holding the cup with the original square base. Based on the engravings, the original base is now the middle tier. A cylindrical tier was inserted above it starting with the 1968 winner, and a larger rectangular bottom section was first engraved for the 1987 winner.
- 9) TRUE. Elizabeth Salter (Region 6) has won the FL Sunshine Cup 6 times. Runner-up is Tim Herrington (Region 5) with 4.
- 10) FALSE. Two cultivars tied in both 1999 and 2013 for the President's Cup. But, TRUE, there has never been a tie for the FL Sunshine Cup. (Sorry to end with a "trick" question.)





# Road Trip!

## Coastal NC Daylily Society



The members of the Coastal NC Daylily Society have always been up for a road trip. Living around the Outer Banks seems to make folks adventurous and after having to wait at home over the last growing season, club members couldn't wait to see as many daylily gardens as possible. The size of the garden was not a consideration – they visited member gardens, local gardens, and nearby farms before taking off on a four-day trek across North Carolina.

In all, they managed to visit six spectacular "big" gardens: Summit Lakes Daylily Display Garden, Shallow Ford Daylily Farm, Madcat Daylilies, Blue Ridge Daylilies, A Slightly Different Nursery, and Iron Gate Gardens. Here are a few snaps for you to enjoy.

**Clockwise from left, above:** (l-r) Beverly Ambrose and Tabitha Gillard at Shallow Ford Daylily Farm; (l-r) Rebecca Chappell, Beverly Ambrose, Abbie Chappell, and Marsha Jackson at Blue Ridge Daylilies; wondering how they're going to fit all these purchases in their cars at Blue Ridge Daylilies; Janet Hong and Ken Ferguson at Slightly Different Nursery photos Pat Mansfield



## Corrections

Please note that in the Exhibition Judges listing in the Spring *Hemalina*, the email shown for Robert Gaddy was incorrect, the following is the corrected entry:

Robert Gaddy, Sr 2022  
225 Whitfield St  
Knightdale, NC 27645  
919-217-8206  
gaddy.robert@gmail.com

There are three corrections to be made to the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award article presented in the Spring *Hemalina*.

1. The correct spelling of the name of Nancy Milleman's gorgeous entry is 'Margaret Walsh Beattie'
2. In the caption for this delightful photo (right) which I'm thrilled to publish again, I misspelled Jeffcoat
3. The photo should have been attributed to Jim Jeffcoat himself, who, according to Peggy, spent quite some time setting up just the right place, lighting, and pose (I had pulled the photo from Paul Owen's website)

**Right:** Jim and Peggy Jeffcoat in 2012  
photo Paul Owen Jim Jeffcoat



'Margaret Walsh Beattie'  
Nancy Milleman 2019



## Poetry Corner

### Bones

Between planting and blooms,  
I work on the bones of my garden,  
the hardscape that tells its tale  
through the bleakest winters when snow  
covers labels and low mounds where  
sleeping plants wait for resurrection.

With thoughts of fall and next summer,  
I recently built three pedestals  
from cement blocks and stucco

to enhance the bones, bases for sculptures  
or other garden art, perhaps an urn  
overflowing with a flowering vine.

Then there's the path I just completed—  
fifteen steps up the side of a hill,  
each one dug out and leveled by hand.

My own bones grow thin,  
my knees and shoulders ache—  
the results worth every pain.

Nancy Womack



# Club News

## Catawba Valley Daylily Club

with Terry Bledsoe

**G**reat news - Catawba Valley Daylily Club is BACK! Members met in July and voted to resume meeting as a club. Nine members were present and only one previous member was not able to return. At this meeting, there was a lot of joy, exchanging of things that happened during the pandemic, and (of course) swapping daylilies. It seems the pandemic caused all of us to spend more

time in the garden and our daylilies have really responded to the extra love they were given. With over 150 years of expertise in the club, these discussions are always beneficial.

The club voted not to meet every month but rather quarterly with extra garden visits in summer. Our next meeting will be on September 11 and will feature a non-daylily plant exchange and a presentation on prepping beds for winter.



**Right:** 'Chosen Ruler' (Sellers 2004) photo Terry Bledsoe, from Facebook

## Charleston Daylily Club

with Annette Kibler

**I**n May, members of the Charleston Daylily Club visited Tom Bruce in his Carolina Daylilies garden. Mr. Bruce told us his plants were a bit behind blooming as it had been colder longer, but we still bought plants with the blooms unseen.

In July, we had a great program at our first in-person meeting since February 2020. Ten members attended and we were all excited to get together again to renew friendships. We had a small business meeting, then talked about our gardens and what we had been up to this past year. Our hybridizing members, Mike Denson, Tim Stout, and Perry Gaskins, showed off their seedlings and shared that they were making plans to introduce some of them. We were so impressed we wanted



to buy them immediately! There was some pretty eye candy.

Charleston Daylily Club is getting back to regular meetings and will be meeting again in August.

**Clockwise from above:** Tom Bruce shows a visitor around his Carolina Daylilies garden; (l-r) Tim Stout, Mike Denson, Annette Kibler, Perry Gaskins, and David Whitaker enjoyed their visit to Tom Bruce's Carolina Daylilies garden; David Whitaker chooses a favorite plant for his garden *photos Annette Kibler*



## Coastal NC Daylily Society

by Pat Mansfield

**T**he Coastal NC Daylily Society has been very active this spring! We've had club meetings, held a flower show, got our Plants for Members, took a trip across North Carolina visiting gardens and farms, and have been busily working on our preparations for hosting the OBX Autumn MMXXI Fall Regional in Manteo.

We started things off with a Mock Daylily Show at our May meeting. We were instructed on how to groom a daylily and then each of us cleaned a scape and proudly submitted it for "judging." The very next

weekend, six of us entered scapes in the Tidewater Daylily Society Flower Show, and took home one purple ribbon, four blue ribbons, and 14 red ribbons.



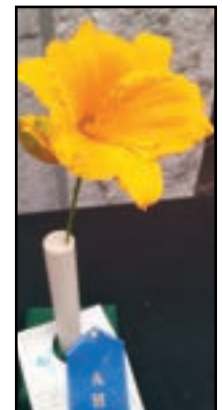
Always up for a trip, we visited member gardens, local gardens and farms, and took a four-day trip across NC where we visited Summit Lakes display garden, Shallow Ford Daylily Farm,

Madcat Daylilies, Blue Ridge Daylilies, A Slightly Different Nursery, and Iron Gate Gardens. Plus, several of us attended the Summer Meeting and we loved the beautiful, interesting, and entertaining gardens of the Martins, Nancy Womack, and the Millemans. We made great memories and new friends all along the way, not to mention we bought a TON of daylilies for our own gardens!

One of our local towns offered us the opportunity to join the "Friday Night Stroll." There we got to talk to folks about what a daylily is and how to grow them – a few visitors were interested in attending a meeting and possibly becoming members! Whoo Hooo!

We hope each of you will consider joining us in October for the OBX Autumn MMXXI Fall Meeting in the lovely Elizabethan Gardens in Manteo.

**Clockwise from left:** Beverly Ambrose talks to locals at the Friday Night Stroll in the Town of Hertford; (l-r) Abbie Chappell, Anne Konrad, Olivia Burket, and Rebecca Chappell with their entries at our mock daylily flower show; (l-r) Beverly Ambrose and Marsha Jackson unpack our Plants for Members; Sara Burket's blue ribbon on her Stella D'Oro at the Tidewater Daylily Flower Show *photos Pat Mansfield*





## Foothills Daylily Society by Kirk Milleman

**W**ow! What a great weekend we had. Thank you all so much for coming to visit. Over 70 people from Region 15 came to see the gardens, reconnect with old friends and make new ones. As the name tag maker, I was anxious to start meeting all the people whose names I had been typing. It was very exciting to meet you all.

I suppose you think this column will be doing an overview of the weekend, but it won't. We have several other writers/photographers who will be doing that for me elsewhere in this issue. So what I would like to do is to acknowledge our committee members who have worked hard for the last two years and made the 2021 Region 15 Summer Meeting such a success.

John Martin and Nancy Womack were the co-chairs. Nancy organized all the committees while also doing her job as the Awards Committee chair. John was instrumental in organizing the daylily auction. During planning, we didn't know what the Covid-19 rules would be in June so we decided to do the auction online. We had 104 donations from hybridizers and friends throughout the region. Van Sellers, Vic Santa Lucia, and Nolan Newton rounded up the donations, and John Martin organized the auction with the technological help of Jacob Braun with ADS. Linda Martin was our treasurer, Alvin and Linda Bly handled the flood of registration forms, Nancy Milleman set up the tour schedules and separate directions for each driving group, Joe and Geri Phillip were responsible for obtaining the commemorative books given to all attendees, Barbara Peterson and Patricia Kuess did hospitality, Barbara Locricchio and Hilda Moore handled the table decorations for lunch. I got to set up the groups and communicate with y'all.

Other club members worked on getting the gardens ready and helping on the day of the show. These included Larry Peake, Nance Wolff, Rick Rogers, Connie Long, Sonja Stobie, Ann Smith, Elaine Oakes, Nancy Riggsby, Kelly McCathy, Stan Krishak, Miah McCluney, Paola Hayes, and Gabe Harden.

So as you can see, it was a total club effort to put this weekend together for you. It was well worth it. Thank you all for the many compliments on the gardens, the auction, the organization of the schedule, and even the meal. It will be an experience I know my wife and I will always fondly remember. I'm sure the other club members feel the same way.

So what's next? We hope to find an indoor place to have our annual Pop Poll Party. It's usually the second weekend in August, so we'll keep looking for a place to show the PowerPoint slides that Eric Simpson provided.



**Above, then below:** The Ancient Gardener expresses thanks to everyone who traveled to Rutherfordton for the Region 15 Summer Meeting *photo Kirk Milleman*; lunch tables were decorated with artful arrangements of fresh daylily blooms created by Barbara Locricchio and Hilda Moore using antique and vintage containers *photo Kathy Tinius*



## Georgetown Area Daylily Club by Kathy Tinius

**T**he Georgetown Area Daylily Club plans to have their first in-person meeting in August during their annual Popularity Poll Party at Browns Ferry Gardens. In the meantime, club members have been busy evaluating their seedlings.

**Below, left to right, then above right:** A red seedling shown against a 12" dinner plate from the I Can't Believe It's A Dip garden of Duane Therrien and Ed Zahler; Ed and Duane are creating stunning gold edges on diploids; a wild and crazy future dip introduction from I Can't Believe It's A Dip; from Marlon Howell's Southern Charm Garden, this seedling is Saltwater Kisses x Everything You Desire x Seedling; also from Marlon, this is a fresh looking Friend to All x The Freak; amazing artwork makes this seedling a real standout in the hybridizing program at Browns Ferry Gardens, featuring plants from Heidi Douglas, Charles Douglas, and Gene Tanner *photos by the hybridizers*





## Lowcountry Daylily Club by Anne Winningham

**H**OORAY!!!! After a year's delay due to Covid-19, Lowcountry Daylily Club had their first meeting in March. Lib Rentz hosted the club on her patio and Perry Gaskins talked about "Getting our Garden Ready for Spring." We all enjoyed being together again and certainly enjoyed walking through Lib's garden. Lib has a lot



of perennials and a green thumb, so her garden is really something to see. She showed us how she roots new plants and Perry brought some perennials to share.

In April, members Lib Rentz, Gail Hale, and Anne Winningham went on the tour of the Moore Farm Botanical Garden in Lake City, SC. It's a beautiful place to visit, with a wide variety of perennials, beautiful waterfalls and ponds, and lots of other interesting things to see. They even have a fire tower you can

walk under that is hung with different kinds of trailing plants. Check them out on the web at [moorefarmsbg.org](http://moorefarmsbg.org). They also have a production center including a living wall and green roof, but after our almost two hour tour, we were too tired to walk to those.

Our next meeting is in August at the Santee Canal Park now that it has reopened for meetings. Adam Bedard from Santee Canal Park will be talking to us about butterflies and dragonflies. We plan meet at Anne Winningham's garden in September and Perry Gaskins' garden in October.

**Left, then above:** Lib Rentz hosted the first in-person meeting of the Lowcountry Daylily Club in a year; (l-r) Gail Hale and Perry Gaskins take part in discussions about Lowcountry's calendar of events *photos Anne Winningham*



## Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Carolyn Cliett

**H**ello to our friends near and far from the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society! We had a good bit of much needed rain this month but now it's just HOT! And HUMID! We hope everyone's gardens had beautiful blooms this year.



In May, we honored our long-time advocate, mentor, and friend Peggy Jeffcoat for her years of tireless service to the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society, which she founded in 1986! Over the years, she's also been very active in Region 15 and in ADS society. The event was a memorable occasion and Peggy received some well-deserved recognition!

In June, we held our annual Daylily Show and plant sale. One of our charter members, Ann Coggins, won first place in the Unusual Form Category

with her entry of 'Loose Reins' (George-T., 2005). Congratulations Ann! I think she'll be a regular contender in years to come! The winner of Best Miniature Flower and Best in Show went to our founding member, Peggy Jeffcoat, for 'Lil' Black Buds' (Begnaud 2009). What a dark beauty that little one is! Elaine Tyler, another long time member, won the Best Large Flower category for 'Queen of the Underworld' (Hansen-D., 2016), another dark beauty!

We want to congratulate all of our members who entered and those who won. Everyone worked so hard with set up and cleaning



plants for the sale. It was a very beautiful show this year. Thank you to everyone who participated!

Next year will mark our 35th year... perhaps an old fashioned B-B-Q throw down is in order... we'll see.



Food for thought:

*"Angels are known to appear where dragonflies congregate."*  
~ unknown author  
(You know who I'm thinking of!)

Until next time, be kind to one another, smile; the rewards are great for the giver and receiver.

**Clockwise from lower left:** Scene from the celebration honoring Mid-Carolina Daylily Society's founding member, Peggy Jeffcoat, shown to the right in the first photo; Peggy overwhelmed with the outpouring of genuine affection from club members; listening to the presentation *photos Peggy Jeffcoat*; at the Mid-Carolina Flower Show, big winners were (l-r) Ann Coggins, Elaine Tyler, and Peggy Jeffcoat *photo Sheila Caldon*





## Piedmont Daylily Club by Mitchell Hagler

April was the last time our club met – an in-person meeting at member Elaine Dickson's house for our annual "anything but a daylily" auction. Members brought everything from dwarf mondo grass to iris to small trees. We collected nearly \$300 and enjoyed being together.

We were supposed to have a video in May about all the great wildlife areas nearby but there were technology glitches, so we didn't get to see it as a group. Since our annual flower show normally held in June was canceled, we encouraged members instead to visit other members' gardens. Folks are already talking about having a bigger and better show in 2022.

At the June Region 15 Summer Meeting, our club was well represented. We had nine members attending and we were so appreciative of the Foothills Daylily Society for all the work they put into making it a great Saturday.

ADS Director Raymond Quinn presented the David Hall Memorial certificate, which recognizes the top vote getter in the region's Popularity Poll. Mitchell accepted the award for the late Gail Moore and her 1992 introduction 'Cat Dancer' (photo from [petalpushers.com](http://petalpushers.com)) and presented it to Gail's husband, Tommy, the following week.

## Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Wanda Quinn

The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club met via Zoom for the May meeting. The speaker was Raymond Quinn of Windyhill Daylily Garden, who gave a virtual tour of the garden. This delightful PowerPoint presentation included registered daylilies hybridized by both Wanda and Raymond. Seedlings under evaluation were included and generated some great discussion.

In June, the club worked hard to prepare for the Daylily Flower Show held at the Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh. With 276 entries, the show was a beautiful sight! Club members met at Raymond and Wanda Quinn's to dig and label the daylilies offered for sale at the show. A big Thanks to all club members for helping with and for participating in the Flower Show, including awards sponsorship.



Also, a special thanks to those from nearby clubs who submitted entries which helped make the show all the more beautiful since their entries included some very special scapes.

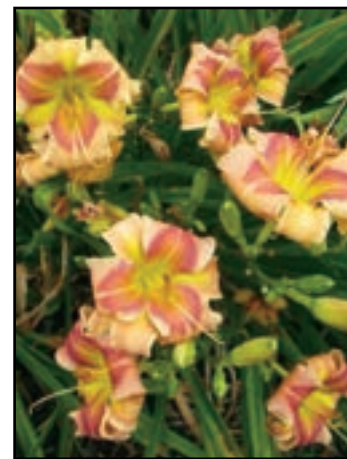
In July, the club met at the beautiful garden of Steve and Mary Edwards, Just One More...Daylily Garden. Members brought finger foods and enjoyed strolling around and visiting with their daylily friends. A special thanks to Steve and Mary for hosting the club and providing a nice array of door prizes. A short business meeting was also held.



We were sad to learn of the death of Nadara Andrews (see page 18). Nadara and her late husband Jim had been past presidents of the club and Nadara had been active until more recently. A number of our members have been in the hospital and we continue to keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

Our club has been meeting at Carmel Presbyterian Church for a number of years but we may have to find another location so we are in the process of exploring options.

We are making plans to meet in person in September to kick off another year. This will be primarily a time of fellowship but we will have a daylily auction and sales table.



The club will finally meet in person indoors the second Tuesday of each month at the regular location starting in August. Details can be found on the club's Weebly site shown: <https://raleighdaylily.weebly.com/meetingevents.html>.

Linda Sue will present the program sharing pictures from both the National Convention and Summer Meeting.

In September, Jennifer Smith will present a program on monarch butterflies which will include pictures from her recent trip to Mexico over the winter.

October will consist of a potluck and wrap-up of the year.



**All photos:** Members of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Society gathered together in the Just One More...Daylily Garden of Steve and Mary Edwards to watch a presentation, share fellowship, and enjoy the summer weather photos Linda Sue Barnes





## Sandhills Daylily Club by Dawn Whitley

The Sandhills Club has had a busy Spring/Summer. For our March meeting, we had the Herringtons – Tim, Heather, and the incomparable Hans – of the Herrington Daylily Garden in Dublin, Georgia, as our Zoom speakers. This meeting was held jointly with the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club and we were all enchanted by their hybridizing program. Who wouldn't love daylilies named in the spirit of the Wizard of Oz or, better yet, doubles with Cupcake-inspired names. The Herringtons selected plants for a 50/50 auction including two double fans of the ever-popular 'A.W. Shucks' (Herrington-T., 2014) named after someone we all know and love. We did the auction online using a Reply All email chain and it was very successful.

In May, we met at the home of Dawn and Alex Whitley to dig and prepare plants for the Daylily Show and Plant Sale. We washed



and divided about 30 cultivars and enjoyed the sunshine and the snacks brought by all. Fortunately, the plants were close to peak so we took some time to tour the garden and discuss how to select and groom scapes for the upcoming show.

In April, we held a work day and plant sale at the Betty Jernigan Daylily Bed at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden. We sold daylilies and companion plants and split the proceeds 50/50 with the garden. We also made some progress

applying the Bill Hurt cocktail fertilizer to the daylily beds. Thank you to Roger Mercer, Eddie Walters, Linda Sue Barnes, Curtis Barnes, and Alex Whitley for participating.

In June, we held our Daylily Show and Plant Sale at Biggs Park Mall in Lumberton. We had roughly 75 beautiful on scape entries in nine sections. We sold bare-rooted daylilies and potted companion plants like four o'clocks, black elephant ear, cleome, pink and white ginger, variegated bamboo, purple clover, and lantana to cover the cost of the show prizes.

Thank you to our show co-chairs Dawn Whitley and Linda Sue Barnes, who also created our program. Hospitality was handled by the fabulous Leslie Mitchell. The sale was coordinated by Eddie Walters. Classification was done by Ella Maugans and Alex Whitley. Placement was carefully handled by Richard Warren. The Education table was coordinated by Roger Mercer. Awards were purchased by Janet Warren. Julie Odom was the Clerks Chair and Ray Quinn judiciously tabulated the results. Judges Chair, Dawn Whitley, took the judges to her garden for lunch. Thank you to Michael Luther, Robin Hough, Perry Gaskins, Mike Denson, Steve Arnold and Melanie Scott for graciously judging our show.

**Left, then above right:** The garden of Alex and Dawn Whitley; Hans Herrington of the Herrington Daylily Garden in Dublin, Georgia *photos Dawn Whitley*

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## Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club by Lynne Broderius

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven," as the saying goes.

While the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club has had some remarkable accomplishments, even in very recent years, the time has come to close the club for good. Our members have gotten older, some have moved away, and we've lost one or two in recent years. The limitations of the pandemic simply finished what nature had started.

The Lillian Livingston Daylily Garden at the Tanger Family Bicentennial Garden in Greensboro **will** live on (see photo below), and our members will continue to support and nurture this beautiful public garden. Our members, to various degrees, will continue to grow daylilies. Our club, however, has closed down as of earlier this year.



## Poetry Corner

### Potting Table

Roger learned to use his new lathe by turning table legs from surplus 4 x 4's. Piles of shavings covered his woodshop floor, flawed attempts added to the burn pile, solid ones set aside for consideration.

The best four he saved for me, a surprise gift of a potting table I never asked for—had never even thought about wanting or needing one.

He just arrived one day with the unassembled pieces in the bed of his pick-up truck, found a shady spot at the edge of my back yard and put it all together—heavy and sturdy, and the perfect height for me. I stained the wood and finished the top—dark gray slate with black grout to blend with all the potting soil it would come to know.

Nancy Womack



## Upstate Daylily Society by Kelvin Bryant

Our first meeting of the year was in February. It was great getting to see some members in person after the Covid-19 shutdown. We are sending a big Thank You to Neil and Taunia Richardson for the use of their beautiful wedding venue, The Oaks, for our meeting.



March 20 we took a road trip and toured Gibbs Gardens in Ball Ground, Georgia. We specifically went to see the millions of Daffodils in bloom that is a highlight of their early spring gardens. If you ever have the opportunity to visit, it is well worth it.

On April 18 we met at Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Easley, and thank Brenda Coggins for organizing this meeting at her church.

Our normal meeting place, the Anderson Library, was still closed due to Covid-19. After the meeting some of us toured Brenda's nearby garden to see her beautiful spring flowers. She even generously shared some of her Iris.

May 16 we met at our ADS display bed at the South Carolina Botanical Gardens, where we did some cleaning up and dividing, and members took home a few plants. We also distributed this year's plant collection from Eric Simpson and we can't wait to see these great plants flower.

June 5, Bill and Karen Manning invited the entire club to their home in Abbeville. It was great to see their garden in bloom season this year, as they normally hold a fall picnic for the club, which is certainly out of season. As always, the food was great,



especially the homemade ice cream. Thank you, Bill and Karen!!

Upstate Daylily Club members were saddened by the passing of long time club member Wilson Ledbetter. Wilson was remembered as always kind and generous. Wilson and Karon talked to me and Tammy at our first club meeting some twenty years ago. Our prayers are with Karon as she moves into this new chapter of her life.



Clockwise from lower left, then below: Donna Bobby distributes club plants photo Christopher Blackston; daffodils at Gibbs Garden photo Kelvin Bryant;

Karen Manning talking shrubbery with Jill Burris, Erma Kawski, and Ginny Frechette photo Christopher Blackston; Brenda Coggins digs iris to give to Mark Davis and Erin Carroll photo Kelvin Bryant Upstate members post photos on their Facebook page, including (l-r) 'Skylab' (Trimmer-J., 2011); 'Driving Me Wild' (Stamile 1992); 'Tyger River' (Selman-Hensley 2005)



## Western North Carolina Daylily Club from Robert Selman

The Western North Carolina Daylily Club had their first meeting of the year on June 26 at Blue Ridge Daylilies. In the morning, several club members and Region 15 guests attended the Garden Judges II workshop given by instructor Eric Simpson and assisted by Garden Judge Liaison Becky Hinshaw.

It was wonderful to see all the bright flowers and smiling faces, and we were able to welcome several new club members. Pizza and refreshments were served followed by an informative meeting updating everyone about plans for the upcoming 2022 National Convention. Eric Simpson and Jean-Marie Smith recently attended the 2021 National Convention in Hattiesburg where they presented our "Invitation to the 2022 National Convention in Asheville" video, which was enthusiastically received. Some folks said it was the best presentation they

have ever seen and registrations are already coming in. The dates of our convention are July 7-9, 2022 and it will be held at the Asheville Crowne Plaza and Expo Center. Please visit [ahs2022national.com](http://ahs2022national.com) for more information.

Right: Members and visitors enjoy pizza after visiting Blue Ridge Daylilies and attending a Garden Judges II workshop photo Robert Selman





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## And the Winners Are...

### *Sandhills Daylily Club Flower Show*

Extra Large '**Windyhill's Discovery**' (Quinn 2018) Alex & Dawn Whitley  
Large '**Pink Mimosa**' (Foster-P., 2009) Alex & Dawn Whitley  
Small '**Elfin Sunshine**' (Holmes-S., 2008) Raymond & Wanda Quinn  
Miniature '**Little Gold Nugget**' (Herrington-T., 2005) Margaret Waggoner  
Dbl/Multi/Poly '**Wally**' (Howard-T., 1991) Margaret Waggoner (bottom, 2nd from left)  
Spider '**Curly Cinnamon Windmill**' (Crochet 1997) Alex & Dawn Whitley  
Unusual Form '**Summer Star**' (Santa Lucia 1999) Alex & Dawn Whitley  
Popularity Poll '**Papa Goose**' (Douglas-H., 2011) Robert Gaddy  
Seedling Raymond & Wanda Quinn  
Sweepstakes Alex & Dawn Whitley

### *Raleigh Hemerocallis Club Flower Show*

Extra Large '**Windyhill's Discovery**' (Quinn 2018) Alex & Dawn Whitley  
Large '**Symphony of Color**' (Herrington-H., 2017) Bill Hurt  
Small '**Red Squirrel**' (Blanton 2005) Alex & Dawn Whitley  
Miniature '**Lilac Lollipop**' (Herrington-H., 2018) Bill Hurt  
Dbl/Multi/Poly '**Tim Herrington**' (Elliott-S., 2014) Bill Hurt (bottom, far right)  
Spider '**Sergeant Major**' (Trimmer 2003) Alex & Dawn Whitley  
Unusual Form '**SW Tropical Relaxation**' (Miller-M., 2017) Bill Hurt (bottom, far left)  
Youth '**The Ultimate Sacrifice**' (Grace-L., 2013) Oliver Hines  
Popularity Poll '**Papa Goose**' (Douglas-H., 2011) Alex & Dawn Whitley  
Seedling Oliver Hines (Youth) (bottom, 3rd from left)  
Best in Show '**Red Squirrel**' Alex & Dawn Whitley (right)  
Sweepstakes Raymond & Wanda Quinn (right, 2nd from top)

*Mid-Carolina Daylily Society* (Please note this show was not an ADS accredited show with judges but was a display following ADS guidelines and staging. Winners were selected by visitors viewing the show and voting by secret ballot.)

Extra Large '**Solar Sweet**' (Pierce-G., 2015) Elaine Tyler  
Large '**Queen of the Underworld**' (Hansen-D., 2016) Elaine Tyler (right, 3rd from top)  
Small '**Baby Boomer**' (Herrington-T., 1996) Peggy Jeffcoat  
Miniature '**Lil' Black Buds**' (Begnaud 2009) Peggy Jeffcoat (right, 3rd from top)  
Dbl/Multi/Poly '**Sunny Attitude**' (Bruce 2012) Elaine Tyler  
Spider '**Free Wheelin'**' (Stamile 2004) Gene Crocker  
Unusual Form '**Loose Reins**' (George-T., 2005) Ann Coggins  
Seedling #9 Peach GB10 Peggy Jeffcoat  
Best in Show '**Lil' Black Buds**' Peggy Jeffcoat

All photos Linda Sue Barnes

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