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Van Sellers**

**The National  
Convention  
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Saturday, June 10, 2023  
Region 15 Summer Meeting

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'Kentucky River Mist' (Morss 2015)  
photo Melodye Campbell in Trillium Falls



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(Simpson-E., 2016), winner of the 2022 Presidents Cup at the Asheville National Convention; photo taken in Blue Ridge Daylilies  
*photo Linda Sue Barnes*

**Above:** Ann Cobb shows off the spectacular hat she created for the convention hat contest  
*photo Linda Sue Barnes*

**Below:** Julia Ann Odom's creation for the Crazy Hat contest was practical as well as dazzling!  
*photo Kathy Tinius*



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# Region 15 President

How has time passed so quickly? Meet Me in the Mountains is now a beautiful memory. I want to express my appreciation on behalf of our Region members to the Western NC Daylily Club for hosting the 2022 National Daylily Convention in Asheville, NC. Special congratulations to co-chairs Eric Simpson, Bob Selman, and Jean-Marie Smith. I also want to thank every Region 15 member who volunteered their time – every job large or small was critical to the success of the convention.



Many thanks to those who donated items to the auction, made raffle baskets, or contributed in any way to the boutique activities. A dear, special thanks to Nancy Womack taking on the job of coordinating this big component of the convention. Also a shout out to Pat Mansfield for the work she did to make both plant auctions successful. I haven't heard the totals, but the bidding was furious and high. It could be one of the best auction totals yet. Big thanks to Frank & Donna Bobby for doing an excellent job coordinating and managing the plant sale. Raymond & Wanda Quinn demonstrated confidence as they selected and coordinated Bus Captains and driving routes that made sure all visitors were safe and entertained.

What a great time we all had. The gardens were breathtaking. The boutique vendors were amazing and had so many colorful and useful items. The auction was one for the record books, and Crazy Hats were seen in every garden and at every meal. The hat contest had close to 100 participants – check out some of the samples on the back cover.

When the awards and honors winners were announced, Region 15 members and Region 15 flowers stood out from all the other regions, showcasing our hybridizers and talented members.

One thing we know for sure in life is that change is inevitable. We were all saddened when we lost our Van Sellers this summer. He was an icon, a friend, and a mentor. He will be sorely missed. You may wish to donate to the Region or ADS in his honor.

Continuing to accept change, I wish to announce the resignation of our webmaster, Mr. Chuck Wilson. Chuck shared with me that his work with the Boy Scouts was expanding and that he would like to give someone else the opportunity to continue on with the webmaster's position. I want to sincerely thank him for the work he has done for us. The website could be considered the "glue" holding communication together for all the various components of our region, and the website Chuck created from scratch certainly established a firm foundation for this communication.

At this time I want to announce that Mr. Ken Ferguson from the Coastal NC Daylily Club has volunteered to accept the webmaster position. Ken has a remarkable background working in media and technology. He plans to build on the work Chuck has done and he has already begun redesigning many of the pages. Ken requests your support, assistance, and patience as he takes us to the next level of communication. He has begun by requesting information from club presidents that he will use to highlight each club profile on the website. Please respond to his requests as quickly and completely as you can so we can begin to see this next phase of the website blossom and mature.

Chuck's wife, Robin Wilson, has served several years as our Historian and we also thank her for that service. The Historian position is now open and I would entertain talking with you if you wish to become a part of our Leadership Team.

We share both our successes and our challenges. We have a challenge that is extremely important to our traditions and our connections to each other. Most of us know the joy of garden

# Regional Publicity

Just a few weeks ago, another successful ADS National Convention, hosted by Western NC Daylily Club, came to a close. More than 500 attendees boarded the tour buses and enjoyed peak bloom and near perfect weather both days, which made this convention a special one. We would not have been able to pull this off without the extraordinary volunteer efforts made by some very talented and gracious people from our own region. We are also grateful to the many donors who helped us exceed our financial goals. The tour garden owners worked tirelessly to give our attendees a weekend to remember and we applaud them! My convention co-chairs and I absolutely must single out these vital Region 15 convention chairs for making our job easier and for greatly contributing to the success of this event. Pat & Bill Mansfield, Raymond & Wanda Quinn, Nancy Womack, Donna & Frank Bobby, and Aaron Cook, you all went above and beyond and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You all were nothing short of amazing! The convention co-chairs will be presenting a substantial check to the region at the fall meeting in September.



Now it's time to focus on our upcoming 2022 Fall Meeting hosted by the Sandhills Daylily Club: Daylily Dreamin' Under the Pines, September 30 - October 1, 2022. Meeting Site: Southeastern Agricultural Center 1027 US-74 ALT, Lumberton, NC 28358. Join us for a fun-filled weekend. Registration includes dinner, lunch, speakers, daylily auctions, access to the plant sale and silent auction, door prizes, registration bag, and fellowship with good friends. This club is working hard to plan a great event. I look forward to seeing many of you there. Get registered now and please consider donating to the plant auction fundraiser!

Pop Poll voting is now underway and the deadline to vote is September 1. You can find the ballot in one of my regional emails or on our Region 15 website: <http://www.region15daylily.org>.

Eric Simpson

Below: The Millemans and Robert Selman confer *photo Kathy Tinius*



*(Region 15 President continued)*

tours each summer. Our Leadership Team and members discussed this challenge at the Business Meeting in Asheville. Everyone is open to ideas to make these functional and fun, like using personal cars rather than buses to fit into smaller neighborhoods, reusing the same name badges to reduce expenses, making the ordering process easier, eliminating the need for bags, etc., etc. Our Foothills Daylily Club showed that could be done last summer with the changes they made. Please talk to your club members and consider volunteering soon.

**Late Breaking News:** During newsletter proofreading, we learned that the Catawba Valley Daylily Club and Piedmont Daylily Club have teamed up to host the 2023 Summer Meeting June 10, 2023!

Finally I want to invite you to share the fun of a fall get together. The Sandhills Daylily Club will be our hosts and the trip to Lumberton will be worthwhile for everyone. See page 20 for the registration form and more information.

Remember the next daylily garden will be the best. Share the daylily love!

Bill Hurt



# Regional Director

The Little Club That Could has done it again. For the second time in eight years, the Western NC Daylily Club, with the help of many members from around the region, held their second ADS National Convention. While I saw many of you there, those who couldn't come missed a real treat. The weather was great, the gardens beautiful, and the whole week ran pretty close to clockwork smooth. As in years past, Wanda and I made all the bus arrangements, working with a wonderful bus company and members of The Little Club That Could along with their helpers from around the region. All four gardens were beautiful, although one was special in that it was on the side of a mountain, (the buses backed up a very steep hill for the last 300 feet) and another was a valley full of blooming beauty everywhere you looked.



Thank you to all those who contributed to making this National Convention another event to remember. I know I would miss someone if I tried to name each one, but I think everyone, and especially those who were part of the planning process and the event its self will agree Eric Simpson was the glue that kept us all stuck together. On Sunday, I told him I would give him the duck award. He wasn't so sure 'bout that until I explained it was for always looking calm above the water line but constantly paddling for all he was worth. This week will be remembered fondly.

When awards night arrived, our region held its own. I would like to especially acknowledge and congratulate Vic Santa Lucia for receiving the Bertrand Farr Award for his outstanding accomplishments in hybridizing. An honor earned and well deserved.

As your Director, I attended the Board meeting on Thursday. As always, there was business within AHS that came our way.

Our first action, which I hope we never have to use but need to have in place as a responsible organization, was to establish a Harassment Policy for the Society. It was passed and will be published on the AHS website.

With the increase in Achievement Medals being awarded in our daylily shows, engraving the Achievement Medals will now be optional for the local club show sponsor.

We reviewed a recent change to the R.W. Munson Award defining qualification descriptions for patterned daylilies. In summary, the interpretation of previous wording excluded daylilies that appear with broken colors, and the patterned definition was changed to include broken colors.

Last of the actions was to reinstate the requirement for exhibition judges to exhibit in an accredited daylily show at least once every four years. If there are extenuating circumstances, a judge can request, in writing, a hardship exemption.

Last on our agenda was that the Board was informed the Executive Secretary and Webmaster have resigned their positions. We are currently in the process of searching for candidates for Executive Secretary, and will do the same for a new Webmaster before the end of this year.

Raymond Quinn

**Photo right:** (l-r) Curtis Barnes, Perry Gaskins, and Felicia Pritchett carefully judge blooms during the combined Raleigh Hemerocallis Club and Sandhills Daylily Club's June flower show  
*photo Linda Sue Barnes*

Save the Date!!  
Saturday, June 10, 2023  
Region 15 Summer Meeting

# Garden Judges Liaison

The 2022 ADS National Convention in Asheville included Garden Judge Workshop I, Garden Judge Workshop II, and the first Garden Judge Workshop III. **Garden Judge Workshop III is new.** For renewing Garden Judges, it will replace Garden Judge Workshop II after 2023. This year and in 2023, either Garden Judge Workshop II or Garden Judge Workshop III can be taken for renewal purposes. New applicants for Garden Judgeship will still need both Garden Judge Workshop I and Garden Judge Workshop II.



The main emphasis of Garden Judge III is reviewing Garden Judge I and holding a discussion of Garden Judging ethics. The main advantage of Garden Judge III is the ability to complete it in any season, in a classroom, and that it can be done by Zoom. In geographically large regions with few or no Garden Judge Instructors, the instruction can take place from anywhere in the country. It also does not require a gathering of people, such as at a regional or national event. The disadvantage is it cannot and does not replace the live hands-on experience of Garden Judge Workshop II in a garden of daylilies.

There will be Zoom Garden Judge Workshop I and Garden Judge Workshop III offered in October of this year (no exact date set as of this time). Both workshop slide programs can be downloaded by members and studied at your own pace. They are currently on the Members Portal, but that is going to be dropped. Some time soon, the information and forms on the Members Portal will be moved to the main American Daylily website and posted under "Resources." If you can no longer reach the Members Portal, try the main American daylily website and in the upper right hand corner of the screen find "Resources" and type in the material that you need.

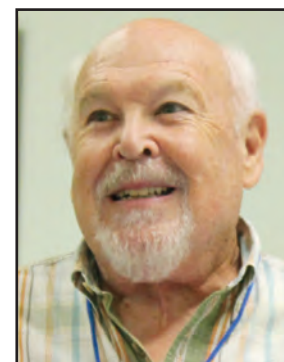
Becky Hinshaw



# Exhibition Judges Liaison

We all love the excitement of our summer Exhibition Daylily Shows, and key to their success are the Exhibition Judges we use in each show.

At the Lumberton Region 15 Fall Meeting, we will be conducting a beginners Clinic for those who wish to become a certified exhibition judge and a Refresher Clinic for those Senior Judges who are reaching their four-year recertification date. For more information check out the Fall Regional Meeting schedule on page 21.





# Meet Me in the Mountains!

## ADS 2022 National Convention in Asheville, NC

Submitted by Dawn Whitley, Region 15 Secretary  
ADS Region 15 Business Meeting,  
Asheville, NC  
July 08, 2022

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

Bill Hurt, Region 15 President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm and thanked everyone for attending. Since this meeting overlapped with National convention activities, roll call was omitted. The minutes of the fall meeting were approved.



Mitchell Hagler gave the treasurer's report for Jan 7 thru June 30, 2022: beginning balance \$12,528.47; income \$485.00; expenditures \$2,217.80. Current balances are: checking \$10,795.67; savings \$2,574.54; CD5027 \$5,877.49; CD 7013 \$2,189.46; total assets \$21,437.16. Mitchell will follow up to determine the interest rate the CD's are getting and when they renew and report this to Bill so the board can determine if we want to do something different.

Bill reported that Ken Ferguson has been named Region 15 webmaster replacing Chuck Wilson who has stepped down. Ken is very excited and has already started revamping the website. He wasn't able to attend but Bill gave all attending club Presidents homework from Ken to send him information to build an information page for each club.

Bill reported that Robin Wilson has stepped down as Region 15 Historian and stated that he would like to develop a Roles & Responsibilities description for this position before appointing a replacement.

In place of Nancy Womack, who was tending to convention duties, Kathy Tinius presented the certificates for the regional photo awards as published in the spring *Hemalina*. The winners were:

- Artistic: Ken Ferguson for "Reflecting Shari Dee"
- Region 15 Hybridized Flowers: Gene Crocker for "Cute in Curls"
- People: Ken Ferguson for "Yes....no.... well, maybe"
- Landscape: Linda Sue Barnes for "Milleman's Front Bed with 'All American Chief'" (right)
- Youth: Abbie Chappell for "Pollen Anyone?" (upper right)



Kathy introduced an idea for a new photo category possibly called "Daylilies from a Different Point of View." This category would allow multiple photos to be combined to create a new image or to have special digital effects used to create an artistic image. All photos must be taken and all editing done by the submitter. This will be proposed in the form of a motion at the Fall meeting. If you have ideas or questions, contact Kathy ktinius@yahoo.com.



Becky Hinshaw reported that we need to encourage members to become garden judges and that we need more instructors. The process to become an instructor is simple and involves assisting in a few classes; if interested contact Becky hinshaw@rtelco.net.

Michael Luther gave an update on the clubs lined up to host regional meetings. We discussed a survey Dawn put together to get feedback on regional meetings. We will try to get some preliminary feedback at the convention and send the survey out to Region 15 members by email. We discussed options to make the meetings easier for clubs to host, including the options of one-day meetings or eliminating the buses. Options for the Summer 2023 meeting were discussed and Mitchell will call a meeting of the Piedmont Daylily Club board to see if they are willing to host. Otherwise, we are looking at a one-day meeting hosted by the Regional Officers possibly to include a tour of a public garden. If your club can help, contact Michael mluther13@hotmail.com.



- Fall 2022 Sandhills Daylily Club
- Summer 2023 Catawba & Piedmont Daylily Clubs 6/10
- Fall 2023 Mid-Carolina Daylily Society

The Region 15 Fall Meeting will be September 30 – October 1 at the Southeastern Agricultural Event Center in Lumberton, NC. Information and Registration will be available on the website by mid-July. Dawn made a request that we be prepared to take credit cards at least for the auctions. This is something we can do as a board to make it easier for clubs to host. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 pm.

**Below:** Lowcountry Daylily Club's sweepstakes-winning basket featured Lowcountry Daylily Club hybridizers' proven growers and award winners: 'Skinny Dipper' (Zahler 2018), 'Midnight in Burgess' (Albers 2009) HM, 'Boss Hogg' (Douglas-H., 2015) AM, HM, 'Raspberry Lime Sherbert' (Howell-M., 2019), 'Snickums' (Gaskins-PC., 2018), and 'Thelma Douglas' (Douglas-C., 2008) AM, HM

*Photo of Bill presiding by Kathy Tinius; photo of (l-r) Kathy Tinius and Linda Sue Barnes at left by Curtis Barnes; photo of Bill Hurt and Abbie Chappell by Bill Hurt; photo of Lowcountry Daylily Club basket by Anne Winningham*





# Gorgeous Winners Recognized!

**President's Cup Award &  
Ned Roberts Spider / UF Award**  
**'Pumpkin Britches'**  
(Simpson-E., 2016)

*photo Becky Hinshaw at Sacred Circle Farm*



**Florida Sunshine Cup**  
**'Faulkner's Pinky Swear with Rick'**  
(Simpson-R., 2022)

*photo Melodye Campbell at Trillium Falls*



**Georgia Doubles Appreciation**  
**'Boom Boom Kabloom'**  
(Selman 2018)

*photo Kathy Tinius at Faer Hill Garden*



**Region 15 Carolina Seedling Award**  
**Seedling #25**  
**Eric Simpson**

*photo Linda Sue Barnes at Blue Ridge Daylilies*



**Above:** A pastoral scene at the Sacred Circle Farm  
*photo Linda Sue Barnes*

**Award of Merit**  
**'Boss Hogg'**  
(Douglas-H., 2015)

*photo Cynthia Hammel-Vandever after 90° day*



**Honorable Mention**  
**'Sultry Girls'**  
(Davisson-J., 2013)

*photo Judy Davisson*



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

*photo Bill Hurt at Summit Lakes Garden*



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

*photo Bill Hurt at Summit Lakes Garden*





# Trillium Falls

## *Beverly Breuer*

**J**im and Judi Efland transformed a primitive property into a magnificent, complex masterpiece known as Trillium Falls. When the tour visitors descended on them, Jim and Judi were kind and welcoming, as were Judi's daughters, Annie McDaniel and Shanna Riggsbee, and grandchildren Gracen Riggsbee and Avery Riggsbee.



**Above:** This gorgeous sculpture graces the namesake falls and koi pond

Daylilies were planted in tiers among the stonework and as a backdrop to the mountainous view. The daylilies were beautiful, but shared the show with the entire garden.

**Right:** Planting spaces have been created by layering and stacking manmade and natural rocks. In this part of the garden, cascading evergreens have been interplanted with trailing perennials and daylilies.

**Far Right:** Visitors pass the bridge to the second floor of the Efland's home on their way down to the patio next to the koi pond and waterfall



**Above, below right:** Creators of the breathtaking Trillium Falls, Jim and Judi Efland; one of Judi's Ikebana creations on display during the tour

The story of Trillium Falls began decades ago when Jim graduated from Clemson University with a degree in Civil Engineering, thus beginning his love affair with heights, steep grades, and rocks. His passion led him to be very involved in volunteer work, leading Rotary team projects around the world to build schools, structures, and bridges – mostly in remote, third world countries. Judi is likewise accomplished, and has received her Master Level in Ikebana. She now teaches and her beautiful arrangements adorned tables on the terrace during the tour, showcasing a wonderful melding of movement, balance, and harmony.



Developing the property posed significant challenges. In fact, on old maps the lot was declared "unbuildable" with its 200' drop. Jim and Judi started hand-clearing the property 20 years ago, removing the extensive vines, poison ivy, and undergrowth. A massive drip water irrigation system with more than 12,000 drippers and a couple of miles of underground water lines was







**Above:** The recently-completed blacktopped driveway gives a nice definition to the tiered flower beds

Around the property are about 1,000 trilliums that the Eflands moved from other property they own. The types include white, yellow, and Prairie trilliums. Judi has worked to provide a variety of plants that bloom throughout the growing season. Judi's mother was passionate about gardening and proved to be the primary influence in Judi's own love of plants and gardens. Judi recalled, "I remember going with her to visit a daylily garden near Valdosta where she would fill up the trunk of our old Chevy. She enjoyed hybridizing daylilies. She never registered any of her daylilies but shared them with friends. She continued to chase after the elusive blue daylily in her hybridizing." Jim helped Judi move many of her mom's daylilies to Trillium falls, much to the delight of tour visitors.



**Above:** One of the nearly 1,000 trilliums on the property

installed. The Eflands collected and brought in more than 400 dump truck loads of native rock to build the walls and waterfall.

The namesake waterfall and beautiful mermaid statue are memorable focal points. Jim received the stunning statue as a gift and it joined the mermaids he has collected from around the world. The waterfall was deliberately located to center on their dining room. The Ryusen maple – "Ryusen" means "flowing or falling water" – was perfectly located next to the waterfall.



**Left:** 'Heavenly Angel Ice' (Gossard 2004) really put on a show the day of the convention tour

Trillium Falls includes a plethora of native and cultivated plants, from astilbe, hostas, hydrangeas, and hellebores, to native spiderwort, foamflowers, and coral bells. Trees on the property include Judi's favorites – umbrella Pine, ginkgo, weeping katsura, Japanese maples, and crape myrtles.

The rugged terrain of Trillium Falls beckons visitors to clear their minds, enjoy the view, explore the grounds, marvel at the stonework, admire the magnificent variety of vegetation, and linger at the waterfall/koi pond. It was an excellent selection for the garden tour.

*Photos Beverly Breuer*

**Below, left:** The large fish in the koi pond were mesmerizing

**Below:** Visitors follow a nature path through the lower parts of the property where, in addition to glimpses of the spectacular views, they were able to see specimen trees and some of the garden's many trilliums





# Faerhill Gardens

## *Room for Another Room?*

by Mitchell Hagler

Just as we are advised not to judge a person by what is on the outside, so it is with a garden. You can't see the beauty of Joel Cole's Faerhill Garden from the sidewalk; you have to travel up a gravel pathway surrounded by hostas, lily of the valley, magnolias, and rhododendrons. You could actually stop there and rest in comfortable chairs under a huge oak or venture a little further to a rectangular pond surrounded by horsetail reeds. But, wait, there is more!



**Above:** In what must be the "bedroom" room of Faerhill Gardens, four large flower beds overflow with annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs, and ornamentals

As you come off the gravel, you step onto a grassy path and find yourself in a room with dozens of plants—pink crinum, black and blue salvia, mature shrubs, etc. Look up, or you'll miss the bee hives perched on top of the art studio. Take a right, and you find yourself walking through an arbor into what surely is the "bedroom." You'll find four large flower beds in this room, each with a neat boxwood border.

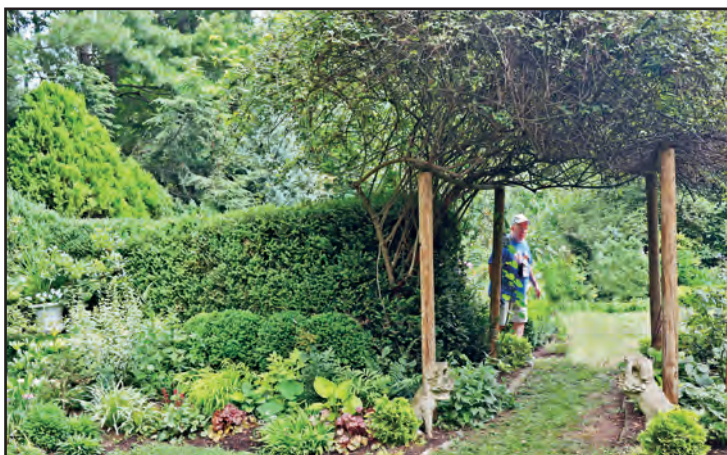


**Above:** Garden owner Joel Cole is a master of combining apparently disparate plants in a cohesive, lively, very attractive, and interesting manner.

Each bed is filled to the brim with daylilies, iris, phlox, coneflowers, mullein, sedum, and ginger. Shrubs and trees hide this private room from the adjacent property.



**Above:** Garden owner and artist Joel Cole helped visitors find icy cold water to stave off the hot temperatures during the 2022 national convention garden tour



**Above:** A mature Lady Banks rose shades the passage from one garden room to the other

Cross under another arbor covered with a mature Lady Banks rose and you face a room with huge vases and 'Alien DNA' (Selman 2009) and 'Just One More' (Simpson 2018) showing off their splendor. Have a seat on one of the stately chairs or benches, and admire the tiger lilies and crocosmia.

Backtracking through the bedroom to the entrance, bear off to your right where the floorplan changes again to a rock path, another huge oak, and benches to rest on to admire the Mexican verbena and Asiatic lilies.

**Right:** Cleome, crocosmia, and a single bloom of 'Midnight in Paradise' (Simpson-E., 2020) coexist happily in a lively, crowded flower bed







**Above:** 'Bob Marley' (Laprise 2017) glows next to 'Moby Grape' (Kennedy-Cochenour 2016) and contrasts nicely with the vertical lines of the iris leaves and light green euphorbia

**Below:** Choice bromeliads have been potted up outside Joel Cole's art studio cottage, next to a select art piece and behind a section of walkway created by carefully placing small oval stones on their sides



If you aren't paying close attention, you'll miss the almost hidden sign that points the way to "More Garden," and you don't want to miss this Japanese garden complete with a moss floor, lots of pebbles, and a tiny Japanese village. This room is fenced in with old boards in the classic Japanese style, with a rusted tin roof over the garden gate. Bordering this garden is Joel Coles' studio cottage, in which he produces beautiful paintings, some of which he displays on the outside of the cottage.



**Above:** Nikki Schmith, replete with a delightfully fancy hat, checks out the orchids and bromeliads growing on the side of Joel Cole's artist studio cottage



**Above:** An inviting garden bench is surrounded by tiger lilies, castor bean plants, euphorbia, and several different groundcovers

Step through an open gate into another room that contains a huge square pond defined by a brick border and surrounded by a path created by putting hundreds of rounded stones on end. This peaceful sanctuary provides benches and a powerful, shady oak for quiet contemplation.



**Above:** Winner of the 2022 Georgia Doubles Award 'Boom Boom Kabloom' (Selman 2018)

Daylily collectors say that they can always find a spot for just one more daylily. I wonder if Joel Cole lies awake at night thinking where he can create just one more room.

*Photos Linda Sue Barnes*



**Above, left to right:** 'Alien DNA' (Selman 2009), 'Moby Grape' (Kennedy-Cochenour 2016) in Faerhill Garden



# Sacred Circle Farm

*Becky Hinshaw*

Sacred Circle Farm occupies 20 acres near Alexander, NC. The house commands a sweeping long range view over the Blue Ridge Mountains across the 180 degree southern exposure of the modern eco-sustainable and energy efficient home. The view out over the evergreens and koi pond is spectacular. Musical notes from the large wind chimes hung across the front of the house join the sound of the koi pond's waterfall. The visual and auditory experience is simply wonderful.



Above: This view from the front patio near the koi pond and waterfall to the mountains across the valley certainly sets the stage for quiet contemplation

The house was built seven years ago, and the landscaping is starting to mature. Many exotic and native shrub, bush, and tree specimen plants are incorporated in a hardscape of huge rocks, statuary (large and small), dry creeks lined with smooth river rocks, a 10,000 gallon koi pond, and patios on the front and back of the house.



Above: The sharpness and angularity of this rustic bench contrasts nicely with the daylily blooms, interesting evergreens, pink crape myrtle, and burgundy and chartreuse coleus

There are many places to sit and enjoy the long view to the mountains — or the close view of the many surrounding plantings offering diverse textures and colors of leaf, bark, and flower. Evergreens in sharply contrasting shapes and colors help highlight the bright daylilies. Overall, the effect is that of a small botanical garden — serene and quiet.



Above: Garden owner John Leonard poses for a photo while showing off his imaginative, serene garden *photo Linda Sue Barnes*

John Leonard, the owner, first visited Blue Ridge Daylilies more than 10 years ago and quickly became a daylily fan. When John moved to what is now Sacred Circle Farm, he brought his daylily collection with him, and he has continued to add new cultivars over the years. Now, many daylily beds surround the house and patios, and contain both newer and older cultivars.



Above: The view from the driveway up to the koi pond and patio, with (l-r) 'One More Bud' (Murphy-J.P., 2012) and 'Foolish Dragon' (Selman 2006)

As you climb up the driveway to see the planting beds around the house, 'Carolina Sugar Daddy' (Selman 2008), 'Paradise Punch' (Simpson-E, 2016), 'Star Over Asheville' (Simpson-E, 2019), 'Better Off Blue' (Simpson-E 2017), 'Crocodile Tears' (Selman 2011), 'Beauty School Dropout' (Selman 2021), 'Brahms Intermezzo' (Selman 2020), and 'Sunny Side of the Street' (Selman 2018) all speak to John's enjoyment of Blue Ridge Daylilies.



Above: (l-r) 'Violet Blue Note' (Selman 2013) and 'Pink Impression' (Selman 2021) were among many Blue Ridge Daylilies creations at Sacred Circle Farm





**'Violet Blue Note'** (Selman 2013), planted in front of lavender-pink flowering Rose of Sharon shrubs, was especially striking. Another beautiful planting combination was **'Alien Starchild'** (Selman 2014) planted in front of terra cotta pots overflowing with burgundy and chartreuse coleus. With three blooms open on our tour day, a beautiful example of the convention prize winner **'Pumpkin Britches'** (Simpson-E, 2016) was putting on a show.

**Above:** 'Alien Starchild' (Selman 2014) glows in front of a terra cotta pots filled with richly-colored coleus

**Below:** (l-r) Ray Rayburn, Rick Simpson, and Joe Monnin provide a size reference while overlooking the complex and beautiful stonework of the Sacred Circle



In addition to daylily beds, Sacred Circle Farm grows many natives to optimally sustain their honey bee hives. In the back patio area, a large buttonbush was attracting lots of bees while it added texture and fragrance. A small orchard contains paw-paw, fig, persimmon, plum, and almond trees. Blueberry, raspberry, black berry (wild and thornless), and elderberry bushes are interspersed among the flowering shrubs and trees. A raised vegetable garden is fenced to keep deer from eating the produce.



**Above:** Rocks have been used creatively through the garden, as shown in this dry stream that flows around a concrete birdbath



**Above:** Fire ceremonies are held in the circle for gatherings of individuals of all faiths to bring more of the sacred into their lives and experiences

Distant from the house, Sacred Circle Farm's namesake 50' diameter stone fire circle nestles privately in a small meadow, out of sight behind a grove of mature trees. Made of a combination of local field stone and slate from two other states, the circle was created to offer the community a beautiful and hospitable location for spiritual ceremonies and practices of many persuasions and faiths.



**Above:** (l-r) 'Star Over Asheville' (Selman 2019) and 'Crocodile Tears' (Selman 2011) were coming into their own during our tour

**Below, right:** 'Brahms Intermezzo' (Selman 2020) showed off its rich color despite the heat and sun

The pastoral setting, a meadow with grasses and many wild flowers, has created an oasis for personal retreat and restoration – a beautiful, peaceful sanctuary.

*Photos Becky Hinshaw, except as noted*





# Blue Ridge Daylilies

## Rebecca Chappell & Abbie Chappell

**B**lue Ridge was a wonderful experience! We couldn't believe how many flowers there were to choose from.



**Above:** A delightful arbor and a funny "rear view" sign greet visitors to Blue Ridge Daylilies *photo Linda Sue Barnes*

We rode out to Asheville on the Sunday before the National with our club, the Coastal NC Daylily Society, so we could help the Western NC Daylily Club get ready. Even though we were at Blue Ridge Daylilies almost every day for a week, it was still amazing to see it again and again.



**Above:** Bus tour visitors confer and make notes of their favorites *photo Kathy Dolge*

**Below:** Youth members look over the Region 15 Seedling bed while Paula Grimstead (center) gives them guidance on evaluating each plant's performance *photo Kathy Tinius*



**Above:** Garden Owners Robert Selman (top) and Eric Simpson (bottom) *photos Linda Sue Barnes*

Blue Ridge Daylilies is an experience. The way Robert Selman and Eric Simpson have their garden set up is astonishing, especially since they keep everything nice and neat. All the flowers are absolutely stunning — not the least of which are all of those seedlings that are, hopefully, crossing our fingers, going to be released soon!



**Above:** Refreshment stations were conveniently placed around the garden *photo Kathy Dolge*



During the tour, Abbie Chappell and her new friend, Christina Braun from Region 5, interviewed others in the youth group and recorded their thoughts about Blue Ridge Daylilies.



**Above:** Region 8's Eva Newkirk poses beside the Blue Ridge Daylilies sign  
*photo Rebecca Chappell*

Christina: "What do you like about Blue Ridge Daylilies?"

"I love the large variety of plants that are in the gardens. The size of all the plants is amazing. A lot of effort goes into managing a garden like this, and it shows. I also like how it is accessible for everyone." - Eva Newkirk, Region 8



**Above:** (l-r) Kendra Gaby and Christina Braun thoroughly enjoyed their tour of Blue Ridge Daylilies  
*photo Rebecca Chappell*

"They have a great variety of Daylilies. I also like all the landscaping around the daylilies." - Kendra Gaby, Region 10



**Above:** Intrepid reporter Abbie Chappell interviews Oliver Hines  
*photo Rebecca Chappell*

Abbie: What is your favorite Daylily here at Blue Ridge?

"Lil' Black Buds because it is one I've seen win awards and it is a nice flower." - Oliver Hines, Region 5



**Above:** Ansley Titus from Region 2 tells Abbie Chappell what daylily she has chosen from the thousands in Blue Ridge Daylilies  
*photo Rebecca Chappell*

Abbie: Is there a daylily here you would buy from Blue Ridge and why?

"That's easy! I'd buy 'Exotic Starfish' (Gossard 2013). I love all the colors in it, purplish pink, light yellow, and greenish yellow. Where I am from, dormant daylilies grow better than evergreens, so I look for dormants. 'Exotic Starfish' is a dormant, so it should grow well for me." - Ansley Titus, Region 2



**Above:** The future of daylilies looks as bright as these faces (l-r) Abbie Chappell, Lovie Mansfield, Rebecca Chappell, Maverick Mansfield, and Benjamin Mansfield  
*photo Pat Mansfield*

So, you can see, we all enjoyed our visit to one of the most beautiful daylily gardens in Region 15!



**Above:** Blooming during the tour were (l-r) 'Amethyst Ice' (Selman 2011) *photo Linda Sue Barnes* and 'Angelic Voice' (Simpson-E., 2017) *photo Kathy Tinius*



# Bertrand Farr Award

## Vic Santa Lucia

Formerly of Seatauket, NY, then later of Iron Gate Garden, located near Kings Mountain, NC, Vic Santa Lucia has 255 cultivars to his credit, garnering 23 Honorable Mentions (HM) and two Awards of Merit (AM), and the prestigious Stout Silver Medal. He has twice won the Don Stevens Award for “eyed” cultivars, twice won the Extra Large Award, and won the President’s Cup once. His first registration, ‘**Seal of Approval**’ (1990), qualifies as a historical cultivar. A 5.5” cream diploid edged in lavender with a green throat, it won an HM in 1996 and is still very popular, as is indicated by two color photos featured in the book, *Historical Cultivars: 1980-1990*, available in the Media Library.



Above: ‘**Rocket Booster**’ (Santa Lucia 1997) with verbena in Gail & Wayne Buff’s Secluded Garden photo Gail Buff

Working quietly alongside his partner Van Sellers at Iron Gate Gardens, Vic has registered his own line of diploids and tetraploids, known for their clarity of color. His second award winner, ‘**Brazilian Emerald**’ (1992) was registered at Van’s suggestion. A 5.5” yellow tetraploid, it also received an HM in 1996.



Above: ‘**Paul Cranford**’ (Santa Lucia 2009) in Sandcastle Garden photo Robin Wilson

Among his HM winners are two diploid doubles, ‘**Zona Rosa**’ (1995), a 5.5” cerise-rose blend, and ‘**Rose Storm**’ (1999), a 4.5” deep rose red self. These won HMs in 1999 and 2003 respectively. Other diploid recipients of an HM include ‘**Proper Stranger**’ (1996), a 6.5” peach with a rose eyezone, which won an HM in 2003 and two unusual form cultivars, ‘**Summer Star**’ (1999), an 8” light gold spatulate, and ‘**Web Dancer**’ (2001), a 9” rose mauve crispate with darker veining, both of which received HMs in 2005.

The majority of Vic’s HM recipients have been tetraploids. These include ‘**Majestic Move**’ (1993) and ‘**Yankee Tradition**’ (1993), both of which received HMs in 1998. Others include ‘**Fireborn**’ (1996) HM 2001; ‘**Desert Flame**’ (1996) HM 2003; ‘**Ballerina on Ice**’ (1997)

HM 2000; ‘**Rocket Booster**’ (1997) HM 2002; ‘**Satan’s Fire**’ (1998) HM 2002; ‘**Plaza Del Sol**’ (1999) HM 2004; ‘**Don Luis**’ (2000) HM 2005; ‘**Gold Card**’ (2000) HM 2006; and ‘**Bandito Rojo**’ (2000) HM 2007; ‘**Frieda Allen Jerrell**’ (2003) HM 2008; and ‘**Paul Cranford**’ (2009) HM 2016.



Above: ‘**Carnival in Mexico**’ is a standout wherever it is planted photo Rebecca Board

Perhaps Vic’s most notable achievement is ‘**Carnival in Mexico**’ (2000), a 7” pale veined rose tetraploid with a very large deep red eyezone above a green throat. Having received an HM in 2005 and an AM in 2010, it also won the Extra Large Award in 2010, the Don Stevens Award in 2011, and the Stout Medal in 2012. Almost as famous, his ‘**Carnival in Caracas**’ (2007), a 7” orange

tetraploid with a red chevron eye above a yellow green throat, won an HM in 2011, the President’s Cup in 2013, an AM in 2014, and the Don Stevens Award in 2016. His ‘**Jordan’s Jazz**’ (2011), a 8.5” rose red tetraploid with a darker red edge and light green throat, won an HM in 2017 and his second Extra Large Award in 2020.

Victor Santa Lucia’s cultivars possess many good qualities, especially their strong, vibrant colors and their ability to open early in the morning.

Below: Three of Vic Santa Lucia’s cultivars: ‘**Tom Leonard**’ (Santa Lucia 2008) photo Miah McCluney; ‘**Cherryville**’ (Santa Lucia 2009) photo Vic Santa Lucia; ‘**Desert Flame**’ (Santa Lucia 1996) photo Vic Santa Lucia; photo of Vic Santa Lucia above by Linda Sue Barnes





# Moldovan Mentoring Award

*Robert Selman*

I would like to nominate Robert Selman of Blue Ridge Daylilies for the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award. Robert's ADS Display Garden is visited by more than 300 people annually and his mentoring spirit has been evident in his day-to-day life for many years in the garden and on social media. He readily shares his wealth of knowledge with everyone who asks, from novice gardeners to experienced hybridizers, and he is always passionately promoting daylilies.



Blue Ridge Daylilies is a jewel among daylily gardens, established in a magical setting with thoughtfully placed companion plants that add intrigue and provide the perfect background to display very well-grown daylilies. It's not difficult to fall in love with daylilies during bloom season in his beautiful garden.



So many new daylily enthusiasts have been born and cultivated by Robert that many of us believe it is time he is recognized by this fine organization. "He works too hard," many of his friends regularly say. We know he rarely takes time away from the garden and daylilies. His daily life revolves around daylilies and giving expert advice on hybridizing and cultivating to young and old. He regularly encourages garden visitors to join ADS, join a local daylily club, and to get involved in regional and national daylily activities. His passion for daylilies and gift for cultivating and displaying them in the garden is remarkable. He is one of the hardest working and most devoted daylily people and his generosity goes above and beyond, time and time again.



In 2020, Robert Selman was the recipient of the Region 15 Service Award. Robert has served as an ADS Club President for many years and, as a national speaker, he is always generous with donating plants at the club, regional, and national level. Robert's achievements in daylily hybridizing include two Awards of Merit, 17 Honorable Mentions, four Junior Citations, the R.W. Munson, Jr. Award for 'Alien DNA' (Selman 2009) in 2017, and the Region 15 Jeffcoat Hybridizing Award for 'Alien DNA' in 2014.

In addition, Blue Ridge Daylilies serves as host to a popular yearly event for all daylily clubs, the Multi Daylily Club Picnic. This event, complete with good food and many daylily giveaways is always a homecoming of sorts for many daylily lovers. Bob's willingness to serve and share his time and plants are evidence of his dedication to promoting daylilies and ADS.

Bob is an ambassador for daylilies. Promoting our beloved daylily with passion and a wealth of knowledge is just second nature to him. I believe many of us would be thrilled to see Robert get the recognition he has earned and so richly deserves. Thanks in advance for considering Robert Selman for the Steve Moldovan Mentoring Award.

**Clockwise from left:** A fairly normal summer weekend for Robert Selman; Robert chats with garden visitors during the 2022 National Convention garden tour, 'Curly Gone Wild' (Selman 2012) stood out during the 2014 National Convention tour  
*photos Kathy Tinius*  
*Photo of Robert Selman by Linda Sue Barnes*



# Region 15 Service Award

## Nancy Womack

A charter member of the Foothills Daylily Society, Nancy Womack has been actively involved with the AHS for over 15 years. Her commitment to service is widely known at the local, regional, and national level. In addition, her active involvement in and considerable contributions in time and talent to her community are also noteworthy.

Locally, Nancy has served in various capacities including four years as Club President. In this leadership role, she grew the club and expanded members' interest in all areas of the Society. Using daylilies created by Region 15 hybridizers, she oversaw the organization of a daylily display garden at the Cooperative Extension Center/Rutherford Senior Center to showcase and demonstrate the daylily's use in landscaping. To publicize daylilies within our area, she co-chaired the Club's first daylily show and, at our most recent show, was awarded the Best-in-Show honor.

Under Nancy's superb leadership, our club has successfully hosted two Region 15 meetings – the 2012 Fall Meeting and the 2021 Summer Meeting, which was originally planned for 2020 but postponed due to COVID. Because of uncertainties caused by the pandemic, she threw out the "guidebook" and organized a first of a kind, abbreviated one-day summer meeting – with no indoor meetings, individual transportation to the gardens rather than buses, careful guidelines regarding social distancing at the host gardens, and lunch provided in an outdoor pavilion. The general consensus of the attendees was that the meeting was very successful and provided a valid example of new approaches to our regional meetings. In addition, Nancy's garden remained on the tour even after she broke her right arm.

Successful organizations need leaders who make sure things get done, and Nancy has been a leader throughout her involvement. She volunteers for committees both at the local and regional level, inspires members to get involved, and steps in only if she sees a need to keep things running smoothly – all without bringing notice to herself. In addition to her other involvement at the regional level, Nancy supports the editor of our award-winning newsletter by proofreading the *Hemalina*. She also provides substantive feedback and coaching on organizational matters and activities at the local, regional, and national levels.

From 2016 through 2019, Nancy served as Region 15 President. In this role she enhanced communications on AHS activities at all levels. She promoted the use of the regional website as one of

our primary communication tools and added an open forum, "Daylily Fan Feedback," in the regional newsletter to provide a platform for member communication.



**Left:** Nancy Womack doesn't let a broken right arm slow her down during the 2021 Summer Meeting (here with her granddaughter Miah McCluney)

photo Wanda Quinn

Photo of Nancy holding her medal by Kathy Tinius



Nancy continued to strengthen the role of the Region's Leadership Team, encouraging team members to regularly provide updates on their specific roles both in the *Hemalina* and on the website. She also encouraged clubs to focus on service to their communities. As she noted in one of her messages to the regional membership, "greater presence in the community leads to greater interest, and perhaps increased membership, in our clubs and AHS." Currently, she is the Regional Awards Chair, an AHS Exhibition Show Judge, and a Garden Judge.

Nancy is a regular attendee at national ADS conventions and in 2014, she served as Convention Registrar, in 2020, she helped with hospitality, and for the 2022 national convention, she is coordinating the Conference Boutiques.

This only briefly highlights Nancy's work with ADS activities. Nancy was employed at Isothermal Community College for 30 years, serving as the Dean of the Arts and Sciences Division for part of that time. In 2007, she became a dedicated and highly engaged member of the Isothermal Foundation Board, serving as Chair of the Board since 2013. Nancy is an accomplished musician, playing viola in the symphony, and serving as President of the Rutherford County Symphony. Until recently, she was an active member of Master Gardeners, chairing the Spring Garden school for two years, and receiving the 2016 Search for Excellence Award. Nancy's poetry has appeared in the pages of the *Hemalina* and *The Mentor*, and she has published a beautiful book of her poetry about daylilies and photographs by various members of Region 15 entitled *Mornings in June*.

For all her contributions to the Foothills Daylily Club, Region 15, AHS, and to her community, Nancy Womack is most deserving of the 2021 ADS Regional Service Award for Region 15.



**Above:** Nancy Womack presides over the 2016 Fall Meeting, the Fall Revolution  
photo Linda Sue Barnes



# Electronic Media Award

## Rebecca Board

Rebecca Board received two nominations for the 2021 Electronic Media Award. In the first, the current Registrar noted that Rebecca was involved with the original transition moving registrations from print only to an online platform that became the online daylily database, thus making valuable registration information easily available to hybridizers, AHS members, and people all over the world.

Since the current Registrar began her tenure in 2015, the online daylily database has gone from being updated a few times a year to being updated at least once a month and now updated almost instantaneously. The database is one of the most referenced pages on the AHS website. Rebecca was part of the technology team that made it possible for thousands of people a year to benefit from the ease of accessing registration information and photos for more than 90,000 registered cultivars.

Years ago, due to the difficulty of processing names that contained apostrophes, they were not allowed. When they were eventually allowed, the registration system still did not process them correctly, and each one required manual intervention. Rebecca is currently working on recoding all the areas of the database that will not only handle apostrophes correctly, but will also accommodate

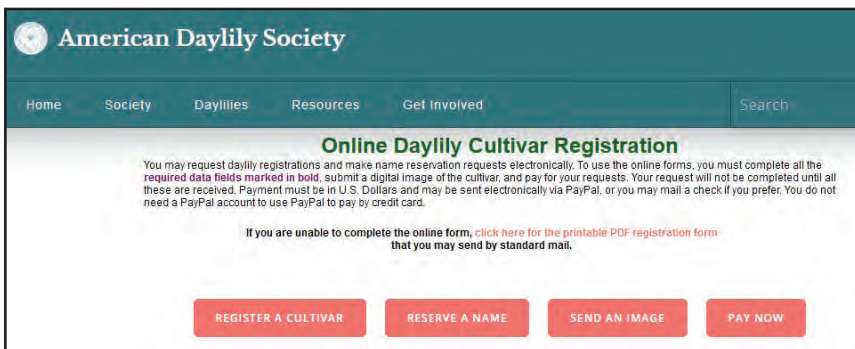
other special characters, such as tildes, umlauts, circumflexes, etc., needed for non-English names. If all goes well, this exciting project will be done before the end of this registration year.

The second nomination references the behind-the-scenes work Rebecca performed on the Pop Poll and online daylily database. Rebecca was Pop Poll Chair from 2006-2008, during which time she wrote php / database applications which put the ballot online and assisted with results reporting.

In 2008, Rebecca was asked to work on the daylily database, as it had crashed and needed to be recovered. Within three days after receiving the Access files, Rebecca had the basic cultivar name and hybridizer search up and running on the main website. Rebecca continued to work on the advanced search functions and on the code to upload, re-size, and watermark new images so the registrar wouldn't have to do it by hand.

Rebecca has served as Region 15 President, Pop Poll Chair, and during her tenure as Region 15 Director, she served as Registrations/Technology Chair for six years, from 2009-2014, and continues today to work on database and technology issues.

Photo Linda Sue Barnes



# Best Article About Gardens

## Mitchell Hagler

Congratulations to Mitchell Hagler for winning the award for Best Article About Gardens for his entertaining article in the Fall/Winter 2021 *Hemalina* on Nance Wolff's GaGa Gardens.

Mitchell has written many articles for the *Hemalina* over the years. His contributions have included a lengthy series of articles on Region 15 hybridizers. This series was unique in that Mitchell went beyond showing us each hybridizer's program and flowers to showing us who they are as people. His insights into how they've developed their gardens and what has influenced their choices help readers to better understand the people behind the beautiful daylilies.

It won't come as a surprise that in addition to prose, Mitchell also writes poetry. His poems sometimes are written about our favorite flower, but more likely they are written to share an experience with or emotion generated by a daylily character.

Congratulations on this very well deserved recognition.

photo Linda Sue Barnes







## Daylily Dreamin' Under the Pines ADS Region 15 - Fall Meeting 2022

September 30 - October 1, 2022  
Meeting Site: Southeastern Agricultural Center  
1027 US-74 ALT, Lumberton, NC 28358  
Host: Sandhills Daylily Club

### Event Accommodations

Holiday Inn Express  
302 Wintergreen Dr.  
I95 - Exit 22  
Lumberton, NC 28358  
910-593-6234  
Discount Code: ADS  
King Room or Room w/ 2 Double  
Beds: \$109 plus tax  
Book by August 30 to get discount

You may be able to reserve rooms through [Booking.com](https://www.booking.com) cheaper than the event price, if you book early. The Holiday Inn, Hampton Inn, and Comfort Inn are all on the same street. Check out our Lumberton Visitors Bureau site for other local points of interest to extend your stay, including the Cape Fear Botanical Garden in Fayetteville:

<https://www.lumberton-nc.com/lumberton-visitors-bureau/>

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

More detailed information can be found on the Sandhills Daylily Club website:  
<https://sandhillidaylily.weebly.com>

### JUDGES CLINICS

A fee of \$5.00 (cash only) is due to the instructor at the start of each clinic

#### Exhibition Judges I

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

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

#### Exhibition Judges III

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

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

#### Garden Judges I

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

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

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

Return your completed form with Check or Money Order by mail to:  
Richard Warren  
6304 Windy Ridge Ct.  
Raleigh, NC 27606-9579  
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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes dinner, lunch, speakers, daylily auctions, access to plant sale and silent auction, door prizes, registration bag and fellowship with good friends.

Speakers include: Hybridizers Jim Murphy & Margo Reed, and Monarch Butterfly expert, Jen Smith.

Adults # \_\_\_ @ \$99 (postmarked by August 30) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Adults # \_\_\_ @ \$119 (postmarked after August 30) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Companion Meal - Friday for those not attending the programs # \_\_\_ @ \$35 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Daylily Dreamin' Under the Pines T-shirts:

Logo T-shirts are available in 100% Ultimate Cotton (not pre-shrunk). Mens and Ladies sizes available. Indicate "M" for Mens or "L" for Ladies. Black print on Light Heather Gray with a 4-color design.

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# \_\_\_ 2XL # \_\_\_ 3XL @ \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL REGISTRATION \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT METHODS - Payments Accepted by Check or Money Order Only,  
Payable to Sandhills Daylily Club



Speakers at the Region 15 Fall Meeting are (l-r) hybridizers Margo Reed and Jim Murphy, and monarch butterfly promoter Jen Smith



# Daylily Dreamin' Under the Pines

## Schedule

### Friday, September 30

- Registration 1:00-5:00 pm
- Judges Clinics
  - Exhibition I 1:00-5:00 pm
  - Exhibition III 1:00-3:00 pm
  - Garden Judges I - Lobby 1:00-3:00 pm
- Executive Leadership Team Meeting 3:00 pm Lobby
- Region 15 Board Meeting ~4:00 pm
- Raffle/Silent Auction/Plant Sales 3:00-5:00 pm
- Evening Program - Bill Hurt Presiding 5:00 pm
- Dinner 5:15 pm
- Region 15 Hybridizers Video Presentations during dinner
- Region 15 Hybridizer Spotlight Speakers 6:15 pm
- Region 15 Daylily Auction 6:45 pm
- Raffle/Silent Auction/Plant Sales open until 15 minutes after auction ends

### Saturday, October 1

- Business Meeting - Bill Hurt Presiding 8:00 am
- Speakers: Margo Reed & Jim Murphy 8:45 am
- Auction of Reed/Murphy donated 50/50 plants 10:00 am
- Break Raffle/Silent Auction/Plant Sales payments 10:30 am
- Final daylily auction for non-Region 15 plants 10:45 am
- Lunch Raffle/Silent Auction/Plant Sales payments 12:00 pm
- Speaker: Jen Smith - Monarch Butterflies 1:00 pm
- Break - Last call for Silent Auction/Raffle 2:00 pm
- Raffle bags and bid sheets pulled 2:05 pm
- Closing Remarks & Announcement of Winners 2:20 pm
- Adjourn/Pay for Silent Auction Items 2:30 pm
- Plant Sale Closes 3:00 pm

# Poetry Corner

## The Ballad of Peggy Jeffcoat

(to the tune of *The Ballad of Jed Clampett*)

Come and listen to our story 'bout a girl named Peg.  
To get her garden weeded she never had to beg.  
Early one morning when the pollinating was fine,  
up through the ground came a rotundifolia vine.

Smilax, that is, devil weed, has to die!

Peggy called up all the members of the Mid-Carolina club.  
They raced over to Peggy's to save the garden we all love.  
With chainsaws, axes, hoes and tools with very sharp blades  
to kill the giant weed before the sun could set & fade.

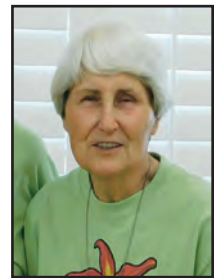
Smilax, that is, viney varmint, has to die!

Well now it's time to say goodbye to Peggy and her friends.  
She would like to thank the club for kindly dropping in.  
You're all invited back next week to visit Singing Oakes  
and eat and play and maybe stay to weed with other folks.

For Peggy, that is, weed a spell.  
Don't take your shoes off.  
Y'all come back now, hear!

**Note:** Mid-Carolina Daylily Society had our annual picnic May 15 at Peggy Jeffcoat's Singing Oakes Garden. It was only fitting that Peggy was honored with a song by a hot new duo, The Diploids. They debuted this "original" song. (Yes, The Diploids are none other than Lee and Beverly Breuer.) Sadly, there is no photographic evidence of The Diploids.

Right: Peggy Jeffcoat photo Sheila Caldon



# 2021 AHS Region 15 Popularity Poll Ballot

Vote online at [region15daylily.org](http://region15daylily.org) - Vote Today!

## Did you know you can paint with diamonds?



A combination of cross-stitch and paint-by-numbers, diamond painting uses an applicator to glue hundreds of sparkling resin rhinestones onto canvas. The resulting art brings a lightness and fantasy to familiar images.

Heidi Douglas has created several diamond paintings the last few years, and when she saw a photo of her cultivar '**Breathing in Snowflakes**' (Douglas-H., 2016) in Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's garden, she knew it was something she wanted to create. Fast forward past several months of hard work and concentration, and Heidi donated the final painting to the national convention auction. Bill Hurt was determined to have the painting, and successfully outbid everyone else!

**Left:** The diamond painting created by Heidi Douglas from a photo of '**Breathing in Snowflakes**' (Douglas-H., 2016) photo Bill Hurt

**Right:** (l-r) After winning the painting during the auction, Marshall Morrow and Bill Hurt pose proudly with the painting's creator, Heidi Douglas photo Kathy Tinius





# Remembering Van Sellers: "Wit beyond measure is a man's greatest treasure"

*Nancy & Kirk Milleman*

Nancy and Kirk Milleman have many warm memories of Van Sellers and these in particular stand out.

From Nancy: When Van learned that I saved old gardening magazines, he generously started setting aside ones he had finished reading. The collection I amassed from him illustrates the scope of his horticultural interests

– Birds and Blooms, Carolina Gardener, Guns and Gardens, Horticulture, Mother Earth News, and The Garden from the Royal Horticultural Society.

In 2013, Vic and Van led a class on daylily hybridizing for the members of the Foothills Daylily Society at Iron Gate Gardens. In attendance were Elaine Oakes, Nancy Womack, John Martin, Kirk, and I. As part of our training, Vic and Van took us out into their seedling beds where Kirk took short videos on his camera so we could remember the important information. On one clip, Van is comparing three different daylilies and asking us which one we preferred. After we gave our thoughts, he chuckled and asked if we would like his opinion. He said, "Remember that hybridizing and selection is a personal thing, thank goodness! If it weren't we

would all be buying the same thing." He then pointed to his preference, showing us the flower features he felt made it unique. "Furthermore," he noted, "We need that color in the garden." This makes me smile as we know his preference for strong, clear colors.

From Kirk: We went to Iron Gate Gardens for many reasons, but mostly to see Vic and Van. On one of our earlier excursions, we were just finishing getting our daylilies and were saying our goodbyes when Van asked if we would like a "Co-cola" (the first time I heard it called that). We

said yes, but that we would drink them on our way home. Van then responded with his usual wit, "Well that's just rude!" and everyone laughed.

Vic tells the story about getting a phone call and Van answering it. Vic went into the other room to work on the computer while Van spoke on the phone. Thirty minutes later, Vic returned to find Van just hanging up the phone. Vic asked who was on the phone, and Van said, "I don't know, it was a wrong number!"

**Above:** A meeting of great hybridizers: (l-r) Vic Santa Lucia, Grace Stamile (Vic's sister), Patrick Stamile, and Van Sellers *photos Kirk Milleman*



## The Two V's

We sat at a desk near the window  
So I could watch the cardinals  
Competing at the bird feeder.  
The coffee hot; the conversation light.  
Van telling what "we" had done in the garden  
But a faithful garden helper sitting nearby  
Looks incredulous, raises an eyebrow as if to say "We?"  
And then a small epiphany –  
That I was sitting between two Stout winners  
Gleaning their years of gardening wisdom.  
How unpretentious these two,  
Never talking down to a novice like me.  
I had come to pick up a new camellia  
And left with the feeling that I had spent an hour  
In the presence of daylily giants.

– Mitchell Hagler

## Van Sellers: Our Region has lost its guiding light

*Raymond & Wanda Quinn*

We knew this time would come although we wished it never would. I am sure many will write about his accomplishments in daylily hybridizing and the awards that came with that, but my thoughts were, and are, of a much more personal nature.

When Wanda and I first got in daylilies in the late 1980's (it is hard to believe it has been that long) during one of our first Raleigh Hemerocallis Club meetings, we were, for lack of better description, adopted by Jim Cooper who invited us to come along with him on his daylily travels. At this point, most of you will have no idea who Jim Cooper was, but in the plant world, he was WAY up there. Past President of AHS, Past President of the Hosta Society, and Past President of what is now the National Gardens Club, but back then was the National Men's Garden Club (yes, there were lady garden club members even then). To say he knew EVERYONE well in the gardening world was not a stretch at all.

In just the first few years traveling with Jim, we visited gardens through most of the Eastern US, north and south, including every hybridizer we had heard of at that time, and many we hadn't heard of. With all this said, our first trip with Jim was to visit Van Sellers. Jim said we needed to know him!!

There were many other visits and chats with Van over time, although our most memorable, and pretty much the most memorable of all our Jim trips, was our first visit to Van's. Jim and Van were telling stories, sitting on the porch of his garden house, with Wanda and I sitting there taking it all in. After listening to them tell their stories that day, Wanda and I decided that we are going to really like these garden visits. THANKFULLY we do not remember the details of those stories any more, which is just as well as none of them could have been put in print. But it sure was fun to sit there and listen!!!

**Right:** Van Sellers at the 2019 Region 15 Fall Meeting  
*photo Kathy Tinius*







You may not have noticed him in a crowd. There was nothing about his slight frame that stood out – but Van Sellers, who died May 31 in his home at the age of 88, was one of the most visibly recognized persons in the daylily world.

Depending on your relationship with him, Van answered to many different names: son, brother, life-long partner, English teacher, hybridizer, Stout Medal winner, plantsman, cat lover, businessman, mentor, counselor, friend.

I knew him before he became Somebody. We met when he was a senior and I was a freshman in the late 50's at Appalachian State Teachers College (now University). Since it was a small school at the time, it was easy to know the name, if not the person.

Later, when I got into gardening, I began with hostas and learned the person who grew the best was that old college guy – Van Sellers. I visited Iron Gate Gardens in Kings Mountain and started to get to know the Van Sellers who would rise to the top of the daylily world. Along with our interest in gardening, we were both English majors at Appalachian and now were both English teachers, so we had a lot in common on which to build a friendship.

Not too long ago, John Smethurst was putting together a presentation about daylily hybridizing and interviewed Van for the piece. John learned that Van grew up in Kings Mountain. The family moved across the road from the original home site and his mother began to sell plants. Later, Van bought an adjacent 27 acres where eventually he and Vic Santa Lucia established their home and garden. Van began developing the original garden in the early 60's and was already involved in the production of daylilies and bearded iris, the prized plant of that time. Eventually, the irises were wiped out by the borer worm, and Van began to shift his attention to daylilies.

Iron Gate Garden began as a circular-shaped garden defined by 1,000 bricks. Additions were made every year and today more than 125,000 bricks wind throughout the garden.

In 1980, Vic and Van met at a daylily convention in Boston, Massachusetts, and a lifelong partnership began.

At one point, Van had every known hosta variety in his garden and was nationally recognized for his collection. During the 80's, Vic and Van hybridized and commercially introduced many of the leading hosta cultivars. When Van purchased the additional acreage, it had previously been used for cotton production and it was necessary to plant trees throughout the entire acreage to provide the shade required by hostas.



On September 21, 1989, a category 4 hurricane named Hugo came through the property and destroyed 105 trees, leaving the garden with too much sunlight, resulting in dry topsoil, a condition no longer suitable to the commercial production of hostas. Vic and Van's interest then quickly shifted to daylilies.

At the same time, back in Charlotte, I had developed a pretty nice shade garden, complete with a pond I dug

# Van Sellers

by Mitchell Hagler

myself. When Hugo buffeted our house, we were left with one tree sticking through the roof, one across the driveway, and every tree in my shade garden snapped in two. The garden was a total disaster and instead of shade, I had sun! The next summer I visited a daylily exhibition show and was invited to attend the Piedmont Daylily Club meeting. When I did, to my surprise there was Van Sellers, a charter member of the club.

At its peak, Iron Gate Gardens' production garden covered about 7 acres with 1,700 varieties. Today, they have reduced the size of the garden but still carry around 700 varieties.

Terry Baucom and Jennifer Prowe reminded me that because he was such a plantsman, not just a daylily expert, Van started the Breakfast Club. It wasn't a club at all, but was a monthly gathering of folks interested in plants. Some members specialized in daylilies but there were specialists in other plant varieties as well – orchids, azaleas, cactus, dogwoods, maples, etc.



When Van won the Stout Silver Medal in 2008, the highest award for a daylily, the Breakfast Club asked Jennifer Prowe to paint the cultivar as a gift to Van. In a little ceremony, members presented the framed 'All American Chief' (Sellers, 1994) and in a typical Van Sellers one-liner, he responded, "And what are you going to do when I win my next Stout?"

Perhaps Breakfast Club member Donna Lockman expressed best what an untold number of Van fans believed, "I listened to everything he said about gardening and daylilies. His words were always true and I cherish all I learned from him. He took gardening seriously, but he was full of wit as well!"

Shortly before his death, Van bought Terry Baucom's new introduction, 'Golden Geyser' (Baucom, 2021) and sent it to me. This was one of several plants he gave me over the years because he said "You need this in your garden."

Alfred Austin wrote "Show me your garden and I shall tell you what you are." If he had seen Iron Gate Gardens, he would have seen Van Sellers—friendly, intelligent, knowledgeable, caring, generous, humble, and, yes, sometimes direct and opinionated.

He would have seen a man who had a profound impact on both the big names in daylilies and the everyday backyard gardener. Van knew and befriended them both. He will be sorely missed.

With contributions from Terry Baucom, Donna Lockman, Jennifer Prowe, and John Smethurst

**Upper left then lower left:** Susan Okrasinski snapped this delightful photo of Van Sellers sitting out on the porch at Iron Gate Gardens; Van grins from beneath his garden hat as captured by Milton Moffett

**Above:** (l-r) Van Sellers, Linda Sue Barnes, and Vic Santa Lucia at the 2019 Fall Meeting photo Milton Moffett



# Daylily Display Gardens

*Summit Lakes Garden by Bill Hurt*

Did you know that today's Daylily Display Gardens started out as Test Gardens – then in 1951 became authorized display gardens with a specific set of standards approved by the American Hemerocallis Society? The purpose of these gardens and standards has been to give daylily lovers and the general public the opportunity to see large numbers of the best performing introductions both old and new.

Some people look forward to the holidays each year – the 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter – but the most exciting day I look forward to each year is our scheduled Open Garden day! Marshall Morrow and I own Summit Lakes Daylily Display Garden in Browns Summit, North Carolina. Although we had a tiny garden in Greensboro, when we bought a new home in 2017, we sought a place to establish a display garden where we could grow many more cultivars for others to enjoy. We initially moved about 200 cultivars to this garden and the number has grown to 475 varieties this year. That having been said, in our case, it's not how many we grow but instead it's how well they are grown that matters.

We wanted visitors, but the first couple of years as the garden became established we just invited friends and close neighbors. Visiting became a yearly event, and while we still enjoy visits to our garden any day in bloom season, we established a day at the peak of the season as our Open Garden day. We started small and set up a register for visitors to sign giving us their emails and contact information. We set up tables for refreshments and held drawings for free plants dug from our garden. Each year, we grew quite a few plants from proliferations and overwintered them in pots. These sought-after gifts attracted even more local visitors.



**Above:** Visitors enjoy Summit Lakes Daylily Display Garden with its beds of expertly grown plants

garden visitors would encourage more people to become daylily gardeners. Visitors have the exciting opportunity to get free hybrid daylilies and we get to share our love of gardening along with teaching them about proper culture.

Here is what we do twice each year. Using the email addresses visitors have left with us, we send the names and photos of the cultivars we're dividing (usually at least 30 different cultivars) and ask them to return an email to us, listing their selections. They are encouraged to get their selections back as soon as possible, and the requests are placed in order of the date/time received.

We then we decided to expand our invitations to more faraway friends and neighbors, including Friends on my Facebook page. Currently, we decide the date early in the year and I make numerous announcements on Facebook, reminding visitors of our Open Garden date so they can plan their summer travels to include a visit to our garden.

Marshall and I use our Open House to share even more plants. We divide our daylilies each fall and spring, and do not discard the extras. We decided giving them away to



**Above:** Visitor numbers have increased each year as more people hear about the Summit Lakes Daylily Display Garden (and giveaways!)

Fulfilling the list in that order, we do try to insure that everyone gets at least some of their favorites. Marshall and I dig and label our plants, keeping our core plant and organizing the extras to be given away. Once they are ready, we notify our visitors of the time to pick up their free plants. If they cannot come by our garden, we ship the plants and ask to have shipping costs reimbursed.

All of this is a labor of love and visitor numbers have increased every year. On Open Garden Day this year we had 70 visitors – and add to that the dozens who have visited already over the early weeks of bloom season. Visitors have included novice gardeners, experienced gardeners, daylily Garden Judges, and daylily hybridizers. We all had more fun than you can imagine.

A big part of the national Daylily Display Gardens program is showing visitors historic plants as well as new introductions so they can see the progress made by daylily Hybridizers. By following the years shown on plant labels, visitors can see for themselves the improvements in shape, size, color, and pattern. In our Summit Lakes Garden, visitors are delighted to learn more about our local Region 15 hybridizers, and to compare their flowers to cultivars from hybridizers across the country.



**Above:** Bill Hurt shares the daylily love, and plants, with garden enthusiast Julie Covington



**Above:** The guestbook lies ready to receive mailing information for visitors who will soon receive "spare" plants from the Summit Lakes Daylily Display Garden

It's very difficult to have just one favorite daylily, and we have a different favorite every day. Come visit our garden next season. You won't ever forget that memory! We promise! This saying is especially true for our garden, "People came for the flowers but come back for the friendships."

*photos Bill Hurt*



# Flower Show Results

## Big Winners in Region 15

### Mid-Carolina Daylily Society

Extra Large 'Fall Creek Gorge' (Holmes-S., 2014) Cassie Craig  
 Large 'Finder's Delight' (Bennett-F., 2011) Peggy Jeffcoat  
 Small 'Halloween Green' (Herrington-T., 2011) Peggy Jeffcoat  
 Miniature 'Lil'Black Buds' (Begnaud 2009) Peggy Jeffcoat  
 Spider 'Curly Cinnamon Windmill' (Crochet 1997) Bob Richardson  
 UF 'Queen Bird' (Gossard 2018) Bob Richardson (Best-in-Show)  
 Seedling #JG12R4 (Jim Jeffcoat) Peggy Jeffcoat  
 Off Scape 'Chasing Fireflies' (Jeffcoat-P., 2008) Beverly Breuer  
 Sweepstakes Bob Richardson

### Piedmont Daylily Club

Extra Large 'Celestial Tower of Power' (Stadler 2018) JD Stadler  
 Large 'Elizabeth Hewitt' (Selman 2010) David & Gail Gribble  
 Small 'Siloam Merle Kent' (Henry-P., 1984) Bill & Linda Gluck (Best-in-Show)  
 Miniature 'Baby Viking' (Albers 2005) Bill & Linda Gluck  
 Double 'Date with Destiny' (Stadler 2007) JD Stadler  
 UF 'Anna Elizabeth Stadler' (Stadler 2018) Kenneth Wilkie  
 Seedling #G715-10 JD Stadler  
 Achievement Award - Cindy Dye  
 Sweepstakes Bob Richardson

### Raleigh Hemerocallis Club & Sandhills Daylily Club

Extra Large 'Caroline's Passion' (Dye-K., 2014) Bill Hurt  
 Large 'Cherryville' (Santa Lucia 2009) Bill Hurt  
 Small 'One Eye Willie' (Herrington-T., 2006) Bill Hurt  
 Miniature 'Peanut Butter Frenzy' (Apps 1999) Margaret Waggoner  
 Double 'Debbie Butler Monbeck' (Kirchhoff-D., 2021) Bill Hurt  
 Spider 'Yellow Monkey' (Gossard 2006) Richard & Janet Warren  
 UF 'Mount Eagle' (Murphy-JP., 2021) Bill Hurt (Best-in-Show)  
 Seedling Steve & Mary Edwards  
 Sweepstakes Alex & Dawn Whitley

Save the Date!! Saturday, June 10, 2023  
 Region 15 Summer Meeting



**Above:** Piedmont Flower Show Best-in-Show winners Linda & Bill Gluck  
*photo Milton Moffett*



**Above:** Raleigh/Sandhills Flower Show Best-in-Show winner Bill Hurt  
*photo Linda Sue Barnes*



**Above:** Mid-Carolina Flower Show Best-in-Show 'Queen Bird' Gossard 2018) by Bob Richardson  
*photo Lee Breuer*



**Above:** Achievement Medal winner seedling (1 of 3) by Cindy Dye  
*photo Milton Moffett*



**Above:** Show clerks (l-r) Beth Cribb and Dee Waddell at the Mid-Carolina show  
*photo Sheila Caldon*



**Above:** Getting ready to close up shop at the Raleigh/Sandhills show  
*photo Linda Sue Barnes*



**Above:** Final judging at the head table takes place at the Piedmont show  
*photo Milton Moffett*



**Above:** Steve Edwards poses with his award-winning seedling at the Raleigh/Sandhills show  
*photo Linda Sue Barnes*



**Above:** Linda Sue Barnes and Mitchell Hagler study an entry at the Mid-Carolina show  
*photo Sheila Caldon*



**Above:** Peggy Jeffcoat, Becky Hinshaw, and John Martin judge while Bill Crothers clerks at the Piedmont Show  
*photo Milton Moffett*



# Club News

## Catawba Valley Daylily Club from Terry Bledsoe

Summer is a busy time for daylily lovers and there was no exception for the Catawba Valley Daylily Club. Members have all been busy grooming and expanding their gardens, which, of course, leads to visiting and talking about daylilies.

The first garden visited by members was Cindy and Ken Dye's Homeplace Gardens. We were treated to hundreds of daylilies in bloom in a well-designed garden enhanced by many beautiful complimentary plants. Cindy and Ken are gracious hosts and very willing to share their extensive knowledge with all. For some like Buster Bledsoe, this visit was time to catch up with old friends. The club then visited the Webb's Bear W. Daylily Farm during their annual open house. Members were treated to beautiful daylilies, music, and snacks.

Club members Jill & Terry Bledsoe and Rebecca & Carl Goble were able to attend the National Convention in Asheville. They enjoyed four wonderful, unique gardens. Rebecca and Carl were big hits in the hat contest and won "Most Outrageous" for their unique creations.



Member gardens open for visits this summer included: Bledsoe Daylily Garden, an ADS display garden; Dirt Road Daylilies, a sales garden owned by Carl and Rebecca Goble; and Hillside Lilies, a sales garden owned by Lonnie Coulter.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September and will be a non-daylily plant exchange. New members are welcome to attend.

**Above:** (l-r) Carl & Rebecca Goble, Buster Bledsoe, Cindy Dye, Cindy Coulter, Lonnie Coulter, Jill & Terry Bledsoe, Ken Dye enjoyed a visit to the garden of Cindy and Ken Dye *Photo Terry Bledsoe*

## Late Breaking News! Save the date - June 10, 2023 - Charlotte, NC

*Catawba Valley Daylily Club & Piedmont Daylily Club have teamed to host the 2023 Summer Meeting*

## Charleston Daylily Club with Annette Kibler & Perry Gaskins

In April, the members of the Charleston Club heard a presentation on how climate change will affect SC gardens and gardeners by David Whitaker, who is retired from the SC Department of Natural Resources. Having worked in the shrimping industry studying water temperatures as a good metric for how hot or cold winter temperatures are, David was able to provide a unique perspective on how increasing temperatures impact gardening issues like setting tomato flowers, pollinator distribution, and grape and peach ripening. The club paid a casual visit to Tim Stouts' delightful garden in May.

Members are working toward having a mock flower show in 2023 (possibly on June 3) in cooperation with the Lowcountry Daylily Club. This smaller show would allow volunteers to become comfortable with the work required for a full show.

Meetings later this year may include a presentation from Charlene Johnson on native plants, the annual photo contest, possibly

Christopher Burt talking about soils, and lastly the annual party in November. A work day will also be set up to develop the new garden at Hampton Park with Tim Stout's plants.



**Right:** Perry Gaskins' introduction 'Snickums' (Gaskins-P.C., 2018) *photo Perry Gaskins*

## Coastal NC Daylily Society by Pat Mansfield

Coastal NC Daylily Society partnered with the Western NC Daylily Club to give them a hand with the National. We received, potted, and grew plants for the Auctions, and then loaded them up for the 8-hour ride to Asheville! After arriving on Sunday with digging forks and wagons, we helped dig and process the 4,000 plants that they so generously gave to the National Convention guests.



We certainly appreciated the hard work by our Lily Scouts and other youth members. You should have seen us Flatlanders trying to dig plants on a mountainside!



Our two clubs might be small in number, but our love of daylilies is huge and together we got a lot of work done and had fun doing it.

**Left:** Our Lily Scouts Abbie Chappell and Benjamin Mansfield and newest club member Paula Atwood have another wheelbarrow of plants ready for washing! *photo Pat Mansfield*

**Above:** In addition to shepherding and encouraging youth members and volunteering with Coastal NC Daylily Society and in regional and national events, Pat Mansfield (and her family) operate Mansfield's Daylilies. Check them out on Facebook



## Foothills Daylily Society by Kirk Milleman

The Foothills Daylily Society started the spring season in March with a club flower show ... of sorts. Since it was daffodil season, the flower show consisted of flower arrangements that had to include at least one daffodil. Pre-planning the event almost became problematic as the daffodils bloomed early this year. Everyone was able to find at least one daffodil for their arrangement, even if it was borrowed from a neighbor! Another highlight of the meeting was the raffle for an original watercolor painting of daffodils by club member Hilda Moore.

April's meeting saw a variety of items on the agenda, but one of the important items was planning the club basket for the AHS national convention in Asheville. Also at this meeting, members brought in their favorite garden tools and told why they liked it – and some brought ones that they didn't like, too.



In a recent *Hemalina*, Mitchell Hagler wrote a wonderful article about club member Nance Wolff's GaGa Gardens, for which he won an award at the national convention. This year seemed like a good time to have the club make a visit, so on Memorial Day weekend we travelled to Columbus, NC, to enjoy a spectacular morning at the garden. Besides the wonderful daylilies and perennials,

Nance loves to find items to decorate her garden. It could be a coffee pot, toaster, chandelier, or seemingly any type of mirror. Around every turn, you'll find some whimsical item that will make you smile.

## Lowcountry Daylily Club from Anne Winningham

In March, local hybridizer Marlon Howell gave a presentation on his garden, growing tips, and Southern Charm's hybridizing program, which is expanding as his wife Ann has developed a lovely miniature. In April, Anne Winningham talked about making pot people, flower container feet, and marbelized pots.

Our annual plant sales at Plantasia and Piggly Wiggly have resumed. Plants generously donated by Odessa Bourne, Marlon & Ann Howell, and Don Albers again made these sales quite successful.

The Lowcountry Daylily Club was well represented at the National Convention.

**Right:** (l-r) Anne Winningham, Janet Warren, Richard Warren (complete with his very competitive chapeau), and Jean Owens thoroughly enjoyed the national convention tour gardens photo Kathy Tinius



June's meeting was held at Bullington Gardens in Hendersonville. Two of our members, Nancy Rigsby and Kelly McCarthy, are in charge of the daylily beds there. Unfortunately, our planner (me) forgot that Hendersonville's bloom season is several weeks behind ours, so although we did see some daylilies, we mostly enjoyed all the other plants and blooms that Bullington had to offer in the rest of the gardens. If you ever get the chance, stop there and enjoy daylilies, dahlias, and faerie gardens.

Finally, July brought the AHS/ADS National in Asheville. Nancy Womack and members of our club did a great job in the boutique selling raffle tickets and attending to the booths.

A great start to the year with more fun in the future.

**Left:** Nancy Milleman is reflected in one of the fantastical mirrors Nance Wolff has used to decorate her GaGa Gardens

**Above:** Joe Phillip is the lucky winner of Hilda Moore's gorgeous daffodil painting photos Kirk Milleman





# In Memoriam

## Sue Gamble

The Piedmont Daylily Club lost its longest serving active member with the passing of Sue Gamble in March. Even during more recent years when she was not very mobile, she made sure a family member brought her to our annual show in her wheelchair.



When she sold her house and moved to a retirement home, Sue invited club members to dig daylilies from her garden. In fact, we even moved several dozen of her favorites to her new location and planted them outside her window.

Sue was a multi-talented lady. During the war, she received her Mechanics License, worked on airplanes, and went on to receive her Pilot's License. Sue was also an active bridge player and gardener. Cindy Dye named 'Sue Gamble' (Dye-C., 2009), a lavender purple Tet with a blue violet eye in her honor. Club members will miss this special lady.

Photo Milton Moffett

Right: 'Sue Gamble' (Dye-C., 2009) photo Cindy Dye



## Don Halsey

A long-time member of the Piedmont Daylily Club, Don Halsey thoroughly enjoyed working with plants and flowers.



In addition to our daylily club, Don belonged to several more, including the Hosta Society, the Azalea Club of America, and the Breakfast Club. He enjoyed watching cooking shows and collected many recipe books.

Don loved checking out many barbeque restaurants in both of the Carolinas and beyond.

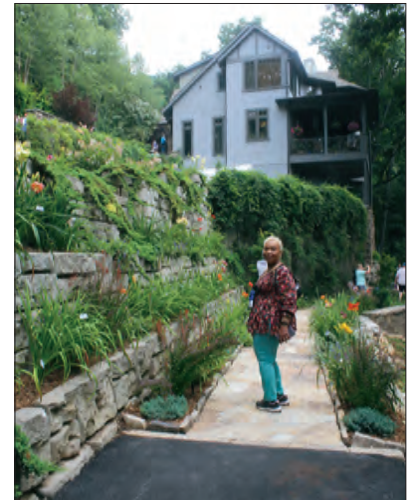
Photo dignitymemorial.com

# Corrections

Please note the corrected phone number for this Exhibition Judge:

Dollie Glaum, Sr 2022  
1717 Westhaven Dr  
Raleigh, NC 27607  
919-852-2697  
cglaum@gmail.com

In Mitchell Hagler's article in the spring *Hemalina*, "On the Move," the photos were actually taken by Michael Luther.



Not a correction, just a nice photo of Felicia Pritchett at Trillium Falls by Pat Mansfield

## Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Beverly Breuer

The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society had a very busy Spring! We are proud to have 37 members, 22 of whom are AHS members. We have had great participation at our meetings. Visitors from other clubs and the public are always welcome.

Bill and Diana Waldrop with Kennesaw Mountain Daylilies visited during March and brought beautiful introductions for our auction. Bidders were anxious to purchase his breath-taking daylilies, with their intense colors and distinctive patterns and edges. The Waldrops are a wonderful team and were so kind to answer questions, impart wisdom, and "share" their wonderful garden. As usual, our club went all out with a spectacular covered dish dinner.



Above: (l-r) At the National Convention, Peggy Jeffcoat, Beverly Breuer, Walt Tyler, Lee Breuer, and Elaine Tyler photo Beverly Breuer

Dan Hansen of Ladybug Daylilies joined us in April. We admire and appreciate his matter-of-fact personality and old-school attitude for growing daylilies. There is always a lot of competition for his fabulous plants, and 'Yoga Man' (Hansen-D., 2014) was particularly coveted. His videotaped garden tours put things in perspective and make us all want to be Ladybuggers.

Our annual picnic and daylily auction were held in May at Peggy Jeffcoat's Singing Oakes Garden. Yes, there was an incredible, mouth-watering covered dish spread. Daylilies were beginning to show their smiling faces and the variety of beautiful accent plants in bloom was stunning. The setting was truly reminiscent of an old catalog cover: "a perennial paradise specializing in daylilies." Daylilies were donated by Gene Crocker, irises by Sheila Caldron, and bountiful plants were gifted by many other club members. Bill Waldrop's plants were auctioned and we were not disappointed!



Above: Diana and Bill Waldrop photo Lee Breuer

The first half of our year culminated with our daylily show and sale in June. Both were overwhelmingly successful. We had patrons waiting outside for the sale to begin and a local TV station even came to film the event. All customers got to enjoy the beautiful show entries and winners, and left happy with great plants (perennials and house plants donated by club members were also for sale). We are grateful to the generous daylily donors that made our sale a huge success: Bob Richardson, Dan Hansen, Sheila Caldron, Gene Crocker, Peggy Jeffcoat, and some unknowns by Lee Breuer. Linda Inabinette did a stellar job as the Plant Sale Committee Chair and members assisted in many other capacities.

Five Mid-Carolina members attended the ADS National Convention in Asheville: Peggy Jeffcoat, Walt Tyler, Elaine Tyler, Lee Breuer and Beverly Breuer. It was an amazing gathering! The overcast weather made for perfect photo opportunities of the fantastic gardens on tour. Our raffle item was a "Mid-Carolina Madness" basket packed with locally made items. It was a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.





Above: Dan Hansen gives a presentation in April  
photo Lee Breuer

Club meetings resume in September with Ken and Cindy Dye on September 11. A panel discussion is slated for October regarding daylily culture for our area, along with a plant swap. The photography contest and highlights of members' gardens rolls around November 13. Our annual holiday party and gift exchange is planned for December 4. We look forward to a tremendous remainder of 2022.

**More on the show:** The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society presented an American

Daylily Society-accredited show on June 4. Bob Richardson was awarded Best-in-Show for his Unusual Form daylily, 'Queen Bird' (Gossard 2018).

There was strong participation in the show, with a total of 151 entries, which included 117 on scape and 34 off scape entries, with 11 exhibitors. This was exciting as it has been a few years since we have had an accredited show, primarily due to Covid's interference. Exhibitors were awarded 60 blue ribbons, 30 red ribbons and 17 purple ribbons. The Sweepstakes winner (most blue ribbons) was Bob Richardson with 19 blues and Peggy Jeffcoat was a close second with 18 blues. Our Show Judges were: Linda Sue Barnes, Mitchell Hagler, Curtis Barnes, and Michael Luther.

The daylily show was truly a team effort, with no job too small. Peggy Jeffcoat was the Show Chair with Gene Crocker serving as Co-chair. Nancy Addison, Becky Wise and Ann Coggins headed up Hospitality. Clerks were Beth Cribb and Dee Waddell. Sheila Caldon documented the show in photos. Many other members also served in various roles, to include classification, placement, tabulation, etc. Congratulations to all who contributed to the successful show and to those who garnered awards. Well done!

These jewels from Carolyn Cliett are a fitting conclusion to my report. Carolyn's health prevents her from attending



Above: Gene Crocker adds spice to the plant auction  
photo Lee Breuer

club meetings but she participates in other ways. I had the pleasure of engaging her in a lively conversation, and when told that I admired her wisdom, her swift response was "I don't know about wisdom, but I sure can talk!" My favorite part of the exchange was Carolyn reminiscing about old timey things: telling stories of younger days when she and her friends swapped plants, seeds, and recipes; detailing how she carefully organized zinnia seeds by color in baby food jars; and

remembering the refreshing lemonade made by Tom Birch, a kind and generous member who has gone on to his heavenly reward. Our chat was a great reminder to slow down, enjoy simple things, and that nostalgia is good. So, go find a porch swing and sit a spell!

Below: The club took the opportunity of the Waldrop's visit to take a club photo  
photo Lee Breuer



## Piedmont Daylily Club by Mitchell Hagler

The Piedmont Daylily Club continues to be active. In fact, we have picked up two new members bringing our total to 56. We were saddened to lose Van Sellers, a charter member, and Don Halsey, a long-time member.

Our June Flower Show was one of the most successful we have had. Since we had not had a show in two years, we were a little apprehensive about participation. Not to worry – we had 140 entries for our judged on-scape division. We also let the public judge our off-scape entries and also our photography contest and our design division. The plant sale and silent auction held at the show boosted our treasury.



The Piedmont Daylily Club was well represented at the AHS National in Asheville with 11 attending. On Thursday afternoon we decorated 70 hats as table decorations and they held up nicely for three dinners. We had lots of compliments from the convention chairs and from attendees.



Although our raffle basket didn't win the grand prize, we're sure the winner enjoyed the beautiful basket chock full of gardening items. Several of our members donated auction plants and plant sale plants.

Perhaps our biggest news is that starting in September, we are changing back to meeting on Saturday rather than Sunday. We

are also going back to meeting at Carmel Road Presbyterian Church on the second Saturday to avoid conflicting with the Iris Society. Our Board will meet in late July to plan for our 2022-23 year.



Left, above then below: Members of the Piedmont Daylily Club put together 70 real hats decorated with ribbons and lovely flowers for the national convention; winner of the Extra Large award at the Piedmont Daylily Club Flower Show, 'Celestial Tower of Power' (Stadler 2018) was entered by JD Stadler  
photo Milton Moffett

Above: Mitchell Hagler is well protected from the sun while performing that most dreaded of daylily tasks, deadheading  
photo Terri Ungerer



## Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Richard Warren, Registrar for Region 15 2022 Fall Meeting

Happy Summer Greetings to our Region 15 daylily family! Hope this finds all of you doing well and surviving the summer heat and drought. It's been a busy few months in the garden as we've been enjoying our local flower shows and the recent National Convention in Asheville.

Our Raleigh club is nearing the close of our 2022 season of meetings, which is February thru October. Not only has our membership remained steady, we've actually had a slight increase. We hope to maintain the level of interest in club activities as we end the year, and then build on our successes for the 2023 season. We would like to give a huge thanks to all our club officers and members who volunteer their time!

Meeting topics this year have included a presentation by club member Linda Sue Barnes on sculptured daylilies at our March meeting. At our April meeting, club member Wanda Quinn presented a program on how to attract hummingbirds to our gardens. Following her program, Raymond Quinn talked about their Windyhill Daylily Garden hybridizing program. In May we met at a local garden center, The Garden Hut in Fuquay-Varina, to hear a presentation by staff on container plants. We gathered at the home of Raymond & Wanda Quinn in June to wash, divide, and label daylilies for our flower show plant sale.



On June 11 we held our annual accredited flower show at the Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh. Our Raleigh club and Sandhills Daylily Club from Fayetteville worked together to sponsor the show this year. There were a total of 172 cultivars entered. Congratulations to our Region 15 President, Bill Hurt, for winning

## Sandhills Daylily Club by Dawn Whitley

In April, our club participated in the Gardenmania event at Cape Fear Botanical Garden. Members Linda Sue & Curtis Barnes, Janet & Richard Warren, Frances McGee, and Jim Roos prepared and sold select daylilies and perennials from the Betty Jernigan Daylily bed. Linda Sue was also one of several speakers at the event. Sales were good and fifty percent of the profits were donated back to the garden.

In May, members of the club visited the home garden of Cumberland County Master Gardener, Sandy Ritter. Sandy's home is situated in Hope Mills, NC, on a rural property with the Cape Fear River running behind it. Her home and matching detached garage are bright and colorful just like her garden. She has a large collection of miniature clematis on bright magenta and teal trellises. Large boulders accentuate the property and the beds come alive with strategically placed face planters. Sandy's front yard is filled with sun-loving varieties such as salvia, coneflowers, gaura, and our beloved daylilies. We gave her Jan Joiner's 'Let It Rip' (Joiner-J., 1997) to add to her collection. Sandy also has a vast collection of hostas, hellaboies, and fatsia in the shade garden next to her chandelier-clad she shed. Behind the house, she is growing vegetables in raised beds plus blueberries bordered by a marvelous crevice garden. Sandy was a generous host and sent us all home with a piece of this or that.

Best-in-Show with the Unusual Form daylily 'Mount Eagle' (Murphy-J.P., 2021), hybridized by Jim Murphy of Region 3. Congratulations also go to Bill Hurt for reaching the Head Table with his best Extra Large, Large, Small, and Double/Multiform/Polymerous flower entries! Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow are growing some healthy, beautiful plants in Browns Summit, NC, near Greensboro. We are excited to have past ADS President, Julie Covington, at our August meeting to present an online presentation on small and miniature daylilies. In September, club member Cyndy Hummel will give a program on butterflies. In October we will close out our yearly meetings with a visit from Bill & Linda Bluck to tell us about their garden and Bill's hybridizing program.



We just wrapped up our 2022 National Convention held in Asheville, hosted by the Western North Carolina Daylily Club. Congratulations go to all the volunteers who made this convention a huge success!! It is always great to see daylily friends from our own Region 15 and even better to see friends from other regions. A special thanks to Raymond and Wanda Quinn of our Raleigh club who headed up all the tour bus transportation!

Looking ahead (and to put in an extra plug), the 2022 Fall Regional will be hosted by the Sandhills Daylily Club on September 30 and October 1. The meeting will be held at the Southeastern Agricultural Center in Lumberton, NC. The event accommodations will be at the Holiday Inn Express. We will hear from Region 3 hybridizers Jim Murphy & Margo Reed and even hear from monarch butterfly expert, Jen Smith. Hope you will make plans to attend this last regional event of the year.

Have a great summer and hope to see y'all at the Fall Meeting!

**Left:** Tom Talbott helps a customer at the plant sale  
**Above:** Dawn Whitley (r) gives Kimberly Taylor (l) some pointers  
*Photos Linda Sue Barnes*

In June, we co-hosted a daylily show and plant sale with the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club. We have many members who belong to both clubs so this worked out well. Linda Sue Barnes was the registrar, Curtis Barnes judged, Janet Warren was the program chair, Dawn & Alex Whitley clerked, Wanda Quinn was the awards chair, and Richard Warren made sure everything was going smoothly. The show was beautiful and the shoppers at Crab Tree Valley mall cleaned out the plant sale.



**Above:** Interior view of Sandy Ritter's She Shed, the envy of every garden dreamer *photo Linda Sue Barnes*



Members also travelled to Brown's Summit, NC, to the Open House at Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's garden. Bill and Marshall have almost 500 of the most beautifully grown cultivars you will see anywhere. They provided drinks and snacks and gave away several door-prize plants. Club member Eddie Walters was lucky enough to win one. Afterwards we went to Bar 7 in Greensboro for lunch and then stopped by Big Bloomers Nursery in Sanford on the way home (actually quite a bit out of the way, but VERY WORTH IT). We all picked up a few more specimens to add to our personal gardens. The selection was vast and the prices were excellent.

In July, we experienced the magic of the AHS National Convention, "Meet Me in the Mountains," so we did not schedule a regular club meeting. Now, we are very busy planning the Fall Region 15 meeting in Lumberton on September 30 – October 1. The fabulous Margo Reed and Jim Murphy will be the keynote speakers and Jen Smith will tell us all about Monarch Butterflies. Please consider making a donation to the daylily auction, raffle, silent auction, or plant sale. We are offering incentives for donations. Details and the registration form can be found on the Region 15 site at [region15daylily.org](http://region15daylily.org) and pages 18-19.

**Right:** Alex Whitley admires how the flowers are all facing towards the sun  
*Photo Dawn Whitley*



Save the Date!! Saturday, June 10, 2023  
 Region 15 Summer Meeting

## Upstate Daylily Society by Kelvin Bryant

At our February meeting, the members voted to purchase a daylily collection. Our collection this year was ordered from Guy Pierce's Floyd Cove Nursery. Plants were distributed to club members in April and needless to say they produced beautiful flowers. Can't wait to see what they look like next year.

Also at our February meeting the club welcomed Jill Burriss as our new Vice President. Jill has a great talent for Google and creates presentations for our plant auctions. Welcome, Jill, thanks for stepping up to this challenge.

At our March meeting, David Hoechst presented the software he uses to organize his daylily collections. The software is called Plantstep. David showed how easy it is to organize your plants with this software.



In April we had our annual plant sale at the South Carolina Botanical Garden and as always it was a success. It's easy to sell daylilies when everyone walking by is a plant person. Our club has had a 20-year relationship with the garden, participating in their spring and fall plant sales.

On June 13, David Hoechst invited the club for lunch in his garden in Nicholson, GA, and then on to

the North Georgia show at Athens. Several members made the short trip over to his place. David is a dual member of our club and the North Georgia club.

I had the pleasure of judging the North Georgia show and I'm always amazed to see that many flowers on display. It was an honor to judge beside the daylily legend, Tim Herrington. The North Georgia folks were very gracious and kind to me.



**Left:** Upstate's new Vice President, Jill Burriss

**Right, above then below:** An impressive seedling at the North Georgia Daylily Show; the more impressive location where the show is held  
*Photos Kelvin Bryant*



## Western North Carolina Daylily Club

From the hosts of the 2022 ADS National Convention in Asheville, we present your moment of zen.

Photographed by Linda Sue Barnes, this view of Blue Ridge Daylilies is entitled "Peggy Jeffcoat Begins the Tour."





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## Fun and Games and Chapeaus *at the ADS National Convention*



**Above:** (l-r) Cyndy Hummel shows off her hat in the conga line; Rebecca and Carl Goble won in the "Most Outrageous" category *photos Linda Sue Barnes*; Dawn Whitley shows off her more than appropriate lady bug chapeau *photo Bill Hurt*  
**Below:** (l-r) Ella Ruth Maugans's hat had a huge pink flower *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Nancy Milleman is a vision in plumb and was runner-up for "Most Outrageous" *photos Bill Hurt*; Beverly Breuer selected an elegant hat, while Lee Breuer's complex hat was accompanied by a skillfully-performed chicken dance *photo Beverly Breuer*

