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Back Cover: Winner 2016 AHS Region 15 Photo Contest in Region 15 Flower Category, 'Wacky Dragon with Dew' by Bob Selman (cropped)

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Region 15 President

During these first few months as your RP, I have focused on the goal of enhancing and coordinating communication within Region 15. To me communication is a package deal involving the work of our RPD, our regional website, club websites, regional and club Facebook pages, our newsletter, and plain, old-fashioned talking to each other. A lot of what I have done so far has simply been inquiry—finding out how the mechanisms work and figuring out ways to support others as we all strive to improve the process in a consciously coordinated way.

We are very fortunate to have our RPD, John Martin, already in place as the conduit for information transfer in between publications of our newsletter. He does an exemplary job of keeping the membership informed. The ultimate goal is for John and our webmaster and Facebook administrator, Chuck Wilson, to coordinate getting your announcements out, not only through email, but also on Facebook and/or our new website.

I hope you will take a look at our new Region 15 website and that you will take time to thank Chuck for creating it. You will find the site to be very attractive and easy to navigate. We will be adding more features and pictures as it continues to develop. As you probably noticed, you can go directly from the Regional site to individual club sites. Some of these club sites are in need of updating, but others can serve as models. A few sites you might want to check out are Coastal North Carolina, Piedmont, Western North Carolina, and Lowcountry. I hope you will use our new site often and let me know of any ideas you have to make it better.

Chuck has also created a Facebook page accessible directly from the website. It needs friends! So go in and “Like” us, and don’t forget to add your own posts.

Our newsletter is another major factor in our communications network. Editor, Kathy Tinius, and I have had numerous conversations about our goals for the *Hemalina*. Both of us want a lively, well-constructed newsletter with lots of bylines and photo credits by new people. Of course, we will continue with features by folks who have traditionally contributed to the publication, but we also want to encourage others to get involved in communicating with and educating or entertaining our membership. We’ll even help you with the writing if you want us to. Just share your ideas with me or Kathy. And don’t forget to thank Kathy for all her hard work.

A large portion of each *Hemalina* is the Club Reports section. The purpose of this section, like that of the entire publication, is communication: communication to the region and ultimately to AHS about happenings within each club. It is also an excellent source for communicating information and ideas that may inspire others. I encourage you to read what other clubs submit—not just your own.

While all the elements I’ve written about may appear on the surface to be separate entities, they are not. The goal is to integrate all of them into the best communications effort we can make. Finally, as a way of getting more of you involved in the communications process at its most basic level, my plan is to end each of my RP reports with a simple question to which I solicit your replies for future publication. (See below for instructions.)



I look forward to hearing from you and to seeing you at our regional meeting, “Summer in the City,” sponsored by Piedmont Daylily Club. Meanwhile, enjoy the spring!

Nancy Womack



Daylily Fan Feedback

Question: Who was your primary inspiration in getting you involved with daylilies?

Instructions:

- Email your answer directly to nancyhwomack@bellsouth.net within two weeks of receiving this issue of *Hemalina*.
- Include your name and the name of the person(s) who inspired you.

Editor’s Column:

It is with great excitement and not a little bit of fear that I begin my term as Editor of the *Hemalina*. I realize I have big shoes to fill and will work hard to live up to everyone’s hopes and expectations. What an exciting process this is—our region has such an amazing array of talented writers anxious to share their love of daylilies and daylily gardens.

My tremendous thanks to everyone who supported me in producing this edition, especially Nancy Womack, Ray Quinn, Rebecca Board, Mitchell Hagler, Linda Sue Barnes, Ken Cobb, Ken Ferguson, and Heidi Douglas.

One of my favorite quotes is “. . . Now voyager sail thou forth to seek and find. . . .” I look forward to an interesting and wonderous voyage with all of you.

Kathy Tinius

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

AHS Director

The AHS and Region 15 are starting the year with lots of new officers. Nikki Schmith has officially taken office as our new AHS president and Nancy Womack is our new regional president. Welcome to all, including new members of the regional leadership team (see listing on Page 3) who have stepped up to keep Region 15 moving in the right direction. A big thank you to John Martin and Mitch Hagler for continuing their service to the region.



We are looking forward to the National in Louisville, KY, June 29 - July 2. For more information about the National and to get a registration form, go to ahs2016convention.org. It will be great to see so many of you there. Club presidents should be handing out registration forms at your meetings. Tell your members there is much more to the AHS than just your club. Encourage them to get involved on a Regional or National level and they will have so much more to enjoy.

If your club has a high number of AHS members, I encourage you to participate in the AHS Member Recognition program. To participate, just email your club rosters to the AHS membership chair at membership@daylilies.org. All clubs participating in the program with a status of Platinum (100% membership) or Gold (90% membership) are entered into a raffle to win \$500 towards their club's spring 2017 plant order!

Bloom season will be here soon and we can't wait to see all the beautiful gardens at our Spring Meeting in Charlotte. See y'all there!

Charles Douglas



Above: Kelsey with her namesake flower 'Kelsey McGhee' (Douglas-C, 2011)

Right: Caroline McGhee learning the finer points of hybridizing; photos by Heidi Douglas

Youth News

Attention All High School Seniors who are members of AHS! If you are a graduating senior and a member of AHS, you may qualify for the AHS Bertie Ferris Scholarship!!



AHS Bertie Ferris Scholarship Guidelines

1. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually with the exception of two \$1,000 scholarships being offered if there was no recipient the previous year.
2. Applicant must be an AHS youth member with two consecutive years in the AHS prior to the year the application is being submitted.
3. Applicant must be one of the following: a) graduating senior in high school entering college, university, or technical school, b) high school student enrolled in a dual credit program.
4. The student's future course of study must be in Horticulture, Botany, Plant Physiology, or other plant sciences.
5. The applicant is required to write a letter giving reasons for applying and noting future plans.
6. Applicant must submit the completed application and letter, by mail or email, to the Youth Committee chairman between January 1 and March 31 of the year the scholarship is to be awarded.
7. Applicant's membership will be verified by the Youth Chair and the AHS Youth Committee will review the applications and vote for the winning candidate(s).
8. The names of the winner(s) will be announced at the National Convention and published in *The Daylily Journal* and the *Youth News*.
9. Money will be sent directly to the winner's college, university, or technical school.

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Go to daylilies.org/ahsyouth/ashyouthpage.html for the application form and to see previous winners.

Heidi Douglas



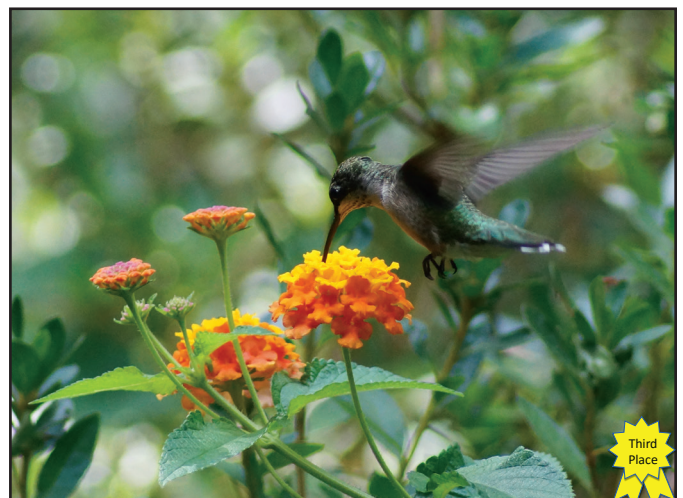
Photo Contest Winners

Artistic Category



Above: First Place 'Wacky Dragon with Dew' photo by Bob Selman. *Judges' notes: Dew gives illusion of diamond dusting; clarity and framing make a pleasing composition.*

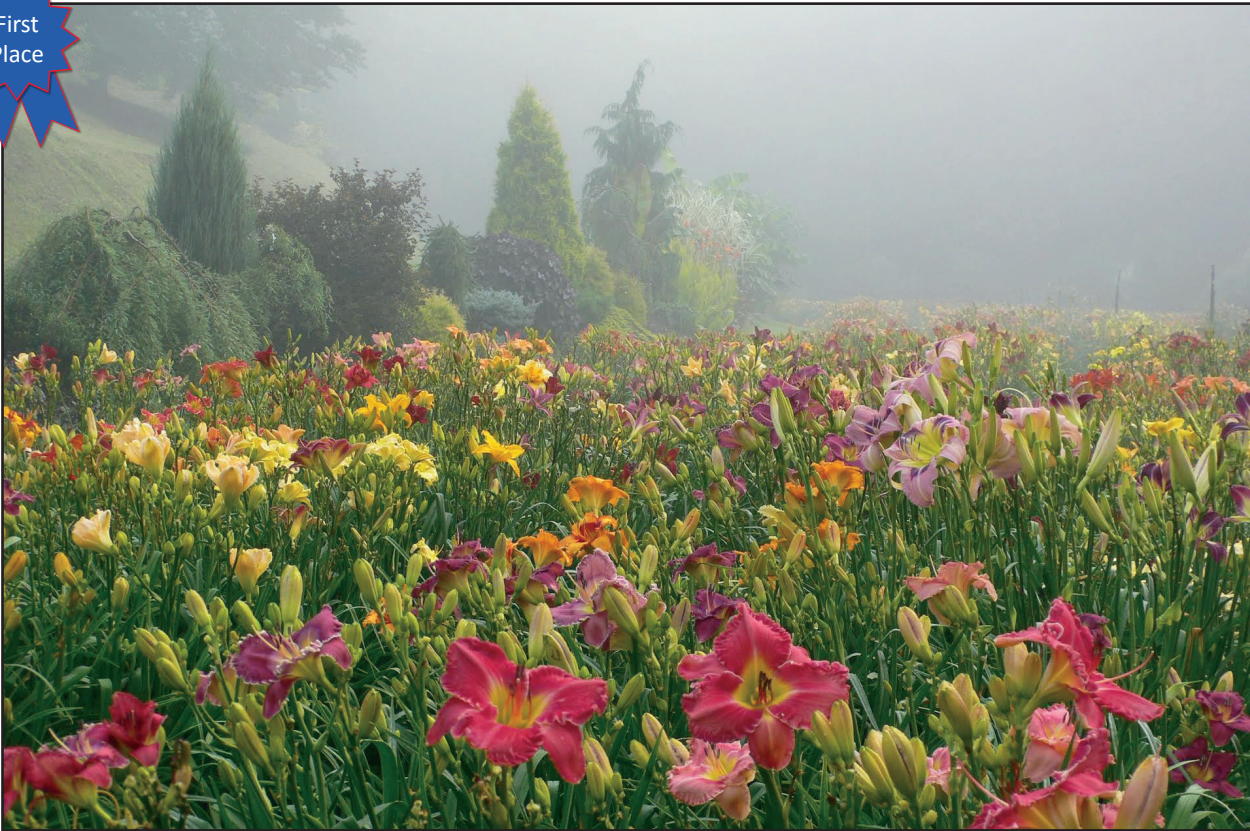
Below Left: Second Place 'Daylily and Wheel Bug' photo by Bob Selman. *Judges' notes: Great focus with true colors; bug seems to be posing; outstanding clarity and focus.*



Above Right: Third Place 'Summertime Sipper' photo by Beverly Lemley. *Judges' notes: Although no daylilies in the picture, photographer has done an excellent job keeping the focal point in focus and in proportion; moment in time captured beautifully; perfect title.*

Photo Contest Winners

Region 15 Landscapes



Above: First Place 'Blue Ridge Daylilies 3' photo by Bob Selman. *Judges' notes: Outstanding photo demonstrating creativity with the fog; good balance with evergreens in upper left with beauty of daylilies being the focal point; gorgeous use of fog and color; simply breathtaking.*

Below Right: Second Place 'Persimmon Garden 2' photo by Linda Sue Barnes. *Judges' notes: Great proportion and balance; vista beautifully captured; tasteful focal point and distance from beds; great representation of daylilies planted with other perennials.*

Left: Third Place 'Cobb Landscape' photo by Ken Cobb. *Judges' notes: Proportion and texture are excellent; very tasteful combination of garden art and daylilies peeping through the foliage.*

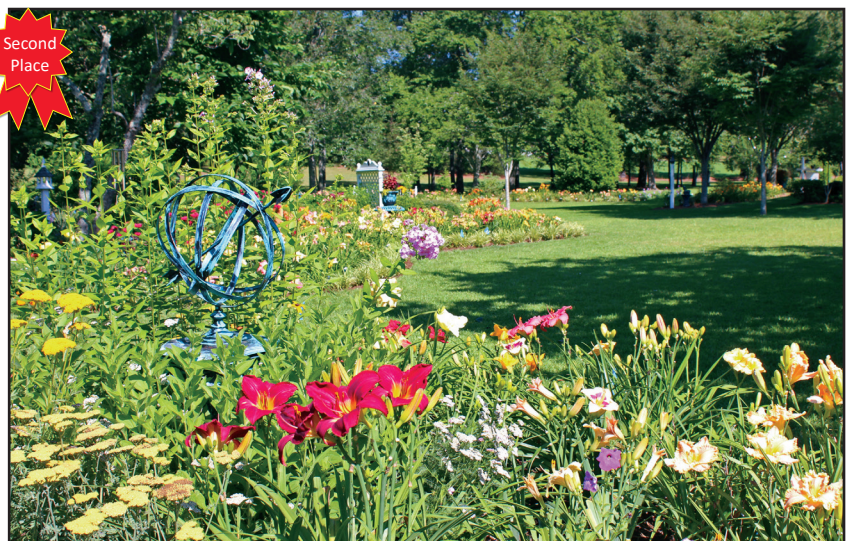


Photo Contest Winners

People



First Place

Above: First Place 'Troubadour Dulicmer Player Joe Phillip of Foothills Club' photo by Barbara Peterson. *Judges' notes: Composition interesting and unique; composition demonstrates broader interests of daylily people; photo beautifully lit.*



Second Place

Left: Second Place 'Judy Davisson with Judge Judy' photo by Ken Cobb. *Judges' notes: Great job capturing Judy; backdrop is also beautiful without any distractions; photographer beautifully captured a natural, relaxed expression.*



Third Place

Right: Third Place 'Dale Hensley' by Linda Sue Barnes. *Judges' notes: Perfect lighting on his face; photo captured a pensive mood, is Dale contemplating his next cross?*

Please note, no entries were received in the *Youth Category*, a situation we must address for next year!

Photo Contest Winners

Region 15 Hybridized Flowers

First
Place



Above: First Place 'Amethyst Ice' photo by Bob Selman. *Judges' notes: Clarity and framing, flowers in three corners give nice balance; fantastic photo color, focus, and positioning of flower are excellent; no brown foliage to be seen in picture.*

Second
Place



Right: Second Place 'Asheville Tourist' photo by Bob Selman. *Judges' notes: Great color and composition; sun was shining just enough on flower to highlight rich color; beautifully focused.*



Third
Place

Left: Third Place 'Feelin' Froggy' photo by Rebecca Board. *Judges' notes: Interesting use of focus.*

Summer Regional Meeting

June 17 - 19, 2016

Piedmont Daylily Club



Guests to the Region 15 Summer Meeting hosted by the Piedmont Daylily Club will be treated to four outstanding gardens on Saturday, June 18. We will travel in two comfortable buses.



Above: Bob and Becky Olsen's major sales beds in B&B Garden; photo by Bob Olsen

B&B Daylily Garden

B&B Garden is located in the rolling hills southeast of Monroe, set among well-spaced mature trees with plenty of sunshine. Visitors will appreciate wide paths among spacious beds, and at the main entrance you will find the Region 15 seedling bed. For a place to rest, try the gazebo off the back patio. Bob and Becky Olsen concentrate mainly on Bob's hybridizing program of sculpted daylilies with large ruffled edges. The addition of over 300 newer daylilies from the cultivar collection of Terry Baucom and Jennifer Prowe has added even more in the way of both pattern and range of color to Bob's newer seedlings. B&B Garden is located at 4211 Griffiths Road, Monroe, NC 28112.



Left: Example of Bob's hybridizing program; photo by Terry Baucom
Right: One of J.D.'s creations; photo by J.D. Stadler

Billinda Daylily Garden

Billinda Daylily Garden is an AHS Display Garden located in a residential neighborhood in Charlotte. Owners Bill and Linda Gluck grow over 600 named cultivars including two garden beds of all Stout Award winners, three double cultivar beds, a candy bed, a miniature bed, a spider bed, and all of Bill's introductions and seedlings. The garden is divided by winding pathways, and a variety of perennials appear throughout the garden. Billinda Daylily Garden has been the subject of features in *The Carolina Gardener* magazine, the gardening section of *The Charlotte Observer*, on the cover of the *Hemalina*, and on local TV news. Billinda Daylily Garden is located at 3130 Rea Road, Charlotte, NC 28226



Above: The Gluck's Billinda Daylily Garden contains lovely statuary and complementary companion plantings

Below: Expansive daylily beds meander up a hill in the Gluck's garden; photos by Bill Gluck

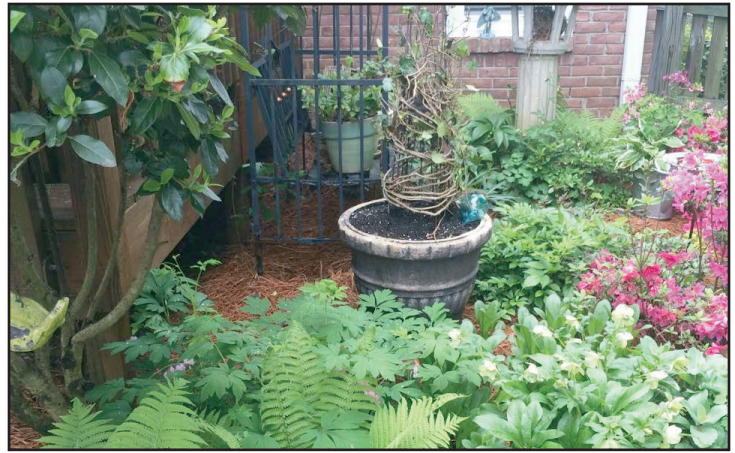




Above: Front flower beds of J.D. Stadler’s Celestial Daylilies; photo by J.D. Stadler

Celestial Daylilies

Celestial Daylilies, the garden of J.D. Stadler, is primarily a hybridizer’s garden on a small corner lot in south Charlotte – really a neighborhood showpiece. Because of limited space, J.D. has downsized a lot of the older favorites; however, visitors will see a number of newer cultivars from other hybridizers that are used to inject new genes into J.D.’s lines. The balance of the garden is devoted to seedlings and his newer introductions. J.D. is working on doubles, teeth, and blacks. His **‘Date With Destiny’** (Stadler, 2009) won an Honorable Mention in 2014. He started working with tall unusual forms/spiders several years ago. Celestial Daylilies is located very near Billinda Daylily Garden at 6900 Foxworth Drive, Charlotte, NC 28226.



Above: Lovely textural pairings is the hallmark of Jim and Wanda Willis’ White Hall Garden; photo by Jim and Wanda Willis

White Hall Gardens

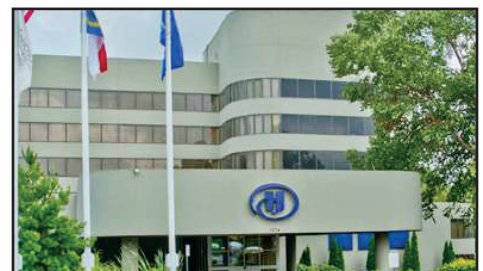
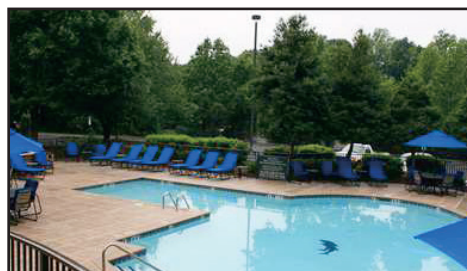
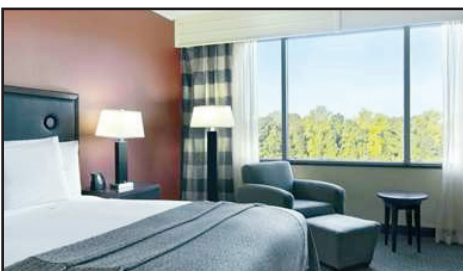
Vibrant colors and textures fill all quadrants of White Hall Gardens’ compact landscape featuring over 400 daylilies. This garden of Jim and Wanda Willis features whimsical garden art and various metal garden pieces. Large daylily beds incorporate companion plants, water features, birdhouses, climbing vines, and a pergola. The more shaded areas feature hydrangeas, ferns, hostas, succulents, and specimen shrubbery. A bog garden transitions from shade to the “wow” of the daylily garden. A “Winner Garden” features national and regional award winners and Popularity Poll winners. Wanda and Jim use every inch of garden space with great paths around and through the beds. Because of space, they have a rule: if you buy one, you have to give one away. White Hall Gardens is located at 1473 White Hall Place, Gastonia, NC 28056.



Above: A refreshing swing from which to view the White Hall Gardens of Jim and Wanda Willis; photo by Jim and Wanda Willis



Below, left to right: Sample room, outdoor pool, and front visage of Hilton Charlotte Executive Park Hotel, site of 2016 Summer in the City; photos courtesy Hilton Hotels





AHS Region 15
Summer Meeting
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 Piedmont Daylily Club

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- Featured speaker, our new **AHS President, Nikki Schmith**, "*Digging The Internet*"
- **Everyone's** talking about it!! **Daylily Bingo!**
- Visit piedmontdaylilyclub.com for the latest Summer Meeting information

----- **Meeting Registration Form** -----

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Clubs(s) to which you belong: _____

Special mobility or dietary needs: _____

Registration Fees:

Early-Bird Adult Registration(s) (postmarked by **4-15-16**) Number _____ Cost \$159 Total \$ _____

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Youth Registration(s) Number _____ Cost \$129 Total \$ _____

Have you registered for your hotel room? _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition Judges Clinic I (Friday June 17, 1PM) Name(s): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition Judges Clinic II (Friday June 17, 1PM) Name(s): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibition Judges Clinic III (Friday June 17, 1PM) Name(s): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Judges Workshop I (Friday June 17, 1PM) Name(s): _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Garden Judges Workshop II (Sunday June 19, 9AM) Name(s): _____ <p>You must register for clinics by June 10, 2016. Clinic registration fees, \$5.00 per person, will be collected on-site. Attendees must bring the current revision of "Judging Daylilies", available for download from the AHS website</p>
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Proliferations

The Crocus

How do you know when to start pushing your way upward,
Moving through layers of soil?
What cosmic force supplies the energy
To break through frozen earth to reach the light?
Year after year tiny green leaves unfurl,
Then suddenly one morning under the *Cryptomeria*
There you are dressed in royal shades,
Spreading your miniature beauty
To remind me that spring is on its way.
---- Mitchell Hagler

Daylily Name Scramble

Can you figure these out? Answers on page 24.

YDEIG ELA TANDH RDNL YEEE
MUUSPTWAAC
OHDEERID CUBAB
MYNAORTI LDAEIANC
LEGSAHS SSEEBULR
GRIIHSC UAALLFOREA
EOHEMEKE ARPLR YNSCBRCSEAE
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Correction

In the Fall/Winter 2015 Edition of the *Hemalina*, page 18, the following should have been included:

Awards Won by Region 15 Hybridizers

Award of Merit 2015 - Runner Up

'Riot on the Kindergarten Bus' (Judy Davisson)

Honorable Mention 2015

'Mean Green' (Judy Davisson)



Above: 'Mean Green' (Davisson-J., 2007)

Left: 'Riot on the Kindergarten Bus' (Davisson-J., 2007); photos by Judy Davisson

Publicity Report

Instead of my usual RPD report, I have used this space to explain a major change made to the Region 15 Popularity Poll (PopPoll) and to share the rationale for this change.

Members of the American Daylily Society are responsible for disseminating information to others. The PopPoll is just one of the tools used by the Educational Outreach Committee for this purpose. The PopPoll gathers information on daylilies that grow well in each region of the U.S. and Canada. This is a service to members and the general public as we identify which daylilies both performed well in member gardens and were best liked by the membership. This information is important to **all** daylily growers, both AHS members and non-members, who make daylily selections for what will grow best in their own backyard.

Voting to identify the 'best in the region' is only the first step of carrying out the PopPoll. We must take it one step further and share the results as broadly as possible within our region. If we don't take that second step, what is the point? Since we are fortunate to have excellent Region 15 hybridizers and growers – and the number is increasing – we need to work together to promote their hybridizing work. This means promoting our **Regional Hybridizers**.

Looking back at the top winners of the PopPoll in the past 23 years, only five different cultivars have reached that top spot. Fortunately, '**Carnival in Mexico**' (Santa Lucia, 2000) and '**All American Chief**' (Sellers, 1994), were hybridized in Region 15. But don't we all have these two in our gardens now? Earlier this year, I explored how we could change the ballot to allow better upward mobility of the outstanding cultivars grown in Region 15. I discussed this with our new RP, Nancy Womack, and emailed Nikki Schmith, our AHS President, for suggestions. Nikki has encouraged our Region to look for new creative ways to conduct our PopPoll to better serve our region and hybridizers. She also reminded me that the AHS guidelines for developing the Popularity Poll ballot state: "the process for developing the ballot is unique to each region."

With all this in mind, I talked with some of our hybridizers and asked what they thought of removing a cultivar from the ballot once it received the highest number of votes. I received unanimous support. At the recent Region 15 Leadership Team's planning meeting, I presented this concept and again received unanimous support. Based on this response, I have changed the 2016 PopPoll ballot. No previous top winner will appear on the 2016 or any subsequent ballot. This change will allow for a new top winner each year, voted on by our membership. You may vote for up to 10 cultivars, of which five can be write-ins. Note that AHS will continue to recognize these top winners through the AHS David Hall Popularity Poll Award.



Last year, 132 Region 15 members participated in the PopPoll, which is a 30% participation rate. We can and will do better this year. The 2016 ballot includes 88 named cultivars that received 4 or more votes in 2015, and Region 15's AHS 2015 Awards of Merit and Honorable Mentions, if they are not already on the ballot.

For 2016, I prepared a Popularity Poll PowerPoint presentation available for use at club meetings. You can click on the file in the newly launched Region 15 website to view it individually. At the fall 2016 Region 15 Meeting in Greensboro, we will announce the top winner and runners up, as well as our regional and individual club participation rate. Lastly, we plan to have a drawing for at least two members who participated in the PopPoll; winners will receive newly-released cultivars from a Region 15 hybridizer. These winning cultivars won't be shipped, so you have to be at the meeting to win.

It looks like an exciting year ahead of us. I'll try to remind you through emails of planned events, and encourage you to visit our new Region 15 website for regional updates and announcements. Have a great year and enjoy your daylilies.

John Martin



Daylily Scapes Placed In Pot - Photo Clare Bewsher

2016 AHS Region 15 Popularity Poll Ballot

The Popularity Poll ballot is printed here and is available on the AHS Region 15 website (www.daylilies.org/PopPoll/ballot.html). Mail or email your choices by September 1, 2016, or use the website ballot. Please submit your ballot only once; if your club president is collecting ballots, you may turn them in at a club meeting.

Each AHS member can vote for up to ten registered cultivars. Circle up to 10 or you may write in up to 5 personal choices making a total of 10. Each AHS member is eligible to vote and is strongly encouraged to do so.

Please circle or write in your choices:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Alien DNA | 36 Homeplace Cherry Face | 71 Shores of Time |
| 2 Baby Blue Eyes | 37 I Am Janet Lynne | 72 Shuffle the Deck |
| 3 Beaucatcher Mountain | 38 Julie Melissa | 73 Shutterbug |
| 4 Bela Lugosi | 39 Kermit the Frog | 74 Silly Wabbit |
| 5 Big Flat Floozy | 40 King Kahuna | 75 Skullduggery |
| 6 Bill Norris | 41 Knocks Your Socks Off | 76 Spotswood Box |
| 7 Blue Corn Moon | 42 Laura Harwood | 77 Stack the Deck |
| 8 Boss Hogg | 43 Lily Munster | 78 Susan Okrasinski |
| 9 Browns Ferry Royalty | 44 Linda Gluck | 79 Thank Your Lucky Stars |
| 10 Buttered Popcorn | 45 Look Here Mary | 80 Thelma Douglas |
| 11 Carnival in Caracas | 46 Mary Ida | 81 Thin Man |
| 12 Carolina Cool Down | 47 Mean Green | 82 Tip of the Iceberg |
| 13 Cat Ballou | 48 Mister Butters | 83 Tuscawilla Tigress |
| 14 Cat Dancer | 49 Mister Lucky | 84 Vegas Show Girl |
| 15 Celebration of Angels | 50 Molten Mountain | 85 Victorian Lace |
| 16 Cherryville | 51 Myrtle Beach | 86 Vitamin C |
| 17 Chick Flick | 52 No Boys Allowed | 87 Webster's Pink Wonder |
| 18 Circle of Friends | 53 Olive Wilson | 88 Wrapped in Moonlight |
| 19 Claudine's Charm | 54 One Strange Cookie | 89 _____ |
| 20 Conway Red Light | 55 Orange Velvet | 90 _____ |
| 21 Crazy Ivan | 56 Oy Vey | 91 _____ |
| 22 Crispy Cream | 57 Papa Goose | 92 _____ |
| 23 Crossfire | 58 Peacock Maiden | 93 _____ |
| 24 Curls Gone Wild | 59 Pick of the Litter | Signature: _____ |
| 25 Dancing With Linda | 60 Pink Peppermint | Printed Name: _____ |
| 26 Date With Destiny | 61 Point of View | Club: _____ |
| 27 El Desperado | 62 Primal Scream | email: _____ |
| 28 Fair to Middlin' | 63 Queen Charlotte | |
| 29 Firefly Frenzy | 64 Rainy Day Blues | |
| 30 Fluttering Beauty | 65 Rambunctious Rosie | Mail to: |
| 31 Frieda Allen Jerrell | 66 Red Volunteer | John Martin |
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What Mother Never Told You About the Birds and the Bees by A.W. Shucks, Cornatzer, NC

A Hybridizer Interview

The truth hurts! It hurt when I turned thirty and learned the truth about the Tooth Fairy. That really, really hurt – ‘cause I had pulled all my baby teeth at once, plus all the permanent ones later, just to collect all those dimes and quarters. I figured they would grow back again ‘cause they did once! But I was not ready for the whole truth! It hurt even more when I learned the truth about the birds, well, one particular bird (still don’t know how birds relate to bees as I never have seen a bee pollinate an egg, but I know how bees relate to daylilies). I had been told by Mother that the Stork had dropped me on the doorstep and that I had no siblings ‘cause my Pa had shot the Stork, along with Santa and the Easter Bunny. I knew it was a fact ‘cause the latter two had not delivered gifts or eggs in years.

“Don’t Bend Over in the Garden, [Maizie], You Know Them [Daylilies] Got Eyes”

— Lewis Grizzard (adapted)

A well-known daylily hybridizer recently took a wrong turn and ended up lost as last year’s Easter egg in my home town. So, on the condition of “anonymity” and in exchange for directions back to civilization, he offered to interview me about my daylily hybridizing career for a regional newsletter. An insulting quid pro quo! Nevertheless, here goes!

A.H. (Anonymous Hybridizer) – Hello, Mr. Shucks! Is it alright if I just call you A.W.?

A.W. – Sure, that’s fine, Ed!

Ed – Dagnabbit! What part of anonymous don’t you get?

A.W. – Oh! Sorry! Don’t pitch a hissy fit! I’ll just call you Mr. Z.

Ed – Gol darn it! Well, my hybridizing reputation is surely down the toilet now!

A.W. – Now don’t go escalating this into a conniption! By the way, what’s a toilet?

Ed – What the ...! Were you raised by wolves?

A.W. – Darn tootin! I played with the wildlife while Pa grew tobacco on the family farm. Up the road apiece in Winston-Salem they turned those leaves into chaws and coffin nails. But later I switched us to corn what with the gov’mnt turning it into auto fuel. ‘Course my wife Maizie also hid a still in the middle of our corn maze and that combination made us more money than that ethanol ever did. What a gas! Want a swig? Ain’t killed anyone to speak of, yet!

She was only a moonshiner’s daughter, but I loved her still

Ed – But, you also turned part of the farm into a daylily business, correct?

A.W. – We call that the “non-profit” field. I saw all those purdy plants and saw how easy it was to dab pollen. Looked like a real money-maker! Now, that’s where the bees come in, or try to! I learned right quick that I had to get to the pollen before they grabbed it and spread it around. They love to make daylily crosses and most daylilies on the market are really bee crosses that hybridizers try and take credit for. Ain’t fooling me! Luckily I discovered a class of insecticide called neonicotinoids that do a number on aphids and beetles and appear toxic to bees. So, win, win all around – although I think that insecticide is giving me the *hives*!

Ed – Do you focus on any particular traits or classes of daylilies?

A.W. – Currently I am working on a class of daylily I call *Optical Illusions*!

Ed – Huh! Explain!

How Blue You Can Get

A.W. – Back in the late 1970s, Dr. Kasha said the amateur’s “secret weapon” in opening the path to rare distinction was to use “many fine older cultivars [that] may be passed over.” He also said the way to the Holy Grail, the blue daylily, was to cross near white daylilies with purples – basically mixin’ them delphinidin pigments with flavonols could produce blue in one or two generations. He told us, “Be bold! ... and attack, with pollen flying!”

Ed – There were 20,000 registered daylilies then and four times that today. Must be a lot of blue now!

A.W. – Nary a one, but there’s lots of lavenders among the 733 daylilies with the name “blue” in them.

Ed – So, your *secret weapon* is to create blue with older cultivars! What are you doing differently?

A.W. – I am only crossing daylilies with blue names.

Ed – Wait! That's kind of like putting gas in a car which you have just totaled. You expect crossing lavender to lavender will create blue? That sounds like an optical illusion!

A.W. – Well pin a rose on you! Now you get it! But, I think my 'Cornatzer Neon Blue' really says it all. (See Photo to the right.)

**I took Maizie out in the cornfield and
kissed her between the ears**

Ed – Any accidental cross-pollinating with corn?

A.W. – Well, my '**Cornatzer Blue Corn Moon**' (See Photo below.) does show an unusual type of sculpturing from being grown too close to my blue Indian corn. Guess Maizie and I had too much pollen flying out in the cornfield, if you get my drift! I must say, however, that those deep fried buds taste just like corn fritters!

Ed – Bet those systemics give them added flavor, too! How about culture? You must use a secret fertilizer to have such healthy looking plants!

A.W. – I used Milorganite until I learned what it came from. But, why buy what you can get for free, right! We have a

two-holer out back and a bucket, but I needed way lots more. Some "upscale" neighbors now have those newfangled things called septic tanks – even got the outhouse inside. So, I spray what they pump out. Quid pro quo!

Ed – I had noticed that *aroma* – figured you had a hog farm nearby. At best, most daylilies have the "fragrance" of stink on poop, but your daylily seedlings actually smell like roses – if you are upwind. Have you discovered a genetic breakthrough?



A.W. – Went hog wild with stem (scape) cell alteration. I used a hypodermic needle to inject Estée Lauder cologne into the scapes just above the crown. The fragrance took and is retained in the F₁ and F₂ generations so far.

Ed – I see that you are creating some very unusual patterns as well. Tell me the background on 'Cornatzer Morse Code'. (See Photo, next page.)

A.W. – Notice that the pattern mostly spells my initials, "A.W.S.," in Morse code. But if you look mighty close, I still need to "dot" an "S" here and there. Obvious cross using them award-winners '**Dash Dash**' and '**Dot Dot**'.

Ed – There you go again, making crosses according to the parents' names and not their attributes. Figure it's a dip, right?

A.W. – Can you believe it's a tet! I only dip snuff.

Ed – With all this land in daylilies, you must have to hire a lot of the hard working locals to help you.

A.W. - Well, you know, if they all had third hands, they would each have to find a third pocket to put them in.

Ed – All your daylilies have the prefix "Cornatzer." Is that where I am now?



A.W. – Purdy much! The Census Bureau calls us a “populated place” pert near mid-way between Mocksville and Advance along a wide spot on Cornatzer Road. We’re the only place in the state without a Walmart, but they did widen it a bit to build Billy Bob’s Bait & Copy Center and the Maypole. That’s Billy Bob’s strip joint where I first met Maizie.

Ed – Is that where the name came from for this cultivar ‘Cornatzer Maypole Maizie’? (See Photo, below.) Another daylily-corn hybrid it seems.

“Don’t Cut Through the Corn Maze, Maizie, You’re Going Against the Grain”

A.W. – Yep! Named it for Maizie! I love those hybrids! You can bet your sweet patootie on that! It’s a very late bloomer. First bloomed at Halloween, and I almost named it ‘Cornatzer Candy Corn’ ‘cause of that wide mid-rib marking, but then we had that incident with Maizie. Hard to keep Maizie out of that still. Last time, after two weeks in the maze, we got a might worried. So, I ran a pair of her sassy pants up the flag pole so she could see her way home. When she staggered

out of the maze wadn’t nothin’ between her and the Lord but a smile. Well, she done went and shimmied up that flag pole, and by the time she got back down she was wearing those sassy pants all stuffed with dollar bills and a glitter sash besides. You know, all the little girls in town want to grow up either to twerk, I mean work, at the Maypole like Maizie, or to be waitresses at Billy Bob’s BBQ & Hardware Emporium.

Ed – Billy Bob probably even runs a diploma-mill!

A.W. – Better believe it! Got my doctorate in Electroculture and Plant Psychology at Cornatzer U.’s drive-up window – printed while I waited! Gettin’ so congested though that they put up one of those yellow flashing lights. It caused grid lock for a week what with all the drivers stoppin’ and a starin’ as if it were the neon lights at the Maypole. Finally had to turn it off!

Ed – On that note, time to turn this interview off. What an amazing guy you are! A true daylily visionary!

A.W. – Not to brag, but if I was any better I’d be twins!

Ed – Mind if I ask what your initials, A.W., stand for?

A.W. – Understand that my parents were products of the Great Depression. When I was born they could not afford a name, just my initials. But “Amazing” works for me!

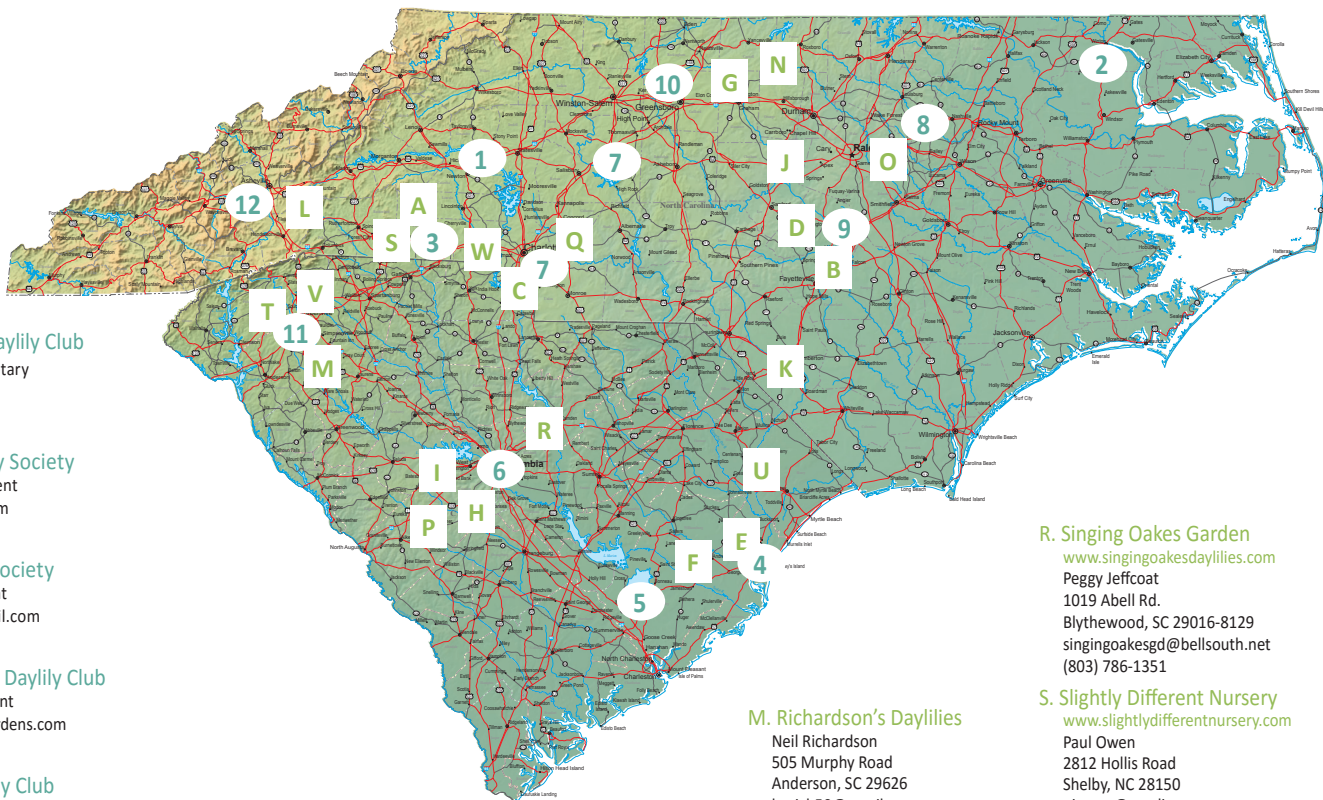
A.W. – Plannin’ to cook me up a batch of shrimp and grits. Did you know shrimp and grits are both singular and plural, just like thrips? But, bet you never seen just one thrips on a daylily! And, I never seen one grits in a bowl! You can stay for fixin’s or leave for home. It’s a right far piece to where you live, and you can’t get there from here as we ain’t on the map. Best you start at that Walmart over in Mocksville.

He who laughs last probably doesn’t understand the joke

Author’s Note: The anonymous hybridizer in this article is the product of the author’s imagination. Any resemblance to Ed Zahler is purely coincidental (but with permission).



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Above: 'Alien DNA' (Selman 2009); photo by Kathy Tinius

Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award

Region 15 hybridizers nominate their best cultivars for this award. All Region 15 members are eligible to vote.

Please support our hybridizers by taking the time to look for these cultivars as you visit gardens this summer and by voting for the one you appreciate the most.

Send completed ballots to the Awards Manager after the bloom season, postmarked or emailed by September 1.

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Only AHS Members are permitted to vote.
Please vote for one cultivar per member.

(Images were provided by the hybridizers and are not attributed.)



'Amazing Adam' Judy Davisson 2009



'Anne Elwell' Sharon Yarbrough 2015



'Beyond the Stars' Bill Gluck 2013



'Browns Ferry Royalty' Charles Douglas 2011



'Cameron's Charisma' Vic Santa Lucia 2009



'Dearest Mahogany' Dale Hensley 2014



'Glassy Mountain' William Hemmingsen 2014



'High Stakes' Bob Roycroft 2009



'Mega Bite' Ken Dye 2012



'Reflective Glory' Lacy English 2014



'Sunny Attitude' Tom Bruce 2012

Recognizing the Backyard Hybridizer

5th in a Series by Mitchell Hagler

Nancy & Kirk Milleman

What do a Texas lady and an Ohio guy have in common? Well, with Nancy and Kirk Milleman it's a lot of things, but high on the list is hybridizing daylilies. The Millemans retired to Rutherfordton just five years ago, joined the Foothills Daylily Society and The Daylily Society in 2012, and started hybridizing the following year. Since then it has been full steam ahead, so much so that they had to purchase an additional one-third acre lot just for hybridizing.

Currently these enthusiasts grow 239 registered daylilies from 86 different hybridizers and hundreds of their own seedlings in Lilyshire Gardens. How did they learn about hybridizing? They sought out the best mentors—Van Sellers and Vic Santa Lucia—who taught them to be up at the crack of dawn dabbing pollen at the prescribed three hours before the temperature gets too hot. Nancy carefully selects the flowers she wants to pollinate. Usually she will dab different pollen on different scapes of the same flower to try to get different results. Kirk will usually select the pollen and then pollinate every flower on the plant with the same pollen.

At first, this duo was just trying to get viable seeds, but after the first blooms, they defined their programs: Nancy is working on miniature pinks, ruffled whites, miniature doubles, and for rebloom. Kirk is doing a "What if?" program to see what will happen. Those who care about the future of hybridizing will applaud Nancy and Kirk for hybridizing with their four grandchildren in hopes of passing along a lifetime love of gardening and nature. Two of their grandsons tried for a bacon colored flower and one of them actually achieved it.

Although they have not yet registered any daylilies, they have pre-registered several names. Kirk is waiting for the right plant to use the name '**Ruffton Redneck**,' an abbreviation of Rutherfordton that folks in that area will sometimes use. Kirk is also interested in anything Medieval, so we'll probably be seeing some interesting ancient names in future registrations.

Like true gardeners, the Millemans also grow perennials and bulbs of all kinds. In the additional lot that they purchased, they have planted a mixed shrub border around the perimeter and to attract birds they have used a lot of berry-producing shrubs.

On a personal note, they have a daughter in Florida and a son in Ohio. Both Nancy and Kirk hold masters degrees. Nancy is a Master Gardener, crochets, and reads mysteries. Kirk is into woodcarving, particularly canes. Nancy just finished a two-year term as club Secretary and Kirk is beginning his term as Vice-President. They also help coordinate Foothills' Mayfest booth at the local Rutherfordton fair.

Any favorite daylilies? Nancy cites '**Cosenza**' (Stamile-P., 2007), "a beautiful pink which has kept blooming long after other daylilies have stopped." Kirk likes the quirky name and appearance of '**Klaatu Barada Nikto**' (Bachman, 2004), an orange bicolor with a braided edge. The name comes from the movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still."

Region 15 is fortunate to have this new-to-hybridizing couple in our region.



Above: Nancy and Kirk Milleman's seedling beds; all photos by Kirk and Nancy Milleman

Region 15 Hybridizers! The seedling bed for the 2018 AHS National Convention is ready and waiting for your seedlings. Show off your hard work to a national audience. You may enter up to 5 seedlings (maximum 3 fans each, recommend early and mid-season plants). Contact Ed Zahler or Duane Therrien, 2107 Cultra Rd., Conway, SC 29526, 843-995-7151, zahlermrz@aol.com or demt2004@yahoo.com today!



Above: Nancy writes, "Kirk uses crosses with names quite often rather than colors. We have daylilies with the names of all our children and grandchildren somewhere in the daylily's name. This seedling is a cross of 'Alexia Mariah' X 'Nate'. Nate is our son's name, and Mariah is his wife. I guess this seedling would be a "grand-seedling" for us."

Below: Nancy's cross of 'Great White' X 'Shutterbug'



Above: One of Kirk's seedlings; a cross from 'Flight of the Raven' X 'City Center'

Below: One of Nancy's doubles; a cross of 'Rose Storm' X 'Plum Lucky'



Do you know?

Remember back.....all the way to 1990. East and West Germany reunited, Mikhail Gorbachev won the Nobel Peace Prize, Saturn cars were first introduced, "The Simpsons" premiered, and Furbees were all the rage.

In 1990, the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award was called the Lambert Award and someone won it at the Mid-Carolina fall meeting in Columbia, SC, that year. We'd like to know who and for what, but the information is not available in any of AHS's archived documents.

If you might know who won the 1990 Lambert Award at the Mid-Carolina Fall Meeting in Columbia, SC, please contact Ken Cobb (daylily.archivist@att.net). Solving this mystery would make it easier for Ken to sleep at night.

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If you are reading this article, chances are you enjoy growing and perhaps showing daylilies. Maybe you share your flowers with friends and possibly some of you like to dabble in hybridizing. You know what you like and you enjoy comparing one flower with another. Maybe you have been to a daylily show and wondered why the big yellow one got a red ribbon and the little red one got a purple ribbon. How did they pick the one for Best in Show?

If you are still reading, you might be a candidate to become an Exhibition Judge for daylilies. This would give you a different perspective on our favorite flower. Becoming a judge will also enhance your showing ability as you will know what judges look for when judging a flower. Before you say let's go for it, remember that judges must endeavor to withhold their prejudices in regard to color, form, size, geographical preferences, hybridizers, and growers.

How do you become a judge? I'm glad you asked! There are some basic requirements.

Judges must be AHS members with dues paid for at least the current year. Judges should grow, know, and show all types of daylilies. Judges should visit other gardens to enhance their knowledge of the flower. Judges must attend clinics, both to get started and to retain their judgeship ongoing. Judges should promote daylilies to the general public. Judges must own and become familiar with the contents of *Judging Daylilies!*

I want to take a minute to talk briefly about the clinics. To become a senior Exhibition Judge, you must complete Clinic I and Clinic II. Clinic I is for beginners and focuses on introductory judges' training. You learn about judging standards, ethics, responsibilities, and accreditation along with characteristics of a daylily. There is a test at the end and a passing score is 70%. Once you have passed this test, you are classified as a student judge.

Next you will need to take Clinic II which is the secondary judges' training. In this clinic you learn AHS awards, the point scoring system, and have hands-on demonstrations in judging registered cultivars and seedlings. Yes there is a one hour test following this clinic, and after Clinic II you become a junior judge, which qualifies you to serve on a show panel with two senior judges. The clinics are usually held during both the fall and summer Regional as well as the AHS National Convention. Some clubs also sponsor clinics throughout the year.

In Region 15, we currently have 22 senior judges. All Shows must have at least one judging panel consisting of three judges. Most shows have at least two panels due to the number of flowers to be judged. Most of our Region 15 shows occur during the month of June. We have 5 to 6 shows in the Region and some Saturdays have multiple shows. As you can see from the math, we are spread pretty thin and will always need more judges.

Being a judge is fun, demanding, and rewarding all rolled up in one. Who knows, you may want to move on and become an Instructor. Sign up and give it a try. The next time you will know why the little red one won the purple ribbon, because you were the judge who awarded it!

Daylilies from a Different Perspective
by Jim Sovine, Exhibition Judges Liaison

Club News

Catawba Valley Daylily Club by Richard Garren

The Catawba Valley Daylily Club met as planned in March; attendance was light and two more meetings were planned for spring and summer. On June 21 at 10 a.m. the club will visit Iron Gate Gardens in Kings Mountain and have lunch afterwards. The

outing for July will be a visit to Bob Selman's Blue Ridge Daylily Nursery, with a pizza lunch included. Meetings for April and May are currently in limbo, but the club will probably get together for a meal, contact Richard Garren for details.

Coastal North Carolina Daylily Society by Ken Ferguson

Winter has finally caught up with us here in northeast NC, keeping all but the really, really, serious gardeners out of their flower beds. With the cooler temperatures, our dormants have FINALLY gone dormant. Last year was an eventful one for our society, and planning is well underway for an even more rewarding daylily season this year.

The society undertook a rather unusual community outreach project that wrapped up in December. Late last spring, a local resident who was unable to care for several beds of 'Stella de Oro' (Jablonski, 1975), inquired if we would be interested in a donation of the plants. The only requirement was that WE would need to dig the clumps and then dress the beds when done. It turned out that the beds surrounded 20 Crepe Myrtle trees that lined the driveway to the house. Each bed had 5-7 clumps. The clumps were so large and matted (and tangled in the tree roots), they probably had not been divided since they were planted almost two decades ago. We ended up with 3 pickup truck loads of clumps which were sold un-split at our plant sales. This project can be considered a success in that we saved a bunch of plants from a trip to the compost heap and customers from two states will have nice blooming beds this summer.

Not only was this donation fiscally rewarding for the society, it turned out to be a great public educational tool as well. At each of our five plant sales last year, members demonstrated how to split

the 'Stella de Oro' clumps, and described the plant anatomy and characteristics of daylilies in general in the process.

At the start of the sales season, we offered over 40 cultivars, which was a lot of splitting, cleaning, and tagging. As anyone who has worked on fan preparation knows, one of the most tedious and time consuming tasks is writing cultivar names on surveyor tape tags (not to mention sometimes less than perfect handwriting). To that end, we experimented with self-adhesive, paper file labels printed from a laptop at the work site, printing only what we needed. Surprisingly, these relatively inexpensive tags were still stuck and readable after several months exposure to the elements; and it really did make the task go much faster.

The society started 2016 off with our one purely social function, the second annual *Night Out on the Town*. At this dinner event, new members were given potted daylilies as welcome gifts and returned Plants for Members plants were raffled off. Most members walked away with door prizes that included gift certificates for plants, plant shears, bundles of metal plant tags, and a gift certificate from the restaurant that hosted the event. If you are headed to the Outer Banks of North Carolina this year, please contact us ahead of time for a tour of our garden. We're on the way.

Photos by Ken Ferguson



Above: Sarah Watts, Janet Hong, and Carole Kemp enjoy *Night Out*



Above: Top dressing Stella beds is demonstrated by Charlene Dowdy



Above: Vicki Thompson and Lottie Miller tag finished clumps for sale

Foothills Daylily Society by John Martin

The Foothills Daylily Society ended 2015 on a high note with a potluck dinner at the residence of Nancy Womack. Highlights of the evening were virtual tours of two member gardens, viewing all the entries of the Foothills Daylily Photo Contest, and the announcement of the winners of the Contest. We also welcomed several guests, who we hope will join us in 2016 as club members. Joe Phillip provided an entertaining virtual PowerPoint tour of his and Gerri's gardens, beginning with an overview of their



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homestead aided by a feathered friend. Kirk Milleman then showed the evolution of his and Nancy's "Lilyshire" gardens starting with the grounds as they appeared when purchased in 2011 and then showing the changes made through autumn 2015, including an ever expanding seedling bed. Kirk also shared pictures of some of his and Nancy's seedlings. All the photos made us wish for the return of spring.

Five members participated in the Foothills Digital Photo contest. There were 51 entries. The winners by photo category were:

Single bloom - John Martin with 'Mayor of Munchkinland' (Herrington-T., 2010) (A)

Multiple blooms - Barbara Peterson with 'Lemon Curls' (Waldrop-D., 2009) (B)

People photo - Barbara Peterson with "Troubadour Dulcimer Player" (C)

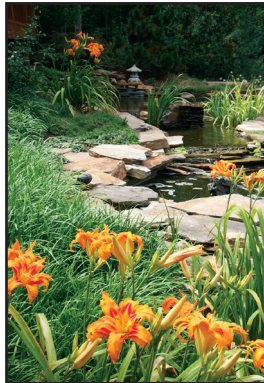
Whimsical photo - Joe Phillip with "Daylilies a Garden Make" (D)

As we look back at 2015, we are pleased with the progress we have made. Our club continues to grow in membership and participation not only in local



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activities but regional and national conferences. During the blooming season, two members opened their gardens for club tours, and we had participation at both the summer and fall Regional Meetings as well as the AHS National Convention.

The officers of the past two years were thanked for leading the club. This included retiring President Stephen Howard and Secretary Nancy Milleman. Our former Vice President John Martin now assumes the role of President. Kirk Milleman will be serving as Vice President, Barbara Neuman as Secretary, and Patricia Kuess will continue as our Treasurer.

We look forward to even more fun in 2016. Goals for the year include: improving our communication by establishing a Facebook account and improving our website, establishing a community service project, and reaching the Bronze Level for AHS membership. We are also exceedingly proud that the new Region 15 President, Nancy Womack, is a charter member of the Foothills Daylily Society. Good luck Nancy in assuming this new leadership role!

Georgetown Area Daylily Club by Kathy Tinius

December found the Georgetown Area Daylily Club holding our annual Christmas party and remembering all the great things that happened in 2015. What a great year for our hybridizing club members -- we were thrilled that our hard-working members won very well deserved honors. Heidi Douglas ('Papa Goose') and Charles Douglas ('Kermit the Frog') along with Ed Zahler ('Dancing with Linda') won Honorable Mentions. Ed also won the Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award ('Dancing with Linda'). We fairly busted our buttons with pride!

In January, Ray Carter gave his presentation and demonstration on converting dips to tets. The process was absolutely fascinating for everyone from professional hybridizers to backyard growers—and Ray presented it in such a way that it was easily understood.

February brought the photo contest held over from last October when we had to cancel due to flooding. In addition to the contest, we had a fantastic presentation by hybridizers Marlon Howell, Perry Gaskins, Duane Therrien, Ed Zahler, Heidi Douglas, and Charles Douglas of their seedlings, introductions, hopes, and dreams!

Photo contest winners are:

Multi-Bloom: Heidi Douglas of 'Mayor of Munchkinland' (Herrington-T., 2010) (A)

Novelty: Janice Ullmeyer (B)

Landscape: Perry Gaskins (C)

Clump: Heidi Douglas of 'Itsy Bitsy Spider' (Bishop-H., 1990) (D)

Single Bloom: Marlon Howell of 'Sweet Cotton Candy' (Pierce 2014) (E)

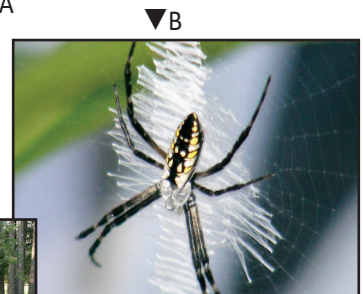
Seedling: Duane Therrien (F)

Also in February, our own Ed Zahler and Duane Therrien talked daylilies on a local radio show and gave the presentation "For the Love of Daylilies" at the Myrtle Beach Home Show.

"Daylilies—the Other Essential Perennial" (from the AHS Media Library) was a big hit in March and sparked great discussions about companion plantings.



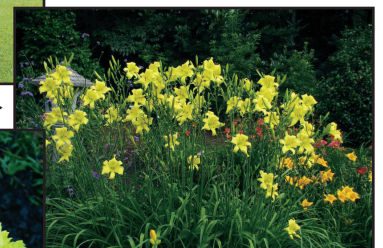
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Lowcountry Daylily Club by Mike Denson

The Lowcountry Daylily Club is excited about 2016! Finally, winter has come. Yes, later than usual but still welcomed none the less. The cold weather has pushed some of our daylilies into dormancy, killed off any lingering rust, and killed the last of the pests in our Lowcountry gardens. It also gives us gardeners a breather before we get back out there and start all over again.

This year we have a wonderful lineup of programs! In January we hosted Brad Sale from the Old Santee Canal Park, who told us about the mysterious and magical lives of hummingbirds. Amazing animals! In February we had a roundtable discussion of our local daylily experts (with a fun twist) covering the biggest questions in daylily culture. In March we were lucky to have Harvey Gibson to talk to the club about composting and maintaining healthy soils. April has Scott Elliott from Maneki Neko gardens visiting us to share his latest introductions and daylily wisdom. We can't wait!

Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Gene Crocker

The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society closed out 2015 with a Christmas covered dish luncheon and a fun Chinese Auction. Several gifts changed hands many times during the auction, making some members very happy and others less so, but a good time was had by all.

Our January program featured our own Leslie Mauck, who presented a program on growing daylilies from seed. She provided methods of germinating seed and caring for seedlings, and she also provided sample packets of seed to everyone in attendance with a challenge to grow and flower them. The second part of her program was an illustrated lecture on the various forms and categories of daylily flowers.

Our February meeting was on Valentine's Day, so we had a nice assortment of Valentine goodies on the refreshment table. The program that followed featured a presentation by Peggy Jeffcoat

Piedmont Daylily Club by John Smethurst

The Piedmont Daylily Club was glad to welcome Charles and Heidi Douglas as our guest speakers for January. They hardly need introduction and, as Heidi reminded our members, visiting the Charlotte Club is like coming home to friends. We are often reminded how the friendship aspect of our membership, both locally and regionally, plays an important role in our clubs. Their presentation was not just about the beautiful daylilies that are coming out of their hybridizing program at Browns Ferry Gardens, it also emphasized the fun they have sharing daylilies with each other and the rest of the world. Charles is busy assisting Nikki Schmith at the national level and Heidi is focusing her attention on the National Convention in 2018. Charles and Heidi, thanks and keep on trucking!

We are sorry to announce the passing of another member of our club, Gene Looney. Gene has been a long time member of our club and he will be sadly missed. Gene's wife and his daughter, Renee Beale, faithfully brought Gene to our monthly meetings. He was at the January meeting, just one week before he passed away. That's a true daylily friend.

Usually we take May off as the daylilies begin to bloom, however this year my garden will be open for a tour and picnic. From 0-700 daylilies in three years! Lots of seedlings should be blooming by then. You could say the daylily bug has bitten me.

We take a break for peak bloom season, when many of our members will attend the Region 15 Summer Meeting and the National. Then we resume our meetings in August with a presentation of some of my seedlings, photos, greenhouse daylily culture, and general garden photos for those who couldn't make it for the picnic in May. In September, local garden expert, columnist, and blogger Joan MacDonald will share her expertise in garden plants complementary to daylilies for South Carolina. In October we will again have our traditional fellowship dinner to celebrate our friendships and common garden interest. We have a very exciting schedule, indeed.

on how to prepare daylily beds for planting. She first turns the soil with a shovel and then applies a high nitrogen fertilizer, blood meal, bone meal, cottonseed meal, lime, and Milorganite. Then the bed is tilled, planted, and top dressed with composted horse manure. Anyone who has seen the daylilies at Singing Oakes Garden knows that this technique works wonders. We also had an introduction to "Plant Step" software for keeping records of our daylilies.

March brought a visit from Linda Sue Barnes, who gave us information on photographing daylilies. Then in April David Kirchoff will be with us to talk about flowers from Daylily World and about the AHS National Convention in Kentucky this summer. We are also making plans for our daylily sale and show in Columbia on June 11. We always welcome guests and prospective members to our monthly meetings.

With the Summer Meeting of Region 15 only 5 months away, we are busy pulling together the final details of our convention. I invite all of you to get an early reservation with the Hilton Hotel and get your registration fee into Ralph Marmion. Ralph is our webmaster and star computer whiz!! Please check out piedmontdaylilyclub.com and click on "SUMMER in the CITY." Ralph has done a great job on the presentation of the upcoming meeting and you will find the registration form and itinerary on our website. We have offered an early discount for registration before April 15. Please support the summer meeting by booking early. The hosting club has financial commitments to the hotel in advance of the convention and our room block may be lost if reservations are not made with the hotel by that date. We look forward to seeing you in Charlotte June 17-19.



Raleigh Hemerocallis Society by Wanda Quinn

The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club started the year with a new president, Wanda Quinn, and co-vice presidents, Jim Sovine and Richard Warren. Big thanks to Jim and Richard for lining up some great programs for the year – details can be found on the club website, ahsregion15.org/Clubs/Raleigh.

Jim and Richard kicked off the 2016 season with Bill and Linda Gluck joining us to share their beautiful hybridizing accomplishments from their Charlotte garden. They have turned a ½ acre lot into a garden oasis, with lots of beautiful daylilies of their own creation as well as from many others. It is not just a daylily garden, as Bill and Linda have mixed in many other perennials to add beauty and creativity that highlight the daylilies. A testimony to the beauty of their garden is that on many days during the summer, artists will be seen painting the many scenes that have caught their eyes.

With the encouragement of Linda's brother, Herman Pruitt (one of our favorite people in Region 15 and who is no longer with us), Bill and Linda started their hybridizing odyssey in 2006 with their first registration 'All American Star.' Not long after, they introduced the very popular and award winning 'Cat Ballou.' In a testament to the discerning eye for choosing parents as well as selecting seedlings, it is fascinating to see their progress in a number of different directions. In the reds with borders, their white-bordered 'Vegas Show Girl' is a standout. In patterns, 'Seagulls In Flight' and 'African Safari' are two you will want in your garden. 'Lady Linda,' named by Bill for his lovely wife, is also on our want list. Add to that many others like the appliqued throat 'Herman's Pick,' the lovely triangular form 'Spanish Matador,' the big tall double, 'Psycho Frenzy,' the refined and edged 'Queen Charlotte's Gown,' as well as the very toothy and beautiful 'Beyond The Stars.' They closed their program with a review of their beautiful seedlings, providing us a glimpse of what will be seen this summer as their garden will be on tour for the Summer Regional Meeting. What fun that will be.

During the business meeting Wanda Quinn shared the results of recent board meeting plus suggestions for the year. They include our show planned for June 25 again at Crabtree Valley Mall, plans for shirts with the club logo to add a touch of professionalism at our shows as well as to demonstrate pride in the club at Regional

and National Meetings, plus a spring garden outing in the area to get members together for a bit of fun.

For our March meeting we hosted Erin Weston, the creator of holiday wreaths using lovely magnolia leaves and other material from nature to add color. In April, our own Linda Sue Barnes, well known as a great photographer and story teller, will share her experiences during the 2015 National Convention in Atlanta. The club will hold an auction in May, sharing some of the better and best daylilies in the region – often at bargain prices – and in June the annual club picnic will be in the garden of Richard and Janet Warren. Their garden has changed a lot in the last few years (which is a story in itself) so you really don't want to miss this meeting. Please plan to attend, if you can.



Above left: Co-VP Richard Warren with Bill and Linda Gluck

Above right: Mary and Steve Edwards enjoy the meeting

Below left: Our favorite Treasurer, Tom Talbott

Below right: Other half of our co-VP team, Jim Sovine



Photos by Wanda and Ray Quinn

Sandhills Daylily Club by Linda Sue Barnes

Club members decided at our October meeting that 2016 would begin with a March meeting. When this report was due we had not met since our fun Christmas social at Leslie Mitchell's house. Our officers will all carry over from 2015: President, Linda Sue Barnes; Vice President, Wanda Quinn; Recording Secretary, Dawn Whitley; Membership Secretary, Harriette Reaves; and Treasurer, Barry Duff.

Wanda has arranged an exciting lineup for 2016. In March Linda Sue Barnes gave a program on Photography 101 with tips on landscape, flower, and people pictures as well as a little about how to size pictures for the *Hemalina* or photo contests. In April David DeKort will share his hybridizing program. Our May speaker will be Keith Clayton who will tell us about types of orchids and how to grow them. We'll have a picnic in June; details to come

later. In July our speakers will be up and coming hybridizers Kirk and Nancy Milleman. August will bring Heidi and Charles Douglas to show introductions from Browns Ferry Garden. In September members who attended the National Convention will share photos with the club. All members need to be snapping some photos for our October meeting when members can share their gardens, their seedlings, or anything else daylily related.

We will continue to have most of our meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month starting with a potluck at 6:00pm at Friendship Baptist Church in Hope Mills, NC. We would welcome visitors or new members.

Our Daylily Show will be at Methodist University on June 11.

Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club by Bill Hurt

Triad Daylily Fans Garden Club is now a year old. We are meeting the first Sunday of the month from 2-4 at the Greensboro Council of Garden Clubs; 4301 Lawndale Dr. in Greensboro.

The new year began with our club hearing an informative presentation by Hadley Cash at his greenhouse in Kernersville learning about the growth and culture of his award-winning Lady Slipper Orchids. A sea of orchids greeted us when we entered his greenhouse where he shared his passion for growing and hybridizing these spectacular orchids. Mr. Cash provided details on the growth of these orchids from conception to sale-ready plants, and members were able to purchase some beautiful plants to enjoy. He and his wife, Deb, are true assets to our club and the community.

Club President Lynne Broderius has led the effort to obtain donations from hybridizers to sell as a way of funding our fledgling club. Local hybridizer Paul Foster donated many pots of his introductions to be divided for resale. Each club member selected 10-20 of these to repot for sales later in the spring. Club members will meet the end of each month to make arrangements for plant sales. Our deepest appreciation goes to all who have donated plants and time to this effort.

During our February meeting, Margo Reed, well known daylily hybridizer, spoke to our club about her hybridizing program at Woodhenge Gardens near Charlottesville, Virginia. With the Super Bowl playing later that Sunday, we had a "Super Daylily Sunday." Club members were excited that Margo brought some of her recent introductions for auction. We were thrilled with the opportunity to learn of her beautiful garden and have tentatively planned to visit Woodhenge in the future.

President Lynn Broderius shared that much of the ground work has begun for our club to host the Region 15 Fall Meeting in September. In March, David Decort provided an informative talk about hybridizing from a scientific point of view.

Photos by Bill Hurt



Above: Hadley and Deb Cash
Below: Club members enjoying lunch and welcoming Margo Reed at Triad February meeting!



Upstate Daylily Society by Charles Coggins

It is hard to believe we are in the second month of 2016. It has been a fast few months since we had our last daylily bloom. We had our first meeting in January and had a PowerPoint presentation of some of the gardens that were on tour in 2015. This time last year we were busy as a bunch of bees getting ready for the Region 15 Tour we hosted. It was a real pleasure sharing our gardens and all the activities with each of you.

We have our activities planned for this year and look forward to getting together with all our regional and local daylily friends.

We elected two new officers for the next two years: Brenda Coggins, President and Charles Coggins, new Publicity Chairperson. Ginny Frechette, Vice President, Ray Gambrell, Secretary, and Mary Gambrell, Treasurer, agreed to stay for another term. We want to thank retiring Publicity Chairperson Christopher Blackstone for his service to our Club and especially to thank Priscilla Raeuber as president for her untiring effort to make our club friendly, fun, and exciting.

Western North Carolina Daylily Club by Bob Selman



Above: Peak bloom at Blue Ridge Daylilies; photo by Bob Selman

The Western North Carolina Daylily Club has an exciting year planned in 2016. We visited the Biltmore Estate Festival of Flowers in late March, and the club will be gathering for a picnic at Sue Vrooman's magnificent Laughing Crow Gardens in Weaverville, NC, in May. Sue's garden and wildlife sanctuary was featured during the 2014 AHS National Convention in Asheville. Our bus trip to Memory Jordan's beautiful garden in Lugoff, SC, will be the first weekend in June and our flower show will be held at the North Carolina Arboretum on Saturday, June 25.

The annual multi-club picnic will be held at Blue Ridge Daylilies on July 9. Please contact us if your club is interested in joining us for fun, fellowship, and flowers during peak bloom. WNCDC invites anyone located in the western part of North Carolina to check out our club! New members who pay \$10 annual dues and attend 3 meetings in 2016 will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Blue Ridge Daylilies. Please visit our website at wncdaylilyclub.com. Happy Gardening!



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While few things might be better than a new hybrid daylily, many of the hemeraholics in Region 15 are buzzing like a Carolina skeeter about the launch of our newly-expanded presence on the World Wild Web.

2016 has brought our Region's first foray into the world of social media with the opening of our Facebook Page. This page offers a super fast way to reach nearly all members and gives each member the easy opportunity to share postings with potential new enthusiasts.

And now we are proud to announce the launch of our redesigned user-friendly website – check it out today!

Our Region's website goals are to: 1) Establish an easy-to-navigate site to communicate up to date Region 15 activities and news; 2) Provide an accurate, simple tool for encouraging and fostering development of the public's interest in our mutual passion; 3) Facilitate browsing and focused research by members and the public. The new website features interactive tools – check out the improved About Us, Awards (and their recipients), Clubs, Display Gardens, Calendar and Regional Meetings, Hybridizers, By-Laws, Who's-Who in the Region, plus the integrated social media button for Facebook.

We hope you'll find that our Facebook page and fresh new website will become your portals to reliable, up to the minute information on everything Region 15.

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