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Above and right: Two of Margo Reed's seedlings as presented during the Region 15 Fall Meeting *photos Margo Reed*

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Front Cover: Congratulations to the 2022 Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award Co-Winners (l-r) 'Snickums' (Gaskins-P.C., 2018) and 'Cinderella's Bloomers' (Selman 2014)
photos by the hybridizers

Above: 'Windyhill's Dreamsicle' (Quinn 2015) in the Gribble Garden
photo Gail Gribble

Below: Detail of the beautifully etched and painted wooden platter featured in the silent auction at the Region 15 Fall Meeting; Curtis Barnes created this work of art that I unfortunately did not win
photo Linda Sue Barnes



Region 15 President

We have concluded another daylily season. This one was filled with events, gardens, awards, and friends. After living through the pandemic and having to cancel plans the past couple years, it was sheer joy to see everyone and to even host a successful National Convention.

We swiftly moved into our Fall Meeting, "Daylilies Under the Pines," sponsored by the Sandhills Daylily Club. We evidently needed another challenge so Mother Nature threw us a curve ball with Hurricane Ian on the very day we were to begin our program! Reacting quickly to changing weather forecasts, Dawn Whitley and the other organizers moved everything into Saturday, packing two days of events into one very doable schedule. According to our records, 54 of 60 members who registered were still able to attend. The Sandhills Daylily Club exhibited tremendous leadership and impeccable communication allowing a safe, successful, fun event. It's just this kind of leadership that our region and club volunteers exhibit time after time.

I am so proud to be a part of this organization with its selfless members. Their care and planning make our events efficient and special. Friendships with other daylily garden owners are renewed and we all come home with more of the most beautiful flowers from plant sales and auctions.

A big shout out to our speakers, Jim Murphy and Margo Reed. They grow and introduce some outstanding daylilies from a gorgeous Blue Ridge mountain location. When they auctioned some of their latest introductions, we had to have just one more. Jen Smith told the science, biology, and story of Monarch Butterflies, explaining extensively what we can do to help save them.

I want to encourage each of you to participate in our Photo Contest this year. Coastal NC Daylily Club has chosen to sponsor the contest and ribbons will be awarded to the winners. A new category has been added called Daylilies from a Different Point of View and the deadline has been extended to the end of the year (see page 24).

The holidays will soon be upon us. Let me encourage our clubs to take the time to relax from all our garden work and to be with friends and family. I always look forward to reading about each of our clubs' activities and how they are building their membership. After the holidays I plan to hold a Zoom meeting with club presidents to reflect on this past season of events, and to discuss their successes and challenges. Networking is a key to innovation and teaming together to share ideas is one way to encourage action and find commonality.

Save the date of June 10, 2023. The Piedmont Daylily Club and Catawba Valley Daylily Clubs will team together to plan our Summer Garden Tours and Meeting. This one-day event will be one you just can't miss.

And finally don't forget to support our Region 15 hybridizers as you select plants for the new season. We are entering that dream time where we look at websites, catalogs, and memory photos from last season. As you dream of those seedlings and what plants complement your landscapes, think of Region 15 hybridizers first.

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

Bill Hurt



Regional Publicity

As the holiday season is upon us and the year winds down, I find myself reflecting on what was definitely not a typical year but instead a very special and exciting one.

Our region hosted another very successful National Convention plus a fun and well-attended Fall Meeting in the midst of a tropical storm.

2022 will not soon be forgotten by most of us and the special memories will be treasured for years to come. I look forward to the new year and new daylily adventures!

The 2022 Region 15 Pop Poll winner is 'Pumpkin Britches' (Simpson-E. 2016) with 19 Votes.

At this year's Fall Meeting, the membership voted to discontinue the regional Pop Poll due to lack of support both nationally and regionally. While we will no longer be voting as a region for our favorite daylily, I would like to encourage you to consider becoming an AHS Garden Judge if you aren't one already.

Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Eric Simpson



Regional Director

Every year when our regional Fall Meeting is in the eastern part of the Carolinas, Wanda and I watch the weather reports very closely, starting a couple weeks before the meeting. As we were doing that this year, everything was exceptionally quiet until time to keep an eye out, "just in case." It started getting interesting, then, about a week out, rut-roh!! This isn't looking good. And sure enough, Ian did head our way.

Living in our area, we have long been accustomed to hurricanes and this one didn't look too intimidating for us (Florida of course was a different case), so what to do? Dawn and the Sandhills team regrouped, rebuilding the Friday-Saturday schedule into Saturday-only and said, "Lets do it!!" And we did!

It was a bit windy and rainy as we arrived to set up Friday afternoon. Several of us arrived at that time, including our speakers, Jim Murphy and Margo Reed who drove down from Virginia. Fortunately, by the time we got started early Saturday morning, almost everyone who had planned to attend was safely there.

We had fun, plenty of good food to eat, and enjoyed a number of presentations that were very interesting. Jim and Margo's presentations were highlights of our meeting and confirmed that their hybridizing work is continuing to produce some outstanding results. Thank you Sandhills club and all others who contributed to make it another fun and exciting fall meeting while working through a weather-challenged weekend.

Less than two weeks later, Wanda and I headed west to Nashville to join in the fall AHS Board meeting. We had a little fun on Friday night when the host director got tickets for a number of us to attend the Grand Ole Opry. On Saturday, it was a day of business for the board members.



Regional Director (continued)

The first good news was from Membership, which reported the very good news that membership is UP this year. The next good news was from our Treasurer who reported that for the first time in a few years, we will start the year with a budget projection in the black, confirming that our daylily organization is re-finding some normalcy again. In addition, the Awards and Honors chair confirmed a contribution has been received to cover the expense for medals for all the Award of Merit winners for the next ten years and the board enthusiastically voted to take that action. Thank you Bob Selman and Eric Simpson for that donation. An Award of Merit is very hard to achieve so a medal is well earned and will be much appreciated and treasured by the hybridizers who receive this honor.

The upcoming National Conventions in Nashville, Oklahoma City, and Seattle were reported to be moving along well. Please do plan to attend as they are always lots of fun, with pretty gardens and much good information.

As we arrived at Registrations and I gave my report, I noted that given the current rate of cultivar registrations, we should go past 100,000 registrations sometime during 2023. That is amazing. Many years ago, who would have thought such a thing was possible.

After a few hours of business we finally got to the fun part, which was this year's awards. We voted on some individual awards that will be announced at the National Convention next year. We don't know who won those awards so I will be as excited to hear who got those as you are. We did hear the cultivar awards a few hours before they were announced on the internet. The Stout Silver Medal went to **'Isabelle Rose'** (Laprise 2009). The somewhat good news was that **'Papa Goose'** (Douglas-H., 2011) was a very close second. The not so good news was it was second. However, to attest to the greatness of **'Papa Goose'**, it was voted the Lenington All-American Award (see page 12). Next was Awards Of Merit, with more good news for region 15. Heidi's **'Breathing In Snowflakes'** (Douglas-H., 2016) topped the AM voting by a pretty good margin. On the Honorable Mention list, there were a number of cultivars from Region 15 (see page 14).

In the Specialty Awards, Paul Owen's **'Work it Girl'** (Owen-P., 2009) was the Extra Large Diameter award winner, as well as the Eugene Foster Late award winner (see page 13). The Lambert/Webster award for UF's went to **'Pumpkin Britches'** (Simpson-E., 2016) which was also a hit at the National Convention in Asheville this year (see page 12). Receiving the much coveted RW Munson Award for patterned flowers was **'Four Beasts In One'** (DeCaire 2009) (see page 13). Congratulations Di DeCaire. Congratulations to all the Region 15 hybridizers who had cultivars up and down the awards list.

It has been a busy spring, summer, and fall in my daylily world. Now to get back in the garden to get it ready for next year. See y'all then.

Happy Gardening, Raymond Quinn.

Below: (l-r) **'Clown Parade'** (Selman 2006) and **'Escape to Paradise'** (Selman 2017) showing off in the Efland's Trillium Falls garden
photos Linda Efland



Garden Judges Liaison

A Garden Judge Workshop I was held at Dirt Road Daylilies, Newton, NC, on September 24 with three students from the Catawba Valley club. Unfortunately hurricane Ian caused the cancellation of the Garden Judge Workshop I that was planned for the Region 15 Fall Meeting. As the Spring Meeting in Charlotte in 2023 will be a one-day event, a Garden Judge Workshop I is not planned at this time. A Garden Judge Workshop II is being considered (details to be forthcoming) for the day after that event.



I urge clubs to consider sponsoring a Garden Judge Workshop I if any of their members have an interest. Based on our region's membership, Region 15 could have more than 20 additional Garden Judges.

A reminder: in 2023 renewing Garden Judges can do a Garden Judge Workshop II in bloom season or take a Garden Judge Workshop III any time one is offered – in person or online. New applicants for Garden Judgeship will still need both Garden Judge Workshop I and Garden Judge Workshop II. Beginning in 2024, renewal for Garden Judges will only be by Workshop III.

Becky Hinshaw

Exhibition Judges Liaison

Those of you who know me know I love a challenge, so when Bill asked if I would agree to be the Exhibition Judges Liaison, I said yes, of course.



After all, the folks who are currently exhibition judges and those interested enough to take the training are a self-motivated, intelligent group. They know that judging flower shows is not just an essential part of holding an accredited flower show, it is also quite a lot of fun. Discussing flowers in great detail and comparing them against their registration details is both entertaining and educational.

If you'd like to join in the fun, take a look at the requirements and resources here: <https://daylilies.org/daylilies/judges/exhibition-judge-resources/>. The beginning clinics are (almost) always given at regional and national meetings. Sign up for them early to make sure the clinic is held as scheduled, order your book, download the other materials, and study. If you have any specific questions, just let me know and I can help coach you through the process.

If you're already an Exhibition Judge, thank you! And don't forget you have to take Exhibition Judges Clinic III every four years to retain your accreditation. Go to the web page shown above then scroll down to Clinic III for all the forms and documentation you'll need.

Linda Sue Barnes

Enter the Carolina Digital Photo Contest
Deadline Extended to December 31
See <http://www.region15daylily.org/digital-photography.html>

2022 Region 15 Fall Meeting

Submitted by Dawn Whitley, Region 15 Secretary
 ADS Region 15 Business Meeting, Lumberton, NC
 October 1, 2022

Bill Hurt called the meeting to order at 9:15, and welcomed all clubs and recognized first timers to a Region 15 event. Of the 60 registered for the event, 54 were able to attend with the revised itinerary, modified due to Hurricane Ian. Bill thanked the Sandhills Daylily Club for hosting the meeting. Welcome, roll call, and dinner were the only agenda items that took place Friday. All clubs except Charleston and Upstate were represented.



Bill shared that Ken Ferguson, Webmaster, has overhauled the website region15daylily.org and encouraged everyone to check it out.

Eric Simpson presented Region 15 with a check for \$12,000 from the profits of the summer's National Convention in Asheville as a thank you for all the help provided by Region 15 members.



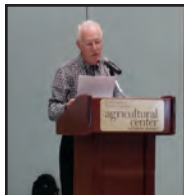
Eric brought up the decline in voting for the Popularity Poll – only 59 of 313 members voted this year. Eric noted that the American Daylily

Society no longer recognizes the Popularity Poll and asked Region 15 members whether or not we wanted to continue. After a brief discussion, there was a motion and a second to follow the AHS precedent and discontinue the Region 15 Popularity Poll. While not unanimous, the motion passed.

For 2022, the Pop Poll Winners are (see page 25):
 5th place (tie) 'Mean Green' (2008) by Judy Davisson and 'Carnival in Caracas' (2007) by Vic Santa Lucia
 4th place: 'Boss Hogg' (2015) by Heidi Douglas
 2nd place (tie): 'Breathing in Snowflakes' (2016) by Heidi Douglas and 'Windyhill's Dreamsicle' (2015) by Ray Quinn
 1st place: 'Pumpkin Britches' (2016) by Eric Simpson

Mitchell Hagler gave the Treasurer Report. We are in good shape.

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Above, top to bottom: Bill Hurt kicks off the hurricane-shortened 2022 Region 15 Fall Meeting in Lumberton *photo Kathy Tinius*; Eric Simpson presents Region 15 President Bill Hurt with a check for \$12,000 to express thanks from the Western NC Daylily Club for all the help they got for the Convention *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Mitchell Hagler gives the Treasurer Report *photo Kathy Tinius*
Upper right: Nancy Womack, Awards Chair, announces hybridizer and personal award winners *photo Kathy Tinius*; Raymond Quinn updates members with news from the national organization; Kathy Tinius reviews the new Carolina Digital Photo Contest category *photos Linda Sue Barnes*

Nancy Womack, Awards Chair, presented the Region 15 hybridizer and personal awards.



Jeffcoat Hybridizers Award (see cover):
 3rd Place: Bill Gluck for 'Into the Galaxy' (2017)
 2nd Place: Eric Simpson for 'Midnight in Paradise' (2017)
 1st Place (tie): Perry Gaskins for 'Snickums' (2018) and Bob Selman for 'Cinderella's Bloomers' (2014)

Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award: Ed Zahler (see page 10)

Carolina Service Award: Anne Winningham (see page 11)

Raymond Quinn, Region 15 Director, gave his report.

- Recognized Vic Santa Lucia for winning the AHS Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for Hybridizing, and posthumously recognized Van Sellers for winning the AHS David Hall Memorial Award (Popularity Poll) for 'All American Chief' (Sellers 1994) for 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2015.
- Board Changes: Secretary – Nancy Lovingood, Webmaster – Open
- AHS Convention Schedule: 2023 Nashville, TN; 2024 Oklahoma City, OK; 2025 Seattle, WA
- Raymond Quinn, as the AHS Registrar, reported that we will likely go over 100,000 registered cultivars in 2023.



Volunteers were solicited for the Nominating Committee for Region 15 2024-25 Elected Officers and Raymond Quinn, Heidi Douglas, and Leslie Platt volunteered.

Michael Luther, Regional Meetings Liaison, announced the Region 15 Meeting Schedule: 2023 Summer – Piedmont Daylily Club & Catawba Valley Daylily Club hosting in Charlotte; 2023 Fall – Mid-Carolina Daylily Society. We need volunteers for 2024 and beyond. The 2023 Summer Meeting will be a Saturday meeting including three garden tours, lunch, business meeting, speaker and auction. Carpooling is recommended. Hotel will be your choice. A recommended list will be provided.



Kathy Tinius, Carolina Digital Photo Contest Chair, discussed a proposal for adding a category to the photo contest called "Daylilies From a Different Point of View" for obviously manipulated photos. After a discussion, Pat Mansfield moved to proceed and Wanda Quinn seconded. The motion passed.

Bill recognized Alex and Dawn Whitley. Whitley Gardens has been approved for ADS Display Garden status (see page 20).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10.



Seen Around the Fall Meeting....



Above, left to right: (l-r) Raymond Quinn, Wanda Quinn, Melodye Campbell, Ann Cobb, and Ken Cobb enjoyed the fellowship *photo Melodye Campbell*; the Region 15 Leadership Team met prior to the Business Meeting; Dawn Whitley is to be thanked and congratulated for reacting quickly and efficiently to adjust the schedule as Hurricane Ian approached *photos Alex Whitley*



Above, left to right: (l-r) Linda Sue Barnes, Curtis Barnes, and Janet Warren divided, scrubbed, and labeled the great daylilies offered for sale at the Fall Meeting; (l-r) sisters Julia Odom and Ella Ruth Maugans created the centerpieces, including this large seasonal display, by collecting long-leaf pine branches, a variety of pine cones, dried flowers, seed stalks, apples, and nuts; the centerpieces were perfect for a fall celebration *photos Julia Odom*



Above, left to right: (l-r) Marshall Morrow, Bill Hurt, Michael Luther, Jeffrey Franz, Felicia Pritchett, Alex Whitley, and Dawn Whitley congratulated themselves for surviving the drive through Hurricane Ian *photo Dawn Whitley*; since he was unable to attend the National Convention where his accomplishment was announced, Vic Santa Lucia received his Bertrand Farr Silver Medal from Raymond Quinn at the Fall Meeting (see page 16 of the Summer 2022 edition of the *Hemalina* for the full write up). The members of Region 15 celebrated and congratulated Vic on this very well deserved honor *photo Linda Sue Barnes*

2022 Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award Winners

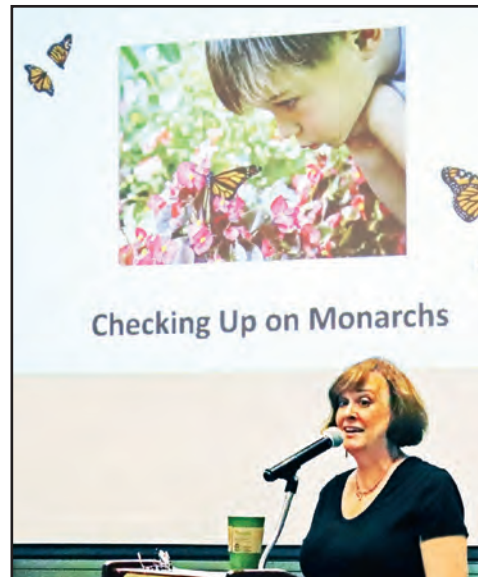
Perry Gaskins and Eric Simpson Share the Honors



The winning flowers of the 2022 Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award are featured on the cover of this issue. Shown receiving their award plaques from Anne Winningham are Perry Gaskins (left *photo Anne Winningham*) and Eric Simpson (right *photo Linda Sue Barnes*). Perry and Anne were celebrating so hard they just couldn't keep still for the camera! Congratulations to both winners!

2022 Fall Meeting Speakers

Fearlessly Traveled Through a Hurricane to Entertain Us!



The 2022 Fall Meeting speakers could not have been more entertaining. In addition to their actual presentations, they each had stories to tell of their harrowing very long drives through the lashing rains and winds of Hurricane Ian. Region 15 members are very grateful for their perseverance and fortitude. Margo Reed gave us an overview of how she and Jim Murphy carved Woodhenge Gardens out of a hilltop near the Blue Ridge mountains in Virginia. Jim gave us details on how to grow and hybridize for big, strong scapes (among other things). Jen Smith gave us an intensively detailed, highly scientific indoctrination into the world of Monarch butterflies and even the most lepidopterally experienced members learned something new. *Photos Linda Sue Barnes*

This and That

The goodie bags given out at the Region 15 Fall Meeting were great fun. We received the usual (and very, very useful) things like handy wipes, pens, and information on the local area. One extra item was a lovely garden journal penned by Julia Odom's daughter Stephanie Rzonca. Provided by Ruth's Dream Kitchen and Garden, the journals include inspirational sayings, handy garden tips, and pages for organizing notes. Stephanie is a former Region 15 youth member who is also a talented artist.

Photo Julia Odom



In the early 1990s, I lived near Washington DC where my best friend and I had just discovered daylilies. The National Capital Daylily Club would hold a sale in the spring that was legendary. All of the plants were placed on tables in paper bags with the name and description written on the outside. Colors and types were grouped together. You had about an hour before the sale to look at what was available, but when time for the sale approached, you had to retreat behind the rope!

The countdown to the rope drop was nerve wracking. 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-GO! We literally ran to where our must-have plant was, reached in, grabbed one, and ran to our next must-have, then the next, and the next. Only when our arms were so full we couldn't carry one more did we stop and move to the checkout line.

May we all experience the unbridled fun of this daylily gluttony at least once in our lives. And may we all have the same look of unmitigated glee on our faces that Leslie Platt (right) had at the plant sale held at a flower show earlier this year.

Photo Barry Pratt

**Save the date - June 10, 2023
Charlotte, NC**

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

We love these photos of happy winners because we know the hard work and long hours it took to get here!

At right are Gail and David Gribble with their winning entry 'Elizabeth Hewitt' (Selman 2010).

Gail and David won Best Large Flowered at the Piedmont Daylily Club Flower Show earlier this summer. Congratulations!

Photo Gail Gribble



Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award

Ed Zahler

When someone has had a daylily career as long as that of Ed Zahler, the count of people they've reached, educated, and influenced becomes very large. And when that person has made a point to seek out people, draw them into the world of daylilies, and proactively teach them growing and hybridizing skills, the count becomes immeasurable.

Ed's story starts in the 1970s and 1980s when he became friends with and learned volumes from the likes of Charlotte Holman and Pauline Henry. Recognizing the valuable education being passed to him, Ed began immediately sharing that knowledge both in his career as a teacher and with the gardening community at large.

In the early 1990s Ed established the Grand Strand Daylily Society, which brought together the daylily fanatics he knew were out there. This club gave him a foundation to reach out to new gardeners and to find brand new daylily lovers. Programs regularly featured educational pieces encouraging members to grow a greater variety of daylilies, share plants with their neighbors, and to take up hybridizing on their own. A regular presenter at other daylily clubs' meetings, Ed's talks always raised people's interest in what might be possible in the daylily hybridizing world and how they could be a part of that future.

Ed has served as a Garden Judge and a Garden Judge Instructor. Over the years, he has taught probably hundreds of Garden Judges, using his gentle teaching style to make the detailed information easier to understand. In addition, while serving as Region 15 Hybridizer Liaison, Ed actively brought together hybridizers from across the region to share knowledge and breeding tips.



Over the years, Ed has sparked a daylily fire in many, many people. Serious commercial gardeners, dedicated backyard gardeners, and gardeners with only small flower beds all received

the same message, outreach, and encouragement from Ed. Arguably the most significant impact Ed has had on the world of daylilies is through his mentoring relationship with Duane Therrien. After they met at a Lowcountry Daylily Club meeting, Ed quickly took Duane under his wing, teaching him what he knew about daylily genetics and how to grow robust daylilies. Their friendship grew along with their



hybridizing programs and soon they combined their gardens to better focus their efforts. Duane's boundless energy and stamina combined with Ed's background and guidance has produced a show-stopping garden and very strong diploid genetic lines. Twenty-five years after Ed registered his first plant, Duane registered his first – and both have a series of very strong contenders moving through their hybridizing programs.

Throughout his daylily career, Ed has worked towards a singular goal – to create diploids with the same substance, rich color, ruffling, and even gold edge as tetraploids. He has readily shared this goal and the details of his hybridizing program with others in the hopes they will become as enthusiastic as he is to create such beauty. Sure enough, sharing the idea that diploids can be knock-your-socks-off beautiful has enabled Ed to convince folks to get into hybridizing who might not have otherwise.

While Ed's daylily world of late has gotten a little smaller, the people he's educated, encouraged, and mentored carry on, producing fresh flowers, robust plants, and spreading the word of daylilies. We are all so much richer for his efforts and Ed Zahler more than deserves the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award.

Submitted by Kathy Tinius.

Clockwise from left: (l-r) Ed Zahler and Duane Therrien give a presentation on their hybridizing program during the 2015 Region 15 Fall Meeting; sporting both a bright red hat and squishy red nose, Ed was a driving force in raising morale during a working session for the 2018 AHS National Convention in Myrtle Beach; Heidi Douglas presents Ed Zahler with the 2022 Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award *photo Heidi Douglas*; Duane and Ed ham it up in their garden in 2016 *except as noted, photos Kathy Tinius*



Carolina Service Award

Anne Winningham

I want to nominate Anne Winningham for the Carolina Service award for 2022.

First of all Anne is a giving person, always doing for the club and others. She fills in when others can't be at a meeting or sale. She has been the President of the Lowcountry Daylily Club at least five times and Vice President several times.



Anne coordinates our twice a year flower sales, which are extremely popular and a lot of work. She coordinates donations and puts pictures on boards so everyone can see what they are buying. When the sales are over, Anne takes any remaining plants home, pots them up, and holds them for the next sale. She takes care of them as well as her own plants, making sure they are getting water and fertilizer. Anne has worked tirelessly for hours getting things done for the three Summer and Fall Meetings that have

been hosted by Lowcountry Daylily Club and for the 2018 National Convention in Myrtle Beach. In addition, she has worked with other clubs helping them get ready for regional meetings and national conventions. At these events, Anne is usually the last one to leave as she gets things put together and out of the way until the next day or to clean up when it is over.

Anne gets along with people, and they are always asking her for her help, which she cheerfully provides. She works with Mitchell Hager during the auctions, keeping things straight with who bought what and how many plants each person bought, and collecting money once everything is over. Anne is an asset to the Lowcountry Club and to Region 15. She truly loves daylilies and daylily people. I know I wouldn't know what to do without her in the club.



At the regional level, Anne served as Awards Manager for many years and willingly turned over templates and other records to her successor. She also volunteered to print Seedling Bed ballots and help count them at the most recent National Convention in Asheville. Anne has also served as a Garden Judge and Exhibition Judge. Anne is very deserving of this award. It would be an honor to see her receive The Carolina Service Award this year.



Submitted by Perry Gaskins.

Clockwise from left: Anne Winningham shows Richard Warren the flowers that survived the deer attack in her tour garden during the 2019 Summer Meeting; Anne serves as emcee during the 2019 Summer Meeting *photos Kathy Tinius*; Leslie Platt presents the Carolina Service Award to Anne during the 2022 Fall Meeting *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; during the 2019 Fall Meeting, Anne confers with Janet Warren *photo Kathy Tinius*; Anne and Cathy Coffey check out Debbie D. Smith, Region 14 Director, at the 2018 National Convention plant sale table *photo Kathy Dolge*



Lenington All American Award

Heidi Douglas - 'Papa Goose'

Given annually since 1970, the Lenington All-American Award is for the daylily voted the best performer over a wide geographic area. The winner for 2022 is the much-admired and widely-grown 'Papa Goose' (2011) from Heidi Douglas of Browns Ferry Gardens.



Above, left to right: Heidi Douglas at the 2022 National Convention *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; demonstrating the climatic flexibility of 'Papa Goose' (Douglas-H., 2011), this plant is growing in Lithuania where winters are certainly harder than South Carolina *photo Edvinas Misiukevičius*; presenting 'Papa Goose' in all its glory *photo Heidi Douglas*

Lambert/Webster Award

Eric Simpson - 'Pumpkin Britches'

The Lambert/Webster Award, a bronze medal, was established to stimulate interest in daylilies that are large and gangly but are not spiders. Eric Simpson's 'Pumpkin Britches' (2016) was a clear standout during the 2022 National Convention, gathering interest and photographers in several tour gardens.

Below, left to right: Eric Simpson at the 2021 Fall Meeting *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; 'Pumpkin Britches' was radiant in the Sacred Circle tour garden at the national convention *photo Becky Hinshaw*; Eric's own photo of his prized 'Pumpkin Britches' *photo Eric Simpson*

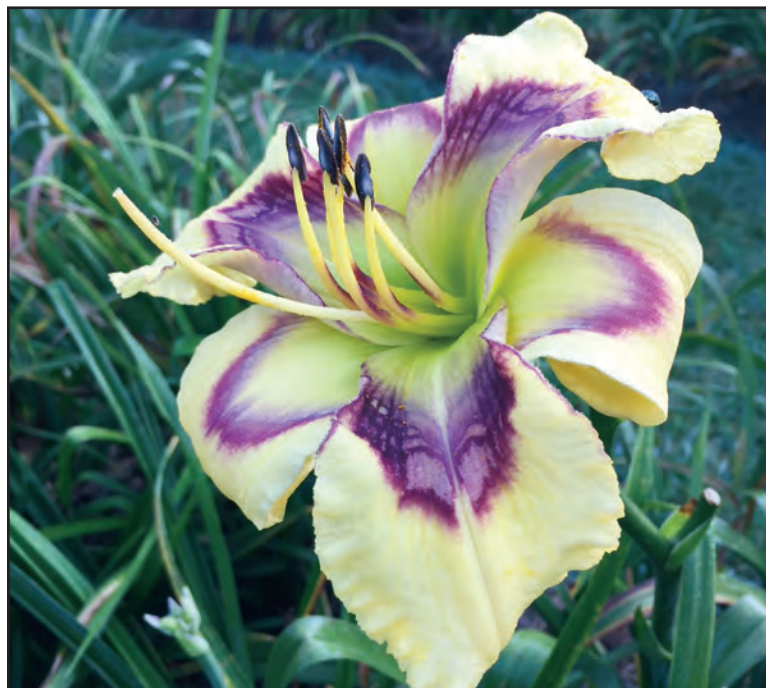
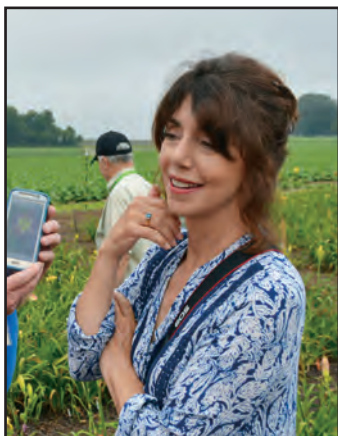


*Congratulations to
Our Winners!*

R.W. Munson Award

Di DeCaire - 'Four Beasts in One'

Established in 2001 to recognize the most outstanding distinctly patterned daylily, the R.W. Munson, Jr. Award in 2022 was awarded to the exciting '**Four Beasts in One**' by Di DeCaire (2009).



Above, left to right, then right: Di DeCaire in her garden during the 2017 summer tour *photo Kathy Tinius*; Ken Cobb's 2020 Carolina Digital Photo Contest first place winning photo *photo Ken Cobb*; grown in Summit Lakes Garden, this photo shows some of the variations in the plum cream patterns *photo Bill Hurt*

Extra Large Diameter Award

Paul Owen - 'Work It Girl'

Eugene S. Foster Award

Paul Owen - 'Work It Girl'

Exciting news for Paul Owen – he won two awards in 2022. The Extra Large Diameter Award, established in 2005, was awarded to '**Work it Girl**' by Paul (2009). In addition, '**Work it Girl**' garnered enough votes to win the Eugene S. Foster Award, which is given for the outstanding late-blooming cultivar! Exciting, indeed!

Below, left to right: Paul Owen works in Slightly Different Nursery and two views of '**Work it Girl**' (Owen-P., 2009) *photos Paul Owen*



Region 15 2022 Winners!

Awards of Merit and Honorable Mentions

Congratulations to these 2022 Award of Merit Winners!



'Breathing in Snowflakes' (Douglas-H., 2016)



'Asheville White Winged Dove' (Selman 2014)

Congratulations to these 2022 Honorable Mention Winners!

Shown in order of votes received; all photos by hybridizers unless otherwise indicated



'Perry and His Harem'
(Douglas-H., 2018)



'Pumpkin Britches'
(Simpson-E., 2016)



'Four Beasts in One'
(DiCaire 2009)

photo Linda Sue Barnes



'Blue Mule'
(Selman 2019)



'Tweaked Out'
(Owen-P., 2018)



'Wiggly Piggly'
(Davisson-J., 2009)

from oakhillplantfans.com



'Moonlight on the Beach'
(Douglas-C., 2018)

photo Heidi Douglas



'Buds at the Beach'
(Douglas-C., 2018)

photo Heidi Douglas



'Zyzzified'
(DiCaire 2015)



'Lipstick on a Pig'
(Owen-P., 2017)

Proposed Awards Rules Changes

Changes will ensure consistency

Over the last few months while working with Ken Ferguson on updating the Awards portion of the Region 15 website, as well as while administering the fall awards procedure, I observed several inconsistencies and concerns regarding the Carolina Service Award and the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award. Realizing that these two awards became a part of our awards system at different times and by different sponsoring clubs (neither of which is currently sponsored by the same clubs that started them), such inconsistencies are understandable. However, since both awards are equally significant, I maintain that the guidelines should be the same. This would also clarify the nomination process and guarantee consistency, thus eliminating confusion.

Based on this line of thought, I presented a proposal to the Region 15 Board at our fall meeting to initiate the procedure to make that official. The Board approved the proposed guidelines listed below.

In addition, (as reflected in the proposed guidelines), I suggested that the selection committee for each of the awards consist of “elected board members” and the last two winners of each award. This would then make “appointed” board members (RPD and Secretary) eligible for consideration. Having been approved by the Board during the Fall Meeting, this proposal will be on the summer Board Meeting Agenda for membership vote.

Proposed language for the official rules of the Carolina Service Award and the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award.

- Any Region 15 member(s) may nominate an individual or couple who work together that he/she/they deem worthy of the (Carolina Service Award or the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award)*.

- Nominations should be in narrative form and should include details of the nominee’s (mentoring or service)* efforts as well as provide any other information about the nominee’s contributions to ADS and Region 15.
- The nomination letter may be sent via email or the USPS to the Awards Management Chair and must arrive on or before Sept. 1 of the year for which the nomination is made.
- Contact information for the person(s) making the nomination is required.
- Elected members of the Region 15 Board of Directors (RP, Treasurer, and Board Member at Large) and the last two previous winners of this award will constitute the selection committee for this award.
- Elected members of the Region 15 Board of Directors, the Awards Manager, and previous winners of this award are NOT eligible for nomination.
- Winners of this award will receive an engraved plaque at the Fall Regional Meeting presented by the sponsoring club President (or the President’s designee).

*Upon approval by Region 15 membership, these guidelines will be listed separately on the website and in print publications with the specific award-appropriate name inserted where both names are listed here.

Nancy Womack, Region 15 Awards Management Chair



Region 15 Meeting Hosts



Curious who might have hosted a Region 15 meeting (since 1995) and when your club might have hosted? Here's the answer from Michael Luther, who would love to hear that your club would like to host a future meeting!

Catawba Valley Daylily Club: Spring 2012, with Piedmont Spring 2023

Charleston Daylily Club: New club, not yet hosted

Coastal NC Daylily Society: Fall 2020, Fall 2021 (moved due to COVID)

Foothills Daylily Society: Fall 2012, Spring 2020, Spring 2021 (moved due to COVID)

Lowcountry Daylily Club: Fall 2000, Spring 2001, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2010, Spring 2019

Mid-Carolina Daylily Society: Fall 1996, Spring 1997, Fall 2001, Spring 2003, Fall 2008, Spring 2011, Fall 2017, Fall 2023

Piedmont Daylily Club: Fall 1997, Spring 1998, Spring 2003, Spring 2008, Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2019

Raleigh Hemerocallis Club: Fall 1995, Spring 1996, Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2013, Spring 2017

Sandhills Daylily Club: Fall 1999, Spring 2000, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2015, Fall 2022

Upstate Daylily Society: Spring 2002, Spring 2009, Spring 2015, Fall 2018

Western NC Daylily Club: Fall 2002, Spring 2014*, Spring 2022*

Club no longer existing but which served as hosts since 2000:

Central Daylily Club: Fall 2003, Spring 2004

NC Daylily Fans: Fall 2007

Triad Daylily Club and Garden Fans: Fall 2016

Georgetown Area: Spring 1995, Fall 1998, Spring 1999, Fall 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Fall 2011, Spring 2013, Spring 2018*

*Denotes National Convention



Junior Citation Awards

Voted on by Garden Judges from plants observed during the current year's garden tours, Junior Citation winning plants focus attention on new cultivars that appear to have outstanding qualities and distinction. Here are the 2022 Region 15 winners!

Photos by hybridizers except as indicated



'Dragon Masquerade' (Selman 2022)



'Once Upon a Moon' (Selman 2022)



'Dragon Style' (Selman 2022)



Above, left to right: In Blue Ridge Daylilies flower beds during the 2022 AHS National Convention, 'Paradise Pearl' (Simpson-E., 2022), then labeled ES804, and 'Dragon Style' (Selman 2022), then labeled BS902, showed off for visitors

photos Kathy Tinius



'Jungle Thunder' (Simpson-E., 2022)



'Parade of Hats' (Simpson-E., 2022)



'Paradise Pearl' (Simpson-E., 2022)

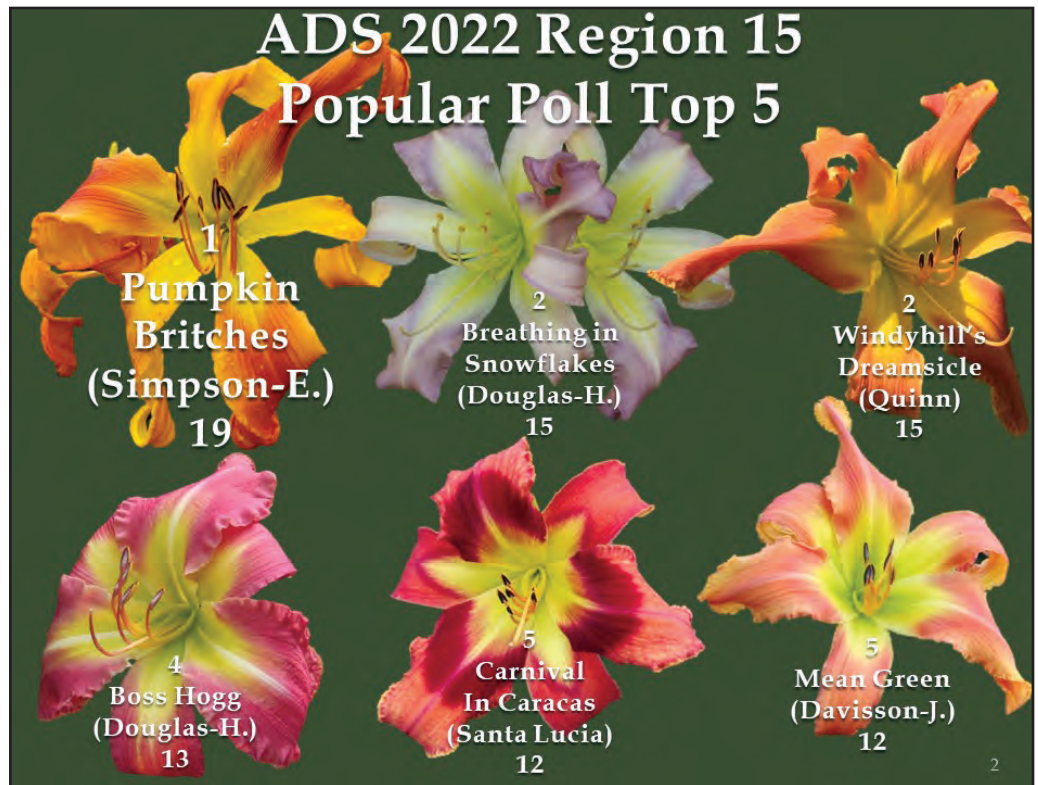
Goodbye

2022 Popularity Poll Will Be The Last...

It may be true that all good things must come to an end, but it is also true that some things simply run their course and find a natural stopping point.

Such is the case of the Popularity Poll. Begun in the early 1990s as a way to inform those new to daylilies which plants perform best and are most liked in a region, in recent years the Popularity Poll has felt less and less relevant. Social media sharing has allowed local hybridizers and growers to communicate better with customers, and new members learn directly from other members what grows well in their micro-climates.

2022 is the last year for the Popularity Poll. Congratulations to Eric Simpson!!



Herman Pruitt - A Legacy

Mitchell Hagler

Recently, our region's leadership team was discussing the various awards that we give out at our summer and fall meetings. When we came to the Herman Pruitt Mentoring award someone mentioned that many of our members may not remember Herman. This article is to introduce or refresh remembrances of this stalwart of Region 15.

Herman Pruitt, who passed away January 10, 2011, was a member of the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, but perhaps more importantly, he was the founder of the Central Daylily Club and served as president several times.

Linda Gluck, Herman's sister, tells the story of Herman and his wife Alice visiting the Piedmont Daylily Club with the Glucks. Shortly thereafter Herman decided that since Charlotte was too far to drive, he would start a club in Burlington. The Central Daylily Club was born.

Herman brought in local 4H clubs, plus he taught and encouraged many young people to get involved with daylilies. He gave them daylilies to start their own gardens and held classes to teach them how to amend the soil and take care of the flowers.

In Region 15, Herman was always the mentor and encourager. He mentored Bill Gluck in particular to enter one of his seedlings in the hybridizer of the year award. And to Bill's delight, 'Cat Ballou' (2006) won!

Herman also encouraged this shy man who didn't talk much to become someone who now can stand up in front of a large group of people and talk about daylilies.

Regionally, he and Alice maintained an AHS Display Garden. Herman was a garden and exhibition judge, served on the nominating committee, and chaired the Awards Management Committee. For his service, he was awarded the 2006 Region 15 Carolina Service Award.

Nationally, Herman served on Ken Cobb's Archives and History Committee. After Herman's death, Ken wrote to the committee that many of the donations of money and equipment received by the archives came from Herman. In fact, Ken said that he often hesitated to mention potential archival needs with Herman because he knew he would immediately offer to cover the expense.

Paul Owen said that Herman had a "gardener's heart" and that he was "one of those people we all too rarely meet over our lifetime...who can get us at 'hello.'"

The next time you have an opportunity to nominate someone for the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award, keep in mind the kind of man Herman was and select someone to carry on his legacy.

Above: Herman Pruitt photo from Love Funeral Home Program



Daylily Photography

Or, How to Win a Photography Contest Without a Camera

Ken Ferguson

In any kind of competition, whether it be a beauty pageant, a soccer match, or the Carolina Digital Photography Contest, two kinds of people enter – those who would like to win and those who really, really want to win. Based on my experiences taking photos and judging many photo contests, I have described in the following paragraphs the actions of those who really, really want to win – actions they take before they ever pick up a camera.

UNDERSTAND THE CONTEST

Follow the rules of the competition (ours are listed in the Awards section of region15daylily.org). Here is a blunt fact of life. If an entrant intentionally breaks a rule, he or she does so at their own peril. Depending on the infraction, their work may be disqualified before ever being seen by a judge.

Read the narratives about the purpose of the contest. This is key information listing the criteria judges will be using to evaluate an entry. Many contestants make the mistake of reading the bold-faced title of a category and ignoring what follows. Actually, the words after the title most often describe exactly what the judges will be looking for.

What I suspect happens every year is the “would like to win” person scrolls through their hundreds of photos from bloom season in mid-October when the contest reminder is sent out. They think only of the category titles like “People,” “Landscape,” “Artistic,” or “Cultivar” and make their selections. On the other hand, the “really, really wants to win” photographer has studied the category narratives and has already planned his or her photos back in April before the first daylily bud has appeared on a scape.

DO THE RESEARCH

Going back to the commonality of virtually all competitions, the victor has more than likely done some homework, and in some cases a lot. Reviewing photographs that have won in past competitions provides some clues as to what the judges seemed to have liked over the years. It also reveals the strengths and weaknesses of the winning works. For the photographers who know they can capture a superior image, this analysis is often the motivation for them to enter a contest in the first place. To review past winners of the Carolina Digital Photo Contest, click on the Newsletter tab for the *Hemalina* Archives on region15daylily.org.



EXPLOIT OBVIOUS BIASES

“Bias” in this context is not to be construed as a negative behavior. Using this year’s People Images of Region 15 Members second place winner as an example, here are three decisions based on potential judging biases that were made before picking up a camera in the concept process.

THE MODEL – Universally, most groups face the challenge of backfilling their aging memberships with young people. Capitalizing on this, an adorable child model was chosen with the hopes it she would elicit an “awwww...” from the judges.

THE FLOWER – When a person sees something familiar, be it a person or flower, a connection (conscious or not) is made. A bias if you will. The bloom used in the photo was ‘**Tropical Fruit Loop**’ (Selman 2014). It was specifically selected out of the 2,000 others in the garden on the estimation that one or more judges might recognize it as a Region 15 hybrid produced by a well-known grower in our region.

THE TITLE – Many gardening enthusiasts are familiar with Elsie Spalding, a forerunner in daylily hybridizing. Once asked how she chose which blooms to cross, she responded with, “just put Pretty on Pretty.” Two thirds of the winning photo’s title wrote itself just using that quote. The ...“by Pretty” was added to complete the connection between the daylily reference and the image of the cute model. When a judge may be scoring several hundred photographs in a contest, a work with a relatable and memorable title is a very big plus.

Renowned photographer Ansel Adams once said, “There is nothing worse than a sharp image of a fuzzy concept.” At this point, “really, really wants to win” photographers clearly

see the concept in their minds, making it more likely they will be able to capture that vision creating an award winning piece of photographic art.

At this point, several questions need to be answered with specificity. If a person is in the composition, who will it be (by name), and will they want to be photographed and sign a release? If a bloom is a key element in the photo which one (by name) will be chosen? Is the overall setting in the photographer’s garden or someone else’s? When will the image be captured... early, mid, or late bloom season; what time of day will the flower look best; what will the light be like at that time; is the model available at that time; and will the location be open then for the shoot? With the answers to these questions, the preproduction process is complete.

OK. Now you can pick up your camera.

A Big Thank You!

Wanda Quinn

Even with the challenging weather during the Region 15 Fall Meeting, nearly everyone was able to get their raffle or silent auction donations to the meeting as promised. For this reason, I want to personally thank the following clubs and individuals for their beautiful donations, which were works

of art! Most if not all baskets were valued over \$100. I also want to give a BIG THANKS to those who purchased tickets or bid on these items. Without your generosity and wonderful donations none of this would have been possible.

Catawba Valley Daylily Club
Coastal NC Daylily Society
Foothills Daylily Society
Lowcountry Daylily Club
Piedmont Daylily Society
Raleigh Hemerocallis Club
Western NC Daylily Society

Note: Thanks also to the Mid Carolina Daylily Society for preparing a basket but they did not have a way to get it to the event.



Above then below: Coastal NC's basket with its "Hooker Formula" and Western NC's basket with blue mushroom



Top then above: Raleigh's basket was like a visit to a garden center and Piedmont's included a handy rolling garden stool



Top, left then right: Linda Sue & Curtis Barnes swept out the attic to provide a basket of hand crafted items and the Garden Hut went for delicious food and a gift card

These individuals and this business contributed to the raffle:

Nancy Womack, Mitchell Hagler, Milton Moffitt, Kathy Tinius, Linda Sue and Curtis Barnes
Garden Hut, Fuquay-Varina, NC

These individuals contributed to the silent auction:
Melodye Campbell, Bill Hurt & Marshall Morrow, Linda Sue and Curtis Barnes, Ken Fergerson, Kirk and Nancy Milleman, Rebecca Board, Pat Mansfield, Julia Odom

Photos Wanda Quinn



Bottom, left then right: Lowcountry placed succulents in a rustic metal bucket and Nancy Womack donated a hand-crocheted baby blanket

What, oh What to Do!?

The Perennial Winter Lament

What to do, what to do? Winter's coming and even those who live in the southernmost parts of our region will eventually have to put down the shovel and stay inside due to the weather. Although we are inclined to pine away the hours staring out the window at our barren flower beds, we know it isn't healthy.

Two baskets at the 2022 Region 15 Fall Meeting in Lumberton suggested alternatives.



A basket donated by Kathy Tinius (left), was pulled together to prepare the winner to share some long, cold, winter evenings with friends. Tea-themed mysteries encourage starting a local book group, and the tiny easel can be used to note the name of the book up for discussion.

Pretty teacups, both a flowered china cup and gold-embossed Moroccan tea glass, can be filled with an interesting variety of teas. This is the time of year to select a tea you normally wouldn't. Pick a spicy variety or one with rose or lavender overtones.

There's a journal included in which you can write the names of your favorite tea or your thoughts on the book you read or plans for your new flower bed. Share your teas, share your books, share

your thoughts on the upcoming daylily season and blooms.

The members of the Foothills Daylily Society see the value in staying busy in the down season. They put together the basket at right entitled "Things to do when you are not doing Daylilies."

Right off the bat, they've provided you with a rolling cart to keep things organized. And inside they've given you kits to complete ten (yes ten!) different projects. Try creating diamond paintings. Learn to cross stitch. Make some lovely jewelry. Start to needlepoint. Build some decorative napkin rings. Make a comfy blanket. All the supplies and directions are there.

Not enough to get you started? They also included ten instructional books on subjects from "Mandalas to Crochet" to "Learn Calligraphy." Adult activity books are included too, from "Circle Word Puzzles" to "Coloring Book for Grown-ups" (markers have been included, of course).

Prepare for the winter months ahead – build on these ideas to make up a basket for yourself. While the weather is still warm, pull together soothing, fun, interesting, and challenging things (including something you've never done, read, or tasted before) in a cart or basket and set it aside. When those cold days arrive, bring it out, and enjoy!

Photos Linda Sue Barnes



Display Gardens

Dawn & Alex Whitley

We have been collecting daylilies since 1990 when Alex's administrative assistant told him about getting bags of daylily seedlings from John Shooter at Marietta Gardens. We went right away to visit and bought a bag of seedling culls plus four \$5 daylilies. Johnny and Alex hit it off and we joined the Sandhills Daylily club. The rest, as they say, is history.

We now have over 1,000 named cultivars, each with a tag showing the name, hybridizer, year introduced, ploidy, and show category. One of our neighbors asked what the markers were about, did we bury our pets in the flower beds? Thank goodness not!



We've been collecting for such a long time, we have enough older daylilies to also qualify as a historic garden. We don't have themed beds but have started grouping our daylilies by size as we rework the beds. We grow all shapes and sizes and have made a concerted effort lately to add more smalls and minis.



The name of our garden is self-explanatory – Whitley Gardens. It's not very creative but will do until we come up with something better. Now that Dawn has retired, we have started hybridizing with more discipline and in greater volume, with four seedling beds underway. We haven't registered anything yet but have several we are evaluating.

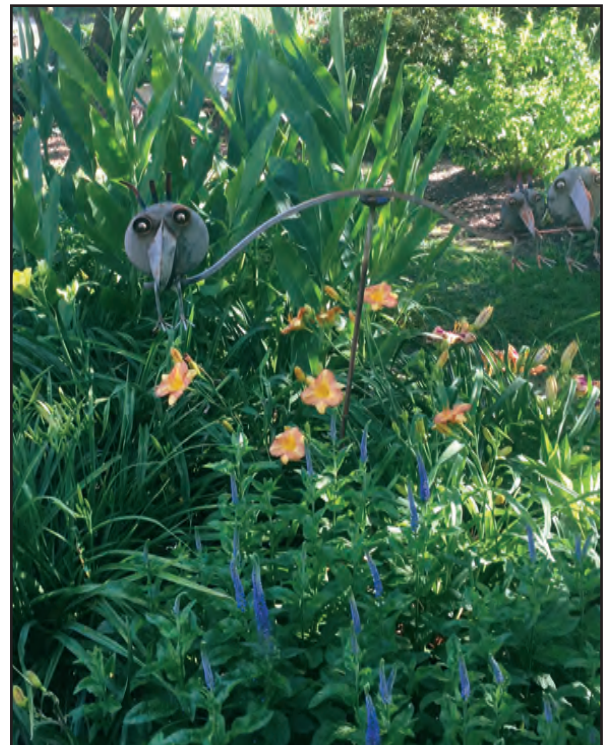
Entering daylily shows is a passion and we love giving our dear friend Bill Hurt a run for the rosettes. The garden art we have won at these shows goes into our flower beds along with the many pieces of whimsy Dawn has made at pottery class.



We had been saying for years that we needed to apply for display garden status and we finally made it happen. Now we need to figure out a creative way to hang our new display garden sign. Come by next year during bloom season to see what we came up with!



Photos Dawn Whitley



Poetry Corner

Exfoliation

The crepe myrtle trees,
having outgrown themselves,
had no choice but to shed
their bark this year.

Long, thin strips break loose,
curl inward, cling by threads
to their trunks till at last
they let go and fall to the ground,

or get caught and hang like
snake skins over branches,
waiting for heavy winds
or rain take them down.

The trees transformed,
their inner layers exposed,
vulnerable, naked,
and beautiful, like brides.

- Nancy Womack



Scam Alert

Region 15 Officers will never, ever, ever ask you to buy Gift Cards

Scammers are clever, and getting craftier every day. You can help foil them by recognizing potential scammers and taking correct actions.

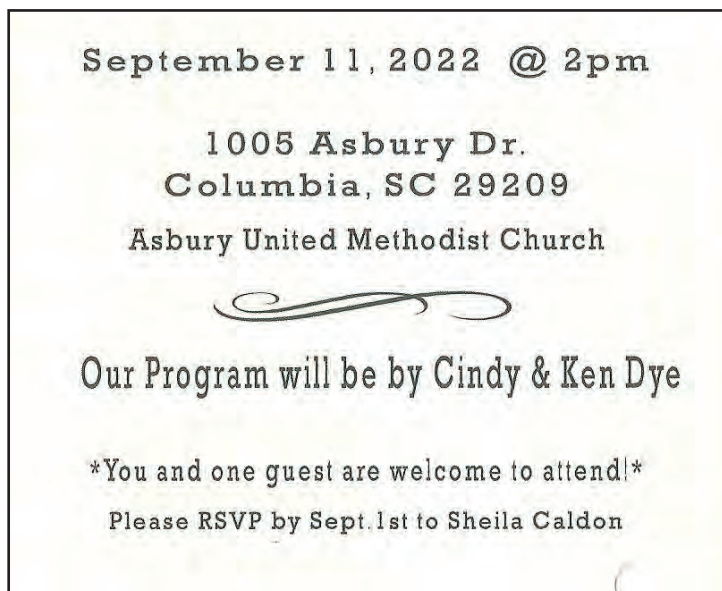
1. If you get an email from a Region 15 or Club officer and it sounds fishy or you have any question about it whatsoever, call the person the email is allegedly from before you do anything else
2. If you receive an email allegedly coming from a Region 15 or Club officer and they normally do not contact you by email, call the person the email is allegedly from before you do anything else
3. If you choose not to contact the alleged sender and do respond to the email, and they answer back asking for additional information or for you to take action like send them money or buy gift cards, DO NOT RESPOND BACK. Immediately delete both emails you have received and delete any further emails they may send without opening them.
4. Region 15 and Club officers will never, ever, ever, ever, ever send an email asking you to buy gift cards or to send them money or to send money to someone else. Ever.
5. If you use Facebook and out of the blue you receive a Messenger message alleging to come from a Region 15 or Club officer who has never before contacted you by Messenger, before you respond to that message, call the person the message is allegedly from. If they did not send it, delete it without responding.

Left: 'Pumpkin Britches' (Simpson-E., 2016) highlighted by teal Blue Ridge Daylilies chairs photo Eric Simpson

Send Invitations to Milestone Meetings

Mid-Carolina Daylily Society

When the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society celebrated their 35th Anniversary in September, they wanted to include more than just their own members. Using a charming and age-old method to reach folks they wanted to invite, creative members put together printed invitations and mailed them out. Even those not able to attend this festive occasion felt included and had the chance to send their good wishes to this special club.



Congratulations to Mid-Carolina Daylily Society on your 35th Anniversary!

Summit Lakes Garden

Home of Marshall Morrow and Bill Hurt

When there is a garden in your region that is grown just to bring pleasure to visitors and to advertise the fine accomplishments of your region's hybridizers, you want to feature photos of it in every edition of the newsletter. Such is the case with Summit Lakes Garden, the home of Marshall Morrow and Bill Hurt (see page 24 of the Summer 2022 *Hemalina* for more background information).

Sit back and enjoy these photos of extremely well-grown plants representing some of the best of Region 15.

Photos Bill Hurt



'Till the Storm Passes By' (Howell-M., 2021)



'Witherspoon's Ferry' (Tanner-G., 2021)



'Crazy in Love' (Stadler 2015)



'Liquid Crystal' (Owen, P., 2020)



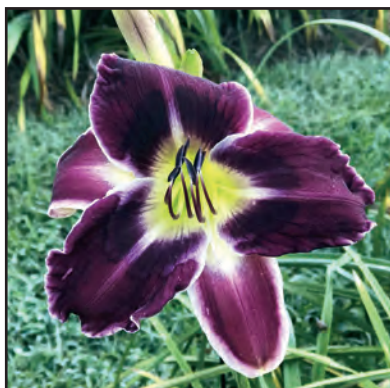
'Too Cool for School' (Douglas-H., 2021)



'Mango Splash' (Quinn 2021)



'Don't Leave Empty Handed' (Selman 2014)



'Twenty Nine Flags Over Conway'
(Therrien 2016)



'Elegant Girls' (Davisson-J., 2016)

In Memoriam

Chuck Deyton

Chuck Deyton was one of the founding members and long-time treasurer of Western North Carolina Daylily Club.

For many years, he and his wife, Elaine, hosted our annual club plant auction in their barn each autumn. Chuck's sound advice was greatly valued, he was always eager to help, and was a friend to many.

Eric Simpson

Photo tributearchive.com



Stephen Smith

Stephen Smith was an active member of Western North Carolina Daylily Club. Stephen and his wife, Jean-Marie, attended one of our Daylily Flower Shows at the Asheville Arboretum and joined the club that same day. Stephen's wife Jean-Marie is currently the treasurer of the Western North Carolina Daylily Club.

In addition to his love of daylilies, Stephen was a very talented wood-turner and artisan.

Stephen's endearing sense of humor and kind spirit will long be remembered, and our condolences go out to Jean-Marie.

Eric Simpson

Right: 'Amber Fireglow'
(Selman 2018)
photo Kathy Tinius



Online Meetings are Effective!

Coastal NC Daylily Society Live Streams

Looking for a new, fresh way to communicate with your members or to attract new members? Coastal NC Daylily Society has started live-streaming their meetings and they want you to know it really is easy and effective. Take a look – go to Facebook and look up "Coastal North Carolina Daylily Society" and watch the videos they've posted. Then during their next meeting, tune in for the live stream where you can watch and listen just like you're there in the meeting.



Above: Pat Mansfield watches as Donna Stewart not only gives an interesting and informative presentation on caterpillars and butterflies, but makes sure those watching the live stream get to see all the props close up
screenshot from Facebook

Poetry Corner

Seasons: Silence and Sounds

1.
Beneath the red feeder,
a red bird and three doves
peck for seeds in frozen snow,
their voices sing no songs.

2.
A drift of daffodils, red tulips,
flowering dogwood trees,
birds wing in gentle winds,
Corinthian bells wake up spring.

3.
A seated Buddha,
red-leafed Japanese maple,
white heat of summer sun.
A slight breeze breaks
white hot silence—
a single bass tone
from a cylinder chime.

4.
Residual hurricane rain
slices through buffeting winds,
umbrellas turned inside out,
trees stripped of red leaves,
gray evenings howled into night,
the night dark and chilled.

- Nancy Womack

Photo Contest Rules Update & Extended Deadline

New Deadline December 31, 2022

During the 2022 Region 15 Fall Meeting, a motion was made and carried to create a new category for the Carolina Digital Photo Contest. This will accommodate art that is created “unnaturally” by using techniques such as collaging, extreme color enhancement, and image modification.

1. Categories:

Images of Region 15 daylilies (may be single blooms, multiple blooms, or clumps registered by Region 15 hybridizers.) Companion plants, garden art, etc. may be included in the background, but the dominant image must be a daylily registered by a Region 15 hybridizer.

2. Images of Region 15 members, preferably candid shots of members engaged in daylily activities.

3. Landscapes featuring Region 15 gardens. A significant part of the landscape must include daylilies.

4. Artistic Shots—may include close-ups of flowers, garden vignettes, insects, birds, etc. Photos featuring daylilies, a part of a daylily, or a daylily motif will have preference over images without any part of a daylily if the photos are otherwise equal in quality.

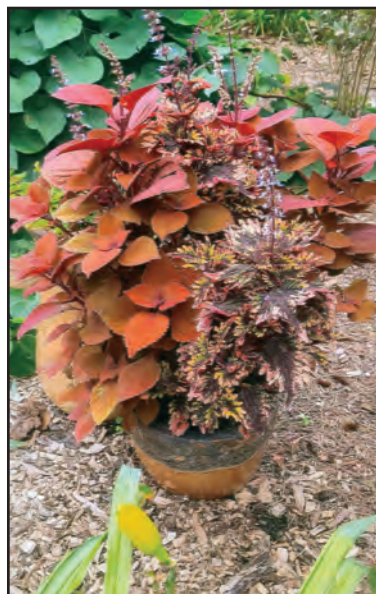
5. Daylilies from a Different Point of View features manipulated images created by combining elements from more than one image or by obvious changes in color, form, shape, or any combination thereof to create a unique final photo. All original images used/combined must have been taken by the final image creator. Daylilies or Region 15 members must be dominant in the final image, with preference given to Region 15-hybridized daylilies.

6. Youth Contest (all of the above categories)

We Love Club Photo Contests!

Charleston Daylily Club Winners

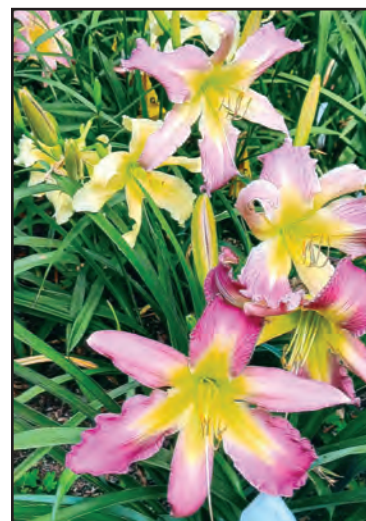
Below: Winner in the Novelty Category was Tim Stout. "Since all photos had to include daylilies, this one could qualify as a puzzle. Can you find the daylily bud?"



Clockwise from immediate right: David Whitaker won in the Landscape Category with this light-filled photo; Tim Stout won the Multiple Bloom Category with his lovely combination of yellows and lavenders; Mike Denson won the Single Bloom Category with this photo of 'Blue on Blue' (Pierce-G., 2015); Tim Stout won the Clump Category with this delightful cascade of blooms photo

Mike Denson also won the Seedling Category but unfortunately that photo was misplaced

All photos by winners



To accommodate those who may want to enter photos in this new category, we're extending the deadline for the 2022 Carolina Digital Photo Contest to **December 31, 2022**. To submit your entries, send them as attachments or provide a link to where they are stored to the photo contest chair, Kathy Tinius, at ktinius@yahoo.com.

As you select and prepare your photos, please keep a few things in mind:

1. Photos of cultivars for consideration in category 1 (Images of Region 15 daylilies or “Region 15 Hybridized Flowers”) are to be of Region 15 daylilies – please double check the hybridizer prior to submitting your photos

2. Photos of people for consideration in category 2 (Images of Region 15 members or “People”) are to be of Region 15 members – your photo can include others but must be primarily of Region 15 members (if you have questions about who might or might not be a member, you are welcome to send the question to Pat Mansfield at mansfieldsdaylilies@gmail.com)

3. Photos of landscapes must include daylilies and must be of Region 15 gardens (gardens in North Carolina and South Carolina)

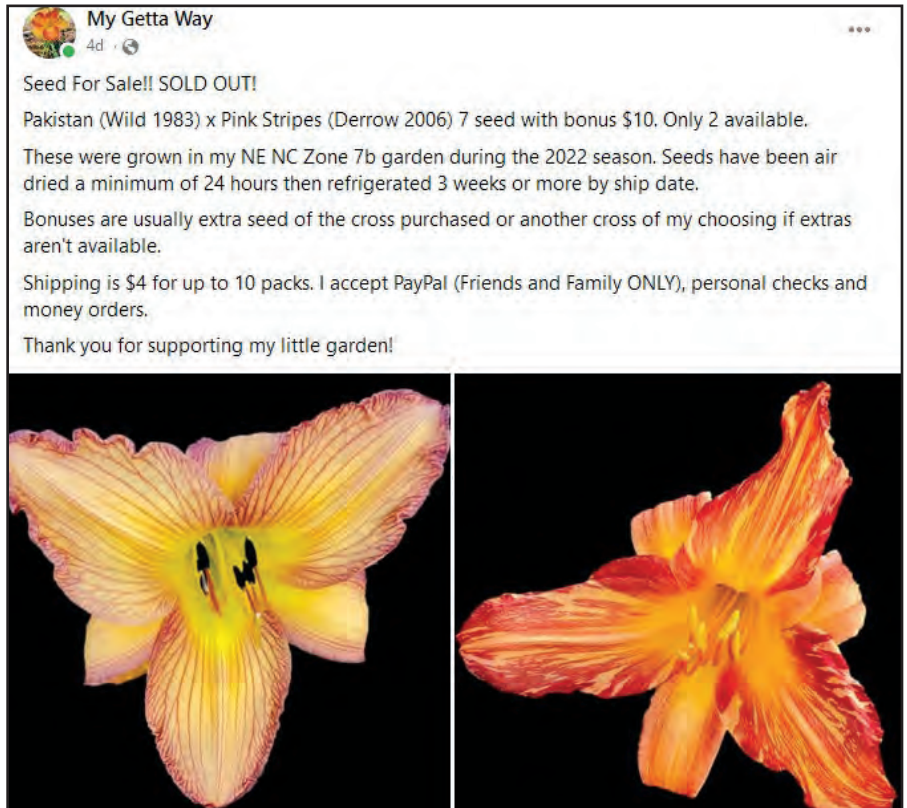
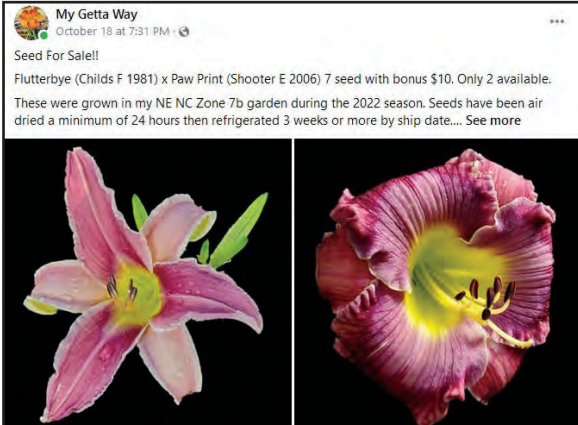
Software such as PhotoShop and PowerPoint are making it possible for pretty much anyone to create the "Daylilies from a Different Point of View" types of photos, and interest in this unique art is increasing. Should you have any questions, please contact the photo contest chair, Kathy Tinius, at ktinius@yahoo.com.

Seed Sales

Beverly Ambrose's "My Getta Way"

Regional members continue to find unique channels to make their seeds and plants available to a wider audience. Take Beverly Ambrose for example. Beverly created a Facebook page called "My Getta Way" to advertise her seeds, and they have been selling out in record time!

Including sharp photos of the parent plants, Beverly's posts are eye-catching and attractive. She includes registration information on each parent along with ordering and bonus details.



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

Auction Plants Wanted 2023 Spring Meeting

Share Your Favorite Daylilies at the
2023 Region 15 Spring Meeting

Attention all members, hybridizers, and growers! The Piedmont Daylily Club and the Catawba Valley Daylily Club have joined forces for the Region 15 Spring Meeting. A highlight of the conference will be the Daylily Auction that will be held Saturday afternoon.

We need your donation of newer plants for the auction.

Hybridizers, this is a great way to get your plants in display gardens across the region. Growers, this is an excellent way to show the quality of the plants you offer for sale. Members, this is an excellent way to divide those wonderful plants that mean so much to you.

Your generous donations of any extra special cultivars will be displayed on screen for all to see. Email a list of your donations to Plant Auction Chair Terry Bledsoe at TerryBledsoe@charter.net

Below: (l-r) Julia Odom and Will Currie help auctioneer Alex Whitley during the wildly successful 2022 Region 15 Fall Meeting Plant Auction
photo Linda Sue Barnes



Club News

Catawba Valley Daylily Club from Terry Bledsoe

The Catawba Valley Daylily Club met for their September meeting at the home of Terry and Jill Bledsoe, with 14 members in attendance.

The program consisted of three activities:

The first was a presentation about "The Secrets of Bill Hurt's Garden" by Becky Goble. Becky discussed the special formula that Bill uses to make his garden thrive. Bill's fall process for preparing his gardens for winter and his spring process for preparing his gardens for summer were discussed along with certain spray methods used in the Summit Lakes Garden. Since this is Bill's process, you can contact him for more information.



The second was a discussion about what proliferations are, how to gather them, and how to grow them. It was noted that in several gardens that sustained deer damage, more proliferations have been observed this year. Proliferations have even been seen on those daylilies where proliferations had not been seen before. Each attendee was given a prolif to take home.

The third was our annual plant

exchange. Each member brought a plant from their garden that was not a daylily for the exchange. Members left the meeting with some unique plants for their garden.

This was followed by a business meeting: Officers were elected: President, Terry Bledsoe; Secretary, Jill Bledsoe; and Treasurer, Janice Parker.

It had been decided earlier this year that for the Fall Meeting Basket we would do a tribute to Van Sellers. A goal of twenty Sellers daylilies from our gardens was set. In the end, we had twenty-five. Our basket was a big success, receiving lots of raffle tickets and discussion.

Charleston Daylily Club with Jan Hillis

The September meeting was our annual photo contest. Tim Stout won best clump, David Whitaker best landscape, Tim Stout best multiple, Novelty (find the bud, all pictures must include a daylily) winner Tim Stout and Mike Denson took both Single and Seedling. Pictures, excluding the seedling winner, which I lost, are reproduced on page 24.

At our October get together, the Charleston Daylily Club was pleased to offer both a great presentation and an opportunity for folks to bring their soil samples for analysis. Local Master Gardeners were on hand to bag the samples and help with the paperwork, then they delivered the samples downtown to be sent to the lab. Each attendee brought a little more than two cups of dry soil for each sample. Soil samples were submitted to the Clemson Agricultural Services Lab and the results were emailed to the participating attendees. Clemson has a \$6.00



Terry Bledsoe gave a report on our role in the Region 15 Spring Meeting. We will be gathering the plants for the live plant auction and members were asked to start securing commitments for these plants.

Our next meeting is our Christmas meeting.

Clockwise from left: Extraordinarily large proliferations were used during the Catawba Valley Daylily Club's September meeting; donated by the club to the Region 15 Fall Meeting, the Van Sellers memorial basket containing 25 of his introductions was extremely popular; Joe Hudson celebrates winning the Van Sellers memorial basket *Photos Terry Bledsoe*



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

fee per sample. Here is a link to give you more information on taking your sample: <https://hgic.clemson.edu/how-to-take-a-soil-sample/>.

Kate White of the Charleston Parks Conservancy made a presentation on soil, incorporating how to interpret and implement the recommendations of the soil test results members will receive. She then spoke briefly about the non-profit organization which she directs. Kate is an experienced and knowledgeable horticulturist, as well as an engaging and entertaining speaker.

The club does not meet in November or December.



Coastal NC Daylily Society by Beverly Ambrose

Coastal NC Daylily Society started broadcasting our meetings live on our Facebook page when available WiFi permits (see page 23). We are still working out some kinks but have had some success. We found that even the experts who live stream often have trouble connecting or losing the connection sometimes.



At our last meeting this past Sunday we had our annual Plants For Members auction. We decided to change it up a little and invited local gardening friends along with our members. The response was great and not only did we have our best auction ever, we were able to show new people first hand how much fun our meetings are. We are hopeful of gaining a new member or two as a result of that invitation.

Our past President, Ken Ferguson, has been in and out of the hospital over the last few weeks. I'm sure he will welcome healing thoughts and prayers!!

Right: Quick flashback to last October's Region 15 Fall Meeting in the Outer Banks where Ken Ferguson used all of his organizing skills, talents, and equipment to give attendees a very special experience
photo John Hong



Foothills Daylily Society by Kirk Milleman

August rolled around almost too quickly after the national convention in Asheville. Our normal meeting in August was to have a slide presentation for the Pop Poll, and then the members would vote. We called it our "Pop Poll Party," because we'd vote, then party. This year we met outside, so no slide show, but the members still voted. We encouraged them to vote for plants they had actually seen or grown and encouraged them to write in votes if a plant they knew grew well here wasn't listed. We still had a good time, but, it will be our final one since the region voted to eliminate the Pop Poll.



September saw the club going to Nancy Womack's house for our almost annual potluck meeting – great food as usual and a great time visiting with people in a relaxed atmosphere. The members had a brainstorming session to think of possible topics for meetings in 2023. Many excellent ideas came forth that we will pursue for the coming year – one of our hopes is to regularly meet indoors again.

So that brings us to October. Last year, we decided to have our end of the year bash outdoors. It was a great time, but it did get a little chilly. So, we're back indoors for this year's Halloween bash. Members look forward to seeing the pictures taken by our club's photographers for our photo contest. The Dirty Santa gift exchange will get the group's excitement "blooming." Dinner by Gabe Harden at his Garden Café will end the evening.



This year saw the club trying many different things to keep people interested, yet safe. I personally think it was a great year. We look forward to an exciting 2023.

We at FDS hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season coming up. Think happy thoughts about next year's gardens (which won't include wiregrass!).

Clockwise from left: Enjoying a lovely afternoon of delicious food and delightful fellowship are new members (l-r) Jeff Stobie, Sonya Stobie, and Larry Lane, plus long-time member Vic Santa Lucia in the plaid shirt behind them; (l-r) Linda Martin, John Martin, and Hilda Moore sit at a nearby table; while (l-r) Pat Konicki, Alvin Bly, Linda Bly, and Patricia Kuess enjoy their sun-filled atrium table *photos Kirk Milleman*



Lowcountry Daylily Club from Anne Winningham

The Lowcountry Daylily Club is planning a Christmas dinner and gift exchange in December. The club agreed to buy a label making machine so we can make labels for the members who need them for their daylilies. We will be doing that in January. While February has not been finalized as of yet, Peggy Jeffcoat will be our speaker for March and everyone is looking forward to her presentation.

We will have a plant sale at Plantasia in Charleston at the Tanger Outlet Mall. Praying this goes well. Also, at our meeting for that month we will be showing members how to plant up a flower pot display. Perry Gaskins will be doing the presentation.

The Lowcountry Daylily Club will have their annual daylily sale at the Piggly Wiggly in Moncks Corner the first Saturday in June; this always goes over well. We are planning a trip in June to Big Bloomers and then off to Windyhill Gardens. Everyone is really excited over this trip. I told them to bring lots of money; there will be eye candy everywhere you look that weekend. Also, we are thinking about having a meeting in June at Beautiful Day Gardens, the home of Perry and Pam Gaskins. September will be our photo contest and October will

be a plant swap with anything but daylilies. The officers are still working on filling February and August.



Left and above: Members of the Lowcountry Daylily Club dig in to a delicious meal while attending the October meeting at the home of Anne Winningham *photos Anne Winningham*

Below, left to right: Anne Winningham's winning entries in the Lowcountry Daylily Club photo contest – Clump winner 'Yellow Lollipop' (Crochet 1980) and Single Bloom winner 'Date with Destiny' (Stadler 2007)



Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Beverly Breuer

See you in September.....our club reconvened in September after romancing our summer love – daylilies, of course. The excitement was palpable with 35 attendees, including new members – an outstanding turnout. We began our meeting



with a delicious mouthwatering BBQ spread and home-made desserts. Rumor has it there was a near scuffle for the last piece of Peggy Jeffcoat's amazing Apple Dapple Cake. We were honored to have visitors from within the Region: Joe Hudson, Michael Luther, and Jeff Franz. Award-winning hybridizers Ken and Cindy

a daylily journey. Cindy advised that daylily shows are important for new members – a point well-taken. She encouraged us with "if you like it, grow it!" and to put the "prettiest face on the best body." We enjoyed photos of seedings and coveted past introductions such as 'Betty Smith' (2009), 'Woodland Dreams' (2014), and 'Lying Eyes' (2014).

Joe Hudson, Region 15 Youth Liaison, shared information and ideas about youth membership. This is a topic that our club is exploring and will continue to explore. We are also thrilled that Joe's dream to meet Peggy Jeffcoat was finally realized. Peggy is indeed a legend and we are proud to have her in our club.



Dye of Homeplace Gardens were our special guests. Cindy gave a tremendously hilarious presentation detailing the difference between regular (normal) people and daylily people (us). We have all succumbed to the Hemerocallis Hypnosis that Cindy described, whether we admit it or not. We likewise have exhibited an "unexplained disdain for large grassy areas" and there is evidence of cult-like behavior among daylily collectors (i.e., hoarders) and reported transformations of humans into walking dead-headers. In addition to demonstrating a rollicking wit, Cindy imparted great wisdom. There is much truth in having a good back, good knees, and a young perspective when beginning



In January 2023 we plan to begin meeting in the recently completed Garden Club Council Building. The previous building mysteriously burned down on a cold winter morning, and we have been anxiously waiting over two years for this new and improved location.

Clockwise from left: (l-r) Barry Pratt, Joe Hudson, and Leslie Platt thoroughly enjoyed the September 11 Mid-Carolina Daylily Society meeting *photo Sheila Caldon*; club members tuck into a delicious BBQ meal complete with homemade desserts; presenter Cindy Dye gave a hysterical presentation on real daylily fanatics *photos Beverly Breuer*



(Mid-Carolina Daylily Society - continued)

October is our annual plant swap and we always have a wide array of nice plants – everybody leaves happy. Our club has welcomed eight new members since September, and we are thrilled to have them participate and contribute. This is indeed a record! A panel discussion was held with Peggy Jeffcoat, Gene Crocker, and Bob Richardson fielding daylily questions. It is crucial to get several opinions on key topics such as soil preparation, compost, watering



Piedmont Daylily Club by Mitchell Hagler

After a long summer without meeting, we were glad to begin the fall with our September meeting. Keeping the business portion short, we allowed a lot of time for fellowship and enjoying our covered dish brunch.

Blue Ridge Daylilies showered us with a dozen or more prized daylilies as a thank you for our club providing the table decorations at the AHS National Convention. We projected photos of these on the screen and auctioned them off to lucky winners.

We also participated in the Heritage Festival in Union County sponsored by the Union County Master Gardeners. We set up a table with lots of daylilies including a photo and description of each. Our purpose at the Festival was to make more people aware of our club and perhaps make a little money in doing so. We tried to draw in families by hosting a coloring contest for kids and every two hours we selected a winner. We handed out our new schedule of programs for the year and answered questions about daylilies. It was a fun day.

Although we usually have breakfast treats since we meet on Saturday mornings, three of our members surprised us with a full breakfast at our October meeting. This offset our disappointment that Tabatha Gilyard from Shallow Ford Daylily Farm was unable to get a good internet connect for her presentation on Zoom. Fortunately, VP for Programs, Michael Luther has been to her garden several times and was able to discuss it as we looked at her website. We were also delighted to pick up a new member.

In November we welcome Bobby Scott, owner of Topguns Daylilies from Yukon, OK.

systems, favorite fertilizers and when to apply them, etc. No discussion would be complete without ideas on exterminating those pesky weeds. There are so many products from which to choose, so knowing how well they work for the experts is helpful. The expertise shared was invaluable and we are so fortunate to have seasoned and notable hybridizers among us.

Two of our new members, Leslie Platt and Barry Pratt, attended the Region 15 Meeting in Lumberton. Their daylily haul was quite impressive and they spoke highly of the meeting. The bar is raised at every Meeting, and Mid-Carolina looks forward to hosting the 2023 Region 15 Fall Meeting. Go, our team!

Our year culminates with the annual November photo contest and Gene Crocker's popular PowerPoint presentation of club member photos. They leave our heads spinning in anticipation of another daylily season. The year would not be complete without the December holiday covered dish extravaganza and garden-related gift exchange. Then, we will look forward to 2023!!

Clockwise from below: An unnamed pretty pink daylily was blooming very late – September 20 – in Beverly Breuer's garden *photo Beverly Breuer*; (l-r) Peggy Jeffcoat, Gene Crocker, and Bob Richardson fielded questions during a panel discussion *photo Leslie Platt*; Ken and Cindy Dye talk with club members after their presentation (l-r) Linda Inabinette, Sylvia Ball, and Dee Waddell *photo Sheila Caldon*



We don't meet in December but during our meetings in 2023 we will welcome Nicole DeVito from Eustis, Florida, Corey Michael Hayes, owner of Emerald View Farms, Munnsville, NY, and our own Region 15 president Bill Hurt.

Our club was represented by six members at the Region 15 Fall Meeting in Lumberton. We were so impressed with how they were able to go to Plan B because of the hurricane and squeeze everything into a Saturday meeting.

We are organizing our committees to host the 2023 Region 15 Summer Meeting on June 10 along with Catawba Valley Daylily Club.



Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Richard Warren

Happy Fall greetings Region 15 daylily friends! The change of seasons has been a welcome relief from the hot temperatures we endured over the last few months. Here in Raleigh, we haven't experienced a morning frost yet, but I'm sure it won't be too many days until we do. The cooler temps means it's time for our annual NC State Fair, held this year October 13 - 23 at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. Janet and I decided to go this past Friday and it was a cool but beautiful day. We always begin our annual pilgrimage by looking at the Flower & Garden Show competitions. These flowers and temporary gardens (in place just during the run of the State Fair) provide lots of ideas for our own garden and we're always excited to see the winning entries. Of course, there are many other things to see and eat at the State Fair, and we certainly indulged!

Our Raleigh Club just wrapped up our final monthly meeting of the year last week. Our end of year meeting usually involves food with a wrap-up of the year. We all enjoyed Bojangles chicken and a potluck of sides and desserts. Region 15 hybridizers and friends, Bill and Linda Gluck, were our featured speakers and presented a wonderful program on and photos of their Billinda Daylily Garden located in Charlotte. We learned from Bill that their garden will be on tour at our Region 15 Summer Meeting next



year, hosted by the Catawba Valley Daylily Club and Piedmont Daylily Club! Bill and Linda were gracious enough to bring a few of their recent introductions for an auction that night.

At our first meeting of the year, Janet and I thought it would be fun to sponsor a year-end drawing by having club members throughout the year drop tickets in a box if they were in attendance at meetings or volunteered for various activities. We decided the prize would be a gift certificate of daylilies from the beautiful Windyhill Daylily Garden at the home of Raymond and Wanda Quinn. We had our drawing last week and Jim Sovine was lucky winner! Congratulations Jim!

The last event for our Raleigh club in 2022 was a volunteer work day on October 25 at the Jaycee Park Daylily Garden, managed by the Raleigh Parks and Recreation. This city daylily garden is sponsored by our Raleigh Hemerocallis Club. The focus of our work that morning was getting the daylily beds back in shape with weeding, pruning, and ivy removal.

Speaking of weeding, lots of our Raleigh Club members have been busy in their own home gardens cleaning up daylily beds and spreading mulch in preparation for our next season of beautiful blooms.

Here is to a great Fall and Winter season and a very happy Thanksgiving and Christmas!

Left: Linda and Bill Gluck gave a wonderful presentation on their hybridizing program at their Billinda Daylily Garden

Above: Cyndy Hummel gave a fascinating presentation on caterpillars and butterflies, complete with the swallowtail caterpillar on her finger
photos Linda Sue Barnes



Sandhills Daylily Club by Dawn Whitley

Our club has been preparing diligently for the Region 15 Fall Meeting we hosted September 30 - October 1...although it took place mostly on October 1 as it turned out.

Our club made the hyper tufa pots at one of our meetings then later put plants in them to use as door prizes. I want to thank all the members of the club for everything they did to make our Fall Event such a success.

Alex Whitley – Auctioneer, plant sale donations
Raymond Quinn – Hybridizers' spotlight and donations
Wanda Quinn – Raffle and silent auction
Linda Sue & Curtis Barnes – Plant sale donations
Richard Warren – Registration
Janet Warren – Plant sale
Ella Ruth Maugans – Table decorations
Julia Odom – Table decorations, plant sale donations, garden journal sponsor
Eddie Walter – Registration bags, door prizes
Will Currie – Volunteered during the event

To the many clubs and individuals who donated to the raffle and silent auction, your talents and generosity are amazing. If you weren't there, you missed a chance to bid on a Barnes original handcrafted kaleidoscope and to put a ticket in the raffle bag for



Above: Region 15 Fall Meeting attendees enjoyed centerpieces that captured the spirit of the Sandhills, with long-leaf pine branches and pine cones enhanced with handmade daylily blooms *photo Julia Odom*

(Sandhills Daylily Club - continued)

a succulent arrangement in a trendy galvanized bucket. There were many more lovely items won by lucky attendees.

I would also like to thank all the hybridizers and growers who donated plants to the sale: Raymond & Wanda Quinn, Mitchell Hagler, Bill & Linda Gluck, Greg Piotrowski, Charles & Heidi Douglas, Gene Tanner, Rebecca Board, Sharon Yarbrough, Melodye Campbell, Bob Selman, Eric Simpson, Bill Hurt, Marshall Morrow, Bill & Pat Mansfield, Alex & Dawn Whitley, Dave & Gail Gribble, and JD Stadler.

Everyone pitched in to help our small club, but a couple standouts were Greg Piotrowski who staffed the coffee table both days and Jill Bledsoe who helped with registration.

Left: Julia Odom and Ella Ruth Maugans created not only the Fall Meeting centerpieces, they created each of the handmade daylily blooms used in them by combining tissue paper, fabric, soda can metal, construction paper, and hand colored raffia paper *photo Julia Odom*



Upstate Daylily Society by Kelvin Bryant

It's finally cooling down here in the Upstate. Some of us have been blessed with plenty of rain all summer but now it appears everyone is dry. We have had a very busy Fall in the Upstate club.

September 23 and 24 was our annual Fall plant sale at the South Carolina Botanical Gardens. A big thank you goes out to David Hoechst for donating all of the plants that were sold at the event. We have a special relationship with the Botanical Garden where we participate in the Spring and Fall plant sales. It helps us earn money for the club and the garden.

October 15th club members replanted our Daylily Display Garden bed at the garden. We had removed all the plants to eradicate the Nut Sedge that had taken over. Fingers crossed it works.



Thank you to this hard working crew that got it done in a few hours. The next day on the 16th was our Not-a-Daylily plant swap. We had some good food and swapped out some plants with each other. We were missing several members and hope to see them next time.

Above: Club members replant the Daylily Display Garden bed at the South Carolina Botanical Gardens after exhaustively removing the nut sedge

Left: (l-r) Bill & Carol Manning, Jill Burriss, and Kelvin Bryant get ready to sell daylilies at the annual South Carolina Botanical Gardens Fall Plant Sale *Photos Kelvin Bryant*



Western North Carolina Daylily Club by Eric Simpson

Western NC Daylily Club met on Saturday, September 3rd for our annual Ice Cream Social and club meeting. We elected new officers and are making plans for a fun and exciting 2023!



We are planning a special Christmas Dinner, a spring trip to Biltmore Estates for the annual "Biltmore Blooms," a flower show plant sale fundraiser at the Asheville Arboretum in June, and a Youth Daylily Camp at Blue Ridge Daylilies in July!

Left and right: Members of the Western NC Daylily Club gather at Blue Ridge Daylilies for a delicious ice cream social *Photos Eric Simpson*



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Happy Holidays *to You and Yours!!*

Our favorite Lithuanian pulled together photos of his own daylily blooms and some digital fairy lights to create this sumptuous Daylily Christmas Tree.

Edvinas Misiukevičius wrote: "This is my photo manipulation. Christmas tree made out of my 2022 daylily introductions. I love to make something artsy besides all other works. I selected all photos of my 2022 introductions, removed the background (you can do that easily on Microsoft PowerPoint program), saved them as png files and then drew tree shapes out of sparkling lights (also png files without background). And then all the magic began to sort and place all the blooms. Make a pattern to cover the tree shape and use some vibrant blooms as decorations in random patterns. The star of this tree is my wonderful 'Lakelet Boogeyman' (Misiukevičius 2022)."

In addition to tending an amazing garden and developing some cutting edge flowers, Edvinas is extremely busy with laboratory work and his PhD projects. As he explains, "So now all energy, thoughts and work mainly go to my lab work. As you may know - I work with daylilies for my thesis. And hope that in two years (now I am a third-year PhD student), I will contribute significantly to science and the daylily community."

As we enter the holiday season and plan festivities with our friends and family, we wanted to take a moment to wish you and yours the very best of the holidays. We wish you warm hugs, wonderful memories, lively discussions, tasty meals, magical surprises, and all the sparkles to make your heart sing.