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Left, left to right: Peggy Jeffcoat makes an announcement at the 2023 Region 15 Fall Meeting photo Lee Breuer; one of Bob Richardson's spectacular birdhouses in the raffle; Western NC Daylily Club's spectacular raffle basket photos Linda Sue Barnes



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**Front Cover:** Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award Winner 'Windyhill's Dreamsicle' (Quinn 2015)  
*photo Raymond Quinn*

**Above:** Members of the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society (and friends) went all out with Willy Wonka decorations, including these paper tophat centerpieces crowned with candy on each table  
*photo Kathy Tinius*

**Below:** Upstate Daylily Society's eye-catching fall wreath was very popular in the raffle  
*photo Kathy Tinius*



# Region 15 President

I'm sure most of you are putting in your last purchased plants and preparing your garden for the first frost of the season. We have had a tremendous bloom season with prolific rebloom at our house.

Just a few weeks have passed since our Region 15 Fall Meeting in West Columbia, South Carolina. Mid-Carolina Daylily Society provided an exciting event using *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory* as their theme. Candies were everywhere and there was even a chocolate fountain. Wow!

It was great fun with raffles, a silent auction, and one of the most successful live auctions in years. We were able to bring home rare items and plants we desired. A very special thanks to all the club members for their hard work and warm hospitality.

This meeting was also significant because the membership voted on your Region 15 officers for 2024-2025. Dawn Whitley was elected as your next President. Dawn has been a talented, dedicated member of your Leadership Team for several years. I'm confident she will carry this organization to the next level.

Also elected was Michael Luther as Treasurer, replacing Mitchell Hagler, who has been an icon of leadership in this region and in other national roles. Michael is a smart, caring, talented man who will monitor our income and expenses while initiating creative ways to address regional funding.

Peggy Jeffcoat was elected to continue in her role as Board Member at Large. This position was added a few years ago to offer Board Leadership a fresh perspective on items before the Board. What better individual to fill this role with her caring experience in and familiarity with our region.

This means my two two-year terms are complete. My stated goals were to grow membership and provide a spotlight on Region 15 hybridizers. When I began my tenure as president in January 2020, we faced some serious challenges. The most serious was the pandemic threatening to end our organization as we knew it, but we used technology to collaborate and stay connected and informed at the region and club levels.

I used our own garden and encouraged others to use their gardens in reaching out with online events, sharing the beauty and diversity of blooms, and planting the seeds of interest. Thousands of potential daylily lovers and club members were out there and during those dark days many turned to gardening for food and pleasure. Friendships were made in this way, and acts of kindness renewed my belief in the goodness of people. Daylily gardeners are the best.

I ask you to give of yourselves, to volunteer in your club. You will be rewarded many times over with thoughtful kindness from your fellow gardeners. Make new club prospects feel as though they are celebrities when you see them.

Finally, support daylily hybridizers across the region and beyond. Purchase their plants, vote for them and their creations for awards, and share their plants old and new with others.

I thank you for the trust you placed in me and for giving me the opportunity to serve you. If I can still be of assistance to you to further our Daylily Love, feel free to call or text me with any question you might have. Don't forget to use our Region 15 website, for it contains much great information.

Don't forget the dates of the Summer Meeting including wonderful garden tours – May 31 - June 1.

Share the Daylily Love! The next season will be the best season!

Bill Hurt



# Incoming Region 15 President

I am very excited to be serving as your president for the next two years starting in January. I have served on the Board for the past eight years and can assure you that your board members have tremendous energy and commitment. We have many members of the Leadership Team continuing from Bill's administration, but unfortunately, we will lose Bill's steady, encouraging presence while he focuses on restarting the Greensboro area club.

Luckily, we will all benefit from the addition of a new club in the region. Eric Simpson will be transitioning from Regional Publicity Director to Hybridizer Liaison for which he is supremely qualified. Leslie Platt will be bringing her amazing social media skills to the Regional Publicity Director job.

If you were able to attend the Fall Regional, you met Ariel Bledsoe. We are very excited that Ariel will bring a fresh spin to our award-winning *Hemalina* newsletter.

I am thrilled to have Wanda Quinn taking over for me as the Region 15 Secretary. If you are looking for a fun way to get more involved, I am looking for a new Regional Event Liaison. Notice, I did not use the word MEETING. I am declaring that word the VOLDEMORT of my administration.

Speaking of fun, have you come back yet from the World of Imagination?? The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society did such an amazing job taking us back into the chocolate factory. The costumes, decorations, food, and even the sound track playing the Willy Wonka theme music let us know we were in for a magical treat. I want to keep the fun amped up so please plan to join us for the 2024 Region 15 Summer Extravaganza hosted by your Leadership Team and Columbia, SC, garden owners.

I am an Industrial Engineer by training so I am all about efficiency and eliminating waste. Our Leadership Team has already identified ways we can make hosting regional events easier for local clubs. We'll be pursuing ideas like online registration and having members of the Leadership Team handle processing registrations. We plan to make auctions efficient by taking credit cards starting next summer. We all can be more efficient by using Zoom or similar technology to expand access to our speakers.

Richard Warren has created a calendar on our website to share club event information. Links can be placed in the calendar so those outside our clubs can join virtually. Making our organization flexible and creatively meeting member needs will help us attract new members and keep our current members engaged.

My husband, Alex, and I have been involved with the Sandhills Daylily Club since the early 90's, serving in many capacities including president. We currently grow about 1,100 cultivars and have started hybridizing since I retired four years ago. We love entering shows and are very competitive. Our favorite person to beat is Bill Hurt because he grows the most amazing daylilies! In 2023, Whitley Gardens achieved AHS Display Garden and Historical Garden status. If you find yourself in Lumberton, NC, we would love for you to stop by. We have two grown children. Our daughter, Erin, is 35 and she is a Physician Assistant in Gastroenterology in Chicago. Our son, Zach, is 30 and works as a Department Manager at Lowes in Winston Salem, NC, while working on his computer degree.

I will continue to reach out and include club Presidents in select leadership discussions, and I plan to visit all Region 15 clubs during my tenure. If you have ideas on how to make Region 15 even better, let me know by text message to 910-785-1390.

Dawn Whitley



# Regional Director & Hybridizer Liaison

At our Region 15 Fall Meeting in Columbia, I was re-elected as director for another three years. Thank you for the trust you have placed in me as I look out for the general wellbeing of our region and AHS. Just this past weekend, we were in Oklahoma City for the AHS fall board meeting. I thought it was another efficiently run and successful meeting. We met several of the local club members who are planning what is sure to be another wonderful convention for 2024. I hope many of you will be attending because the daylily gardens should be beautiful.

On the director side, the daylily registration business is quietly moving along with the help of our outstanding registrar, Elizabeth Trotter. Progress is good also for the committee focusing on refining registration data, particularly for older cultivars, and the committee focusing on finding missing images. It has been only in the last few years that the registration process included the image of the flower being registered so there are thousands of registrations with no picture. The image committee has pursued photos through opportunities like old paper and online catalogs. Another registration highlight that we are closing in on is registering 100,000 daylilies. WOW!!! That is amazing. I think we may do something special for the 100,000th registration, and, no, we will not hint about how close or how far away we are from that number.

One item of note from the fall board meeting is that the board voted for a moderate increase in AHS dues starting January 1 of next year, the first increase since 2011. In the case of a single person, one-year membership will increase from \$25 to \$30. The increase is somewhat less than inflation and, along with careful budgeting, has allowed the AHS to be back in the black again. I can assure you that every dollar spent in AHS is well managed and watched carefully.

Finally, on the director side, the Region 15 Leadership Team is working with garden owners in Columbia on the 2024 Region 15 Summer Meeting. Wanda Quinn is part of the planning team, so I have been assisting with logistics and other activities as assigned in the last few months. Three beautiful gardens will be on tour so please mark your calendars for May 31 – June 1. The invitational PowerPoint Presentation will be available on the Region 15 website, and plans are underway with hopes of having an online registration process that accepts credit cards.

Switching hats to that of Hybridizer Liaison, I was thrilled to see that this was another exciting year for our Windyhill garden. We are starting to see some patterns emerge that we are excited about. One came from Heidi's 'Royal Rebel' (Douglas-H., 2018).

It was one of those "what-if" crosses that turned out to be very good. When I looked at the parents, it became more like, "that is obvious."

Another was 'Windyhill's Dreamsicle' (Quinn 2015) (did I mention it won an HM this past weekend? YEA!!) crossed to 'My Favorite Martian' (Pierce-G., 2020). WH Dreamsicle is big, but a couple seedlings from this cross looked somewhat like



Regional Director & Hybridizer Liaison (continued)

WHDreamsicle only much BIGGER! It was one of those WOW moments when we saw that one blooming for the first time. It looked like a good plant and scape also. Time will tell.

As I said in my previous letter, has there been a more exciting time to be, or think about becoming, a hybridizer? I don't think so!

Most importantly though, I'd like you to try a few crosses. It may light up a new garden direction for you, or it may be that you continue to try just a few each year. Either way, though, a tour of your seedlings will become your new morning routine. Rest assured that when your first blooms appear, you will have that special feeling every hybridizer experiences every new bloom season. Join in, you will love the experience.

Raymond Quinn

## Regional Publicity

If you were not able to join us at the Region 15 Fall Meeting in Columbia, SC, you missed a real treat! The meeting was well-attended and the club went above and beyond all expectations to wow us! The decorations alone were second to none. The auctions, raffles, speakers, food, and special treats were fantastic! If you have never attended one of our meetings or have not joined us recently, please make plans to do so in the coming year. You'll be very glad you did!



I am honored and humbled to have received the Region 15 Carolina Service Award for 2023 at the Fall Meeting. The leadership team in this region is outstanding and diverse. It has been a privilege to be a part of it for the past few years. Fortunately for all of us, the future looks bright for our region with new faces, new ideas, and new enthusiasm!

After six years as your Regional Publicity Director, I will be stepping down and taking on a new regional role in 2024. It has been an absolute pleasure to serve this fine region and I look forward to continuing to contribute to our success and growth. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can assist you in any way. For those of you who are not actively involved in a daylily club, please consider joining your local club. If you need help finding a club near you, please reach out to me or one of our regional leaders and we will be thrilled to help you!

May you all have a blessed and safe holiday season and I truly look forward to what Region 15 is planning for 2024. See you there!

Eric Simpson



Left then right: 'Windyhill's Dreamsicle' (Quinn 2015) photo Raymond Quinn; Bill Hurt's seedling reblooming October 29, per Bill: "Just walked to the garden this afternoon. It's in the 80's here, but our seedling continues to bloom. This is 39" tall with 18 buds. The color is not quite the same as in spring, but not many reblooming here are the same. Out in the garden I have removed all rebloom scapes. The plants do not need to use energy now trying to bloom." To see more late bloomers, look at page 15. photo Bill Hurt

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

# Region 15 Fall Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Dawn Whitley, Region 15 Secretary  
 ADS Region 15 Business Meeting, West Columbia, SC  
 September 30, 2023



Bill called the business meeting to order at 9:00 and conducted the club roll call, acknowledging first timers. 83 people were registered. Bill thanked the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society for hosting and for their creativity with Willy Wonka: World of Imagination. The theming, including elaborate decorations and a chocolate fountain bar, was made complete at the Friday night dinner with

the auction led by Willy Wonka himself, assisted by loyal Oompa Loompas and the insufferable Veruca Salt.

The minutes of the 2022 Region 15 Summer Meeting were approved without changes.

Dawn Whitley introduced our new *Hemalina* Editor, Ariel Bledsoe. Ariel will be training with outgoing editor Kathy Tinius for the Fall/Winter edition, and will take over for the Spring 2024 edition. We are very excited to have her



on board and she has already taken steps to investigate some cost saving options for us. Bill thanked Kathy for her commitment and service to the region as *Hemalina* Editor for the past eight years. This is a key role in keeping the members of Region 15 engaged and informed, and Kathy has truly blessed us with her talent.



Mitchell Hagler gave the Treasurer's report and budget proposal for 2024. We are still in good shape, but we are projected to dip into our reserves for 2024. Since Mitchell will be retiring at the end of this term, Bill thanked him for his devoted service to this role for many years.



Carry In: \$17,274.45  
 Income: \$ 5,114.00  
 Expenses \$ 6,190.24

Balances are as follows:  
 Checking \$16,198.21  
 Savings \$ 2,514.82  
 CD 5027 \$ 8,067.13  
 Total \$26,780.16

Awards Manager Nancy Womack presented the following awards and congratulated all the well-deserved winners:

- Jeffcoat Hybridizer's Award  
 Ray Quinn for 'Windyhill's Dreamsicle'
- Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award  
 Joe Hudson
- Carolina Service Award  
 Eric Simpson



Leslie Platt, Chair of the Nominating Committee, thanked members Becky Hinshaw and Heidi Douglas. There being no nominations from the floor, the membership unanimously approved the 2024 – 2025 slate of officers:

- President – Dawn Whitley
- Treasurer – Michael Luther
- Member at Large – Peggy Jeffcoat
- Regional Director – Raymond Quinn



Dawn Whitley thanked the membership for their confidence in her and shared that she was excited for the opportunity. She thanked Bill for providing such great leadership and remarked how fortunate we all are to have such a great leadership team. She announced that Leslie Platt will be taking over as Regional Publicity Director, Wanda Quinn as Secretary, and Eric Simpson as Hybridizer Liaison. There

will be a few more changes, but we are blessed that so many current leaders will continue in their roles.

Bill reviewed highlights of his four-year term as President and thanked the membership for their support.

Dawn Whitley shared a slide show to invite everyone back to Columbia for the May 31 – June 1 Region 15 Summer Meeting: A Daylily Journey to Soda City – Blossoms, Bids & BBQ (see pages 8 and 9).



There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

The fun continued with wonderful presentations and auctions from Tim Bell and Joe Hudson. Abundant daylilies and companion plants as well as commemorative mugs were available for sale. Creative club baskets were raffled and generous silent auction items went to the highest bidder.

Beverly Breuer, President of the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society, made closing remarks, and the silent auction and raffle basket winners were announced at 2:45 pm. Everyone agreed it was one of the possibly one of the best Region 15 Meetings ever!



**Left column, top to bottom:** Bill Hurt by Linda Sue Barnes, Dawn Whitley by Lee Breuer, Ariel Bledsoe by Linda Sue Barnes, Mitchell Hagler, Nancy Womack by Linda Sue Barnes, Leslie Platt by Kathy Tinius.

**Right column, top to bottom:** Dawn Whitley by Linda Sue Barnes, Bill Hurt by Kathy Tinius, Barry Pratt and Leslie Platt by Linda Sue Barnes, (l-r) Jeffrey Franz, Michael Luther, Mitchell Hagler tabulate the auction results by Linda Sue Barnes, Beverly Breuer by Kathy Tinius





**Above, left to right:** The Instagram-worthy balloon wall made for perfect portraits: (l-r) Alex and Dawn Whitley; Marshall Morrow and Bill Hurt; Barry Pratt, Lee Breuer, and George Ware *photos by the various people who held other people's phones to take their pictures*

**Below, left to right:** George Ware looked sugary sweet nestled in with the big lollipops as he sold raffle tickets *photo Leslie Platt*; Tom Bruce and Lee Breuer confer while the party continues in the background *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Barry Pratt as Willy Wonka and Amy Wright as an Oompa Loompa begin the auction *photo Lee Breuer*



**Above, left to right:** (l-r) Bob Richardson, Tom Bruce, and Lee Breuer enjoyed a delicious lunch; (l-r) Marshall Morrow, Bill Hurt, Dennis Tucker, Barry Pratt, and Mitchell Hagler enjoyed fellowship at the meeting *photos Kathy Tinius*; Rebecca Board and Curtis Barnes relax before the raffle tickets were pulled *photo Linda Sue Barnes*

**Below, left to right:** The Region 15 Leadership Team meets to discuss future plans *photo Bill Hurt*; Raymond and Wanda Quinn set up the display for the wonderful raffle basket donated by the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club; Jeffrey Wright and Wendy Teitsma check out the delightful raffle baskets *photos Kathy Tinius*



# 2023 Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award Winner

## *Raymond Quinn - Windyhill's Dreamsicle*

The Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award is given to the hybridizer whose flower receives the greatest number of votes from Region 15 AHS members.

For 2023, the greatest number of votes went to Raymond Quinn's 'Windyhill's Dreamsicle' (Quinn 2015).

**Below, left to right:** Perry Gaskins (r) presents Raymond Quinn with the 2023 Jeffcoat Hybridizer Award photo *Linda Sue Barnes*; the stunning 'Windyhill's Dreamsicle' photo Raymond Quinn



# 2023 Fall Meeting Speakers

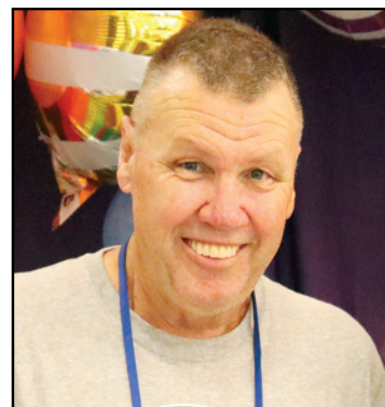
## *Tim Bell of Bell's Daylily Garden and Joe Hudson of MadCat Daylilies*



Attendees were treated to delightful and interesting presentations from two terrific speakers followed by auctions of their introductions.

Tim Bell, of Bell's Daylily Garden ([bellsdaylilygarden.com](http://bellsdaylilygarden.com)) demonstrated that his granddaughter is, indeed, the cutest baby on the planet and that he has created some very, very beautiful flowers.

Joe Hudson, of MadCat Daylilies ([madcatdaylilies.plantfans.com](http://madcatdaylilies.plantfans.com)) explained the creation of his garden's name (his delightful granddaughter Maddie) and logo (former student Mara Bauer). The logo, shown below at right, really does capture the spirit and heart of MadCat Daylilies and Joe Hudson.



**Left, above and below:** Tim Bell shows yet another very, very cute photo of his granddaughter admiring one of his spectacular creations photos *Lee Breuer and Linda Sue Barnes*

**Right, above and below:** Joe Hudson never stood still during his presentation, so here is a photo of him grinning from ear to ear after winning the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award photo *Linda Sue Barnes*





# Fun at the 2023 Region 15 Fall Meeting

*We are the music makers – we are the dreamers of dreams*



**Left and below:** Auction runners went all out and became characters from the classic Willy Wonka movie – (l-r) Oompa Loompas Amy Wright and Indira Hansen, Wonka Bar Susan Burns, Oompa Loompa Ilona Boyd, Veruca Salt Leslie Platt, and Oompa Loompa Beverly Breuer *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; the outside of the church made it clear attendees were entering a magical land of candy and fantasy *photo Kathy Tinius*



**Clockwise from above:** Can you spot the Region 15 luminaries in this photo *by Linda Sue Barnes*; the magical scene of the Chocolate Room was complete with a fabric chocolate river, trees laden with sweets, huge lollipops and candy canes, marshmallow toadstools, and balloon hard candies *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Kirk Milleman, Nancy Milleman, and Vic Santa Lucia enjoy the festivities *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; break time meant more snacks and checking out the raffle items *photo Lee Breuer*; Lowcountry Daylily Club and Charleston Daylily Club members Perry Gaskins and Tim Stout pose with Willy and the team *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; (l-r) Charles Douglas, Heidi Douglas, Raymond Quinn, and Kathy Tinius socialize *photo Linda Sue Barnes*



# Carolina Service Award

## Eric Simpson

We would like to nominate Eric Simpson for the AHS Region 15 Carolina Service award for the generous donation of his time in promoting daylilies. The past six years, Eric has been Publicity Director for Region 15. He has been an excellent communicator, keeping the region informed about scheduled events and always quick to send out last minute updates for local clubs. In addition, until it was discontinued last year, he spent countless hours each year encouraging members and clubs to participate in the Popularity Poll and then spent more time tabulating the votes.

Eric is currently serving as Club President for Western North Carolina Daylily Club and has also served as an AHS Garden Judge Instructor since 2020. He hosted a successful Garden Judges Workshop II this summer in his garden and encouraged everyone to attend.

Eric was the primary Co-Chair for the 2022 AHS National Convention in Asheville, NC. He demonstrated outstanding leadership and coordination skills in preparing for the convention by putting together an effective team when the host club had very few volunteer members. Doing the work of ten people, he spent countless late nights for many months insuring that every piece of the puzzle was in place to pull off one of the most successful conventions to date – one that donated a record amount of money to Region 15 and AHS.

Eric also has made sure that the AHS and Region 15 commitment to youth will be continued. Through his leadership as President of the WNC Daylily Club, the club was able to make a major donation from profits earned in the convention to ensure that the fund used for youth free registrations was replenished. He also led the club through determining which recipient projects and programs would receive the remaining profits.



Eric has served as a guest speaker for more than 40 Daylily Clubs and Symposiums since 2012, sharing his love of daylilies and hybridizing. Not only has he been generous with his time, Eric has always donated auction plants to all Region 15 meetings and auctions for many years, including more than 1,000 of his own new daylily introductions at the 2022 convention.

A very talented and passionate hybridizer, Eric has introduced 198 daylily cultivars to date and won many AHS awards including one Honorable Mention, seven Junior Citations, and the 2022 AHS Lambert/Webster Specialty Award. At the 2022 National Convention in Asheville, he won both the Ned Roberts Spider/Unusual Form Award and the President's Cup for his cultivar 'Pumpkin Britches' (Simpson-E., 2016).

We believe many of us would be thrilled to see him receive the recognition he has earned and so richly deserves.

Robert Selman, Jean-Marie Smith, and Leslie Platt.

*Note: This is a composite of two separate nominations. Information from both was incorporated into one document by the Awards Manager.*

**Left, then above:** Eric Simpson provides details on the 2022 AHS National Convention during the 2021 Region 15 Fall Meeting *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Eric receives his Carolina Service Award plaque *photo Linda Sue Barnes*



## Another Useful Tool – YouTube!

Seems like most people are used to watching some kind of streaming service. Hulu, Sling, Philo, Netflix, Peacock, Max, or Disney+ can be found on almost everyone's phone, tablet, laptop, or television. Millions of people tune in to be entertained, to hear the news, and to learn something they didn't know before. YouTube is a streaming service that can be watched on a browser, an app, or smart tv. Unlike the streaming services listed above, YouTube features videos recorded by regular people like us! (Note in the article about Joe Hudson at right that he has posted videos for Madcat Daylilies on planting daylilies and eliminating aphids.)

Blue Ridge Daylilies has been recording videos with YouTube content provider MrMaple Show. For example, they were invited to record a video on tips for growing and hybridizing daylilies. If Blue Ridge Daylilies posted the show by themselves, they perhaps would have reached a few hundred people.

However, by having the Blue Ridge video recorded and posted by an established content provider, a higher number of views would be expected because of MrMaple's established subscribers. Sure enough, as of late October, this video has had more than 8,100 views! Others have 3,600 views, 2,900 views, and 8,400 views. What a great way to get the word out, either by posting your own videos or linking up with an established channel.



Top 5 Gardening tips for Growing Daylilies at Blue Ridge Daylilies! Tips for Daylily Hybridizing!

# Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award

## Joe Hudson

Contagious enthusiasm, the kind that makes unbelievers believe. It's what happens when a single enthusiastic person who has a passion mentors another person, lighting in them a spark of interest. Then another person hears about it and another, and the circle of enthusiasm begins to expand, and then another person from the outside looking in wants to be part of what's going on and, before you know it, more folks are joining in and everyone is getting excited.

This kind of enthusiasm in our daylily world has the power not only to bring new folks in but to breathe new life into the future of our organization. Our nominee has a real passion for daylilies. AND, he has a passion for people, genuinely appreciating and nurturing friendships. Always positive and encouraging, quick to lend a hand, to share a word, and to congratulate successes, Joe Hudson, through his selfless mentoring, has nurtured and led others, delighting in their successes and accomplishments.

Joe has touched many in our region, young and old and in-between! These are some testimonials from folks in our Region to his influence and mentoring:

*Having been a serious gardener for decades, a student of botany in college, a lover of native perennials and woodland gardens, peonies, iris, I had begun a head-long journey into the world of daylilies. I was learning more of the history and evolution of the daylily, and I had begun collecting the different varieties. It was then that I met Joe through one of his online daylily auctions. Afterwards, he reached out to me, wanting to "customize" my delivery to make sure he handed me the freshest plants possible. He probably doesn't know it, but from that moment on, he became my unofficial mentor, an open book of knowledge, eager and responsive to questions. He literally pulled me into the "pack," nailing the coffin shut on my already hopeless addiction to the daylily.*

*I took a day-long journey to several local growers. At Joe's, his pride, his joy, and his contagious enthusiasm inspired me. As we walked through his farm he taught, pointed out, and demonstrated. Since then, he has offered ongoing support and encouragement to me. When I shared my goal of being designated as a Historic Display Garden, he made the hour-long drive to evaluate my setting, and together we were able to expand and almost double my bed space. With his backgrounds in horticulture and teaching, he is a natural in the daylily space where he freely shares knowledge, teaches processes, and influences lives.*

- Karen Starnes, owner of Frog Pond Daylilies

*A few years ago, I went to Mr. Joe's. I was walking to the road bed and had just asked my Grandma, "Is that 'All American Chief' (Sellers 1994)?" when Mr. Joe came up behind me saying, "Now*



*THAT'S what I like to hear, a girl who knows her daylilies!" I was shy, but Mr. Joe made me feel good at his farm. Mr. Joe encouraged me to be a better person with daylilies. He also inspired me and taught me I can do anything with daylilies except for pollinating a dip with a tet. He inspired me with lots of things.*

- Abbie Chappell,  
12 years old

*I met Joe when I visited his farm, but I'm going to say that his contagious enthusiasm as a speaker and all his help and encouragement when I first started selling daylily seed is where Joe's unique style of mentoring has affected me the most. I asked his opinion about using 'Rose F. Kennedy' (Doorakian 2007) for hybridizing. Immediately he said, "Go for it! I'd breed a poodle to her if I thought it would work!" His message to me was that the sky was the limit. If I thought I wanted to breed two plants, he encouraged me to just do it! While I realize Facebook can be deceiving, when I look at his page, he still has a great rapport with his students after retiring – even those who graduated years ago. That speaks to the respect and love they have for him. You don't get that kind of love unless you GIVE that kind of love."*

- Beverly Ambrose, President, Coastal NC Daylily Society

*Honestly, the thing that Joe has done that spurred me on was his attitude towards the youth. His tale of how he was talked into taking over the youth program for the Region is what encouraged me to become the youth representative for our local club.*

- Barry Pratt, member Mid-Carolina Daylily Society

Joe Hudson is serving the Region as the Youth Liaison and was the Youth bus co-captain at the Asheville AHS National Convention in 2022. He donates daylilies to the school horticulture program in Concord.

His MadCat Daylily Garden & farm was one of the Open Gardens during the Piedmont Daylily Club's Summer Meeting in 2023.

After making his speaking debut at the Outer Banks Fall Meeting in 2021, Joe has gone on to be the guest speaker at several venues, including Lilyhemmer 2022 (the Region 3 Fall Meeting) and local garden club meetings.

Joe and his sidekick Maddie, future owner of MadCat Daylilies and granddaughter extraordinaire, have posted a great video about how to tackle aphids in daylilies (see screenshot, left). It can be found on the MadCat Daylilies Facebook page.

Throw all of this in a bag, shake it up, and what have you got? You've got evidence that Joe Hudson is that person who has a passion for daylilies, a passion for people, and is contagiously enthusiastic about getting folks involved in daylilies. This is why we believe he is deserving of the high honor of receiving the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award.

Respectfully submitted by Michael Luther and Pat Mansfield

Above: Joe Hudson receives his award plaque from Mitchell Hagler for the Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award photo Lee Bruer

# Lambert/Webster Award

## Heidi Douglas - 'Breathing in Snowflakes'

The Lambert/Webster Award, a bronze medal, was established to stimulate interest in unusual form daylilies. These are flowers whose length to width ratio puts them outside the Spider class. Heidi Douglas' **'Breathing in Snowflakes'** (Douglas-H., 2016) is spectacular in every garden, no matter where the garden is located – in Region 15 or in any other region.

Below, left to right: Heidi Douglas surveys her beautiful flowers photo Leslie Platt; **'Breathing in Snowflakes'** (Douglas-H., 2016) shows off in these photos by Heidi Douglas



# Eugene S. Foster Award

## Robert Selman - 'Wacky Dragon'

The Eugene S. Foster Award is given for the outstanding late-blooming cultivar. This year, Robert Selman's **'Wacky Dragon'** (Selman 2014) was a standout, bringing bright highlights to the later daylily season.

Below, left to right: Robert Selman photo Linda Sue Barnes; **'Wacky Dragon'** (Selman 2014) shines in these photos by Robert Selman



# Region 15 2023 Winners!

## *Awards of Merit*



'Asheville After Dark' (2014) by Robert Selman



'Faber Sabre' (2009) by Paul Owen



'Riot Act' (2014) by Paul Owen

## *Honorable Mentions*



'Windyhill's Dreamsicle' (2015) by Raymond Quinn



'Boom Boom Kabloom' (2018) by Robert Selman



'Weird Science' (2017) by Robert Selman



'Going Grand at the Strand' (2018) by Heidi Douglas



'Browns Ferry Debutante' (2019) by Charles Douglas



'Royal Girls' (2014) by Judy Davisson



'Black Fury' (2008) by J.D. Stadler



'Birthday Wishes' (2016) by Robert Selman

# "My Own Private Idaho" Tour of Bill Hurt & Marshall Morrow's Daylily Display Garden June 24 by Cecil Martin

I have to tell the story of how I came to refer to it that way, even at the cost of making myself appear the fool I was that day, lol. But trust me, it's worth it to make sure *you* don't miss this annual opportunity. Bill and Marshall have at least 500 varieties of hybridized daylilies. It's an amazing array of colors, shapes, patterns and textures, and they are the nicest guys you'll ever meet.



It was one of those days. I overslept after being up in the studio too long the night before. A friend of mine (and Bill & Marshall's) had asked to go with me and assured me he'd be back from his trip to Europe in time. He decided the evening before to stay home on Saturday and work in his yard. Everything seemed thrown off.

Come Saturday, I woke up late and was in a panic after seeing the time. I bolted upright. No time to get cleaned up, I just scrambled to put together a little gift bag and hit the ground running for Brown's Summit.



Because it helps with arrival times, traffic updates, etc., I pulled up maps and started entering their address. The exact number and street popped up but, unbeknownst to me at that point, it had omitted the last word of their three-word

crying. Bear in mind I have taken several different routes to their house in the last few years so when the correctly numbered address popped up I had just pushed "go" and it was "wheels up" and I was flying! I was desperate not to miss this once a year event and I was willing to risk a ticket to get there.



Now it seemed I would not arrive until 10 minutes past noon — 10 minutes too late to see Bill and Marshall. I screenshot and sent the photo of my GPS map with the unbelievability of a one word omission at the end of his address to Bill, and I am sure he rolled his eyes. As much as I wanted to cry at all this, and was so sad I didn't see the boys, I had an amazing time seeing the splendiddness of Bill & Marshall's fantastic display garden.



It was a bit bizarre, I admit. I felt like someone who had fallen asleep under a tree at a botanical garden and woke to find the place empty and all to themselves. I started referring to it as "My Own Private Idaho" garden tour. If you know of the Gus Van Sant film released in 1991 (on my birthday) starring River Phoenix and Keanu Reeves then you get my reference.

Anyway, it was a beautiful sunny day — almost surreal in its beauty, and I snapped pictures in the early afternoon heat until my phone battery died. These photos are all I got before that happened.

*photos Cecil Martin*



street address. Other than that, it was exactly the same address.

Eating Häagen-Dazs ice cream cones — yes, plural! — as I barreled down the interstate, I knew I should arrive right before the noon hour. Well that was when I heard my GPS robot say turn left (into a parking lot) and that I had arrived at my destination! I knew it was all over but the



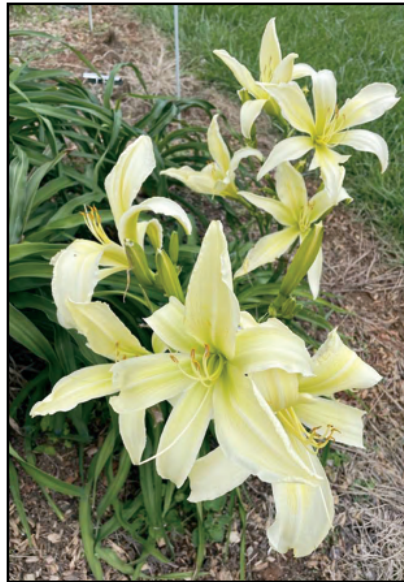
# Late Bloomers

2023 has been an extraordinary year for daylilies. Many areas of the Carolinas had more than sufficient rain throughout the winter and into the growing season. The months of July, August, and September recorded the highest temperatures since the early 1900s. The surprising net result has been plants reblooming one, two, even three times.

Plants that normally have only one set of (fabulous) blooms in May or June are now giving us lovely views well into October. Here are some of these stellar performers.

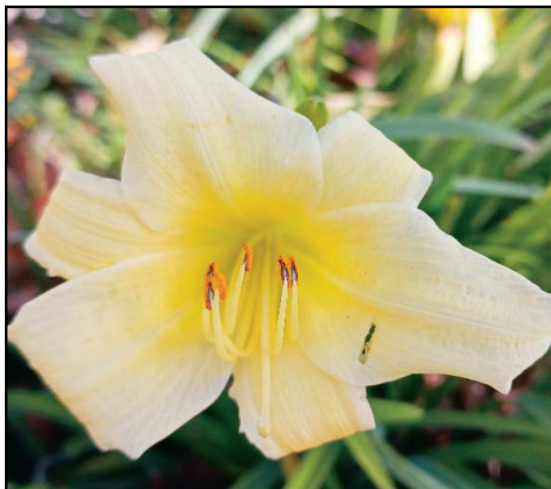


**Above:** Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's Summit Lakes Garden seems to have dozens of very late bloomers this year. Above left to right are 'Christmas Corsage' (Herrington-T., 2021) which was photographed October 18 and 'Lilac Lollipop' (Herrington-H., 2018) on October 17 *photos Bill Hurt*



**Above:** At the Bledsoe Daylily Gardens, late blooms were being noted starting the first week in September. By October, they were still awash in surprising rebloom. These two photos were taken on October 9 (l-r) 'Delicate Sound of Thunder' (Milleman 2021) and 'Bridezilla' (Dye-K., 2011) *photos Terry Bledsoe*

**Right:** This happy rebloomer is the first bud to open on a fresh rebloom scape on October 25 in Myrtle Beach — 'Butterpat' (Kennedy 1970) has a tiny 2.5" flower *photo Kathy Tinius*



**Above:** Pat Mansfield makes absolutely gorgeous arrangements of daylilies for her church. This arrangement was presented to the church on October 15. These stunning blooms are: 'Precious Kiss' (Gossard 2019), 'One Eye Willy' (Herrington-T., 2006), 'Web of Intrigue' (Stamile 1999), 'Blue Beetle' (Gossard 2010), 'Thingamabob' (Selman 2011), 'City Center' (Santa Lucia 2006), and 'Vorlon Encounter Suit' (Reeder 2016) *photo Pat Mansfield*

**Below:** An unidentified flower blooming at Bear W. Daylily Farm on October 8 *photo Kim Webb posted to YouTube via Facebook*



another flower for this fall #bearwdaylilyfarm #gardening #daylilies  
@bearwdaylilyfarm1185 [Subscribe](#)

# The Future of Daylilies is Positively Gorgeous



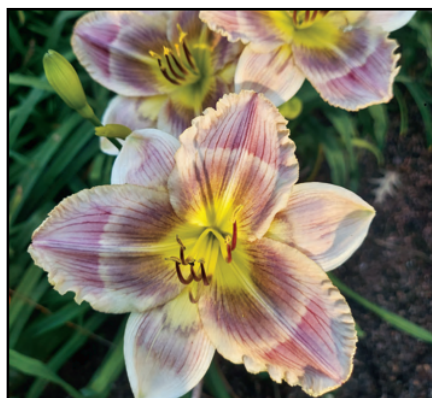
**Bill Hemmingsen** seedlings; Bill's plants are available from a wide variety of sources



**Cindy Dye** seedlings (l-r) FG1, LHXWM1, RAPXS1; contact her on Facebook Homeplace Gardens or [hpgardens@aol.com](mailto:hpgardens@aol.com)



**Eric Simpson** seedlings; Eric's plants are available from [blueridgedaylilies.com](http://blueridgedaylilies.com)



**Tim Stout** seedlings; contact Tim directly at [justtstout@gmail.com](mailto:justtstout@gmail.com) for information about his hybridizing program





**Beverly Ambrose** seedlings: Chasing Dragonflies x Forestlake Ragamuffin; Small World Valentine x unreadable tag (these would be Beverly's first introductions)



**Gene Tanner** seedling; available at [brownsferrygardens.com](http://brownsferrygardens.com)



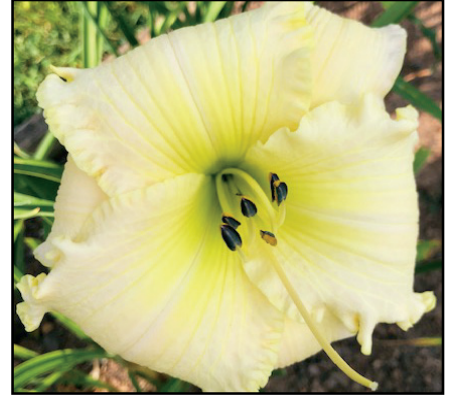
**Robert Selman** seedlings; Robert's plants are available from [blueridgedaylilies.com](http://blueridgedaylilies.com).



**Bill Hurt** seedling (re bloom); contact Bill at [billhurt@gmail.com](mailto:billhurt@gmail.com)



**Perry Gaskins** seedlings; contact Perry at [pcgaskins@homesc.com](mailto:pcgaskins@homesc.com)



**Ruby Schumacher** seedling; contact Kirk & Nancy Milleman for info



**Tom Bruce** seedlings; Tom's plants are available at [carolinadaylilies.com](http://carolinadaylilies.com)



**Heidi Douglas** seedling; available at [brownsferrygardens.com](http://brownsferrygardens.com)

# Soda City 2024

*Save the Date for the  
2024 Region 15 Summer Meeting*



May 31 – June 1, 2024

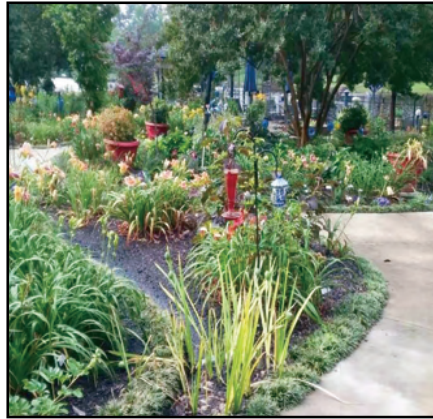
Columbia, South Carolina

Registration details will be in the Spring Issue of *Hemalina* and at [Region15daylily.org](http://Region15daylily.org)

Both regular mail and online registration are planned

Hosted by the Region 15 Leadership Team

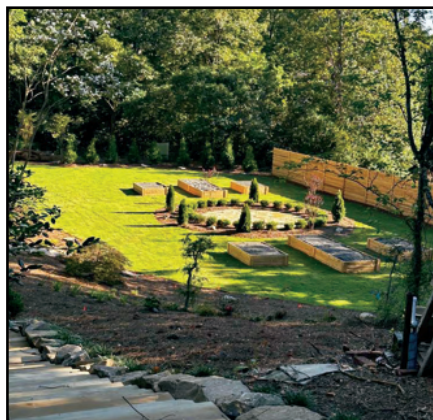
*Three delightful gardens on tour:*



Walt and Elaine Tyler  
Garden



Peggy Jeffcoat  
Garden



Leslie Platt & Barry Pratt  
Garden



# 2024 Region 15 Summer Meeting

## Schedule

### Friday Evening, May 31

Rich Crider's Three Shovels Farm  
Matthews, SC  
Pig Pickin' Dinner and Live Auction



### Saturday Morning, June 1

Tour of Three Beautiful Gardens

### Saturday Afternoon, June 1

Asbury Memorial United Methodist Church  
Columbia, SC  
Raffle and Silent Auction  
Lunch  
Business Meeting  
Awards

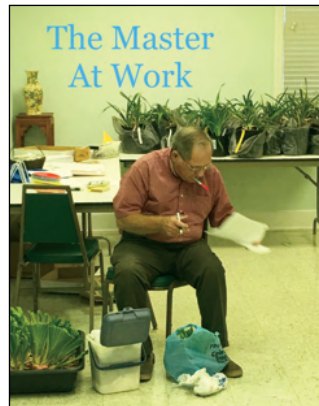


# Auction Plants Needed

Some of the greatest fun at Region 15 meetings takes place during the live plant auctions. Bidding on choice cultivars moves briskly, sometimes into the stratosphere. Often, though, even the bidder with the smallest budget can snap up a new introduction at a bargain rate.



Take some time this winter to look through your flower beds/records and select some plants to donate to the auction at the 2024 Region 15 Summer Meeting. Make a list and contact either Perry Gaskins 843-335-3433 (H) / 843-729-4426 (C) or Tim Stout 843-754-7229



Above, left, then far left: 'Beside Myself' (Jeffcoat 2006) photo Beverly Breuer; during the 2017 Fall Meeting, Tom Bruce worked furiously to line up the auction plants photo Lee Breuer; members enjoy the fellowship of the 2023 Fall Meeting photo Bill Hurt

# How to Enter the 2024 Region 15 Seedling Contest

## Send photo of bloom and scape

As with the 2023 Region 15 Summer Meeting, there is insufficient time to grow seedlings for review during the 2024 Summer Meeting. Hybridizers are asked to provide a photo of both their selected seedling's bloom AND scape for the 2024 Region 15 Seedling Contest.

Please send your photos to the 2024 Region 15 Summer Meeting Seedling Contest Chair, Raymond Quinn, at windyhill101@yahoo.com. Please contact Raymond Quinn with any questions.

Right, far right: One of Perry Gaskins' seedlings; scape of 'American Idol' (Wilkie 2014) photo from Dreamscape Daylily Gardens website



# Baskets and Silent Auction Items

## Let us know what your club is planning

A real highlight of coming to the Summer Meetings is the chance to win fabulous baskets and silent auction items. Region 15 has some of the country's best crafters and artists and each meeting seems to outdo the last with exciting hand-carved artwork, pottery creations, garden art, beautiful paintings, bird houses, and crocheted handiwork.

We would like to hear what your club might be planning to put together or that your club members may be creating. Please contact Nancy Womack at nancyhwomack@gmail.com with details and for any questions.

Right, far right: Mid-Carolina Daylily Society's raffle basket included highly desirable plants photo Linda Sue Barnes; this gorgeous Amish birdhouse and Sheila Caldon's creative pots were a big hit in the silent auction photos Linda Sue Barnes



# Along the Winding Path of History and Through the Garden Gate

by Melodye Campbell, AHS Archives and History Chair, Region 15 Historian

This story started with a simple question from a friend. The question was about 'Golden Triangle' (Traub 1949), a daylily cultivar registered by Hamilton Traub in 1949. In addition to a complete collection of *The Daylily Journals*, the AHS Archives contains rare issues of the *Herbertia*, which was published in the 1930s, long before the 1946 formation of the American Hemerocallis Society. Hamilton Traub edited the *Herbertia*, so it was a perfect place to begin searching for 'Golden Triangle.'

While I began this research, my friend found a source for this historic daylily – Wing Haven Gardens and the Elizabeth Lawrence House and Garden in Charlotte, NC. What did I find in the 1948 *Herbertia*? The same Elizabeth Lawrence had written an article about her twenty-five favorite daylilies!

There's more! Elizabeth Lawrence (May 5, 1904 – June 11, 1985) was from North Carolina, and was an American horticulture writer and landscape architect. In 1932, she became the first woman to graduate with a degree in Landscape Architecture from North Carolina State University. Best known for her books on gardening in the South, Lawrence also wrote more than 700 columns for *The Charlotte Observer*. Her home and historic gardens in Charlotte are now maintained and preserved by the Wing Haven Foundation. Elizabeth's favorite daylilies still grow at her house!

Further research from the Wing Haven website gives us this: Elizabeth Lawrence "is regarded as one of three preeminent figures in the horticultural history of the Southeast, sharing this short list with Thomas Jefferson and J.C. Raulston. She is also listed among the top twenty-five gardeners of all time. The work she did while designing, writing, and gardening at her home in Charlotte, North Carolina, contributed greatly to that status."



You never know where that winding path of history is going to take you! I never did find anything about 'Golden Triangle,' but I sure learned a lot about Elizabeth Lawrence and her love of daylilies.

Above: 'Golden Triangle' (Traub 1949) photo Geraldine Coutourier

The Elizabeth Lawrence House & Garden is a recognized local historic landmark by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, is part of the Smithsonian Institute's Archives of American Gardens, and is listed in the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places. The house and gardens are in Myers Park, one of Charlotte's oldest neighborhoods. To learn more about Elizabeth and her gardens, check out the following links:

<https://winghavengardens.org/elizabeth-lawrence-house-and-garden>

<https://winghavengardens.org/el-blog/2021/7/2/its-all-about-the-daylilies-part-1>

<https://winghavengardens.org/el-blog/2021/7/2/its-all-about-the-daylilies-part-2>

<https://winghavengardens.org/happenings-seasonal-events>

## Bear W. Daylily Farm

The AHS Daylily Display Garden information for Mickey and Kim Webb's Bear W. Daylily Farm has been updated (see below). Take a few moments when you can to look through both their sale plants and recent introductions.

The Bear W. Daylily Farm has been on tour in recent years and the wooded, rolling property is delightful to visit. Open garden days and a festival day give visitors a chance to stroll the garden – keep an eye on their website and Facebook page for future dates.

Right, left to right: 'Bear's Sweetpea' (Webb-M., 2022); 'Deano the Corn Man' (Webb-K., 2022) in memory of Uncle Dean Jarrett photos Kim Webb; a photo from the 2014 Summer Meeting tour photo Kathy Tinius

A. Bear W. Daylily Farm  
www.bearwdaylilyfarm.net  
Mickey and Kim Webb  
4560 Silver Creek Ch. Rd.  
Morganton, NC 28655  
khw33159@gmail.com  
(828) 448-5443



# Enter the Carolina Digital Photo Contest

*Deadline December 31, 2023*

Look through your photos, figure out in which categories they would fit, and send them to the photo contest chair for the 2023 Carolina Digital Photo Contest.

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)

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](mailto: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](mailto:mansfieldsdaylilies@gmail.com))

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

Should you have any questions, please contact the photo contest chair, Kathy Tinius, at [ktinius@yahoo.com](mailto:ktinius@yahoo.com).

**Above:** "Those Blooming Aliens with 'Alien Starchild' (Selman 2014)" by Stacie Isham submitted to the 2022 Carolina Digital Photo Contest



## One of our Other Favorite Flowers - Iris!

Recently, Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow of Summit Lakes Garden visited Sandhills Daylily Club to talk about one of their other favorite flowers – Iris!

In their presentation, they detailed the many different varieties they grow, including tall and intermediate bearded iris as well as Japanese and *Iris pseudata*. Here are some of their photos of these gorgeous beauties.

**Left, below, then clockwise from right:** Japanese Iris 'Geisha Obi'; tall bearded iris 'Cherry Blossom Song'; *Iris pseudata* 'Cascadian Snow'; tall bearded iris 'Dusky Challenger'; *Iris pseudata* 'I'm a Bigun' photos Bill Hurt



# Region 15 at Lilyhemmer

Lilyhemmer is the name of the Region 3 Fall Meeting, held in October in Pennsylvania. In its 28th year, this two-day event features judges clinics and workshops, a business meeting, and two speaker events (with speakers like Stout Silver Medal winner Ellen Laprise). In addition, attendees can shop from vendors selling cards, quilts, and other daylily-related crafts. They can also learn more during educational sessions and add choice plants to their collections.



**Above, then below:** Barry Pratt and Leslie Platt enjoyed spending time with Rich Howard (center) *photo Leslie Platt*; (l-r) Julia Ann Odom, Region 3 President Jennifer Reed, Barry Pratt, and Leslie Platt gather for a group photo with fluffball Mara Lucille Odom *photo Julia Ann Odom*



**Left:** Can you believe there is such a thing as Daylily Jelly?? Folks attending 2023 Lilyhemmer had a chance to sample this delicacy *photo Kathy Jentz*

# Poetry Corner

## To Kathy

You came to us-- what? Eight years ago  
 With your unusual last name  
 A lady who didn't vacation at the beach like everyone else  
 But who actually lived there.  
 You followed in the footsteps of some very talented editors  
 But you took our newsletter to a new level  
 and soon it was recognized as a national winner.  
 And during these many years you fashioned issue after issue  
 with skill, with creativity, and with love.  
 From your vast portfolio, you always found the right photo  
 for an article,  
 The right suggestion to make it stronger,  
 The right layout to make it flow.  
 Today I echo the sentiment of Charlie Brown  
 Who said that goodbye always makes my throat hurt.  
 So instead, I simply say,  
 Enjoy your much deserved reprieve  
 Region 15's good and faithful servant.

--Mitchell Hagler

# A Note from the Editor

Eight years ago I was a few weeks away from retirement. I thoroughly enjoyed my work. Although I was fortunate to work from home, I often worked twelve hour days and sometimes well into the night, and I loved it. Retirement was going to be hard for me – while I did have hobbies, who would I be without my job? What would be my place in society without my work?

Fortunately, two things happened. First, our club decided to host the national convention, which used all of my organizational skills and more. Second, I received a call from Heidi Douglas and Nancy Womack asking if I would like to edit the *Hemalina*. Right up my alley! I didn't hesitate for a second, "Yes," I said, "I would love to!"

Fast forward to today, as I'm putting together this last issue. I haven't regretted for a single moment saying yes. I have gotten to know dozens of amazing people who are now wonderful friends. I've learned more than I can say about daylilies, the world of hybridizing, and the world of editing a newsletter. I was able to challenge myself and others, and I found my place in society.

It is time to take the *Hemalina* to the next level and into the future. It is time to embrace that this communications device should be and will be here eight years, twenty years, even fifty years from now. I'm very confident our new, highly qualified editor Ariel Bledsoe will begin to turn this Queen Mary in the right direction, towards the future, and we will all be the better for it.

Thank you all so very, very much for your photos, stories, poems, anecdotes, and support. This has been a labor of love and a complete blast, and I thank you for allowing me to have this much fun.

Kathy Tinius  
 Former Editor, *Hemalina*

**Right:** Dawn Whitley (l) introduces the new *Hemalina* editor, Ariel Bledsoe at the 2023 Region 15 Fall Meeting *photo Linda Sue Barnes*



# Plant Labels

Plant labels that don't fade in the sun, stay where they're stuck, and are easily legible are worth their weight in gold. Hybridizers and gardeners are constantly trying new products and love to hear what works for other growers.

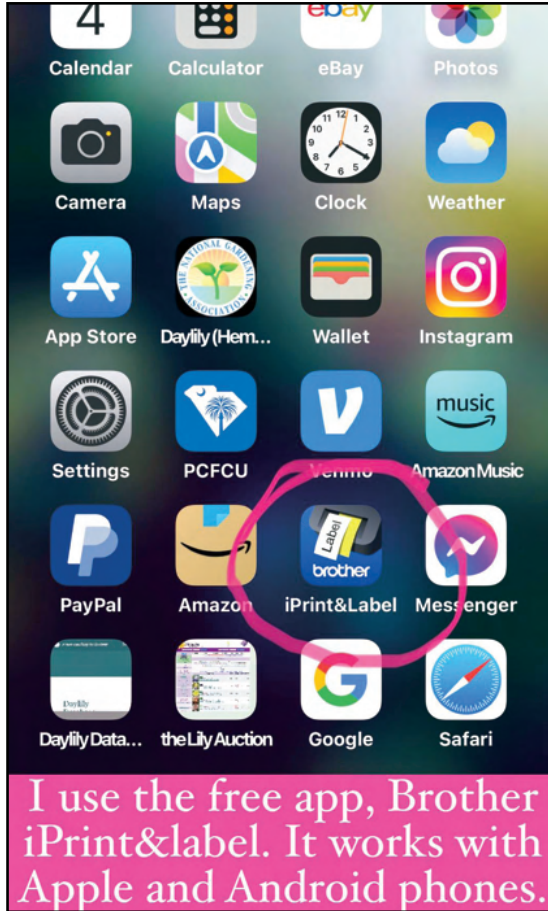
Recently, Leslie Platt posted on her Facebook page details of the labels she and Barry Pratt use in their garden. They wanted to find labels that wouldn't stand out in the garden but are easy to read and are sunfast. They found that in Brother P-Touch, which makes a black tape that is laminated for outdoor use.

The product uses a Bluetooth connection and works from an app on your phone, making it easy to tap out labels from the garden, workshop, or office. For accuracy, Leslie searches for the cultivar name in the AHS database, copies the name and hybridizer information, then pastes it directly into the printer app.

The result is a label that is accurate, easy to read, sunfast, and disappears in photos.

You can see the results in the photo down below – and we will all see the results next summer when we tour the Leslie Platt and Barry Pratt garden during the 2024 Region 15 Summer Meeting in Columbia, SC.

*photos Leslie Platt*



# Fall in Our Daylily Garden

by Terry Bledsoe, *Bledsoe Daylily Garden*

Fall is a time when many people let their gardens go. But in reality it is a prime time for getting your gardens ready for next year. Here are a few things we do in our garden in the fall.

Make sure that you have pulled off all of the dead scapes, any unwanted seed pods, and dead foliage.



Gather any proliferations that you may want. Prolifis are easy to grow and will produce exactly the same daylily they were harvested from. We harvest them and place them in pots. Be sure to carefully label them for easy identification.

Clean any weeds, unwanted flowers, and any dead materials from the flower beds.

If you are composting, make sure you use only waste that is free of seeds and diseases. If there is any question, don't compost but dispose of properly instead.

Some growers cut their daylilies back after they have finished blooming. We use both methods, cutting some of the plants back while cleaning the beds and just cleaning other beds while leaving those plants intact.

Mark any clumps that appear to be in distress. This could be from shade, lack of water, overcrowding, or other causes. We use construction flags since they are cheap and easy to see. If the problems can be addressed now, it's a good time to do so. Solutions range from moving the plant to a more favorable location, relocating adjacent plants, or just moving a sprinkler.

Mark any clumps for dividing. Large clumps may not perform as well so dividing them can enhance performance next year. It is

also a very good time to divide to share or increase your number of clumps. We always leave at least three fans for the clump we are setting back out.

Carefully divide clumps and label.

We use two spade digging forks scissored together to separate clumps. If you are careful, you can divide them down to single fans, especially handy for inventory beds.

Fall is the perfect time to create new beds or increase the size of existing beds. All weeds and debris should be removed from the area. We enhance our soil with leaf mold and composted mulch, and a top layer of mulch is recommended. Remember, daylilies need at least six hours of full sun daily so locate your beds appropriately.

This is a great time to set out new plants to give them every advantage you can. Work the soil well, then dig a hole a little larger than the root ball. Place the plant in the hole, making sure the roots are spread out, and the crown is at ground level. We add potting soil to new plants and we also spread a handful of Permatill around the plant. Water in when finished.

Fall is a time of movement in the gardens. Be sure to keep your labels and your plant database up to date. We find our database very valuable in maintaining our gardens.

Keep your tools, wheelbarrow, carts, and barrels clean. One errand seed can give you years of work.

Also remember, more plants (not necessarily daylilies) are lost in September and October from lack of watering than any other month.

Happy Fall Gardening



## More Daylily Fellowship

Sharing our love of daylilies, sharing plants, sharing meals, and sharing our homes – daylily people are the best people. Delivering

plants from Lilyhemmer to Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow, Julia Ann Odom and her beloved Lucille took advantage of the opportunity to stay the night with two of the daylily world's most cordial hosts. As they are always generous with their time and energy, we're sure Bill and Marshall made both Julia Ann and Lucille feel right at home.

**Right, far right:** Julia Ann Odom and Lucille were grateful to spend the night with these two consummate hosts as part of her travels home from Lilyhemmer for the Region 3 Fall Meeting; Marshall and Bill pose behind one of their spectacular centerpieces created with cuttings from their garden photos Bill Hurt and Julia Ann Odom





# Membership Chair

We live in a virtual world. Many of us are connected through social media with people who just LOVE daylilies.

A lot of those folks we network with are not connected to a club, and some might not even know the AHS exists. Just think about all the fun and fellowship they are missing out on! I mean, really, how can we – the enlightened – let that continue? Whether they're local or around the country, let's help them find a club.



Here's a challenge for you. Think of just one of your social media daylily friends who you don't think is a club member. BEFORE you ask them if they are a club member, find out where they live. Then go out on the AHS website to the "SOCIETY" tab, scroll down to the interactive map of Regions. Once there, look for a list of clubs in their region and match their address to the closest club. Google maps can help you figure this out. Sure, this takes a few minutes of your time, but the easier you can make it for them, the more likely they are to investigate AHS and consider joining a club.

When you ask about club membership, how can you increase the chances you'll get a positive response? First, get your face right by putting a smile on it and letting your excitement and enthusiasm shine. Excitement is contagious and even if you're on the opposite side of a keyboard or the phone from them, they can pick up on a smile even when they can't see you. Likewise, if your face and tone make you like Eeyore, well, let's just say your result might not be so successful.

Second, if you get a negative response like, "I'm not a club joiner" or "I work (have kids, obligations), I don't have time," keep in mind that everyone makes time for the things they want to make time for. Remember, you can turn a negative into a positive by continuing to be a cheerleader and sharing your fun experiences from club membership with them.

Face-to-face, the technique is the same. You still have to get your face right! Instead of merely giving them the location of a club, you need to tell them about the fun, camaraderie, and maybe a little bit about upcoming meetings or events. Give them the time and place where your club meets and maybe even offer to give them a ride!

Gather your information and get your face right. Then you are not only ready to ask the question, but you are also armed with information to make it easier for them to connect and become a member!

Pat Mansfield

# Garden Judges Liaison

Garden Judges Workshop I and Garden Judges Workshop III was available online in October of this year. AHS members wanting to become a Garden Judge took Garden Judge Workshop I online Tuesday, October 24, at 6 PM Central time, while AHS Garden Judges who needed to renew this year took Garden Judge III on line on Wednesday, October 25, at 6 PM Central time. If interested in either of these on-line workshops, contact the AHS Garden Judges Education Chair Debbie Smith at [judgeteducation@daylilies.org](mailto:judgeteducation@daylilies.org).



Garden Judge Liaison (continued)

Any clubs with members who want to be Garden Judges or who need to renew as garden judges can contact me to arrange in-person workshops. Please allow six weeks' notice for me to contact AHS and get the paperwork arranged. My contact information is on page 3 of the *Hemalina*.

Becky Hinshaw

# Exhibition Judges Liaison

The official number of Exhibition Judges for Region 15 as of the Board of Directors meeting in Oklahoma City on October 14 stands at: 23 Senior Judges, 3 Junior Judges, 1 Student Judge, and 4 Honorary Judges. We have 7 instructors in our region and we welcomed 2 new Junior Judges when they got their results after the Summer Meeting in Charlotte — Leslie Platt and Barry Pratt.



There is still plenty of room for more of you to become Exhibition Judges. You can get a jump start by taking Exhibition Clinic I online this fall or next spring. If you're interested or have any questions, drop me a line at [lsbarnes@nc.rr.com](mailto:lsbarnes@nc.rr.com).

Linda Sue Barnes

# Join or Renew Today!

Those of you who are currently members of the American Daylily Society



(which should be all who got this in the mail since receiving this newsletter is one of the perks of membership) know that it is easy to forget to renew your membership as life gets busy towards the end of the year.

You have a special reason to renew your membership today since dues are expected to increase by \$5 beginning January 1. Beat the rush and renew your membership today.

If you have any friends on the fence about joining, give them a push towards signing up right away. Go to <https://daylilies.org/membership/> to refresh yourself about the benefits of membership (getting the national magazine, *The Daylily Journal*, for example) and to renew or sign up online or print the mail-in forms.



Right: A delightful palate cleanser, 'Thingamajig' (Selman 2011) photo Sheila Caldon

# Club News

## Catawba Valley Daylily Club by Terry Bledsoe

The Catawba Valley Daylily Club met in September at the home of Terry and Jill Bledsoe with ten members present. Introductions were made to new members. We held a discussion of what we are doing in our gardens, what has worked, and what has not worked. Members shared their experiences of working in their gardens in the Fall. New members and old received valuable tips for a successful daylily garden.

A new daylily introduction was shown, 'Catawba Valley Buster and Kathryn' (Dye-C., 2023). This beautiful flower was hybridized by Cindy Dye and named in honor of our club and Buster and Kathryn Bledsoe. Kathryn, a long-time member of the club, passed away several years ago. Buster, who is now 89, works hard throughout the year to maintain Bledsoe Daylily Garden, an AHS Daylily Display Garden in Vale, North Carolina.

Election of next year's officers was held. We will maintain the same officers: President Terry Bledsoe; Secretary Jill Bledsoe; and Treasurer Janice Parker.

Attendees at the September meeting were also asked to bring a plant (not a daylily) to exchange with other members. The variety of plants daylily lovers grow to enhance their gardens is amazing. Always a fun activity, the plant exchange guaranteed each person left with a unique plant they did not have in their garden.

Each member attending also received multiple daylilies grown from proliferations in the Bledsoe's garden. New members attending meetings will always receive great plants for their gardens.



Our next meeting will be in early January and it will be highlighted with a garden gift exchange.

Above: 'Catawba Valley Buster and Kathryn' (Dye-C., 2023) photo Terry Bledsoe

## Charleston Daylily Club



Charleston Daylily Club was represented at the 2023 Region 15 Summer Meeting in Columbia by Tim Stout (see photo with Tim (I) along with Jeffrey Franz and Heidi Douglas). Charleston is maintaining an active Facebook page, including attractive invitations like the one shown at right.

photo Kathy Tinius



## Coastal NC Daylily Society by Beverly Ambrose

Our September meeting was held at the home of Bill and Pat Mansfield of Mansfield Daylilies in Hertford. Pat took members into the daylily fields to find prolifs. As we each found some, Pat demonstrated how to help these little gifts from our daylilies to flourish. Everyone took their prolifs home; at our November meeting we will see how they do.

The Region 15 Fall Meeting – oh my goodness, where to begin!?!?!? A group of CNCDS members attended and the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society knocked it out of the park! Thursday evening was a meet and greet at the home of Leslie Platt and Barry Pratt for those who arrived early. They have made amazing progress in their garden. Can't wait to see it on the garden tours in the spring.



Left, bottom, right: (l-r) Beverly Ambrose, Darlene Forehand, and Pat Mansfield live it up at the 2023 Region 15 Fall Meeting photo Bill Hurt; The CNCDS table was festive photo Kathy Tinius; Pat Mansfield, Beverly Breuer, and Peggy Jeffcoat share a laugh while Pat buys more daylilies for her Mansfield Daylilies photo Lee Breuer



## Foothills Daylily Society by Kirk Milleman

What do you do when the weather is miserable? You have a potluck! August was our potluck month; yes, it was hot, but we just found a picnic shelter with a ceiling fan.



Along with the potluck, we had a presentation by Jeff and Sonja Stobie about their exciting travels. The Stobies brought with them several photo albums of their

travels around the U.S. They shared some interesting and strange tidbits about different places that were really fascinating. They have been to every state and are now visiting the state capitals. While working through that list, they are fitting in trips to Iceland, Norway, and Turkey, to mention a few.

Also at this August meeting, we surprised John and Linda Martin and Nancy Womack with bricks. You read that correctly. Our local Kiwanis club has built a beautiful park in Rutherfordton. At the entrance, visitors walk over large and small bricks inscribed with messages that honor and memorialize friends and loved ones. Our club had one made for the Martins and one for Nancy to commemorate their amazing service to our club. The Martins are moving to Maryland to be near family. It's a great loss for the club and the region, but they will forever be remembered. Nancy knew about the brick for the Martins but she was surprised to receive one too. They were all very appreciative to the club for recognizing their contributions.

September's meeting was designed to introduce new members to the world of daylilies. We showed the AHS slideshow, "Daylilies – The Other Essential Perennial," as a way to illustrate the various cultivar sizes, shapes, and colors. Many excellent questions were raised during and after the slideshow that were answered by members. It was a very successful program, one which other clubs might want to consider to help their newer members gain a grasp on the world of daylilies. We always need to remember

## Lowcountry Daylily Club by Perry Gaskins

In August, Tom Bruce of Carolina Daylily Garden made a presentation about hostas and brought some for our members to buy. It was a very enjoyable presentation as always.

In September, the club held our annual photo contest. Everyone enjoyed seeing the entries and selecting the winners. Anne Winningham won the contest hands down. We discussed the raffle basket for the club to donate to the Region 15 Fall Meeting and it was decided to donate a large planter with succulents.



The Lowcountry Daylily Club has agreed to be responsible for gathering plants and managing the plant auction for the 2024 Region 15 Summer Meeting.

Bill Hurt, current Region 15 president, invited us to visit his and Marshall Morrow's Summit Lakes Garden near Greensboro, NC, so we will be making plans for this club trip.

We had a really good time at our last meeting for the year. We met at Perry and Pam Gaskins' house. The food was delicious but the friends were the best – everyone had a good time. It was plant swap month and a local nursery gave us plants to give away.

We will be having our Christmas dinner at Brecks in Moncks Corner December 9th.

**Left then right:** Looks like Perry's harem is growing! (l-r) Denice Aikin-Daniels, Odessa Bourne, Anne Winningham, Perry Gaskins, Lib Rentz, Shelia Palmer, Jean Owens, and Carla Wrenn photo Perry Gaskins; Lowcountry Daylily Club members had a great time at the 2023 Region 15 Summer Meeting photo Kathy Tinius

that people coming into the club are not necessarily knowledgeable about daylilies and that it's our responsibility to teach them.

Also in September, five of us ventured down to West Columbia for the big Wonka-fest Region 15 Fall Meeting. We had the best time seeing friends, bidding on plants, and trying to win raffle items. Congratulations to the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society for a very fun and successful weekend.

We're down to the grand finale for the year – the big dinner party. We had been having it in October, but this year it will be in November. Our club member, Gabe Harden, has invited us back to his restaurant, so we'll have a great meal. We'll be having fun and enjoying the food, but we'll also be starting the planning for next fall because our club is hosting the 2024 Region 15 Fall Meeting! No rest for the wicked, I guess. We'll see y'all next fall.

Last, but not least, a HUGE thank you to Kathy Tinius for all the great work she has done with the *Hemalina*. Every issue was professionally made. I know she will enjoy her "retirement" and we'll see her more relaxed at the meetings.

**Clockwise from left:** (l-r) John Martin, Nancy Womack, Patricia Kuess, and Vic Santa Lucia enjoy a hot picnic; (l-r) Vic Santa Lucia, Nancy Womack, Nancy Milleman and Kirk Milleman pretend they're in a prom photo booth at the Region 15 Fall Meeting; Nancy Womack and Nancy Milleman show off Foothills Daylily Society's raffle basket, won by Bill Hurt photos Kirk Milleman



## Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Beverly Breuer

Mid-Carolina members have been busier than Oompa Loompas in a chocolate factory. We did not take a break for the summer, but instead worked tirelessly to prepare for the Region 15 Fall Meeting extravaganza. As you can imagine, September's club meeting was devoted to final meeting planning.



Routine meetings resumed in October, with a covered dish dinner and plant swap. We continue to add to our already strong membership with seven new members added since June for a total of 63. Two, who were bitten by the daylily bug, are husbands of current members.

November is photo contest and "show off your garden photos" month as well as officer elections. We will chill out in December with a Christmas party, gift exchange, and, yes, lots of food. We are already

in the process of planning future meetings – there is a lot in store for 2024! "The suspense is terrible. I hope it will last."

Top hats not only to the Fall Regional Meeting Planning Committee (Sheila Caldon, Leslie Platt, Barry Pratt, Peggy Jeffcoat, Cassie Craig, Nancy Addison, Becky Wise, Amy Wright, Ariel Bledsoe, Linda Inabinette, Judy Bozard, and yours truly), but to the many awesome members who helped in numerous ways – it was a huge team effort. Barry and Leslie graciously hosted several decorating parties during the summer as the Willy Wonka theme was developed (Amy's brilliant idea!). Several afternoons were spent painting,



cutting, hammering, drilling, assembling, and wrestling with pool noodles and hot glue. Masterpieces were created in members' homes. We got to know each other better, embraced a spirit of camaraderie, and experienced the metamorphosis of Barry and Leslie's daylily garden masterpiece. New members stepped up and seasoned members gave faithfully of their time and talents.

Except for comments about the horrible projector image quality (so very sorry), the survey results were highly favorable of the fun event. "A little nonsense, now and then, is relished by the wisest men."

We were honored to have national award winner Tim Bell and regional award winner Joe Hudson as meeting speakers. Their presentations were wonderful and the daylilies were plentiful and beautiful. We are also proud to have our own Ariel Bledsoe announced as the next editor of the *Hemalina*.





**Page 28, left column, top to bottom:** Amy Wright and Beverly Breuer create lots of great "candy" for the decorations; Susan Burns wrestles a lollipop; Barry Pratt puts the first coat on the rock wall *photos Leslie Platt*

**Page 28, right column, top to bottom:** Amy Wright explains the Wonka Extravaganza plans to Peggy Jeffcoat, Becky Wise, club member, and Ilona Boyd *photo Leslie Platt*; Indira Hansen is proud of the balloons she inflated for the photo wall *photo Lee Breuer*; Sheila Caldon, John Craig, and Judy Bozard hard at work *photo Leslie Platt*

**Page 29 clockwise from above:** Ariel Bledsoe puts the finishing touches on a lollipop *photo Beverly Breuer*; George Ware and Judy Bozard work on supports for the giant lollipops *photo Barry Pratt*; the Wonka bar, complete with chocolate fountain, was a huge hit *photo Cassie Craig*

The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society is deeply grateful to all who contributed to the Regional basket raffle, silent auction, daylily sale, plant sale, and daylily auction (the daylilies were all really pretty). Thank you to Region 15 clubs and to all individuals who made donations! Together, we are Unstoppable (shameless plug for Bill & Pat Mansfield).

We are already looking forward to everybody's return in 2024 for the Region 15 Summer Meeting. After all, "we are the music makers, we are the dreamers of dreams."



## Piedmont Daylily Club by Mitchell Hagler

The Piedmont Daylily Club resumed meeting in September after not meeting during the summer months.

It was good to get back together and the September meeting was primarily one of fellowship and food. Members Jeffrey Franz, Michael Luther, and Felicia Pritchett served waffles with several toppings, plus fruit, donuts, bacon, juice, and coffee. Quite an early morning treat!

We stretched our brains a little in a mixer-quiz, with questions like: "Name the hybridizer of a Stout Medal winner," and, "What is a daylily called that has two identical sets of chromosomes in each cell?" We had a \$5 daylily sales table with good bargains, and we celebrated a new member joining our club. A full-color handout of our 2023-2024 calendar was given to all attendees and will be



sent out to those not able to come to the meeting.

In October we welcomed Region 15's Melodye Campbell. She shared items from the archive and her history expertise on miniature daylilies.

Also in October, we had a table at the Farmer's Market to answer questions about daylilies and try to solicit a few new members. In addition, member J.D. Stadler made two presentations about daylilies during the 9:00-1:00 time slot.

October will also be a time to nominate new officers for 2024-2026. Nominations include president, vice-president programs, vice-president show, secretary, treasurer, and three at-large Board members.

Our own J.D. Stadler will talk about his new introductions at our November meeting.

We don't meet in December but will look forward to Rich Howard's presentation to kick off the new year.



**Left then right:** Piedmont Daylily Club President Mitchell Hagler (center) shares a laugh with Bill Hurt and Dennis Tucker while using their commemorative mugs *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; The Piedmont Daylily Club's raffle basket for the 2023 Region 15 Fall Meeting included a fabulous signed photo of members of the original Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory movie *photo Kathy Tinius*

## Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Richard Warren

Happy fall greetings to our Region 15 North and South Carolina daylily family! The cooler temperatures are definitely a welcome relief from this past summer's scorching heat. Although the older I get, it seems that I do prefer the warmer temps. Our summertime climate, as we all know, is the perfect time for our daylily gardens and other annuals/perennials.

We love attracting birds to our feeders, especially hummingbirds! The annual migration of hummingbirds to Central America and Mexico has already started. It is fun to see the little migrating hummers make a stop by the few nectar feeders we still have hanging up to help fuel their way south. The sights and sounds of hummingbirds at our feeders is something we will never get tired of and will miss during the winter!

I am ending my time as club president at the end of 2023, and I'm excited that club member Wanda Quinn will be our next president! Wanda brings great energy and years of experience with the club – we will be in excellent hands over the next two years with her leadership. One of our newer members, Kelly Authier, will be our vice president. Kelly comes from the Tidewater, Virginia, area and brings a lot of expertise, knowledge, and a passion for daylilies. Our current club treasurer, Don Myers, will continue in his role, as will Robin Hough, our recording secretary. Long-time member Steve Edwards will be our membership secretary. Steve is a weekly call-in guest of our local radio show, WPTF – Weekend Gardener, and is making a name for himself! During his calls, he will often promote the Raleigh Hemerocallis Club and our events, such as flower shows or plant sales. Thank you Steve!



On Saturday morning, September 23, our club hosted a bare root daylily sale at The Garden Hut in Fuquay-Varina. Owner Nelsa Cox, who is a frequent guest on the WPTF – Weekend Gardener Saturday radio show, was very accommodating in letting us use the indoor greenhouse area. Although we had heavy rain and wind that morning due to passing hurricane Ophelia, we had a very successful sale. Thank you to the following club members for donating daylilies and/or other plants for the sale: Linda Sue & Curtis Barnes, Steve Edwards, Robin Hough, Jim Sovine, Raymond & Wanda Quinn, and Janet & Richard Warren.



The last club event for this year was on Wednesday, October 11, at the Jaycee Park in Raleigh. Our Raleigh club sponsors the Raleigh Hemerocallis Garden, which is an AHS Display Garden that was dedicated on June 24, 1979. We work with the City of Raleigh to schedule annual volunteer work days to help clean up the beds. Our recent work day consisted of cutting back daylily foliage, pulling grasses out of the beds, putting down fresh pine straw, and re-leveling some of the brick paths. A huge thanks goes out to club members Kelly Authier, Steve Edwards, Larkke Flood, Raymond Quinn, Janet Warren, and myself!

We have a lot to look forward to in 2024! Our Raleigh club voted to change our meeting place to the J.C. Raulston Arboretum, and will gather there on the second Sunday of the month, starting at 2:00 PM. We hope to engage former members as well as to attract new members who may be touring the gardens. The Region 15 Summer Meeting will again be in Columbia and if it's anything like the recent Fall Meeting, it will be over the top!! Also, please consider taking a long road trip or short flight to Oklahoma City in June for the AHS National Convention.

Happy Gardening!

**Left, then top:** The fall workday group takes a moment to rest; Kelly Authier (l) makes a sale photos Richard Warren

## Sandhills Daylily Club by Dawn Whitley

In July, Sandhills Daylily Club members got a chance to show off their home gardens by sharing virtual tours by Zoom.

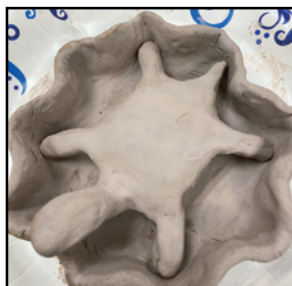
In August, we were back at the JD Pone Rec Center in Gray's Creek where Wanda Quinn shared her photos of the Region 15 Summer Meeting in Charlotte and the AHS National Convention in Nashville. Our president Dawn Whitley then led club members in a pottery workshop. Using skills she learned at Robeson Community College, Dawn guided members in sculpting mushrooms, flowers, and turtles that could be used in the garden or in flower pots. After the meeting, the objects dried for a week, then Dawn bisque fired them. She glazed them according to their creator's requests and fired them to a beautiful finish. Small orchid stakes were cut in various lengths and siliconed into the creations for display. All agreed this was a fun and unique program.

Our September meeting was extra special. Region 15 President Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow visited from Brown's Summit, NC, to talk about their iris collection (see page 21). Prior to the meeting, club members were able to win iris during an online auction with some of Bill and Marshall's amazing iris collection, including tall and intermediate bearded iris as well as Japanese and *Iris pseudata*. Bill shared his expertise by presenting a program on how to successfully grow these beautiful additions to our daylily gardens. Bill was very active in the Iris Society and grew over 400 different varieties while living in Tennessee before moving to

North Carolina and becoming a daylily-growing superstar. After Bill's presentation, attendees had an opportunity to bid on a collection of irises in a live auction plus we also gave away a few plants as door prizes.

Finally, in late September, several club members attended the long-awaited trip to the World of Pure Imagination. Thank you to Mid-Carolina Daylily Society for your over-the-top efforts to take us back in time to the excitement of our childhoods. It was a magical time and gave us all a great opportunity to bring home more amazing daylily "lollipops" to add to our garden.

**Right:** Samples of the sculptures created by Sandhills Daylily Club members, led by Dawn Whitley photos Dawn Whitley



## Upstate Daylily Society by Kelvin Bryant

The club took July off to recuperate from all the June daylily activities. We gathered August 19th for our annual club plant auction. Once again David Hoescht was our auctioneer and he did a great job. The auction was successful in adding much needed funds to our account. A big thank you to all club members who donated plants.

September was our Not A Daylily plant swap. Members bring anything but a daylily to share with others. Everyone gets to go home with plants they don't currently have. It's always fun to get a new plant.

October 14 was our fall plant sale at the South Carolina Botanical Garden. Thanks to our hard working club members who donated, cleaned and prepared them for the sale. It was a beautiful day to purchase daylilies.

We added six new members to our club over the summer. Welcome to all of them and we look forward to growing our daylily obsession with you guys.

**Clockwise from right:** Brian Martin writes a label with grandson Lincoln, alongside David Hoescht and Bill Frachette *photos Jill Burriss*; club members bid on auction plants *photo Kelvin Bryant*; Michael Burriss and a South Carolina Botanical Garden volunteer watch over club sale plants



## Western North Carolina Daylily Club by Eric Simpson

The Western North Carolina Daylily Club held a club daylily Auction Fundraiser at Bullington Gardens in Hendersonville, NC, in late September. Club members generously donated a large variety of plants and the auction was a big success. We hope to make this an annual fundraiser.

Our next meeting will be at our Christmas dinner in early December.



**Right:** Western North Carolina Daylily Club members gather for a photo along with their favorite plants *photo Eric Simpson*

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## We Love the Holidays in Daylilyland!



Starting with the first days of Fall and carrying through early January, daylily people decorate, celebrate, and share in fellowship. Representing Halloween, we see Joe Hudson's granddaughter Maddie stirring up some spine-chilling hybridizing skills. For Thanksgiving, Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow posed in the window of a cute pumpkin house. Our favorite Lithuanian, Edvinas Misiukevičius, has created our fantasy Christmas tree with his own festive creations.

*Photos Joe Hudson, Bill Hurt, and Edvinas Misiukevičius*

