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Left, left to right: The AHS National Convention again featured a delightful hat competition, with Julia Ann Odom and friend showing off their creations *photo Julia Ann Odom*; Ginny Frechette went all out for the hat contest, creating a fancy headpiece for her bovine companion *photo Jane Amy*

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Front Cover: J.D. Stadler's Region 15 Carolina Clump Award winner 'Kat Nenner' (Stadler 2022) shows off in J.D.'s Celestial Daylilies
photo Bill Hurt

Above: Pat Mansfield's creation for Sunday service features 'Condilla' (Grooms 1977) and 'Savage' (Tankesley-Clarke 1998) along with some maidenhair fern
photo Pat Mansfield

Below: An unnamed daylily glows in morning sun
photo Milton Moffett



Region 15 President

What a season we have had. I think it was the most challenging and also one of the most rewarding too! We braved extreme cold, winter heat, late freezes, drought (no measurable rain the entire month of May in our home garden), then flooding rains in June and early July. Through it all the daylilies were resilient. Now we have lots of bloom and rebloom.

Is it just me or did we have the busiest and fastest season on record?

Those who attended the one-day Summer in The City garden tours experienced three gardens that provided a sensual feast of blooms on daylilies, perennials, and annuals highlighted with eye-catching garden art everywhere. A special thanks goes to those garden owners for giving us such a beautiful display. Thanks also to the Piedmont Daylily Club and Catawba Valley Daylily Clubs for their planning, hospitality, and attention to detail that allowed us to enjoy a very special day with our friends.

We hardly had time to breathe or recover, for the very next week many Region 15 members traveled to Nashville for the National Daylily Convention. We were well represented and took many awards and honors. Read more about our winners on pages 14, 15, and 23 of this newsletter.

Speaking of awards, it's time to vote NOW for your favorite flower for the Jeffcoat Hybridizers Award. Don't put this off another day. September 1 is the deadline. PLEASE, if you have any respect for our hybridizers and the tremendous beauty they provide us, you must take a moment to VOTE and show them that you care. You received an email from Eric Simpson with the list of contenders, so all you have to do is select one and email your choice to Nancy Womack.

I visualize our organization as one that is like a family – we love our gardens and love the people we meet at our daylily events. I hope many of you find inspiration in the work of this daylily family and that this motivates you to join in both the planning and the fun. (Without one the other doesn't happen!)

In every edition of the *Hemalina*, we note members who have passed away – some who haven't been active in years and some who we worked with just last month.

Sharon Yarborough, former Display Garden Chairperson, garden judge, exhibition judge, commercial garden owner, and excellent photographer is sorely missed. Her award-winning photo of 'Towering Over Ridgeville' (Yarborough 2022) can be found in the Spring *Hemalina*.



Region 15 President (continued)

Roger Mercer, noted Region 15 Hybridizer and active club member has also died. With his emphasis on hardiness and beauty, Roger's contributions to daylily development are unparalleled. More information, plus a tribute to Barbara Hayes, are presented on pages 16 and 17 in this issue.

Our good friend and daylily lover, Ken Ferguson, has encountered some health issues and has asked to be relieved of his Webmaster responsibilities. Ken had recently revamped the entire website to make it more user friendly and we appreciate his hard work in that endeavor. Raleigh Hemerocallis Club President Richard Warren has agreed to become our new Webmaster and has brought the site back up to date. We are very thankful for his willingness to accept this important role. It's leadership like his that we want to see in each of our members.

I must also mention the important business of finding our next *Hemalina* Editor. At the summer business meeting members approved the Board's proposal to pay a \$600 supplement for the work required to ensure continued publication of three newsletters per year. The total supplement would amount to \$1,800 per year. We need to have candidates schedule an interview with Dawn Whitley, myself, and Kathy Tinius. You may use our contact information in this *Hemalina* to reach out.

And finally, preparations are being made for the Region 15 Fall Meeting September 29-30. Mid-Carolina Daylily Society will host the meeting in West Columbia, South Carolina.

Speaking of regional events, we need an inspired club to volunteer to host next summer's garden tours. Contact Leslie Platt or me. We know you can do this. We always have so much fun once the planning is done! Keep sharing the daylily love!

Bill Hurt



Regional Publicity

Where does time go? Can you believe the bloom season is already over? I do hope you all were able to enjoy your daylily gardens and perhaps were able to visit other gardens. We are fortunate to have so many passionate gardeners, hybridizers, and display gardens in our region.

It was a joy to see many of you at the AHS Convention in Nashville in June where our region was well-represented. Congratulations to all of our AHS award and honors winners from Region 15!

Please don't hesitate to contact me with your "ready-to-publish" Region 15 news and I will be sure to get the information out to our membership.

Eric Simpson



Regional Director & Hybridizer Liaison

As I write this in mid-July, we have lots of sunshine with temperatures in the mid-90s. I am wishing for some of those cool winter days in February when I was writing my spring report.

Over the winter, I thought our daylilies would peak in mid-May instead of mid-June. They didn't quite peak in mid-May, but we had the earliest bloom season that I remember caused by a weird and warm spring and early summer. We did have a cold snap in early December but then had relatively warm weather until late June, when the heat returned and doesn't seem to be letting up.

I was able to start making crosses in early-mid May. With all our daylily travels in June, I was not able to make as many crosses as I would have preferred, but I never want to miss my friends at all the get-togethers either. We did have some very pretty new seedlings to bloom this year. A few patterns were showing themselves which pleased me to no end. I told them to hurry up and grow.

On the Director side, we had a productive AHS Board meeting in Nashville. Since the registrations database was created in the late 1990's, only the name and a small picture could be seen for new registrations. I was able to share the news that we were able to release the data for current year registrations in the database, making details immediately viewable. This is great progress and good news, although daylily show classification committees will still need to remember the information is not official yet, so any current year registration entries still need to be shown in the Seedling Class for the Achievement Medal. Information will be official when the registrations book is published and distributed early the following year.

As you receive this newsletter, it will be time to submit your nomination letters for the regional and national level awards, especially the Service Awards. There are enough hard-working, deserving people in our region that there are always a few potential candidates. Please write your nominations today!!!!

In early June, the week before the National Convention, we had a very enjoyable Summer Meeting. Following in the Foothills Daylily Society's footsteps, the Catawba Valley Daylily Club and Piedmont Daylily Club teamed up and put together a great one-day event. We saw three wonderful gardens (all were hybridizer gardens which is always a treat for me), had a very good lunch, and enjoyed an outstanding auction that had lots of pretty flowers. There was something for everybody.



Regional Director & Hybridizer Liaison (continued)

After the regional meeting, we went back home for a day and then headed out for Nashville. We had only a little room in the back seat for our clothes, as the whole back of the car was loaded with the very generous donations that Wanda rounded up from across our region. What started as **one** Region 15 Basket became **four** different baskets when we got there. The region made an outstanding contribution to support our national summer convention. Thank you to everyone for making this such a supportive region. You are the best!!!

Last but not least at all, congratulations to all the Region 15 members who received personal awards or cultivar awards this year. Two stick out in my mind the most. The 2023 ADS Region 15 Service Award – Congratulations Michael Luther! A big congratulations to Heidi Douglas for the beautiful 'Papa Goose' (Douglas-H., 2011) which received enough votes to win the Lenington All American Award.

Raymond Quinn

Below, left then right: 'Double Orange Creamsicle' (Stadler 2015) in Celestial Gardens; Joe Hudson seedling at Madcat Daylilies photos Gene Crocker

Left: View across the daylily and perennial beds the pond at Wanda and Raymond Quinn's Windyhill Gardens photo Perry Gaskins



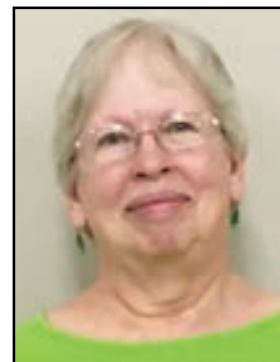
Garden Judges Liaison

Garden Judge Workshop II for new and renewing judges was held in the garden of J.D. Stadler, Celestial Daylilies, on Sunday morning, June 11, after the Region 15 Summer Meeting in Charlotte. There were two students taking the workshop and one person auditing.

New applicants for Garden Judgeship need to take both Garden Judge Workshop I and Garden Judge Workshop II, but they do not have to be taken in order. Garden Judge Workshop I can be taken online and will be offered by AHS in October of this year (contact Garden Judge Education Chair Debbie Smith or me about the dates.). Garden Judge Workshop II must be held in a garden and with modern rebloomers (and a large enough garden) it can be held as late as the first weeks of September. Contact me if you need a Garden Judge Workshop II to be held. Keep in mind I will need at least four weeks prior notice to coordinate with the AHS Garden Judges Records Chair.

The following rule was confirmed by the Board during their meeting at the AHS National Convention in Nashville earlier this year. Garden judges whose judgeship ends in 2023 can take a Garden Judge Workshop II for renewal in this calendar year. Beginning in 2024, renewal will only be through taking Garden Judge Workshop III. Garden Judge Workshop III is a classroom style discussion with a slide presentation which can be taken in person or online.

Becky Hinshaw



Region 15 Summer Meeting

Submitted by Dawn Whitley, Region 15 Secretary
ADS Region 15 Business Meeting
Matthews, NC
June 10, 2023

President Bill Hurt welcomed all clubs at 1:00 pm and said 75 people, including some first timers, were in attendance. Bill thanked the Piedmont and Catawba Valley Daylily Clubs for hosting the meeting.

Raymond Quinn, Regional Director, reported that the daylily database will include information for new daylilies.



Dawn Whitley reviewed a motion from the Board of Directors concerning the search for a new *Hemalina* Editor. There being no expressed interest, Bill Hurt learned from the AHS staff that some regions are offering a reimbursement per issue to their editors. Dawn administered a survey of all regions and provided this to the board which conducted a comprehensive review and discussion. The board makes the following recommendations, which were sent to membership by Regional Publicity Director Eric Simpson for review prior to the meeting. The following motion was approved unanimously.

1. Region 15 will allocate \$600 per *Hemalina* issue to partially reimburse the editor for their time and effort, starting with the Spring '24 issue. This reimbursement will be with the understanding the editor will fulfill all the duties currently being performed and will produce a newsletter equal to or better than the caliber of the current issues. This will be an annual expenditure of \$1,800.
2. Region 15 will present Kathy Tinius with a lifetime ADS membership as a token of our appreciation for her excellent work as editor for the past seven years. This will be a one-time expenditure of \$500.



The Piedmont Daylily Club announced that Cindy Dye won the AHS Achievement Award at their flower show with '**Black Eyes Matter**' (Dye-C., 2022) and '**Homeplace Spider**' (Dye-C., 2022).

Becky Hinshaw, Heidi Douglas, Leslie Platt served as the Nominating Committee for Region 15 2024-25 Elected Officers. Leslie announced the proposed slate of officers for consideration: President – Dawn Whitley, Treasurer – Michael Luther, Member at Large – Peggy Jeffcoat, Regional Director – Raymond Quinn. Leslie called for any nominations from the floor. There being no nominations from the floor, the nominations were closed and the vote will be held at the Fall meeting.

Awards Chair Nancy Womack finalized changes to the awards criteria that were reviewed and approved by the board of directors and printed in the Fall *Hemalina* for membership consideration. The following change was approved unanimously. "The Board of Directors recommend the guidelines for Carolina Service Award and Herman Pruitt Award be revised for consistency; a. Elected members of the Region 15 Board of Directors, Awards Manager, and Previous winners are not eligible; b. Selection committee for these awards shall consist of the Elected members of the Board of Directors and the previous two winners."



Nancy Womack presented the Summer Meeting awards: Carolina Seedling Award – Bill Gluck, Bumgarner Small/Mini Award – '**Spacecoast Tiny Perfection**' (Kinnebrew-J., 1998) – Bill & Linda Gluck Garden, Carolina Clump Award – '**Kat Nenninger**' (Stadler 2022), Carolina Landscape Award – Dragon Garden Anne & John Smethurst.

Coastal NC Daylily Society provided ribbons that Nancy Womack awarded to the Carolina Digital Photo Contest winners: Landscape – First Beverly Ambrose, Second Perry Gaskins, Third Gene Crocker; Region 15 Hybridized Flower – First Gene Crocker, Second Stacie Isham, Third Sharon Yarborough; Daylilies from a Different Perspective – First Ken Cobb, Second Linda Sue Barnes, Third Pam Downs; Artistic – First Linda Sue Barnes, Second Ken Cobb, Third Pam Downs; People – First, Second, and Third Linda Sue Barnes.

Bill Hurt noted the resignation of Webmaster Ken Ferguson due to health issues and expressed his condolences for the unexpected death of our Display Garden Liaison, Sharon Yarborough. He thanked the following region members who stepped up to fill these important positions: Display Garden Liaison – Wanda Quinn, Webmaster – Richard Warren, and Historian – Melodye Campbell.

Bill thanked Richard for quickly coming up to speed on the website and bringing it up to date. He encouraged everyone to check it out and Richard asked for any suggestions folks might have on how the site can be improved.

Leslie Platt announced that the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society will be hosting the Region 15 Fall Meeting in West Columbia, SC. She was excited to share that it will have a Willie Wonka theme, so make plans to come to the meeting September 29-30. Bill reminded clubs to think seriously about joining forces to host future meetings and that hosts are needed for all future meetings including next summer's meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:44.

Photos Linda Sue Barnes



Right: The very best benefit of regional meetings is talking face-to-face about plans, sharing ideas, and benefitting from years and decades of experience. Here, Kirk and Nancy Milleman interview J.D. Stadler in his garden for their article that you'll find on pages 10 and 11
photo Milton Moffett





Above, left to right: Bill Hurt presents Cindy Dye with the Achievement Medal; Dawn Whitley, representing Sandhills Daylily Club, presents J.D. Stadler with the Region 15 Carolina Clump Award *photos Linda Sue Barnes*; J.D. Stadler's Region 15 Carolina Clump Award winner 'Kat Nenninger' (Stadler 2022) shows off in J.D.'s Celestial Garden *photo J.D. Stadler*

Below, left to right: Kirk Milleman (r), representing Foothills Daylily Society, presents Bill Gluck with the Bumgarner Best Small/Mini Award *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Bumgarner Best Small/Mini Award winner 'Spacecoast Tiny Perfection' (Kinnebrew-J., 1998) was a true standout in the Billinda Daylily Garden *photo Nancy Womack*; Stacie Isham (r), representing the Western North Carolina Club, presents the Carolina Landscape Award to John and Anne Smethurst *photo Linda Sue Barnes*



Above, left to right: Richard Warren presents Bill Gluck with the Carolina Seedling Award *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Bill's seedling is breathtaking *photo Bill Gluck*; Okay, J.D., what's so funny? *photo Linda Sue Barnes*

Below, left to right: Some of the Carolina Digital Photography Contest winners receive their awards from Nancy Womack - Stacie Isham, whose photo of 'Pumpkin Britches' (Simpson-E., 2016) took second place in the Region 15 Hybridized Flowers Category; Gene Crocker, who won first place in the Region 15 Hybridized Flowers Category with his gorgeous capture of 'Mary Brooks' (Crocker-G., 2021); Linda Sue Barnes, whose unusual perspective in "Me and My Shadow" won first place in the Artistic Category and whose charming photos of a couple strolling a garden, of Mitchell Hagler, and of Ann Cobb won first, second, and third place in the Region 15 People Category *photos Linda Sue Barnes*



Billinda Garden

Bill and Linda Gluck

by Nancy Womack

Attendees at the 2023 Region 15 Summer Meeting this year had a wonderful treat when they arrived at Billinda Gardens, created and nurtured by Bill and Linda Gluck.



This well-known garden has been written about many times and I wondered what could I possibly write that has not already been written? Walking up to the garden when we arrived, I immediately discovered that this was not the same garden I had visited before. Billinda Gardens is still a work in progress even after 20+ years, with surprises around every corner.



Most of us remember that the Glucks' garden was once famous for having a complete collection of Stout Award winners as well as all of Stamile's "Candy" series. To make room for design changes and some newer cultivars (including more of his own), Bill recently handed over a lot of plants from these former collections to the custody of Michael Luther. To quote Bill, he "wouldn't let them go till he knew he had someone else who would love and cherish them as much as he had." The new selection of daylilies that took their place enhances the overall garden and shows off Bill's hybridizing creativity.

Always fond of easy accessibility in their garden, Bill and Linda have expanded that concept even more intentionally by designing numerous small island beds defined by pathways made of stepping stones and Mondo grass, making each bed its own little oasis.



Above, top to bottom: The Little Angel amidst cannas, Stokes asters, and daisies (purchased at the 2021 Region 15 Summer Meeting in Rutherfordton); holding a lovely flower, beloved Billinda, the garden's namesake, reigns from the back center of the garden



While most of the garden is in full sun, two huge oak trees planted as seedlings from Bill's father when Bill and Linda first bought their home in 1965 create beautiful, protected areas under their spreading limbs. In these

Above, top to bottom: Linda and Bill Gluck; St. Francis peers out across the garden from among the lush ferns in the cool shade; another talented hybridizer, Cindy Dye, talks shop with Bill

Billinda Garden (continued)

areas, shade-loving plants bring their cooler colors and foliage patterns into the garden design, provide a striking contrast to the bright hues of the daylilies.

Bill and Linda are especially adept at the artistic use of sculptures – a collection that keeps growing. A newer sculpture of a beautiful little angel offers blessings and joy to garden visitors. St. Francis is displayed in a bed of



bright green ferns. A row of whimsical frogs, each on its own platform, stands guard near a shed. One statue of a young girl, hands folded in front of her (the perfect place to display a daylily or two), has welcomed visitors for years. They call her “Billinda” – the garden’s namesake. These are just a few of the many delights to be found in this garden.

Throughout the course of our conversation, Bill and Linda shared much about their garden and what it means to them. “One of the greatest pleasures of life,” Bill said, “is meeting other gardeners, especially daylily people.”



Above, top to bottom: An antique wheelbarrow filled with impatiens and creeping jenny welcomes visitors; Bill shares notes with Leslie Platt and Barry Pratt; a choir of frogs, one of many whimsical features of Billinda Gardens



It is the daylily people who have been an invaluable part of their lives, with so many offering support in times of sickness and despair. From those dark days fighting cancer, Bill recalls a highlight he will never forget: while struggling in the hospital, he received a call from AHS asking permission to use three of his daylilies – ‘Little Asia’ (2006), ‘Cat Ballou’ (2006), and ‘Lady Linda’ (2008) – in an article on patterned daylilies.

Cancer free now for five years, looking and feeling great, Bill says he is a different person. He finds he is a more humble and grateful person. He credits and thanks his strong faith and the doctors who selected him for a new drug trial, which worked and is still working.

Visitors to Billinda Gardens this summer plus all his other daylily friends are grateful, too.



Above, top to bottom: A gazing ball reflects the surrounding sky, trees, and daylilies; the award-winning ‘Cat Ballou’ (Gluck 2006) was showing off during the tour; one of Bill’s all-time favorites is ‘Into the Galaxies’ (Gluck 2017)

All photos Nancy Womack

Celestial Daylilies

J.D. Stadler

by Nancy & Kirk Milleman

When you arrive at Celestial Daylilies in a quiet Charlotte neighborhood, you find a residence that is anything but typical! As you pull up to this corner lot, the first thing you see is an extravaganza of daylilies blooming in full sun. As visitors walked among the hundreds of registered cultivars and exciting seedlings in a half dozen of these front yard beds, more than once we heard, "Well you wouldn't have to do much mowing."



Above then below: Red cannas provide just the right backdrop for the riot of hot daylily colors in the front yard at Celestial Daylilies; 'Arthur of Camelot' (Stadler 2015), one of J.D.'s brilliant reds

The beauty continues in the backyard and side yard with well grown clumps in full flower. Tidy boxwood hedges shelter beds next to the driveway while even more beds fill the backyard, defined by walking paths, fences, and a potting shed.

When we interviewed J.D, it felt like a lazy summer afternoon spent with an old friend sitting on the front porch drinking lemonade and sharing stories. Here's what he told us about his entry into the world of daylilies.



J.D.'s interest in hybridizing began in the early 1970s with iris plants obtained from his mother's garden. After moving to Charlotte, he, like many of his contemporaries, expanded his hybridizing to daylilies. Fast forward many years – J.D. is currently working four hybridizing lines: black daylilies, daylilies with teeth, doubles, and tall unusual forms.

Of J.D.'s 182 registered daylilies, none are miniatures, and only five are smalls. He has registered 61 doubles, 23 unusual forms, and three spiders. Only four of J.D.'s introductions are diploids and he stated that he only does tetraploids now.

Above then below: J.D. Stadler in front of his creations at Celestial Daylilies; J.D. (in green) provides guidance to Leslie Platt, Nancy Womack, and Barry Pratt during a Garden Judges Workshop



Celestial Garden (continued)

When he started hybridizing, J.D. fell in love with the black daylilies 'Obsidian' (Stamile, 1988) and 'Night Wings' (Williams-J., 1985) and in 1999 he added 'Black Briar Bay' (Salter, 1996) from that year's AHS National Convention. His work with these plants led to his registration of 'Black Market' in 2005 ('Obsidian' x 'Black Briar Bay') and then to 'Black Fury' in 2008. The parentage of 'Black Fury' is ('Black Market' x ('Black Briar Bay' x 'Night Wings')). He calls 'Black Fury' the cornerstone of all of his black daylilies.

J.D.'s interest in double daylilies developed when Bill Gluck showed him 'Victoria's Secret' (Salter 1991) in his garden. Of the 61 doubles that resulted from his hybridizing program, 58 are tetraploids.

A visit to Judy Davisson's garden during the 2008 Region 15 Summer Meeting in Charlotte contributed to J.D.'s interest in tall, big daylilies. There he saw 'Mister Butters' (Davisson-J., 2006), which she had just registered two years prior. He related that he came back the next week to purchase "her stuff," and then began his own hybridizing program for tall and big-flowered plants by mixing Jamie Gossard's plants with Judy's plants.



Top and above: It is difficult to believe the sheer number of big, healthy plants J.D. is able to grow in the relatively small suburban lot that is Celestial Daylilies



During our conversation, J.D. credited Van Sellers with being a helpful source in his early years of hybridizing. He noted how in 2003 he took a box lid full of flowers to Irongate Gardens to ask Van's opinion. Van picked out one that he liked and told J.D. to throw the rest out. Van picked the flower that was to become 'Crossfire' (Stadler 2004). J.D. appreciated and uses Van's guidance to this day, as it led him to being more critical and selective.

All of the plants in Celestial Daylilies are healthy, well grown large clumps. J.D. willingly shared his fertilizing routine with one of the visiting convention goers – he said he puts down 16-4-8 in March and covers it with an inch of Black Cow to keep it from washing away. To prepare for the Summer Meeting garden tour, this year he repeated this process in April.

Celestial Daylilies is an appropriate name for J.D.'s garden as we felt like we were in the sky looking down on a gorgeous array of blooms.

Photos Kirk Milleman

Above, top to bottom: 'Stick Candy' (Stadler 2019); 'Believe in Angels' (Stadler 2009); 'Kenneth Wilkie' (Stadler 2018)

Dragon Gardens

Anne & John Smethurst

by Beverly Breuer

John and Anne Smethurst's Dragon Gardens is an artist's and plant lover's paradise! The garden is nestled on less than half an acre and it is astonishing that so many plants can be arranged in a compact space in such a deliberate and organized manner. Designed by John and developed by John and Anne together, the garden couples a French approach with an English border. A sense of formality has been built based on symmetry that is imbued with Southern style. John is a student of England's great border garden designers, especially Gertrude Jekyll who has been hailed by some as the most influential garden designer.



John has managed to create rooms with their own microclimates, overcoming challenges like the neighbors' large, mature trees creating deep shade. These captivating beds are unique in coloration and plant material, and within each garden the changing seasons create variations in texture and color. One wants to linger in each room, engrossed by the variety and arrangement of each area. The gardens herald all seasons, starting

the growing year with tulips and moving on to camellias, sunflowers, daylilies, and snapdragons, just to name a few. Anne is able to create lovely arrangements for her home using flowers cut from the gardens.



Anne's background in Art History is evidenced by the beautiful art adorning their home and garden. Treasures from their extensive travels include intricate mosaics and exotic furnishings. Striking paintings include one by Geoffrey Johnson that draws you in with its gray tones. Visitors get the total package – artistry at its finest, inside and outside the Smethurst home.

John began hybridizing in 2004 and was influenced by the Shooter's introductions at Marietta Daylily Gardens. He and Anne married in 2007 and on their honeymoon they visited Dragon City (Ljubljana) in Slovenia, so it was only natural that it became their garden's name. The delightful dragon lurking among the shrubbery was a gift from Anne's sister.

Top then above: Sweet peasant girl statue highlights perennials and bright annuals; an example of the detailed tiles on display in the Smethurst home, collected during their extensive travels *photos Beverly Breuer*

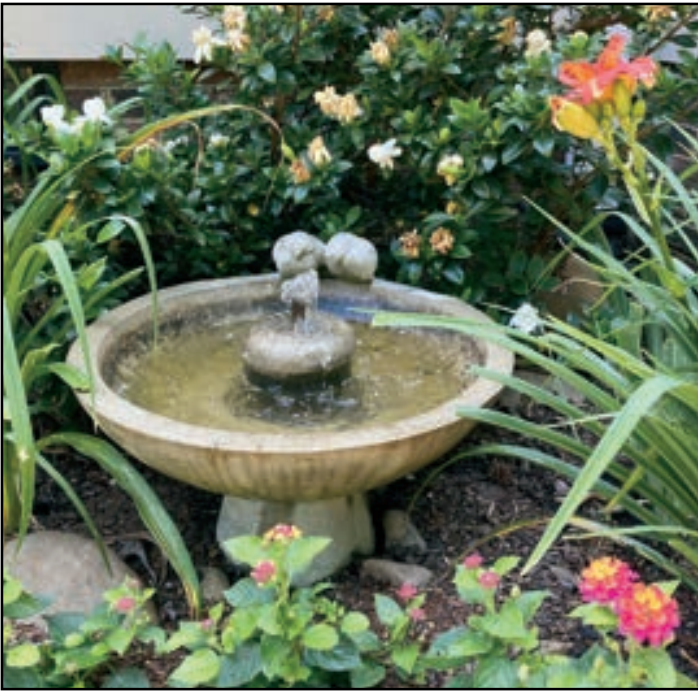


John has introduced daylilies with names that honor his grandchildren. '**Morgie Porgie**' (Smethurst 2017) was named for grand-daughter Morgan. The 2016 Region 15 Seedling Award winner was named '**Tater Tot**' (Smethurst 2017) in honor of grandson Tate. John is particularly proud of '**The**

Top then below: Anne and John Smethurst, owners of Dragon Gardens; a delightful vignette of pickets and perennials *photos Beverly Breuer*



Dragon Garden (continued)



Magic Bus' (Smethurst 2017), an unusually pure colored, monotone orange yellow with lots of texture. John prefers tall UFs, doubles, and teathy daylilies. He has around 100 plants used for hybridizing and currently has around 500 seedlings.



The greenhouse John designed and built was the topic of numerous conversations during the tour. In addition to daylilies, John is an avid collector of Columbine seeds and in April and May there are 300-400 columbines blooming in Dragon Gardens. He has been successful in acclimating 25 of 62 species.

Top, above, below: Stone birds enjoy a splashing stone birdbath; cool shady spots were provided in the garden, this one featuring a pale green climbing vine; the garden namesake, a gift of Anne's sister, peeks out behind the daisies photos Beverly Breuer

In Dragon Gardens, the Smethursts have created rooms full of wonder well-adapted to their small areas, fashioning interest with a pleasing and intriguing tone. We are all grateful for the kindness and generosity offered by the Smethursts by allowing us to visit their home and experience their passion. Thank you!

Right then below: 'The Magic Bus' (Smethurst 2017) photo Mitchell Hagler; Becky Hinshaw next to the much-discussed greenhouse; Greg Piotrowski chats with Anne Smethurst photos Linda Sue Barnes



Regional Service Award

Michael Luther

Michael Luther is the most deserving person to receive the 2023 Regional Service Award for Region 15.

In his local club, Michael has served twice as Vice President for Programs and as Clerks Chair.

For the 2022 AHS National in Asheville, Michael chaired the committee responsible for the table decorations. He not only helped design the arrangement but personally brought all the flowers, greenery, vases, and hats to the hotel and worked with other volunteers who put together the 70 arrangements.



Michael is one of our most active Senior Exhibition Judges and he completed the process from student to senior judge in record time. In addition to working with his own club's exhibition shows, he has served as Show Clerk, Junior Judge, and Senior Judge in shows throughout the region as well as in neighboring regions.

At the 2022 National Convention, Michael drove out to Blue Ridge Gardens, picked up the scapes for the Master Panel, and got back to the hotel in time to serve on the Master Panel for Clinic II training.

Michael also served the region as the person in charge of persuading clubs to host a fall or regional meeting, plus he coordinated all the details with those clubs.

Region 15 President Bill Hurt writes, "Michael is a born leader. He has vision and supports his work in the region with action. He makes service to the members his number one action."



As a teacher in the public school system, Michael has used his knowledge of plants to reach out to students and involve them with daylilies as an extension of their scientific and problem-solving studies. He has brought plants to share with students as part of their exploration of the wonder of plants, and their care and reproduction.

He is a Master Gardener and a master plantsman. When he moved last year, he took his plants with him and is working toward having his garden become an ADS Display Garden shortly.

Michael is a key link between the present and the future of our region and its success.

Clockwise from left: Michael Luther shows off his well deserved medal *photo Michael Luther*; Nancy Womack introduces Michael at the 2022 Fall Meeting *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Michael Luther with his medal *photo Michael Luther*; Michael confers with Wanda Quinn at the 2019 Summer Meeting *photo Kathy Tinus*

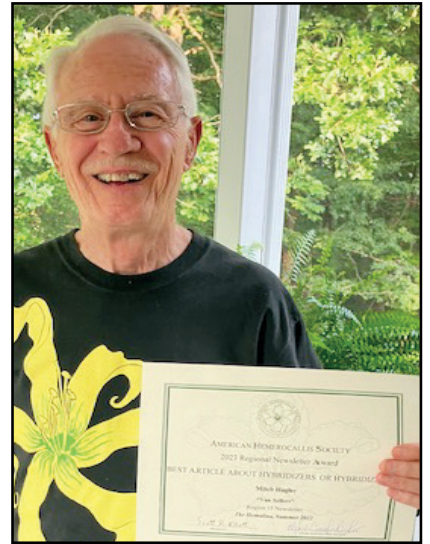
Best Article About Hybridizers or Hybridizing

Mitchell Hagler for "Van Sellers"

Congratulations to Mitchell Hagler for winning Best Article About People from his article in the Summer 2022 *Hemalina*. While Mitchell has written a large number of articles for the *Hemalina* over the years, the article for which he won, "Van Sellers," was especially poignant. In the article, Mitchell shared the many ways Van had influenced his daylily journey over the years. Following is an excerpt:

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

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



Best Article About Outreach

Bill Hurt for "Daylily Leadership - Making Our Organization Bloom Brighter"

Speaking from his heart and from years of experience leading an active school district and developing his own local daylily clubs, Bill gave a strong call to action in his award-winning article in the Spring 2022 *Hemalina*. Following is an excerpt:

"I encourage clubs to **seek out what is important** for your club. If necessary, focus club activities on members' specific interests. Don't just hold routine meetings involving speaker and event planning if the members just want to hold a show or a sale, for example. If the club just wants to pool money to buy plants, meet just to plan the purchase and to divvy up the plants when they arrive. Let members put everything into one or two events if that will help keep the club going.

Some simple, but effective, actions are:

- Create gift certificates so that current members can gift a membership for birthdays and holidays.
- Encourage members to attend Master Gardener events.
- Have some programs focused solely on members – share garden pictures, hold informal discussions on daylily culture or how to hybridize, host a hands-on dividing, hybridizing, or grooming class in a member's garden.
- Last but not least, I ask everyone to challenge their members to bring at least one guest to each meeting.

In summary, if we listen to our members and provide programs and activities that keep members involved and excited about being together, there will be more club vitality."



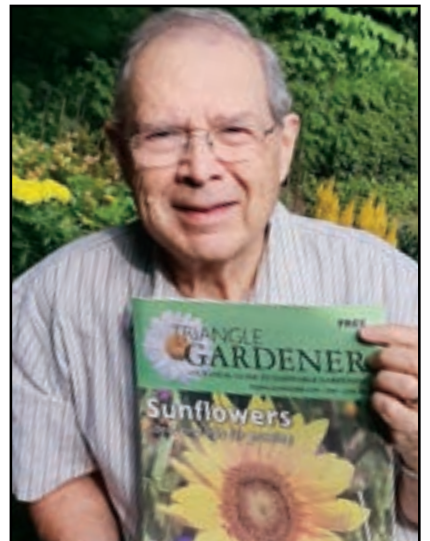
Best Article About Daylilies in a Non-Daylily Publication

Ken Cobb for "Daylilies Today: Not Your Grandmother's Varieties" in the Triangle Gardener

Ken Cobb has always been one to spread the word on our favorite plant. His article in the May-June 2022 edition of the *Triangle Gardener* gave him access to plant lovers outside the daylily world. Following is an excerpt:

"Originating before the formation of the Sea of Japan - 25 million years ago - daylilies (*Hemerocallis*) have come a long way since the first Chinese written record of them 2,500 years ago. By the mid-1500s, two species, *H. fulva*, and *H. flava*, were observed in Europe when herbalists first applied the term *Hemerocallis* (from the Greek "beauty for a day" as each bloom lasts just a day). The term "Day Lillie" was coined shortly thereafter. However, the daylily is neither a lily nor a bulb but fibrous-rooted.

The yellow and orange species, narrow of petal and muddy in color, spread across America with pioneers and had naturalized along river banks by the early 1800s. Still found in ditches and around abandoned homesteads today - our grandmothers' daylilies were invariably called "ditch or outhouse lilies"."



In Memoriam

Sharon Yarbrough

Region 15 lost a talented hybridizer, AHS Garden Judge, and AHS Exhibition Judge on May 28 when Sharon Yarbrough died at Duke Hospital after a brief illness. She was 76, a retired school teacher, parent and proud grand-parent. Sharon loved gardening, growing daylilies and iris, and was a member of both the American Daylily Society and the Iris Society.



She was a founding member of both the Central Daylily Club and the Triad Daylily Fans and Garden Club, and was active in putting on flower shows for both clubs. Sharon was a fierce competitor at the show table and loved to get to the head table with her entries.

Sharon was a well-respected Exhibition Judge and was often requested to serve at Region 15

AHS Flower Shows, judging shows for Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, Sandhills Daylily Club, and the Piedmont Daylily Club over the years. Sharon was also an AHS Garden Judge and Master Gardener in Alamance County.



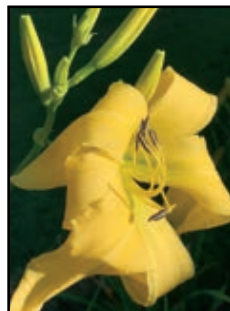
Sharon and husband Jerry attended many Region 15 meetings and were active supporters and volunteers. Sharon had very recently served as Display Garden Chair.

Sharon and Jerry owned and operated Ridgeville Daylily Garden where they had over 700 hundred named cultivars and hundreds of seedlings. Sharon registered 34 daylilies with AHS – five just registered in 2022. Those who have been to Bill Hurt's garden in bloom season may remember a striking deep purple with black eye, 'Teresa Moran' (Yarbrough 2011). Visitors to Linda Abplanalp's garden would have noticed 'Herman Pruitt Memorial' (Yarbrough 2011), a large ketchup red with a wide gold throat and a favorite of mine.

Ridgeville Daylily Garden has been an AHS Display garden for quite a few years with a complete Stout Bed. Unfortunately, Jerry will have to focus on the farm and will not have time to operate an AHS Display Garden. He will, however, continue to sell daylilies from the sales beds for the rest of 2023 and maybe in 2024.

Becky Hinshaw

Editor's Note: Sharon entered her often award-winning photos in the Carolina Digital Photo Contest year after year, and readily helped when something was needed for the *Hemalina*. I will miss her unique perspective.



Top to bottom: 'Eclipse of the Century' (Yarbrough 2017) *photo Sharon Yarbrough*; 'Teresa Moran' (Yarbrough 2011) *photo Bill Hurt*; Sharon Yarbrough shows off her incredible quilt at the 2016 Summer Meeting silent auction *photo Linda Sue Barnes*; Sharon's award-winning photo of 'Towering Over Ridgeville' (Yarbrough 2022)

Barbara Hayes

Barbara Hayes and her late husband, Bill, were very active members of Lowcountry Daylily Club until Bill passed away and Barbara had health issues (see Bill's In Memoriam page 24 of the Summer 2020 *Hemalina*).



Barbara would never take an office, but she was our entire Sunshine Committee, sending cards to our members when they needed cheering up.

Over the years, Barbara supported the club in every way she could, including working hard to make our plant sales successful by preparing the sale plants and helping buyers make their selections. With their many years of dedication, Bill and Barbara together naturally won the Lowcountry Service Award in 2012. In 2019, she helped Bill as the Registrar for the Region 15 Summer Meeting hosted by the Lowcountry Daylily Club.



Bill and Barbara were also cherished members of the Georgetown Area Daylily Club. They were greeters in the "I Can't Believe It's a Daylily" garden during the 2013 Region 15 Summer Meeting when Georgetown Area Daylily Club was the host. They were valued volunteers when the Georgetown Area Daylily Club hosted the 2018 AHS National Convention in Myrtle Beach. Bill and Barbara attended all Region 15 meetings and several AHS National Conventions.

I loved seeing Bill and Barbara holding hands, and it seemed they held hands everywhere – at the Region 15 Meetings, the AHS National Conventions, and especially during garden tours. They were a lovely couple.

Barbara left this world to join Bill on April 1, 2023. She was a dear, lovely woman and we miss her very much.

Anne Winningham

Top to bottom: Barbara Hayes shares a laugh at the 2017 Summer Meeting *photo Kathy Tinius*; (l-r) Jean Owens presents Barbara and Bill Hayes with the Lowcountry Daylily Club Service Award in 2012 *photo Anne Winningham*; Barbara and Bill walk hand-in-hand at Slightly Different Nursery *photo Kathy Tinius*



Roger Mercer

Roger Mercer—Renaissance Man—passed away on June 15 after a lengthy stay at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center. His death is a big loss for readers of his gardening columns in *The Fayetteville Observer*, members of garden clubs and local plant societies and, of course, the Sandhills Daylily Club. He had other passions including music and gems and minerals. He put himself through college playing saxophone in clubs and bars, beginning when he was too young to buy a drink in those establishments. Most people were not aware that Roger graduated from law school and passed the bar in Virginia. He never actually practiced law, but he often used that knowledge to help someone who was in trouble or needed advice about what to do in particular situations.



In 1988, Dr. Bruce Williams, then the Director of the Horticulture Program at Fayetteville Technical Community College, was asked by his students why there was no botanical garden in Fayetteville. Bruce

posed the question to Roger Mercer and Martha Duell. After some discussion, it was decided that a survey was needed to determine interest in the community. Roger, an editor for *The Fayetteville Observer* and writer of a local garden column, published a survey in his column. By 1989, a handful of Fayetteville gardening enthusiasts agreed that Fayetteville should and could have a botanical garden. A charter membership meeting was held in the Pope Room of the main library, which was nearly full. Led by Bruce Williams, Martha Duell, and Roger Mercer, these plant lovers came together and established the Friends of the Botanical Garden.

Over the last 30 years Roger supported the botanical garden with many articles in the paper – just as he did for daylily, camellia, rose, orchid, and garden clubs. He donated thousands of sale plants to these organizations. He often sat at a membership table giving free daylilies to anyone who joined the botanical garden that day. One of my favorite memories of Roger is watching him give a tour for children at CFBG. He pretended to be the “Pied Piper” and led the children around the garden composing pieces on his saxophone as he went. The children were fascinated.

At the 1991 Fall Regional Daylily Meeting in Lenoir, NC, the question was asked, “Who will host the fall meeting in 1993?” Curtis and I were sitting by Roger and just looked at each other when he stated that Fayetteville would host the meeting. At the time a club did not exist in Fayetteville, but Roger didn’t let that bother him. In somewhat typical Roger fashion he did nothing about it for over a year. In March 1993 Roger put a notice in *The Fayetteville Observer* that he intended to form a daylily club.



About 20 interested people met in a local restaurant, the Sandhills Daylily Club was born, and that September we hosted the Fall Regional Meeting.

The next year Sandhills Daylily Club hosted the Region 15 Summer Meeting and Roger’s garden was on tour. When it was again part of the tour in 2010, Roger arranged for a band he was playing with to entertain us one night. The other night one of our youth

members, Stephanie Rzonca, was scheduled to play her violin and then Roger would play his sax. Before the evening was over Stephanie and Roger were jamming and harmonizing, though they had never practiced those pieces together.

Our big project in 1996 was the planning and planting of the Bettie Jernigan Historical Daylily Garden at Cape Fear Botanical Garden. Roger provided some of the plants and had his workers come to help prepare the beds.

When I asked Roger about his breeding goals his answer was “to create plants so strong, vigorous, and durable with bright clear colors in their blooms that the plants would still be in gardens 500 years from now. I’m determined to create superior plants – hardy, disease resistant, productive – plants that will withstand abuse. A pretty flower is meaningless if the plant is dead.” Roger applied this philosophy with all the plants he hybridized – hippeastrums, cacti, impatiens, daylilies, hibiscus, camellias, redbuds, azaleas and magnolias that I can remember.



In 2011 Roger was the first recipient of the Hermann Pruitt Mentoring award for Region 15. I think there are quite a few people in the Fayetteville

area who would consider him their garden mentor, but Roger was a mentor for me in other, unrelated fields. He taught me to wire-wrap stones to make jewelry. He installed software and spent a couple of hours helping me get started with desktop publishing when I became the Region 15 newsletter editor. He answered all my questions and guided me as I built my editing skills. He wrote several columns for the “Newbies Corner” in *The Hem-alina*. Through the years, if I had a question about daylily cultivation, hybridizing, photography, desktop publishing, or about any kind of plant, Roger was the first person I called on.

Several years back Roger was the scheduled speaker for a regional meeting. Two slide projectors were at the meeting and neither one worked. Roger just talked off the cuff and answered questions for about 45 minutes; it was one of the most informational presentations I have ever heard at any regional meeting.

I have often heard Roger Mercer described as a Renaissance Man, a person who was skilled in multiple fields or multiple disciplines, and who had a broad base of knowledge. Over the past 40 years I have found that to be an apt description.

Linda Sue Barnes

Clockwise from left: 'Frank Davis' (Mercer-R., 2009) ; 'Bettie Jernigan' (Mercer-R., 1985 photos Linda Sue Barnes; Roger Mercer in the garden photo Julia Ann Odum; Roger jams on his sax; Roger receives the first Herman Pruitt Mentoring Award from Becky Hinshaw photos Linda Sue Barnes; Roger shows off one of his creations in a photo posted to the Mercer's Garden Facebook page



Dreams of a Don Albers Daylily Garden are Realized at Unity Myrtle Beach

Dr. Jesus A. Hernandez

On any given day between sunrise and sunset during the growing season, you are likely to find Don Albers working in his daylily gardens on Hwy 707 in the Burgess Community of Horry County, SC. His modest home and garage sit at the front of the three-acre property leaving the expansive backyard for the many daylily beds that crisscross the garden. Here visitors can select the plants they want to purchase and “Mr. Don,” as he is known, will dig them up, place them in a plastic grocery bag, and give detailed instructions on their planting and care. The cost of each plant is minimal and the income from the daylily sales supplements his fixed income.



Above: (l-r) Dr. Jesus A. Hernandez, UMBDADG Team Leader, presents Don Albers with a certificate of appreciation from Unity Myrtle Beach.

At 88 years old, Mr. Don, wearing a broad brimmed straw hat, moves slowly and carefully around the garden, yet his blue eyes sparkle and his broad smile projects a man in his prime. As soon as you meet him, you realize that you are now friends with a very special and generous person. He began his interest in gardening over 40 years ago, but for the last 30 plus years his passion has been the versatile *Hemerocallis*, daylily herbaceous perennial. He relocated many of his original daylilies from the outskirts of Chicago. Over the years this master gardener has hybridized and named several national award-winning new cultivars. He has been an influential member of the American Daylily Society and continues to be an advocate and educator for the daylilies that he calls “his babies.” To spread his joy and passion for daylilies, he has donated hundreds of plants over the years to home gardeners, churches, and public and community gardens.

It was an auspicious summer day in 2022 when the Green Team members of Unity Myrtle Beach (UMB) approached Mr. Don and asked if he would be willing to donate some daylilies for their new spiritual center on nearby Salem Road. After learning about Unity and its members, Mr. Don agreed to donate several plants – with that, a special friendship and partnership was forged. Mr. Don confided that his main interest was in developing new varieties and that caring for his extensive collection of plants and gardens was becoming more of a challenge. As the Unity volunteers transplanted the daylilies from Mr. Don’s garden to the spiritual center gardens, a



Above then below: Twin rows of daylilies from Don Albers garden create a serene walk along Unity Pond to the distant pergola; Don Albers waves to the crowd of well-wishers at the Unity Myrtle Beach Unity Fest, flanked by UMB Reverend Margaret Hiller and UMB Board President Jonn Wilder.

collective dream took form that would lead to the development of the Unity Myrtle Beach Don Albers Daylily Gardens (UMBDADG). Over the growing season and into the spring of 2023, hundreds of daylily seedlings were transplanted to the UMB campus, creating long beds that now border the property’s Unity Pond. Mr. Don also donated over 100 named daylily varieties (35 are his own introductions) that were planted in a special Boulders Display Garden. All the gardens now include over 1,000 plants, with plans in place to continue caring for and adding to the collection. In 2024, the UMBDADG will meet all requirements to apply as a Daylily Display Garden of the American Daylily Society.



Don Albers Garden (continued)

The UMBDADG was dedicated on June 10 as part of a UMB Unity Fest celebration day. Mr. Don was honored to graciously thank him for his guidance, friendship, generosity, and kindness. Church and community members along with longtime daylily friends celebrated Mr. Don and watched as he received his certificate of recognition. The dedication included the song Gardens of Dreams, written and performed for the occasion. It was announced that one of Mr. Don's promising new seedlings will be registered as 'Unity Myrtle Beach Dreams' (below).



The workings of Spirit, collective dreams, inspirations, and support of Mr. Don and the leadership and members of the UMB Green and Daylily Teams, donors and benefactors were in evidence and enjoyed by all as celebrants marveled at the natural beauty of the daylily gardens that surrounded them. The gardens fulfill the aim of UMB as a place where spirit and nature join in oneness and include the UMBDADG core values of beautification, engagement, collaboration, and education. Over time the daylily gardens will be a testament to Mr. Don's legacy and a new home where in his honor, his babies also become UMBDADG babies. This legacy will be celebrated, enjoyed, and cared for as the UMB campus evolves as a spiritual center and as a witness to the impact of one man, and the power of dreams, generosity, collaboration, and determination.

For more information on Unity Myrtle Beach, please see their website, unitymyrtlebeach.org, or search for Unity Myrtle Beach on Facebook.

Photos Dr. Jesus A. Hernandez



We Love Our Raffles with Wanda Quinn

Thank you to everyone who donated to Region 15's Raffle Baskets at the recent AHS National Convention in Nashville. Trying something a little different this year, I collected donations of individual items around the theme "Hummingbirds in a Daylily Display Garden." The items filled the trunk of our SUV and I knew it would not be possible for anyone to take all of these home, so I grouped them into four huge raffle "baskets" and included a note in each basket with those club names and what they each donated. Your donations were very generous and I am so proud of everyone who contributed!



Beverly and Lee Breuer were the lucky winners of this beautiful container filled with lovely plants to attract hummingbirds. Wanda's secret recipe to attract hummingbirds, including HT Sugar, was also included to insure their success.

Our raffle ticket bags definitely showed lots of interest and I received feedback from the person who won the basket shown below I wanted to share.



"To Region 15 NC (Mid-Carolina Daylily Society, Raleigh Hemerocallis Club, and Sandhills Daylily Club): Thank you so much for all the wonderful hummingbirds in the display garden raffle gifts that I won at the Convention!! I just love everything in the basket! Thank you for all your thoughtful gifts, I sincerely appreciate them."

A special thanks to all club members for making this such a success. Everyone was very generous and for this reason all the baskets made a nice display.

Photos Wanda Quinn



Saying Goodbye to the Garden

by Mitchell Hagler

In *The Goodbye Walk* Joanne Ryder says that “it takes time to get to know a special place, time to explore new paths and see new things. And then one day it’s time to say goodbye.” And so it was with my garden.

My wife Judy and I moved from Charlotte to Concord in 2008, and she jokes that she moved the house and I moved the garden. In fact, with the help of a friend, we tagged and bagged about 250 daylilies, then hauled them to and planted each one in the new Concord garden. Shortly after, Concord imposed a water restriction and I wasn’t sure if they were going to survive. With only a few losses, they thrived and that summer they put on a show for the neighborhood.



Since then, I added about 400 more cultivars, developed a shade garden, installed a pond, added a variety of perennials, and achieved AHS Display Garden status.



However, about a year ago, I finally agreed with my wife that perhaps it was time to start looking towards the next stage in our lives. Taking care of a large house and garden and not being able to find garden help began to make it more of a burden than the fun it should have been.

After much searching, we settled on Trinity Oaks Retirement Community, a continuing care facility in Salisbury, NC. We were very fortunate to secure a roomy cottage with space for a small garden. We moved in May 1 of this year and are pretty much settled into a slower lifestyle.

Saying goodbye to the house and garden became a little easier when Jeffrey Franz, a member of the Piedmont Daylily Club, and his partner Robert Rudinski said they wanted to buy the house and maintain the garden as a Daylily Display Garden.

And so, during the final few days before our move, I walked the garden to say goodbye to the landmarks that were close to my heart: a stone bird bath that took two men to deliver and set in place; three bluebird boxes that I put meal worms in each morning; and the path winding through the daylilies from the street all the way almost to my neighbor’s yard.

I looked over plants that held a special place in my memory: pineapple lily that I bought at an auction at the “Breakfast Club” at Van Sellers’ garden; peonies from my deceased sister’s garden; columbines from John Smethurst; and Golden Alexanders, a native wildflower and host to the black Swallowtail butterfly.



And then, of course, I looked over the daylilies. Just about every one brought back a memory.

I remember breaking my rule of not buying a daylily I had not seen growing in someone’s garden when I bought ‘**Michael’s Tiger**’ (Boatwright 2003) because we have a son named Michael.

Of course, I had to have ‘**Lake Norman Sunset**’ (Carpenter-K., 1979). For many years it was a tradition for the Piedmont Daylily Club to have a covered dish lunch the Sunday after our show at the Carpenters’ garden on Lake Norman. In fact, Kate Carpenter’s garden was the first manicured daylily garden that I had ever seen.



Lake Norman lapped right up to her garden’s edge and the sight of the water and the hundreds of daylilies was enchanting.

Not many current readers will remember Wyatt Lefever. I was overwhelmed not only by his daylilies but that here was a true plant person who grew every kind of plant that could grow in this area. His ‘**Forsyth Vivacious**’ (Lefever 1986) is still one of my favorites.

I can’t walk by ‘**Catawampus**’ (J. Jeffcoat 2004) without remembering Jim Jeffcoat coaching me as I took the Exhibition Judges Clinic test, and the beautiful garden that he and Peggy maintained.

We invited Jamie Gossard to speak to our club years ago before he was a famous Stout Medal winner. Now, I look fondly on ‘**Yellow Monkey**’ (Gossard 2006).

Occasionally I bought a daylily from a hybridizer that I didn’t know, but on the whole, I stuck with those whose gardens I had visited. So, as I walked my garden for the last time, I saw not only the daylily in front of me, but also the hybridizer in my mind’s eye:

‘**Aztec Plaza**’ (Santa Lucia 2000) and Vic Santa Lucia, ‘**Big Bill**’ (Douglas-C., 2006) and Charles Douglas, ‘**Biker Babe**’ (Douglas-H., 2012) and Heidi Douglas, ‘**Mister Butters**’ (Davisson-J., 2006) and Judy Davisson, ‘**I’m So Vein**’ (Quinn 2013) and Raymond Quinn, and many, many more.



My memory takes me back to 1990 when I attended my first daylily show, held in a hotel in Charlotte. I couldn’t believe all the

colors and forms. The late Steve Baldwin and Tommy Moore invited me to their next club meeting and so I went. During the meeting, they held an auction and I couldn't believe how high the bidding got for a single daylily. I did know that it was way over my budget. But the auctioneer gave me two named daylilies and I bought a few others from the sales table. I didn't know it at the time but I was hooked.



I became active in the Piedmont Daylily Club and eventually took leadership roles in the club, in Region 15, and in AHS. Along the way, I made acquaintances that taught me about my favorite flower and, as the years passed, they became true friends.

I didn't walk far in the garden before I came across not only favorite daylilies, but those hybridized by members of my own club: J.D. Stadler's 'Crossfire' (Stadler 2004), Bill Gluck's 'Polynesian Orchid' (Gluck 2012), John Smethurst's 'The Magic Bus' (Smethurst 2017), Cindy Dye's 'Generation X' (Dye 1999), Ken Dye's 'All Eyes On Me' (Dye 2012), Ken Wilkie's 'You Give Me Fever' (Wilkie 2019), or one Terry Baucom's many Lizard series plants.

"At the end of a goodbye walk your arms may be empty but you are full of things to take with you—feelings and sights tucked deep inside you, memories to keep forever and ever," wrote Joanne Ryder.

I have brought those memories to our new home. Jeffrey has said it is OK for me to divide some of his daylilies this fall and bring them to Salisbury. How hard it will be to pick a few dozen out of several hundred. I have to take 'El Desperado' (Stamile 1991) because it was the first daylily that I really considered expensive at the time, 'Cloud Baron' (Harris-Benz 1988) because it is such a good white and was given to me by Jim and Nadara Andrews, 'Barbara Lambert' (Lambert-Zahler 2011) because it has buds galore, 'Pookie Bear' (Durio 1984) because it finally brought me to the head table at one of our shows, 'Mad Cat' (Hudson 2020) because it got Joe Hudson into hybridizing, and, and, and. Better stop! The list is long enough.

One of the nice things about Trinity Oaks is that all I have to do is put in a work order and the landscaping folks will till up a plot for me so I can plant the daylilies I'll bring over.

It will be a new beginning. And it will be enough.

All photos Mitchell Hagler



Great News and Great Fun with Browns Ferry Gardens



Where does 'Breathing in Snowflakes' (Douglas-H., 2016) grow best? "Everywhere" seems to be the answer! When the growing power of this gorgeous plant is combined with the exemplary growing skills of Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow, the result is this stunning clump that was on display at Summit Lakes Gardens this year.

Back at Browns Ferry Gardens, Charles Douglas thoroughly enjoys showing visitors around the property, including Dale Ellis seen at left, talking about exciting crosses and seedlings, and helping buyers select just the right plants.



What represents summer better than kids, carts, and lovely gardens. Heidi and Charles' grandkids have a great time among the flowers.

Photo above Leslie Platt, photos below Ashley Ellis



Haiku and Memories

by Linda Sue Barnes

Have you ever wondered if daylily hybridizers are remembered long after they're gone? They sure are! Recently, I received this note and photo through the "Contact Us" button on the AHS Home Page at daylilies.org.

"I grew up next door to Robert M. Kennedy III, in Camden, SC, and would see him cross-pollinating daylilies in his backyard – fond memories! His daughter Elizabeth (Betty) Kennedy Beard (almost my same age) continued his work after his death in 1991, I believe, until she died in 2001. I have written a little haiku about him, with a photo. Just wondered if anyone was continuing his hybridizing. In the 60s I left Camden for college, marriage, and the rest of my life so far and I last saw Betty in 1983? I love daylilies – love seeing them in the spring and summer; they bring me joy and happy memories. If you have any information about either of them, I would be glad to know it. Thank you, Isabell VanMerlin, pka Anna Belle Whiting"

Isabell is growing the (unnamed) daylily in her photo outside her condo in Dover, NH. She created the photo/haiku as part of an anthology of poetry from participants in an open mic she's been hosting for 10 years, the Merrimac Mic.

Bob died just before I became involved in daylilies, however, I know a good many of his plants. He is the only person to win the Donn Fischer Memorial Cup three years in a row with 'Raindrop' (Kennedy 1972) in 1978, 'Butterpat' (Kennedy 1970) in 1977, and 'Puddin' (Kennedy 1972) in 1976. He also won two Annie T. Giles Awards: 1981 'Lord Camden' (Kennedy 1974) and 1971 'Susie Wong' (Kennedy 1962).

Photo Anne Belle Whiting



Poetry Corner

On Explaining Daylily Ploidy to My Handy Man:
A Poem for Jeff

As we walked around the house to the back patio where you were going to install new light fixtures, you admired my daylilies.

*A word of warning:
No one should EVER
admire my daylilies without
expecting to be mesmerized,
like victims of the Ancient Mariner
compelled to tell his tale.*

So, first I pointed out the many variations of forms, sizes of flowers, colors, patterns, and then (because you seemed interested), I had to tell you everything I know about Ploidy, (which isn't very much),

But the expression on your face made me think YOU thought I was some-kind-of-scientific genius when I spoke of chromosomes and showed you some differences between a diploid with its 22 and a tetraploid with 44, growing side by side.

By the time we had visited every bed in the garden, you were hooked. I promised to give you your own starter collection this fall.

*And yes, the light fixtures are lovely!
Thanks for your practice of not charging
for talk.*

Nancy Womack

Corrections



1. The photo for Ruby Schumacher's fabulous '20 Dollar Nose Bleed' (Schumacher-R., 2023) was incorrect. Here it is in all of its accurate red goodness!

2. How many times can I have the same error? How many years can I carry an error before it is finally fixed? It seems the answer to those questions is far too often!! With sincere apologies to Dollie Glaum, please note the **correct phone number** shown here:

Dollie Glaum, Sr 2026
1717 Westhaven Dr
Raleigh, NC 27607
919-852-2637
cglau@gmail.com

Ned Roberts Spider / Unusual Form & President's Cup Convention Award Winner

Judy Davisson for 'Mean Green' (Davisson-J., 2008)

Anyone who has seen 'Mean Green' (Davisson-J., 2008) in Wanda and Raymond Quinn's Windyhill Gardens can certainly understand how it won both of these awards this year. Apparently a real highlight of the AHS National Convention tour gardens in Nashville, 'Mean Green' stood out in a field of heavy contenders of extremely well grown daylilies.

The Ned Roberts Spider / Unusual Form award was established in 2007 to honor the memory of Ned Roberts who worked tirelessly to promote these daylily forms. The award is given to the most outstanding Spider or Unusual Form cultivar blooming in a clump in a convention tour garden. A certificate is received by the hybridizer and their name is engraved on the Nambe tray perpetual trophy, donated by the Ned Roberts family.

The President's Cup originally was a real cup, donated by Elmer A. Claar in 1956. It is now a bronze medal awarded to the hybridizer of the cultivar considered to be the most outstanding of all clumps observed by attendees at the AHS National Convention tour gardens.

Many, many congratulations to Judy on this spectacular set of wins!! Very well deserved!



Clockwise from left: Three views of 'Mean Green' (Davisson-J., 2008) by Pat Mansfield in Mansfield Gardens, Kathy Tinius at Windyhill Gardens, and Bill Hurt in Summit Lakes Garden



Meeting Site:
Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church
3011 Leaphart Road
West Columbia, SC 29169
Host: Mid-Carolina Daylily Society

Event Accommodations:

Reservations must be made by Sept. 1 to take advantage of the blocked rooms group rate. Breakfast is included.

Residence Inn

122 Mathias Rd., West Columbia, SC 29169
803-803-661-6910
King Studio \$134 + tax
Group Name: Region 15 Fall Meeting

Reservation link for group rate:
<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1688758528378&key=GRP>

Registration Payment:

Check or money order payable to the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society.

Send to:
Cassie Craig
1804 Craig Road
Rock Hill, SC 29730

Judges Clinic: September 29, 1-3 p.m.
Deadline to Register is September 1, 2023 – no late registration. *The class will be cancelled if minimum participation is not met.* A fee of \$5 (cash only) is due to the instructor at the start of the clinic.

Exhibition Judges III _____

Registration

Name _____
Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____
Club _____

Special dietary needs? _____

Registration includes dinner Friday night, lunch Saturday, snacks, beverages, speakers, daylily auctions, access to plant sale and silent auction.

Speakers:

- Tim Bell with Bell's Daylily Garden
- Joe Hudson with Madcat Daylilies.

Registration Fee:

Adult attendees ____ x \$50 = \$ _____
Youth (age 18 or younger) ____ \$ 0

Total Registration \$ _____

Additional Information can be found on the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society Website at:
<https://midcarolinadaylilysociety.com>



Questions? 803-351-7524

Schedule

Meeting Site:
Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church,
3011 Leaphart Road
West Columbia, SC 29169



Friday, September 29, 2023

Noon- 5:00 Registration
Receipt of Raffle & Plant Sale Items, Auction Plants
1:00 – 3:00 Exhibition Judges III Clinic
1:00 – 5:00 Plant Sales
Regional Basket Raffle Ticket Sales
Silent Auction
3:00 Region 15 Executive Leadership Team Meeting
5:00 – 5:30 Welcome
5:30 – 6:30 Dinner
6:30 – until Region 15 Daylily Auction

Saturday, September 30, 2023

8:00 Registration Continues
Raffle Ticket Sales Open
Plant Sales Open
9:00 – 10:00 Business Meeting
Presentation of Awards
10:00 – 10:15 Break
10:15 – noon Tim Bell – Garden & Hybridizing Program
Plant Auction
Noon – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 Joe Hudson – History of Madcat Daylilies
Plant Auction
2:00 – 2:15 Break; Last Call for Silent Auction/Raffle
2:20 Raffle Bags and Bid Sheets Pulled
Plant Sales Close
2:30 Closing Remarks and Announcement of Winners
2:45 Adjourn and Pay for Silent Auction Items

Speakers



Left: Tim Bell of Bell's Daylily Garden
bellsdaylilygarden.com and on Facebook

Right: Joe Hudson of Mad Cat Daylilies
<https://madcatdaylilies.plantfans.com/> and on Facebook
photos from each respective Facebook page

Auction Plants Needed

We are soliciting plants for the Region 15 Fall Meeting annual auction. Take a look at your garden today to see what you can add to the festivities!

We cannot thank the contributors enough for their generosity. We are sincerely grateful to those who have already committed to donating. Our Regional Meeting will be a success because of you.

Here's a couple of photos Linda Sue Barnes took at this year's summer meeting auction to keep it fresh in your mind.



Alex Whitley led a robust auction with Janice Parker giving able assistance.

To donate, contact Beverly Breuer at 803-351-7524 or beverlybb1976@gmail.com.

Raffle Baskets Needed

What's more fun – putting together a raffle basket or winning a raffle basket?? We agree, BOTH are equally fun!

We look forward to receiving your club's fantastic basket for the Fall Meeting. Please let chair Beverly Breuer know prior to



September 1 if your club plans to donate a basket. The raffle begins at 1 p.m. on Friday September 29. There will be somebody at the Regional Meeting venue to receive your basket at noon when registration opens.

Please contact Beverly in advance at 803-351-7524 or beverlybb1976@gmail.com. We thank you in advance for your contribution.

photo Wanda Quinn

Register today to secure your golden ticket!

Club News

Catawba Valley Daylily Club by Terry Bledsoe

The last few months have been very busy for the Catawba Valley Daylily Club. The biggest activity was partnering with the Piedmont Daylily Club to host the Region 15 Summer Meeting. This was a great experience. Our club handled the daylily auction and thanks to the generosity of the hybridizers and local gardens, we ended up with over 100 donated plants. Thanks to our auctioneer Alex Whitley, a good time was had by all and many attendees went home with some great daylilies.



kick off the season. Then we visited Cindy and Ken Dye's Homeplace Gardens to admire their intricate introductions. Members enjoyed a morning looking at the beautiful flowers and grounds at Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's Open Garden Day. Club members have enjoyed visiting other members' gardens too, and particularly enjoyed just sitting down for some good conversation. Our final activity was attending Multi-Daylily Club Picnic at Blue Ridge Daylilies. Our members enjoyed viewing, winning, and purchasing new daylilies for their gardens.



On a personal note, if you are considering hosting a region conference, partnering with another club is a great way to do this. We made a lot of new friends and learned a lot from their expertise.

Of course this time of year is filled with garden visits and our club has been on the road. Members visited the three gardens at the Region 15 Summer Meeting to

Clockwise from Left: Becky Goble stops to admire flowers at Blue Ridge Daylilies; Nena Babb refreshes herself with a delicious lunch in the shade at Blue Ridge Daylilies; a meeting of old friends - Buster Bledsoe and Barbara Garren catch up and share stories in Blue Ridge Daylilies; Jill Bledsoe admires the flowers in Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's lovely garden
photos Terry Bledsoe



Charleston Daylily Club with Annette Kibler

Club members continue to manage the Hampton Park daylily bed (see photo, right, by Annette Kibler) by weeding, fertilizing, and mulching the bed to keep the plants healthy.

In April, Sydney Schwiebert, a senior manager at Magnolia Plantation with her own business called Smart Botanic Art, gave us a presentation on Perennial Pots. These pots are composed of plants that bloom or have interesting foliage throughout the year.



Coastal NC Daylily Society by Beverly Ambrose

Coastal NC Daylily Society participated in the 2023 Perquimans County Master Gardener event at the end of April. We were given a free educational booth where club members demonstrated how to divide clumps. Happy visitors who stopped to watch received the newly divided plants for free.

Five members of CNCDS travelled to Nashville as a group to attend the National Convention. The garden tours were amazing! It was a great event and enjoyed by all. On the way home we stopped by Blue Ridge Daylilies to do some shopping!! Our last stop was a visit to the beautiful home and gardens of Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow.



As many know, Lena Elliott and John McGrath travelled all the way from Australia to attend the National Convention! Our group was excited to find that we were all on the same bus for both days of garden tours. When asked what their plans were following the event, they said they had none, so Region 15 members Barry Pratt and Leslie

Platt invited them to their home in South Carolina. CNCDS members were already registered to attend the Region 3 Summer meeting to be held the following weekend in Chesapeake VA. We invited Barry,



Leslie, Lena, and John to join us for the fun, and they agreed. They enjoyed a second convention and were hosted by Bill and Pat Mansfield before starting their long journey home.

Far Left: (l-r) Pat Mansfield, Paula Grimstead, Beverly Ambrose, and Darlene Forehand enjoy another daylily adventure

Left and above: Beverly Ambrose and Marsha Jackson don't let a little rain get in their way at Blue Ridge Daylilies; Darlene Forehand, Beverly Ambrose, Marsha Jackson, and Donna Stewart behind massive sale daylilies *photos Beverly Ambrose*



Foothills Daylily Society by Kirk Milleman

We were preparing our basket for the Summer Meeting and wanted to figure out a theme. We began with a birdhouse Larry Lane made from barn wood then Kirk Milleman donated a hand carved gnome, so we found our theme – to include as many handmade items as possible. March started our activities for the year with a “make-it-take-it” session. Nancy Milleman brought supplies to make gnome ornaments out of yarn and wooden rings. River rocks and paint were available for members to flex their artistic talents. It was very quiet in the room as everyone concentrated on their creations. Favorite gnomes and rocks were selected to include in the basket and the rest went home to members’ gardens. Everyone really enjoyed the crafts, so much so that some took extra materials with them to do more later.

Our club had decided to have a charity theme for this year. February saw us making a donation of money and food to one of the local animal rescue organizations. In March, club members brought in food supplies for a project called “Blessing Boxes.” These are little cupboards around our county where people put nonperishable food items for people in need. We collected 147 items for the boxes.

April brought our first guest speaker for the year, club member Melodye Campbell. Her presentation slides of miniature daylilies gave us both a stunning display and a fascinating history of these tiny flowers. Taking advantage of her position as ADS Historian, Melodye was able to pull from the historical items at her disposal for this very informative presentation. We all left the meeting feeling we had drunk from a fountain of knowledge. To continue our charity theme, at this meeting, club members generously donated \$215 for the new Lake Lure Flowering Bridge Education Center building.



May brought our next guest speakers, Wanda and Raymond Quinn from the Raleigh area. Their program was both a history of how their daylily gardens and home began and also a slide show of their past,

Lowcountry Daylily Club by Perry Gaskins

This year, sickness and doctors appointments are causing familiar problems with our club activities. In June, Lowcountry Daylily Club went to Big Bloomers and Windyhill Garden. Well, I should say Anne Winningham and I went to Big Bloomers and Windyhill Garden. The others planning to go had to cancel at the last minute for medical reasons. Anne and I had a wonderful time spending lots of money and enjoying the Quinn's garden. Oh, the daylilies were beautiful, but Wanda's perennials were gorgeous and hummingbirds were everywhere.

In March, Peggy Jeffcoat gave a presentation on her beautiful daylilies and perennials. Deniece Aikens-Daniels showed us how to create a container garden in April. She told us about Thriller, Spiller, and Filler: Thriller is something that will catch your eye, Spiller hangs over the container, and Filler is a plant added to make the container appear more full. We donated this container as our basket for the Region 15 Summer Meeting.



present, and future introductions. To accompany the slides, and to the excitement of members, the Quinns brought some of their beautiful introductions for our club to auction. Bidding allowed us to donate over \$140 for this month's charity, the Grace of God Rescue Mission's soup kitchen.

This brings us to June. The club wanted to have a field trip (but without the school bus). We chose Bear W Daylily Farm as our destination. Most of the members had never been there, so it was quite the surprise to see such a beautiful garden tucked away in the woods. We were entertained by a wide selection of daylilies as well as other garden plants. A bluegrass band played as we sat in the shade of their many trees, having a snack and filling out order sheets.

We've had quite the busy beginning to the year. While we welcomed several new members, several more left to be near their families. John and Linda Martin and Connie Long have been amazing members of our club over the years and they will be missed. We wish them the best on their journeys.

Clockwise from left: Hilda Moore and Patricia Kuess (rear) and Linda and Alvin Bly diligently put together their yarn gnomes; (l-r) Sonja and Jeff Stobie, Nancy Milleman, Connie Long, and Ann Smith take advantage of the shade in the Bear W Daylily Farm; Nancy Milleman (standing) shows Connie Long and Nancy Womack how to make yarn gnomes
photos Kirk Milleman



Tom Bruce of Carolina Daylilies will be our speaker for August and will be talking about his other favorite plant, hostas. Tom has beautiful hostas and will bring some to the meeting to sell and we are all looking forward to it.

In September, we will have our photo contest. Hope everyone took good pictures this summer. In October, we will have our luncheon and plant swap at Perry Gaskins' Beautiful Day Gardens. We always share stories about the past growing season and what we need to do to prepare for the fall and winter.

After no meeting in November, in December the club will meet at Breck's in Moncks Corner for our Christmas luncheon.

Left and Right: Members of the Lowcountry Daylily Club visited Windyhill Garden, home of Wanda and Raymond Quinn
photos Perry Gaskins



Mid-Carolina Daylily Society by Beverly Breuer

The Mid-Carolina Daylily Society continues to have a productive year. New members are joining, which is very exciting. In March, Linda Inabinette presented a lot of useful information about propagation. Her success is evident by the many plants she generously donates to the club for sales. She shared her experiences and guided us to resources we could use to become more successful.

April was our much-anticipated pot luck picnic and daylily auction. It entailed a road trip for most of us to Bob and Brenda Richardson's beautiful garden in Lancaster. We enjoyed fried chicken with many fixin's and numerous mouth-watering desserts. The rain held off and we were able to enjoy the Richardson's impeccably manicured garden which held a huge variety of plants in addition to their incredible daylilies. The rolling terrain was a beautiful setting. We are blessed to have Bob and his many talents in our club. He has noteworthy introductions and his bird houses are always in demand.



At our May meeting, Peggy Jeffcoat provided training and assignments for our club's 23rd annual plant sale and AHS-accredited daylily show to be held in June. Old and new members alike were anxious to get involved for a great team effort. The sale was a near sellout thanks to the generosity of many members who donated a wide variety of high quality daylilies. The perennials were plentiful and sold well.

Fourteen exhibitors participated in the show, which boasted 160 on-scape entries of 109 named cultivars

and 16 seedlings. The judges awarded 125 blue ribbons and 71 purple ribbons, which speaks to the quality of the entries. We were honored to have the following panel of show judges: Rebecca Hinshaw, Kelvin Bryant, Janet Warren, Richard Warren, Perry Gaskins, and Linda Abplanalp.

The Best-in-Show was awarded to Peggy Jeffcoat for 'Little Boss Man' (Herrington-T., 2004). Bob Richardson captured the Sweepstakes (most blue ribbons) with 32 blues and 19 purples on 45 total entries. The runner-up was Peggy Jeffcoat with 22 blues and 15 purples on 23 entries. Gene Crocker was not far behind with 19 blues and 8 purples on 27 entries.

Summer continued to be very active with several members attending the Summer Meeting in Charlotte and the AHS National Convention in Nashville. At the National Convention, Leslie Platt received the Mildred Schlumpf Photography Award for Landscape for her splendid image of Blue Ridge Daylilies. This was a well-deserved honor. We are also proud that Gene Crocker's winning photos were featured in the last edition of the *Hemalina*. We are

fortunate to have several talented photographers in our club.

A few Mid-Carolinians also enjoyed the yearly Multi-Daylily Club Picnic at Blue Ridge Daylilies, a popular and fun event.



We remain very busy as the dates for the Region 15 Fall Meeting approach. Dust off your top hats and get ready for a World of Pure Imagination! Golden tickets will abound on September 29 and 30. Many wonderful surprises await all who attend (there will be chocolate!). In addition to the club basket raffle, there will be door prizes, silent auction, daylily and perennial plant sales and the daylily auction on Friday night.



We are thrilled to have both Tim Bell (Bell's Daylily Garden) and Joe Hudson (Madcat Daylilies) as speakers on Saturday. They will talk about their hybridizing programs and plan to auction off a few of their introductions. You see, there will be numerous opportunities for attendees to add to their daylily collections. The meeting will be held at Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church, 3011 Leaphart Road in West Columbia, SC. A registration form and meeting agenda can be found on pages 24 and 25, plus they will be available on the Region 15 website and the Mid-Carolina Website at www.midcarolinadaylilysociety.com.

Left column, top to bottom: Sheila Caldon prepares name tags for sale plants; Beth Cribb, Dee Waddell, and Peggy Jeffcoat confer prior to the flower show photos
Leslie Platt

Right column, top to bottom: Peggy Jeffcoat presents Gene Crocker with his winners certificate for the Carolina Digital Photography contest
photo Leslie Platt; entries wait for judges at the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society Flower Show while piles of sale plants await buyers at the sale
photos Lee Breuer; Jessica McEntire prepares her show tags
photo Leslie Platt



The winners of the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society Flower Show were as follows:
 HEAD TABLE AND ROSETTE WINNERS:

Section	Cultivar, Hybridizer	Exhibitor
1. Ex Large	'Hand of Faith' (Shooter 2009)	Peggy Jeffcoat
2. Large	'Evelyn Gates' (Gates,L 1997)	Leslie Platt
3. Small	'Brookwood Magnifique' (Sharp 1995)	Gene Crocker
4. Miniature	'Little Boss Man' (Herrington T 2004)	Peggy Jeffcoat
5. Dbl, Multi, Poly	'Capture the Moon' (Bruce 2017)	Gene Crocker
6. Spider	'Green Frolic' (Netherton 2008)	Leslie Platt
7. Unusual Form	'Humungousaur' (Gossard 2013)	Peggy Jeffcoat
8. Youth	(None)	
9. Seedlings	(No Number)	Bob Richardson

Congratulations to all!



Below left to right: Amy Wright and Bob Richardson groom their lovely entries in the Mid-Carolina Daylily Society Flower Show *photo Lee Breuer*; winner of Best Small 'Brookwood Magnifique' (Sharpe 1995) grown by Gene Crocker *photo Sheila Caldon*; winner of Unusual Form 'Humungousaur' (Gossard 2013) grown by Peggy Jeffcoat *photo Sheila Caldon*

Right: Wonderful entries in the Large Flower division *photo Leslie Platt*



Piedmont Daylily Club by Mitchell Hagler

The Piedmont Daylily Club was pleased to co-host the Region 15 Summer Meeting with the Catawba Valley Daylily Club. This arrangement allowed both clubs to participate without it being a burden on either club. From all reports, everything went smoothly. The traditional auction added \$4,785 to the Region 15 treasury, and the two sponsoring clubs also added to their treasuries.



Many thanks to member Milton Moffett who took photos of the tour gardens, which he shared with us for the *Hemalina*.

Congratulations to Bill and Linda Gluck for winning the Bumgarner Best Small or Miniature Flower Award for 'Spacecoast Tiny Perfection' (Kinnebrew-J., 1998) along with the Carolina Seedling Award. Congratulations also to J.D. Stadler for winning the Carolina Clump Award for 'Kat Nenninger' (Stadler 2022). And, finally, congratulations to John and Anne Smethurst for winning the Carolina Landscape Award.

President Bill Hurt presented two Achievement Medals to Cindy Dye for her seedlings at last year's Piedmont Daylily Club Flower Show.

Four members of our club – Jeffrey Franz, Michael Luther, Joyce Plyler, and Felicia Pritchett – attended the AHS National Convention in Nashville.



Since our club does not meet during the summer months, we encourage our members to visit other members' gardens.

Our Board will meet in July to decide how to allocate our funds, suggest program ideas, and plan projects for the 2023-2024 year.

Later this fall we will elect new officers for a two-year period. These include: president, vice-president for shows, vice-president for programs, secretary, treasurer, and three at-large representatives.

Our club remains strong and looking forward to another active year in Region 15.

Left, then above: The angel in Bill and Linda Gluck's garden is a perfect perch for the day's best flowers; (l-r) Nancy Moore and Linda Gluck tour the Billinda Daylily Garden *photos Milton Moffett*

Raleigh Hemerocallis Club by Richard Warren

Happy Summer greetings to our Region 15 daylily friends! As you read this, I hope you are relaxing in a favorite chair in the cool of your home. The *Hemalina* has been a great resource for our Region 15 daylily family over the years, providing excellent articles, photos, and information relating to our clubs and regional activities. I'd personally like to thank current editor Kathy Tinius for the long hours spent that contributed to the continued success of the *Hemalina*. We will miss you as editor and hope that you will enjoy a well-deserved break from the publishers desk! Thank you Kathy!

I am closing in on the end of my tenure as president of the Raleigh club as are our other officers. I am grateful to VP Linda Sue Barnes, Treasurer Don Myers, Recording Secretary Robin Hough, and Membership Secretary Janet Warren, for all their work in helping our club succeed. I also would like to thank our current club members who, without their volunteering spirit and leadership, we would not have as a great a club. With all our successes, however, there have been concerns about keeping our membership at a respectable level. We hope that in 2024 we will continue to be a vibrant club with a lot of member activity. I am looking forward to the future of our club!

The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club decided last fall that we would not host an annual daylily flower show in 2023. I am hopeful that we will make plans at an upcoming meeting for a flower show next year. We are planning to hold a plant sale this fall and are currently working out all the logistics. At our July meeting last week, we selected a nominating committee to contact prospective members

to serve as officers. This committee will report back at our August meeting and hopefully we will be able to vote in our new 2024/2025 officers at our September meeting.

The Raleigh Hemerocallis Club has worked with the City of Raleigh over the years helping to beautify our local Jaycee Park by pulling weeds and putting down pine straw in the daylily beds. In October we are planning a work day at Jaycee Park which will maintain our great working relationship with the City of Raleigh Volunteering Program.

Most of our daylily beds are now well past peak and the summer heat has certainly taken its toll on our annuals and perennials. It's just typical this time of year for our gardens to look tired. The approaching fall season will be a welcome time of planning and looking ahead for the coming bloom season!

Happy Gardening!

Above: Everyone enjoyed the well-organized and very fun Region 15 Summer Meeting photo Dawn Whitley



Sandhills Daylily Club by Dawn Whitley

Spring has been very busy for the Sandhills Club. In March, we held a workshop at the Cape Fear Botanical Garden to teach gardeners how to dig and divide daylilies. We included a double fan and pack of seeds with registration and had five very excited students. While some club members taught the seminar, others worked the busy plant sale. We were delighted to be able to make a donation to the botanical garden, but better for us are the two new members we gained. Welcome Joy Pitts and Felicia Miller. After lunch, we headed to club member Leslie Mitchell's house where Eddie Walter's taught us the technique of air layering. Leslie generously let each attendant air layer on a variety of her mature camelias and then took us on a tour of her lush garden.



In April, we were blessed by speakers Bill and Linda Gluck, who shared a program on their Billinda Garden in Charlotte, NC. Bill did the talking while Linda shared a very organized spreadsheet that provided all the details on Bill's the many successful hybrids. They also generously donated plants for a pre-meeting online auction, the proceeds of which were split with them to help offset travel costs.

In May, the club hosted a plant sale as part of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden event called Gardenmania. Club members donated daylilies and companion plants and all proceeds went to the garden. There was no time in June for a club meeting but it was a whirlwind daylily month. Club members Dawn and Alex Whitley hosted an open house at their garden in Lumberton



on June 3rd. The next weekend we were off to Charlotte for the Region 15 meeting and then the National Convention in Nashville started June 15. June 24th, club members caravanned to the open house at Bill Hurt and Marshall Morrow's garden in Browns Summit, NC.

If you haven't attended before, it is well worth a trip. There are snacks and door prizes and you will be signed up for Bill's email list to request divisions later in the year. After a relaxing lunch with Bill and Marshall, we headed back by way of Big Bloomers Nursery in Sanford and filled up the rest of the back seat with plants.

Unfortunately, our final event for June was the funeral of our friend, club cofounder, and daylily legend, Roger Mercer. Roger loved hybridizing and teaching. He introduced 299 daylily cultivars, taught classes at Fayetteville Technical Community College and wrote the garden column for *The Fayetteville Observer* newspaper. He also was one of the founders of the Cape Fear Botanical Garden and a very generous donor to our plant sales. He was one of a kind and we will miss him dearly.

Far left, left: Linda Sue Barnes, Dawn Whitley, Mitchell Hagler, and Richard Warren enjoy a meal out during the Summer Meeting photos Bill Hurt

Above, then right: Alex and Dawn Whitley take a photo of themselves in a mirror at Leiper Gardens during the National Convention in Nashville; John Smethurst points out a feature of his Dragon Gardens to Gene Crocker photos Dawn Whitley



Upstate Daylily Society by Kelvin Bryant

We started this spring with plenty of rain and it has been a good growing season. April 7 and 8 was our annual spring plant sale at the South Carolina Botanical Garden. Friday was successful but Saturday was a complete wash out.

Thanks, Jill Burriss and Neal Richardson for helping pack everything up in the pouring rain.

For our May meeting we had Bill Hurt as speaker. Bill presented a PowerPoint on how he created his and Marshall Morrow's beautiful garden. His review of their processes of planting and fertilizing, and overall growing practices was very informative.

For June our club was invited by Bill and Karen Manning to their home for brunch and to view Bill's meticulously maintained daylily garden. A trip to view his daylilies is always enjoyable. A huge thank you to Karen for preparing all that wonderful food for us, it was delicious.

The club took July off but we will be back at it August 20 with our annual daylily auction. Hope to see some new members there.



Left: Bill Hurt and Upstate Daylily Society past president Brenda Coggins at the Region 15 Summer Meeting Photo Kelvin Bryant

Western North Carolina Daylily Club by Eric Simpson

The Western North Carolina Daylily Club hosted its annual Multi-Daylily Club Picnic at Blue Ridge Daylilies on July 1 and welcomed more than 50 AHS daylily club members from several states. A delicious lunch was provided and club members could sign up for multiple daylily plant drawings held throughout the day.

Blue Ridge Daylilies awarded a \$500 Gift Certificate to the AHS club that brought the most members. Congratulations to the winner, Mid-Carolina Daylily Society!

Five students participated in an AHS Garden Judges Workshop II, conducted by instructor and club president, Eric Simpson. The club held an early afternoon meeting to discuss future club functions.

Right: Visitors to the annual Multi-Daylily Club Picnic enjoy the unbelievable variety of sizes, colors, and shapes of rampantly blooming daylilies at Blue Ridge Daylilies Photo Eric Simpson



Latest Updates to Region 15 AHS Display Garden List

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B. Beaumont Garden
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C. Bettie Jernigan Historical Daylily Garden
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D. Billinda Daylily Garden
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E. Bledsoe Daylily Garden
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L. Raleigh City Parks, Jaycee Park Daylily Garden
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N. Rocking Chair Daylily Garden
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O. Secluded Gardens
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P. Singing Oakes Garden
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Q. SC Botanical Garden
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Above: Lee Breuer zeroes in on a favorite flower photo Milton Moffett

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To Know the Future Look to the Past



Curious about where it all started? Our favorite Lithuanian Edvinas Misiukevičius has some of the earliest identified daylilies in his garden and in his hybridizing program.

Left column, top to bottom shown here are *Hemerocallis fulva*, which has been cultivated in Europe and naturalized there since at least the 16th century. Next is *Hemerocallis hakuunensis*, known as Baekunsan daylily, which is a species in the family Asphodelaceae, native to Korea. The bottom is one of the first hybridized daylilies, 'Taruga' (Stout 1933).



The right hand column gives you a peek into the future. The first is one of Edvinas' seedlings created from *H. hakuunensis* (Clone 2) x 'Lakelet Reflecting Waters' showing strong, clear colors. The second photo shows the spectacular results of decades of hybridizing, a Heidi Douglas seedling of 'Kung Fu Panda' x 'Here's to You Bill Robinson.'

Mildred Schlumpf Landscape Award Winner

Leslie Platt for "Blue Ridge Daylilies"

Our Leslie Platt was a big winner at the AHS National Convention in Nashville. Her stunning photo of Blue Ridge Daylilies offered a unique perspective on this often-photographed garden.

Many congratulations to Leslie! We certainly hope we'll see a lot more of her wonderful photographs in future contests.

