

Fall 2008

THE DAYLILLIAN

A Region 12 Newsletter



Top left: *H.* 'Thunder and Lightning' -B. Carr; Center: *H.* ' Eye of the Hurricane' - Kinnebrew;
and Top right: *H.*' After the Storm 'D. Hansen

A TOAST TO DAYLILIES WITH
HURRICANE AND TROPICAL STORM
NAMES...



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RVP Message

Elaine Alito

Greetings, I hope everyone had as great a bloom season as I did. I am surprised that as I write this the last of August that I have so many daylilies still in bloom. This has to be the best rebloom year I have ever had since growing daylilies. I am looking forward to cooler weather in October so I can get planted all the daylilies I have coming this fall.

I want to extend a big thank you to all the wonderful people at the Pensacola Daylily Club for hosting a fabulous spring regional that was enjoyed by all. We toured beautiful gardens and members of the club actually did all the cooking for us and I can attest that the food was delicious. Thanks go also to Floyd Sewell and Linda Sample for the excellent clinics and workshops held at the meeting. We still have room for more Exhibition and Garden Judges so plan on attending a clinic or workshop soon. And thanks are extended to C.J. Gregory for gathering a very nice selection of plants for the regional auction.

Several Region 12 members attended the AHS National Convention held in Houston, Texas May 16-18th. We had two days of touring fantastic gardens and attending various meetings and other events. You would think that visiting Houston in May that it's going to be hot, hot, hot and very humid and I packed accordingly. Not so! The weather was unusually cool with the temperature being in the 60's in the morning. That trip has taught me to never travel anywhere again without a sweater or light jacket with me!

The Bay Area Daylily Society will be hosting the Fall Regional meeting on October 25th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lakeland, Florida. Region 12's up and coming hybridizer, Nicole Harry from Apopka will be our guest speaker. We are working hard to have an excellent plant auction too so be sure and bring your checkbook! The meeting agenda and registration form are elsewhere in the newsletter as well as being posted to our website www.ahsregion12.org. I look forward to seeing you are there!

The National Convention planning committee has been hard at work preparing for the big event next May. Frank Smith will be hosting the R.W. Munson hybridizer's bed and will be accepting plants after October 1st. All of you established and budding hybridizers in Region 12, send Frank 5 of your seedlings and let's have a banner display for all of our visitors next May. Some fun things we will be doing is a crazy

hat contest on Thursday night so get your imagination in gear and start thinking about the crazy hat you're going to make and wear. This is done every year at Mid-Winter Symposium and it's a huge hit. Last year, J.R. Blanton won and his hat was so good it was actually auctioned off during the plant auction! On Friday night, we are going to have an "evening in paradise" dress theme for the banquet. Oh my, I can just see it now, grass skirts and all!! We plan to have a wonderful boutique at the convention and a huge thank you to the boutique committee, Linda Sample, Sandy Soderberg and Gloria Hite for all of their hard work to date. Don't forget to bring your checkbook!! The convention agenda and registration form is on our website, www.ahsregion12.org. I suggest you get registered early.

I hope to see you all soon!

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**Arlene Wierschem,
RPD**

Here are this year's popularity poll winners! Thank you for taking the time to vote for your best growing daylily. Get them lined out now for next year's popularity poll entries.

- H. 'King Kahuna' - 18 votes
- H. 'Elva White Grow' - 16 votes
- H. 'Spacecoast Gold Bonanza' - 15 votes
- H. 'Spacecoast Seashells' - 11 votes
- H. 'Spacecoast Tiny Perfection' - 9 votes



**Two shots from an open garden
for the 2009 National
Richard and Dawn Page's garden**



Here we are riding through storm after storm again this year, and I am upset because I had a completely different cover layout created. Thanks to power outages that affected my computer I had to start from scratch. I hope this newsletter finds you all staying dry and safe. I also hope you are continuing to get a glimpse of your daylily gardens even in the wettest weather.

My husband has a very nice raincoat that I borrow to walk the dog and peruse the garden. I took our poor dog out for a walk on the worst day of the most recent tropical storm. He only weighs five and a half pounds and my husband says that doesn't qualify for dog material, but I beg to differ. Who else would look at the garden with me but my fearless friend 'Gizmo'? My husband and I would look silly sharing one raincoat, and my husband melts in the rain. (-))



GIZMO

We amazingly still have scapes up this first week in September. I call that a very extended bloom season (March to September). The abundance of rain and continuous clean up of limbs has delayed our seed planting schedule. Photo opportunities have also dwindled down this season.

I hope you will all try to attend the fall regional in Lakeland in October. It is always nice to get a boost from a young hybridizer, as Nicole Harry will be the guest speaker.

As always please keep me in mind when you would like to contribute photographs or articles of interest to make our newsletter exciting. I also like to hear about any life topics that you may want to share with the region.

My family continues to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers for our grandson Andrew. He is quite the miracle in our eyes. He is just over eight months old now and was only allowed to go home from the hospital just over three months ago. He continues to even amaze his doctors. My daughter in law is going to be participating in several American Heart Association fund raising events. Birth defects of the heart are still not talked about nearly enough. If you are interested in finding out how they are doing you can visit their blog at, www.stevenbetsy.blogspot.com They do a fantastic job keeping the blog updated and sharing their story with others.



**Newsletter Editor,
Dawn Page
pictured with mother-
in-law Ema Harvey**



AHS REGION 12 FALL MEETING
 HOSTED BY
 THE BAY AREA DAYLILY SOCIETY



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008
 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 am – Noon

Registration
 Silent Auction and Plant Sale (proceeds to defray cost of regional meeting)

Clinics

9:00 am – Noon

Exhibition Clinic I – for becoming a new Exhibition Judge

10:00 am – Noon

Exhibition Clinic III – Refresher and Re-certification of expiring terms of Exhibition Judge
 Students need to bring the AHS Judging Daylily Handbook
 Before the Clinic read Chapters C1?1 through Chapter C2?6

Workshops:

10:00 am – Noon

Garden Judges Workshop I – for becoming a new Garden Judge
 Students need to bring the AHS Judging Daylilies Handbook
 Before the Workshop read Chapters B1?1 through Chapter B4?4

12:30 – 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 pm

Region 12 Business Meeting – Elaine Alito, RVP, presiding
 Followed by a presentation by our guest speaker, Nicole Harry of Apopka

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Plant Auction – all proceeds benefit Region 12

Location:

Hilton Garden Inn, 3839 Don Emerson Drive, Lakeland, FL, 863?647?0066

Room Rate:

\$100.00 ? please confirm reservations by October 5, 2008 to receive this rate

Registration Fee:

Adults \$40.00 (including lunch) Youth \$20.00 (including lunch)
 Clinic and Workshop fees will be \$5.00 and payable at the door
 \$3.00 to attend for audit

Please make check payable to: "The Bay Area Daylily Society" and send to the Registrar:

Kay Smith
 232 Gulf Boulevard
 Indian Rock Beach, FL 33785

Please RSVP by October 10, 2008

Fall Meeting Chairs: Dwayne Miller and Dennis Hoffman

WHAT IS AN OMBUDSMAN??

By Donna Peck

Region 6 Director and Ombudsman

Do you have a question about the AHS?

Or a committee you are serving on needs advice?

Or have a problem organizing your flower show?

Answering these questions is what an Ombudsman does. The president of AHS, Kevin Walek, created two positions this year. One is Educational Outreach and the other is Ombudsman. His reason was to provide more “responsiveness to the membership.” (Read the President’s message in the winter issue 2007 of the ‘Daylily Journal’ pp.322-325)

The Ombudsman “is a person who is charged with representing the interests of the public by investigating and addressing complaints reported by individuals.” As Ombudsman, I will “be the ‘go to’ person for those who can’t figure out who’s who in the organization.” According to Kevin it’s a job that takes the load off everyone calling him and it prevents Kevin “from having to remember to tell the committee chairs what I told that person.”

I am looking forward to serving the members and I hope you take advantage of me as your Ombudsman.” I have an excellent committee that will be helping me. They are Eloise Koonce, Gary Rieben and Brenda Macy. Email me with any concerns (dpeck@unm.edu). I certainly don’t know all the answers, but with my committee members I can suggest a person who does. And I will follow up on your question until it gets answered.

Ask the Ombudsman

Donna Peck is the new Ombudsman for the American Hemerocallis Society.

An Ombudsman “is an independent, neutral party who is able to look at problems that come up in an unbiased fashion.” In this series of articles, she will present a problem that has been asked her and write

an answer that she hopes will benefit, not only the member that had the problem, but others as well. If you have a problem, question or situation with which you need help, contact Donna at dpeck@unm.edu.

PROBLEM: We understand that AHS has introduced a new voucher program that allows new members free daylilies. Our club does not fully understand just what they need to do to join this program. Can you help us?

SOLUTION: It is really a very simple process that your club needs to do. As soon as you have a new member, send in their name/s with the membership check/s to Pat Mercer (Executive Secretary-Membership) P.O. Box 10, Dexter, GA 31019. The member will soon receive a letter from Pat explaining the program, the voucher that entitles the member to obtain the daylily, and the list of hybridizers who will honor the voucher. Some hybridizers require you to order a certain amount before they honor the voucher, while others will just send you the daylily which can be worth \$25.00 and in some cases more. You will probably be required to pay shipping. An important note on the voucher program is that it also applies to AHS members who renew at a higher level.

For more detailed information check the website www.daylilies.org or contact Pat Mercer through email: patmercercer@progressivetel.com.



A shot of one of the open gardens for the 2009 National event - Dan and Loye Stateler’s garden

MINUTES OF THE REGION 12

2009 SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

The meeting was called to order by RVP Elaine Alito on May 23, 2008 at the Barrineau Park Community Center, Molino, Florida. RVP Alito thanked the Pensacola Daylily Club for hosting this meeting and all looking forward to a wonderful weekend.

RVP Alito announced that none of the AHS Officers were present for the meeting. Local officers were introduced:

Joe Agosta – Immediate Past RVP

Mark Headley – Treasurer

Sandy Soderberg – Secretary

Floyd Sewell – Exhibition Judges Liaison

Linda Sample - Garden Judges Liaison

Ottis Houston – W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund Liaison

Tom Dickson – New Member Liaison

Kay Smith – Historian

Reports: The Minutes of the Fall Regional Meeting as published in the spring 2008 newsletter were approved on motion by Floyd Sewell, seconded by Linda Sample.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mark Headley reported that as of January 14, 2008 a beginning checking account balance of \$20,409.00, a CD balance of \$10,049.00 and a savings of \$5.00 for a total of \$30,463.00. As there were no questions the report was filed as reported.

Exhibition Judges Liaison Report: Floyd Sewell stated that the Region 12 Exhibition Judges key responsibility is to enhance the image of the AHS in all possible ways. Two important functions of the Exhibition Judges are first, there are the basic requirements for their preparation and continuing education and secondly, there is the ethical demeanor with which they discharge their judging responsibilities.

EJL Sewell stated that after three years as Liaison, they are working very hard to bring in more judges and instructors. Joe Agosta appointed EJL Sewell in December 2004; hit the ground running January 2005 with 58 judges. Within the first 12 months, it became apparent that many on the list were deceased, had not renewed dues to AHS, did not take refresher courses to continue judging or moved out of the area. Clubs were complaining that they were having difficulty getting judges for their shows. The actual list for Region 12

had gone from 58 to 38.

Today we hit many milestones in Pensacola. Tom Dickson scheduled class so that one could either take clinics as a student or audit, thereby gaining a real 8 hour educational session on Daylilies.

Today: Maryzell Roberts of Tallahassee completed Clinic I & II in one day and is now a Jr. Judge. Gloria Hite of Treasure Island passed Clinic II and now has gone from student to Jr. Judge. Kay Smith of Indian Rocks Beach assisted in Clinic III today and has now graduated to full instructor status. Tom Dickson of Pensacola, only needs to assist in the Fall Clinic III refresher and he will also be a full time instructor. Mark Headley of Tampa, only needs to assist in Clinic II at the 2009 Spring National and he will become an instructor. Mauldin Carter and John Bouchad of Pensacola completed the refresher course for Clinic III. Opal Howell of Tallahassee, only needs to teach in Clinic III this fall and she will qualify to teach. Virginia Gregory, C.J. Gregory and Henry Matutino all of Orlando need only one clinic each to become full instructors.

EJL Sewell said that they now have new manuals available for all three Clinics so that many Senior Exhibition judges can become instructors. We have asked a few others to become teachers and we are adding new Exhibition Judges and Instructors to Region 12 at a good pace. For the Orlando 2009 National Convention we will showcase our Region 12 Exhibition Judges assistants and instructors that will make you very proud.

Mark Headley thanked Floyd for a great job in completing the three manuals.

Linda Sample, Garden Judges Liaison reported that each region can have up to 15 judges with our region having 45 judges at the present time. GJL Sample announced that today: Carol Robinson passed Garden Workshop I, Tom Dickson passed Garden Workshop II, Gloria Hite assisted in Workshop II and is on her way to becoming an instructor.

GJL Sample stated that she is working on obtaining more Garden Judges Instructors. She is also available to go to any club to instruct and train members in Workshop I and will be contacting all club presidents.

GJL Sample thanked Tom Dickson for scheduling Garden Workshop II in the morning while the flowers are fresh.

New Business: RVP Alito reported that the changes in the newsletter resulted in a deficit for our budget of last year and asked for feedback on color vs. black and white for the newsletter. Mark stated that we actually made over \$7,000 this year in sales. After discussion, it was decided that with an increase of plant sales we would

not have a problem. RVP Alito thanked CJ Gregory, Ways & Means Chair for the great work he did in increasing sales. As there were no questions, on motion by Floyd Sewell seconded by Gene Perry the approval of this budget passed.

Leslie Mauck, and the Sunbelt Daylily Club are working along with combined clubs of Region 12 for hosting the 2009 National Convention the 4th weekend of May. The theme for the National is “Daylilies in Paradise”. There will be eight registered daylily gardens on tour along with all kinds of open tour gardens available. The menu for the banquet is going to be fabulous. Leslie asked for help from all clubs in Region 12 and said they will make it worth your while pushing for daylily dollars which could be used at the auction. Anyone who helps will be rewarded. There will be lots of information coming to Region 12 members about the Convention and what you can do to help. Please contact Leslie as soon as possible to help her and the Sunbelt Daylily Club put together the best National Convention.

2009 National Convention Update: RVP Alito added that Frank Smith will be hosting the R.W. Munson Hybridizers’ bed. She encouraged all of the hybridizers to send in their selected seedlings to Frank as early as possible so they can mature into nice clumps. Keep in mind that your seedlings will be seen by approximately 650 attendees or more. The number of seedlings allowed will be five from each person and five from each hybridizer. The National Convention is being held at the Marriott Hotel in Lake Mary, a relatively new hotel chosen because they can handle banquets for 650 people. Deadline for the Spring Regional Newsletter is December 1, 2008.

At the Fall Regional Meeting of 2008, hosted by the North Florida Daylily Society, a Nominating Committee was formed to select a new RVP. Floyd Sewell chaired the committee along with Frank Smith and Wayne Johnson. Chairman Sewell stated that it is their recommendation to nominate Elaine Alito. RVP Alito stated that “Roberts Rule of Order” said that nominations must be requested from the floor. As there were no other nominations from the floor, all voted in favor of RVP Elaine Alito to continue in the role of Regional Vice President for Region 12.

Announcements: The Bay Area Daylily Society will be hosting the Fall Regional Meeting on October 24 and 25th at the Hilton Garden Hotel in Lakeland. An upcoming new hybridizer Nicole Harry of Apopka will be the guest speaker. Details will be in the fall newsletter.

RVP Alito stated that this is the time of year that new officers are elected in their clubs and to let her know so the website can be updated and also so she can notify the appropriate people at AHS.

RVP Alito reported that one of the greatest challenges for an RVP is scheduling spring and fall regional meetings. As of today, we do not have a club to host the 2010 Spring Regional Meeting since the Central Florida Daylily Society recently rescinded their offer to host that meeting. With the help of Joe Agosta, RVP Alito researched clubs that have hosted past spring meetings. The following is a recap:

Central Florida Daylily Society – Never hosted a Spring Meeting during the past years of record keeping.

Bay Area Daylily Society – 2006

North Florida Daylily Society – 2005

Suwannee Valley Daylily Society – 1999 and 2004

Tallahassee Daylily Society – 1998 and 2002

Pensacola Daylily Club – 2003 and 2008

Sunbelt Daylily Chapter – 2000, 2005, 2007 and 2009

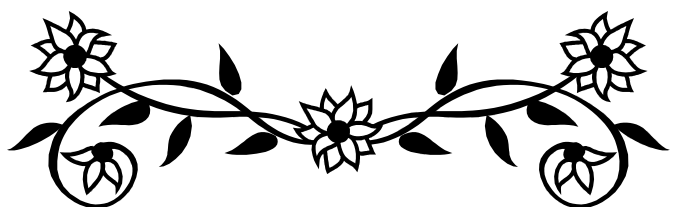
RVP Alito stated that her goal is to have spring and fall regional meeting scheduled through 2012 before the end of this year and she needs help from all clubs to accomplish this. A spring meeting doesn’t have to be an elaborate affair. The AHS Guidelines say: “The main purpose of the meetings is to get together each year to conduct the business of the region. Garden tours are desirable as an incentive to attend but are not necessary. Flower shows are also an added attraction. Exhibition judges clinics and garden judges’ workshops are necessary to train new judges and continue the training of current judges and must be held annually at a regional meeting.”

Note that the regions Exhibition and Garden Judges Liaisons typically organize the clinics and workshops and all the host club needs to do is provide the meeting space. If a club would like to host a Regional Spring or Fall Meeting please contact RVP Alito.

With no further business, questions or concerns, the meeting was adjourned with RVP Alito thanking the Pensacola club again for hosting a wonderful spring meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Soderberg, Secretary



Director's Message

Frank Smith

Dear Region 12,

Summer is quickly coming to an end, which for all of us in Region 12 brings great excitement. We are now in the final stretch on our way to hosting the 2009 AHS Nationals. I would like to report to the entire region that we are well on the way to having a very successful convention.

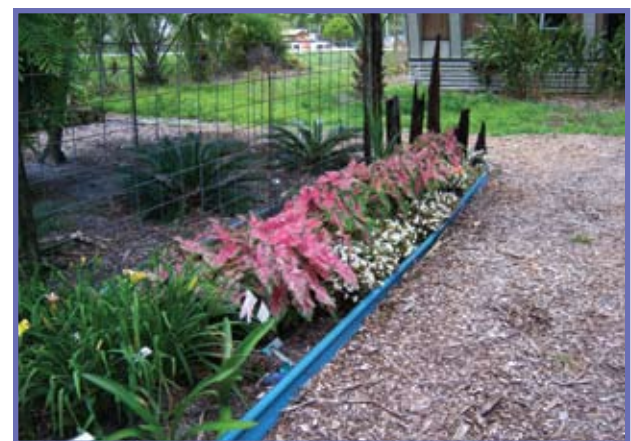
We have a beautiful host hotel, The Orlando North/Lake Mary Marriott, that many of you may remember was the host hotel for our Region 12 Spring Meeting a few years back. This is such a great venue for our Nationals! We have everything planned and organized, and already have several registrations.

On the National front, our president, Kevin Walek, is continuing to do a super job guiding our organization with more professionalism and direction than we have seen in a long time. Our new AHS Journal is improving more and more with every issue, thanks to our new editor, Meg Ryan. Although I will be at the National Board meeting the weekend of our Fall Regional, I encourage all of you to attend and support our Region 12 officers.

Happy Gardening,
Frank Smith, Director
AHS Region 12



Five more shots of one of the open gardens for the 2009 National Dan and Loye Stateler's garden



The North Florida Daylily Society

Show and Club Report, Spring 2008

On-Scape Awards:

Extra Large *H. 'LEMON MADELINE'*
Exhibited by: Bob & Gail Reese
Large *H. 'MIDNIGHT MAGIC'*
Exhibited by: Floyd Sewell
Small *H. 'JACK MAY'*
Exhibited by: Keith Lunsford
Miniature *H. 'PARIS LACE'*
Exhibited by: Bob & Gail Reese
Double & Polytepal *H. 'DOUBLEIMAGE'*
Exhibited by: Keith Lunsford
Spider *H. 'CHEVRON SPIDER'*
Exhibited by: Ray & Terri Wensell
Unusual Form *H. 'SNUFALUFAGUS'*
Exhibited by: Mike Shomer

No Awards for: Youth, Popularity Poll, and Seedling

Best-in-show *H. 'JACK MAY'*
Exhibited by: Keith Lunsford
Sweepstakes
Ray & Terri Wensell

Off-Scape Awards:

Extra Large *H. 'TRUE GERTRUDE DEMAREST'*
Exhibited by: Ray & Terri Wensell
Large *H. 'JANE TRIMMER'*
Exhibited by: Bob & Gail Reese
Small *H. 'ELVA WHITE GROW'*
Exhibited by: Ray Wyatt
Miniature *H. 'MARY ETHEL ANDERSON'*
Exhibited by: Bob & Gail Reese
Double Class A *H. 'CARDIGAN BAY'*
Exhibited by: Ray Wyatt
Double Class B *H. 'SMALL GESTURE'*
Exhibited by: Bob & Gail Reese
Spider *H. 'RED RESPLENDENCE'*
Exhibited by: Kathy Dogle
Unusual Form *H. 'HIS HIGHNESS'*
Exhibited by: Bob & Gail Reese

We had 200 people attend the show. 128 on scape flowers and 98 off scape flowers were presented to be judged. Our plant sales were very strong this year, and my wife Terri Wensell and other club members did a great job of selling our plants. The club made over \$2200.00 from the plant sales.

Wilber Causey was unable to attend the show this year due to health reasons which gave the rest of the club a chance to win some of the top awards. We hope that Wilber will be able to attend next year.

Pat Shomer has replaced Ray Wensell as Club President. I need some time off after 3 years as president. I will still be

an active member of our club.

Ray Wensell
NFDS, Past President.
904-215-9457

Tallahassee Daylily Society

Show Report, Spring 2008

On-Scape Awards:

Extra Large *H. 'YUM YUM YELLOW'*
Exhibited by: Randy Fleming (2001, Joiner)
Large *H. 'NEON RAINBOW'*
Exhibited by: Emily Hawthorne (1995, Joiner)
Small *H. 'JUST FOR BREAKFAST'*
Exhibited by: Emily Hawthorne (1994, Threewits)
Miniature *H. 'SUN'S MAGIC'*
Exhibited by: Emily Hawthorne (1988, E Salter)
Double and Polytepal *H. 'MICRO DOTS'*
Exhibited by: Randy Fleming (2003, J. Trimmer)
Spider *H. 'PLANET MAX'*
Exhibited by: Emily Hawthorne (1996, Reed)
Unusual Form *H. 'WIND FRILLS'*
Exhibited by: Abe Whitfield (1978, Tarrant)
Youth *H. 'COPPERHEAD'*
Exhibited by: Heather France (1972, G. Taylor)
Popularity Poll *H. 'THIN MAN'*
Exhibited by: Emily Hawthorne (2005, Trimmer)
Seedling 593X665
Exhibited by: Joe Agosta

Best In Show *H. 'PLANET MAX'*
Exhibited by: Emily Hawthorne

Sweepstakes Winner: Emily Hawthorne
Number of scapes = 252

Our show was held later than usual due to scheduling conflicts. In spite of being well past peak we had a good show with many excellent exhibits.

The visual results will be posted on our club web site in the next week or so at: <http://www.thsgardens.org/thsg/show2008/index.html>

The best in show scape is amazing to see.

Joe Agosta
Show Chair
Tallahassee Daylily Society

Bay Area Daylily Society

Show and Club Report, Spring 2008

Bay Area Daylily Society held our show and sale on May 3rd at the First Baptist Church of St Petersburg. This was the first year for this venue, and we look forward to holding it there again next May, as it has easy access off I-275 and Gandy Blvd

for those coming from central Florida.

Our club wants to thank Chairman Scott Jessup for such a great show, along with his co-chair Dennis Hoffman, and Ellen Wilcox-Hoffman for bringing in lunch for the workers. We also want to thank all the Committee Chairmen and members who chipped in and got things done, the staff at the First Baptist Church who helped with clean-up, and Worship Pastor Greg Crane for offering his church. New member Gail Nipper should receive a "rookie of the year" award for the way she found so many ways to help, even though she was a new member and did not know anyone before the show!

On-Scape Awards:

X-Large:	<i>H. 'ALABAMA JUBILEE'</i>
Exhibitor Geoff Johnson	
Large:	<i>H. 'BETTY WARREN WOODS'</i>
Exhibitor Evia Loye Stateler	
Small:	<i>H. 'PIXIE PAINT BRUSH'</i>
Exhibitor Debbie DiBona	
Miniature:	<i>H. 'JASON SALTER'</i>
Exhibitor Geoff Johnson	
Spider:	<i>H. 'CHEVRON SPIDER'</i>
Exhibitor Geoff Johnson	
Double/Polytepal:	<i>H. 'MAKING DOUBLE TIME'</i>
Exhibitor Kay Smith	
Unusual Form:	<i>H. 'JAN'S TWISTER'</i>
Exhibitor Elaine Alito	
Popularity Poll:	<i>H. 'ELVA WHITE GROW'</i>
Exhibitor Evia Loye Stateler	
Best Seedling:	An Orange spider seedling
Exhibitor Terry Jones	
Pretty is Pink Award:	
Exhibitor Mark Headley	
Munson's Award:	<i>H. 'HEAVEN'S DECLARING'</i>
Exhibitor Dennis Hoffman	
Sweepstakes:	
Exhibitor Evia Loye Stateler	
Best in Show:	<i>H. 'MAKING DOUBLE TIME'</i>
Exhibitor Kay Smith	

Congratulations to all the winners! We were glad that daylily growers found us to enter flowers, even some who are not members of a local club. We hope they will join in the future. We did receive 7 new members from the approximately 90 visitors to our show.

BADS had a large group of members make the trip to Pensacola for the Spring Regional, and all had a wonderful time. Thank you Pensacola Club!

We had an end of season picnic at Johnson's Daylilies in Brooksville. We are fortunate that all officers were re-elected for another term. Thank you to President Dennis Hoffman, Vice-President Dwain Miller, Treasurer Linda Sample, and Secretary Scott Jessup. We look forward to another great year under your leadership!

We started the new season early with a social gathering at Kay Smith and Ivan Senia's beach house, made plans for the New Year, and walked to Crabby Bill's restaurant for dinner and back to the beach for sunset.

We are looking forward to September meeting at Linda Sample's house, and the October Regional Meeting in Lakeland.

Kay Smith
BADS communication chairman

Sunbelt Daylily Chapter Show and Club Report, Spring 2008

Since early in January we have been working hard on the 2009 AHS National convention. At the time of writing the event planning and the major part of work is complete. What remains are the thousand and one small details that accompany any National event, these however are well in hand and we expect an excellent event, come May 2009.

The club obtained a lap top computer for use by visiting speakers; it was obtained by a generous donation, from Frank Smith the club President. Elaine Alito, RVP said she would donate a projector. Now, we are able to put on presentations, without speakers having to hand carry the equipment.

Luddy Lambertson kicked off the year as guest speaker, his presentation of many diverse and unusual daylilies and the wildlife around Art Gallery Gardens was very well received, many thanks Luddy.

In March our speaker was Bob Faulkner, acclaimed to be the countries leading expert on large flowered diploid patterns. Bob amazed us with his unusual patterned daylilies.

In April Ted Petit came to talk with us, he showed us his impressive introductions for 2008. It was widely suggested that this was the best show we had seen in some time. Ted braved a particularly nasty rain event to talk with us, which we appreciated very much.

A plant sale was held on April 5th at the Volusia County Fairgrounds, the plants were obtained from Dan Hansen. The weather played ball for us during the event, however the heavens opened up as we were in the throes of closing, many plants had to be held over. These we took to Dan Stateler's home where they are currently lined out in Loughman FL. Many thanks Dan you saved the day.

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Regards to all
Sara Martin

The Care and Feeding Of Daylilies

By Dan Trimmer

By formal education I should be qualified to discuss International politics but have zero qualifications to talk about any horticultural endeavors. However, I have no experience in the political world and I have about 25 years experience growing daylilies; in excess of 15 years as a commercial enterprise.

I've learned my lessons via the school of making more mistakes than I'd like to admit, and by asking as many people as possible to share what they knew, oftentimes via their formal education. Here is a very quick overview of the lessons I have learned.

Number one is WATER, WATER, and WATER. If you do nothing else to your flower beds, which hopefully are filled with many daylilies, provide at least 1-1.5 inches of water per week. This is more important than any feeding program. Number two on the list of things to do is take pH readings in each of the locations where you grow daylilies. Regardless of how much nutrition is present, not much will be available to your plants unless your pH is in the range of 6.2-6.8. I've found inexpensive pH meters to be rather inaccurate when I compare them to lab tests of the same beds. In addition to the accurate pH test the laboratory will provide for you, it's important to get a baseline of what nutrition and element levels are present in your beds. You can't know what to add unless you know what you need. County Cooperative Services may be able to provide this service to you at a very reasonable cost. Amend as necessary to correct any pH issues.

Whenever possible incorporate as much organic material as you can get your hands on into your garden beds. Compost, composted leaves, animal manures, cottonseed meal, corn meal, bone meal, and the like will help keep your soil loose, provide valuable trace minerals and retain moisture. This could be an entire article on this one subject, but I'll stop to explain the nutrients here.

The BIG THREE: Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and Potash that we see listed on the front of our fertilizer bags deserve quite a bit of discussion. We must understand that our daylilies are not typical perennials. With most of our flowering plants, a balanced diet is recommended lest we get too much leaf and too little bloom. Thus 10-10-10 or 6-6-6 fertilizing programs are recommended. This is not the case with daylilies. Daylilies are in the family of plants known as monocots. They're in the same plant family as ornamental grasses or corn! Monocots prefer to feed at a rate of 3-1-2, or when in active growth 4-1-2. Thus, 18-6-12 should be an ideal mix. Compounding the typical lack of nitrogen problem my laboratory tests always seem to reveal is the fact that the middle number in our fertilizer (phosphorous) is not easily soluble, while most of our nitrogen is leached away. The bottom line is that if we do feed our plants year after year in the same beds we may end up with too much phosphorous to the point where it is toxic. Before this happens, and if your soil test comes back that you

have adequate levels of Phosphorous, try feeding with small amounts of Calcium Nitrite (which helps raise a low pH) or Ammonium Sulfate (which will help lower pH) and Potassium Nitrate throughout the season. This will provide the nitrogen our plants like along with other valuable elements. If you make a mistake, make it by putting out too little, not too much of these products. They can be very powerful and cause severe burning.

Early in the growing season, in addition to the basic fertilizer regimen, it's important to add what I call the major minors: Iron, Magnesium, and Calcium. Iron can come from an organic source such as Milorganite or an Iron Supplement. I get much of my magnesium from Epsom salts (which is Magnesium Sulfate) at a rate of 100 pounds per acre and additional Calcium from the earlier mentioned Calcium Nitrate. Several professional horticulturists have told me it's important to get these major minors out early in the growing season as they are required in order for the plants to be able to take up the big three (Nitrogen, Phosphorous, and Potash). When I lived on Long Island, this active growth period started just after the dormants broke dormancy. Following bloom season with the first cool weather in the early fall was the time for a second very serious feeding period. It's important not to use a time release fertilizer at this time as we want our rapid growth before the onset of very cold weather. This second feeding period can result in twice the plant the following year as compared to the unfed plants. In Florida or the Deep South we can't feed too much in the summer due to the excessive heat, so most of the feedings take place from November through March.

I've found liquid feeding modest amounts of plant food very often to work wonders. It's also important to vary the product applied. A Peter's Excel product known as Cal Mag 15-5-15 seems to make my plants very happy. A lab test will also tell you if the important balance of calcium and magnesium is present. I liquid feed any number of other products, most with a very high first number (Nitrogen). A last couple of thoughts: first, risk using too little compared to too much fertilizer, second, organic sources are better than chemical fertilizers, but for large gardens we have little choice but to use the above mentioned fertilizers. Happy Gardening!

BAP-10 Propagation

By Dan Trimmer

Two years ago I attended a lecture given by Steve Zolock of Pennsylvania. He described how he had experimented with various concentrations of the product BAP-10 in an effort to create proliferations on daylily bracts of emerging scapes. He was able to develop many viable proliferations. I've passed this tidbit on to many daylily gardeners and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive.

I obtained the BAP-10 from Indiana Bio, P. O. Box 379, Westville, IN 46391. I mixed this pinkish liquid at a rate of one part BAP-10 to 28 parts water and applied it with a dropper every couple of days to bracts of scarce or valuable

cultivars. Last year I had created a hundreds of easy to root proliferations. There was no problem with any liquid that ran out of those bracts (those leaf like projections that appear on daylily scapes). I experienced no adverse effects and can only thank Steve for sharing this valuable insight with us. Those proliferations that did not develop roots before the scape browned usually did so if placed in shallow water for a week or so. Continued applications of BAP-10 did seem to keep the scapes viable for extended periods of time so that many proliferations were almost full sized plants when I removed and potted directly into the soil. If any signs of roots were present, almost 100% rooted directly into potting soil. These proliferations seemed to love heavy liquid feedings and matured very rapidly in mature exact replicas of the mother plant. I've also discovered that once mixed with water the solution seems to very quickly degrade, so i use all I mix within 24 hours. Solution that was one week old seemed to have lost its effectiveness. I obtained small dropper bottles from my druggist and measured out 28 droppers of water and then marked the bottle at this level. When needed I just fill with tap water to that line and then add one dropper BAP-10. In this manner I had the small accurate amounts of solution required. A little goes a very long way.

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Central Florida Daylily Society Exhibit and Club Report, Spring 2008

Our "2008 Daylily Exhibition" was a huge success! About 120 people attended, with 96 of them voting for their favorite daylilies.

The top four flowers were as follows:

H. 'PUMPKIN BANDIT', shown by Wayne & Fern Johnson (45 votes)

H. 'TRUFFLE BELLES', shown by Wayne & Fern Johnson (39 votes)

H. 'SUNSHINE ALL DAY' shown by Wayne & Fern Johnson (30 votes)

H. 'MOUNT RANIER', shown by Jay Charba (18 votes)

Followed closely by:

H. 'SOMETHING TO REMEMBER', shown by Jay Charba (16 votes)

H. 'MIDNIGHT RAIDER', shown by Jay Charba (15 votes)

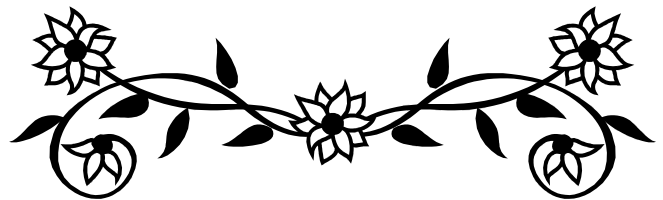
H. 'CALICO SPIDER', shown by C.J. & Virginia Gregory (14 votes)

H. 'TROPICAL PLEASURE', shown by Jay Charba (13 votes)

There were several unsigned entries, which we could not count. We had 26 entries of wonderful seedlings, with 16 of them receiving votes as favorites. Congratulations members!

Dan & Loye Stateler's daughter did a wonderful job feeding us and the plant sale was a great success as well.

Respectfully Submitted by Trudy & Phill Marth



A shot of one of the open gardens for the 2009 National event - Dan and Loye Stateler's garden

Suwannee Valley Daylily Society (SVDS)

Show and Club Report, Spring 2008

Suwannee Valley held its 2008 Daylily Show and Plant Sale on Saturday, May 31, 2008 at the Lake City Mall. A total of 186 scapes were on display to the delight of mall visitors, daylily enthusiasts from visiting clubs and SVDS members.

With the show in a mall setting, hundreds of visitors to the mall were able to see the plants on display and oohed and ahed at the beautiful blooms. Several applications for membership in the club were received at the Education Table.

For the second year in a row, Mary Wynn of Jasper Florida won best in show her entry this year of *H. 'JAN'S TWISTER'*. And Jerome Ridaught from Alachua was the winner of the Sweepstakes Rosette.

Other winners included: *H. 'CURIOUS GEORGE'*, exhibited by Jerome Ridaught, Extra Large; *H. 'ABUNDANT CASCADES'*, Jerome Ridaught, Large; *H. 'SPACECOAST SHELLCRACKER'*, Majorie Kinnebrew, Small; *H. 'DARK AVENGER'*, Bob Reese, Miniature; *H. 'REBA MY LOVE'*, Mary Wynn, Double & Polytepal; *H. 'ORCHIDWATERFALL'*, Jerome Ridaught, Spider; *H. 'JAN'S TWISTER'*, Mary Wynn, Unusual Form; *H. 'SILOAM VALENTINE'*, S. Cantey, Youth; *H. 'ELVA WHITE GROW'*, Ottis Houston, Pop Poll; and lastly, Marjorie Kinnebrew, SEEDLING.

Suwannee Valley Daylily Society meets the third Sunday of each month at the Columbia County Main Library in downtown Lake City, from 2:00 till 4:00. An open invitation to everyone is extended to join with us for some fun, fellowship and daylilies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gene Perry, President

10 TIPS FOR A HEALTHY BACK

Make sure the object is properly balanced and packed correctly so the weight won't shift when lifted.

Before you lift, test the weight of every object by pushing it – a small size doesn't mean a light weight. And get help, if you need it.

Take your time lifting. Rushing will strain your muscles. Bend at the hips and knees, not the lower back.

Maintain proper posture with back straight and head up. Use your legs to lift.

Never twist. Keep the shoulders in line with the hips and face the object.

Pivot at the hips, not the back. Get a good grip by using handles or gripped gloves. And avoid slippery or uneven surfaces. Keep the weight close to your body.

Look before you lift to make sure you know where you're going to place the object.

Regular cardiovascular exercise will make injury less likely.

Do stretching and strengthening exercises to increase back and abdomen flexibility.

Welcome New Members!

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**Susan Buchanan
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Winter Haven, FL 33884**

**Leila Imbasciani
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**Please make our new
members feel welcome!**



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Meets Sept- Apr (except Dec)
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- Members become part of their AHS Region at no additional cost and receive a regional newsletter
- AHS activities include conventions, garden tours, symposiums, and auctions
- Many members enjoy daylily discussion groups called robins, either by mail or online
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