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RVP's Message

Joe Agosta, Tallahassee, FL



As your new Regional Vice President I must share with you the plans and goals for my term of office. Invigoration comes to mind as the best adjective to describe my vision. We have all the ingredients to once again become a vibrant region, healthy clubs, hard working members, talented hybridizers,

excellent gardens, and great southern hospitality. The catalyst to produce the improvement is increased member participation. I'm charging all the Region 12 officers, Region 12 committee chairpersons, and club presidents to work with me to accomplish this goal.

Members will participate more if they are properly informed in a timely manner regarding daylily activities within the region. This not only includes regional meetings but those at the club level as well. Our regional newsletter has been a good source of information for members, but it is, by today's standards, a slow method of communication. Some clubs have complemented the regional newsletter with their own newsletters and internet websites in an effort to keep their members better informed.

At the Fall Regional Meeting in Tampa the assembled membership approved the creation of the Region 12 web site on the internet. This site is now on line at <http://www.ahsregion12.org>. Besides items of regional interest, it also includes a calendar of events and club related information. The site is being continuously updated so check it often for local and regional news. Now, via this new communication medium, not only will the membership be able to keep abreast of our activities, but, more importantly, potential new members will become aware of our events. Since nearly one half of all new AHS members do not renew their membership after the first year, this new information venue will give us an opportunity to involve them in our "daylily world" before they make a decision not to renew.

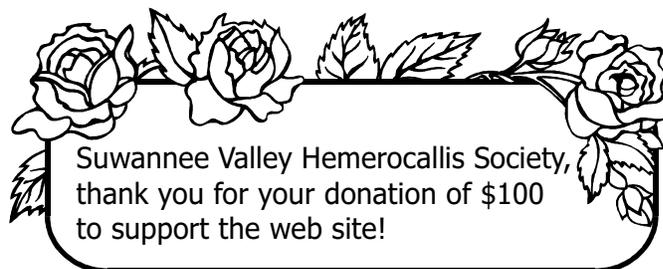
Our region is just over fifty years old. It was formed out

of Region 5 in 1951. Membership totaled sixty-four members, and Mrs. Bright (Ophelia) Taylor of Ocala was appointed the first Regional Supervisor. Now we are over five hundred strong and growing. In some ways I like the Supervisor title versus the current one of Vice President. It better describes the approach I am taking in this position, and that is the responsibility to be proactive in improving the Society within our state. Please join with me in making Region 12 even better.

I wish to thank Donna Warlick, RVP and Angela Cassidy, RPD for guiding Region 12 for the past year. Margaret Tucker leaves after doing an excellent job as Regional Secretary. New officers and committee chairpersons have been appointed to complement those who have agreed to stay on for another term. Do not hesitate to contact the officers and committee chairpersons if you have ideas to share or suggestions for improving our region. I believe we have a great team assembled to serve the membership, and I look forward to working with them all.

Our Spring Regional is being hosted by the Pensacola Hemerocallis Society May 16, 17 and 18th. The Pensacola club is working hard to put together a great weekend for daylilies and fellowship. I hope to see many of you there. Also, plan now to attend the Fall Regional Meeting in Orlando and the 2004 Spring Regional in Lake City.

With the start of bloom season just around the corner plan now to open your garden to interested visitors, visit more daylily gardens, and attend as many daylily events as you can. Don't forget to bring along a friend or two. And to quote the late Ra Hansen, "Do share a daylily often."



RPD's Message

Virginia Gregory, Orlando, FL



One of the visions of any regional officer is to develop and maintain a strong region. This takes not only hard work on the part of its leadership but also the support of its membership. Remember, John F. Kennedy's immortal "Ask not what you can do for your country" speech?

There are many ways you can participate in Region 12; some of which are really rather simple but can have a big impact on our success as a whole. Here are a couple of ideas...

- ✓ Renew your AHS dues before January 1st
- ✓ Attend a Regional meeting
- ✓ Contact the RVP and/or Director with ideas and suggestions
- ✓ Donate plants for Regional auctions
- ✓ Buy plants at Regional auctions (Great way to justify buying more daylilies!)
- ✓ Contact a Committee Chair and offer your help
- ✓ Vote the Popularity Poll each year
- ✓ Become an Exhibition Judge, a Garden Judge, or both!
- ✓ Volunteer to be your club's reporter
- ✓ Meet and greet new members or members new to you.
- ✓ Publicize daylilies through speaking engagements, newspaper/magazine articles, plant sales, etc. and then encourage your audience to join AHS
- ✓ Write an article for the Region 12 newsletter
- ✓ Tell a club or regional officer that they are doing a good job!

Okay, now it's your turn. Tell or, better yet, show me how we can be a strong region! Have a great bloom season and I hope to see many of you at meetings, shows, and plant sales all around Florida!

Regards,
Virginia

P.S. The deadline for the Fall newsletter is July 25th. Please contact me with reports and articles before then. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

Opal Howell, Tallahassee, FL

Beginning January 1, 2002	
Checking	\$5,401.28
Total:	<u>\$5,401.28</u>

Receipts:

Interest – Checking	\$102.23
Plant Sales:	
Spring Regional	\$734.45
THS	\$859.50
Mail Away Auction	\$295.34
Fall Regional	\$1,105.00
Individuals (Gandy, Howell/Tucker)	\$196.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$37.00
AHS Judging Class Fees	\$47.00
AHS Judges Handbooks	\$82.00
Fall Regional Residual Funds	\$154.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$3,612.52</u>

Disbursements:

Postage	\$541.10
Printing	\$604.23
Director Expenses	\$775.55
Munson Awards	\$25.00
Sunshine Cup Award	\$49.91
AHS Judging Class Fees	\$47.00
AHS Judges Handbooks	\$180.00
AHS Insurance	\$129.00
Web Site	\$363.08
Total Disbursements	<u>\$2,714.87</u>

Certificate of Deposit:

CD balance as of 1/1/02	\$5,040.00
Interest (through 11/22/02)	\$72.73
CD balance	<u>\$5,112.73</u>

Balance as of December 31, 2002	
Checking: General	\$4,281.37
Checking: Youth Fund	\$2,017.56
CD	\$5,112.73
Total Funds	<u>\$11,411.66</u>

Director's Message

Reba Ridaught, Alachua, FL



New and exciting things are happening in Region 12. The incoming RVP, Joe Agosta, arrived with great plans for the future of the Region. A new web page is already in place, www.ahsregion12.org. It is a resource for all of us and for Florida visitors as well.

Another "happening" in Region 12 is the creation of the "Bill Munson Hybridizer's Award".

The first competition for this award will occur at the Spring 2004 Region 12 meeting. The Ridaught AHS Display Garden in Alachua will host the plants for the first competition. Jerome has set aside the very best spot in the garden for these plants and we hope there will be lots of beautiful plants in the bed when Region 12 members come to vote for the first "Bill Munson Hybridizer's Award." The Regional meeting is just over a year away and the plants need to be in the ground soon to look their best for the competition. Contact Jerome Ridaught at (386) 462-3740 or lilyfarm@ridaught.com for details.

The AHS Fall Board meeting was held in Dublin, Georgia on October 25-26, 2002. A few highlights from the meeting follow.

AHS Web Site: Tim Fehr reported statistic for use of the site, <http://www.daylilies.org/>. There were about 250,000 visits in the first 9 months of 2002. This site has a wealth of information for AHS members.

The New Daylily Handbook is now available. It is a comprehensive revision and expansion of the 1968 *AHS Daylily Handbook*. You may want to consider obtaining a copy. It includes new chapters on small flowers, doubles, spiders, spider variants and unusual forms. It has 320 pages filled with color pictures, line drawings and indexed information.

AHS membership statistics. Total membership as of September 30, 2002, was 12,013. US members total 11,580. There are 238 Canadian members, and 195 International members from 34 countries. Region 12 membership for the same period is 516. Fifty-seven of these

are new members. Club presidents; please encourage AHS membership at your meetings. We have many more local club members than AHS members in Region 12. In addition there are quite a few AHS members that are not members of local clubs. We hope to help these AHS members find local clubs.

AHS Registrar, Gretchen Baxter, reported registering 1,071 new daylily cultivars as of October 2002.

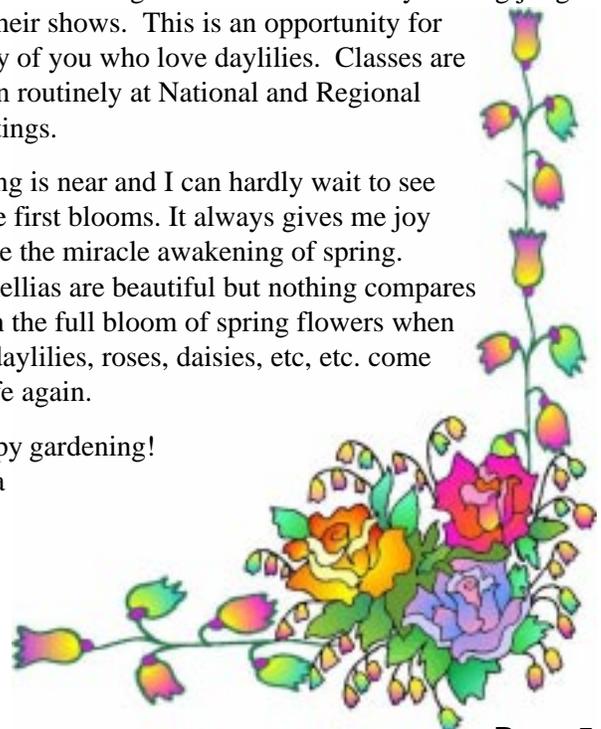
Awards and Honors: Richard Rosen reported tabulating 567 Awards and Honors Ballots. One hundred and eighty three Garden judges did not return their ballots. David Kirchoff's 1993 introduction, BILL NORRIS, earned the Stout Silver Medal for 2002. John Kinnebrew's 1979 introduction, MIDNIGHT MAGIC, earned the Lenington All-American Award for 2002. These are pictured on the front and back covers of *The Daylily Journal*, Spring 2003 issue.

The AHS Board approved several motions changing the definitions of some AHS awards. Please refer to *The Daylily Journal*, vol. 58, NO 1, spring 2003, p 116 for these changes.

Exhibitions Judges: Region 12 has 48 Senior Judges, 3 Junior Judges and 4 Students in training for a total of 57. Clubs are having considerable difficulty finding judges for their shows. This is an opportunity for many of you who love daylilies. Classes are given routinely at National and Regional meetings.

Spring is near and I can hardly wait to see those first blooms. It always gives me joy to see the miracle awakening of spring. Camellias are beautiful but nothing compares with the full bloom of spring flowers when the daylilies, roses, daisies, etc, etc. come to life again.

Happy gardening!
Reba



Daylily Fever

Dan Stateler, Loughman, FL

It all started in the lovely city of Gainesville, Florida in the year of 1952.

Just out of the Navy of which I had served four years as an electronic technician, and I had enrolled in the University of Florida as an Electrical Engineering student. I had pledged in the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. It was on the Mother's Day weekend. The Pikes always held a Mother's Day program.

The Local Mothers of Gainesville always came in and decorated the house for us. Up over the fireplace they used daylilies with shrimp plant, and some other flowers. The 'Black Daylilies' were the flower of the time. It was a big show to have the darkest daylilies.

Also at that time a Mr. Wilber Harling was on the City Beautification Board. Being a daylily hybridizer, he had access to many seedlings and they were planted all over town. I even tried to start some seeds myself. I obtained a seedpod from one of the plantings, and tried to germinate them in a window box in the window. I don't know what happened, but none came up. This admiration of the daylily continued each year at Mother's Day.

I finished school and moved to Orlando, where I went to work with the Glenn L. Martin Co. (now Lockheed Martin). I married a nurse that I met at Orange Memorial Hospital, while having a broken leg put back together. We bought a home and the desire for daylilies for the yard continued. Then one day I saw in the paper that a civic club was having a daylily sale for ten cents each.

I got up early that morning and went to a big oak tree where the State Office Building now stands in Winter Park, Florida. There was one man there and he was trying to get some plants ready for sale. The people started coming and they were stopping in the field instead of going to the big oak tree. He had no other help, so I offered to stay in the field and direct the people to the big oak tree.

During the course of the day, the owner of the field, Mr. Ralph Wheeler, came by with a couple of people from Ocala including Mrs. Bright Taylor and a friend of hers. During a conversation with them, I found out that Mr. Wheeler had had a heart attack and was very limited in the work he could do.

The day went on and I got to thinking that I might like to go into business with him, so I got his phone number and thought some more. At the end of the day I purchased some daylilies and went home. I had purchased some property in Loughman, Florida and my wife and I went to work starting to build a home.

In the mean time I talked with Mr. Wheeler several times and he tried very hard to discourage me. But being the hard head that I am, I proceeded. I started hauling daylilies and planting them in the field west of the house.

What I didn't know was the soil was very poor, mainly white dirty sand. The rest was an old burned out sawdust pile that at one time had burned for a year. There was about a half inch of topsoil, and I couldn't understand why the daylilies weren't growing very well.

The next thing I ran into Mr. Merle Kent, Fred Fallman, Madge Slaughter, and several other daylily people from around the area. There were quite a few. During the daylily season we would go around to all the gardens on the weekend. The following week we would go to more. There were about ten gardens in the area, from Mr. Soaper in south Orlando to Merle Kent's in Longwood to the north.

My first daylily show was in Gainesville, Florida. I didn't know much about shows, but the wife and I got up early, went out into the field, cut a bunch of scapes, stuck them in a couple buckets of water and drove to Gainesville. Needless to say, they did not get there in very good shape, and we may have received one white ribbon. I believe that the next year we cut blooms early in the evening and went off to Pensacola driving all night, to the Regional Show. Again I learned a lot. I believe at that time they only allowed off scape blooms not over five years old. There again I had only one bloom in the show and no ribbons.

Things progressed and we started having shows in Leesburg, Florida, Ocala, Florida and in Valdosta, Georgia. The First Federal Savings and Loan sponsored the Leesburg show. Ms. Alice Smart was their publicity agent. At that show they gave away one thousand daylilies to the first thousand people.

It was about this time that Mrs. June Williams came on

Daylily Fever, continued

the scene. She and I made my first trip to visit the garden of Mrs. Ida Munson. This was at the old home site where the VA Hospital now stands.

Then came one of my biggest shows in Tampa, Florida. I took a lot of flowers to this show. I had learned how to handle and enter them.

At the Tampa show, I received a lot of Blue Ribbons, but no Silver Awards. Silver Awards were the awards of the day. The night of the Banquet, the awards were given and Mr. Bert Livingston, the garden editor of the *Tampa Tribune*, was the master of ceremonies. At the end of the program he announce that I should be recognized for having made it such a nice show. They were going to purchase an award for all the Blue Ribbons I had won. This was the first Sweepstakes. More about the Sweepstakes, it was at that point that we created a Master Sweepstakes. The Master Sweepstakes was for anyone that had won a Sweepstakes in any of the shows in the last five years. At this time it was picked up in Atlanta and eventually became a National Award.

Somewhere about this time, we had an unregistered show at Mead Gardens in Winter Park. The following year Fred Fallman and I co-chaired the first registered Central Florida show at the First National Bank in Orlando. We have had many more shows since then and are still counting.

My wife and I became very active in the Regional meetings, and at a National meeting in Atlanta we became life members. I have served as the RPD when it was the

only office in the region. I have been President of the Central Florida Group several times. I have worked all positions of the shows and have assisted other clubs with their shows in many ways. I am an Exhibition Judge and for many years was a Garden Judge.

I was the Bus Chairman at a National where I had to hire a school bus to carry people from the big busses into Mrs. Vera McFarland's St. Augustine home.

I was the National Chairman a few years later. At this show I won the American Horticulture Society Boles Award for a collection of 15 blue ribbon scapes.

I usually grow between one-half acre to one acre of day-lilies, usually about six hundred cultivars of which several go back a long time. I do hybridize most years and have registered a dozen or so. I don't work with anything in particular. I like small ones, large ones, the last four I registered were doubles and I have even tried my hand at some spiders. I have worked in dark colors, near whites and about every thing in between. This year the seedlings were split about half-and-half between diploid and tetraploid.

My garden was on tour at the last National Convention in Orlando. My garden also consists of many other types of plants too numerous to mention. I have something in bloom all year long.

Thanks to all that have helped make this an enjoyable hobby.

Region 12 Popularity Poll Winners

1. Ed Brown
2. Bill Norris
3. Mary Ethel Anderson
Sherry Lane Carr
5. Pure and Simple
Sabine Bauer
Spacecoast Starburst
6. Moonlit Masquerade
Vermell Livingston
7. Ottis' Magic
Santa Fe Spark
Snowing Down South
Spacecoast Tiny Perfection



Ed Brown

You could be a Winner!

Everyone who submits their Popularity Poll ballot by the September 1st deadline will be entered in a drawing. Two names will be chosen at random and winners will receive free registration to the Spring 2004 Regional meeting in Lake City.

So, don't forget to vote!

Pensacola Hemerocallis Society

invites you to the
AHS Region 12 Spring Meeting

Schedule of Events

Friday, May 16th

- 3:00 p.m. – Kick-off at Tom Dickenson's home in Molino, FL
- 3:30 p.m. – Garden Judges Workshop I
- 4:30 p.m. – Garden Judges Workshop II
- 5:45 p.m. – Covered dish dinner and plant auction

Saturday, May 17th

- The following gardens will be open for garden visits (a van will be provided; however, if you can drive and follow the van, please provide that information at registration): Carl Brady's Opus Garden (Continental breakfast), Robbie Johannesen, James and Laura Hall (Lunch), and Vi Steadham
- 6:00 p.m. – Banquet
 - Region 12 Business Meeting
 - **Guest Speaker:** Kemberly Roberts of Petal, MS will discuss spiders and her hybridizing program
 - Slide show of future introductions of Region 12 hybridizers – Please send **labeled slides** to Carl Brady, 825 N. 77th Ave., Pensacola, FL 32506, (850) 453-6656, opusg@earthlink.net
 - Plant Auction – **Plant donations** will be accepted at the meeting or they can be shipped to Elaine Alito, 6171 47th Ave. N., Kenneth City, FL 33709

Sunday, May 18th

- Pensacola Hemerocallis Society 50th Anniversary Daylily Show and Plant Sale at the University Mall (Show Chairman: Carl Brady (opusg@earthlink.net))
- 9:00 a.m. – Exhibition Judges Clinic I, II, and Refresher at the Brentwood Middle School

Please make your check payable to "Pensacola Hemerocallis Society" and mail to:

Mauldin Carter, Registrar
1800 East Gadsden St.
Pensacola, FL 32501-3533
(850) 438-5595
carterm3@bellsouth.net

Registration Fee: \$35.00

Deadline: Friday, May 9, 2003

Holiday Inn, University Mall
7200 Plantation Road
Pensacola, FL 32504
(850) 474-0100 or 1-800-465-4329
Standard Rate: \$69.00

Directions: I-10 to exit 13, from exit ramp take a left on to Davis Highway, then turn right on to Plantation Road (Mall entrance road). Hotel is on the right.

Tips for Tabulators

Joe Agosta, Tallahassee, FL



For many American Hemerocalis Society members participation in flower shows is the high point of the season. Much work is put into garden growing culture, specimen selection, and grooming before an entry makes it to the exhibition table. An element of competition also adds to the tense atmosphere surrounding the selection of the final show winners.

In this environment works the show tabulation committee. They are charged with seeing that all potential winning entries comply with the AHS and show rules. One mistake or procedural miscue can sometimes cause a cloud to surround the show results or cause hurt feelings. However, with some advance planning the tabulation committee can avoid some of the common pitfalls.

First the committee members should become thoroughly familiar with the tabulation materials supplied by AHS. The show chairperson should supply these materials to the committee several weeks in advance of the show. Secondly, the committee should review the tabulation section of the current AHS handbook *Judging Daylilies*, paying particular attention to the procedure for evaluating the judges' ballots for Best In Show. The tabulation chairperson should check with the show chairperson to determine if the show chairperson intends to delegate all or part of the Best In Show calculation to the tabulation committee. A complete set of the AHS checklists or a computer with the installed latest version of the AHS Electronic Checklist CD-Rom should be obtained for reference.

Along with the above information the tabulation chairperson should prepare a master notebook or file containing a copy of the show schedule and a separate page for each award, both AHS and local. Sections from the show schedule showing the award requirements are cut from the show schedule and pasted to the separate award pages. Entries are made on the appropriate notebook pages once the winner for each section or award has been made by the judges and verified by the committee. The tabulations chairperson should maintain personal possession of this notebook during the tabulation process.

Exhibitors, show workers, and visitors are all anxious to know the names of the winning entries. This puts unnecessary pressure on the tabulators. Having a separate area and tables for performing the tabulation function is essential. It keeps the distractions and questions to a minimum while this important task is being performed.

As the judging proceeds various winners will be selected. These winners should go directly to the tabulation table. Placing potential winners on the head table prior to verification by the tabulation committee will invariably, sooner or later, result in a retraction, disappointment for the exhibitor, and embarrassment for the show officials. Exhibits should remain under control of the tabulation committee while the verification process re-checks classification and records the pertinent AHS information in the master notebook. To avoid a mishap due to additional handling and movement it is desirable to keep the Best In Show candidates in the tabulation area while the judges complete their Best In Show ballots. Other award winners may be taken to the head table once verified by the committee.

In the event that the show chairperson does not wish to perform the Best In Show calculation, the tabulation chairperson and one other committee member should independently calculate and confirm the results for the Best In Show winner. During this effort a third committee member should oversee the gathering of entry tag stubs. Care must be taken to keep tags from entries winning AHS ribbons and AHS rosettes separate from all others. The determination of the Sweepstakes Award winner is then made after counting only the tags from entries winning AHS ribbons and AHS rosettes. A count of the number of scapes entered in the show is finalized at this time. The information is entered in the master notebook.

Once the tabulation chairperson reviews the master notebook to be sure all tabulation work has finished, the remaining winners can proceed to the head table. At that time the notebook, judges worksheets, and collated sweepstakes award cards are inserted into a large plastic bag and given to the show chairperson. The master notebook will be a clear record of the show results and the basis for filing of the official AHS show report by the show chairperson.

Bill Munson Hybridizer's Award

Ottis Houston, Lake City, FL

Florida is one of the greatest states for growing daylilies, if not THE greatest. This may be due, in part, to the climate but mostly due to the quality of hybridizers and growers living in Florida.

The BILL MUNSON HYBRIDIZER'S AWARD will give all Florida hybridizers a chance to have their newest and best seedlings seen along with seedlings of other hybridizers. At the same time this bed will create some interest that maybe, just maybe, will increase participation in Region 12 activities. Our neighbors, Region 5 (Georgia) and Region 14 (Alabama and Mississippi) have these beds while having great Regional participation.

The Rules and Regulations that follow were approved at the Fall 2002 meeting.

The competition for the BILL MUNSON HYBRIDIZER'S AWARD will be at the Spring Regional of 2004, hosted by the Suwannee Valley Hemerocallis Society. Jerome and Reba Ridaught, 12309 NW 112th Ave., Alachua, FL 32615, (Tel # 386- 462-3740), will provide the bed at their home for this event. Please contact them prior to delivery of any plants for this purpose and plan to send plants early so they have an opportunity to clump up before the Regional meeting.

The BILL MUNSON HYBRIDIZER'S AWARD is to be established in honor of the late Bill Munson. It recognizes outstanding hybridization of Hemerocallis by member of the American Hemerocallis Society in Region 12.

1. Only daylilies hybridized by American Hemerocallis Society members in Region 12 are eligible to compete in the Bill Munson Hybridizers Award. Daylilies entered in this competition may be either registered or unregistered but they must not be introduced prior to the judging. Any plant introduced before the judging will be rendered ineligible for competition.
2. The Regional Meeting Chairman will advise the Regional Vice President (RVP) of the name of the person in whose garden the display bed will be located. The RVP will have this information published in the next possible edition of the Region 12 newsletter.
3. All plants will be displayed in one special bed of one garden in order that those attending the Regional Meeting can make the proper comparisons before casting their votes. A sign reading "BILL MUNSON HYBRIDIZER'S AWARD BED, REGION 12 AHS" will be prominently displayed in this bed. This sign will be provided by Region 12.
4. The bed should be located in an open sunny area with sufficient sunlight so that the plants will not have to lean toward the sun. The bed should be well prepared according to good horticultural practice. All plants should receive the same care without exception. The Regional Meeting Chairman will have the responsibility for checking the bed for readiness or assisting for readiness, as needed.
5. No more than five (5) plants per individual will be accepted. If space is limited, the number could be reduced to three (3). Before sending plants, the hybridizer should contact the garden host to make arrangements. Plants should be forwarded as soon as possible so that they are well established by the time of display. A growing period of two years is desirable, but not required; however, no entries will be accepted ninety (90) days immediately preceding the first day of the scheduled Regional Meeting.
6. To prevent favoritism, only the garden host will know the actual identity of the plants being displayed and the names of the hybridizers. The host will assign numbers beginning with 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc. to the plants and will display them with the matching numbered marker provided by Region 12. A confidential log of the hybridizer and plant number, as well as a diagram of the bed identifying the plant number to the hybridizer will be kept by the garden host. This information will be kept confidential and given to the RVP after the voting. Hybridizers are not to reveal the identity of their plants prior to voting. If it becomes evident that the hybridizer has done so, that plant will immediately be disqualified from competition. Disclosure of a hybridizer's entries by any person is prohibited prior to completion of the voting.

7. All persons attending the Regional Meeting will be given ample opportunity to view the plants in competition. A ballot box will be set up in the host garden and voters will cast their ballots for the plant of their choice before leaving the garden. At the conclusion of the voting, the Regional Meeting Chairman will deliver the unopened ballot box to the Regional Vice President, who will appoint a committee of Region 12 members to count the ballots. The RVP will announce the first four (4) runners-up prior to announcing the winner at the banquet. In the event of a tie, duplicate awards will be given. A list of all entries with the identity of the hybridizers will be passed out at the banquet.
8. As soon as possible after the Regional Meeting, the hybridizer should advise the garden host as to the disposition of his/her plants in the BILL MUNSON HYBRIDIZERS AWARD BED. The plants should be removed as soon as possible; however, if the plants have not been removed by November 1 of the year of competition or other arrangements have not been made with the garden host, they automatically become the property of the garden host. Until this date, unless other arrangements have been made with the garden host, the plants remain the property of the hybridizer. No division of plants or proliferations may be distributed without the express permission of the hybridizer. No seed pod development or use of pollen is permitted. The host has the responsibility of taking the very best care of the plants while they are in his/her possession, and the hybridizer has the responsibility of transporting the plants to the garden, as well as making arrangements with the garden host for disposition of the plants after the Regional Meeting.
9. Once a plant is submitted to the host gardener, this plant must remain in place until the Regional Meeting is over. It will not be permissible for a hybridizer to submit a plant and later remove it to make a substitution.
10. It shall be the responsibility of the host gardener to notify the hybridizer should a plant die, regress badly, or otherwise suffer lost, damage, theft, or misplacement.
11. Any cultivar winning the BILL MUNSON HYBRIDIZER'S AWARD is automatically barred from future competition for this award.
12. After the Regional Meeting, the RVP will give the garden host the name and address of the next garden host to whom the numbered markers should be sent. The garden host will promptly package and mail these as directed by the RVP. Region 12 will reimburse the garden host for this expense upon submission of receipts to the RVP. The Regional Meeting Chairman will pick up the Bill Munson sign and present it to the next year's garden host at the Awards Banquet.

Region 12 Exhibition Judges Liaison

Donna Warlick, Tallahassee, FL

It's been said many times before, and I'll say it again. **We need more Exhibition Judges in Region 12!** If you need to renew your accreditation, please do so. If you are not a judge, please consider becoming one. If you are a Student In Training, plan to attend Clinic II this year. Clinics will be offered at the spring Regional Meeting in Pensacola and will be held on Sunday, May 18, beginning at 9:00 AM.

If you have been an AHS member for 24 consecutive months, you may take Clinic I. You will need to purchase the *Judging Daylilies* handbook, study it, attend the Clinic, pass the written test administered at the end of the class and become a Student In Training. A Student In Training is then eligible to take Clinic II and become a Junior Judge. Clinic II must be successfully completed within 3 calendar years of completing Clinic I.

In Region 12 we have 50 Exhibition Judges. We have 7 shows each year. Many of our Region 12 judges also judge in other regions. Many of the shows in north Florida, south Georgia and south Alabama occur within just a few weekends in May. Finding judges for a show is a scramble every year.

Judging shows is enjoyable and provides an opportunity to meet and work (briefly) with other daylily people. We learn from each judging experience and we establish friendships with fellow judges!

If you have questions about becoming an Exhibition Judge or renewing your accreditation, please contact me.



Good Companion Plants for Daylilies

Patrick Stamile, Enterprise, FL

Usually in Florida daylilies are grown as a monoculture, i.e., only daylilies are grown with very few annuals or perennials. This can lead to a lack of ecological balance in your garden. Maintaining such an ecological balance is always a challenge and made more difficult by having only daylilies. Growing a number of companion plants to compliment your daylily garden can both enhance the garden and attract and maintain beneficial insects and parasites.

Evening Primrose, one of my favorite perennials, is both very ornamental and easy to grow (read this as being very aggressive). Evening Primrose is important for attracting Ground Beetles that feed on snails, slugs and aphids.



Candytuft

Baby Blue Eyes and Candytuft are wonderful low growing, small flowered annuals that add a wonderful palette of colors to the front of the border. Both attract Syrphid Flies. Syrphid Flies can hover in flight

for long periods and thus are also known as Hover Flies. They are commonly found on flowers and may often feed on pollen as well in the early morning hours. They vary greatly in color and size but most are yellow with dark bands on the abdomen. They may resemble wasps or bees but they do not sting. Syrphid Fly larvae are predaceous, feeding especially on aphids but also thrip.



Nasturtium

Bishops Flower, Black Eyed Susan, Strawflowers and Nasturtiums attract a number of parasitic insects that feed on aphids. Strawflowers and Nasturtium are very easy to grow annu-

als. Plant the Nasturtium in areas where there is poor soil. They do not like the enriched areas where your daylilies would be planted and would give more leaves than flowers.

Angelica is a spectacular, vigorous annual in Florida giving large umbrellas of creamy white flowers. Give Angelica some space away from your daylilies so it will not overgrow them. Angelica attracts Green Lacewings and Predatory Wasps. Green Lacewing



Lacewing

adults are beautiful insects usually having four pale green transparent wings and are slow flyers. They feed on pollen and other insects. The larvae of the Green Lacewing resemble little alligators with sickle shaped mandibles and are ferocious predators. They attack aphids, thrip, mites and many insect eggs. Green Lacewings often lay their eggs on daylily foliage.

They are easy to recognize. The eggs are deposited at the end of a long hair-like stalk that is attached to the underside of the daylily leaf. This prevents the larvae from cannibalizing one another as they hatch. As you divide your daylilies in the fall carefully place the leaves and eggs attached to them among the daylilies.



Yarrow

Yarrow attracts a plethora of beneficial insects: Lady Beetles (ladybugs), Assassin Bugs, Damsel Bugs, Syrphid Flies, Tachnid Flies, Lacewings, Predatory Wasps and Soldier Bugs. These in-

sects eat aphids, spider mites, and thrips. Unfortunately, Yarrow is difficult to grow in Central Florida and Southern Florida and may be more suitable to the Panhandle. Yarrow comes in yellow-gold and cream colors and makes a great companion to daylilies as it offers a contrasting leaf texture and flower form. The newer German hybrids offer a wonderful new palette of colors from pink to rose-red and purple but they do require staking in the garden to prevent them from leaning over the daylilies.



Lady Beetle

Lady Beetles larvae are usually elongated, somewhat flattened and covered in spines. Many are dark or black with bright colored spots or bands while others are cream colored or covered with a white secretion making them resemble mealy bugs. Lady Beetle larvae may consume 200-500 aphids during this phase in their life.

As adults Lady Beetles consume aphids and mites. The Seven Spotted Lady Beetle is orange with seven spots on the wings and the Twice-Stubbed Lady Beetle, black with the two red spots on the wings are common species.

Nasturtiums are perhaps the most important annuals you can grow in Florida. They rarely require any fertilizer, especially nitrogen and they attract Syrphid Flies, Lacewings, Minute Pirate Bugs and spiders.

Minute Pirate Bugs are my second favorite beneficial (Who doesn't love Lady Beetles?) These tiny insects are but an 1/8" long but feed voraciously on all types of

thrips and other soft-bodied insects. You will often see them in the daylily flowers where they will feed on pollen as well as thrips. Be careful, these little guys can bite!



Marigold

Other plants that attract good bugs are: Alyssum (a perennial favorite because of the intense fragrance), Alfalfa, Buckwheat, Carrot, Caraway, Celery, Cilantro, Cosmos, Coriander, Daikon, Daisy, Dill, Fennel, Goldenrod, Gypsophilia (wonderful!), Marigold, Parsley, Radish, Red Clover, Rose-

Scented Geranium, Spearmint (and other Mints) – be careful to contain these- do not plant directly in the garden, only in pots, Sunflower, Thyme, White Sage, Yellow Clover, and most wildflowers.

These plants and flowers not only add interest to the garden but do a splendid job of helping to keep your garden an ecologically friendly place.

Region 12 AHS Garden Judges

Judge	Date	Judge	Date	
Joe Agosta	2007	David Kirchoff	2007	Instructor
Sharon Agosta	2007	Mary Alma R. Lang	2005	
Chris R. Arsenault	2004	Morton L. Morss	2005	
James H. Beagles	2005	Jerry Nettles	2004	
Lana S. Beagles	2005	Jean Norris	2006	
Carl E. Brady	2004	William Norris	2006	Instructor
Nancy Brown	2003	Ted L. Petit	2006	Instructor
Jack G. Caldwell	Honorary	Jerome Ridaught	2003	
Eunice G. Crosby	2003	Reba Ridaught	2003	
Fred W. Fallman Jr.	2005	Elizabeth Anne Salter	2007	
Dan Hansen	2003	Jeff Salter	2007	Instructor
Mrs. W. Harling Jr.	Honorary	Linda Sample	2005	
Emelina Harvey	2006	Cindy Scott	2007	
James H. Harvey	2003	Eddy L. Scott	2007	
Mark A. Headley	2004	Floyd Sewell	2006	
Mary Anne Houston	2007	Grace Stamile	2006	Instructor
Ottis Houston	2004	Patrick Stamile	2006	Instructor
Opal Howell	2003	Jennifer Suarez	2003	
Virginia M. Hudson	Honorary	John Temple	2006	
Fern S. Johnson	2005	Margaret Tucker	2003	
Wayne Johnson	2004	Mary Ann Van Kleunen	2006	
John Kinnebrew	2006	Donna Warlick	2006	Instructor
Marjorie Kinnebrew	2006	Betty Winkler	2003	

Region 12 AHS Exhibition Judges

Name	Status	Date	Instructor	Name	Status	Date	Instructor
Elaine Alito	S	2005		Anna G. Krulle	E/h		
Kenneth D. Anderson	E/j	2002		Justine Lee	EX	2003	
Marjorie Anderson	E/j	2002		Jo Ann Little	S	2004	
Chris Arsenault	S	2003		Keith Lunsford	EX	2003	
John Bouchard	EX	2005		Robert W. Massel	E/j	2003	
Nancy Brown	EX	2004		Henry Matutino	S	2005	
Joe Baumgardner	EX	2003	I	Jill Mercer	S	2005	
Connie Burton	EX	2004		Morton L. Morss	EX	2006	I
Jack G. Caldwell	E/h			Fran Neale	EX	2002	
Mauldin Carter	EX	2005	I	Jean Norris	EX	2006	I
Angela B. Cassidy	EX	2004		William A. Norris	EX	2006	I
Edward Clumm	EX	2006		Dawn Page	EX	2004	
Susan Clumm	EX	2006		Marie Philippe	S	2005	
Keith Collinsworth	EX	2006		Jerome Ridaught	EX	2005	
Eunice G. Crosby	EX	2004		Reba Ridaught	EX	2005	
Fred W. Fallman, Jr.	EX	2005	I	Marcy Sabin	E/h		
C. J. Gregory	S	2005		Linda Sample	EX	2004	
Virginia Gregory	S	2005		Amber Scott	EX	2003	
Wilhelmina Hanson	S	2005		Cynthia J. Scott	EX	2004	
Gloria J. Harris	EX	2004		Eddy L. Scott	EX	2004	
Emelina Harvey	EX	2004		Nicole Scott	EX	2003	
James H. Harvey	EX	2004		Floyd Sewell	EX	2006	I
Mark Headley	EX	2003		Daniel V. Stateler	EX	2005	
Arbin Hill	EX	2002		Viola Steadham	EX	2004	
Ottis Houston	EX	2006	I	Mrs. Frankie B. Stevens	EX	2005	
Opal Howell	EX	2005		Jennifer Suarez	EX	2004	
Fern Johnson	EX	2006	I	John J. Temple	EX	2000*	I
Wayne Johnson	EX	2006	I	Margaret Tucker	S	2003	
John Kinnebrew	EX	2005		Donna Warlick	EX	2006	I
Mrs. John L. Kinnebrew	EX	2005		Pat Weber	EX	2005	
David Kirchhoff	EX	2006	I	Mrs. H. T. Wicke	E/h		
Charles Kirin	EX	2003		Thomas E. Wilson	EX	2004	
Mildred (Millie) Kirin	EX	2003		Betty E. Winkler	EX	2005	
Bill Knight	E/j	2004					

Legend

- EX = Senior Exhibition Judge
- E/j = Junior Exhibition Judge
- E/h = Honorary Exhibition Judge (not eligible to judge)
- S = Student
- I = Accredited Clinic Instructor
- Date = Expiration date of accreditation
- * = One-year hardship extension in effect

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AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY - REGION 12

2003 Collier Brown Youth Award

Winner(s) of the 2003 Collier Brown Youth Award will receive 2003 AHS National Convention registration and hotel accommodations for three nights. Travel and meals, other than those included in the convention registration, will be the responsibility of the winner(s).

Competition open to Region 12 residents only.

Application (Please Print) Photocopies accepted.

Full Name: _____ Signature: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ (Must be after June 19, 1985)

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian: _____

Name of Parent(s), Guardian or Chaperone who would accompany applicant to the convention:

Date of AHS membership: ____/____/____

Member of which Region 12 local club or society? _____

Date of local club or society membership: ____/____/____

Number of cultivars grown by the applicant in an area maintained by the applicant: _____

List of daylily show and dates in which applicant has entered exhibits: _____

Complete the following paragraph (Use additional sheet if desired.)

I want to attend the 2003 AHS National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina because _____

Attach two (2) letters of recommendation which include information on personal knowledge of the applicant's involvement in daylily cultivation and exhibition. Letters are to be from the local club or society's president and/or other AHS members.

Submit application postmarked no later than April 15, 2003 to:

Dan and Loye Stateler, P.O. Box 27, Loughman, Florida 33858-0027 Phone (941) 424-2659

Compost Tea

Scott Alexander, Queensland, Australia

Gardeners and horticulturalists have been making compost teas of some form or other since early Roman and Egyptian times, but it is only in recent years that compost tea making has become a lot more scientific, and that the liquid produced from the tea maker has been more beneficial to the soil and the plants than with earlier efforts.



After reading about compost teas a few years back, I attended a seminar in 1999 about compost and compost tea making. The guest speaker was Elaine Ingham, a well-known soil microbiologist at Oregon State University. Because of her specialized knowledge, one of her jobs entailed the testing of soil samples sent to her by USA farmers who were worried about the condition of their crops and soils. These weren't tests of the minerals in the soils, but soil microbe assays. What the farmers were finding was that crop production was decreasing and pests and diseases were increasing in spite of applying chemical fertilisers at the dosage recommended by the fertiliser company advisors.

The assays Elaine looked at usually showed that the soil contained very low numbers of beneficial micro-organisms and excessive numbers of the "baddies" which I have often referred to in the past - fungal pathogens and the worst kinds of nematodes - the root and crown feeding nematodes. She was able to show the farmers that the only way to restore the soil to some semblance of its original condition and fertility, and to prevent soil borne diseases, was to apply compost at about five centimeters deep over the whole farm. A well-made compost would have added trillions of beneficial bacteria, fungi, protozoa and nematodes to the square metre, but can you imagine how much compost the farmers would have had to make to cover a 500 hectare farm? Mountains of it! So Elaine began experimenting with the brewing of compost teas and spraying it over pastures and broad-acre crop lands. The effects of these teas on the damaged soils and depleted soil life was amazing and extremely inexpensive. It wasn't long before farmers using these teas

soon began to operate productive farms again. During the past 5 years, I have been buying a microbe product, Nutri-life 4/20 Soil Microbes from Nutri-Tech Solutions in Yandina and brewing these microbes up to spray over the freshly cultivated ground prior to planting. I also made three-monthly applications after that over the whole farm through the irrigation system. In each instance, I added liquid seaweed, fish, molasses, liquid worm castings, humic, and fulvic acids to the brew before applying it. Those additives are known to be excellent plant nutrients and microbe foods. I was convinced that the health of my soil and plants, and the tremendous multiplication rates I was achieving was greatly aided by these organic inputs.

I made a compost heap last year and began making the kind of compost teas Elaine recommended. I was motivated to do this after hearing about the success of some melon and potato farmers in the Lockyer Valley and Darling Downs areas who were using compost teas to feed their soils as well as to prevent and control various foliar pathogens such as powdery and downy mildew, and various blights and moulds.



Elaine Ingham had been doing research with applications of compost teas on the leaves of various diseased crops in the USA and had discovered that properly made teas were able to suppress about 20 different fungal and bacterial leaf diseases. How the microbes which have been brewed up actually work on the leaf to protect it from disease is not easy to explain so I'll leave that for the moment. Take Elaine's word for it - it works!

We all have millions of micro-organisms per square centimeter on our skins and they are there for a purpose. Leaf surfaces are also covered with millions of organisms per square centimetre and these organisms perform many different functions. Sometimes the leaves are not covered with large enough colonies of beneficial organisms, and then disease organisms are able to find a place

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to land and to colonise the surface as is the case with powdery mildew. Other diseases like rust, will enter the leaf tissue if there are not sufficient antagonistic microbes on the leaf surface to keep them at bay or to protect the leaf from attack by pathogens.

After many months of trial and error I finally came up with design for a compost tea maker which is capable of brewing 200 gallons of excellent tea. The tests on these teas by Elaine Ingham's Laboratory in Lismore showed that the mixture contained astronomical numbers of beneficial organisms.

You Can Easily Brew Your Own Compost Tea

It is very simple. You will need the following "ingredients":

A 5 gallon bucket

An aquarium aerator (about \$25 at most pet shops) and an aquarium heater

Hessian or shade cloth

2 lbs of compost (use only high grade compost made by you)

AND/OR high grade vermi-compost from a worm farmer.

Half a cup of each of the following: liquid seaweed, fish (or a cup of Searles Fish & Kelp), stock grade molasses (or brown sugar), and humic acid.

Aloe vera gel from two leaves

1 kg of Organic lucerne or hay

4 large comfrey leaves



Add 4 gallons of clean water to the bucket, warm it to about 30 Celsius, place the aerator stones on the bottom and aerate for an hour. If you are on town water supply aeration gets rid of the chlorine. Put the compost in a hessian or shade-cloth bag and suspend it in the water above the aerators. Add the other "ingredients" and

brew for two to three days. It may froth a little during the second day but that's OK. Strain the tea through hessian to remove the hay and any compost particles which could block up your sprayer. Don't use a very fine strainer because you could be removing some of the fungi that you have brewed.

Dilute the finished tea at the rate of one gallon of tea to 5 gallons of water (or use it undiluted on your roses or on badly diseased foliage). Spray at sunrise or late in the afternoon and preferably just before full moon. Try to spray on both sides of the foliage if you can.

Any of the strained tea not used straight away can be kept in a clean bucket for four days but you must aerate the mixture and give the microbes a tablespoon of the above foods at the beginning of the third day. If at any time, the mixture becomes very smelly, something has gone wrong and it should not be used as a foliar spray on any of your valuable plants.



The key component of the compost tea is, of course, the compost and it should have been made by you so that you know what has gone into it. Do not use that smelly stuff I often see come out of plastic bins,

or use any cow manure. Pure compost should smell sweet like good soil, and is black and crumbly - not smelly, slimy gunk! There are plenty of articles to be found about how to make good compost. The method which I believe makes the most perfect compost for use in a compost tea is one where the gardener collects all the materials first and builds his compost heap on the ground by adding layer upon layer of the materials and then covering it. Space does not permit me to go into any detail here in this newsletter but I'm sure you will be able to find details in garden books or magazines.

What Happens in the Compost Tea Maker?

Good compost has huge numbers of beneficial bacteria, fungi, protozoa and nematodes in it and when the compost is soaking in the aerated water which has the molasses, humic acid, fish and kelp in it, these organisms are extracted from the compost and then begin multiplying up into incredible numbers. To give you some idea of numbers - in a handful of healthy soil there are approximately 6 billion micro-organisms made up of several thousand different species of bacteria, fungi etc. In a well-made compost tea there could be in excess of 250 billion bacteria alone in a coffee mug! Add to that the other spe

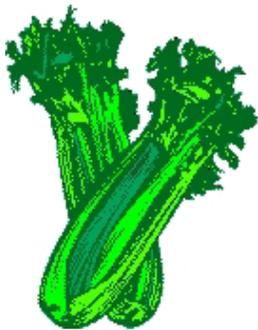
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cies of organisms in the compost which also have multiplied in the tea and we are talking about trillions per mug!!!

What are the Benefits of Using Compost Teas?

I have already mentioned some of them but will list them again. Soil and wind-borne pathogens can not infect the plant tissues because the infection sites are taken up by the beneficial organisms. Huge numbers of microorganisms are added to the soil and these convert the nutrients into plant-available forms. These organisms also decompose organic matter, plant materials and toxins. The nutrients in the tea are easily taken up by the plant. The nutritional quality of food crops is enhanced, and the plant growth is improved.



Read this!!! "I recall that one plot of celery received 100 gallons of compost tea per acre, and they packed out an extra 200 boxes of celery per acre in comparison to the control plot. That's a lot of food production." Diseases can be controlled by user-friendly and worker-friendly products - not toxic

chemicals; These microorganisms are environmentally friendly compared to the chemical inputs frequently used.

For the Scientifically Minded...



This was taken from the IPM Practitioner Sept 2001 Compost tea produces its effect through a combination of actions. According to Brinton (1985), "the modes of effects of compost extracts against pathogens is not simple to decipher, and range the entire

gamut from living to chemical interactions." Standard models of microbial biocontrol include competition for space and nutrients, antagonism, hyperparasitism, and secretion of antibiotic substances (Cook and Baker 1983) Another possibility is induced resistance (Look up SYSTEMIC INDUCED RESISTANCE in Google for more info-I think something like that is happening). Sprays of chemicals or microbials have been shown to increase plant resistance to disease by stimulating production of phytoalexins and other plant protectant substances.

Want to Find Out More?

Go to Elaine Ingham's website www.soilfoodweb.com

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Important Dates

April 26	Bay Area Daylily Society Show, Tampa, FL
May 2 – 4	Sunbelt Daylily Chapter, Sanford, FL "Daylily Mecca" & Show
May 10	Central Florida Daylily Society Show, Orlando, FL North Florida Daylily Society Show, Jacksonville, FL
May 16 – 18	Region 12 Spring Meeting Hosted by Pensacola Hemerocallis Society, Pensacola, FL
May 18	Pensacola Hemerocallis Society Show
May 24	Suwannee Valley Hemerocallis Society Show, Lake City, FL
May 25	Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society Show
June 18 – 21	AHS National Convention, Charlotte, NC
Sept 1	Deadline for AHS Awards & Honors Ballots Deadline for Popularity Poll Ballots
Sept 27	Region 12 Fall Meeting Hosted by Central Florida Daylily Society, Orlando, FL
Oct 24 – 25	AHS Board of Directors Meeting

Region 12 Club Reports

Bay Area Daylily Society

The winter months may have allowed our daylilies some rest, but our members have been busy with a couple of exciting projects. The most exciting is our new Plant Procurement Program which was formulated this fall. New and fairly new introductions are now being carefully watched by the designated "babysitters". We were fortunate to have a By Laws format and many helpful suggestions from Gary Colby to get us started. We modified and tweaked it for our use and are anxiously awaiting the first blooms.

We also have some talented and willing computer minds, namely Roger Hopper and friends, who have enhanced our website. We're still in the process of adding local garden pictures but we hope it will be a pleasure to view and informative.

Visit us at www.tampabaydaylilygardeners.com.

We're busily preparing for our show April 26th at the Fla. Botanical Gardens. Our club inspired bed there has been moved to a more desirable place and should be in bloom at show time. Y'all Come!

-- Linda Sample

Central Florida Daylily Society

It has been another busy year for our club with the upcoming year promising more of the same! This past year we have had many great meetings that included excellent speakers, like Tom MacCubbin who discussed integrated pest management, Richard Page who shared tips for growing show-winning cultivars and Patrick and Grace Stamile who wowed us with their current and future introductions. We also had delicious snacks, lively auctions and good times with a wonderful group of people! This fall CFDS took part in Mt. Dora's annual plant sale by selling daylilies for the club and passing out daylily and club information to anyone who was interested.

In the months to come we look forward to many great events. Upcoming meetings will feature Ottis Houston, who will be showing slides of his latest introductions, as well as a program on how to groom show-winning plants. In March the club will participate in the Leu Gardens annual plant sale in the same fashion we did in Mt. Dora. Then the next thing you know it will be time for our

show in May! We are also planning a bus tour to several local hybridizers and opening our own gardens to share what we are doing with each other.

If you are in the area and would like to stop in, we would love to see you!

-- C.J. Gregory

Choctawhatchee Hemerocallis Society

This year our club has several informative meetings and speakers. We are looking forward to our annual field trip in May when we will visit a daylily grower in the area.

-- Jeannie Green

North Florida Daylily Society

The North Florida Daylily Society of Jacksonville has been meeting on the second Sunday of each month with an average of 30 members in attendance. Our Vice-President in charge of Programs, Margaret Tucker, has recruited some great informative speakers for this year. We have enjoyed seeing some of the upcoming cultivars of Ted Collins of Collins Rainbow Garden in Whigham, GA, John Kinnebrew of Kinnebrew Gardens in Scottsmeer FL, Ottis Houston of Countryside Daylilies in Lake City, FL and Dan Trimmer of Water Mill Gardens in Enterprise, FL. We have all benefited from the daylily-growing wisdom these gentlemen have shared with us.

We have been saddened this year by the loss of two of our long time members, Ben Adams and Frank Teele. Our 2003 Daylily Show on May 10, will be designated as a Memorial Show in their honor, as both of these gentlemen enjoyed seeing all the daylilies exhibited at the show as well as helping out in various areas of the show for many years.

The plans for our 2003 Daylily Show are developing nicely. We welcome all to come to Jacksonville on May 10th and exhibit their daylilies in our Show, which is being held at the Orange Park Mall in Orange Park, FL. We would love to have over 350 on-scape entries in Division 1 and well over 2,000 plants to sell! We are anticipating a great show.

-- Mary Frances Ruff

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Region 12 Club Reports

Sunbelt Daylily Chapter

Our year so far has been full of good programs, good fellowship, and good food. On September 1, 2002, we had our first meeting and appointed a program panel, something new for us. David Kirchhoff headed the panel assisted by Tony Abajian, Pat Weber, and Jay Charba. David Kirchhoff, who wears many hats in our club, served as convener/moderator for a full membership roundtable discussion of "Daylily Garden Activities in September" that included all the things that should be done in a daylily garden in September. We all left feeling much wiser and ready for fall gardening activities. In October Dr. Al Ferrer, of the Seminole County Extension Agency, presented a program on the companion plants that accent a daylily garden area. David Kirchhoff presented November's program entitled "The Origin and History of the Daylily Up to the Present". This informative program was complete with slides and fascinating commentary. December saw us feasting and enjoying good fellowship at our annual Christmas celebration.

January came and brought us slides presented by both Tony Abajian concerning his and Gunda's hybridizing programs and John Kinnebrew sharing slides showing his new introductions and seedlings. We know there are many gorgeous flowers to look forward to from these dedicated hybridizers. For February, Mary Lou Lundblade presented slides of the many AHS display gardens around the world. Our March program, entitled "How, Why, and Wherefore - Getting the Daylily Garden in Shape" will be presented by Tony Abajian. This should present lots of good information for experienced as well as novice daylily gardeners. April 6, 2003, we will be putting the final finishing touches on our show plans and we will be coached on how to get our flowers ready for the show.

Speaking of show planning... Plans for the 23rd Annual Daylily Show of the Sunbelt Chapter are well underway. Jay Charba, our president, CJ Gregory, and David Kirchhoff will serve as co-chairmen for this year's show. The show itself will be on May 3, 2003 at the Sanford Civic Center. It will be preceded by an evening social at the Best Western Inn (I-4/Enterprise Exit). Saturday we will have the traditional exhibition and plant sale during the day followed by a banquet in the evening after the show. The guest speaker will be Mark Carpenter of San

Antonio, who will present the daylily program of Jack Carpenter, The Lily Farm, Center, Texas. For further information please contact Martha Lou Luce, registrar, at MarthalouL@aol.com or by mail at 6320 Nelms, Rd. E., Lakeland, FL 33811.

-- Martha Lou Luce

Suwannee Valley Hemerocallis Society

First and foremost I would like to say that I am delighted to be a member of a wonderful club which includes many enthusiastic, hard working and talented people. We had a year of lovely blooms and promising seedlings in 2002 and it is so exciting to realize that bloom season is just around the corner again!

To help launch 2003, Region 12 has established "The Bill Munson Hybridizer's Award". It recognizes outstanding hybridization of hemerocallis by members of the American Hemerocallis Society in Region 12. Our club is hosting the Spring 2004 Regional meeting and Jerome and Reba Ridaught's garden will host the plants for the award. With such outstanding participants in Region 12 the competition should be fantastic.

Our club is also sponsoring a bus trip to the National (originating in Lake City) beginning Tuesday, June 17th and returning June 22nd. If you are interested, please contact either Eddy Scott, Pres. of SVHS, at (386) 454-3687, email: countryside@gator.net, or Reba Ridaught at (386) 462-3740, email: lilyfarm@ridaught.com for registration packets.

Our January meeting was greatly enhanced by the ebullient presence of Ted Petit and his lovely wife, Susan. Ted gave a marvelous (sometimes humorous) commentary while showing slides of many of his introductions and seedlings. I am fortunate to be his neighbor, which facilitates my viewing his gorgeous garden and his two huge greenhouses of exceptional seedlings.

The February meeting was graced by a slide show given by none other than John Kinnebrew, whose outstanding cultivar, JERRY NETTLES, won the AHS Achievement Medal last year at Lake City. He showed slides of some recent intros and many charismatic seedlings which tantalized us all! And now his talents have earned him the Lenington All-American Award for MIDNIGHT MAGIC!

And, of course, there was the excitement of Dave Talbott

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winning the Bertrand Farr Silver Medal for Excellence in Hybridizing. Congratulations, Dave.

-- Ellie Kaul

Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society

THS held two plant sales in the fall for the purpose of donating the proceeds to Region 12. Since there wasn't a Ways and Means Committee for the Region this year, our club decided to help with some fundraising for the Region. Some of the plants had been donated by hybridizers for the Spring Regional and were left over, and club members donated more plants from their own gardens. The two sales brought in \$859.50, which was deposited into the Region 12 bank account.

In October, the club participated in a Horticultural Extravaganza organized by the District III Garden Clubs and Master Gardeners and held at the Cooperative Extension Service. All of the plant societies in the area participated and it was a one-stop shopping place for any type of plant. Local craftsmen and women had booths with all sorts of nature and plant-related items for sale. Our club meeting was held at the Extravaganza on the ground under the shade of a tree. We reveled in our suc-

cesses for the year, putting on a good Spring Regional meeting, expanding our web site (www.thsgardens.org) with even more pictures, ending up the year with enough money to put on next year's show, and having some really good speakers and programs.

In February we heard both Jeff and Elizabeth Salter describe their hybridizing goals; in March Tim and Katie Sue Herrington presented their hybridizing program; in June we were delighted to have Ned Roberts visit our club; at the Region 12 meeting in May, Ted Petit educated and entertained us, and in September, Ottis Houston gave a slide presentation and also recounted the highlights of the AHS National Convention.

Our officers remain the same for one more year: Angela Cassidy, President; Maryzell Roberts, Vice President; Donna Warlick, Secretary; and Opal Howell, Treasurer.

-- Angela Cassidy



New Members

Please welcome our new members in Region 12!

Bill and Nellie Boyd
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Lochloosa, FL 32660

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DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433

Scott Dreffin
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Havana, FL 32333

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Jo Ann George
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Alyssa Shriver
140 W. Panama Rd.
Winter Springs, FL 32708

Leslie and Cassandra Shriver
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Winter Springs, FL 32708

Minutes of the Region 12 Fall Business Meeting

Angela Cassidy, Tallahassee, FL

The Region 12 Fall Meeting was held on October 26, 2002, in Tampa. Dwain Miller, president of the Bay Area Daylily Society, welcomed everyone. Regional Vice President Donna Warlick introduced the regional officers and committee chairs present.

The treasurer's report was given by Opal Howell. \$2,175.95 had been spent and \$2,103.95 had been received, all from plant sales and the newsletter auction. The checking account had \$5,329.44 and the CD had \$5,399.32, for a total of \$10,428.76.

Donna issued a challenge to the other clubs in Region 12 to support it by holding a plant sale and giving the proceeds to the Region. She advised that the Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society held two plant sales on behalf of the Region and raised \$859.50.

Dan Stateler gave a report on the Youth Fund. There have been no nominees for the Youth Award for two consecutive years. He encouraged the clubs to get more active with their youth.

Dan also gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The committee nominated Joe Agosta for Regional Vice President for the term January 2003 through December 2004. RVP Donna Warlick called for nominations from the floor the requisite 3 times. Angela Cassidy moved that the nominations cease. The motion was seconded by Jean Norris and carried. Joe Agosta was elected RVP by acclamation.

Joe gave an overview of his plans for the coming term. He wants to focus on membership growth, membership

retention, and getting a club to host a national convention since Florida has such a concentration of prominent hybridizers and many gardens. Joe introduced the idea of a web site for the region and moved to allocate \$800 toward the development of the site. Marie Phillippe seconded the motion and it carried without objection.

Ottis Houston presented a proposal for having a Florida Hybridizers Bed at every Spring Regional. This bed would be named in honor of Bill Munson. Any hybridizer could contribute up to a maximum of 5 daylily seedlings or pre-registered cultivars for the bed. A motion was made by Bill Norris and seconded by Dan Stateler to create the Bill Munson Florida Hybridizer's Bed. The motion carried without objection. The guidelines for the operation of the bed will be posted on the Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society web site.

Donna announced that the Spring Regional Meeting would be in Pensacola on May 16, 17, and 18, 2003. An invitation by the Central Florida Daylily Society to host the Fall 2003 Regional Meeting in Orlando was accepted.

In the absence of the Regional Secretary, these minutes are respectfully submitted by Angela Cassidy.



Region 12 Historian

CJ Gregory, Orlando, FL

I am currently gathering information on the history of Region 12. I would appreciate any catalogs, newsletters, journals, newspaper clippings, articles or anything else that you can think of that pertains to the plants, people or events of this region.

I am also going to try to keep a current record of the events that take place in this region. So I will need current materials as well. If your club or show is

featured in the newspaper, please send me a copy of it.

If you have any ideas or materials to donate, please contact me at cvgregory@mpinet.net or (407) 896-9232. Thank you!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dan Stateler for his generous donation of materials that I am using as a base for the Region's collection.

Daylily Clubs in Region 12

Bay Area Daylily Society

Elaine Alito, President
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Kenneth City, FL 33709
(727) 544-9207

Email: elialito1@tampabay.rr.com

Note: Meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month September-May at locations in Pinellas or Hillsborough Co., to be announced.

Central Florida Daylily Society

Jo Ann Little, President
3310 Rider Place
Orlando, FL 32817
(407) 679-1519

Email: littlepr6@earthlink.net

Note: Meets at 2:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month September-April at the Garden House at Leu Gardens, Orlando.

Choctawhatchee Hemerocallis Society

Jeannie Green, President
468 College Avenue
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433
(850) 892-5597

Note: Meets at 2:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month January-June at the Council on Aging, DeFuniak Springs.

Daylily Society of the Palm Beaches

Frances Hunter
201 Potter Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33405
(561) 585-1109

Note: Club is inactive now, wishes to be revived. Contact Frances about membership.

North Florida Daylily Society

Mary Frances Ruff, President
mruff@cfaith.com
5984 Chevy Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32216-5508
(904) 733-4909

Note: Meets at 2:15 p.m. on the second Sunday of each month September-June at the Orange Park Library, Orange Park.

Pensacola Hemerocallis Society

Mauldin Carter, President
1800 East Gadsden St.
Pensacola, FL 32501-3533
(850) 438-5595

Email: carterm3@bellsouth.net

Note: Meets at 6:00 p.m. on the third Friday of each month February-June at Brentwood Middle School, Pensacola.

Sunbelt Daylily Chapter

Jay Charba, President
1913 Bonanza Court
Winter Park, FL 32792-2026
(407) 657-4640

Email: jcharba@mail.ucf.edu

Note: Meets at 2:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month September-April at the Seminole Agriculture Center, Sanford.

Suwannee Valley Hemerocallis Society

Eddy Scott, President
6800 NE 65th St.
High Springs, FL 32643
(386) 454-3937

Email: countryside@gator.net

Note: Meets at 2:00 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month September-June at the Columbia County Public Library, Lake City.

Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society

Angela Cassidy, President
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Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 422-1577

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Note: Meets March-June, Sept. and Oct. on dates and at locations to be announced.





Visit these sites for more information about daylilies in Region 12!

Region 12 – www.ahsregion12.org

Bay Area Daylily Society - www.tampabaydaylilygardeners.com/index.html

Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society - www.thsgardens.org



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