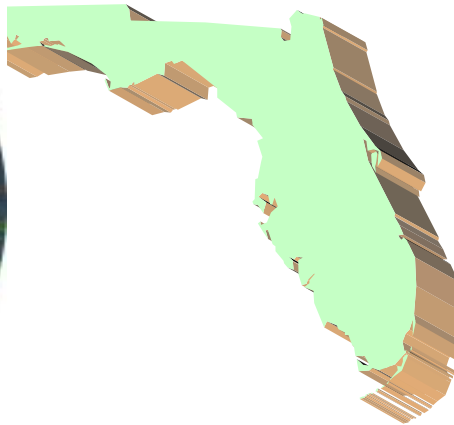


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### **Call For Auction Plants Region 12 Spring Meeting**

It's that time of year again!! Region 12 needs your participation in our Spring Regional Auction to be held Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, hosted by the Sunbelt Daylily Chapter. We had a record breaking auction last fall and with all of you helping we can set another record this spring.

Please mail or email me the names of the plants you are willing to donate. A digital photograph via email would be very helpful.

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The deadline for receipt of this information is Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will give me enough time to put a presentation together and have a list of the Auction plants to be handed out at the meeting.

Preferred methods of plant donation:

1. Bring labeled plants to the hotel registration desk. Call or email me the names of the plants by the April 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline.
2. Send a postcard or email of the plants to be donated but shipped later, by the April 23<sup>rd</sup> deadline.

Remember, a digital photograph via email or a link to a website would be very helpful!

## *RVP's Message*

Joe Agosta, Tallahassee, FL



Thank you for selecting me to serve another term as your Regional Vice President. Thanks also go to the hard working officers and committee chairs that helped keep Region

12 looking and moving forward during the past two years. Their assistance was vital to the tasks we accomplished together. Several committee assignments have changed, and I look forward to working with these new volunteers for our region.

The Fall Regional hosted by the Central Florida Daylily Society was another huge success. The auction benefits for the region were considerable and will allow for more budgeting flexibility. Once more this vibrant club will be hosting the fall meeting. Plan now to attend in September of this year. Thank you CFDS for all of your support of Region 12.

The host club for the Spring Regional Meeting, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, is the Sunbelt Daylily Chapter. The "Daylily Mecca" event will include two days of bus tours to some of the finest daylily gardens in the world. World class hybridizing programs will be on display. It promises to be a memorable weekend. I hope you will attend, drink in all the daylily enthusiasm, enjoy the camaraderie and meet many new friends.

The Bay Area Daylily Society will be hosting the Spring 2006 meeting, but host clubs are needed for the following fall and spring meetings. If your club can host one or more of these events please contact me as soon as possible.

This year all AHS accredited daylily shows will be able to offer the Ophelia Taylor Award. Region 12 is proud to expand the availability of this award named for one of our most notable members. Awarded for excellence in growing and showing, the award may be won only once. Plan now to enter the competition. You're only competing against yourself since multiple awards may be made at any show.

As we await the beginning of a new bloom season I

ask you to think about friends and acquaintances that you can introduce to our favorite perennial. Encourage them to visit your garden, give them some plants, and invite them to join you on your garden visits. The daylily is an easy plant to love, but your friendship and encouragement is what will bring new members to the Society.

Best wishes for a great gardening season.

Joe  
Tallahassee, FL

### *Region 12 Popularity Poll Winners*



ED BROWN

1. ED BROWN
2. BILL NORRIS
3. CATCHER IN THE EYE  
MARY ETHEL ANDERSON
4. SPACECOAST TINY PERFECTION
5. DARLA ANITA  
HAPPY APACHE  
JERRY NETTLES
6. BELA LUGOSI  
BUBBLING EDGE  
DAGGY  
GREEN MORNING GLOW  
LARRY GRACE  
MARKED BY LYDIA  
MARY ALICE STOKES  
SPACECOAST CITRUS KICK  
SPACECOAST STARBURST



## *RPD/Editor's Message*

Virginia Gregory, Orlando, FL



Have you started the scape hunt yet? As soon as my friend, Ema, said she had scapes in her garden – the hunt was on. It brings a smile to my face as we anticipate seeing old favorites as well as those new to our garden. Every year, I say “This year will be the best!” and you know what? It is! Regardless of whether we are showing, judging, hybridizing, or just growing, each year brings new delights.

Once again I urge each of you to keep in mind which of the many beautiful daylilies you see this year are worthy of the Popularity Poll. The deadline is September 1<sup>st</sup> and often by then it's hard (at least for some of us) to remember those cultivars worthy of our vote. And please don't forget to vote. It's rather sad that a region known as the daylily Mecca can't even get 25% of its members to vote the Popularity Poll.

Our new Historian, Kay Smith, has taken over the job of cataloging the materials collected so far and asks that anyone who has materials to donate, especially old Region 12 newsletters, to please contact her (see the inside cover for her contact information). Even photocopies of old newsletters would be appreciated. On a related note, AHS now has a newsletter award for articles of a historical nature. So see Kay for research and me for publishing!

Again, I would like to solicit articles and ideas for the newsletter. There is especially an interest in articles of a scientific nature and growing culture. If you would be willing to write or collaborate on an article, please contact me at (407) 896-9232 or [cvgregory@mpinet.net](mailto:cvgregory@mpinet.net).

The deadline for the Fall newsletter is **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please contact me with articles and reports before then. Thank you!

Warmest regards,  
Virginia



### **Important Dates**

<b>April 30</b>	Bay Area Daylily Society Show, Tampa, FL
<b>May 6-8</b>	Region 12 Spring Meeting and “Daylily Mecca” hosted by: Sunbelt Daylily Chapter, Sanford, FL
<b>May 14</b>	Central Florida Daylily Society Show, Orlando, FL
<b>May 20 – 21</b>	Region 5 Spring Meeting in Valdosta, GA
<b>May 21</b>	North Florida Daylily Society Show, Jacksonville, FL
<b>May 21</b>	Pensacola Hemerocallis Society Show, Pensacola, FL
<b>May 28</b>	Suwannee Valley Hemerocallis Society Show, Lake City, FL
<b>May 29</b>	Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society Show, Tallahassee, FL
<b>June 3 – 4</b>	Region 14 Spring Meeting in Jackson, MS
<b>June 30 – July 3</b>	AHS National Convention, Cincinnati, OH
<b>Sept 1</b>	Deadline for AHS Awards & Honors Ballots Deadline for Popularity Poll Ballots
<b>Sept 23-24</b>	Region 12 Fall Meeting hosted by: Central Florida Daylily Society, Orlando, FL
<b>Oct 28 – 29</b>	AHS Board of Directors Meeting

# Director's Message

David Kirchhoff, Sanford, FL



Greetings All:

There's something about 2005 (other than the fact that it isn't 2004) that bodes well for daylilies here in Florida, North America and over there in Europe, too. We've already experienced a number of exceptional meetings and events with extraordinary speakers and

activities. Bloom season is just around the corner, and our Region will host some of its most spectacular shows, tours, workshops, barbecues, judging clinics and glorious daylilies the world has ever seen. Fortunately, as May merges into June and beyond, we can follow the premiere of the daylily season all the way to Ottawa, Toronto, and Montreal, well into August. Early July will find the spotlight on Cincinnati, where the world will converge for this year's AHS National Convention.

I just looked through a pile of ancient Region 12 Newsletters. One thing I noticed was that the further back they went, the less "rambling" there was from the Region 12 Director. Perhaps this is because the AHS officer in charge of the region's business is the Regional Vice President and not its Director. As I reflect a bit further, I remember that during my last term as AHS Region 12's Director, my strongest critics fussed because I didn't take up more space writing in our newsletter about the AHS Board and its activities. My point was then, and is now, that we have the fabulous *AHS Journal*, which prints the minutes of board meetings, and messages from the appropriate board member to members. Should there be reason for me to convey information or messages from the board to our region's membership, I will – with alacrity; otherwise, this newsletter serves a different purpose.

Meanwhile, I will attempt to function to the best of my ability doing the job that I have been appointed to do by the AHS President. That job is to see about the business of AHS Education – specifically as it pertains to training both Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges. It is a huge job. My predecessor was Peggy Jeffcoat, and I marvel at the high level of excellence she brought to the job for five years of dedicated service and hard work.

I have appointed two extremely capable people to do much of the work that Peggy did. They are Michael

Bouman of St. Louis, MO, who is our AHS Garden Judges Workshop Scheduler, and Eloise Koonce of Scottsdale, AZ, who is our AHS Exhibition Judges Clinics Scheduler. The three of us have revised several Exhibitions and Garden Judges tests and presentations. Eloise, Mike, Kay Day, along with the capable Garden Judges Chairperson, Lea Ann Williams, and Exhibition Judges Chairperson, Kevin Wallek, have updated Garden Judges Workshop I, and it is now available both as a Power Point Presentation and as a slide program. (Mike and Eloise did most of the work). Eloise and Mike will work directly with the Garden Judges Liaisons and RVPs and with Lea Ann and Kevin. The miracle of it all is that Peggy Jeffcoat did all of these jobs mostly by herself. If any of you hear that I'm doing a good job, it will be because of Eloise, Michael, our committee, and the strength of our Exhibitions and Garden Judges programs.

Except for serving Region 12 as Garden Judges Liaison for a handful of years, 1996 was my last year on one of the region's hot seats. In 1996, I completed a term as RVP and Newsletter Editor. It was two years after our fabulous AHS Convention in Orlando, hosted by the Sunbelt Chapter. Two more years would pass until Jacksonville and Lake City presented another (spectacular) AHS Convention here in the region. At that time, the Email Robin was reported by Joe Agosta to have begun in August 1994, and to have grown to over 225 members. In fall of 1996, there were only eleven known Daylily www pages in existence *in the entire world!* Now, I think everyone who knows how to say "daylily" has a webpage or an auction site.

For the first time in several years, 2005 will mark the year of a great Region 12 Regional (mini-convention) Meeting hosted by the Sunbelt Chapter. There promises to be great attendance for it and events all the way into June from one end of Florida to the other. Rumors are that the Bay Area Daylily Society has plans for a regional meeting in 2006 that will set new standards, as we build momentum for an AHS National Convention in 2009!

Our mild winter bodes well for a perfect bloom season. It will afford us a great year to showcase daylilies, Florida style – and to show our visitors why some call this "Mecca." Now, as we used to say in the golden years of daylilies, "Every member get a member."

Cheers!

David



# *Treasurer's Report*

Opal Howell, Tallahassee, FL

Beginning January 1, 2004	
Checking: General	\$7,885.67
Checking: Youth Fund	\$1,578.09
CD	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$14,463.76</b>

Receipts:

Interest - CD	\$75.84
Interest - Checking	\$38.82
AHS Newsletter Allowances	
Spring	\$203.10
Fall	\$208.10
Donation (Sunbelt club)	\$ 300.00
Quilt Ticket Sales (BADS)	\$65.00
Judging Handbook Sales	\$54.00
Spring Regional Auction	\$2,700.00
Spring Regional Auction - Youth	\$1,177.00
Fall Regional Auction	\$ 4,785.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$ 9.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$9,615.86</b>

Disbursements:

Newsletter Expense, Spring	\$1,194.77
Newsletter Expense, Fall	\$1,182.15
W.E. Monroe EFT Donation	\$500.00
Munson Awards	\$125.00
Florida Sunshine Cup Award	\$67.18
Judging Handbook Purchase	\$90.00
AHS Insurance	\$111.25
Website Expense	\$425.00
Auction Expense	\$40.00
RVP Expenses	\$14.60
Director Expenses	\$788.59
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$4,538.54</b>

Balance as of December 31, 2004

Checking: General	\$11,710.15
Checking: Youth Fund	\$2,755.09
CD	\$5,075.84
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$19,541.08</b>



## *Calendar Year 2004 Budget Analysis*

	<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>		<b>Approved Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>Receipts</b>		
Newsletter/RPD Expenses	\$2,900	\$2,376.92	Interest On Accounts	\$100	\$114.66
Director's Expenses	\$1,000	\$788.59	Plant Sales	\$4,300	\$7,485.00
RVP Expenses	\$150	\$14.60	Plant Sales (Youth Fund)	\$600	\$1,177.00
Web Site	\$600	\$425.00	Club Donations	\$900	\$300.00
Awards	\$250	\$192.18	AHS Mailing Allowance	\$450	\$411.20
Youth Award	\$500	\$0.00	Misc.	\$0	\$128.00
Ahs Insurance	\$150	\$111.25			
W. E. Monroe EFT	\$500	\$500.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,350</b>	<b>\$9,615.86</b>
Contingency	\$300	\$130.00			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,350</b>	<b>\$4,538.54</b>			

We have audited the financial records of  
Region 12 and found them to be accurate.  
— Ottis and Mary Anne Houston



## The Sunbelt Daylily Chapter

Invites YOU to "Mecca 2005"

# AHS Region 12 Spring Meeting

Lake Mary, Florida

May 6-7, 2005

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Two days of bus tours will include the following  
Central Florida Daylily Gardens: Anderson-Alford Daylily Garden; Art Gallery Gardens (Lambertson); Daylily World (Kirchhoff/Morss); Frank Smith Daylilies; Floyd Cove Nursery (Stamile); Kinnebrew Daylily Garden; Ladybug Daylilies (Hansen); Ledgewood Gardens (Abajian); Reilly Daylily Gardens; Rollingwood Garden (Salter); Water Mill Gardens (Trimmer).

#### Friday, May 6, 2005

7:15 am-3:00 pm Bus garden tours  
3:00 pm Garden Judges Workshop I  
6:30 pm Social (hors d'oeuvres, cash bar)  
7:30 pm PowerPoint show and **plant auction**

#### Saturday, May 7, 2005

7:15 am-2:30 pm Bus garden tours  
2:45 pm Exhibition Judges Clinic I  
2:45 pm Exhibition Judges Clinic II  
2:45 pm Exhibition Judges Refresher  
2:45 pm Garden Judges Workshop II (will be held at Ladybug Daylilies in Geneva)  
6:00 pm Social Hour  
\*7:00 pm Banquet, Region 12 Business Meeting and **plant auction**

\***Guest Speaker:** Jamie Vande, Editor, Hemerocallis Europa

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Ask for Regional Meeting rate of \$79+tax (This is a special, discounted rate—regular room rate is \$149!). **Reserve by April 6, 2005, to assure your discounted rate.**

*This hotel has been voted one of the top 5 hotels in the Southeast!*

### REGISTRATION FEES:

\$140 per adult and \$120 per youth for two days of garden tours (with lunches and bus plants) plus the Friday Social and the Saturday Banquet  
Please make checks payable to the Sunbelt Daylily Chapter.

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**Registrations must be received by April 15, 2005. A \$25 late fee is required after that date.**

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City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Handicap services required? \_\_\_\_\_

I/we will attend the following:

Clinic I \_\_\_\_\_ Clinic II \_\_\_\_\_

Refresher \_\_\_\_\_

Garden Judges Workshop I or II \_\_\_\_\_



# Betty Hudson: A Florida Treasure

Ted Petit, McIntosh, FL



PARISIAN PANACHE

Photo: CJ Gregory

It is hard to talk about Betty Hudson without talking about Wimberlyway Gardens, that “national park” of daylilies that I discovered so many years ago, and over which she presided in her own gentle

way. Like so many others, my first visit there was an awakening of the spirit, but it was only after many visits that I met those who had created such beauty. My first contact was with Richard Taylor, who spent so many years there helping Betty, as well as Ida and Bill Munson (Betty’s mother and brother) with their hybridizing and other endless tasks. After many visits and endless conversations, I realized that the double flowered daylilies at Wimberlyway had captured my heart above all else. And so it was that Richard introduced me to Betty, the reigning Queen of the Doubles.

I explained to Betty that I had become completely captivated with her double flowers, and wanted to know more. Being the generous person she was, she invited me to come by the next morning, and she would explain the wondrous world of double daylilies. While I hoped she might be able to take a few minutes out of her hybridizing schedule to chat with me, I was astonished to discover quite the opposite. Instead, by the time I arrived there, she had already picked an entire table full of her best double introductions and seedlings, and had them on display for me to study. She then proceeded to tell me everything anyone could ever hope to learn about doubles. After a couple of hours of discussion, I left, full of awe, excitement and hope. I also did not leave empty-handed; Betty shared pollen from her best seedlings with me, not just then, but for years to come. I was hooked on hybridizing doubles, and have spent the last 20 years working with them, all because of Betty. But, over the years, I came to realize that this was just a small example of the endless generosity and caring that has characterized Betty’s life.

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But, Betty is more than just a kind, thoughtful, and endlessly giving person. She has been one of the true pioneers in the world of hermerocallis. When I first visited Wimberlyway, that sad, often nasty, and seemingly endless war between the diploid and tetraploid supporters was still going strong. Only the brave, and those with vision dared to venture into the world of tetraploids; certainly the weak of spirit continued with their diploid program. But, Betty realized the importance of the tetraploid doubles, and forged ahead where others feared to tread.

Bill and Ida had a strong tetraploid single flowered program, and occasionally a double seedling would pop up. Everyone realized that any such seedling was to be instantly transferred into Betty’s program. But she did not depend on chance seedlings alone. During the early days of tetraploids, she had a rare collection of converted diploids which she used heavily in her program. From these plants she developed her hybridizing program, producing and subsequently working with her own seedlings. And what beauties she created.



WAYNE JOHNSON

Photo: Jean Moon

When I first arrived there, she had already introduced WAYNE JOHNSON, one of the first red tetraploid doubles, registered in 1984, and certainly one of the most beautiful. The following year she registered RENAISSANCE QUEEN, a beautiful, diamond dusted flower registered as a cream yellow, although it always seemed like a pink to me. It was unquestionably the most beautiful pink double tet. of its day. These were some of the first tetraploid doubles, and flowers far

## Betty Hudson: A Florida Treasure (continued)

ahead of their time. In addition to their beauty, they were also fertile, a rare thing in those days, and a critical feature for anyone trying to create a program of double tetraploids. WAYNE JOHNSON and RENAISSANCE QUEEN formed the basis of my own hybridizing program, as well as that of many other hybridizers, and are at the foundation of so many of today's cutting edge doubles. But Betty did not stop here. She went on to create FIRES OF FUJI, a red double with lighter tan edges on the petals and petaloids.

In addition to these, Betty has created a number of other doubles, including her TANGLEWOOD, a uniquely colored chocolate rose terra cotta double, and GRECIAN SANDS, a cream washed lavender pink. Her ARTISAN'S QUILT is a rose lavender with a creamy watermark eye, one of the first watermark eyes in double tetraploids. Her DOUBLE DANDELION is one of her finest yellow doubles. And these are but a few of her fabulous double introductions.



FIRES OF FUJI

Photo: Karen Newman

Betty's introductions did not go without recognition. WAYNE JOHNSON won a Junior Citation in 1985, and went on to receive an Honorable Mention in 1988. FIRES OF FUJI won an Honorable

Mention in 1995. These awards are a remarkable accomplishment for someone who has only registered 18 cultivars. This was primarily due to the fact that she was always so demanding of her cultivars. She had a line of near black doubles that I would drool over, but she felt that they were still not sufficiently "finished" to introduce. So, she would go around for one more generation. In fact, most of her hybridizing went on for so many generations in search of perfection, that the very long crosses resulted in parentage lists that were too long to fit on the seedling label. In fact, her labels were so complex, with an endless string of letters

representing generation after generation of crossing her seedlings, that her labels were lovingly and jokingly referred to as "alphabet soup". Eventually, Richard had to talk her into some form of short-hand. Again, another tribute to her demanding standards for her flowers.



TANGLEWOOD

Photo: Jean Moon

But her contributions have not been limited to her flower creations alone. She has been active, and given her time to service, in a number of plant societies. She served as the American Hemerocallis

Society Regional Vice-President for Region 12 starting in 1963, and has been an A.H.S. Awards and Honor Judge. She has also been very active in local garden societies, including the Gainesville Camellia Society, Gainesville Hemerocallis Society, Amaryllis Circle, and the Gainesville Garden Club.

Personally, Betty is very understated, but always upbeat. In the 1962 Region 12 Newsletter, Wilbur Harling said "you can always find Betty greeting guests around the Munson garden with her charming smile and effervescent personality." Meeting her, you would never know of her accomplishments and contributions to daylilies. She worked tirelessly, not only for the daylilies themselves, but to keep that large machine, known as Wimberlyway Gardens, working smoothly. She cooked all meals for not only the rest of the family, but also for all of the workers and the many helpers, such as Richard Taylor, Douglas Lycett, Henry Loraine, Steve Moldovan, and others that stayed with the family to help during the hybridizing and fall moving seasons.

This was in addition to raising her daughter, Elizabeth Anne (now Elizabeth Salter). She did all of Bill's typing, of both the spring and fall catalogs as well as typing the draft of Bill's cornerstone book, "Hemerocal-

## Betty Hudson: A Florida Treasure (continued)

lis: The Daylily.” She also was in charge of the gardens substantial business financial records. She was the one who always answered the phone and dealt with customers, especially the bus loads of garden visitors that she would show around the garden. Occasionally her generosity got her into trouble, with Bill scorning as a bus load of ladies from the local garden club would climb aboard their bus filled with arm-loads of scapes that Betty had cut from Bill’s prized plants. Her kindness did not end with her own species; any afternoon visitor would see Betty feeding the animals in the yard, including the many squirrels, rabbits, cats, and birds that converged in front of the garage door, waiting for Betty’s kind and gentle hand.



COUNTRY INN ROSE COURT

Photo: C.J Gregory

Since the death of Bill and Ida, Wimberlyway is now a quieter place. Betty continues to hybridize her doubles, but on a smaller scale. She spends much of her time not only with her daylilies, but

enjoying a more balanced life, enjoying her grandchildren and watching her favorite sports. Despite her quieter life, Betty will always be remembered by those whose lives she has touched in so many ways. Very few people are able to bridge that wide gap between making enormous contributions to their field and having a generous heart that leaves a footprint on all whom it touches. Those of us in Region 12, especially those of

us who have had the pleasure of knowing her, will always be indebted to Betty Hudson, a true Florida treasure!



Betty Hudson seedling

Photo: C.J Gregory

Daylilies introduced by Betty Hudson:

- ARTISAN’S QUILT (1992)
- ARUBA SUNSHINE (2000)
- COUNTRY INN ROSE COURT (2000)
- DOUBLE DANDELION (1985)
- FIRES OF FUJI (1990)
- GOLDEN HERITAGE (2000)
- GRECIAN SANDS (1992)
- GRECIAN SUNSHINE (1992)
- GREEK ISLE (1992)
- MAJORCA SUNSHINE (1992)
- MARIA PEACOCK (2001)
- PARISIAN PANACHE (2000)
- PATRICIAN LADY (1992)
- RENAISSANCE QUEEN (1985)
- ROYAL KENSINGTON (1988)
- SINGAPORE SANDS (1992)
- TANGLEWOOD (1993)
- WAYNE JOHNSON (1984)

### *In Memorium*

Friends of Shirley Grace Massey will be sad to learn that she passed away on January 21, 2005. Shirley was a member of the Central Florida Daylily Society though her love of flowers extended to her roses, orchids, bromeliads, and many other plants. Shirley was a nurse for 45 years and her caring nature ensured she was cherished by her many friends. She will be missed by all and we send our condolences to her husband, Phillip, and family.



## Using Converted Daylilies

Dan Trimmer, Enterprise, FL

*Editor's Note: Dan Trimmer of Water Mill Gardens took time to participate in an interview to give us some insight into his use of converted daylilies.*

**VG:** *Dan, you are well known for your use of converted material in your hybridizing program. What made you decide to start using converted tets?*

**DT:** It all started quite by accident. One of the first people I met in the world of daylilies was Steve MacDonald with whom I worked, who was also a member of the Long Island Daylily Society. He was just getting into doing conversions when we met. We “fooled around” learning the lessons of colchicine together for a couple of years after Oscie Whatley had given a talk at the club just before I had joined. That talk is what had gotten Steve started and, being friends with Steve my doing conversions just happened. At the time I did not realize where it would lead me.

**VG:** *You do all your own conversions, correct? Do you have any advice for someone who wants to do this as well?*

**DT:** I'm more than happy to buy or swap for something already converted I want. Converting can be a time consuming, frustrating endeavor. A problem today is with so many tet hybridizers, and fewer people doing dips, I don't see as much that “needs” to be converted nowadays. This is not meant to slight those whose work is with dips, but when I think back 20 years when I first started diploids ruled the day. If somebody really wanted to do their own conversions I recommend getting a hands-on, one-on-one lesson from somebody who has had success, such as Pat Stamile, Jamie Gossard, Oscie or myself.



DESERT MOON  
(from tet DRAGON'S  
EYE)



ISLE OF WIGHT  
(from tet RUFFLED  
MASTERPIECE)



KINGS POINT  
(from tet FRANCES  
JOINER)



WHITE NOISE  
(from tet GRACE  
PIERCE)

**VG:** *How do you choose what diploids you are going to convert?*

**DT:** Distinction is what I believe is the number one attribute I look for. This can be despite any obvious flaws such as too few buds, low scape, poor opening, etc. If there is a trait missing in my program I'm willing to bloom many offspring with the noted fault knowing that since the converted genes are so dominant I'm probably going to be able to get what I'm after with not so many seedlings. It's when we deal with multiple faults that I might pass on that “distinctive” diploid.

**VG:** *Obviously, Tet DRAGON EYE has been a successful parent for you. What are some of your most useful conversions?*

**DT:** Tet CONNIE BURTON, which I converted for Larry Grace, has probably been the single most powerful hybridizing tool I've used to date. Tet RUFFLED MASTERPIECE, ELSIE SPALDING, SPIDER



## Using Converted Daylilies (continued)

Dan Trimmer, Enterprise, FL

MIRACLE, SILOAM GUM DROP, SILOAM DOUBLE CLASSIC, SPINDAZZLE, EXOTIC ECHO, and GRACE PIERCE have all been important for me and for others as well. There are others, but off of the top of my head those come to mind.

**VG:** *Have you had any conversions that didn't work out like you planned?*

**DT:** Good question! Many conversions have been very difficult to work with, but the fact is when you deal with conversions two plus two usually equals much more than four, so to my memory all have led to results far exceeding what I could have done using just tet onto tet hybridizing. For example, SPINDAZZLE is about an 8 inch flower and crossed onto similar sized flowers some offspring exceeded 12 inches, also sharks teeth showed up. Go figure! Two plus two equaled about 37.

**VG:** *If it's not giving away any trade secrets, can you tell us what are some of the latest conversions you are working with?*

**DT:** Tet SKINWALKER, Tet SEAL OF APPROVAL, Tet CRYSTAL BLUE PERSUASION, Tet JAMES MCKASKEL, some of Elizabeth Salter eyed diploids and a couple of unintroducted things I've come across.

**Incredible Results:** Here are some of Dan's tet. CONNIE BURTON kids



ELISA DALLAS



PARROT JUNGLE



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**VG:** *Is Jane also using converted tets in her hybridizing?*

**DT:** Since Jane is doing mostly spidery stuff, the Tet SKINWALKER, LAVENDER HANDLEBARS, and MARKED BY LYDIA have been used, and hopefully this spring Tet MICRO DOTS and MICRO BURST will make some babies for her tall small flowered double lines.

**VG:** *Do you have any other comments on the subject?*

**DT:** CONVERSIONS are not magic bullets, but what they can do is give a modest sized program a chance for a "look" that separates it from other programs with the success rate per seedling far, far exceeding what would happen with just good tet on tet crossing. My goal is to produce cultivars that are not easily mistaken for another hybridizers and conversions make this possible. I also want to keep my program to a size that Jane and I can manage by ourselves and keep producing quality introductions.

**VG:** *Thanks, Dan, for taking the time to talk with me.*

**DT:** Thank you, Virginia.

See all the Trimmer daylilies at <http://www.trimmerdaylily.com>.



## *Region 12 AHS Exhibition Judges*

Name	Status	Date	Instructor	Name	Status	Date	Instructor
Elaine Alito	EX	2006		Bill Knight	E/j	2005	
Chris Arsenault	S	2005		Justine Lee	E/h		
John Bouchard	EX	2005		Jo Ann Little	S	2005	
Connie Burton	EX	2005		Paul R. Little	S	2007	
Jack G. Caldwell	E/h			Katherine B. Massa	S	2007	
Mauldin Carter	EX	2005	I	Robert W. Massel	EX	2005	
Edward Clumm	EX	2006		Henry Matutino	E/j	2006	
Susan Clumm	EX	2006		Sara Jill Mercer	EX	2006	
Keith Collinsworth	EX	2006		Morton L. Morss	EX	2007	I
Eunice G. Crosby	EX	2005		Fran Neale	EX	2007	
Thomas Dickson	S	2008		Jean Norris	EX	2006	I
Fred W. Fallman, Jr.	EX	2008	I	William A. Norris	EX	2006	I
Richard E. Godke	EX	2005		Dawn Page	EX	2005	
C.J. Gregory	EX	2006		Marie Phillippe	S	2006	
Virginia Gregory	EX	2006		Jerome Ridaught	EX	2005	
Wilhemina Hanson	S	2006		Reba Ridaught	EX	2005	
Gloria J. Harris	EX	2005		Linda Sample	EX	2008	
Emelina Harvey	EX	2005		Cynthia J. Scott	EX	2006	
James H. Harvey	EX	2005		Eddy L. Scott	EX	2006	
Mark Headley	EX	2007		Floyd Sewell	EX	2008	I
Ottis Houston	EX	2006	I	Carolyn Shacter	EX	2008	I
Opal Howell	EX	2008		Daniel V. Stateler	EX	2005	
Fern Johnson	EX	2008	I	Viola Steadham	EX	2005	
Wayne Johnson	EX	2008	I	Mrs. Frankie B. Stevens	EX	2005	
John Kinnebrew	EX	2005		Jennifer Suarez	EX	2008	I
Marjorie Kinnebrew	EX	2005		Donna Warlick	EX	2008	I
David Kirchhoff	EX	2007	I	Pat Weber	EX	2005	
Charles Kirin	EX	2007		Mrs. H. T. Wicke	E/h		
Mildred (Millie) Kirin	EX	2007		Betty E. Winkler	EX	2008	

### 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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Accreditation for 2006 is subject to  
 payment of AHS dues by 1-Jan-2006.



## *Region 12 AHS Garden Judges*

<b>Judge</b>	<b>Date</b>		<b>Judge</b>	<b>Date</b>	
Agosta, Joe	2007	Instructor	Norris, Jean	2006	
Agosta, Sharon	2007		Norris, William	2006	Instructor
Alito, Elaine	2008		Petit, Ted L.	2006	Instructor
Beagles, James H.	2005		Ridaught, Jerome	2008	
Beagles, Lana S.	2005		Ridaught, Reba	2008	
Caldwell, Jack G.		Honorary	Rogers, Christine	2009	
Fallman, Fred W., Jr.	2005		Ryder, Karen S.	2008	
Gregory, CJ	2008		Salter, Elizabeth Anne	2007	
Gregory, Virginia	2008		Salter, Jeff	2007	Instructor
Hansen, Dan	2008	Instructor	Sample, Linda	2005	
Harvey, Emelina	2006		Scott, Cindy	2007	
Houston, Mary Anne	2007		Scott, Eddy L.	2007	
Houston, Ottis	2005*		Sewell, Floyd	2006	
Howell, Opal	2008		Smith, Kathryn (Kay)	2008	
Hudson, Virginia M.		Honorary	Stamile, Grace	2006	Instructor
Johnson, Fern S.	2005		Stamile, Patrick	2006	Instructor
Johnson, Wayne	2009	Instructor	Suarez, Jennifer	2008	
Kinnebrew, John	2006		Temple, John	2006	
Kinnebrew, Marjorie	2006		Van Kleunen, Mary Ann	2006	
Kirchhoff, David	2007	Instructor	Warlick, Donna	2006	Instructor
Lamb, David	2008		Wetton, Bob	2008	
Morss, Morton L.	2005		Winkler, Betty	2008	
Nettles, Jerry	2009				

## *Welcome New Members*

Joan Cellana  
1388 46th Ave NE  
St. Petersburg, FL 33703

Carolyn Coulter  
15300 Water Oak Court  
Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Paige and Edward Foeller  
1420 Ferris Avenue  
Orlando, FL 32808

Jim Frostick  
3571 Woods Creek Road  
Perry, FL 32347

Robert W. Glendinning  
2849 56th Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33710

William H. Green  
P.O. Box 609  
De Funiak Springs, FL 32435

Greene and Mary Hawks  
7010 Klondike Road  
Pensacola, FL 32526

Susan Jacobsen  
12350 Muscovy Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Alyce Jordan  
6526 Giff Hill Road  
St. John, Virgin Islands 00830

Alice Mielcarek  
1092 Palos Verde Drive  
Orlando, FL 32825

Gerald Parnell  
748 New Parnell Avenue  
Lake City, FL 32055

Michael Phillips  
3000 Vine Street  
Orlando, FL 32806

Thelma and Neil Powers  
140 W. Hibiscus Avenue  
De Funiak Springs, FL 32433

Todd Reaume  
1417 Sadler Road # 345  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

Lynn Sakaniwa  
19149 Timber Reach Road  
Tampa, FL 33647-3023

John Michael Todd  
1533 Fullers Cross Road  
Winter Garden, FL 34787



## *Awarding-Winning Youth Members: Nicole and Amber Scott*



Many of you know Nicole and Amber Scott, the vivacious twin daughters of Cindy and Eddy Scott of High Springs, FL. You may have seen them judging at your daylily show in the past, or playing host at the family's Countryside Daylilies, or read about them previously in the Region 12 Newsletter. They have won numerous daylily awards including show awards and Region 12's Collier Brown Youth Award, but in the past year they have been winning awards in the "outside world" as well. On June 9, 2004, Nicole was honored as the State Winner and Amber as the State Finalist, 2nd Place in the Nursery Operations Proficiency Award at the 76<sup>th</sup> State Future Farmers of America (FFA) Convention.

Nicole's and Amber's Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) involved working at their family's business, Countryside Daylilies. Nicole and Amber have worked with their father from an early age and after their involvement in their high school agriculture class, they began to see the future of the nursery business. Their goal was to earn a steady income, help their family develop the business and gain necessary skills for creating their own business someday.

In the beginning, their daily duties included watering, weeding, planting, washing and shipping daylilies. However, towards the end of their project they were more involved with taking orders and even hybridizing new varieties of daylilies. Their skills grew as they learned how to operate equipment, identify plants, and maintain a clean and healthy nursery. Nicole and Amber even started their own potted daylily business on the side to take advantage of the many unselected seedlings from the hybridizing program.

Both Amber and Nicole have been members of their FFA Chapter Parliamentary Procedure Team for 6 years, progressing as far as 4th in the State with their team. They are currently working on getting their Parliamentarian License to qualify them as future parliamentarian judges at state level.

Amber and Nicole have participated in many public speaking contests throughout the last 5 years, winning at county, district and state levels. Nicole has competed at state level with Florida Farm Bureau Public Speaking and Soil & Water Conservation Public Speaking and won at the state level with Soil and Water Conservation Public Speaking.

Amber was selected as a Governor's High School Honors All-Star last year. She was nominated by her teachers and peers to represent her school, and then selected by the local school board to represent her school district in Tallahassee. She was invited to the Capitol for the day, had lunch with Governor and Mrs. Bush at their home and participated in a round table forum with Governor Bush. This award was based on her academics and extra curricular activities at school and her local community involvement.

After graduation in May 2005, Amber and Nicole will attend Santa Fe Community College, and then transfer to University of Florida. Nicole will be seeking a degree in a dental field and Amber will be seeking a degree either in law or elementary education.

Congratulations Nicole and Amber!





# AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY - REGION 12

## 2005 Collier Brown Youth Award

Winner(s) of the 2005 Collier Brown Youth Award will receive 2005 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 30, 1987)

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 2005 AHS National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio 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 president and one other AHS member.

Submit application postmarked no later than May 1, 2005 to:

**Dan and Loye Stateler, P.O. Box 27, Loughman, Florida 33858-0027 Phone (863) 424-2659**

# *Minutes of the Region 12 Fall Business Meeting*

Linda Sample, Tampa, FL

The meeting was called to order by RVP Joe Agosta at 12:30 PM, September 25, 2004 at Hotel Orlando North. The Central Florida Daylily Society was thanked for its hospitality and the effort expended to host this meeting.

Regional Director Reba Ridaught was recognized for her outstanding service during her three year term. Regretfully she was unable to be present due to hurricane evacuation efforts for family members. Also recognized were Ottis Houston, Region 8 Director, and David Kirchhoff, who will assume Region 12 Director duties next for the next three years. Also present were past Directors, Fran Neal and Wayne Johnson. Past RVPs David Kirchhoff, Wayne Johnson, Fran Neal, and Fred Fallman were recognized. Region 12 officers were present and recognized including: RPD Virginia Gregory, Secretary Linda Sample, Treasurer Opal Howell, Garden Judges Liaison David Kirchhoff, Ways and Means Chairman Elaine Alito, W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund Liaison Ottis Houston, Youth Liaisons Dan and Loye Stateler, and Historian C.J. Gregory.

A new office, Scientific Liaison, has been added at the request of AHS to gather reports of horticultural problems and/or disease in our region and foster a coordinated effort at approaching a solution for us all. Pat Stamile has been appointed as our first Scientific Liaison. Anyone with a question or concern is encouraged to contact Pat.

The minutes of the 2004 Region 12 Spring meeting were accepted as published in the Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections.

Treasurer Opal Howell gave a complete Treasurer's report. Including checking account, Youth Fund, and CD, the Region's total balance is \$14,657.91. There being no corrections, the report was approved as filed.

RVP Agosta noted our regional membership has increased from 416 last spring to 447. Members were encouraged to continue working toward higher membership goals.

Upcoming events noted:

Spring Regional 2005 hosted by Sunbelt in Orlando, May 6 and 7

Spring Regional 2006 hosted by the Bay Area Daylily Society in Tampa, May 12, 13, and 14

Club host volunteers for Fall Regionals in both 2005 and 2006 are still needed. Members were reminded to submit plants for the Bill Munson Hybridizers Bed at least one year before the meeting.

Region 12 members attending the National Convention in St. Louis were duly proud of the number of Florida hybridizers receiving special awards. Including Ed Brown as the recipient of the Bertrand Farr Award, our Region was very well represented.

Under Remarks, Regional Director Reba Ridaught relayed that the Ophelia Taylor Award change was still in committee but chances are excellent that the change will be recorded by next year such that the award may be presented at any AHS accredited show with Region 12 being responsible for providing the award.

Youth Liaison Dan Stateler reminded all members to reach out to our youth and encourage them to apply for the Collier Brown Youth Award.

RPD Virginia Gregory reported on the very low number of votes, only 69, submitted in our Region's Popularity Poll. She reminded members of the importance of the poll:

- 1) In aiding our newer daylily enthusiasts to be more familiar with those daylilies that grow readily in Region 12,
- 2) To name those cultivars eligible for entry in the Popularity Poll Class in our Exhibitions, and
- 3) The hybridizer of the most popular daylily receives the David Hall Award at the AHS National Convention.

Members were encouraged to make their favorites known and to submit suggestions that may encourage greater participation. This year's winners were:

1. Ed Brown (Jeff Salter)
2. Bill Norris (David Kirchhoff)
3. Catcher in the Eye (John Kinnebrew)  
Mary Ethel Anderson (Elizabeth Salter)

# *Minutes of the Region 12 Fall Business Meeting*

## *(continued)*

4. Spacecoast Tiny Perfection (John Kinnebrew)
5. Darla Anita (John Kinnebrew)  
Happy Apache (Dan Hansen)  
Jerry Nettles (John Kinnebrew)

Virginia thanked the many who have submitted articles for the newsletter, and would welcome any and all submissions.

Garden Judge Liaison David Kirchhoff encouraged those being AHS members for 36 consecutive months to become a garden judge. It's both a rewarding job for those participating and it provides a great service to the AHS to help them determine our most deserving daylilies. Garden Judge Workshop I and II will be offered at the next Spring Regional. David also noted that the AHS is working toward streamlining the process of becoming a Judge.

Exhibition Judge Liaison Donna Warlick relayed her report that Region 12 has five new Exhibition Judges – Bob Massell, Elaine Alito, C.J. and Virginia Gregory, and Jill Mercer. It was also noted that Henry Matutino is a new Junior Exhibition Judge and Jennifer Suarez is now an Exhibition Judge Instructor.

**Unfinished Business:** As chairman of the nominating committee appointed at the 2003 Fall Regional meeting, Mort Morss reported that Joe Agosta had been renominated as RVP for 2005-2006, and Virginia Gregory for RPD. There being no more nominations from the floor, a motion to close nominations was passed. Our present RVP Joe Agosta and RPD Virginia Gregory were accepted by acclamation.

Joe Agosta appointed Ottis and Mary Ann Houston to audit the Region 12 books for the term ending in 2004.


**New Business:** Treasurer Opal Howell entertained the question of allotting a specific sum for the Region to reimburse its RVP and Director each year to cover transportation and AHS fees for our National Convention. A motion was made by Opal and seconded by Eddy Scott to provide up to \$750 for the Director and \$500 for the RVP to cover AHS National expenses. The motion was then amended by Joe Agosta, seconded by Hilda Sewell to allot \$900 for the Director

and \$300 for the RVP. After discussion, the amendment was withdrawn by Joe and Hilda. Subsequently, an amendment was made by Frank Smith and seconded by Elaine Alito to reimburse actual costs incurred by the Director and RVP including travel, room, board, and registration, the amount to be determined by receipts submitted. After much discussion a motion was made by Ottis Houston and seconded by Floyd Sewell to table the motion until the Spring meeting and appoint a committee to recommend a format for specifics on the reimbursement amount. Their recommendations will be presented at the Spring meeting. Jennifer Suarez will head the committee and it will include Henry Matutino and Dan Stater.

There being no more New Business, the order of business was suspended and Henry Matutino introduced Frank Smith who treated the members to a delightful program featuring his latest introductions and informative commentary.

Following the presentation RVP Joe Agosta asked for announcements and since there were none the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:  
Linda Sample  
Secretary, AHS Region 12



Thank you to the following people (hopefully, we didn't miss anyone) for donating plants for the auction at the Fall Regional Meeting:

- Ottis Houston
- John Kinnebrew
- David Kirchhoff
- Ludlow Lambertson
- Mort Morss
- Phil Reilly
- Eddy Scott
- Frank Smith
- Grace Stamile
- Pat Stamile

## Region 12 Club Reports

### Bay Area Daylily Society

After spending the summer and early fall searching for a new site for our Annual Daylily Show and Sale, members were delighted to learn that the remodeling of the Extension Center at the Florida Botanical Gardens was put off until AFTER our next show the last Saturday in April. We love the Florida Botanical Gardens, and visitors to our April 30, 2005 show will be impressed with the additions to the Gardens.

In November, we elected new officers with Kay Smith as President, Sherry Mason as Vice President, Elaine Alito as Secretary, and Linda Sample as Treasurer. Joyce Smith will be show chairman.

We had a booth at the November 20th Garden Fest at the Florida Botanical Gardens, where we sold potted daylilies and t-shirts, and acquired a new member for our club! We will have a booth at the Tampa Green Fest in Plant Park on April 2 and 3rd. We feel both of these garden events are great advertising for our Show and Sale, and great to introduce the public to the joys of our favorite flower.



Elaine Alito, Marie Philippe, and Kay Smith attend the BADS tent at the Garden Fest, FL Botanical Gardens

Our Christmas Party was held at the home of Wilhelmina and Roger Hopper. We want to thank them for the lovely party, and to thank Roger for updating our club website: [www.bads.us](http://www.bads.us). We even had an AHS member from "up north" contact us through the web site about attending a meeting when he would be visiting this area. We welcome everyone to our meetings.

Eddy Scott of Countryside Daylilies in High Springs, FL spoke at our February meeting, and showed slides of his beautiful flowers. Our March meeting will be at the extension center at the Florida Botanical Gardens with Pam Brown speaking on "Integrated Pest Management." April will have us visiting the gardens of Dwaine Miller and Mark Headley, and listening to Mark instruct us on grooming plants for our show.

Our meetings are usually on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. Anyone wishing to visit may check our web site, or contact President Kay Smith [kayasmith@earthlink.net](mailto:kayasmith@earthlink.net) or 727-595-5991 or Secretary Elaine Alito, [ealito1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:ealito1@tampabay.rr.com) or 727-544-9207 for current meeting location and time.  
— Kay Smith

### Central Florida Daylily Society

Central Florida Daylily Society is a very active daylily club with approximately 75 enthusiastic members who meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from September through June in the Leu Gardens Palm Room. CFDS participates as a vendor in a yearly plant sale in the fall at the Mount Dora Plant sale. We also participate in the annual Leu Gardens Plant Sale each March and host an AHS daylily show and sale each May. We have recruited new members for the AHS and the local club by participating in these annual show and sales and sharing our enthusiasm with new people.

Members of this club enjoy learning about cultivation techniques and sharing their personal experience with their own daylilies in our monthly gatherings. We often invite local hybridizers and various gardening experts to come to our meetings and present new information or helpful hints on the care and cultivation of daylilies and companion plantings. Club members take turns bringing refreshments to share with all in attendance and bringing daylilies from their collections to be given as door prizes to some lucky member. We also host monthly plant auctions for the benefit of the club with plants donated by the members.

Another activity that this club enjoys is a yearly bus trip for the members to visit two or three local daylily gardens and have the opportunity to purchase some of



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the most recent introductions. The club finances this bus trip for the members who want to participate and usually includes stopping for lunch and conversation before returning to Orlando.

— Robin Fogelman

### North Florida Daylily Society

The North Florida Daylily Society is preparing for our upcoming 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Daylily Show and plant sale.

This event is being held at the Orange Park Mall on May 21, 2005. The plant judging begins at 10:00 am and then the whole exhibit will be open to the public beginning at 1:00 pm and lasting until 5:00 pm.

— Greg Stephan

### Pensacola Hemerocallis Society

Hurricane Ivan was the big news for this area this past summer. We are quickly recovering and getting back into the garden to enjoy our favorite flowers. Pensacola is home of the Blue Angels and the National Museum of Naval Aviation. The white beaches are world renowned.

The Pensacola Hemerocallis Society meets one Sunday a month at 2:30 PM. Location: Main Library (Media room) at 200 W. Gregory Street, Pensacola, FL 32502. Date varies so please contact Tom Dickson to get on the mailing list.

Spring 2005 Meetings are scheduled for March 20, April 10 and May 1. Daylilies are commonly given out as gifts to those who attend the PHS meetings. Power Point presentations on some of the latest hybridizers collections helps satisfy those who love to see flowers. Training videos such as explaining how to do DIP to TET conversions and presentations on the use of BAP to increase multiplication have increased interest in those areas.

Our Spring show scheduled info:

May 21 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Pensacola Hemerocallis Society Show  
University Mall, Pensacola, FL – Judges wanted

— Tom Dickson

### Sunbelt Daylily Chapter

Well, 2004 started slowly. Sunbelt's first meeting was cancelled due to a hurricane (which one?!). That hasn't prevented us from enjoying our holiday party, guest speakers and new members.

The Chapter's holiday party was well attended. As usual, the food was great and decorations were colorful. We enjoyed the camaraderie and gave thanks for friends and daylilies.

Meetings have also been well attended, with visitors, guest speakers and new members. Our speakers have included John Rice of Louisville, KY, Henry Matutino of Central Florida fame, and Pat Stamile. Speakers have addressed daylily culture, hybridizing, and photography. By selecting a variety of subjects, the speakers have appealed to professional growers and hobbyists alike. Sunbelt is elated to greet eight new members this year! Welcome!



Sunbelt's new officers: President Richard Page, Vice-President Dan Hansen, Secretary Chris Rogers, and Treasurer Phill Marth

The Sunbelt season will end with a bang! We will host the Region 12 Spring Regional meeting on May 6 and 7, 2005. The meeting will include bus tours to 11 of the professional gardens in Sunbelt territory, and Jamie Vande, Editor, Hemerocallis Europa will be our guest speaker. Chris Rogers (407-349-0271) is our registrar. On a less formal note, Betty Churms will again host an "End of the Year" picnic at her home in late May. Her gardens always elegantly welcome Chapter members to come, relax, and gab.

— Arlene Wierschem

## Region 12 Club Reports

### Suwannee Valley Hemerocallis Society

One of the highlights of the new year is a change of names. We are now known as SUWANNEE VALLEY DAYLILY SOCIETY. Many of us have wanted to change Hemerocallis for Daylily for some time. People in the community wonder what the word HEMEROCALLIS is all about.

As usual with our club, we have had some excellent programs. Thanks to those who so willingly helped us by putting the extra effort into visiting and presenting a program. Input from those “in the business” help us keep up with what is new and what to expect in the future. But most of all, they help the average club member solve some of their problems in growing quality plants.

During 2004, Suwannee Valley was responsible for the Regional. As successful as this was, we did not have a show. We are having a show this year. May 28 is the date. One of our new members, a transfer from Central Florida, has “taken the Bull By The Horns” and is doing a great job as Show Chairman. We are glad to have Gene Perry join us with such great enthusiasm. He is now one of the many very supportive members of Suwannee Valley Daylily Society.

— Ottis Houston



### Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society

It has been a busy year for the Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society. We've had some great guest speakers:

- Eddy Scott of Countryside Daylilies
- Gunda Abajian of Ledgewood Gardens
- Tim & Katiesue Herrington of Herrington Daylily Garden



Gunda Abajian shows slides of her newest introductions to the Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society

March speakers will be Ted Petit of LePetit Jarden and John Peat of Cross Border Daylilies.

We've voted to change our name to the Tallahassee Daylily Society effective September.

We're now gearing up with plans for the show on May 29, 2005 at the Tallahassee Mall.

Visit our web site at [www.thsgardens.org](http://www.thsgardens.org).

— Sharon Agosta



## *Daylily Clubs in Region 12*

### **Bay Area Daylily Society**

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**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**

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**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**

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Middleburg, FL 32068  
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**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**

Thomas Dickson, President  
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Molino, FL 32577  
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**Note:** Meets at 2:30 p.m. one Sunday a month at the Main Library, Pensacola. Dates vary so contact Tom for more information.

### **Sunbelt Daylily Chapter**

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

### **Suwannee Valley Daylily Society**

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**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**

Sharon Agosta, President  
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**Note:** Meets at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month Sept.-April (except Dec.) at the Leon County Cooperative Extension Center, Tallahassee.





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