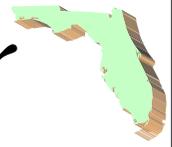


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Spring 2006

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Call For Auction Plants Region 12 Spring Meeting

Region 12 needs your participation in our Spring Regional Auction to be held Saturday, May 13, 2006 hosted by my club, the Bay Area Daylily Society in Clearwater. Our spring and fall auctions are the only fundraisers for Region 12 and we need everyone's participation.

I would like to have as many of the plants at the auction as possible and avoid having too many "to be shipped later." If you are not attending the meeting or will not be able to give your plants to someone who will be attending, **please ship your donations to me and I will pot and care for them until the auction.** If shipping, earlier is preferred than later as I will be very busy with last minute details for the meeting.

A PowerPoint presentation will be shown of the auction plants and a printed list will be available for everyone.

Deadline for donations is May 6, 2006. Thanks for your generosity!

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RVP's Message

Joe Agosta, Tallahassee, FL



With the New Year comes the usual spate of resolutions, most of which have been broken by the time this message reaches you. Yes, I've broken mine already too. Perhaps it is time to make some spring resolutions. Most of the daylily season is still before us so daylily related resolutions

are still possible, and have the potential for lasting benefits while having fun. Here are some for your consideration:

- ◆ Nominate a worthy Region 12 member for the Region 12 Service Award.
- ◆ Become an exhibition and/or garden judge.
- ◆ Donate plants to club and/or regional auctions.
- ◆ Invite your gardening friends along with you on daylily garden visits and then encourage them to join AHS.
- ◆ Attend AHS regional meetings and/or the AHS National Convention.
- ◆ Write an article for the regional newsletter.
- ◆ Volunteer for a leadership position in a daylily club.
- ◆ Join a daylily club to learn more about daylilies and meet new friends.
- ◆ Exhibit cultivars at a daylily show.
- ◆ Speak about daylilies to interested groups.
- ◆ Send in your popularity poll ballot.

There are many more suggestions, but following through on just one of the above will surely be appreciated and give you some measure of satisfaction. If we all keep uppermost in our mind that the American Hemerocallis Society is organized **“exclusively for educational and scientific purposes, and especially to promote, encourage and foster the development and improvement of the genus Hemerocallis and public interest therein”** while we go about our daylily activities we can make a difference.

If you missed the fall regional meeting, you missed another great get together and wonderful fellowship.

The Central Florida Daylily Society did an outstanding job for the third year in a row! Now we look forward to the spring meeting in Clearwater. The Bay Area Daylily Society has been working hard for several years in preparation for hosting their first spring meeting. It promises to be a great time.

My term ends this year, and I appreciate the opportunity to have been able to serve. The nominating committee has recommended Elaine Alito as the next RVP. I strongly support this nomination. Elaine has worked tirelessly for Region 12 and will no doubt continue her level of dedication if elected.

Have a great daylily season.

Joe

Region 12 Popularity Poll Winners



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H. 'Spacecoast Tiny Perfection'

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H. 'Marked by Lydia'
5. *H.* 'Mary Ethel Anderson'
6. *H.* 'Jason Salter'
H. 'Spacecoast Sea Shells'
7. *H.* 'Bill Norris'
H. 'Lori Goldston'
H. 'Spacecoast Gold Bonanza'
8. *H.* 'Alexander's Ragtime Band'
H. 'Crystal Blue Persuasion'
H. 'Jerry Pate Williams'
H. 'Madeline Nettles Eyes'
H. 'Margaret Tucker'

RPD/Editor's Message

Virginia Gregory, Orlando, FL



Friday we had our first bloom of the season! And with scapes popping up all over the daylily extravaganza that is bloom season is about to begin in earnest. It looks like we are going to have a compact show season in Region 12! I hope you take the opportunity to attend one of the daylily shows whether to work, show, judge, or just visit your support will be greatly appreciated and I'm sure you'll have a good time.

I just received my Awards & Honors ballot in the mail and it reminded me to welcome all of the new Garden Judges! I'm sure you will enjoy being part of the process that bestows many of the AHS's awards. Region 12 still has openings for both Garden and Exhibition Judges and you can start the process by attending a workshop or clinic at the Regional meetings. The camaraderie can't be beat and you will learn a lot about what makes a good daylily.

As always, I would appreciate any articles and/or ideas for the newsletter. Let me know what type of articles you would like to see in future newsletters. If you would be willing to write or collaborate on an article, please contact me at (407) 896-9232 or cvgregory@mpinet.net.

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

Warmest regards,
Virginia



Director's Message

David Kirchhoff, Sanford, FL



By the time this message is printed, spring will be here. With spring come the challenges and blessings of a new season for daylilies in Region 12. Soon our daylilies will reward us with long anticipated bloom, whether we grow just a few in planter boxes, still more in our perennial display beds, or ever more in our daylily nurseries. The new

cultivars promise ever more magic and distinction, and the established ones will be welcomed as old friends – just we welcome the vast parade of garden visitors who will be here to share the magic.

I attended the most recent meeting of the American Hemerocallis Society Board of Directors on October 29, 2005, beginning at 8:00 a.m. EDT. The meeting was at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott in Dulles, Virginia. As with all AHS Board meetings, a lot of business was concentrated into two days of intense concentration. Here are a few of the highlights that

may be useful prior to their appearance in *The Daylily Journal*.

Our Journal's editor, Allen McLain reported on the ordeals of sending out *The Daylily Journal* during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. He announced that the new AHS publication on unusual forms and spiders would be ready early 2006. I urge you to obtain a copy of this important new daylily book.

Our registrar, Gretchen Baxter's report included the following information: That the software program is current and is in use. Plans include setting up a registration section on the AHS website enabling electronic cultivar registrations and payment. Plans ultimately include an online registration database.

The board approved a proposed dues increase to be presented at the national meeting in 2006. The dues will still be less than a hamburger and glass of tea at a fancy hotel.

Invitations were accepted from the Baton Rouge Daylily Society, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to host the

Director's Message (continued)

2011 National Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society and the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society, Columbus, Ohio, to host the 2012 National Convention of the American Hemerocallis Society.

Kay Day, AHS Endowments Chair, asked for the following levels of Achievement for the WE Monroe endowment trust:

Supporting Donor	\$25.00 to \$ 99.00
Silver Donor	\$100.00 to \$ 499.00
Gold Donor	\$500.00 to \$ 999.00
Platinum Donor	\$1,000.00 to \$ 4,999.00
President's Circle	\$5,000.00 to \$14,999.00
Monroe Benefactor	\$15,000.00 to \$24,999.00
Monroe Honor Circle	\$25,000.00 and above

Jerry Pate Williams presented Kay Day with a check on behalf of the Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society, for the William E. Monroe Fund Trust in the amount of \$25,000.00 and a check in the amount of \$10,500.00 for the Joe E. House Scientific Studies. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mr. Williams and the Greater Cincinnati Daylily and Hosta Society for their generous donation.

Joanne Larsen, Exhibition Chair reported these tidbits (among others) of note:

1. Preliminary Report forms will be placed on the AHS website
2. Digital images at 300dpi or higher may be submitted in place of a slide for Tricolor Award entries (an 8" x 10" print must also be submitted with the entry)
3. Scape height exceptions may be included in schedules for cultivars possessing very tall scapes (i.e. unusual forms and spiders).

She also reported that many of the shows were using the Bob Stanton computer program for tabulating the Best in Show winners. She is urging all shows to use the program.

David Kirchhoff, AHS Education Chair, requested that the AHS Board of Directors approve to fund and publish the changes to the *Judging Daylilies Handbook* for distribution at no cost to the Garden Judges and Exhibition Judges by early 2006. They are nearly completed and ready to mail as this newsletter goes to press. Meanwhile this committee consisting of Michael

Bouman, Eloise Koonce, Kay Day, Joanne Larsen, Joann Stewart and Lea Ann Williams, has revised tests and curriculum for all AHS Garden Judges Workshops and Exhibition Clinics for 2006.

Barbara Watts reported that the cultivar registrations project is on schedule and has gone beyond the original expectations. The committee would like to coordinate the release of the Check List Registration Supplement, the Registration CD and the online project. The spider book is on track and the budget calls for printing 1,500 copies. Reprinting will be possible, if warranted. A 'style sheet' providing specific guidelines for correctly writing daylily names in publications is being developed and copies will be sent to the RVPs and will be printed in *The Daylily Journal*.

At the close of the meeting, the board approved a certificate that reads:

Whereas, Kathleen Schloeder, President of the Northern Virginia Daylily Society, did extend a very gracious and generous invitation from their club to the American Hemerocallis Society to host their Fall 2005 Board Meeting, and

Whereas, Many of their club members did many things to help with this event, and especially Sherley and Roger Channing, who opened their home for a wonderful, intimate Friday evening get-together, including a scrumptious helping of Southern hospitality, and

Whereas, A very convenient hotel was contracted for the event with excellent meeting facilities, making the Friday afternoon and Saturday meetings extremely pleasant, and

Whereas, The Northern Virginia Daylily Society did arrange and plan a Saturday evening banquet, where members of the AHS Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, AHS Staff, along with many of their spouses, did commune with members of the Northern Virginia Daylily Society, and

Resolved The efforts of the Northern Virginia Daylily Society exemplify the heartfelt

Director's Message (continued)

expression made by Czarina Alexandra (Feoderovna) in a postcard to Marjorie Merriweather Post displayed at the Hillwood Gardens in the Washington metropolitan area, that: "Friendship outstays the hurrying flight of years and aye abides through laughter and through tears."

The American Hemerocallis Society wishes to record these events by presenting the Northern Virginia Daylily Society with this certificate to express our sincere appreciation.

It's been a few years since one of Region 12's daylily clubs hosted a fall board meeting. It would be appropriate for one of our region's clubs or the region itself to consider hosting the board again. Please feel free to contact me, should you wish further information.

Cheers!
David



Proposed AHS Dues Increase

AHS members attending the 2006 National Convention in Long Island, New York will be asked to vote on a recommendation made by the Board of Directors at the fall 2005 meeting to increase the membership dues as follows:

Individual	One Year	from \$18.00 to \$25.00
	Three Years	from \$50.00 to \$70.00
	Youth	from \$ 8.00 to \$10.00
Dual	One Year	from \$22.00 to \$30.00
	Three Years	from \$60.00 to \$83.00

No increase to the current Life and Dual Life membership rate structures was proposed. If approved the new rates would become effective January 2007.

The last increase to individual or dual membership for one year or three years was approved by the membership in 1988. That was a 50% increase. Since then the American Hemerocallis Society has doubled in membership—which precluded for many years the need to alter the membership rate structure. However, that growth has also necessitated the addition of a contracted treasurer, a sales publication sales manager and a webmaster. The salaries for the executive secretary, registrar, and editor have increased, but certainly not to market value for their efforts.

While the AHS owns some of the computer equipment that is used by its staff, there is a need to replace many

items that are in need of repair or are simply out-of-date. In other cases, the computer equipment is personally owned.

AHS continues to add services – subject to the budgetary constraints of a non-profit organization – all of which add expenses. The improved judges training, the CD in addition to the annual check-list, and the various publications are designed to be self-sustaining, but the webpage and the requirement for general liability and workman's compensation insurance are not. Further, the Board has voted to add online registration capability in the near future. These additional services do not come for free.

The bottom line is that a dues increase is needed. After all \$18.00 in 1988 is \$29.30 in 2005 dollars and likely to be over \$30.00 by 2007. The proposed rate for a single one year membership – \$25.00 – represents a 39% increase, seems to be reasonable, and, is in line with, or less than, the vast majority of other non-profit horticultural organizations.

If you are unable to attend the Convention, please send your comments to John Holland Membership Chair at johnholl@ipa.net or 479-636-1374, Mary Collier Fisher, Chief Financial Officer at mfisher@rics.bwh.harvard.edu or 508-668-7399, or Kevin P. Walek, President at giboshiman@aol.com or 703-798-5501 by June 30, 2006.



Treasurer's Report

Opal Howell, Tallahassee, FL

Beginning January 1, 2005	
Checking: General	\$11,710.15
Checking: Youth Fund	\$2,755.09
CD	\$5,075.84
Total:	\$19,541.08

Receipts:

Interest - CD	\$60.71
Interest - Checking	\$66.41
AHS Newsletter Allowances	
Spring	\$195.60
Fall	\$201.85
Judging Handbook Sales	\$36.00
Spring Regional Auction	\$5,000.00
Fall Regional Auction	\$4,527.00
Clinic Fees	\$10.00
Newsletter Subscriptions	\$18.00
Total Receipts	\$10,115.57

Disbursements:

Newsletter Printing, Spring	\$804.81
Newsletter Postage, Spring	\$333.10
Newsletter Printing, Fall	\$800.35
Newsletter Postage, Fall	\$332.00
W.E. Monroe EFT Donation	\$500.00
Munson Patterned Daylily Awards	\$125.00
Florida Sunshine Cup Award	\$68.24
Munson Hybridizer Bed Signs (5)	\$131.00
Munson Hybridizer Award	\$100.00
Clinic Fees to AHS	\$10.00
AHS Insurance	\$103.50
Website Expense	\$425.00
Auction Expense	\$56.25
RVP Expenses (Postage & Copies)	\$13.36
Director Expenses	\$500.00
Bank Fee	\$5.00
Total Disbursements	\$4,313.20

Balance as of December 31, 2005

Checking: General	\$17,451.81
Checking: Youth Fund	\$2,755.09
CD	\$5,136.55
Total Funds	\$25,343.45



Calendar Year 2005 Budget Analysis

	Approved Budget	Actual		Approved Budget	Actual
Expenditures:			Receipts:		
Newsletter/RPD Expenses	\$3,000	\$2,270.26	Interest On Accounts	\$150	\$127.12
Director's Travel National	\$500	\$500.00	Plant Sales	\$5,200	\$9,527.00
Director's Travel Board Mtg.	\$500	\$0.00	Plant Sales (Youth Fund)	\$500	\$0.00
RVP Travel National	\$500	\$0.00	Club Donations	\$600	\$0.00
RVP Expenses Misc.	\$50	\$13.36	AHS Mailing Allowance	\$450	\$397.45
Web Site	\$600	\$425.00	Misc.	\$150	\$64.00
Awards	\$480	\$424.24			
Youth Award	\$500	\$0.00	Total	\$7,050	\$10,115.57
AHS Insurance	\$120	\$103.50			
W. E. Monroe EFT	\$500	\$500.00			
Contingency	\$300	\$76.84			
Total	\$7,050	\$4,313.20			





Daylilies In The Landscape

Region 12 Spring Meeting

May 12 – 14, 2006

Clearwater, Florida

Hosted by the Bay Area Daylily Society

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 12, 2006

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Registration Open (hotel lobby)

4:00 pm | Garden Judges Workshop I
Kay Smith’s home, 232 Gulf Boulevard,
Indian Rock Beach, FL

6:00 pm | Catered Social with Cash Bar (at above location)

Saturday, May 12, 2006

8:00 am – Noon | Registration Open (hotel lobby)

7:00 am – 4:00 pm | Garden Tours

3:00 pm | Garden Judges Workshop II (to be held at last tour garden).

6:00 pm | Cocktail Social Hour at Holiday Inn

7:00 pm | Banquet, Region 12 Business Meeting, Speaker (Lynn Purse) and Plant Auction

Sunday, May 14, 2006

8:00 am | Exhibition Judges Clinic I and III (\$5.00 or \$3.00 to audit)

9:00 am | Exhibition Judges Clinic II (\$5.00 or \$3.00 to audit)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Regional Headquarters

Holiday Inn Select

3535 Ulmerton Road

Clearwater, FL 33762

800-423-0903

\$62 plus tax per night. Mention Bay Area Daylily Society to obtain special rate.

Cut off date is April 12, 2006.

REGISTRATION FEES:

\$120 per adult and \$100 per youth postmarked by April 15, 2006. A \$25 late fee will be required after this date. Banquet ONLY is \$35.00. Make check payable to Bay Area Daylily Society and mail along with registration form to: (Make sure you make menu selection for Banquet).

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Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

planning to attend: _____ Garden Judges Workshop I; _____ Garden Judges Workshop II; _____ Exhibition Judges Clinic I; _____ Exhibition Judges Clinic II; _____ Exhibition Judges Clinic III

Saturday Banquet Menu Selection: _____ Filet Mignon with Shrimp Scampi; _____ Chicken Florentine; _____ Pasta with Seasonal Vegetables and Marinara Sauce (Vegetarian)

Jacksonville's Buntyn Daylily Garden

Arlene Wierschem, Ponce Inlet, FL

Here in Region 12, famous daylily hybridizers abound. Mention Pat, David, Grace, or Dan, and we know the face, the name, and the latest introductions. However, small hybridizers also live among us and they, too, introduce beautiful, complex daylilies that tempt Florida gardeners. Case in point is the Buntyn Daylily Garden of Hugh and Pam Buntyn.



Buntyn Daylily Garden

Hugh and Pam have lived in "rural" Jacksonville, near the University of North Florida, for many years. Their acreage affords privacy, although the area around them is

undergoing development. Locally, Hugh is called the "Daylily Man" when he collects bags of leaves from street curbs to supplement the soil in his daylily beds. The Buntyn Daylily Garden is limited in size by the amount of labor provided by its owners. After years as management, they find it less stressful to simply depend on their own efforts.

Hugh is a "jack of all trades". He is retired from a tree service that he owned for a number of years; he built a house for a relative; and he built a beautiful boat for himself with no thought of when he would have time to set sail. His experience proved valuable in 2004 when the last gust of the last hurricane dumped a huge tree on his house! After that, daylilies didn't look like such a demanding obsession!



H. 'Faces of Sunset'

The first Buntyn daylily was registered in 1993. It was a purple cultivar from Munson breeding lines. In 2000, two new cultivars were introduced, *H.*

'Faces of Sunset' and *H. 'You and*

Eye.' Over the years, a total of 16 beautiful, contemporary daylilies have carried the Buntyn name:

- ◆ *H. 'Purple Mountain'* (1993)
- ◆ *H. 'Faces of Sunset'* (2000)
- ◆ *H. 'You and Eye'* (2000)
- ◆ *H. 'Knights in Velvet'* (2003)
- ◆ *H. 'Bodacious Blush'* (2003)
- ◆ *H. 'Goldie Fritz'* (2003)
- ◆ *H. 'Insider Trading'* (2003)
- ◆ *H. 'June Hudson'* (2003)
- ◆ *H. 'Montana Sky'* (2003)
- ◆ *H. 'Lisa Gayle'* (2004)
- ◆ *H. 'Opposites Attract Attention'* (2004)
- ◆ *H. 'Shimmering Orange Fizz'* (2004)
- ◆ *H. 'Those Eyes'* (2004)
- ◆ *H. 'Tropical Romance'* (2004)
- ◆ *H. 'Florida Snow Angel'* (2005)
- ◆ *H. 'Buddy Hudson'* (2006)



H. 'Bodacious Blush'

Hugh uses the Daylily Auction to market his daylily inventory including his own introductions. Recently, however, his emphasis has shifted from growing a wide variety of daylilies to growing an estimated 15,000

seedlings with the goal of introducing 10 new daylilies a year. As a result, he is selling out his general listing daylilies to make room for this commitment. Twenty years of growing and hybridizing has enabled the Buntyns to achieve first year bloom on 95% of their seedlings! The immediate goal is to create seedlings from the Garden's own introductions, not from crosses involving cultivars hybridized by others.

Hugh explained that his goals have changed over the years. At first, he was enthusiastic about eyes/edges but then tired of them. Since 2003, the typical Buntyn introduction is a full-formed daylily with strong, clear color, elaborate ruffles and single or double golden

Jacksonville's Buntyn Daylily Garden (continued)



H. 'Florida Snow Angel'

green throat. It is a strong plant with good scapes. BB has been a good parent that passes its appealing characteristics to its kids. As an example, Hugh mentioned *H. 'Florida Snow Angel'* (*H. 'Bodacious Blush'* X sdlg.), a popular 2005 introduction. This lovely lavender bitone carries an ornately ruffled gold edge and a bright green throat.



H. 'Insider Trading'

Not to be caught in a rut, Hugh described a possible 2007 introduction, a cross of (*H. 'Fortune's Dearest'* x *H. 'Westward Wind'*). This daylily is a large, red unusual form with teeth, a substantial departure from his previous efforts!

edges. *H. 'Faces of Sunset'* was the first gold-edged double that Hugh had seen. The next major break was *H. 'Bodacious Blush'* (*H. 'Ed Brown'* x sdlg.). This was a unique look—a blushing edge with no eye and a bright

Another Buntyn goal is breeding for rust resistance. The daylily shown here, *H. 'Insider Trading'*, has been found to be rust tolerant in multiple test gardens.

Friendship has offered Hugh and Pam significant new opportunities. Ed Brown (the man, not the daylily) has closed his hybridizing garden and transferred his breeding stock to the Buntyn Daylily Garden. Mr. Brown's hybridizing program focused on features he valued: substance and branching; color was secondary. From Hugh's point of view, he now has some amazing parents ready to cross into his existing program that focuses on color. It will be fascinating to see the results from this merger.



H. 'Buddy Hudson'

It was a pleasure to talk with Hugh! He encouraged me to come and visit during bloom season (usually mid-May). When I mentioned that I am a newly minted Garden Judge, he encouraged me and any other Garden Judges to visit the Buntyn Daylily Garden. Hugh and Pam can be contacted by phone (904-642-6634) or via e-mail (hbuntyn@bellsouth.net). This should be fun! According to Hugh, "Now there are so many things improving fast in the hybridizing seedling field, that it is very difficult waiting on the spring bloom! I must say, though, the one thing I like most about growing daylilies is the friends I have made along the way."

Well said!



In Memorium

John Massa passed away on December 29, 2005. John was a member and past President of the Central Florida Daylily Society. He enjoyed fishing, boating, sports events and big red daylilies. John will be missed by all and we send our condolences to his wife, Kathy, and family.

Dave Talbott's wife, Reba, passed in mid December, after a long fight with cancer. She will be missed by all who had the great pleasure of knowing her.

Nomination for RVP: Elaine Alito



The RVP Nominating Committee (Virginia Gregory, Henry Matutino, and Fern Johnson) is pleased to nominate Elaine Alito for the position of Region 12 Regional Vice President.

Having only been involved in daylilies since 2000 Elaine is a “newbie” compared to many Region 12 members. But the

daylily bug bit hard and she has been full steam ahead ever since, having served two terms as President of the Bay Area Daylily Society and is currently serving her fourth year as the Region’s Ways and Means Chair. She is a Senior Exhibition Judge and a Garden Judge, and is a member of no less than four daylily email

groups on the Internet, but since she is a technology executive in her non daylily life, that just comes naturally.

When asked how she got so involved in daylilies, Elaine said a landscaper planted *Hemerocallis* ‘Little Wart’ in her yard. When she saw the bloom, she knew she wanted more and the hunt was on. Then she saw an ad in the paper for the Bay Area Daylily Society’s flower show and plant sale. She attended, fell in love with *H.* ‘Essie Peck’ joined the club and AHS and the rest is, as they say, history.

The election will take place during the business meeting at the Spring Regional Meeting on May 12, 2006. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.



Important Dates

May 12-13	Region 12 Spring Meeting hosted by: Bay Area Daylily Society Show, Tampa, FL
May 20	Central Florida Daylily Society Show, Orlando, FL
May 20	North Florida Daylily Society Show, Jacksonville, FL
May 21	Sunbelt Daylily Chapter, Sanford, FL
May 21	Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society Show, Tallahassee, FL
May 27	Suwannee Valley Hemerocallis Society Show, Lake City, FL
May 28	Pensacola Hemerocallis Society Show, Pensacola, FL
June 2-3	Region 5 Spring Meeting in Savannah, GA
June 16-17	Region 14 Spring Meeting in Huntsville, MS
July 13-16	AHS National Convention, Long Island, NY
Sept 1	Deadline for AHS Awards & Honors Ballot Deadline for Popularity Poll Ballot
TBD	Region 12 Fall Meeting hosted by: Tallahassee Daylily Society, Tallahassee, FL
Oct 27-28	AHS Board of Directors Meeting

Spring Regional Preview

D & J Gardens

Doug and JoAnn Good's 1-1/3 acre garden in Clearwater is the result of hobbies gone wild! There are hundreds of daylilies, both named varieties and seedlings. Doug and JoAnn have been growing and hybridizing daylilies for over ten years. Their large lily pond and waterfall is the result of their leaky swimming pool. After many dollars spent trying to fix the leak they filled it in and built the pond which holds their Water Lily collection. There is a huge pond holding some very large Koi!



JoAnn has a large collection of Bonsai. She has had a lifelong love of Bonsai as she grew up with her Mother's love of Bonsai. They forage the woods collecting specimens that JoAnn believes would be suitable for training. Their love of Bonsai has resulted in a nice collection of Oriental garden art. They also have a large collection of Adenium obesum (Desert Rose). They enjoy hybridizing to obtain new colors. An interesting fact is a seedling will develop a large bulb whereby a cutting will not. All of their collections contribute to a garden that reflects Doug and JoAnn's joy of gardening.

Johnson Daylily Garden



Johnson Daylily Garden is located in Brooksville in the hill country of west central Florida. Because of their higher elevation they have a cold pocket which is often the coldest location in Florida during winter nights which gives even hard dormant daylilies sufficient chill hours for good growth. Their clay subsoil is topped with about twelve inches of sand. About twelve years ago raised beds were created using over five hundred large truck loads of wood chips which decomposed to 8-12 inches of well drained organic soil. Good soil together with average rainfall exceeding 70 inches per year results in excellent daylily growth.

Jeff and Linda are the only people working the garden. Jeff's initial attempt at hybridizing failed when termites ate the wooden stakes which recorded the crosses. "Weeding" the seedlings consisted of a session with the riding mower. As sales increased Linda stopped her career as a Shih Tzu breeder to lend a hand in the garden. Repeated requests by local daylily customers to purchase bamboo got us started with our bamboo sideline, which is now a thriving business.

Little Lake Lily Garden

Eight years ago Dennis Hoffman and Ellen Wilcox-Hoffman bought property that could be best described as country in the city, four plus acres of overgrown land surrounded by horse stables. The land was bought the same year they were married with a vision of gardens around a lake. Unfortunately the funds weren't there for the newlyweds to make the vision a reality right away.

Among the items that were packed up to move to their new home was about 100 daylilies from Dennis' yard. Ten years prior to this, Dennis was hybridizing a few old unknown daylilies to produce seed. He learned of the BADS club from a show listed in the garden events section in the *St. Petersburg Times*. Dennis learned about the modern daylily from the first show he attended.



The landscape plan for the new property began in Dennis' mind before moving in. The first display gardens were finally planted in 2005. Up to 2005, the plants were in rows that took over a vegetable garden where Dennis

Spring Regional Preview (continued)

continued to make crosses with the new material bought from Daylily club events.

In 2005 Dennis and Ellen attended Daylily Mecca. Dennis could not refrain from buying anything that looked like fun to hybridize. Dennis bought so many plants with Ellen's approval, that when it came time to pack up and head home, they were wondering what would have to be left in Sanford. In the end the truck was packed as full as it could be with Ellen sharing room with luggage. This trip brought the total list of named cultivars to the 300 mark. As far as the seedlings go, there are thousands of which many are older forms. Dennis hasn't learned how to part with his babies yet.

The vision of Dennis and Ellen is just beginning but they have adopted a name for the garden. Little Lake Lily Gardens name is appropriately based on the small lake on the property and their focus on Daylilies. The property has two garden areas. One is for display of named cultivars in the landscape and the other for Dennis' hybridizing efforts with room to grow.

Sample Gardens



The Tampa garden of Gray and Linda Sample includes both their yard and that of Gray's parents, Bob and Christie Sample. Linda began with a few daylilies at 3603 Lightner and expanded significantly when the next door yard became available. She had help with the 3601 garden design from a professional, but embellishment ensued and the walkway border hedge and other select plants gave way to daylilies which added to the spring color in the neighborhood. Linda also incorporates camellias, azaleas, Louisiana irises, roses, and passiflora sp. to ensure year round blooms and color variety. You can also find a number of Florida native plants and herbs dotting the landscape.

As if two yards in Tampa weren't enough, when she wants to get out of the city there's another garden in Lake Panasoffkee, about 75 miles north of the city. Both gardens include around 400 cultivars – give or take. Between part time work and volunteering as a docent at Cracker Country Linda enjoys quilting (**Hope your raffle ticket is a winner!**) and has developed a Power Point presentation that she's used for Master Gardener lectures and would be happy to share with anyone interested.

Xcaliber Farms

The garden on Cason Street in Plant City is the home of Mark Headley, Dwain Miller and Jewell Headley (Mark's Mother). All three residents love gardening and it takes all three and a good bit of help from friends and family to keep the garden in shape. With an eclectic style mixing formal and informal, it is a moderate sized garden covering over one and a half acres.

They grow or have grown almost anything that will grow in Central Florida. There are always fruit trees in bloom or bearing fruit. Vegetables are grown the year around. There is a greenhouse 'full' of orchids, a rose garden, a cactus garden, a butterfly garden, a large collection of bromeliads, and of course a lot of daylilies.



Mark, Dwain and Jewell are very pleased to be hosting the R.W. Munson Hybridizers Bed in a showcase location in their front garden which has over 30 seedlings for you to view and vote on.

Something is always going on in the garden and we love to have visitors who enjoy it as we do!



Region 12 AHS Exhibition Judges

Name	Status	Date	Instructor	Name	Status	Date	Instructor
Elaine Alito	EX	2009		Justine Lee	E/h		
Joan Blagbrough	E/h			Paul R. Little	S	2007	
John Bouchard	EX	2006		Katherine B. Massa	S	2007	
Connie Burton	EX	2006		Henry Matutino	EX	2006	
Jack G. Caldwell	E/h			Sara Jill Mercer	EX	2006	
Mauldin Carter	EX	2006	I	Morton L. Morss	EX	2009	I
Edward Clumm	EX	2009		Fran Neale	EX	2007	
Susan Clumm	EX	2009		Jean Norris	EX	2009	I
Keith Collinsworth	EX	2006		William A. Norris	EX	2009	I
Thomas Dickson	E/j	2008		Dawn Page	EX	2009	
Fred W. Fallman, Jr.	EX	2008	I	Richard Page	S	2009	
Robin Fogleman	S	2009		Marie Phillippe	S	2006	
Richard E. Godke	EX	2009		Jerome Ridaught	EX	2006	
Harriet Gord-Noghani	S	2009		Reba Ridaught	EX	2006	
C.J. Gregory	EX	2009		Linda Sample	EX	2009	I
Virginia Gregory	EX	2009		Cynthia J. Scott	EX	2006	
Emelina Harvey	EX	2009		Eddy L. Scott	EX	2006	
James H. Harvey	EX	2009		Floyd Sewell	EX	2008	I
Mark Headley	EX	2007		Carolyn Shacter	EX	2008	I
Ottis Houston	EX	2006	I	Kay Smith	E/j	2009	
Opal Howell	EX	2008		Daniel V. Stateler	EX	2009	
Fern Johnson	EX	2009	I	Viola Steadham	EX	2009	
Wayne Johnson	EX	2009	I	Mrs. Frankie B. Stevens	EX	2006	
John Kinnebrew	EX	2010		Jennifer Suarez	EX	2009	I
Marjorie Kinnebrew	EX	2006		Donna Warlick	EX	2008	I
David Kirchhoff	EX	2009	I	Pat Weber	EX	2009	
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

Joann Stewart

AHS Exhibition Judges

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Status as of February 2, 2006.

Accreditation for 2007 is subject to payment of AHS dues by January 1, 2007.



Region 12 AHS Garden Judges

Judge	Date		Judge	Date	
Agosta, Joe	2007	Instructor	Morss, Morton L.	2010	
Agosta, Sharon	2007		Nettles, Jerry	2009	
Alito, Elaine	2008		Norris, Jean	2006	
Arras, Judith A.	2008		Norris, William	2006	Instructor
Beagles, James H.	2006		Petit, Ted L.	2006	Instructor
Beagles, Lana S.	2006		Ridaught, Jerome	2008	
Caldwell, Jack G.		Honorary	Ridaught, Reba	2008	
Gregory, CJ	2008		Rogers, Christine	2009	
Gregory, Virginia	2008		Ryder, Karen S.	2008	
Hansen, Dan	2008	Instructor	Salter, Elizabeth Anne	2007	
Harvey, Emelina	2006		Salter, Jeff	2007	Instructor
Houston, Mary Anne	2007		Sample, Linda	2010	
Houston, Ottis	2010		Scott, Cindy	2007	
Howell, Opal	2008		Scott, Eddy L.	2007	
Hudson, Virginia M.		Honorary	Sewell, Floyd	2006	
Johnson, Fern S.	2006		Smith, Kathryn (Kay)	2008	
Johnson, Wayne	2009	Instructor	Stamile, Grace	2006	Instructor
Kinnebrew, John	2006		Stamile, Patrick	2006	Instructor
Kinnebrew, Marjorie	2006		Suarez, Jennifer	2008	
Kirchhoff, David	2007	Instructor	Temple, John	2006	
Lamb, David	2008		Van Kleunen, Mary Ann	2006	
Mercer, Sara Jill	2010		Warlick, Donna	2006	Instructor
Michaels, Brian	2010		Wetton, Bob	2008	
Michaels, Nora	2010		Wierschem, Arlene L.	2010	
			Winkler, Betty	2008	

Welcome New Members

Vernon R. Bryant
Florida Botanical Gardens
12175 125th St. N
Largo, FL 33774

Nate Curtis
500 Cantey Drive
Madison, FL 32340

Beth Kelly
8561 Belle Meadow Blvd.
Pensacola, FL 32514



Elizabeth McKinnon
804 E. Robson St.
Tampa, FL 32604

Leslie Mauck
2420 McIntosh Way
Maitland, FL 32751

Patricia Parker
4720 Howe Circle
Pensacola, FL 32504

Mary Kay Payne
106 Old RR Lane
Palatka, FL 32177

Jewel Pontius
8728 SW 194th Court
Dunnellon, FL 34432

Ken Taylor
3542 Sheldrake Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Tom Wilson
610 Dye Street
Pensacola, FL 32534



AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY - REGION 12

2006 Collier Brown Youth Award

Winner(s) of the 2006 Collier Brown Youth Award will receive either (1) 2006 AHS National Convention registration and hotel accommodations for three nights, or (2) 2006 Region 12 Spring Meeting registration and hotel accommodations for up to two nights (as determined by the committee and the meeting schedule). 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 July 12, 1988)

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian: _____

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

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 2006 AHS National Convention in Long Island, NY or the 2006 Region 12 Spring Meeting in Clearwater, FL (circle one) 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, 2006 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

RVP Joe Agosta called the meeting to order at 12:50 PM at the Holiday Inn at Altamonte Springs.

The CFDS was thanked for its efforts in providing another wonderful hosting of our AHS Fall Meeting.

AHS officers recognized were David Kirchhoff, Region 12 Director and Ottis Houston, Region 8 Director. Past Region 12 RVPs present were Fred Fallman, David Kirchhoff, Wayne Johnson, and Jeff and Elizabeth Salter. Current Region 12 officers recognized were Floyd Sewell, Exhibition Judges Liaison; Virginia Gregory, RPD; Dan Hansen, Garden Judges Liaison; Ottis Houston, W.E. Monroe Endowment Fund Chair; Dan and Loye Stateler, Youth Liaison; Kay Smith, Historian; Elaine Alito, Ways and Means Chair; Opal Howell, Treasurer; and Linda Sample, Secretary.

Floyd Sewell, Exhibition Judges Liaison, addressed the need to increase the number of Exhibition Judges in our region. In order to better distribute the judging responsibility in our region, each club president will be asked to encourage and inspire their members to become judges. He listed three main goals for his term:

1. Retain the judges we have by offering sufficient Refresher Clinics and following up on dues compliance.
2. Bring more Region 12 members into Clinic 1 as replacements for those who are unable to continue because of poor health or relocation. We may even offer to hold Clinic 1 in the field to clubs that have members wanting to participate.
3. Encourage show chairpersons to bring our Region 12 Jr. Judges in to judge at their shows.

Clubs were also reminded to:

1. Send judging invitations NOW for their 2006 shows. A listing of Region 12 judges will be found on our website.
2. Request all AHS show forms early in order to assure an accredited show.
3. Have the AHS official Spider and UNF Lists on site plus the AHS Cultivar Registration CD on site for the Classification Chair.

Minutes:

The motion made by Virginia Gregory and seconded by David Kirchhoff to accept the spring meeting minutes as published in the Newsletter passed.

Treasurers Report:

Treasurer Opal Howell reported a current CD balance of \$5,075.84 and a bank account balance of \$21,561.49. It was suggested by David Kirchhoff that in future reports the amount spent for newsletter postage and printing costs be separated. The treasurer agreed and the report was accepted as filed.

Announcements:

RVP Agosta announced that our current regional membership is 416. Also he noted that we have two new approved AHS Display Gardens, the gardens of Dawn and Richard Page in Port St. John and Linda Sample in Tampa. He also announced that there were four Ophelia Taylor section winners this year in the country; Dick Hendry (at Metro Columbus, OH), Tim Bell (at Albany, GA), Katie Sue Herrington, (at Douglas, GA), and Jerome Ridaught (at Lake City, FL). The national participation this year is encouraging and a tribute to a much respected lady and also our region.

Locations of upcoming regional meetings were reviewed:

- Spring 2006 – Tampa Bay (BADs)
- Fall 2006 – Tallahassee
- Spring 2007 – Host club needed
- Fall 2007 – Jacksonville
- Spring 2008 – Host club needed
- Fall 2008 – Tampa Bay

RVP Agosta reported an enjoyable national convention in St. Louis this year with our Florida hybridizers well represented. Winning the President's Cup this year was *H. 'In the Heart of it All'* hybridized by Jeff Salter.

Remarks from Region 12 Director, David Kirchhoff:

In order to encourage more members to become garden judges AHS has shortened the requirement of three consecutive years of membership to 24 months. Actually after the first 12 months of AHS membership one may take Garden Judges Workshop 1 and 2. After 24 months of membership the application can be submitted to either your RVP or the Garden Judges Liaison, Dan Hansen.

Minutes of the Region 12 Fall Business Meeting

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Exhibition Clinics 1 and 3 may now be offered at club meetings by coordinating with Exhibition Clinic Liaison Floyd Sewell. They can be held most places that can accommodate a projector. The slide presentation takes about 1½ hours.

BADS President Kay Smith invited the region to the Spring 2006 Meeting in the Tampa-St. Petersburg area. There will be six gardens on tour plus a Friday evening social at Kay's home on the water at Indian Rocks Beach. Sunset over the Gulf of Mexico with a daylily garden background is indeed inviting. Please come and enjoy.

Treasurer Opal Howell reminded winners of the Munson Award to be sure club presidents or show chairmen notify her so checks can be written for the winners.

Remarks from RPD Virginia Gregory:

Regional Popularity Poll winners were announced after receiving 72 votes from our members.

1. H. 'Ed Brown,' H. 'Spacecoast Tiny Perfection' (tie)
2. H. 'Catcher in the Eye'
3. H. 'Jerry Nettles'
4. H. 'King Kahuna,' H. 'Marked by Lydia' (tie)
5. H. 'Mary Ethel Anderson'

Many thanks were given to those submitting articles for publication in the Newsletter. National recognition was also given to our own Joe Agosta who received one of the two – Best Article on a Hybridizer Awards for his article "The Kinnebrews of Scottsmeer."

Unfinished Business:

The motion discussed and tabled at the Spring 05 meeting involving revisions in the Collier Brown Youth Award was revisited. The motion made by Virginia Gregory was to amend the Collier Brown Youth Award to include support for a youth to attend a Spring Regional Meeting in addition to attendance at the national was restated and seconded by Elaine Alito. After discussion an amendment added by Brian Michaels and seconded by Richard Page to include registration plus up to two nights accommodations. The choice of one or two night's accommodations will be determined by the committee and the meeting schedule. The amendment passed by voice vote. The original motion also passed by voice vote.

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New Business:

Two proposed amendments to the current Bylaws as published in the Fall 2005 Regional Newsletter were reviewed.

Amendment 1 would move the RVP selection to earlier in the year thereby improving transition procedures and bringing Region 12 into compliance with current AHS guidelines. After an amendment concerning the determining vote passed by voice vote, a motion made by Ottis Houston and seconded by David Kirchhoff to accept the amendment carried by voice vote.

Amendment 2 clarifying regional meeting fundraising auction procedures as published in the newsletter was presented and discussed. A motion made by Virginia Gregory and seconded by Linda Sample to accept the amendment as published was carried by a hand count of 23 to 8.

The full text of both amendments will be incorporated into the By Laws and made available to regional members for review.

The nominating committee to select candidates for Region 12 RVP was selected. The first nominee and therefore the chair was Virginia Gregory by Elaine Alito with a second by Jay Charba. Also Henry Matutino was nominated by Betty Winkler with a second by Phill Marth, and Fern Johnson was nominated by David Kirchhoff with a second by Dan Stateler. A motion to close the nominations was made by Ottis Houston and seconded by Dan Stateler. All three were accepted by voice vote. The committee chair was asked to inform members of their selected nominees in the Spring Newsletter before the vote that will occur at the Spring 2006 Regional meeting. Joe Agosta mentioned that if the option under consideration by the AHS Board of Directors passes this fall, there would also be the possibility of a mail ballot.

There being no more new business RVP Agosta suspended the order of business and Henry Matutino introduced our own Jeff Salter who treated all to an informative and delightful slide presentation. Following the presentation there was no further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Sample

Secretary, AHS Region 12

Region 12 Club Reports

Bay Area Daylily Society

Members have had a fun year getting to know each other better, as we have been meeting at the homes of the tour gardens for the upcoming Spring Regional. There is nothing more fun than seeing others gardens and homes, even if the daylilies are not blooming. Even the talk of “I made a wrong turn” adds to the laughter and fellowship that results in the club becoming closer.

October we met at Kay Smith’s house on the beach, then after the meeting, members walked one block to Crabby Bill’s restaurant for dinner. Crabby Bill’s will be catering the Friday night social at Kay’s home. November we met at Mark and Dwain’s in Plant City. December we had our Christmas Party at Willhelmina and Roger’s, who always have a lovely party and gift exchange. January we met at Dennis Hoffman’s and Ellen Wilcox’s home and acreage in Pinellas Park. In February we watch the Khoi swimming at Doug and JoAnn Good’s home. March will be back at our usual meeting location at Linda Sample’s in Tampa, and looking forward to seeing her many daylilies, hoping that some will be blooming for us!

The club participated in Garden Fest at the Florida Botanical Gardens in November, and will have a booth to sell daylilies and give Daylily information at Green Fest at Plant Park in Tampa on April 1st and 2nd.

Our website at www.bads.us has meeting information, or contact information to find out about our meetings which are typically at 1:30 on the 3rd Sunday of each month, Sept through May. We send meeting notices and minutes by email, and I will happy to add anyone to the mailing list that would like to keep up with us monthly.

— Kay Smith

Central Florida Daylily Society

The Central Florida club has enjoyed an array of great speakers this year. We are fortunate to live in an area where we have access to a rich pool of hybridizing expertise. The club members have enjoyed hearing tips and techniques used by the best in the daylily hybridizing business. Phil Reilly, Gunda Abajian, Richard Page, John Kinnebrew, and Grace Stamile all came to share a

glimpse of their most current and exciting work.

CFDS is working hard to plan for the annual plant sale coming up in March and of course looking forward to the Spring show and sale on May 20th. New members and “experienced” veteran members alike have contributed to the success of the club. All are eagerly awaiting this years bloom season that is right around the corner.

The Club has enjoyed the fun and excitement of daylilies together and also as life sometimes brings times of grief and loss as we have mourned the loss of one of its long time “pillar members.” On December 29, 2005 John Massa passed on and is deeply missed.

— Robin Fogelman

Choctawhatchee Hemerocallis Society

The Choctawhatchee Hemerocallis Society meets at the Walton County Extension Service Building on North Ninth Street every fourth Tuesday at 2:00 pm from January through April. We have a field trip in May and Luncheon in June. One of our goals for this year is to increase the membership and we’d also welcome visitors.

— Jean McCarthy

North Florida Daylily Society

In the past two months the North Florida Daylily Society has had programs by Ted Collins and Frank Smith. Both presentations were outstanding, with updated slides of new cultivars. Several guests were at each meeting some who joined our local club, which resulted in six new members.

Here in North Florida the plants are starting to grow very well! Hopefully we will have lots of blooms for the show in May. Greg Stephan, our show chair person, has done a good job of getting the judges in place for the upcoming show.

— Ray Wensell



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Pensacola Daylily Society

Tom Dickson is largely responsible for the club still being active. As a two term president, he also presented a program each month; donated most of the daylilies for the plant sale at the shows, which is our sole source of revenue; and stored our show properties, saving us a considerable amount. To encourage attendance, Tom instituted an Awards Program which pays in Club Dollars which are redeemable at the end of the year to buy highly desirable daylilies. Club Dollars are earned for attendance, donating plants, being an active AHS member, being a Garden or Exhibition Judge, hosting a club function, actively participating as Show Clerk etc., holding office or Show Chair.

Tom also started the "Purchase a Collection Program," whereas a hybridizer's collection is purchased and grown by club members. After one year the plants are auctioned to club members for Club dollars, or real dollars. The remainder of the plants are then sold. All will make our treasury grow.

Tom has done all this while working full time and being in the Naval Reserve.

I hope that we, as a club, and all other clubs in the region, can overcome the problem of Exhibition Judge shortages, Frank Smith's and other parties, the Regional dates precluding show dates. Might as well forget having a show the same weekend as the parties, as there are very few judges not attending. When given a choice, most would also attend the parties rather than the Regional.

To enhance the probability of obtaining judges, we have resorted to paying \$60 a car for expenses, plus ten cents a mile roundtrip. Still, it is difficult getting judges for a show. Our show is May 28th this year, and we hope the season isn't too early.

Our club is fortunate to have a loyal, but small, core who attend every meeting and make invaluable contributions.

— Carl Brady



Sunbelt Daylily Chapter

After a fantastic Sunbelt Spring Regional, the summer brought us together for our annual picnic at the home of Betty Churms. The best fried chicken and many wonderful side dishes were enjoyed by all. Everything was superb with many special thanks to our most gracious hostess.

Our first fall meeting started with "new blood." The newly elected officials are: Richard Page – President, Dan Hansen – Vice-President, Phil Marth – Treasurer, and Chris Rogers – Secretary. All the meetings have been a great success thanks to its terrific members.

Our goal is to continue to enroll new members that will help provide the support network needed for the 2009 National Convention. Many great plans are in the works. Don't forget to try and bring a guest to the meeting so they can get a FREE daylily...if they become an AHS member they will get a second FREE daylily. Dan Hansen and Chris Rogers are to be thanked for this terrific idea and the extremely generous donation of plants.



Sunbelt's Holiday Party, complete with party hats, was held at David Lamb and Randy Allman's beautiful home

The annual holiday party was absolutely spectacular. It was hosted at the home of David Lamb and Randy Allman in Sanford. The turkeys served up deep-fried by our own president, Richard Page. Everyone brought a delicious dish to share. Donations were accepted for the local pet shelters and food banks. Finally, there

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was a hilarious white elephant exchange of unusual gifts. Many special thanks to our most gracious hosts for such a wonderful event.

The club is looking forward to a great show on Sunday May 21st at the Sanford Civic Center. Look forward to seeing you there!

— Richard Page

Suwannee Valley Daylily Society

After a fun time at our Christmas party, we started the year with one of the most all inclusive daylily programs that we have had in a long time. Dan Trimmer spoke to our club and talked about everything from A to Z concerning daylilies. Every growing technique that we needed to know about, he told us how he did it. Of course we can't grow daylilies like Dan but if we wanted to, he told us how. This should transfer into better grown daylilies in our club. We have excellent growers already.

Our club members have been wanting more information on what other club members are doing concerning fertilization, soil preparation, ph, rust control and control of daylily pests. A discussion of these topics took place at our February meeting. Most members shared their knowledge and got their questions answered as well. This meeting and the one Dan presented should have covered the topics thoroughly.

Gene Perry has returned to our club and is going to be our Show Chairman for 2006. He is going full steam ahead in preparing for the show. Saturday, May 27 is the date and it will be held in the Lake City Mall where we have held all shows since we started as a club. Come on and join us. Bring some show entries.

— Ottis Houston



Tallahassee Daylily Society

The Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society has had a busy year. The club voted to change the official name to the Tallahassee Daylily Society and the paper work has been filed to do so. We've had a fantastic slate of guest speakers. September was Don Eller of Eller's Sunshine Garden in Leesburg, Georgia; October we had John Kinnebrew of Scottsmoor; November we had a holiday party with lots of good food, door prizes and played a "Dirty Santa" Chinese Auction game. January guest speaker was Dan Trimmer and in February we had Ludlow Lambertson of Art Gallery Gardens in Lake Helen. At each meeting we had a great plant auction and fantastic refreshments.



Ludlow Lambertson wows the Tallahassee Daylily Society with slides of his newest introductions

The club also voted to obtain a new barricade for the flower show. The committee was lead by Hayes Green. Hayes and Joe Agosta did a fantastic job designing the new barricade and assembling it. It will be a nice addition to the flower show.

The March guest speaker will give a program on how to take good pictures in the garden.

Our April meeting is devoted to getting ready for the show. The Tallahassee Hemerocallis Society's flower show will be May 21, 2006 at the Tallahassee Mall from 1:00-5:00 pm. Plant sale begins at 10:00 am.

— Sharon Agosta

Daylily Clubs in Region 12

Bay Area Daylily Society

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Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785
(727) 595-5991

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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

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Note: Meets at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month January-June at the Walton Cty Extension Service, DeFuniak Springs.

Daylily Society of the Palm Beaches

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

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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 Daylily Society

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Note: Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month at the West Florida Regional Library, Pensacola.

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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.

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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 Daylily Society

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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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