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# From the Region 10 Board Member

The American Hemerocallis Society Board of Directors meeting was held in Columbus, Ohio, in conjunction with the AHS National Convention. Before getting into my report, the Metropolitan Columbus Daylily Society asked me to be a bus captain. It was a wonderful experience!

Sales of Landscaping with Daylilies have exceeded expectations. As of the Summer Board meeting, we had hit 104% of our expected target for the year. We are offering a special deal for small clubs that cannot reach the ten book minimum order. Please refer to the AHS Bookstore on the Portal for ordering information. There are many outstanding pictures of Region 10 gardens in the book.

A minor change was made in the Popularity Poll. The results will be dated for the year in which the ballots are cast instead of a year ahead.

On the recommendation of the Marketing Committee, AHS hired Charlie Dorsey to create a promotional video showcasing the benefits of membership in the Society for YouTube earlier in the year. Here's the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idehlULGsC4>. Or you can go to YouTube and type "daylilies" in the search box. It will take you to all the daylily videos on the site. This is a fabulous, professional production and has had nearly 4,800



views. If you have a website, why not consider linking the video? It's a great way to promote the Society and membership in AHS.

Speaking of membership, please consider gifting a membership to AHS to a relative or friend. The growth and health of the Society depends upon retaining old members and attracting new members.

I hope to see everyone at the Region 10 Mid-Winter Symposium to be held in Nashville the weekend of 18-20 January 2013. Looks like another outstanding program!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding AHS, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. If I don't know the answer, I will do my best to get an answer. I'm an early to bed, early to rise kind of person (hint: if you call and wake me up at night I promise to be cranky, but will be very kind and chatty early in the morning!). My contact information is listed on this page.

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Three Years.....	83.00
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Sustaining.....	65.00
Individual Life.....	500.00
Dual Life.....	750.00

# From the Regional President

I can't believe that the first day of autumn is already here. I'm still busier than ever creating new garden beds and moving plants around. But the summer flew by and it's partially because of all the daylily events that took place. After a stranger than strange spring, daylilies began blooming about two to three weeks ahead of schedule and threw all the AHS shows and scheduled conferences into a panic. How can you have a daylily show without daylilies? But because of the diversity of daylilies, many late blooming cultivars were blooming and daylily fanatics were able to view flowers blooming that normally are not open in time for the shows and meetings. That just proves there's a silver lining to every cloud !! The Region 10 AHS Meeting in Chattanooga, TN and hosted by the Tennessee Valley Club on June 8, 9 was a huge success. It was quickly apparent after the conference started that hours of planning had gone into the meeting as all the scheduled events took place just like clockwork. And if they didn't, it certainly was a well-kept secret from the meeting participants. Thanks to Jane Dixon and the Tennessee Valley Daylily Society for a wonderful meeting. And Jane, now that we have discovered your talents as an auctioneer, you will NOT be forgotten. I wanted to thank all of you who donated plants to the auction for the summer meeting – It has been a long time since I have seen so many plants donated that the auction had to take place on TWO nights. I cannot thank everyone enough for being so supportive of the region in this manner.

About the time the Chattanooga meeting was ending, results of the club shows started appearing on my Facebook page. Thanks to social media, I knew almost the same time as the show winners did of their awards and often had pictures posted on Facebook. Never let it be said that daylily enthusiasts are not passionate about their hobby. All the Facebook activity seemed to crescendo just after the National Convention which was held in Columbus, Ohio on July 11-14. I was able to attend the conference and must say that the gardens were spectacular in spite of the dry weather. Within hours of the conference ending, hundreds of pictures and comments started appearing on my Facebook page. I'm sure it was at that point that probably most of my non-gardening Facebook friends decided to

unfriend me. But regardless, apparently everyone seemed to be in agreement that the national convention was one not to be forgotten.

On another note, please encourage your clubs to have flower shows and members to sign up for the judges' training classes. We only had three clubs that had flower shows this past summer, and participants in the judges' classes have been dramatically reduced recently. These activities are both essential to Region 10 and AHS for the recruitment of new members and continued growth. I would like to end with reminding everyone that even though the season may be ending, there is still something to look forward to - the 2013 Mid-Winter Symposium. Thanks to Lee Pickles and David Kirchoff, the speakers are already lined up and the program schedule completed. The registration form and program are available on the AHS website portal for Region 10, the Region 10 website, and the AHS website. Being held again at the Hotel Preston in Nashville, TN, the dates are January 18-20, 2013. Thankfully,

Doris Stonska has once again agreed to chair the auction plants. She does such a wonderful job of soliciting auction plants – I hope everyone responds to her request if at all possible. All proceeds of the auction go to support Region 10 and publication of the regional newsletter. I hope to see everyone there!!



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# From the Regional Publicity Director

Greetings to my fellow Region 10 members. In spite of a very unusual and at times trying growing season, this has been a most inspirational one. The summer meeting and tour put on by the Tennessee Valley Daylily Society was fantastic in every way –

the gardens were fabulous and the club did a wonderful job of organizing and making us all feel at home. Thanks again to all of you who worked so hard to make this tour a smash hit! And in spite of the worst drought in Ohio's recorded history, the National tour in Columbus has been touted as one of the best ever. I was amazed to see how beautiful those gardens were and realized how much work went into all that preparation. I came back home very inspired by what I saw. I am learning that our hobby of gardening brings with it lessons of patience, acceptance and many moments of great delight. Also, hearty congratulations to Janice Wood for winning a newsletter award in Columbus for her Appeal article "The Early Hybridizers of Region 10". Debbie Monbeck also deserves a round of applause for winning the top prize in this year's AHS photography contest in the artistic division. We are so proud of you both!

I am happy to announce the results of this year's Region 10 Popularity Poll. I would like to send a big thank you to everyone who sent in their ballot. This is such a great way for all of us to find varieties that are top performers in our area. And I am happy to say that 24% of our region 10 members voted this year. That is wonderful but next year I am going to try some things to raise that vote count. The complete list of daylilies that received votes can be found on the AHS website but here are the most popular:

Primal Scream	44
Red Volunteer	27
Peggy Jeffcoat	26
Webster's Pink Wonder	25
Stolen Treasure	21
All American Chief	20
Victorian Lace	20
Julie Newmar	19
Beautiful Edgings	17
Mary's Gold	17
Orange Velvet	17
Big Kiss	16
Hillbilly Heart	16
Ruby Spider	16
Wispy Rays	16
Bela Lugosi	15
Lavender Blue Baby	15

The next big event coming up in our region is the Mid-Winter Symposium January 18-20 2013 at the Hotel

Preston in Nashville, TN. The registration form and event schedule are included in this issue. I have to tell you that I am very excited about the speakers who will be presenting programs this year. I hope you will all make plans to attend. You will be amazed at how much fun you will have, how much you will learn and how many new friends you will make.

And looking ahead, I would like to invite you all to come to Kingsport next summer for the 2013 Region 10 meeting "GATHER AT THE MEADOW". Keep the weekend of June 21 – 23, 2013 open and join us at the beautiful Meadowview Resort and Convention Center at the foot of Bays Mountain.

More information about the gardens will be in the Spring Issue of the Appeal.

If you are not lucky enough to live near a local daylily club and WISHED someone would start one, there is an article in this issue just for you! Leslie Redmond Nolan and Pat Wessling from Massachusetts used to drive great distances to attend meetings at their nearest club and decided to start one of their own. They have written about the experience for our Appeal. So if you have the same longings for a "club of your own" think about starting one. You will get some good ideas and tips from their feature. It is so much more fun to visit gardens with fellow enthusiasts. You can start small and "grow" from there!

In closing I would like to wish you all a warm and safe winter season. Why not spend a little time and write an article for the Appeal? We would love to hear about your hybridizing program, your commercial garden or your gardening practices. We would also love to hear about that really interesting club member or neighbor who grows daylilies too. And we also love including photos of Region 10 daylily cultivars with our articles. Anything you think is interesting I am sure we would love to hear about.

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# From the Newsletter Editors

The adventure continues in the production of the Region 10 newsletter. Will Coltharp is serving as general editor, with Susan Okrasinski serving as content editor, Jack Alexander serving as layout editor, and Sandra Merritt as proofreader. Especially in a volunteer organization, everyone doing a part is a great way to accomplish a goal without anyone feeling burned out.

As a reminder, the past two issues of *The Daylily Appeal* have been posted to the Region 10 section of the AHS portal. So if you lose or misplace your copy but you remember that there was some great information that you need, you can just sign in to the AHS portal and retrieve the information. Not familiar with the portal? Well, look inside. The ombudsman has written some very helpful information to make it easier and less intimidating.

With this issue, you will get a review of the tour gardens we visited for the Regional Meeting hosted by the Tennessee Valley Daylily Society in Chattanooga. Also included are results from the flower shows in the region and pictures from the National Meeting held

in Columbus, OH. This issue also features some great gardens and the interesting pathways (pardon the pun) that brought these gardens to life. Also, you will find a great article on starting a club from scratch, fun stories, and club reports.

As editors, we continue to learn with each issue. One of the lessons learned this year is that sometimes life has a way of putting the joy of daylilies in perspective. Being able to grow and enjoy such versatile flowers is a gift for which we should all be grateful.



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Will Coltharp, Susan Okrasinski, Jack Alexander, Sandra Merritt

## Editors' Note:

In the Spring/Summer 2012 edition of *The Daylily Appeal*, Stephen Smith's name was incorrectly spelled in the article recapping the speakers of the 2012 Mid-Winter Symposium. We apologize for the error.

## *The Daylily Appeal* Guidelines

### What to submit

- Photographs
- Club news and events
- Articles on daylilies and daylily culture
- Non-commercial profiles on Region 10 hybridizers
- Garden write-ups

All submissions will be edited for length, grammar, clarity, and style. This is a generally accepted practice in publishing and is used to ensure the highest possible quality in our publication.

### How to submit

If possible, please send material via e-mail. Copy should be sent as a file attachment in Word or pasted into the body of the email. However, if you feel uncomfortable using that method, mail a copy. Digital images are preferred over photographs and slides. Please observe deadlines as published, these are necessary to get the newsletter out in a timely manner.

The Twenty-Third Presentation of the AHS Region 10  
**Mid-Winter Symposium**  
 January 18 - 20, 2013  
 Hotel Preston - Nashville, TN

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2013**

- 10:30 am **Garden Judges Workshop I**  
 12:00 pm **Exhibition Judges Clinic 1**  
 12:00 pm **Exhibition Judges Refresher Clinic**  
 2:00 pm **Wineception and Internet Robin Social**  
 Chris Schardein, Kentucky  
 5:00 pm **Build Your Own Sandwich Buffet**  
 Included  
 6:15 pm **Welcome to Region 10 and the MWS**  
 Will "Bud" Coltharp - Regional President  
 6:30 pm **Region 10 Hybridizers:**  
 Rachel Steidl, Tennessee  
 Mort Morss, Kentucky  
 Lee Pickles, Tennessee  
 7:30 pm **Region 1 - The Gardens of Today**  
 Don Lovell, Nan Ripley, Iowa  
 8:15 pm **The O.D.D. Gardeners - Problems and Solutions**  
 Cindy and Ken Dye, North Carolina  
 9:00 pm **Hospitality**

- 9:00 am **What You Always Wanted to Know About Registration But Were Afraid to Ask**  
 Kevin Walek, Virginia  
 9:45 am **To Everything There is a Season**  
 Bobbie Brooks, Massachusetts  
 10:30 am **Stretch Break**  
 11:00 am **2013 Introductions/Futures**  
 Jay Turman - Tennessee  
 12:00 pm **Adjourn**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2013**

- 8:30 am **Greetings from the AHS**  
 Rich Rosen - Region 10 Director, Kentucky  
 8:45 am **Hosta: How to Know What to Grow**  
 Kevin Walek, Virginia  
 9:30 am **Holley Hybridizing Hints**  
 Bonnie Holley, California  
 10:15 am **Stretch Break**  
 10:30 am **BEDFELLOWS: Not Always Strange**  
 Bobbie Brooks, Massachusetts  
 11:15 am **Space, the Final Frontier**  
 Curt Hanson, Ohio  
**Noon LUNCH ON YOUR OWN**  
 1:30 pm **In Search of the Illusive Blue Daylily**  
 Dr. Jonathan Poulton, Iowa  
 2:30 pm **The Hybridizing Programs of:**  
 Don Lovell, Iowa  
 Stan and Bonnie Holley, California  
 Nan Ripley, Iowa  
 3:30 pm **Stretch Break**  
 4:30 pm **Panel Discussion**  
 David Kirchhoff, Moderator, Kentucky  
 5:00 pm **Region 10 Business Meeting**  
 Will "Bud" Coltharp, Region 10 President  
 6:00 pm **Cash Bar**  
 7:00 pm **Plated Dinner (Included)**  
 8:00 pm **Daylily Auction**  
 9:30 pm **Hospitality**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2013**

- 8:30 am **Invitation to Attend the 2013 National Convention in Minneapolis, MN**  
 Nan Ripley, Iowa  
 8:45 am **Invitation to Attend the 2013 Region 10 Meeting in Kingsport, TN**  
 Susan Okrasinski, RPD, Tennessee

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 before January 1, 2013  
 Be sure to mention **American Daylily Society** for hotel discount.

**Registration Form**

**Twenty-Third Annual Mid-Winter Symposium  
 January 18 - 20, 2013**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

(Names of others included in fee)

**FEE - \$120 per person - Youth Member \$90**  
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# Region 10 Summer Meeting: Garden Tour Reports

## Keiths' Garden

By Brenda Macy – Elizabethtown, KY

Early Saturday morning, attendees eagerly boarded the buses and headed out for the first garden of the day owned by Rick and Rhonda Keith in Chickamauga, Georgia. Located in a valley outside of town, the Keiths have a magnificent, unobstructed view of the towering presence of Lookout Mountain from their front garden. The Keiths' horses came to the fence to greet everyone as we exited the busses.

And what a beautifully maintained and immaculate garden it is! The numerous island beds were artistically designed with many hydrangea, roses, and shrubs to accent the daylilies. Strategically placed arbors, benches, and chairs gave the garden visitor many angles from which to sit and view the garden.



Visitors enjoy a close-up view of the the Keiths' garden (photo by Debbie Monbeck)

The center of the front garden had an enormous circular bed with a wrought-iron gazebo in its center. Toward the front of the property a bed made a long sweeping curve on either side of a gazebo. An unregistered daylily hybridized by Hazel Dougherty was planted in this bed and garnered much admiring comment.

A favorite bed of mine had a lovely pond with a footbridge crossing it. This large bed is anchored by a birch tree with mature clumps of daylilies set off by

a multitude of perennials and annuals. Strategically placed bird statuary completed the look.

Rick has been hybridizing for several years. A circular bed at the back of the house contained all of his



*H. 'Rick's Morning Star'* (Keith, 2012) (photo by Debbie Monbeck)

introductions including *Hemerocallis* 'Rick's Morning Star' (Keith 2012) a full-formed yellow with red eye and edge and *H. 'Cherokee Memories'* (Keith 2012) a pale yellow with reddish eye and edge with rolled back petal and sepals.

Among their collection of daylilies were many by Region 10 hybridizers including Hazel and Everett Dougherty, Lee Pickles, Bill Oakes, and Jeff and Jackie Pryor. In addition to a wonderful collection of modern and historic daylilies, they grow an outstanding hosta collection.

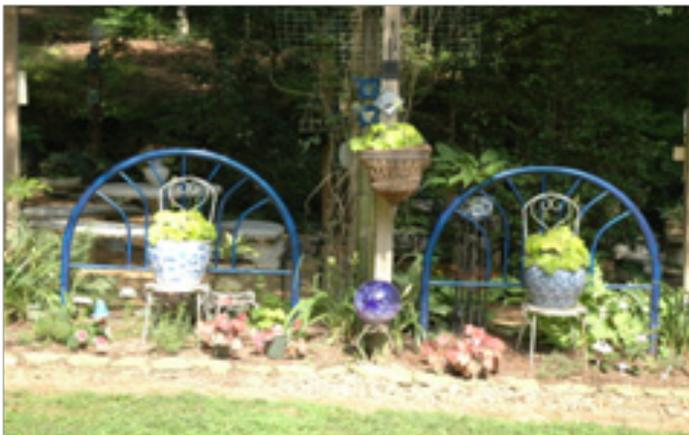
Rick and Rhonda's garden was not just a collection of daylilies. It is the garden of true plantsmen and was the perfect beginning to a wonderful day of garden tours.

## Bethlehem Gardens: Ruby Sunday

By Rebecca Hall – Kingsport, TN

After traveling along I-75 dotted with Civil War historical sites, the bus turned into the seven-acre garden of Ruby Sunday, sending her black cat scurrying across the yard. What a treat this garden proved to be! My first impression on arrival was the wooden fence with the gigantic cobalt-blue ceramic pottery. This was just a hint of the art and beauty to come. Five water features are situated throughout the garden in the forms of fountains and flowing streams. Mirrors were strategically placed to reflect the surrounding beauty. Archways and benches invited visitors to enter and relax and stay awhile – but no time for that as there was much to see before the bus whistle sounded.

Ruby had a beautiful collection of shade-dish gardens in the wooded area. Noted were large urns of magnificent hostas, plants hanging from shepherd hooks, an antique pitcher/bowl planting, pots of vibrant red gerbera



*Sunday's gardens are full of whimsical uses of blue/green color combinations (photo by Will Coltharp)*

daisies, variegated ivy, ferns, elephant ears, and much more. Golden Seal with its red berries and bright green foliage was especially striking. Ruby's collection of small hostas planted in intense blue containers was beautiful. I loved this use of nature's blue/green color combination. It just cannot be improved upon, in my opinion. The garden art, particularly the many colorful mushroom stakes, was beautiful.

Other garden features noted on this too-short visit

were the specimen conifer bed, iris encircling the beautiful stone fountain, the "hens & chicks" succulent bed, and coral bells all lined out in a row. The purple and white gladiolas as well as the lisianthus were great companion plants to the daylilies. Well, speaking of daylilies, let me move on...

Lining the front of Ruby's house was a landscape bed of all-yellow daylilies – *H.* 'Frozen Jade'. Other impressive daylilies blooming for the tour were *H.* 'Mimosa Umbrella', *H.* 'Snowflake Empress', *H.* 'Skinwalker', and the ever-impressive *H.* 'Rocket Booster'. A popular Region 10 daylily showing off for us at Ruby's garden, as well as almost every garden on tour, was *H.* 'Red Volunteer'. Her clump of *H.* 'Primal Scream' was in full bloom along one of the water features. I was moved to see a clump of Hudson Valley, which I will keep forever in my collection due to its beauty and personal sentimental connections.

Finally, before departing, I had a brief opportunity to speak with our gracious hostess. Ruby shared with me that during her 32-year marriage, her late husband had run errands, done grocery shopping, etc., to free up Ruby for her gardening passion which she has continued in the eleven years since his passing. Now, the dogs are resting politely on the porch and her black cat has relaxed, no longer disturbed by us visitors. As we



*Bethlehem Gardens features an interweaving of structure, art, daylilies and other plants.(photo by Will Coltharp)*

drove away, I made a mental picture of the creek flowing among the magnificent trees standing tall behind the wood property fence lined with colorful zinnias.



*Bill Maryott, Keynote Speaker for 2012 Region 10 Meeting, in Bethlehem Gardens (photo by Debbie Monbeck)*

How true are the words on one of the many inspirational plaques in Ruby's garden: "Little do we realize that the glory and the power of he who made the universe lies hidden in a flower." (Helen Steiner Rice)

## Delano Daylilies: Steve & Karen Newman

By Janice Wood – Memphis, TN

The buses arrived at Delano Daylilies greeted by a large shady picnic pavillion fronted by beds of perennials and ornamental grasses and a small version of the Statue of Liberty as a decorative light. The buses pulled around the side and we could see multiple



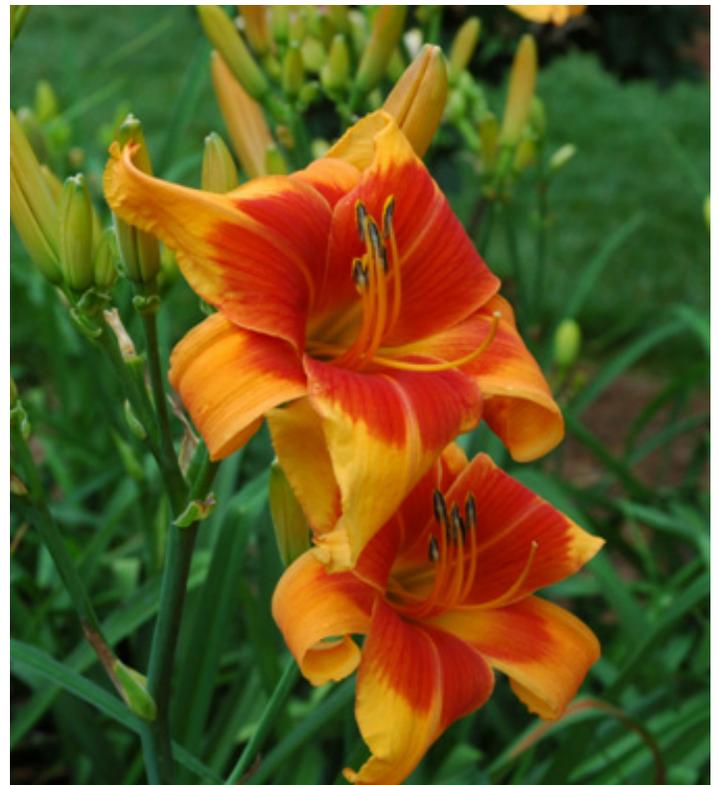
*Region 10 Hybridizer Bed at Delano Daylilies  
(photo by Debbie Monbeck)*

beds spread out across the property and shade houses beyond that. A plaque on the side of the picnic pavillion showed an angel saying "An hour in the gardens puts life's problems in perspective". How true. On my way to lunch, I was distracted by a bed dedicated to the daylilies of Denver Scott, which had baseball themed names. There was lovely double *H. 'Hot Grounder'*, autumn colored *H. 'Squeeze Play'*, dark red *H. 'Game of Chance'*, and others. Lunch was delicious and followed by homemade ice cream in several flavors. I next found my way to a large bed filled with introductions by Region 10 hybridizers that were grown to perfection and were breath-taking. Large clumps of Everett Dougherty's dark red *H. 'Good Welcome'*, *H. 'Easter Holiday'*

and *H. 'Backdraft'* were standouts. I continued on to the shade houses and beyond to a large bed of Geraldine Couturier's daylilies. These included *H. 'Karen Newman'* (named for our hostess), *H. 'Flim Flam Man'* and huge *H. 'Vulcanus'*. An 11' bloom of Terah George's *H. 'Orange Pineapple Twizzler'* had daylily lovers about to fight over the last 2 fans. There was a lovely clump of *H. 'Tennessee Tan'* (Trotter 1959).

For several years the Newmans have had the southern test beds of the Morrrys' Canadian bred daylilies. There were beds of introductions and seedlings that looked to be doing very well in East Tennessee and had lovely faces also. The Morrrys generously gave plants of their introductions to all the attendees. Lanny Morry was also present to enjoy the tour gardens with us. There were a number of plants of Melanie Mason that seemed perfectly happy also down south, including one that I love the name of *H. 'G. Willikers'*.

Then the hard work began, to try to pick one clump of the many Region 10 hybridizer daylilies for the Regional President's Cup. It was almost too hard to do. Dougherty's *H. 'Backdraft'* was the eventual winner.



*H. 'Backdraft' (Dougherty-H, 1997) Winner of the Regional President's Cup (photo by Susan Okrasinski)*

## Cabin Hill Gardens: James and Faye Colbach

By Elizabeth Trotter – Georgetown, KY

Our last stop of the day was at Cabin Hill Gardens in Athens, Tennessee, home of J.R. and Faye Colboch. Situated on 6 acres, the front section of the garden is visible from the road. A charming series of garden beds filled with daylilies and other perennials, the



Entrance to Cabin Hill Gardens surrounded by mass planting of daylilies (Photo by Elizabeth Trotter)

garden is accented with unique touches, including a windmill, bird houses, gazing balls, a three-tiered fountain, and more. Benches are placed so one can rest for a moment and enjoy the daylilies and other

flowers in bloom.

Heading toward the house, we were greeted by J.R. and Faye, and directed to a table filled with a generous assortment of refreshments. After lingering a while to visit with our hosts, we noticed there was a whole other section of the garden, accessed by a wooden foot bridge through the woods. After passing through a small ravine, we came into a sunny area on top of a hill with daylilies as far as we could see. This is where they grow several



J.R. and Faye Colbach awaiting garden visitors

(Photo by Elizabeth Trotter)

thousand seedlings, J.R. concentrating on tetraploids, and Faye

on diploids. She likes the smaller flowers, and he likes them large. J.R. admitted, "We spend more than we make" on the daylilies. What a familiar refrain!

When the whistle blew and it was time to board the bus, we were all tired but happy after an entire day spent enjoying the beautiful gardens on tour and experiencing true Southern hospitality.

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# Elohim Gardens

## The Gardens of Phil and Carol Sims

By Carol Sims

The story of our garden stretches back over the past 50 years. Phil is the gifted gardener in our family and has had a passion for gardening since childhood. When it comes to growing plants and building a garden, Phil is the one with expertise, and I'm the one who enjoys the results. Phil's love of gardening began when he was just a child. When Phil was a youngster, he read a book about Luther Burbank. This was the catalyst that first spurred his interest in gardening and hybridizing. This interest was further fueled by family and neighbors who were also avid gardeners. Phil's uncle, R.H. Pat Davis, was a well-known West Tennessee rose grower and exhibitor. A neighbor and family friend, Randall Vann, grew camellias and exotics. Phil visited both gardens frequently and learned everything he could from these gardening mentors. After high school and while in the Navy, Phil continued to learn as much as he could about gardening and gardens. No matter where he was stationed, he made it a point to find the gardens of the city and visit them. This practice of visiting gardens continued throughout his working life. Whether working for Flying Tiger Line or Paine Webber, Phil would explore the gardens in each city he visited. Because of the travel his job required, he had the opportunity to explore gardens all over the globe. At home, Phil spent his leisure time creating and working in his own garden, grafting and hybridizing, or researching and studying plants of all kinds. While living in California, Phil raised and hybridized camellias, various kinds of fruits and was a founder of the South Coast Camellia Society. As Phil researched and studied catalogues, he found the daylilies of Gilbert Wild and began his daylily hybridizing program, registering his first daylily "Elohim" in 1980. Phil was led to use this name for his registrations and garden after much thought and prayer. "Elohim" is the Hebrew name for "God the Creator." Although gardeners lend a helping hand in the hybridizing of flowers, we believe that any of the results are not ours to claim. We can plan and dream, and maybe even tell the flower what we would like to see come from the cross, which Phil does, but the end results are always out of our hands. Our garden name, along with our garden motto "To God Be the Glory," is our way of giving thanks for the flowers that Elohim, God the Creator, births in our garden.

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If you check the daylily database and look for our registrations, you will see that there is a large gap between Phil's first registration of H. Elohim in 1980 and the rest of

our flowers. After Phil's first registration, he began selling his seedlings to local nurseries for landscaping. Then, Phil's first wife, Linda Ingram Sims, became gravely ill with Lymphoma cancer. Since her family lived in Iowa, Phil, Linda, and their two daughters moved to Dallas Center, a small town outside of Des Moines, so that Linda could spend time with her mother and sisters. Phil made a dramatic career change as he left his job of 20 years as an airline inspector for Flying Tiger Line and transitioned to a new career as an Investment Executive at PaineWebber. He imported a few of his California daylilies to his new home and immediately began the task of building his Iowa garden. Phil and Linda planted over 400 apple trees along with several hundred daylilies and other trees and shrubs.

However, Linda's condition continued to worsen, and she passed away in the spring of 1985.

Time passed. Gardening and daylilies were somewhat on a back burner, although Phil did become an AHS lifetime member in 1986 and continued adding daylilies to his Iowa garden. However, with over four hundred apple trees, the garden was too much for one person. Phil needed a helper and prayed that God would send him someone. The next day was a Sunday, and Phil attended church services as usual.

That was the morning I walked into his church as a

first time visitor. The rest is history.

When I first started dating Phil, he shared with me that when he retired, he was moving back to Jackson, TN, to live in one of the Sims family homes. In 1999, Phil retired after twenty years with PaineWebber, sold his accounts and our acreage outside of Des Moines and relocated to Jackson. Once there, Phil began the process of creating yet another garden, and worked tirelessly to turn a desolate front and back yard into a flower garden. Phil began to beautify the yard by adding grass, crape myrtles, flowering shrubs, roses, hydrangeas, and his favorite camellias, along with daylilies. Although we had grown hundreds of daylilies in Iowa, only a few of his favorite ones came along to West Tennessee. Phil's goal for retirement was that he would be able to dedicate most of his time to his two sons, his garden and his daylily hybridizing. Phil began to rebuild his hybridizing program from scratch, searching tirelessly through daylily catalogues and the Lily Auction site for his breeding stock. He began planting his new acquisitions with just a few raised beds around the perimeter of our back yard, but soon the "play area" our sons enjoyed was swallowed up completely as one flower bed turned into twelve. The daylily portion of our garden grew



Phil Sims in Elohim Gardens (photo by Carol Sims)

larger and larger.

All too soon, the space in our own back yard was gone. We began to wonder where we could plant additional daylilies. The yard of the property to the east of us was barren, and we asked the owner if she would consider selling a portion of her back yard to us so that we could expand our garden. Although she refused to sell just the back yard, family issues required that she sell her entire property. We were blessed that she offered us the opportunity to buy her home, giving us the daylily planting space we were looking for. Much to our sons' chagrin, this neighbor's backyard which they were using as their "football field" gradually became our "east seedling beds." Another barren yard was transformed. In addition to daylilies, Phil planted apple, peach, pear, and plum trees, top working as many as six different varieties per tree. With all the extra space, our hybridizing program was off and running again. In 2006, twenty six years after the registration of "Elohim", we began registering the first flowers grown in Elohim Garden. These registrations included *H. Linda Ingram Sims* and the first registrations of flowers named after our garden in our "Elohim" series.

These first registrations typify Phil's initial hybridizing goals of large, full-form bagel type tets, ornate edges, and multi-edged/interesting eyed flowers, along with unique colors. Since then, our hybridizing goals have become more eclectic, since Phil and I have very different taste. We still focus on tets only, and both of us have very specific goals in mind when we make our crosses. Our hybridizing goals are quite different, however. Phil focuses mainly on large bagel type flowers and is working to increase size with a goal of wide petals and sepals. He is hybridizing for eyed flowers along with heavily ruffled, ornate multi-edged flowers with strong well branched scapes. In terms of color, he is working on the reds (although I sometimes hit *H. 'Insider Trading'* before he gets there), pinks, whites, yellows, and flowers with contrasting



*H. 'Linda Ingram Sims'* (photo by Carol Sims)



*A Sea of Colorful Daylilies*

eyes. I love the purples, near blacks, oranges, brown, and blue-eyed flowers, fancy edges of any kind, and any kind of form. Phil has been doing most of the hybridizing with doubles and true spiders, while both of us make crosses with the unusual forms. When it comes to how we select what we cross, we also differ. Phil, like Tommy Maddox, believes in putting the best flower pollen of the day on everything in the garden. I, on the other hand, tend to think about specific crosses and work with these flowers only. Phil pollinates just about everything in garden with his favorite flowers, while I have specific pod parents that I like to work with and use consistently. (I make certain I get these pollinated before Phil goes around with his pollen. LOL) The result is a wide variety of forms and colors. Our seedlings show this wide range of shapes, colors, and forms because we tend to be "all over the place" in these hybridizing choices and also in the selection of new breeding stock. I purchase plants that Phil would never buy (sometimes to his dismay, but he usually comes around), and he buys things that I would never buy. Together, our flowers make an interesting mix.

In the last two years, we have again been faced with the problem of space. We never destroy any seedlings, although we have donated many to local churches and schools for landscaping. We also sell them and have open gardens and seedling sales annually. We were trying to come up with a creative way to plant our newest acquisitions and seeds when Mother Nature solved the problem. Last spring, a straight line wind went through our neighborhood and uprooted many trees. One of the neighbor's trees, a very old large maple, destroyed the south area of our yard. The tree leveled one of our storage sheds, and destroyed all of our blueberry bushes, fence, and several larger shrubs and trees. This turned out to be a blessing in disguise as it opened up a nice, new daylily planting area. Then, a few months later, a second storm with eighty mile per hour straight winds went through our area of Jackson. Although one tree did land on my car, our damage was minimal. However, several homes on our block were completely destroyed. One of these houses belonged to our next door neighbor to the west. Several months before this storm, the owner of the house had gone into the hospital for a routine procedure but unexpectedly passed away after contracting an infection. Her children had been left with her property. We talked with them to let them know that if

they ever wanted to sell the property, we would like to buy it as we wanted to expand our garden. Shortly after our conversation, the storm hit, and they were left with a home that had been totaled by an enormous elm tree. Although their insurance paid off the mortgage, there was no extra money to make the needed repairs, demolition, or removal of debris. The owners asked us if we wanted to buy this property “as is.” We jumped at the opportunity to purchase it and expanded our garden.

Our first task was to uncover the house by removing the tree, finish the demolition, and remove the debris. Our twenty-three year old son and his friends had a great time hooking up steel cable to our pickup truck and pulling down the walls of the house. We cleaned out as much debris as we could, and then hired a professional to remove what we couldn't do ourselves. We have now completely removed the damaged house, 16 trees, the old fencing, 7 storage buildings, and have cleared the lot completely, leaving only the slab of the original house. We have another barren yard we can beautify with daylilies. Our “west garden” is a work in progress, but we have installed new perimeter fences and have begun planting flowering trees and several varieties of shrubs. We plan to add a gazebo for shade and other seating areas this fall. We have just begun planting some of the daylilies hybridized by our dear friend, the late Richard T. Burke. Phil and Richard always enjoyed talking about flowers, crosses, and new breeding stock acquisitions at our West Tennessee Daylily Society Club meetings. We have been blessed to acquire several of Richard's seedlings, registrations, and breeding stock plants. We are excited and thankful to have more of his beautiful flowers in our garden. His work with teeth and blue eyes adds a new dimension to our hybridizing program. Richard's wife Deloris has given us permission to register Richard's seedlings, and we are honored to do so. We will register Richard's flowers for him, using his name as the sole hybridizer (if AHS allows) and under his garden handle of Ken-Ten. We loved Richard deeply, and we miss him greatly. We are grateful to have his flowers in our garden and are honored to share a part of his legacy.

We do indeed feel richly blessed, not only because of the growth of our garden and hybridizing program, but also because of the access we have to the incredible cultivars hybridized by talented daylily enthusiasts like Richard and other hybridizers across this land. We would have no flowers worthy of registration without the wonderful daylilies created by the hard work and dedication of so many hybridizers. We are fortunate to be able to grow the flowers of Marsh, Munson, Webster, Gaskins, Moldovan, Norris, Trimmer, Rice, Kirchhoff, Morss, Stamile, Pierce, Harry, Carr, Grace, Maddox, Kinnebrew, Salter, Holley, Corbett, Petit, Peat, Lambertson, Buntyn, Hall, Boatright, Hanson, Brooker, Gossard, Kaskel, Gates, Maryott, E.C. Brown, Wilkerson, Agin, Mitchell, Roberts, Stennett, Boykin, Dove, Bell, Watts, LaPrise, Carter, Harding, LeFevre, Emmerich, Burke, Payne, Townsend, Pickles, Apps, and Carpenter, to name more than a few. We would like to say “thank you” to all hybridizers for the wonderful flowers you register and release. Your work has brought great beauty to the world and to our garden. We look forward to the flowers that “Elohim, God the Creator” designs from the crosses we make as we combine the beauty of your flowers with ours.



*H. 'Elohim Song of Solomon' (Sims-P.D. 2012)*  
(Photo by Carol Sims)

## **ATTENTION REGION 10 HYBRIDIZERS !!**

A list of ALL Region 10 hybridizers (from amateur to commercial) is being compiled. If you are a Region 10 hybridizer, please send your contact information—name, address, phone number, and email to our Regional Historian:

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*H. 'Elohim Choctow' (Sims 2007)*

*Unless otherwise noted, photos for this section provided by the garden owners.*

# An Idea Whose Time Has Come...

## Observations on Starting a New Daylily Club

By Pat Wessling, Leslie Redmond Nolan and Nina Lapierre

*Ever wonder what it is like to start a club from scratch? Here is a look from 3 points of view. There are some good ideas in their comments, not only about starting up a club, but ideas that could help clubs with declining membership.*

### Pat Wessling remembers the beginning -

Pat Wessling is SMDS President and the Region 4 Secretary. When asked how the idea came about, Pat said, "How many times driving along the highway to a daylily meeting 90 miles away did Leslie Redmond Nolan and I say to each other that we needed a club closer to home. Finally, as my fifth year of responsibilities as program chair drew to a close, Leslie and I had a serious conversation and we decided it was the perfect time to form a new club closer to our homes. The club would serve the South Shore of Boston, South Coast of Massachusetts, Cape Cod and Islands. This is a fertile (pardon the pun) area for garden clubs and master gardeners."

At first Pat contacted garden clubs to see if they would distribute a postcard to their membership for her. She said "We were in the infancy stage of developing a new club and looking for interested parties. Staples printed a hundred postcards which we mailed to various garden clubs and garden centers. We mailed to members of AHS that did not renew their membership or did not attend meetings due to the distance to the closest club." Leslie and Pat sat down, addressed them and mailed them out in one night. Working from a phone book and a laptop, they mailed to 78 addresses. Responses began streaming in within one week after mailing. "It surely was an idea that needed to come to fruition. Judging from the response there was clearly a need for a club in this area," said Pat.

The first meeting was held February 19, 2012 with over thirty attendees. Over a table full of amazing food prepared by the new members and lots of coffee and tea, Leslie and Pat commenced to introduce the club with 2 programs. "Daylilies 101: Everything you wanted to know about daylilies but were afraid to ask," borrowed from Heidi Douglas of Brown's Ferry Garden was presented first by Pat. Next Leslie presented her own program about starting daylily seeds. There was a successful auction of plants generously donated by Melanie Mason of North Country Daylilies and the response was very positive.

### Leslie did it for the love of daylilies -

Leslie Redmond Nolan, SMDS Vice President said, "I second all of what my friend and our esteemed President, Pat Wessling, said about starting this club. In the past, I would lament to Pat about the costs associated with attending a meeting so far away. In fuel alone it would cost the same as my yearly AHS membership each time I attended a meeting. More important than this, however, is the fact that we are "gardener-rich" along the South Coast of Massachusetts and almost none of them made the trek to the nearest daylily meetings. We perused the local garden club websites and saw pictures of daylilies, but they were mostly of Kwanso or a similar variety. We thought about how great it would be to bring the modern daylily as well as the modern-day hybridizer to these gardeners. The initial SMDS introduction postcard mailing, as well as our email and phone solicitations were very favorable and within a week we had our answer!"

"Then there's Nina! She has one of those infectious smiles and she is a person that makes you feel happy just be-

ing around her. Later, she was the editor of the Patriot Daylily Society Newsletter, The Petaloid, and it was there that I immediately saw her talent as a fabulous graphic designer. So when I heard that Nina was on board as newsletter editor, I knew it was going to be special! She has an amazing ability to produce a newsletter that is full of content, yet easy to read, and visually pleasing to look at."

Leslie said, "We are still in our infancy as a brand new club, but as our slogan says, it's "for the love of daylilies". When you have assembled a team like we have and have the support from so many wonderful and talented daylily folk, it's sure to be a success and I, for one, am having a blast being a part of it!"

### Nina's thoughts on compiling a daylily club newsletter

Nina said, "It was my pleasure to offer my services to help get SMDS off the ground. Newsletters are often considered somewhat dated in the age of Twitter and Facebook. I believe a newsletter is still an inexpensive vehicle for keeping members interested, a method to educate newcomers and also to publicize upcoming events. Your newsletter and your website are often the first contacts new members will have with your club so the more appealing visually and the more generally informative you make the two, the more welcoming you will be. Newsletters also build a sense of community. As your readership's connection grows the more likely they are to regularly attend your club meetings."

With a diverse audience of newcomers and experienced daylily growers a daylily club newsletter should be comprised of a balance of information appealing to those new to daylilies and also to experienced growers. A newsletter should be a communication that all club members look forward to receiving.

Nina commented, "If you become your club's newsletter's editor, encourage assistance from other club members. It's great to have others there to catch your errors and provide inspiration. Leslie and Pat are both talented writers and you can feel their enthusiasm for their club and for daylilies coming through their writings."

People enjoy receiving recognition and they like reading about their friends, acquaintances and the daylily names they know. I make it a point to recognize people by name in the newsletter whenever possible. It is also very important to acknowledge and thank the donors who contribute to the success of your club. Hybridizers who donate plants for auctions deserve recognition as much as the people who donate through winning auctions or writing a check. Club volunteers are often not recognized for their efforts as often as they should be. A short story in your newsletter is a great way to recognize your volunteers."

### The club has a bright future -

The consensus seems to be that to successfully start a new club you need a combination of the right people with a drive to succeed. You need committed volunteers and generous donors. You need a positive outlook. "It has been a good amount of work but a labor of love. It is all about bringing new faces into AHS which is our primary mission. I must say Daylily People are the best. Rough spots? Of course, but easily handled when you are working with great daylily people. They make it all so easy!"

# The Display Garden of Martha Chamberlain

By Elizabeth Trotter – Georgetown, KY

***Display Gardens are an important and integral part of AHS. Creating and maintaining display gardens can be quite time consuming. In appreciation of the commitment of Display Gardeners, this article recognizes one such gardener.***

Martha Chamberlain maintains her AHS Display Garden in the small town of Columbia, Kentucky. On her half-

acre lot, she grows a wide variety of over 580 daylilies, with older classics and new cultivars, along with colorful perennials to extend the bloom season.

She enjoys growing quite a few daylilies from Region 10 hybridizers.

In her front yard, a large curving bed takes up the majority of the space between her house and the road. The area is filled with dozens of daylilies and complementary plantings, such as roses, clematis, salvia, and irises. She has planted some of her most colorful and showy daylilies in this bed, since it is visible to passersby. Some of her favorites include *H.* ‘Ruckus’ (Rice-JA, 2007), *H.* ‘Fashion Police’ (Trimmer, 2005), *H.* ‘Primal Scream’ (Hanson-C., 1994), *H.* ‘Grapefruit Truffle’ (Kirchhoff-D., 2002), *H.* ‘Spice Hunter’ (Trimmer 2002), and *H.* ‘Slap Me Sassy’ (Petit 2004). When the daylilies are in bloom, people have stopped their cars to look, and talk with her if she is out working in the garden. When visitors notice her “AHS Display Garden” sign, she is happy to tell them all about daylilies, and all the advantages of belonging to the AHS as well as a local daylily club. Martha belongs to the Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society, where she is an active and valued member, serving as club reporter and parliamentarian.

For the foundation garden next to the house, Martha decided to concentrate on purple daylilies in this area, punctuated with variegated liriope to add contrast, and yellow daylilies for a pop of color. Daylilies included here are *H.* ‘Always Afternoon’ (Morss, 1987), *H.* ‘Lavender Blue Baby’ (Carpenter-J, 1996), *H.* ‘Blueberry Sundae’ (Stamile, 1997), *H.* ‘Little Grapette’ (Williamson, 1970), *H.* ‘Blue Grass Melody’ (Rice-JA, 2009), *H.* ‘So Many Rivers’ (Morss, 2004), *H.* ‘Blueberry Candy’ (Stamile, 1993), *H.* ‘Mort Morss’ (Salter, 2002), *H.* ‘Pansy Face’ (Hogg, 1951), and *H.* ‘Victorian Garden Star Bright’ (Brooker-G., 2007). Variegated boxwood form the backdrop for the flowers. A sweetbay magnolia (*Magnolia virginiana*) anchors the corner of the bed, and a large ‘Diablo’ purple ninebark

(*Physocarpus opulifolius*) complements the various shades of purple daylilies. Roses, spring flowering bulbs, and annual plantings add four-season interest to this bed.

Coming around the side of the house, one comes upon a small fish pond right off the back patio—a perfect spot to enjoy a morning cup of coffee. More daylilies surround the pond, some of which are *H.* ‘Lavender Excitement’ (Boykin, 1997), *H.* ‘Pixie Beauty’ (Williamson-Ryder, 1972), *H.* ‘Crimson Beauty’ (Dougherty, 1999), and *H.*

‘Woman at the Well’ (Emmerich, 2004), along with ornamental grasses and a Japanese maple that bends gracefully near the water.

A long, curved bed takes up much of the back yard. A mature ‘Galaxy’ magnolia is the centerpiece of the garden, covered in dark red buds which turn pink as they open. The other end of the bed has a grouping of roses arranged in a half circle around a graceful lady statue. Daylilies of all colors line the stone path from one side of the flower bed to another. *H.* ‘Dream Sequence’ (Rice-JA, 2007), *H.* ‘Ribbonette’

(Lennington-G, 1951), *H.* ‘Choo Choo Perfection’ (Pickles, 2007), *H.* ‘Green Fringe’ (Fay, 1974), *H.* ‘Signature Truffle’ (Kirchhoff-D., 2004) and *H.* ‘Heavenly Starfire’ (Gossard, 2001) are just a few of the many daylilies in this area.

Martha was honored by having a daylily named for her in 2010 by her good friends John and Annette Rice of Thoroughbred Daylilies in Paris, Kentucky. *H.* ‘Martha Chamberlain’ is featured on the back of this issue.



(Photos for this article by Elizabeth Trotter)

# In Memorium

## Martha Johnson Ireland

The East Tennessee Daylily Society lost one of its founding members this past January. Martha Johnson Ireland and her husband Hansel got involved in the early days of the Knoxville club after her retirement. Martha and her husband were active participants in many tours and daylily shows. Martha continued to faithfully attend meetings and support the East Tennessee club until the late 90's. She is fondly remembered and will be greatly missed by her club members.

## Paul Giltner

The West Tennessee Daylily Society lost one of its members in October of this year. Paul Giltner was 87 and still an active member in WTDS until earlier this year. He always kept the club straight on Roberts Rules of Order and the club by-laws. He will be greatly missed.

# Ask The Ombudsman

By Donna Peck, AHS Ombudsman

There have been many questions concerning the AHS Members Only Portal. The Portal was approved by the board and opened in early March 2011. In the last column it was explained WHY we need a Members Only Portal. If you missed that part, log on to the AHS Website and it is under Ask The Ombudsman. This column is devoted to HOW we access the Portal.

## HOW DO WE ACCESS THE MEMBERS ONLY PORTAL?

MaryAnn Pruden is the Portal Community Manager and gives some excellent advice about logging on to the Portal. Any AHS member can access the Portal by going directly to [www.daylilynetwork.org](http://www.daylilynetwork.org), or through the link on the AHS website ([www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org)) and then, look on the left hand side and click on AHS Members Portal. Julie makes a confession. "My computer has been directed to 'remember' so I don't have to type it in every time, and that makes it much easier."

If you have never signed into the Portal, your temporary username and password can be found on the Membership Card provided on the outside paper cover of the last few Daylily Journals. If you do not have your membership card, use the Contact Us form on the Portal (found in the upper left navigation area) and your log on information will be sent you.

After you enter your username and password in the designated area on the Portal, you should now have full access to all the Portal features. If after logging in, you still see the log in box, then your computer is not currently set up to allow session cookies. In basic terms, a session cookie acts like a key allowing your entry into different pages of the Portal without having to re-enter your password each time. Session cookie settings can be changed through the tools section of your web browser, i.e. Firefox, Internet Explorer, etc. If you need any help with session cookies or accessing the Portal, please use the Contact Us form and someone will help you.

The first thing you should do after logging onto the Portal for the first time is change your temporary password and username to something unique that you will remember. To do this, go to the My Profile Box on the right hand side of the Portal. Click on Manage Profile and then Edit Bio. Next to both username and Password there is a "change" link.

Click the link and easily change your log on information. At this time, please make sure that all your contact information is correct, including name, address, phone number and email. You can control how much of this information is viewable on the Portal by clicking the associated boxes. The default setting does not allow phone numbers or email to be seen unless you want it to. There is also a step-by-step available for this in the Help directly under Profile Help.

If any time you forget either your password or username, click on the Forgot Your Password? link. You will be asked for either your username or email address. If we have your correct email address on file, a link to reset your password will be sent to you. Just click on the link, reset your password, and your profile information will come up including your username. If your email address is not on file, then use the Contact Us form and we will reset your password for you.

Julie suggests that "if you haven't visited the Portal regularly and are still feeling intimidated, take a minute and scroll down to the HELP DIRECTORY and view the short Power Point tutorials. At about this time last year, I viewed these tutorials in order to learn my way around the Portal because I too felt intimidated and found them a huge help in getting started. These tutorials are designed to enhance your Portal experience and they are quite short."

You will soon be hearing of some special events and fun contests planned for Portal users, so don't hesitate. Jump right in, the water's fine!! Our former AHS President, Mary Fisher is so passionate about the Members Portal that she is serving as its General Manager in 2012. Feel free to address your question or concerns directly to her as well at [portal-generalmanager@daylilies.org](mailto:portal-generalmanager@daylilies.org).

Mary Ann says, at any time, if you have any trouble on the Portal, she also advises to please use the Contact Us form. "We normally answer the forms within a few hours and are happy to help. Enjoy the Portal."

After reading the Part 1 and Part 2 explaining our AHS Portal, I hope all of you will now log on and enjoy! There is a wealth of information that will be of interest to you, not only about daylilies, but also the AHS members. I'm open to any more discussion so email me at [ombudsman@daylilies.org](mailto:ombudsman@daylilies.org).

# What a Year In My Garden

By Bill Schardein - Louisville, KY

This has been without a doubt the most surprising year to date for me and my daylilies! I have never had too much trouble with anything except moles and voles. This year I have been tested not only by the two previous mentioned headaches, but by some things I like and can tolerate - namely deer, squirrels and rabbits.

As I moved my tomatoes closer to the house where it's easy to keep an eye on them and make sure to give them plenty of water to keep them looking nice, the squirrels must have approved of the arrangement. When the tomatoes got larger, almost baseball size and larger, I suddenly began to lose them one by one to the little pests! I don't mind sharing, but what really irked me was that they would only eat a third of the fruit and leave it on the patio table for me to take care of the remains. So, I in turn decided to take revenge! I tied grocery bags around the bottom of the tomato so that the top would get the sun and so far it has worked for now to keep the squirrels at bay.

One down and one to go. Next, I had placed all of my new seedlings in the back to watch them grow and use them for my hybridizing program. Well, needless to say, I had some nice blooms that I used for crosses, around a hundred or so on surrounding plants. I began to wait patiently for them to mature. The pods were looking great, growing larger in size every day. I walked out one morning to check on their progress and found to my surprise that they were all gone! In the blink of an eye some friendly deer made a meal out of them and other plants with crosses that surrounded the yard.

The moles and voles haven't been quite as bad this year as in the past, but they have left some tunnels in garden beds that will need to be addressed. And luckily our little Peter Rabbit has not eaten too many of the annuals in the garden as he or his cousin have done in the past. I have even trapped seven chipmunks and one skunk in the trap I set. We can only hope these guys don't come back with a vengeance next year!

Needless to say, I have learned a great lesson. Don't trust Mother Nature to feed her babies. If they can eat it, they will. I will have to do things a lot differently this next year. I only lost my time and thoughts about what the seedlings would have looked like. THAT is the great mystery!!

<b>AHS Conventions Ahead</b>	
2013	Hemerocallis Society of Minnesota July 24-27, 2013 <b>Minneapolis, MN</b>
2014	Western North Carolina Daylily Society June 25-29, 2014 <b>Asheville, NC</b>
2015	The Daylily Society of Greater Atlanta The Cobb County Daylily Society June 10-13, 2015 <b>Atlanta, GA</b>

# End of Season Garden Lament (With Apologies to Jimmy Buffett)

By Susan Okrasinski - Kingsport, TN

Nibblin' on bran flakes,  
Takin' a tea break,  
Anything but goin' out in the yard.  
Think I'll watch tv  
Maybe go to a movie  
Or to the Mall and use my bankcard.

Wastin' away again in Megaweedyville.  
Searchin' for my lost gardening gloves.



Some people claim that there's a woman to blame

And I know (dumdum dum dum dumm) it's my own darn fault.



H. 'Dream Sequence' (Rice -JA, 2007)  
(photo by John Rice)



**AMERICAN HEMEROCALLIS SOCIETY  
REGION 2 WINTER MEETING  
FEBRUARY 22 – 23 – 24, 2013  
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Blue Ash, Ohio  
Phone (513) 793-4500 - Fax (513) 793-1714**

**Featured Speakers**

Sandy Veurink (MI) New Every Morning Daylilies  
Mike Holmes (OH) Riverbend Daylily Garden  
Gail Story (IL) Nature's Edge Daylilies  
Larry Grace (AL) Graceland Gardens  
Rita Heikenfeld (OH) - Herbalist  
Jim Murphy (VA) Woodhenge Gardens  
Margo Reed (VA) Woodhenge Gardens  
Steve Williams (OH) O'Bannon Springs  
Barb Nickle (WI) Barbara's Haven  
Dan Bachman & JR Blanton 5 Years In Review

**Other Highlights**

Plant Auction (Contact Mandy McMahon)  
Round Table Discussion  
Garden Judges Workshop 1  
Exhibition Judges Workshop 1  
Digital Images of Future Introductions  
Full Breakfast Buffet Saturday and Sunday  
Grand Buffett on Saturday Evening  
Free Wireless Internet with Registration  
Hybridizer's Forum – Friday Afternoon  
Corn Hole Games for Daylily Prizes

**Registration Information**

Registration Fee: \$99.00 (After Feb 7<sup>th</sup> \$110.)  
Youth \$40.00 Anytime

Fee Includes: Full Breakfast Buffet Saturday and Sunday,  
Saturday Night Buffet and Wireless Internet

**Registrar:**

Gail Braunstein  
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*Note: Registration Form is available at the Region 2 website  
<http://region2daylily.org> Registration Packets will be available  
beginning at 3:00 P.M. on Friday February 22, 2013. A detailed  
Schedule of Events will be sent with your registration  
confirmation.*

**New Intros and Seedling Images Chairman**  
Kim McCutcheon  
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Send up to 5 intro and 5 seedling images

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\*Two \$500 Gift Certificates - Donated  
By Jim Murphy and Margo Reed -  
Woodhenge Gardens one to be given  
at end of Saturday night auction and  
one at end of session on Sunday.  
\*Must be present to win.

# A Message From Your Exhibition Judges Liaison

The Exhibition Judge's classes for Clinics I, II, and III were held on Friday, June 8, 2012 in Chattanooga, TN during the 2012 Regional Summer Meeting. Clinic I was under the experienced instruction of Gary Bunch and Debbie Smith and had one student. Clinic II was artfully prepared by Jay and Peggy Turman and assisted by Mary Ann Duncan. Clinic III, also called the Refresher Course was taught by Rich Rosen and Maurice Greene, with assistant instructors, Pat and Gail Montgomery and had three students. Master Panels for Clinic II consisted of Lorene Crone, Cullen and Sandra Merritt, Jay and Peggy Turman, and Mary Ann Duncan. Region 10 is indebted to the above instructors and Master Panels for making these clinics a success. Without their participation, the AHS shows held throughout the region would be much more difficult to hold, if not impossible.

As in years past, the next scheduled clinics will be at the 2013 Mid-Winter Symposium to be held in Nashville, Tennessee. But don't forget, special clinics can be held anytime throughout the year by individual clubs. Please contact Jack Alexander to assist with the required paperwork.

For anyone interested in becoming an Exhibition Judge, the guidelines are printed in the AHS Judging Daylilies Handbook which may be downloaded from

the AHS website: [www.daylilies.org](http://www.daylilies.org). The main criteria is that an individual must have been a AHS member for two consecutive years prior to taking Clinic I with all dues being paid by January 1 each year.

For everyone who enjoys entering the daylily shows but does not want to become an exhibition judge, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to sign up for at least Clinic I. If you don't like taking tests, you can audit the course. I think the best way to have prize winning daylilies at the daylily show is by learning the criteria that the judges are learning.

**Jack Alexander**  
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Region 10  
Annual Meeting  
And  
Garden Tours  
Rotation

2013 – Tri-Cities - June 21-23  
2014 – Lexington  
2015 – Knoxville  
2016 – Louisville (DSL)  
2017 – Memphis  
2018 – Nashville  
2019 - Jackson  
2020 – Louisville (LADS)  
2021 – Chattanooga



*Exhibition Judges Marie Seaman(KY) and Lorene Crone (TN) and Maurice Green (TN) deliberating at the MTDS Flower Show (photo by David Wilbur)*

# It's Show Time!

## The Region 10 Show Results

(Pictures of Best in Show Winners on Page 25)

### Blue Grass Hermocallis Society

Elizabeth Trotter and Rich Rosen –  
Show Chairs

#### Best Extra Large Flower

H. 'Heavenly United We Stand'  
(Gossard 2009)  
Exhibited by Brent Graham

#### Best Large Flower

H. 'Aurora's Wedding'  
(T Howard 1995)  
Exhibited by Debbie Monbeck

#### Best Small Flower

H. 'Country Bouquet' (EH Salter  
2002)  
Exhibited by Linda Donald

#### Best Miniature Flower

H. 'Little Tawny'  
(Trotter-Weber 1973)  
Exhibited by Kris & Jedy Hodge

#### Best Double

H. 'Double Daffy' (Kropf 1976)  
Exhibited by Kris & Jedy Hodge

#### Best Spider

H. 'Miss Jessie' (Hardy 1956)  
Exhibited by Nancy Stollard

#### Best Unusual Form

H. 'Mad Max' (Wilson-Schott  
1989)  
Exhibited by Kris & Jedy Hodge

#### Best Seedling

Sdlg. (David Kirchhoff)  
Exhibited by David Kirchhoff

#### Historic

H. 'Autumn Red' (Nesmith, 1941)  
Exhibited by Debbie Monbeck

#### Best in Show

H. 'Little Tawny'

#### Off-Scene

H. 'Dreamcicle Supreme' (Harry  
2007)  
Exhibited by Debbie Smith

### Dayhly Society of Louisville

Richard Porter – Show Chair

#### Best Extra Large Flower

H. 'Yazoo Elsie Hintson'  
(WH Smith 1986)  
Exhibited by Kris & Jedy Hodge

#### Best Large Flower

H. 'Broken Scarecrow'  
(Blanton 2010)  
Exhibited by Hubert Glass

#### Best Small Flower

H. 'Siloam Merle Kent'  
(P Henry 1984)  
Exhibited by Bill Gdaniec

#### Best Miniature Flower

H. 'Carousel Princess'  
(Soules 1979)  
Exhibited by Don & Claudia Wolff

#### Best Double

H. 'Dashing Double'  
(D Kirchhoff 1994)  
Exhibited by Betty Wilborn

#### Best Spider

H. 'Octavian Princess'  
(J Swanson 1996)  
Exhibited by Brenda Macy

#### Best Unusual Form

H. 'Gold Pinwheel' (Stamile 2003)  
Exhibited by Bill Schardein

#### Best Seedling

Sdlg. (Don Wolff)  
Exhibited by Don & Claudia Wolff

#### Best in Show

H. 'Octavian Princess'

#### Sweepstakes

Kris & Jedy Hodge

#### Best Flower by Region 10

**Hybridizer**  
H. 'Red Volunteer'  
(Oakes 1984)  
Exhibited by Betty Wilborn

### Middle Tennessee Dayhly Society

Jay Turman, Emily Robertson, and  
Jack Alexander – Show Chairs

#### Best Extra Large Flower

H. 'Dear Ruth' (Halliday 1980)  
Exhibited by Juanita Allinder

#### Best Large Flower

H. 'Blue Diana' (Lambert 1979)  
Exhibited by Will Coltharp

#### Best Small Flower

H. 'Rare Love' (Joiner 1986)  
Exhibited by Cullen Merritt

#### Best Miniature Flower

H. 'Peanut Butter Frenzy' (Apps  
1999)  
Exhibited by Nancy Ligon

#### Best Double

H. 'Ruby Corsage' (Stamile 2006)  
Exhibited by Rusty & Sharon Turner

#### Best Spider

H. 'Femininity' (J Reinke 2007)  
Exhibited by Will Coltharp

#### Popularity Poll

H. 'Autumn Wood' (H Dougherty  
1991)  
Exhibited by Emily Robertson

#### Best Seedling

Sdlg. (Pat Murphy)  
Exhibited by Pat Murphy

#### Virginia Peck Memorial Award

H. 'Lady Fingers' (Peck 1967)  
Exhibited by Emily Robertson

#### Best in Show

H. 'Peanut Butter Frenzy'

#### Sweepstakes

Andrew and Jean Higgins

# A Message From Your Garden Judges Liaison

On a beautiful June morning, Chris and I had the car all packed from the night before and ready to go on our trip to Chattanooga, Tennessee for the annual Region 10 meeting. Loaded with a suitcase, potted daylilies for the auction and a cooler of snacks, we headed south. Chris took the first leg since I didn't sleep much the night before, too excited I guess!! In Bowling Green, where we eat a quick breakfast, I took the wheel for the remainder of the trip.

Upon arriving we checked in at the registration table, I met up with Brenda Macy and Janice Wood. The three of us left with others to drive to Lee Pickles' garden for the Garden Judges Workshop II at noon. We have rearranged the classes to have this one earlier

in the day to help especially when we have such high temperatures. All the other classes were held in the hotel convention area. When we returned to the hotel, we had



*H. 'Good Welcome' (Dougherty., 1989)*  
(Photo by Janice Wood)

to hurry back inside to teach the Garden Judges Workshop I. For all of you who took the classes, I or II, congratulations. Please remember to fill out the appropriate forms and send them in to the correct person listed on the form in a timely manner. We need all of you to make this program the success it is and make it better. If you have any problems please contact me and I will help in any way I am able.

For those of you who weren't able to attend this year's Regional, you missed out on some outstanding gardens that also took us through the historical area of the Battle of Chickamauga and

the chance to pick up some really nice plants at the auction and in the extra sales room. We were also surprised by the giveaway daylilies during the auction if your registration number was called! I even got one when the number was called and the person was not there. I was the next number so I got it! And it was a good one too.

Here at home we have recovered quite well from the earlier hail storms that hit our area. Now we have the heat and lack of rain to work with. But we have other events to keeps us going, especially the birth of our fifth grandchild, Harper Grace. We also were just told that number six will be here in March of 2013. Now Chris and I have got to get on the ball and name a daylily (with an appropriate name) for each of our "hybridizing efforts".

Don't forget the Mid-Winter Symposium that will be held in late January 2013. More information will come out on that date and all the spectacular speakers we will have for you winter fix! We will have the ever fun-filled Wineception, silent auction and other happenings to keep your attention.

**Bill Schardein**  
**Region 10 Garden Judges Liaison**  
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## Call For Auction Plants Mid-Winter Symposium January 19-20, 2013

Plants with Eureka or catalog value of \$50.00 or more are needed for the Mid-Winter Symposium plant actions and raffles. The proceeds from this event go to benefit AHS Region 10 and its activities. This auction as well as the auction at the summer meeting is the major funding source for the Region 10 newsletter, *The Daylily Appeal*.

### Contact:

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Louisville, KY 40291  
502-491-4079  
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Individuals, clubs, and hybridizers - all donations are welcome and needed.!

# And The Winner Is...

## National Award Winners

Region 10 Winners at the National Meeting in Columbus were Janice Wood (in photo right) and Debbie Monbeck (photo below). Janice won best article featuring historical data with “Before Virginia Peck: Region 10 in the Early Days”. Debbie won best photo in the artistic category and her winning photo is featured in the center of the page.



## Best In Show Award Winners

Congratulations to all of the winners at the Exhibition Daylily Flower Shows throughout Region 10 this year. The Best-In-Show winners in Lexington, Louisville, and Nashville are shown below. The full results are listed on page 23.

### Best in Show- BGHS

*H.* ‘Little Tawny’ (Shown by Kris & Jedy Hodge)(Photo: Debbie Monbeck)

### Best in Show - DSL

*H.* ‘Octavian Princess’ (Shown by Brenda Macy)

### Best in Show - MTDS

*H.* ‘Peanut Butter Frenzy’ (Shown by Nancy Ligon) (Photo: D. Wilbur)



# AHS Region 10 Treasurer's Report

January 1, 2012 – May 31, 2012

Balance on December 31, 2011 .....\$ 11,095.19

Income:

AHS General Liability Ins. reimbursement .....\$ 23.40

MWS – Auctions/Raffle ..... 8,977.00

Registration fees..... 7,050.00

Total .....\$ 16,050.40

Expenses:

Advertising (Region 11 newsletter) .....\$ 100.00

Banking costs (checks) ..... 60.00

Postage (stamps) ..... 45.00

Postage (The Daylily Appeal)..... 556.00

Printing (The Daylily Appeal) ..... 1,795.00

Software (The Daylily Appeal)..... 173.92

Website maintenance..... 120.00

MWS – Auction plant shipping..... 589.00

A/V tech and room ..... 1,010.14

CDs (Charles Dorsey) ..... 60.00

Door Prizes..... 750.00

Food & beverages ..... 6,387.00

Misc. hotel costs (mtg. room rental, gratuities, tax, A/V equipment)..... 2,756.01

Printing (attendees, name badges, handouts)..... 254.45

Speaker rooms..... 2,007.20

Speaker travel..... 2,180.28

Wineception ..... 46.85

Total .....\$ 18,890.85

Balance on May 31, 2012 .....\$ 8,254.74

Sandra Merritt, Treasurer  
AHS Region 10



*H. 'Shadow of the Fall of Usher' (Smith-Step, 2011)*

# AHS Region 10 Business Meeting Minutes June 8, 2012

Will Coltharp called the meeting to order at 6:50pm at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Will noted that the minutes had been published in the Spring Daylily Appeal. Approved by David Kirchhoff, second by Doris Stonska. Treasurers Report – Sandra Merritt went through the financial report from 1/1/12 through 5/31/12 and the 2012 MWS Income/Expense Report. She requested all inquiries be given after the meeting to give her time to address. Approved by David Kirchhoff, second by Gary Bunch. Will noted that the By Laws require an audit of the previous Treasurer's reports. David Kirchhoff reported that the audit of the 2010/2011 records were performed by Linda Donald who reported back that all was in good order. Exhibition Judges Clinics Report - Jack Alexander reported that Exhibition Judges I had one, Exhibition Judges III had three and that Exhibition Judges II along with a Master Panel had no participants. Garden Judges Clinics Report – Bill Schardein reported that Garden Judges I had one and Garden Judges II had twelve participants (one being an audit). AHS Board Member Report – Brenda Macy reported that since her report in the last Daylily Appeal there had been no more meetings. This is her last year as the AHS Board Member and that she was currently also serving as the VP for AHS. She is writing motions which she says she is good at from her past job. She reminded all present that they should purchase a copy of "Landscaping With Daylilies" from Region 10 gardens through their clubs to get discounts. Over 1000 have been sold from the 2000 printed. It's a fabulous book of great pictures. She also told the attendees that she has enjoyed the past 5 ½ years as the AHS Board Member . Election of AHS Board Member – replacement for Brenda Macy. Rich Rosen was highly recommended by David Kirchhoff for his experience from past positions and for being instrumental in AHS procedures. Ballots were distributed, voting counted and later announced the Rich Rosen had been elected to the position starting 1/1/13. Daylily Appeal Committee – Janice Wood, Brenda Macy and David Kirchhoff. Janice reported that a straw poll had been sent to all the Region 10 clubs (only Tennessee clubs responded) to see if members would want to have electronic vs the hardcopy of the Daylily Appeal. The majority of members stated that they'd rather have the hardcopy. MWS Report- David Kirchhoff deferred to a later date. With no further business being noted, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm. Motion to adjourn by Lee Pickles , second by Larry Scroggins.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Schardein  
Region 10 Secretary

# AHS Region 10 Club Reports

Blue Grass Hemerocallis Society  
By Martha Chamberlain - Columbia, KY

*President: David Kirchhoff*  
*Vice President: Sandy Swayze*  
*Recording Secretary: Debbie Monbeck*  
*Corresponding Secretary: Margo Couch*  
*Treasurer: Debbie Smith*  
*Webmaster: Elizabeth Trotter*  
*Newsletter: Susan Jordan*  
*Parliamentarian: Martha Chamberlain*

The Bluegrass Hemerocallis Society met in March, and Ruth Scott from the UK department of Horticulture was the speaker. The program was on flower arranging.

Our April meeting was our annual Bingo which is always a lot of fun. Debbie Smith and Willie Graham did a great job of organizing the daylilies which would be given to winners. Paul Clough as always did a magnificent job of calling out the numbers. Everyone went home with plants.

Our May meeting was our spring auction. Iron Gate Gardens, Vic Santa Lucia, and Van Sellers sent beautiful plants. There were also lovely plants brought by our members. David Kirchhoff did an excellent job as auctioneer. Valarie Turley and Charles Walker were his able assistants.

June was a busy month for us with different activities. Several of our members attended the Region 10 summer meeting in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They enjoyed touring the beautiful gardens and meeting old and new friends. The June meeting was a potluck picnic at Daylily World which was at peak. All the gardens were splendid and enjoyed by those who could walk through them before a rainstorm. No one complained since rain was so badly needed. June 24th was the BGHS Show and Public Sale. Elizabeth Trotter and Rich Rosen were the co-chairs of the show. Public sale committee members were Bonnie and Paul Clough.

June 30th and 31st were Open Garden Days. Several members had gardens that were at peak in spite of the shortage of rain and the heat.

The second annual Splendor in the Bluegrass was July 6th, 7th, and 8th. Friday there was a light brunch at Daylily World. Saturday Swayze's Daylily gardens served a barbecue, and Sunday there were refreshments at Thoroughbred Daylilies.

Several members of our club attended the Nationals in Columbus, Ohio, and had a wonderful time going to the gardens on the tour. They all praised everyone who helped put together a terrific week-end. David Kirchhoff, and John and Annette Rice received awards for their daylilies. Elizabeth Trotter was recognized as editor of the eNews. Debbie Monbeck received a photography award.

August was the club's annual Private Sale which was held at the lovely Thoroughbred Daylilies. Their late daylilies were beautiful. A potluck brunch was served. Daylilies were provided by Melanie Mason, Ellen Laprise, and Linda Michaels.

## Daylily Society of Louisville

By Chris Schardein - Louisville, KY

*President: Bill Gdaniec*

*1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: Mariann Alderson*

*Treasurer: Joe Powell*

*Recording Secretary: Richard Porter*

*Corresponding Secretary: Chris Schardein*

Our year began in February with Bill Schardein commenting on the upcoming March 2nd through the 5th Home and Garden Show at our local fairgrounds. Members signed up to work the booth, to give out information about daylilies and promote our club. Brenda Macy gave a power point presentation of the 2011 National Convention showing daylilies and gardens along with her whimsical commentary to be enjoyed by all our members.

In March, Bill and I were in Israel visiting our daughter's family (while they were working there for nine months with the INTEL Corporation). We actually found daylilies there! They had just been planted at a new Mall close to their apartment. You just never know where you will find our daylilies! Meanwhile, back at home, our guest speaker was Jeff Wallitsch from Wallitsch Nursery who gave a slide show, commenting on the new varieties of annuals and perennials for container and hanging basket gardens. Our President, Bill Gdaniec also updated the club about the June Flower and Garden Show and Sale to be held at the Mid City Mall, encouraging member participation. Claudia and Don Wolff suggested that we hold a plant sale in the Dixie Highway area since we'd never been in that direction. This was discussed and they were to bring information to next meeting

April didn't bring many showers but we did have Brian Voelker, President of Botanica, to share their vision for a Waterfront Botanical Garden and the future of the Botanical Gardens in Louisville. We also discussed the upcoming flower sales to be held in May at the Census Bureau in Indiana, next the Elizabethtown Master Gardeners Plant Sale, the Bardstown Master Gardeners Plant Sale and finally the Dixie Highway plant sale to be held at the Stephenson Garden Center (first time at this location). We always do well and get good deals ourselves at these events!

May brought some good showers our way and finalizing a sale to be held at the Stevenson Nursery along with the others in that month. We discussed having a club road trip to several of the gardens in the Lexington area or to one of the Botanical Gardens not too far away. Finding a suitable date in between all our sale dates in May, the June show and the early bloom season due to the warm winter and spring may make this impossible to accomplish.

In June, Helen Porter and Don Wolff gave a presentation on grooming plants for the Flower Show at the mall. They gave several good tips as to the things that the Exhibition Judges would be looking at for the points they would award each plant. Many excellent questions and answers, as well as tricks of the trade, were given by both of the Garden Judges from their own personal experience.

In July, Brenda Macy gave a very informative presentation on how individuals can view daylilies like an AHS Garden Judge. She gave a very interesting and informative slide program which gave way to a lively discussion on garden judging.

Our President, Bill Gdaniec, set the stage to form a nominating committee to begin the search for the 2013 Board Members. With this accomplished, we were lucky to have two positions that members volunteered to hold. So the committee only has the other four positions to fill. They will announce the candidates at the October meeting with the installation to be during the November meeting.

Dottie Miller, of our club, requested members to donate plants to the Fairdale Playtorium for landscaping the grounds as a means to get more involved with our community and possibly spike the interest in daylilies. Many were interested in the project.

In August, once again, Brenda Macy has put together another of her wonderful presentations for the club. This is on the 2012 Region 10 Summer Meeting that was held in Chattanooga, TN in June. We had a great time revisiting (for those of us who were there) or just seeing for the first time all the gardens with a wide array of flowers as well as garden decorations and historical tidbits about the Battle of Chickamauga with all the monuments we saw as we passed through that area. She puts these together in a whimsical way that captivates the entire audience.

## East Tennessee Daylily Society

By Maurice Greene - Knoxville, TN

*President: Maurice Greene*

*Vice President: Geraldine Couturier*

*Secretary: B.B. Collins*

*Treasurer: Marye Rose*

*Reporter: Maurice Greene*

At last year's annual meeting, our club cut the number of meetings down from 6 to 4.

Our first meeting was held Saturday, March 10 at 2 pm at the Fountain City Branch Library in northeast Knoxville. The afternoon time was selected because of concerns expressed at our 2011 annual meeting over inconveniences in attending evening meetings. Our attendance was very low and the meeting consisted of officer reports with no business actions.

Because of the low attendance for an afternoon meeting, the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 3 at 6 pm at the Fountain City Branch Library. Attendance to this meeting was considerably improved. A representative from the UT Agricultural Extension Service was scheduled to give a talk concerning general good practices for growing plants in our area. He failed to show, nor has he responded to the email that was sent that expressed the hope that nothing bad had transpired to prevent him from attending the meeting. To fill the time, an impromptu discussion session was held, where each attendee described their involvements and interests in daylilies. This turned out to be very entertaining, especially since we had two new members, both of whom were heavily involved with daylilies and

had very interesting things to say.

The next meeting was held on Monday, July 9 at 6 pm at the Fountain City Branch Library. Attendance was again reasonable, though down a bit because the local Iris Society also had their meeting on that date. The primary business action was to elect a Nominating Committee to find officer candidates for 2013. After the meeting adjourned, two AHS slide programs were shown: 1) one on "Tall Daylilies", and 2) another on "Daylilies Through the Years". Based on attendee comments, both of these programs were enjoyed.

## Memphis Area Daylily Society

By Janice Wood- Memphis, TN

MADS club meeting for March featured a program on AHS National Tour gardens Baton Rouge 2011 presented by Janice Wood. This was the 50th anniversary of MADS and Margaret Dixon brought a fabulous chocolate cake and candle for the celebration.

The April meeting was our Annual Daylily plant swap conducted by our President Pat Bevill. Many other perennials were brought to swap also.

Our May meeting brought the fabulous Lee and Jean Pickles to Memphis. Lee showed how to grow daylilies from pollination to selection. He answered many questions from our audience. It was quite an educational meeting. He also brought plants of his Introductions for auction to attendees.

Due to the early bloom season our Daylily Bloom Display and Sale were moved ahead 3 weeks to Memorial Day weekend. Over 170 off scape blooms were brought to show. The sale was quite successful and will allow our club to take future bus tours.

A number of MADS members attended the Region 10 meeting in Chattanooga. A great deal of fun was had by all that attended.

June brought a bus tour for members and guests to Willie Markus' garden in Lawrenceburg TN. Daylilies were admired, photographed and many bought. Willie Markus does a fabulous job of growing daylilies.

It seemed such a long time from our early June activities to our late August meeting. The program was several donated programs downloaded for free from Members Portal including AHS Photography awards from 2010 and 2011. Also shown was SHAPES OF DISTINCTION, showing the new sculptural forms of daylilies. This brought out a lot of discussion from the group. I highly recommend this new way of sharing donated programs to help entertain and educate our clubs.

## Middle Tennessee Daylily Society

By Jack Alexander - Nashville, TN

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*Corresponding Secretary: Carol Swick*

*Treasurer: Sandra Merritt*

*Historian: Jay Turman*

*CAP Program Chairperson: Pam Kolbe*

*Parliamentarian: Larry Brown*

Our April MTDS club meeting hosted Hebron Smith who discussed how to get rid of difficult weeds. The Spring Sale this year was held at a new location at the Nashville Flea Market.

In May, our annual Cultivar Acquisition Program and auction was held at Cheekwood. The auction was a big success and the award program went great even though the plants were late coming in. An additional sale was held in Wilson County.

In June, the club meeting program was how to prepare daylilies for the daylily show. Then we had a great show with a near record number of entries and the sale was a great success. Considering the early bloom season, the results were amazing. Next, Breakfast in the Garden was held at the home of John and Leslie Douglass. The hosts were phenomenal and the garden was immaculate. It was truly a treat.

In October, our Fall Outing will include a presentation by hybridizers Mike and Sandy Holmes.

## Tennessee Valley Daylily Society

By Karen Newman- Delano, TN

*President: Jane Dixon*

*First Vice President: Lee Pickles*

*Second Vice President: Joan Trundle*

*Treasurer: Libby Hickman*

*Secretary/Reporter: Karen Newman*

Our club kicked off the first half of 2012 on February 11th with a luncheon meeting at Wally's Restaurant in Chattanooga. Our featured speaker, Ruth Baumgardner of Mouse Creek Nursery and Perennial Farm (Riceville, TN), presented a delightful program on "A Taste of English Gardens" and detailed the plants in those gardens which we can successfully grow in east Tennessee. Ruth is a seasoned speaker who is willing to share information...and she has a lot of information to share since she grows over 2,200 varieties of plant material.

In April, TVDS was honored to have as our speakers Jeff and Elizabeth Salter of Rollingwood Garden in Gainesville, FL. We previewed their 2011 Fall Introductions, Spring 2012 Introductions and Futures—an impressive presentation with tons of eye color to get us to bloom season. After their presentation, there was a Q&A session where Jeff and Elizabeth shared information and took questions from members. Then came the plant auction. The Salters brought several daylilies to be auctioned and they graciously donated 25% of the auction proceeds to the club.

On June 8th & 9th, TVDS hosted the Region 10 Annual Summer Meeting. During the months leading up to "D Day", there were numerous committee meetings and pleas for volunteers. Without exception, our club members pitched in to make the meeting a big success. Our turn to serve as host won't roll around for another

nine years. That takes the pressure off—at least for the time being!

On June 16th, one week after the Regional, TVDS members met at the home of our Treasurer, Libby Hickman, for a pot luck luncheon. The highlight of the meeting was a “Pop Up & Pop Off” segment about the Regional meeting from the previous week. It was agreed that the Regional Meeting flowed smoothly and was a success, thanks to the well-greased machinery in place in the club. I personally think the problem is that nobody in our club knows how to say the word “NO”.

The date for the Annual Flower Show at Northgate Mall was set for Sunday, June 9, 2013. Lee Pickles will begin to contact Judges for the show shortly. This is a bit earlier than our typical show, but with the early bloom this year, we didn’t want to take any unnecessary chances!

As this goes to the folks at The Daylily Appeal for processing, several of us are packing our bags to attend the AHS National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. We just can’t get enough of our favorite perennial, the daylily!

## Tri Cities Daylily Society

By Rebecca Hall – Kingsport, TN

*President: Dennis Hall*

*Co Vice Presidents: Jean and Sharon Fleisher*

*Treasurer: Dennis Marshall*

*Secretary: Rebecca Hall*

Members of the Tri-Cities Daylily Society have been very busy this year. At our first meeting of 2012 held on March 31, we were very fortunate to have David Kirchhoff and Richard Rosen travel from Kentucky to offer an AHS Garden Judges I workshop. Ten club members took the class and exam for credit toward becoming a judge with other members auditing the clinic. Eight members followed up by taking the Garden Judges Workshop 2 in Chattanooga this summer. The daylily knowledge gained through these experiences benefited us all regardless of whether we became judges.

At the April meeting, attendees enjoyed the beautiful photography of our talented member Bob Hale who presented a wonderful program on native orchids and wildflowers. At this meeting we discussed the possibility of the club attending as a group the Region 10 Summer Meeting & Garden Tours in June. As a result, the club rented a van and 9 of us pulled away at 5:45 a.m., headed to Chattanooga. We experienced the beautiful gardens and wonderful hospitality of the Tennessee Valley Daylily Society and came away “Lovin’ Tennessee” even more.

June could not pass without our own local garden tour and brunch. So, on June 30, we began at the amazing, self-built home of Chuck Conner & Elaine Olinger in Rogersville. With Chuck being a talented wood craftsman and Elaine an artist, this was quite a memorable experience. We then proceeded a short distance down the road to the garden of Shirley Poe who is obviously quite the gardener and plant lover as

her property was home to a wide variety of beautiful plantings. Then we traveled back to Kingsport to visit the large garden of John and Ursula Wagner. We were amazed at the beautiful bloom he still offered at this time of the season considering the drought we had experienced.

The most anticipated event of the year is probably our August picnic and auction. It always presents a wonderful opportunity for club members and visitors to get some great bargains for their garden. This year was no exception as we met at the Eastman Recreation Park on Bays Mountain. As an added bonus, we were fortunate to sign up eight enthusiastic, new members who attended at the invitation of one of our loyal members. It was a very successful auction with active, fast bidding led by our fantastic auctioneer, Chuck Conner. A hot item on the auction block was a 2012 Introduction of Mike and Sandy Holmes of Riverbend Daylily Gardens in Ohio. This new daylily introduction, King’s Port, was named for our city Kingsport. They donated a fan of this beautiful daylily for our auction.

October’s program will be a panel discussion on garden culture, and anything garden-related that members would like to discuss. The year will close out in December with our annual Christmas gathering at which we will party a little and begin making plans for 2013, a big year for our club.

As mentioned previously, the TCDS will be hosting the 2013 Region 10 meeting. Plans are well underway for this special event. I encourage you to mark your calendars now for June 21-23, 2013, to come to Kingsport. The event will take place at the MeadowView Marriott Conference Resort and Convention Center, known for their wonderful hospitality and convenience. Host gardens have been selected as well as our guest speakers – Mike and Sandy Holmes, mentioned above. In honor of this upcoming event, the Holmes have chosen a seedling to introduce in 2013 in honor of the Region 10 meeting here in Kingsport. Our club is currently holding a lively competition of name suggestions for this special upcoming introduction, whose seedling was flagged as a possible Junior Citation Award at this year’s national meeting. We hope to have as many fans (daylily & folks) as possible here this summer for the convention.

On a final note, congratulations to TCDS member Dottie Foulk whose garden has been chosen as an AHS Display Garden.



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*H. 'Maui Sunset' (Pickles, 2005)*  
*(Photo by Debbie Monbeck)*



*H. 'Signature Truffle'*  
*(Kirchhoff-D, 2004)*  
*(Photo by Elizabeth Trotter)*



*H. 'Martha Chamberlain'* (Rice-JA,2010)(Photo by Elizabeth Trotter)

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